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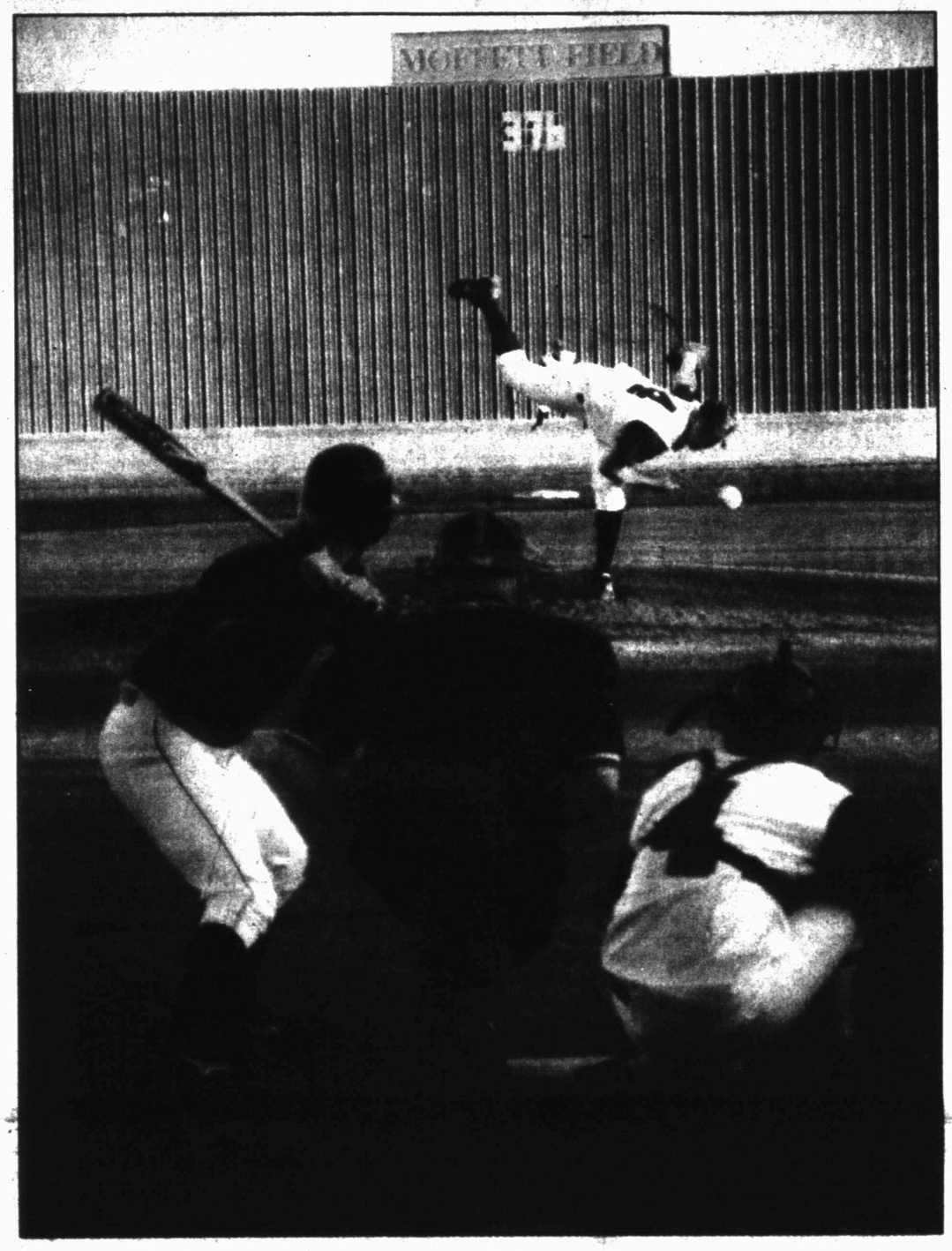
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DOUBLEHEADER — The Western Texas College Westerners triumphed in both games of a doubleheader at Moffett Field Tuesday in the team's home debut. SHS grad Shay Franks is shown pitching in the second game against McMurry University. (Contributed Photo)

Possible debris located in area

Sheriff Darren Jackson is in possession of what could be debris from the space shuttle Columbia.

The four-inch brass object was found at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Anson Martin's yard on FM 1614 east of Snyder.

Jackson planned to contact NASA officials today and to e-mail them a picture of the object, but was quick to say it could be unrelated.

"There was a barn with several old tractors near where the object was found, so it could just be a part off of one of those that got thrown to a different location," he said. "But we want to be sure so we are going to inform the experts and let them tell us."

The sheriff said he took the object to all of the lumberyards in Snyder, but no one was able to identify what it might be.

The object was not located in a crater of any sort, but Jackson said if it is indeed debris from the shuttle, it could have hit nearby and bounced.

"We don't know much about it right now and it could just be part of an old farm machine, but we want to find out and be sure," he said. "We'll just see what they have to say about it."

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN
by Shirley A. Gorman



Sheila Sorrells' students at Central Elementary have helped their music teacher reach a milestone. Sheila has now taught more than 2,000 students since she began teaching 11 years ago. The 2002-2003 school year marks her third at Central.

As an educator, Sheila has taught a variety of subjects but she said music is her favorite by far. Her first year found her teaching fourth and fifth grade music at Slaton, a post she held for three years.

She said she and her husband, Todd, wanted to return to Snyder because it's "home." They moved back the summer of 1995 but with no openings at Snyder ISD, she taught at area school districts including three years at Loraine. Her first assignment was the first grade and music for second graders and under.



Sheila Sorrells

The next year, she was the Title I teacher and team-taught reading for kindergarten through the fourth grades. Her third year she served as music instructor for kindergarten through third grades and she was in charge of the CEI computer lab.

She opened the lab everyday but a teacher's aide ran it.

That year was extra busy because she was also in charge of preparing documents for the DEC (District, Effectiveness and Compliance) audit, which thoroughly examined Loraine's special programs.

Sheila returned to teaching music her third year at Loraine, fifth through 12th grades band. The junior high and high school bands performed together.

In addition she also taught general music to pre-kindergarten through fourth grade students.

Sheila also spent two years at Westbrook, where she taught kindergarten her first year. Since the school did not have an elementary music program, she said she incorporated music with the other subjects.

The following year, she taught kindergarten until 2:45 p.m. and then music for k-6th grades. Each level had a single music class a week.

She noted that her students often put on programs for the rest of the school.

"My goal was always to come back to Snyder and teach music," Sheila said, adding, "I was so excited to go for my interview at Snyder."

Having taught other subjects, Sheila said she appreciates music more. "I can see the bigger picture."

She graduated from SHS in 1987 and from WTC in 1989, where she earned an associate of arts degree. She completed her bachelor's degree in music in 1992 at Angelo State University.

Todd now works at Anadarko in Ira, but he had been employed for 19 years at West Texas State Bank. He also farms part-time and custom harvests wheat, maize and oats.

Sheila has a stepson, Chris.

From Phi Theta Kappa...

Hall receives award

Sandra Hall is the latest recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa Founder's Day Award at Western Texas College, an honor announced on campus recently during a reception for the honoree.

The Founder's Day Award has been given at WTC since 1983 in recognition of a member of the WTC faculty, staff or administration who represents to an outstanding degree one or more of the PTK ideals of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.



Sandra Hall

Last year's recipient was Carolyn Osborn.

Hall began teaching English at WTC during the fall semester of 1998. In July of 2000, she moved to her current position of coordinator of publications, public information and advertising.

She served as advisor for the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa for two years. She has two sons, Josh and Jason, both of whom are college students, and she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in American literature from Texas Tech University.

Phi Theta Kappa observed its 84th birthday on Nov. 19. Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1918 by presidents of two-year colleges in Missouri.

Duke's contract extended at Ira

Ira ISD school trustees covered a number of items — including the principal's contract extension — during a three-hour meeting Tuesday night.

Trustees extended the contract of Mike Duke for one year. Duke's contract now expires in 2005.

Trustees also approved the contract of Hamlin accounting firm Rogers and Rogers to audit district financial records. The cost of the audit is not to exceed $10,700, said Dr. Larry Devitt, superintendent.

The board also adopted social studies textbooks for the coming school year, and renewed the district's membership in the Inter-Regional Cooperative for purchasing food and commodities.

Bids also were accepted for work on the school's septic system, electrical wiring in the gym, and heaters for the gym dressing rooms.

Trustees also approved a TASB update, and Dr. Devitt gave a presentation on the district visions and goals. "We will be looking to adopt these in April."

Hermleigh board sets meal policy for out-of-town trips

Hermleigh ISD school trustees have finally settled the debate over providing meals for students during out-of-town extracurricular activities.

"We're taking the common sense approach," said interim Supt. James Bible.

"First, we will provide meals for students on UIL-related activities only," said Bible.

"Second, on long trips, our kids will definitely get a meal in a restaurant before heading home. On sliorter trips, they will eat out of the concession stand."

Bible said the responsibility of deciding who eats where and when will fall on the superintendent and principal, with the information passed on to the respective coaches.

"We'll get the kids home as early as possible," said Bible.

This action came during Tuesday night's board meeting at Hermleigh.

In other action, the board voted to discontinue the school's membership in the Hobbs Alternative School next year.

"That decision was strictly based on economics," said Bible. "Their slots increased from $1,000 per year to $7,000 per year. We're now looking for other options."

The trustees also extended the contract of Clarence Spieker as school principal for one year, until 2005.

Also, the board hired Mayra Hernandez as a part-time aide and part-time school nurse.

Bible said three children who could not speak English enrolled in the school necessitating the hiring of the bilingual aide.

Trustees also called the school board election for May 3 as the terms of Alan Culp, Tim Dacus and Joe Roemisch are expiring.

Donald Tate was appointed election judge and Dorothy Tate as the alternate judge.

Rural health clinic relocates

In a move designed to make the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Rural Health Clinic more accessible to patients, the clinic is moving to the hospital's Prime Rehab building.

The clinic will be closed Thursday and Friday as it moves from its hospital location into the space formerly occupied by Dr. Clinton Wolboldt. Dr. Wolboldt's office is now in the Covenant Family Healthcare Center.

The clinic will reopen Monday.



AFTERNOON WRECK — Emergency personnel responded to this accident in the 1300 block of N. Ave. P at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Involved was a 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by Esther Marie Cabrera, 27, of 1640 Keller Ave. and a 2001 Ford pickup driven by Vicente Ruis Olivarez, 61, of 1401 Ave. K. Cabrera was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated for minor injuries and released. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—When is spring break for the local schools?
A—Snyder, Hermleigh, Ira and Western Texas College all will break March 10-14.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Wanda Short...

...and her husband, John, both are retired from Snyder schools. The couple has lived in Snyder 33 years and now farm and ranch. They have two children, Vanessa Taylor, a fifth-grade teacher at Northeast, and Kyle Short, a coach in Spearman, and four granddaughters. In her spare time, Wanda enjoys sewing and quilting.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

First become a winner in life. Then it's easier to become a winner on the field.

—Tom Landry

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Apostolic Faith special services

The Apostolic Faith Church is holding special services at 6:30 p.m. today through Friday with Mark Palmer from Anchorage as guest speaker. The public is invited to attend the meetings at 2510 25th St. For additional information, call 573-8115.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

2003 Ira annuals available

The 2003 Ira Bulldog annuals may be purchased until Monday. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact the school to purchase one.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Hermleigh Masonic meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday for its monthly stated meeting with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Knowing What We Must Do," followed by "Proper Parent-Child Relationship."

Hospice memorial service

A memorial service for families who lost someone during 2002 will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Colonial Hill library. The topic will be financial management for caregivers. For more information, call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377.

Annual enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8875, will hold its fourth annual enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, at West Elementary, 3601 El Paso. Adult tickets are $5.

Snyder Oaks family council

The family council of Snyder Oaks Care Center will meet from 6:30-7:30 Thursday, Feb. 27. The meeting is for resident's family members for a program presented by Brenda Elkins of the Area Agency of Aging.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elms, Shumard Oak, Sand Plums, Russian Olive, Honeylocust, Green Ash, American Honeysuckle, Desert Willow and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

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 on answering machine.

Smallpox program in Southeast Texas needs medical volunteers

HOUSTON (AP) — City health officials are seeking qualified medical care workers to give smallpox vaccinations that will begin next week.

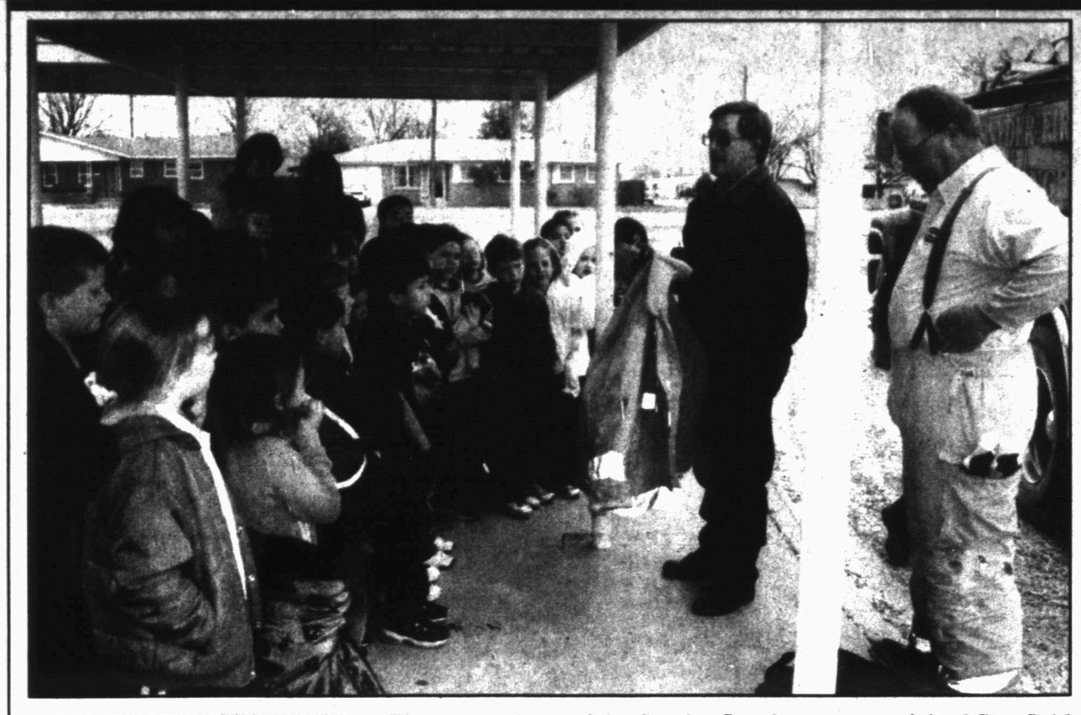
Nearly 5,000 vaccine doses have been requested by the city for a first phase of vaccinations. Kathy Barton, spokeswoman for Houston Department of Health and Human Services, said the doses will cover as many as 100 people per hospital and 300 for health department staffers and people recruited from outside the department.

She said shots will go to more people at hospitals, emergency medical technicians and police officers in the second phase.

"In the event of an actual outbreak, nobody would have enough people on staff to do it. We would need to set up about 40 immunization sites to immunize the entire city in 10 days. So we would need a lot of nurses," Barton told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions. "If we had 100 nurses in the next few weeks, either employed by us or that we could call upon, that would be great."

Health care workers will be hired this month by the city, which will immunize them and pay them for training and duty. A licensed vocational nurse, for example, would be paid $20 an hour, and registered nurses $25 an hour.

The Houston Harris County Smallpox Vaccination Program needs individuals who are medically able to be immunized for smallpox themselves.



FIREMEN VISIT STANFIELD — Three members of the Snyder fire department visited Stanfield last week. First graders in Melissa Rosson's, Diane Huff's and Wendy Hunter's classes gathered around the fire truck as fire marshal Cy Posey, left, explained what firemen do while Sterling Williams, volunteer fireman, dressed in gear for fighting fires. Not pictured is Darrell Craig, city fireman, who also visited the school. Williams' daughter, Shawnee, farthest far left, front row, is a student in Mrs. Rosson's class. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Greenspan adds his voice to critics of Bush's tax proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has added his very influential voice to the group questioning President Bush's new $1.3 trillion package of tax cuts, saying they would make a bad deficit outlook even worse.

The White House sought to limit the damage from Greenspan's remarks while Democrats said the criticism sounded the death knell for a package that was already facing serious questions in Congress.

Greenspan was certain to face further questions on the economic outlook and Bush's tax plans during an appearance today before the House Financial Services Committee.

The Fed chairman two years ago gave critical support to Bush's first round of $1.35 trillion in tax cuts. But he said another round was unnecessary, throwing cold water on the new proposal during an appearance before the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday.

While saying he has long favored the centerpiece of the plan, eliminating taxes on stock dividend payments to investors, Greenspan said the government could not afford the $1.3 trillion price tag for all the tax cuts given the projections for large budget deficits during the same period.

Many private economists praised Greenspan's candor, saying he would have suffered a loss in credibility if he had endorsed the new tax cuts in light of rising budget deficits.

"Greenspan has torpedoed this round of Bush tax cuts with his testimony," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York.

Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, said Greenspan's reservations about the impact of further tax cuts on the deficit will force the administration to scale back its proposal.

"I don't think the Bush plan is dead," Sohn said, "but without the blessing of Chairman Greenspan and lingering doubts among some Republicans, the program will have to go through substantial modification in Congress before it becomes law."

Delivering a basically upbeat forecast of economic prospects, Greenspan said the stop-and-go recovery from the 2001 recession should gain strength this year, especially after the current uncertainty over a possible war with Iraq dissipates.

If that forecast proves correct, Greenspan said, then the economy won't have a need for further stimulus from tax cuts.

"I am one of the few people who is still not as yet convinced that stimulus is a desirable policy," Greenspan told the Senate panel on Tuesday.

Greenspan cautioned senators that Congress needed to "be very careful not to allow deficits to get out of hand," especially in light of the looming retirement of the baby boom generation.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., called Greenspan's remarks "a kiss of death" for the Bush package. Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., the Budget Committee's top Democrat, said Greenspan had been "clear and unambiguous about the importance of curbing deficits."

The White House noted that Greenspan did restate his long-held view that the current policy of taxing dividend income twice — once at the corporate level and again when investors receive the dividend payments — should be eliminated.

However, Greenspan said the Bush proposal to eliminate taxes on dividends, which would cost $385 billion over 10 years, should be paid for either by raising other taxes or cutting government spending.

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Tapes are released by NASA

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA has released transcripts from some of space shuttle Columbia's final radio transmissions, chronicling the efforts of Mission Control engineers as they became painfully aware of the destruction that was unfolding.

In the conversations, released Tuesday, Mission Control reports a litany of problems that seem to worsen by the minute as the shuttle breaks into pieces, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

The first bad news came when Jeff Kling, the maintenance, mechanical arm and crew systems officer, reported a sudden and unexplained loss of data from spacecraft sensors. The assessment came in the final six or seven minutes of the flight.

"I just lost four separate temperature transducers on the left side of the vehicle, the hydraulic return temperatures," Kling said.

Flight director Leroy Cain quickly asked if there was anything common to the sensors and got bad news in reply. Kling said there was no commonality, suggesting there was a general failure instead of a single system.

Moments later, more bad news. Mike Sarafin, the guidance and navigation officer, announces Columbia's wing is encountering drag, or increased wind resistance.

Cain, still hopeful, asks if everything else is normal and Sarafin assures him, "I don't see anything out of the ordinary."

There is a short indistinct call from the spacecraft and, almost at the same time, Kling says the landing gear tires have lost pressure.

Capsule communicator Charlie Hobaugh then addresses the spacecraft: "And Columbia, Houston, we see your tire pressure messages and we did not copy your last."

Columbia commander Rick Husband's response — "Roger, buh — " — is abruptly cut off. It is 7:59 a.m. CST.

In short order, flight controllers begin reporting a string of more problems. There is evidence of small collisions on the tail, and signals are cut off from the nose landing gear and the right main landing gear. Then more sensors are lost and the drag increases to the left.

Hobaugh begins a series of radio calls to Columbia. There is no response as the minutes tick down toward a planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center.

"MILA (the Kennedy spacecraft communication center) is not reporting any RF (radio frequency) at this time," says Bill Foster, a ground controller.

Date Book

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003

Today is the 43rd day of 2003 and the 53rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1733, Gen. James Edward Oglethorpe landed at present-day Savannah, Ga. He named the colony Georgia after England's King George II.

On this day in 1870, women in the Utah Territory were given the right to vote in political elections.

On this day in 1909, W.E.B Dubois and Ida Wells-Barnett, among others, founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882), naturalist; Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), U.S. President; Anna Pavlova (1881-1931), ballet dancer; Roy Harris (1898-1979), composer; Franco Zeffirelli (1923-), director, is 80.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1995, Olympic gold medallist Bonnie Blair bested her own record in the 500 meters World Cup speed-skating race in Calgary.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "(I)t is those who know little, and not those who know much, who so positively assert that this or that problem will never be solved by science." - Charles Darwin

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 9) and full moon (Feb. 16).

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(Night) 6-4-7
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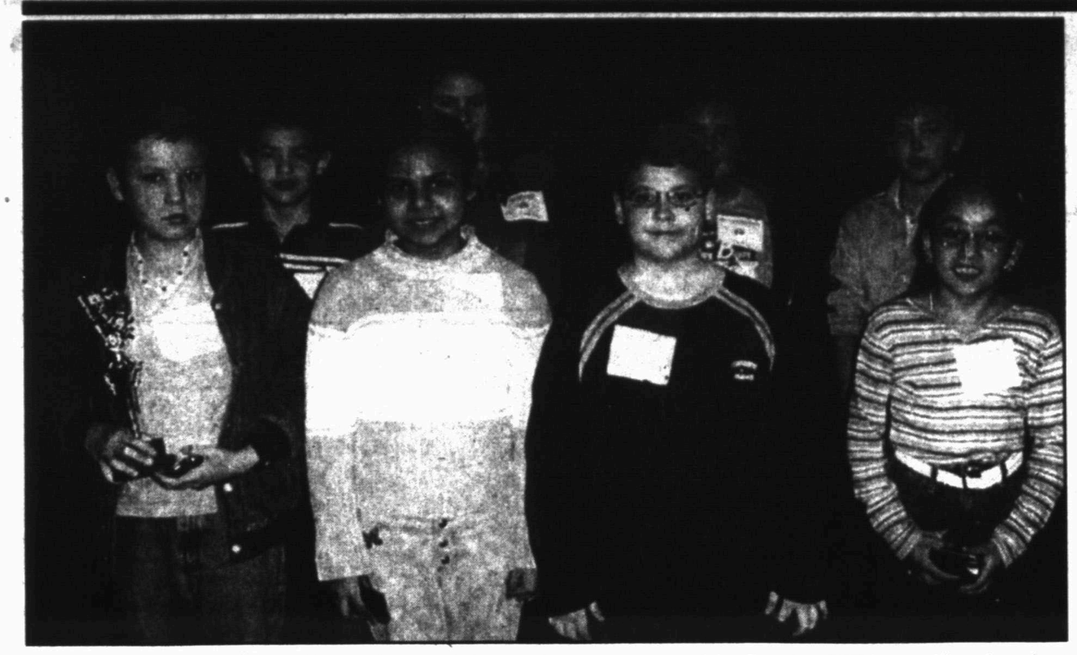
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SPELLING CONTESTANTS — These eight students competed in Snyder ISD's spelling bee last Thursday. From left in back are, J.W. Wesson, first place; Josi Presley, Gina Hermosillo and Jared Cave; front row from left, Shawn Burns, runner-up; Sammie Dee Barerra, Brance Scott and Ana Cabrera. Wesson will next compete in the regional bee slated March 22 in Lubbock. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Senate OKs first insurance bill

AUSTIN (AP) — In an attempt to get control over the Texas homeowners insurance market, the Senate on Tuesday unanimously approved a bill requiring insurance companies to turn over their pricing data to state regulators.

The bill requires homeowners insurance companies to release to the Texas Department of Insurance their current and future rates as well as the data the companies use to determine the premiums.

"It is the first step in the process," of reforming the homeowners insurance market, said Sen. Troy Fraser, a Republican from Horseshoe Bay who sponsored the bill.

The Senate also sent a message to insurance companies that do not comply. Those companies would be subject to sanctions and their names will be given to state lawmakers under the legislation.

"I am optimistic that they are going to respond," Fraser said. "We have the hammer over them."

The bill comes as homeowners have seen their insurance premiums rise dramatically over the past several months even as some companies reduced their coverage or stopped writing new policies.

Insurance companies blame the increased cost on water and mold claims and other factors.

The state cannot do much to control the homeowners insurance premium costs because about 95 percent of policies in Texas are written by subsidiaries that are exempt from rate regulation.

"We believe that after the data has been carefully reviewed, it will clearly demonstrate that insurers have suffered staggering losses in Texas for a long while," said Jerry Johns, president of the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

The Senate delayed taking up the bill Monday after several Senate Democrats raised questions over it.

On Tuesday, the Democrats made several amendments to the bill, including one that clarified that all insurance data that is public information remain public information.

The bill serves as a starting point, something the lawmakers stressed Tuesday, as they move forward in reforming the insurance market.

"This bill in and of itself is the beginning of the diagnosis," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio.

Under the legislation, Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor is to compile the information into a report within 30 days for lawmakers.

Montemayor told the House Insurance Committee last week that his department could put the report together sooner than the 30 days. He said he would use data from the largest companies in the state and then use a sampling from the other companies to compile it.

Montemayor previously asked insurance companies for some of the data but not all of the companies complied, lawmakers said.

Meanwhile on the other side of the Capitol, the House Insurance Committee approved a similar bill asking for the insurance data.

Gov. Rick Perry has declared homeowners and medical malpractice insurance emergency issues, allowing lawmakers to take up the issues right away.

Highmark accused of fraud

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Justice Department accused the nation's ninth-largest health insurer of filing millions of dollars in false Medicare claims and demoting an executive who sought to stop the practice.

In a civil complaint unsealed Tuesday in Philadelphia, prosecutors said that for almost a decade, Pittsburgh-based Highmark intentionally misapplied Medicare rules to avoid paying insurance claims and instead passed the costs on to the government.

The lawsuit seeks triple damages against Highmark for the money prosecutors say it owes to the Medicare program.

The suit also alleges that the company harassed and then demoted Elizabeth Drescher, an employee who had led an effort to reform the company's billing practices.

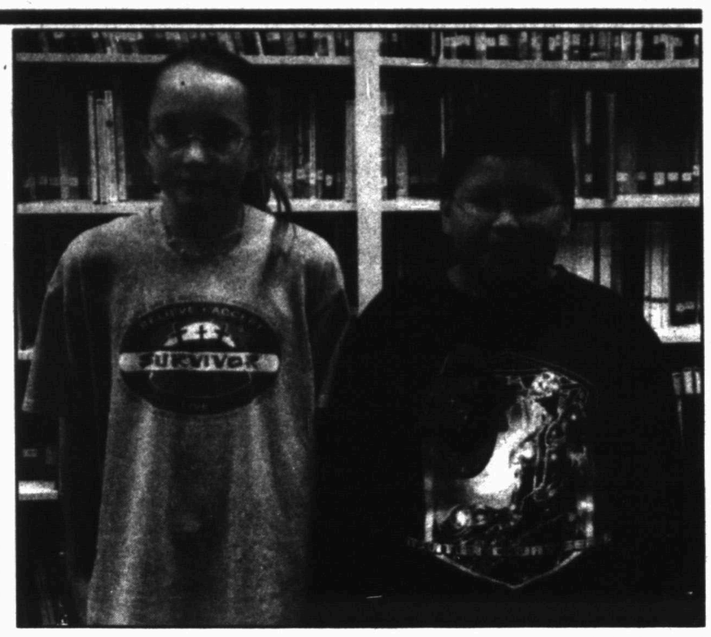
At one point, Drescher told her superiors that the company could owe the government as much as $20 million for mishandled claims.

Drescher initially filed the suit in 2000, but it was kept under seal while the government investigated her allegations. The Justice Department has joined the suit, and plans to file its own complaint against the company.

Highmark's chief attorney, Anne Shearon, denied that the firm intentionally filed false Medicare claims and said Drescher had never been punished for her work.

Shearon declined to answer further questions about the case Tuesday.

The lawsuit isn't the first accusing Highmark of improperly handling claims related to Medicare, the government health program for seniors and people with disabilities.



SURPASS GOAL — Two Ira students have surpassed their goal for earning points in the Accelerated Reader program. Lupe Ornelas, fourth grader, set a goal of 97 points for the year, but by Christmas he had already reached it. Jamie Dobbs, sixth grader, reached her yearly goal of 238.6 points by Christmas as well. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Jimi Hendrix's remains are moved to new memorial site

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The remains of rock musician Jimi Hendrix have been moved to a new granite and marble memorial that is nearing completion in this Seattle suburb.

The remains of his father, Al Hendrix, who died last April, and Al's wife, Ayako "June" Hendrix, also now rest in vaults at the center of the memorial at Greenwood Memorial Park and Cemetery, and the cremated remains of his grandmother, Nora Hendrix, will be placed there as well, said Janie L. Hendrix, the music legend's half-sister.

The memorial should be finished shortly after the first anniversary of the death of Hendrix's father, she said.

"My only regret is that my father isn't still alive to see it," Janie Hendrix said.

Renowned for such explosive songs as "Purple Haze," "Hey Joe" and "Foxy Lady," Hendrix died Sept. 18, 1970, while being rushed to the hospital for an overdose of sleeping pills in London.

His initial burial site, marked only by a simple flat gravestone reading "Forever in Our Hearts — James M. Jimi Hendrix 1942 — 1970," has drawn a steady stream of visitors from around the world.

Janie Hendrix said her half-brother's remains were moved from his old burial site in the same cemetery Nov. 26, the day before he would have turned 60.

The memorial, located on a circular drive in the southwest corner of the cemetery, features a granite dome nearly 30 feet high supported by gray granite.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Prayer won't prevent cataracts

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently went to an eye doctor for a routine examination. He shocked me by mentioning I have cataracts "in the infant stage" that will enlarge over time, and there is nothing I can do about them. I oppose his view and believe that any human disease can be avoided or put into remission by diet and prayer. Please comment.

DEAR READER: Although a prudent lifestyle and prayer may improve the quality of our lives, there is no reliable information confirming that disease can be moderated or prevented by diet and prayer, in most individuals.

Obviously, there are exceptions to this observation. Obese people, with or without prayer, can improve their health by dieting. So can diabetics. High cholesterol levels often respond to dietary restriction. Patients under unusual stress can frequently lower their anxiety by counseling and prayer.

However, I believe that your generalization is misleading, even dangerous. There are several faith healers, such as Benny Hinn, who are milking the public of millions of tax-free dollars (according to NBC Dateline, Dec. 27, 2002). Healing through prayer does have its place in the world of alternative medicine, but not as a money-raising scam.

Frankly, I'm surprised that your ophthalmologist would choose to worry you unnecessarily about "infant-stage" cataracts, early clouding in the eyes' lenses. We all, as we age, have the propensity for cataracts; they come with the territory, especially in the presence of metabolic diseases (such as diabetes), use of certain drugs (notably steroids) and extensive, unprotected exposure to ultraviolet light.

Therefore, my advice to you is to eat sensibly, pray for spiritual strength and guidance and get your eyes checked on an annual basis (more frequently if your doctor approves).

DEAR DR. GOTT: My brother, 55, has suffered from progressive loss of memory for five years. He is a heavy drinker and, although testing has failed to reveal a cause of his early dementia, his neurologist is convinced that the alcohol is playing a major role. However, despite the encouragement from family and physicians, he continues to drink excessively. Now his memory loss has progressed to the danger point; for example, he recently went to warm up a pizza, forgot the oven was on and set off the fire alarm. Also he asks the same questions over and over. What can we do to resolve this issue?

DEAR READER: Your brother, who very likely is suffering from alcohol encephalopathy (sometimes called "wet brain syndrome"), needs more than encouragement. Because he continues to abuse alcohol despite the obvious harm it is causing him, I recommend an intervention. You should set up a meeting with him, his doctor, his family and anybody else who is concerned about his alcoholism. The purpose of such an interaction is to present a concrete wall of opinion that virtually overwhelms your brother into accepting detoxification and sobriety before the alcohol damage becomes severe and permanent.

From your short summary of the situation, I believe that your brother is at a critical stage: His everyday mental abilities and judgment are being severely affected. He needs help now. Even if his mental malfunctioning is due to other causes — such as mini-strokes or Alzheimer's disease — the continued over-use of alcohol will only aggravate the problem. Ask his doctor to help you arrange an intervention, which will, at the very least, improve your brother's quality of life.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental/Substance Abuse." 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.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife who wants to unseat mom draws readers' ire

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with the advice you gave to "Afraid to Speak Up in Philly," the woman who resented her husband's mother sitting in the front seat of the car when they went on a long trip.

When we had this situation in our family, I always insisted my mother-in-law have the front seat next to her son for several reasons:

(1) It's a matter of respect.

(2) It gives her a chance to be near her child and maybe give him an affectionate pat during conversation.

(3) And don't forget that age often brings with it impaired hearing, which does not enhance communication from the front seat to the back.

These are precious times for her to be with her son. "Afraid to Speak Up" will have him all to herself when his mother is gone. **— ANN IN SANTA ANA, CALIF.**

DEAR ANN: You are not the only reader who wrote to tell me my answer stank. I received hundreds. **Read on**:

DEAR ABBY: When my mother was alive and we were in the car with my brother, his wife always sat in the back seat while Mother sat up front. It was easier for her to get in and out. **— BUB IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I had a heartfelt reaction to the woman who complained about her mother-in-law sitting next to her son during the road trip. First of all, I compliment this couple for taking the time to visit and care for the needs of this mother-in-law. Secondly, the Scriptures say, "Honor thy father and mother that it may be well with thee and that thou mayest live long upon the earth." Honor her by allowing her to sit next to her son. The kindness will return to you. Sign me ... **LOVE IS ALWAYS THE ANSWER**

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to the wife competing with her mother-in-law for seating in the car was wrong! Are these people rednecks with no manners?

If that husband is any kind of gentleman, he will not allow his mother to get into the car without opening and holding her door for her — like any gentleman does. You advised the woman to tell her mother-in-law to hop in the back. Shame on you! I'm a real man, and a real man is also a gentleman. **— C.S.K., RICHMOND, VA.**

DEAR C.S.K.: Mea culpa! I don't know how I missed that.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the wife who resents sitting in the back. If the wife can drive, she should ask her husband to sit in the back and see how HE likes it. **— G.R.W., UNION CITY, N.J.**

DEAR ABBY: Why is she complaining about sitting in the back? The passenger seat is known colloquially as the "death seat"! **— SMILING IN THE BACK SEAT**

DEAR ABBY: I sense there are other factors at work in that woman's relationship with her mother-in-law than "sitting in the back seat." There may be insecurity or jealousy involved. What's the harm in letting her sit in front? Let her feel she still has a special place in her son's life.

I commend this couple for taking his mother to dinner, shopping, etc. They shouldn't spoil such gestures of thoughtfulness with pettiness. **— BEEN THERE IN HAWAII**

DEAR BEEN THERE AND DEAR READERS: So there you have it. I would flagellate with a wet noodle, but I left it in the back seat.

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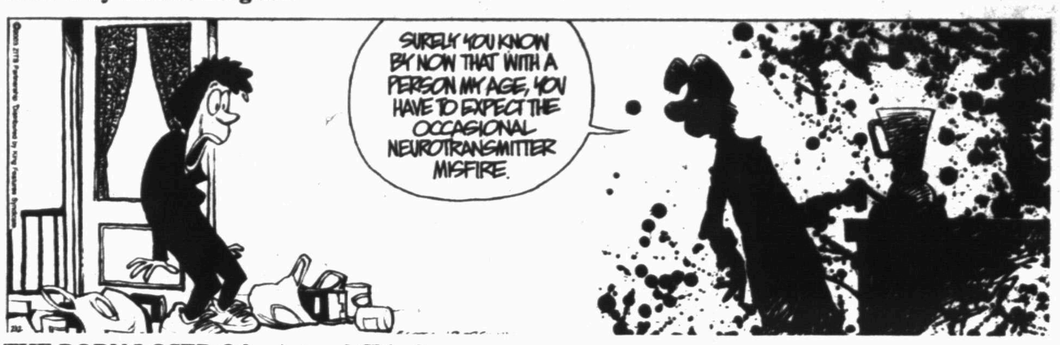
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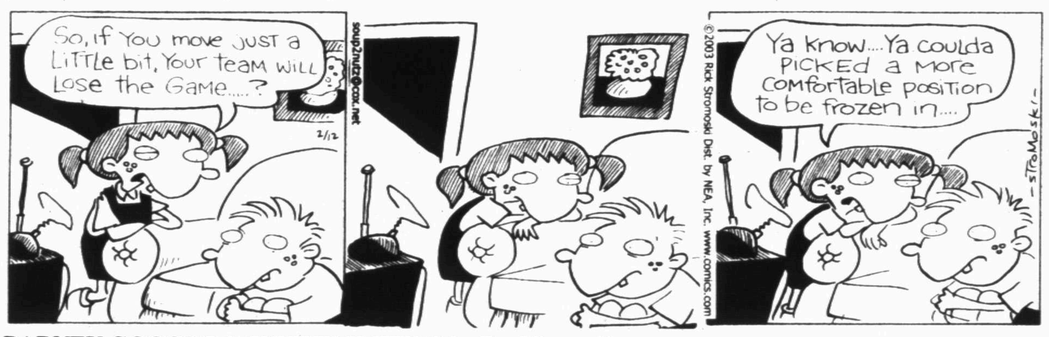
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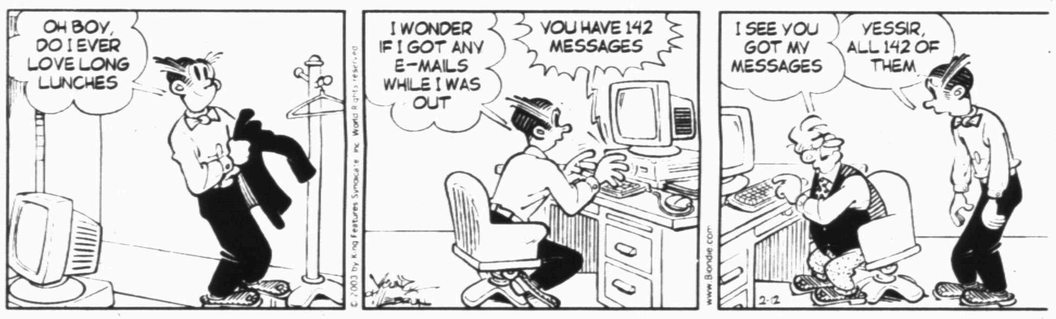
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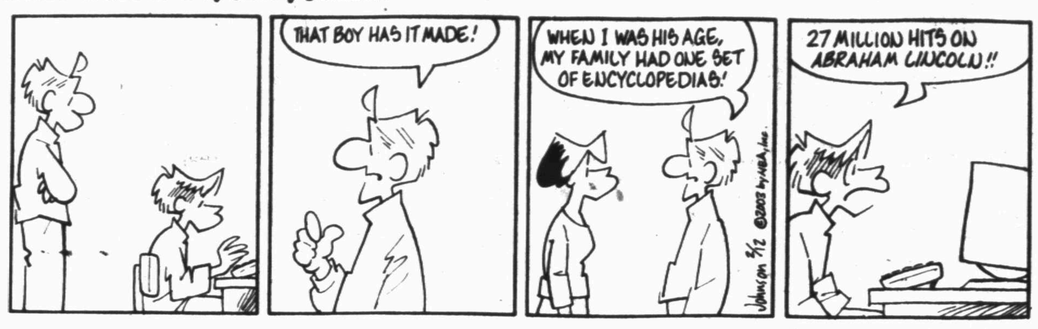
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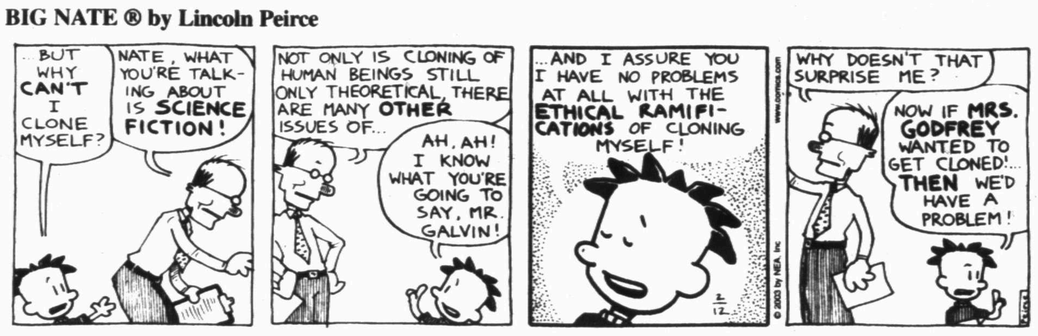
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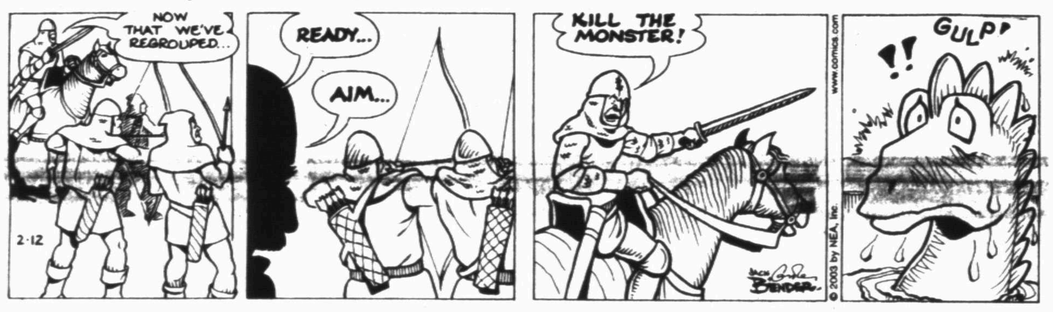
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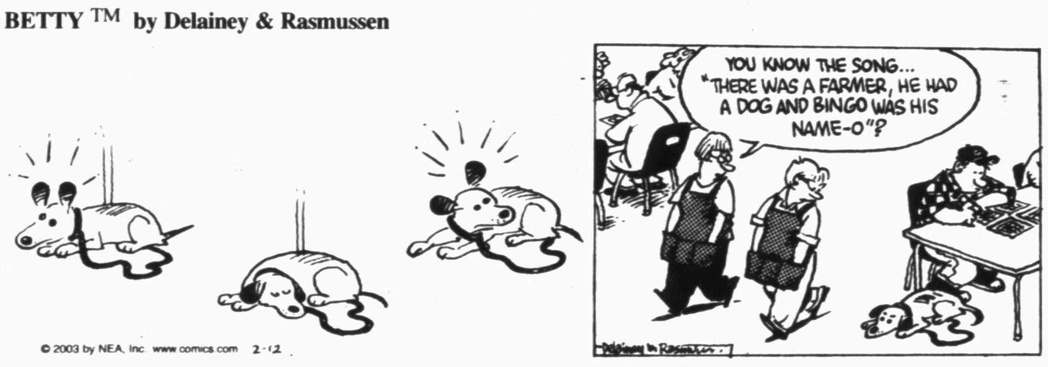
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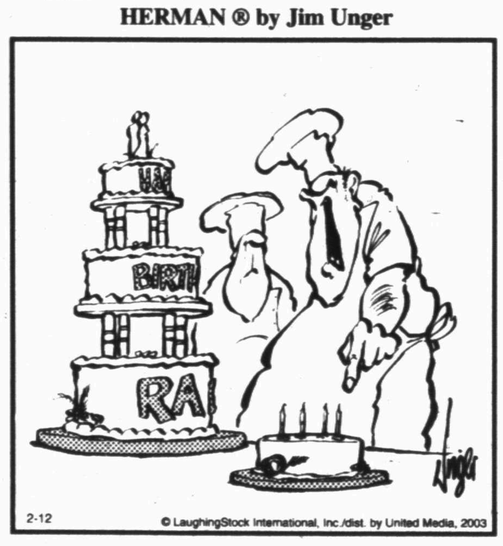
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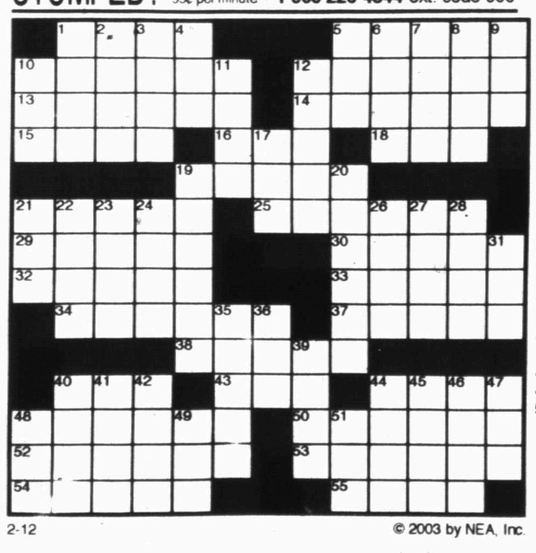
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SPORTS

Indians use big second quarter to end Tigers' season, 64-55

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — The Snyder Tigers' season ended Tuesday night against a team fighting for their playoff lives.

Running with urgency and purpose, the Seminole Indians used a huge early lead to cruise to a 64-55 victory and secure the final postseason berth in District 3-3A.

The Indians (11-19, 5-5) used eight field goals and seven-of-11 shooting from the free throw line in a 23-point second quarter to take a 36-18 edge at halftime.

"We didn't play hard for two-and-a-half quarters," Tiger coach Bud Birks said. "It took awhile for us to get the competitive juices flowing."

Snyder (12-19, 3-7) scored just six points in the third period to trail, 48-24, heading into the final stanza of the season.

As if realizing the end was near, the team picked up its intensity level in the fourth quarter, knocking in 21 points to make the game closer.

Lee Scott and Josh Mendoza each popped in two from behind the arc in the final quarter.

Mendoza scored 13 of his 15 points in the fourth, and Scott finished the night with 11.

"In the fourth we really competed," Birks said.

Point guard T.J. Jones, struggling with a sore back, canned nine — five in the fourth — while playing the entire second half.

"T.J. played really hard and played with a lot of heart," Birks said.

"I thought we lost focus down the stretch," Seminole head coach Greg Clark said. "But overall I was pleased."

Seminole will square off against Kermit Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in Hobbs.

Birks said the Tigers were playing their most consistent ball at the of the district schedule after competing in the rugged 3-3A district.

"We were playing our best at the end of the season," he said. "We played well against Sweetwater, Merkel and Denver City. Some of the teams we beat in district were better than some teams we lost to at the Brownwood tournament."

He said the team was too inconsistent during the year.

"We had really good games, and games where we didn't play so well," he said. "But you can play 100 close games and win half of them."

He said the team was different than many of his teams in the past, in that it relied more on jump shooting that penetration and strong post play.

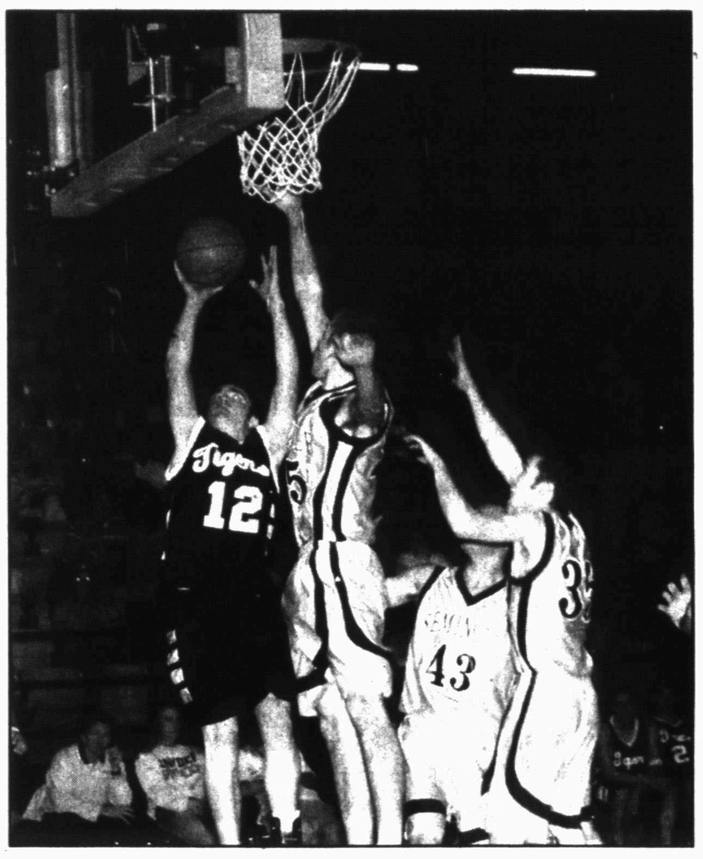
"We shot ourselves out of games, and shot our way into games," he said. "That's where that saying comes from — you live by the three, you die by the three."

Birks said the program looks to be solid for the future, with returning players Marcus Villarreal, Lee Scott and Tucker Early combining with some junior varsity hoopsters who played competitively all year in district.

Birks and assistant coach Zack Williams will take some time to get adjusted to not having any games before beginning the offseason program.

"There is such a frenzied pace early in the season with tournaments, and for district games there is more detailed preparation," he said. "You've got to scout, and Zack and I put in time seven days a week. It's a sudden change and takes some adjustment.

"But it's not long before you start to think about next year."



OUTNUMBERED — Snyder Tiger Colby Driggers attempts a layup over three Indian defenders in the third quarter of Tuesday's game at Seminole. The Tiger basketball season ended with a 64-55 loss. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC offense lights up Ranger

Western Texas College head softball coach Rodney McNeill knows now his offense can take over and produce victories.

The Lady Dusters grabbed both games of Tuesday's twinbill against Ranger Junior College, 9-3 and 11-10, to run their record to a perfect 6-0.

"I told our assistants at the beginning of the season that our offense would be an unknown," he said. "But we are averaging 10 runs a game and if we can keep that up, it will keep us in a lot of games."

Patricia Gonzales pitched seven innings in the first game, allowing three runs on eight hits and fanning eight to improve to 3-0 on a day when she didn't have her best stuff.

She dominated in the first three innings and the last three, as the Rangers got all of their runs in the fourth frame.

"Patricia cruised early, but she told me she never felt like she got loose," he said. "But she handled it well."

Crystal Martinez went two-for-four with two runs and an RBI in the first game, and Candace Dupree belted a three-run homer, as the Lady Dusters banged out 10 hits.

The second tilt saw the team battle back from three runs down to conquer Ranger JC, 11-10, with a four-run seventh inning.

Brandy Jordan pitched the final 2 2/3 to garner her second victory on the season, as starter Sarah Thorton struggled with her location through 3 1/3 innings, giving up six earned runs on nine hits.

Amber House had her worst outing of the season, allowing four hits and two runs in one inning of work.

"They couldn't get anything going," McNeill said. "None of the three had their best stuff, but they kept battling and the offense picked us up."

Tabitha Rodriguez reached base four times, popping a double and two singles while scoring four runs. She and Candace Dupree each swiped a base in the contest.

Jordan was two-for-four with two RBI, and Gonzales smacked a towering home run over the lights to energize the offense.

"It was the most mammoth home run I've ever seen in women's softball," McNeill said.

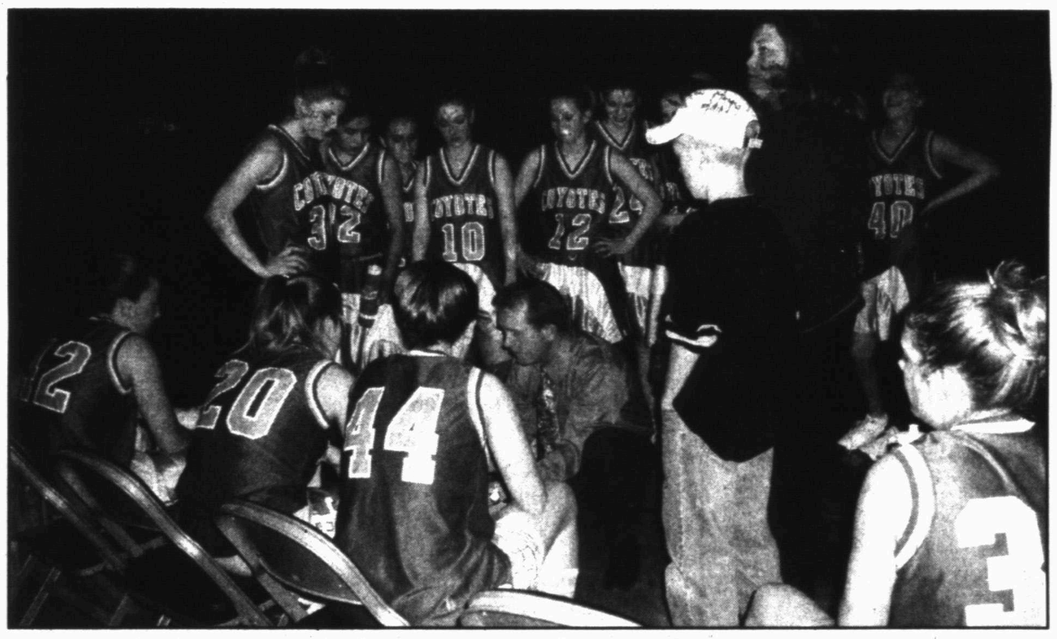
He said he wanted the team to take a lesson from the games.

"I hope the message is we are never out of a game," he said.

The team will travel Thursday to Temple to compete in the Temple College round-robin tournament.

The team will play five teams in the format, with two contests slated for Friday and three on Saturday.

Tuesday starts conference play for the Lady Dusters, as they head to Odessa College for a late afternoon doubleheader.



TEAM EFFORT — Borden County coach Kevin James diagrams a play for his team during a time out in Tuesday's bi-district playoff tilt against Aspermont at Scurry County Coliseum. The Lady Coyotes won, 49-31, to advance to the area round against Whitharral. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rogers, White to coach All-Stars

Snyder Tiger head coach Chad Rogers and assistant coach Roger White have been selected to the staff of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) All-Star game, which will be played June 7 at 8:05 p.m. in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

"It's an honor to be selected and to be a part of this game and all that the FCA represents," Rogers said. "It is also an honor to work with coaches and all the young men selected."

Rogers will coach the quarterbacks and White will guide the offensive line for the North squad. David Flowers, head coach of district rival Merkel, has been tabbed as the head coach for the North team.

Bangs head coach Bo Robinson will captain the South team.

The selection of coaches to FCA all-star game depends on a number of factors, said Lisa Coleman, administrative assistant to FCA are director Steve Tatum.

"Most coaches who are chosen are either head coahces or coordinators," she said. Factors include reputation with players, reputation in the community, success and whether the coach is a good role model.

"We would like to have every coach at all 33 schools in the area participate in the game," he said. "We only select so many each year, and we like to involve as many coaches as possible."

Athletes selected to play in the game must be seniors, but do not necessarily need to be active in FCA.

"Our ministry reaches out to everyone," Tatum said.

Rogers and White will get the opportunity to coach some familiar faces, as T.J. Jones, Josh Knox, Josh Mendoza and Josh Montoya have been tabbed to participate.

Michael Murphrey was picked as an alternate, and Jones will play free safety.

District 3-3A MVP Mychal Carrillo earned the nod at QB.

"I'm very excited to coach our kids one more time," Rogers said.

Sports Briefs

Westerners capture doubleheader

The Western Texas College baseball team improved its record to 3-6 with two victories over McMurry University Tuesday. The team claimed the first tilt, 10-3, and shutout McMurry, 3-0, in the second contest.

Groundhog Open

The Scurry County golf course will host the Groundhog Open Feb. 22-23. The format will be two-man scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Entry fee is $80 per team. Call Rick at the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

WTC basketball tournament

The Western Texas College Student Government Association will host an Outsiders Basketball Tournament Feb. 28 and March 1 at the WTC Gym. The entry fee is $100 per team, and there is a limit of 10 players per team. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 26. For more information or to sign up, call Kendra at 573-8511 ext. 674 or Casey at 573-8511 ext. 509.

Borden County tops Aspermont

The Borden County Lady Coyotes claimed the 1A Division II bi-district title Tuesday night, stopping the Aspermont Lady Hornets, 49-31.

The Lady Coyotes (26-6) took a 24-15 lead into the locker room, limiting Aspermont to five second-quarter points.

Leading by 16 at the end of three, the Lady Coyotes converted 15 of 21 free throw attempts to ice the win.

Post player Bobbie Kempf paved the way for Borden County with 12 points in the paint.

Guard Patty Rodriguez canned 10 in the victory.

The win sets up a showdown in the area playoff with Whitharral, which destroyed New Home 66-12 in its bi-district tilt.

Lady Tigers flex offensive muscle, stop Monterey, 8-6

LUBBOCK — Despite having no scrimmages with which to set the lineup, the Lady Tigers softball team got their season started in the right direction, stopping Monterey Lubbock, 8-6.

Head Coach Shelley Hayes said the team played through some nerves, overcoming early errors with solid offense to grab the win.

The team collected 10 hits on the day.

"I was very pleased with the outcome," she said. "We had the first-game jitters, but with the experience we have, we know how to fight and we just kept pushing."

Chaelyen Robinson went one for three, with a two-out, bases-loaded double in the gap in the fifth and a stolen base.

Shelley Fisk was two-for-three with a triple and an RBI double that hit the fence on the fly, while Missy Vasquez slapped two singles.

Valerie Hernandez rapped two doubles in four at-bats.

Dara Chambers smacked a double and Laura Clinton popped a lead-off triple.

Hayes said that the team had some sparkling defensive plays to save runs.

Ashley Martinez entered the game with one out in the fifth, with the score knotted at 6. She pitched 2 2/3 innings of shutout ball for the win.

Jacque Alvarez got the start, going two innings, and Kelsi Johnson hurled 2 1/3 innings of middle relief.

Hayes said the umpire narrowed the strike zone when her pitchers were on the hill, taking away the corners and forcing Snyder to groove the ball down the middle of the plate.

"All three pitchers did an excellent job," she said. "Our catcher's sitting on the corners, and we couldn't get any calls."

Hayes said she questioned the umpire about what she said was an inconsistent strike zone between the two teams.

"I don't like to blame officials, she said. "But it was pretty obvious that (the strike zone) was one-sided.

"You have to work through that, and we pulled through mentally and physically," she said. "I am very proud of the girls."

The Lady Tigers will compete in the 12-team Mineral Wells tournament Thursday through Saturday.

Hayes said the tourney will be a double round robin format, with two groups of six.

The top four teams in each group will play in a single-elimination playoff Saturday.

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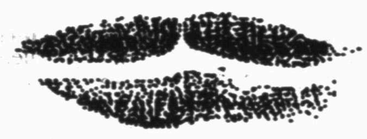
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NASA official: No safety risk detected in Columbia mission

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first congressional hearing into the space shuttle Columbia tragedy, NASA's top official is telling lawmakers that the orbiter exhibited no problems during its 16-day mission suggesting the crew's lives were threatened.

Sean O'Keefe, who recently took over as head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, also offers assurances in testimony prepared for delivery today that investigators will discover the cause of the accident that killed seven astronauts and that a review board will operate without interference from NASA insiders.

Describing himself as "saddened beyond words" about the Feb. 1 destruction of the shuttle as it returned to Earth, O'Keefe says the space agency is committed to future flights but does not know when they can resume. He says NASA's schedule for shuttle missions — which anticipated five flights starting in fiscal 2004 — will be "adjusted as needed once we determine when we can return to flight."

"We know the lesson from this terrible accident is not to turn our backs on exploration simply because it is too hard or risky," O'Keefe says.

A draft of his prepared remarks was obtained by The Associated Press. In his testimony, O'Keefe said that during the 16-day mission, "we had no indications that would suggest a compromise to flight safety."

O'Keefe did not speculate in his prepared testimony about what might have caused Columbia to disintegrate over Texas, and he offered few details about the directions that investigators might be considering.

Lawmakers from the Senate Commerce Committee and the House Science subcommittee on space have indicated they would press O'Keefe about whether a review board appointed to investigate the Columbia accident will be sufficiently independent.

Ag Talk by U.S. Representative Charlie Stenholm

Senate Approves Disaster Assistance Package

On Jan. 22, the Senate took action to provide additional assistance to farmers and ranchers who have been impacted by severe drought and bad weather conditions.

"The Agricultural Assistance Act," would provide $3.1 billion in payments, two-thirds of which would be in the form of increased direct payments to farmers that grow program crops.

Payments would be limited only to producers in a county that received a disaster designation.

The delivery mechanism in the Senate legislation is being criticized for possibly giving assistance to those who may not have suffered loss, but happens to farm in a county where there has been a disaster.

This would be a very low threshold, since the great majority of agricultural counties in the United States received this designation for losses suffered during 2002.

For those farmers that are not in a designated disaster county, the Senate version would make a payment possible if the producer could provide proof of at least a 35 percent loss.

If they were to take such a payment, however, these producers would have to get catastrophic insurance coverage for the next two years.

Livestock producers would receive additional aid through an extended Livestock Compensation Program and greater funding for the Livestock Assistance Program, which is aimed primarily at western livestock producers.

There are significant differences between how the Senate and House would provide disaster assistance and much work remains to be done before any legislation is sent to the president for his consideration.

There is ongoing discussion about the final level of funding that will be provided, as well as the best way to deliver the assistance.

The nation's agricultural sector is taking some heat for asking for more money, and the Administration has emphasized that any disaster assistance should be paid for with across-the-board budget cuts in other programs.

I must also tell you that some Members of Congress are not very keen about cutting other programs to provide disaster assistance, especially after last year's $73.5 billion farm bill.

This matter is far from over, and it is unclear how long it will take to be resolved.

The Administration now is purposing that any new money must come directly from the farm bill's budget.

USDA Budget Request

In submitting its annual budget, the Bush Administration has asked Congress to provide $74 billion for the USDA's operations in fiscal year 2004.

This would mean a two percent increase over the amount that was requested for the current fiscal year.

The administration's proposal would not only continue existing user fees of $102 million, but would institute new user fees for meat and poultry inspections totaling $122 million.

Under the budget proposed by President Bush, spending for USDA's nutrition programs would increase $800 million, and crop insurance spending would be $3.3 billion, an increase of $500 million.

The Bush Administration has anticipated an increase in food stamp program participation as a result of the weakening economy, and they have requested a $1 billion increase in spending for the food stamp program.

Such an increase would raise the cost of the program to $25.6 billion.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-12-03
♠ K 7 4
♥ Q 5
♦ Q 6 5 2
♣ K 7 5 2

West
♠ Q 9 8 5 3 2
♥ J 9 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ 8

East
♠ J 6
♥ K 7 3
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ A 9 4 3

South
♠ A 10
♥ A 10 6
♦ A J 9 7
♣ Q J 10 6

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Driving and putting for even more money

By Phillip Alder

When CEOs play golf, what is their average bet on the game?

Many CEOs play bridge, the most famous being Warren Buffett and Bill Gates (all right, an ex-CEO). This deal was declared by Jimmy Cayne, now the head at Bear Stearns. It occurred in a match between the United States Congress and a corporate team in 1989.

West, Arlan Stangeland, then a representative from Minnesota, led his fourth-highest spade against three no-trump.

Cayne had only four top tricks: two spades, one heart and one diamond. He would obviously play to establish three club tricks and two more in diamonds.

Cayne ducked East's spade jack, not realizing the distribution was so favorable and trying to annul the spades. Howard Neilsen, then a representative from Utah, returned his second spade to South's ace.

Immediately, Cayne attacked clubs by leading honors from hand. East ducked until the third round, then exited with his last club to dummy's king. The declarer, not aware that he could afford to cash the spade king, played a diamond to his jack, hoping it would lose to the king and create a dummy entry via the diamond queen. When the finesse won, though, South cashed the diamond ace, getting the bad news. However, Cayne calmly exited with a diamond. Nielsen took two tricks in the suit, but then had to lead away from his heart king. Cayne ran that to dummy's queen, cashed the spade king, and claimed the heart ace for his contract.

CEOs average a $1,010 bet per round of golf. I wonder how that figure was calculated.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	3.21	3.15	3.19	— .03
AOL TimeWrn	10.34	10.02	10.25	+ .05
AT&T Corp rs	17.90	17.55	17.57	— .24
Albertsons	19.89	19.66	19.68	— .11
Alltel	44.52	44.00	44.19	+ .32
AmEl Pw	20.85	20.20	20.23	— .39
AndarkPtr	44.01	43.10	43.13	— .80
ATMOS Egy	21.90	21.19	21.64	+ .45
Aviall	7.25	6.91	7.00	— .18
BP PLC	38.11	37.40	37.85	— .25
BakerHughes	31.88	31.21	31.30	— .25
Bank of Amer	68.15	67.74	67.82	+ .09
BellSouth	23.13	22.66	22.82	— .08
BurlNoSFe	25.42	25.12	25.17	— .26
Caterpillar	43.05	42.42	42.50	— .08
CenterPoint	6.00	5.68	5.69	— .26
ChevronTex	64.10	63.35	63.51	— .32
Citigroup	32.40	31.80	31.97	— .08
CocaCola	40.10	39.10	40.05	+ 1.05
ColgatePal	50.70	50.00	50.04	— .57
CmclMetals s	14.39	14.29	14.32	+ .02
ConocoPhill	48.69	48.15	48.39	— .12
Cooper Inds	37.38	36.73	36.75	— .44
DaimlrChry	29.68	28.90	29.05	— .65
DeltaAirl	9.34	9.09	9.23	— .11
Dillards Inc	14.90	14.62	14.70	+ .03
DowChem	28.12	27.70	27.79	— .17
DuPont	36.55	36.02	36.18	+ .13
EastmanChem	32.86	32.38	32.48	— .04
EstKodak	30.34	29.92	30.10	+ .05
EDS Corp	16.40	15.71	15.76	— .61
Entergy	44.10	43.50	43.70	+ .01
ExxonMobil	33.45	32.92	33.00	— .37
FootLocker	10.30	10.16	10.29	+ .12
GenDynam	65.33	64.00	64.22	—1.18
GenElec	22.68	22.39	22.42	— .08
GenMills	44.70	44.12	44.15	— .10
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GaPacific	15.60	15.05	15.44	+ .02
Goodrich	17.27	16.81	16.85	— .42
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HarteHanks s	17.90	17.75	17.76	— .12
HomeDepot	21.48	21.15	21.26	— .02
HoneywellIntl	23.44	22.93	22.99	— .26
IBM	78.09	77.18	77.43	+ .04
IntlPaper	35.80	34.67	35.69	+ .72
JohnsonJn	51.90	50.00	50.21	—1.79
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Kroger Co	14.04	13.83	13.85	— .19
LockheedM	48.98	47.28	47.30	—1.50
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LucentTech	1.73	1.68	1.69	+ .03
MarathonOil	22.27	21.92	21.98	— .28
MayDeptStr	19.25	19.00	19.12	+ .12
Medtronic	44.40	43.70	43.95	+ .20
Motorola	8.22	8.03	8.16	+ .01
NCR Corp	17.80	17.42	17.55	— .12
Navistar	23.77	23.15	23.38	— .38
PNM Rescs	20.05	19.38	19.44	— .50
Penney JC	18.35	18.05	18.12	— .06
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PepsiCo	39.23	38.61	39.04	+ .65
Pharmacia	40.50	39.60	39.89	— .27
PhelpDodge	35.02	34.35	35.02	+ .42
PilgrmPrd B	7.57	7.43	7.43	— .07
Praxair	53.18	52.68	52.89	+ .15
ProctGamb	83.61	82.78	82.80	— .39
RadioShack	19.43	19.14	19.35	+ .24
RoyalDut	39.20	38.85	38.90	— .67
SBC Comm	23.71	23.41	23.44	— .27
SaraLee	20.40	20.11	20.25	— .02
Scripps EW	78.13	77.55	77.91	+ .16
SearsRoeb	22.90	22.07	22.27	— .45
SherwinW	26.47	26.20	26.27	— .20
SouthernCo	28.83	28.26	28.49	— .19
SwstAirl	12.85	12.61	12.68	— .16
SprintFON	12.60	12.31	12.54	+ .15
SprintPCS	3.99	3.87	3.95	+ .15
Sunoco Inc	33.90	33.28	33.36	— .49
TXU Corp	16.00	15.41	15.58	— .57
TmplInland	42.85	41.84	42.68	+ .70
TexInd	21.10	20.30	20.68	— .32
TexasInst	15.64	15.30	15.36	— .08
Textron	38.23	37.95	38.04	— .05
TrinityInds	16.91	16.75	16.90	+ .01
TylerTech	3.82	3.74	3.81	+ .11
UnionPacif	56.00	55.50	55.80	+ .12
USSteel	12.71	12.39	12.52	
UnitedTech	62.63	60.99	61.00	—1.37
Unocal	27.00	26.54	26.55	— .45
VerizonComm	36.93	36.25	36.45	— .48
WalMart	47.80	47.34	47.58	+ .33
WellsFargo	45.99	45.40	45.85	+ .34
WstnGasRs	33.48	32.90	33.07	— .37
WinnDixie	12.20	12.00	12.00	— .26
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Have a Healthy, Happy Valentine's Day

"As Valentines Day approaches, I am again reminded of the distorted relationship our culture has with food. On a day originally devoted to loving relationships, 'sweetheart' has come to mean those little valentine candies, adoration is expressed with a giant 'kiss' — of the chocolate variety, and 'hugs' are now candy kisses with a stripe."

How can we celebrate Valentine's Day without serving a lot of sugary, high-calorie food? Here are some ideas:

- Cut out sandwiches with a heart-shaped cookie cutter.
- Use heart-shaped pasta for a special meal.
- Make red gelatin in a heart-shaped mold and add the children's favorite fruits.
- To make a muffin look like a heart-shaped treat, fill the muffin cup ½ to 2/3 full then insert a small ball of tin foil between the muffin pan and liner. Bake as usual.
- Use a heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut individual hearts from pizza dough or form a big pizza dough heart.
- Add a few drops of red food coloring to vanilla pudding to make a special pink Valentine's Day dessert.
- Add a few of those red hot cinnamon heart candies to a popcorn snack.
- Set the table special for Valentine's. Perhaps the children can color their own special place mats for the day. Or, you could cut out red paper hearts from construction paper to place under each child's plate. Let your imagination guide you!
- Have a "red" food day on Valentine's. Plan with the children what you might serve. Perhaps you could serve tomato sauce over pasta, have apples for a snack, serve a red-gelatin-type salad, have a pink dessert such as frozen strawberry yogurt and so on.

Chocolate: Facts, Fiction

Most people enjoy chocolate and agree that it tastes wonderful, yet they also have misconceptions about its effect on health. Here are some facts about chocolate that you may not know.

Did you know...

Chocolate and fat

Chocolate contributes less than two percent of the fat in the American diet. The main sources of fat are meat, full-fat dairy products, and fried foods.

Chocolate, saturated fats

While chocolate contains some saturated fats, studies have shown that not all types of saturated fats raise blood cholesterol levels. For example, stearic acid is a saturated fat that makes up one-third of the fat in chocolate. Stearic acid does not raise blood cholesterol levels. In addition, oleic acid, a monounsaturated fat also found in olive oil, makes up one-third of the fat in chocolate. Eating foods with oleic acid as part of a healthful eating plan has been shown to be beneficial for heart health.

Chocolate and caffeine

Chocolate contains very little caffeine. See the chart for the caffeine content of a few foods and beverages.

Chocolate and obesity

Obesity is a disease in which a person has an excessive amount of body fat. Most often it is caused by regularly taking in more calories than burned off with physical activity. Obese people often eat the same amount or fewer sweets, including chocolate, than people who are not obese. Obesity can also stem from genetic or hormonal disorders, or from taking some types of medications for a long period of time.

Chocolate and polyphenols

Chocolate is made from cocoa beans which come from the cocoa tree Theobroma cacao. As a result, chocolate contains many of the same healthy compounds from plants, including minerals (cooper, iron, zinc, and magnesium) and specific antioxidants called polyphenols. Polyphenols, like those found in tea and red wine are currently being studied for their potential health benefits.

Chocolate and allergies

Allergies to chocolate are very uncommon. If you have been diagnosed with food allergies by a board-certified allergist, you must read labels and avoid the foods or ingredients that cause the allergic reaction. A registered dietitian can help you plan meals and select foods that exclude the food to which you are allergic.

Caffeine Content of Selected Foods and Beverages

Food or beverage	Caffeine Content (mg)
Milk Chocolate (1.4 ounce bar)	3 to 10
Dark Chocolate (1.4 ounce bar)	28
Decaffeinated coffee (8 ounces)	6
Regular Coffee (6 ounces)	65
Hot cocoa (8 ounces)	6
Cola beverages (12 ounces)	38 to 46
Cola beverages, decaffeinated	0

Chocolate and diabetes

Diabetes occurs when a person's body doesn't properly regulate blood sugars (blood glucose). Eating certain foods, even simple sugar, does not cause diabetes. All people with diabetes should follow their physician's and dietitian's instructions for meal planning, physical activity, blood glucose monitoring, and medication. So, if you have diabetes, ask your health professional how to incorporate chocolate into your eating plan.

Chocolate and headaches

Research shows that most headaches and chocolate intake are not related. Experts agree that most often it is stress, irregular sleep patterns, hunger, and hormone changes that trigger headaches.

Chocolate and tooth decay

Tooth decay happens when carbohydrates (both complex and simple) mix with natural bacteria in the mouth. This creates acid that breaks down the enamel on teeth. Chocolate, which contains carbohydrates, is no more or less responsible for tooth decay than other carbohydrate-containing foods like bread, raisins, crackers, and fruit. In fact, chocolate actually clears the mouth relatively quickly, reducing the time it spends in contact with the teeth.

Chocolate cravings

A recent study looked at why we crave chocolate and concluded that people do not become addicted to chocolate. Instead, the study found that people desire chocolate because they enjoy the sensation of eating it.

Chocolate and hyperactivity

Pediatricians say there is no link between the sugar found in chocolate or other foods and restlessness or attention-deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children.

Chocolate and health — the bottom line

Remember that chocolate can fit into a healthful eating pattern. Be sure to eat a variety of foods. Enjoy chocolate in moderation to add flavor and pleasure to eating.

Party Cookies

1 cup shortening
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 eggs
2¼ cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1-½ cups candy-coated chocolate pieces

Blend shortening, brown and granulated sugars in a large bowl. Beat in vanilla and eggs. Sift remaining dry ingredients together; add to sugar-egg mixture, blending well. Stir in ½ cup of candies (reserve remaining candies for decorating).

Drop from teaspoon on ungreased cookie sheet; decorate tops with remaining candies. Bake in moderate oven 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove cookies with spatula to wire racks; cool completely.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Plan for Onions Now

Success with onions under Texas climatic conditions depends upon knowing the right varieties to use, and the correct time of the year to get them started. Listed below are some good guidelines taken from the Texas Master Gardener Handbook:

* **Light**: Sunny (green onions tolerate partial shade)
* **Soil**: Well -drained loam
* **Fertility**: Medium-rich
* **pH**: 5.5 to 7.0
* **Temperature**: Cool (45 degree to 60 degrees F) during development; medium-hot (60 degrees to 75 degrees) during bulbing and curing
* **Moisture**: Moist, but not waterlogged
* **Planting:** Use sets, seeds or transplants in spring for bulbs and green or bunching onions; seeds may be started indoors 8 weeks before setting out; use sets in fall for perennial or multiplier onion types
* **Spacing**: Standard — 1 to 4 inches X 12 to 24 inches; wide row — 4 inches X 4 inches in rows up to 2 feet apart; plant close, then thin; use thinnings as green onions
* **Hardiness**: Bulb onions — hardy biennials; green or bunching — hardy biennials; Egyptian or Perennial Tree and multiplier — hardy perennials
* **Fertilizer needs**: Heavy feeder; apply 4 to 5 pounds of 10-10-10 per 100 square feet before planting and side-dress 3 weeks after transplanting and again when bulb enlargement begins (2 or 3 tablespoons of 21-0-0 per 10 feet of row)

Onions are often grouped according to taste. The two main types of onions are strong-flavored (American) and mild (often called European). Each has three distinct colors; yellow, white and red. Generally, American onions have smaller bulbs, denser texture, stronger flavor and better keeping quality than European types. Globe varieties tend to keep longer in storage.

Onion varieties also differ in the number of daylight hours required to make a bulb. If the seed catalog lists an onion as a long-day variety, it bulbs when it receives 15 to 16 hours of daylight. Long-day varieties are used in the northern United States to produce onions in summer. Short-day varieties bulb with about 12 hours of daylight; they are used in southern areas for winter onion production.

For green or bunching onions, use sets, seeds or transplants in spring. In fall, use Egyptian (perennial tree) and yellow multiplier (potato onion) sets.

For bulb productions, set out transplants in early spring, spacing them 4 to 6 inches apart and 1 to 2 inches deep in the row. Planting too early and exposure to cold temperatures causes seed stalk development. Egyptian tree or multiplier onions should be set in late October or early November. Plant 4 inches apart in rows 1 to 2 feet apart. Distance between rows is determined by available space and cultivating equipment.

Onions have shallow root systems and compete poorly with weeds. Shallow cultivation is necessary; do not mound soil on onions as this may encourage stem rot. Ensure ample moisture, especially after bulbs begin to enlarge.

Onions should be harvested when about two-thirds of the tops have fallen over. Careful handling to avoid bruising helps control storage rots and thorough curing increases storage life. Onions can be pulled and left in the field for several days to dry, then cured in a well-ventilated attic or porch for 1 to 2 weeks where they are not in direct sunlight. Tops may be left on or cut off, but leave at least 1 inch of the top when storing.

Diseases: Neck or stem rot; bulb rot; pink root

Insects: Thrips: onion root maggots

Cultural:

Bulb rot from bruising or insufficient drying; split or double bulb from dry soil during bulb formation; very small bulb from planting too late or inadequate soil moisture

Days to maturity: 100 to 120 (mature bulbs)

Harvest:

Harvest green onions when tops are 6 inches tall and bulbs after two-thirds or more of the tops have fallen over. Do not wait more than 1 or 2 weeks after this occurs; allow time for thorough drying before storage.

Approximate yields (per 10 foot row): 10 to 15 pounds

Amount to raise per person: 10 to 15 pounds

Storage: Cool (32 degrees F), dry (65 to 70 percent RH) conditions for 6 to 7 months

Preservation:

Onions can be stored dry or pickled and canned; they freeze well if chopped and covered with water. For fresh storage, maintain good air circulation. An effective storage method is to place an onion in a nylon hose, tie a knot and add another onion. When the hose is filled, suspend it from rafters in a storage area.

Tobacco growers say they need government buyout to survive

TIFTON, Ga. (AP) — Many Georgia farmers want to break their dependence on tobacco, but say they need the government to buy out their quotas.

Flue-cured tobacco has been a reliable, moneymaking crop since the 1930s, but in the last five years their quotas have been cut by nearly 50 percent as people smoked less and tobacco companies switched to cheaper imported tobacco. A quota is the amount of tobacco the government allows each farmer to grow for a guaranteed price.

Some say U.S. tobacco accounts for only 5 percent of the leaf used around the world because of the high prices maintained by the quota system.

The farmers want the government to buy out their quotas and help them find alternate crops or another system that allows them to compete globally.

About 350 growers recently filled an auditorium at the University of Georgia's Rural Development Center, about 200 miles south of Atlanta, to learn about two buyout proposals pending in the Senate that would pay them $8 per pound for their quota and $2 to $4 per pound to help them make the transition.

They told six congressional aides that a buyout is the only way they can survive.

The aides cautioned that issues including troubles with Iraq and North Korea may keep lawmakers busy in next few months.

"Don't think this is going to be taken care of in the next two or three weeks," said Jody Redding, a member of Georgia Democrat Sen. Zell Miller's staff.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 540 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Feb. 5, sale. Market was active and demand good. Quality of cattle was excellent. Feeder and stocker calves under 550 lbs. were steady. Heavier feeders were $2 to $3 lower. Packer cows and bulls were $2 to $4 lower. Bred cows and pairs were steady.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 98-109
400-500: 85-104
500-600: 77.50-86.50
600-750: 72-74.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 101-137.50
300-400: 83-92
400-500: 78-85.50
500-600: 74-79.50
600-750: 72-75.50
Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 510-665
Pairs: 575-715
Packer cows: 35-42.25
Old and Shelly: 28-33
Packer bulls: 44-48.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 867 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 6, sale. Cows were $1 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were $1 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 36-43.50
Canner and low cutters: 30-36
Slaughter bulls: 46-55
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-121
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 82-92
600-700: 77-85
700-800: 73-80
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-105
400-500: 82-92
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 72-82
700-800: 68-78
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-83
700-800: 68-77
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-800
Grade: 575-650
Springers: 400-700
Baby calves: 135-235
Doodlers: 175-255

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	2-10-02	2-3-03	2-10-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	16.82	17.09	16.99
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	17,382	17,898	17,705
PERCENT FULL	8.66	8.92	8.83
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	2-10-02	2-3-03	2-10-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	43.25	37.87	36.73
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	52,008	33,170	32,820
PERCENT FULL	10.05	6.41	6.34
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	2-10-02	2-3-03	2-10-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	31.61	27.37	27.22
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	254,427	209,897	208,423
PERCENT FULL	45.90	37.86	37.60
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 2-3-03 1-28-03	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 2-10-03 2-4-03	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 2-10-03 2-4-03
BIG SPRING	3,340,714	3,472,857	4,010,000
ODESSA	12,773,714	12,047,000	14,206,000
SNYDER	1,487,571	1,426,571	1,608,000
MIDLAND	15,763,714	14,042,429	16,280,000
SAN ANGELO	11,767,143	10,581,571	11,971,000
STANTON	101,000	100,857	126,000

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OTHER WINNERS — Winners in the grade competitions for Ira School's spelling bee are (seated, left to right): 4th grade winners, first place, Amber Baker; second, Trea Fontenot; and tie for third, Kyrstin Baker and J.P. Wilson. 5th grade winners are first, John Martini; second, R.T. Shafer; and third, Jessica Steelman. (standing, left to right) are 6th grade winners, first, Brandon Ramirez; second; Seth Sanchez; and third, Ashley Trotter; 7th & 8th grade winners, first Tyrelle Gilbert; 2nd, Jordan Smith; and 3rd, Kaci Waller. (Contributed Photo)

Brothers who killed dad testify family friend molested them

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Two teenage brothers who admitted killing their sleeping father with a baseball bat testified Tuesday in the trial of the man accused of hiding them from police and molesting the younger boy.

Alex King, now 13, told the jury that he had just turned 12 when family friend Ricky Chavis, 41, had oral sex with him about 10 times in the months before the killing.

"He said things like 'We were gay — no one would understand,'" he said.

In November, the boy and his brother, Derek, 14, pleaded guilty to third-degree murder for killing Terry King, 40, at their home in nearby Cantonment.

Prosecutors say the brothers had run away from home and stayed with Chavis in Pensacola 10 days before the November 2001 murder. Alex testified Chavis told him if the boys killed their father they could live with him and that he hid them from police afterward.

Chavis is facing another trial Feb. 24 on charges of accessory after the fact to murder and evidence tampering.

Alex and Derek, who also took the witness stand, admitted they had lied by accusing Chavis of killing their father in testimony before a grand jury and during two trial juries.

Victoria man indicted on murder charge

VICTORIA (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a Baylor University freshman in the slayings of his parents and younger brother inside their Mission Valley home.

Bond for Ryan James Frazier, an Eagle Scout, was raised Tuesday from $250,000 to $1 million on the capital murder charge. An attorney was appointed to represent Frazier.

Frazier, 19, is accused of killing his father and mother, Daniel and Sally Frazier, and his 17-year-old brother, John Frazier, on Dec. 13, then setting the family residence on fire to cover up the slayings.

All three victims were stabbed to death, according to a charge report issued from the indictment Tuesday.

The fire smoldered nearly four hours before a neighbor saw it and called 911, officials said. The house was engulfed in flames when Mission Valley volunteer firefighters arrived.

After the fire was extinguished, investigators found John Frazier's body in the middle bedroom, said Victoria County Sheriff Mike Ratcliff. The parents' bodies were found in the doorway of the master bedroom.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003

The year ahead shows that you could experience some happy improvements in your overall affairs, but especially in ways that affect your material well-being. These changes will develop slowly, but steadily.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although you may not think so when the alarm clock goes off in the morning, being active and productive will be far more important to you today than goofing off. Get going.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Chance could play a significant role in your affairs today. You won't necessarily be lucky in the financial sense, but you will be in areas that are far more important to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your instinct for gauging the wants and needs of others is particularly accurate today. If you have any dealings with the public or the masses at large, it'll be a big asset for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Normally, physical pursuits are more appealing to you than mental ones, but today the reverse will be true. Operate in the realm where you can nurture your brain instead of lifting barbells.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is an excellent day to go shopping for a much-needed large ticket item. You'll not only be a shrewd shopper, you'll also manage your resources wiser than usual.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There isn't any reason you should let others handle situations for you today when you can take care of them far better yourself. Take personal control over important matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even though you're likely to be the most dominant personality among your peer group today, you won't allow yourself to upstage anybody. Your friends will greatly appreciate this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't wait for pals to include you in their plans today; conceive of an activity yourself and get some of your best friends together to partake in the fun. Socializing will be good for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You have more influence over your peers than you may realize. Others will find the way you handle situations commendable and will want to follow your lead today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Try to pamper your urges today instead of sitting on them. Otherwise, you could be plagued with restlessness and end up with a so-so day. Do things that will satisfy your broader interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you wait for something to change of its own volition today, your wait could be in vain. Take active measures to alter situations that displease you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It won't be necessary for you to be around a lot of people today in order to satisfy your urges. You can have an enjoyable day spending quality time with someone near and dear to you.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Today's chuckle

Robbery suspect nabbed on bus



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A man suspected of robbing a bank was arrested as he tried to make a slow-speed getaway on a city bus, police said.

A bank branch was robbed Monday morning when a man approached a teller, said he had a gun and demanded money. After the teller handed him the cash, he fled on foot.

He was arrested a short time later on a city bus, said Sgt. Malcolm Farmer of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Officers suspected the robber might use a bus because it was the same escape method used in a prior bank robbery, Farmer said.

Men spend more on Valentine's Day gifts

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A survey conducted for Wal-Mart Stores found that men will spend 62 percent more on Valentine's Day gifts than women, but experts say that hardly means males are more romantic.

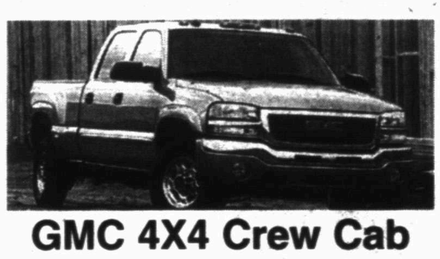
"I suspect it's an ego thing," said Roanoke (Va.) College psychology professor Galdino Pranzarone. "Some just don't want to be seen as a cheapskate."

In the Wal-Mart survey, conducted Jan. 17-19, respondents on average said they would spend $51 on Valentine's Day gifts. Men averaged $63, women $39. The random telephone survey of 1,010 people also found that women typically wrapped up their shopping earlier and men often waited until the last minute.

"These data suggest that women do spend more time anticipating the holiday and I suspect they place a greater value on the quality and thoughtfulness of the gift — not just getting something at the last minute," said Dennis Murray, a professor of psychology at Mansfield (Pa.) University.

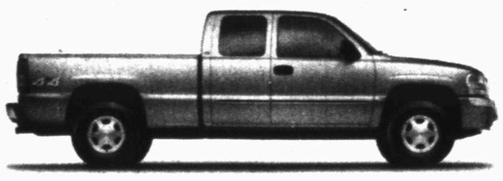
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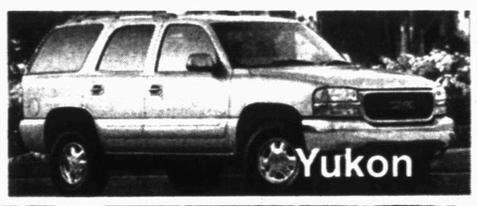
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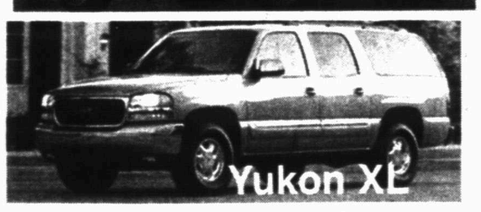
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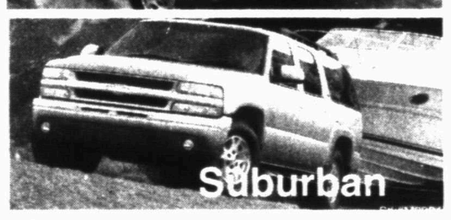
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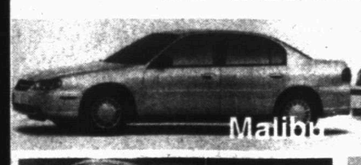

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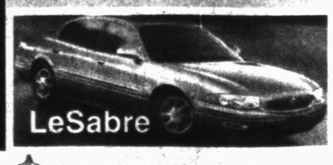

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Investigators and shuttle debris head to Kennedy Space Center for analysis

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thousands of pieces from the space shuttle Columbia began arriving today at the Kennedy Space Center, where they will be spread out in a huge hangar and at least partially reconstructed by investigators trying to determine what went wrong.

The investigative board that will lead that investigation, headed by retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., also arrived at the space center. Its members wanted to see the hangar, he said, as well as where shuttles are prepared for flight, launched and refurbished.

"A lot of people at NASA are telling us a lot of things; we need to see the things they're talking about," Gehman said. "This is an orientation visit."

The first shipment of debris, found scattered across Texas and Louisiana, arrived in two tractor-trailers shortly after 9 a.m.

The scope of the task was made clear by Navy Rear Adm. Stephen Turcotte, a member of the investigative panel.

"Looking at the complexity of this, it is huge," Turcotte said Tuesday. "It is one of the biggest debris fields that I think any of us have ever seen."

As commander of the Naval Safety Center, Turcotte is responsible for probing every aviation mishap in the Navy and Marine Corps.

The initial loads of debris left Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana on Tuesday. The debris will be laid out in a 50,000-square-foot hangar on a grid marked by yellow and blue tape.

Senator Kerry has prostate surgery

BALTIMORE (AP) — Sen. John Kerry successfully underwent surgery today to treat an early form of prostate cancer, his doctor reported, saying that "everything went well" and that the Democratic presidential hopeful can leave the hospital in a few days.

"Everything came out very nicely. Everything looked completely contained," said Dr. Patrick Walsh, the chief of urology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, who performed the three-hour surgery. Walsh said Kerry will not require follow-up radiation treatment and should be released from the hospital on Saturday.

The 59-year-old Kerry, who disclosed Tuesday that he had prostate cancer, vowed to return to work within a matter of days and said the diagnosis would not derail his campaign for the Democratic nomination.

Although Kerry is intent on a quick recovery, Walsh was a bit more cautious, saying the senator could resume a "completely unrestricted schedule" of activity in six weeks.

Joining the doctor at a hospital news conference, Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, said her husband was in "good spirits" and relieved that the surgery had gone well. Walsh and a pathologist who examined Kerry's prostate said the cancer was contained, although a final pathology report won't be available for 2-3 days.

"The bottom line is everything went well," Walsh said.

Kerry's surgery today came 11 months before the first votes are cast in a Democratic primary campaign that already has attracted six candidates. Kerry had said Tuesday that cancer diagnosis would have "no impact at all" on his campaign, but some Democrats said it could raise questions about whether he is physically fit to lead the country.

"If it is indeed true that he will be able to rebound quickly, I don't think he'll miss a whole lot," said Joe Shannahan, a Democratic activist in Iowa, where Bill Bradley's 2000 Democratic campaign was dogged by questions about the former New Jersey senator's irregular heart beat. "But there are people who will take a second look at him now because health is very important in a presidential candidate."

Kerry, whose father died of prostate cancer at 85, spoke positively to reporters on Tuesday while disclosing a diagnosis that had been made on Christmas Eve.

Kerry is among a long list of public figures diagnosed with prostate cancer, including retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, FBI Director Robert Mueller, New York Yankees manager Joe Torre and former Sen. Bob Dole, the 1996 Republican presidential nominee.

Dole managed to wage a vigorous campaign five years after his surgery, but former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani abandoned his plans to run for the Senate in 2000 after being diagnosed with the disease.

S. Korea wants issue resolved peacefully

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.N. sanctions against North Korea could prolong the standoff over its nuclear weapons development, a top European Union official warned today.

"I don't think it is the moment to do sanctions," Javier Solana, the EU's foreign policy chief, told reporters in Seoul. "I do think that sanctions will contribute to the opposite of what we want to obtain, which is defusing of the crisis."

The International Atomic Energy Agency later today sent the issue to the U.N. Security Council, setting in motion a process that could lead to the imposition of sanctions against the communist country.

The North has said it would consider such sanctions a "declaration of war," suggesting that a move to punish the reclusive regime would escalate the dispute and make a peaceful resolution more difficult to reach.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, U.S. deputy ambassador Richard Williamson said the United States was "pleased" with the decision, but refused to comment on what action Washington might seek at the Security Council. He stressed, however, that the Bush administration believes the issue can be resolved diplomatically.

The United States had pressed the IAEA to refer the issue to the council because it believes the dispute is multilateral since North Korea pulled out of an international treaty — and isn't just a standoff with Washington.

South Korea pressed ahead today with its diplomatic efforts in economic meetings with North Korean delegates in Seoul. President-elect Roh Moo-hyun also dispatched two envoys to Russia and China.

At the Seoul talks, Southern delegates told the Northerners that a prompt resolution is important for inter-Korean exchange projects, according to a pool report by South Korean reporters.

The South has used its various contacts with the North to push for a settlement. The North Koreans, however have stuck to their position that only direct talks with Washington can solve the standoff.

Cho Myong-gyun, spokesman for the Southern delegation, quoted North Korean negotiators as saying that North Korea's stance is well known and that they could not make further comments about it.

The European Union is also trying to play a role.

Houston dentist accused of running down husband...

Prosecutor urges jurors to consider murder conviction

HOUSTON (AP) — A prosecutor urged jurors during closing arguments today to strongly consider a murder conviction for a woman who ran over her husband in a hotel parking lot after finding him with another woman.

The government says Clara Harris, 45, intentionally turned her Mercedes-Benz into a 4,000-pound murder weapon and hit David Harris, then swung the car around and hit him at least once more.

Harris says the death of her 44-year-old orthodontist husband was an accident and she hit him just once.

The jury was to consider murder charges, but also was expected to be asked to consider the lesser charges of manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide.

As prosecutor Mia Magness began her closing argument, she urged jurors to strongly consider murder and not to even consider the lesser charges.

"As a group, if you believe it's murder and two of you think it's a lesser offense, you do not have to compromise to accommodate them," she said.

Defense attorney George Parnham called David Harris' lover, Gail Bridges, a "homewrecker" who should share blame for what happened the evening of July 24 after Bridges and David Harris had a tryst at a hotel.

Obituaries

John Book

1929-2003

John B. Book, a resident of Snyder since 1957, died Monday, Feb. 10, in Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Book, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate.

Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Maple Hill Cemetery in Fairfield, Ill.

Born Sept. 15, 1929 in Fairfield, he married Norma Maricle on July 24, 1949 in Fairfield. He served in the Air Branch of the U.S. Navy from 1948-50 and was a lifetime member of the VFW.

Mr. Book moved from Fairfield to Anson in 1953 and to Snyder in 1957. He was employed at the Texaco Fuller Gas plant, retiring in 1989 as assistant plant superintendent.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Book, in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Book of Snyder; two daughters, Dee Ann Carroll of Lubbock and Jo Book of San Antonio; a son, Terry Book of San Antonio; two brothers, George Book of Kingsland and Jim Book of Batavia, Ill.; three sisters, Katie Black, Martha Phillips and Shirley Bell, all of Fairfield; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Several arrests made in Snyder

•Arrests

A man requested an officer at his home on Ave. N at 1:15 a.m. today and reported that his wife was intoxicated and she had stabbed him.

Two officers responded and advised no stabbing had occurred, but both subjects were intoxicated and an altercation did take place.

The woman, 36, was arrested for Class A assault, family violence and interfering with an emergency call.

Officers arrested a 28-year-old man at the Western Crest Apartments at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday on warrants for issuance of a bad check and for theft by check.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, officers took a 20-year-old man into custody on a warrant from Bellville for motion to revoke probation.

A 19-year-old woman was arrested at 11 p.m. Tuesday on warrants for failure to maintain liability insurance and violation of a promise to appear before a judge.

•Thefts

Laurel Dean reported someone taking her car stereo at 2801 Ave. M, but requested no report be made and said a family member might have taken the stereo.

A United employee reported a shoplifter in custody at the grocery store at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday. Officers escorted a juvenile female to the police department where she was released to family members.

Coliseum foreman Larry Thompson reported several backpacks taken from the Rule school bus during the basketball game. Rule officials said they would attempt to locate the bags.

•Trespassers

A woman reported problems with two men trespassing on her property and officers advised they would issue criminal trespass warnings to the men.

•Noise complaint

An anonymous caller reported loud music at 7:20 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of 37th Street. A subject was contacted and agreed to lower the volume.

•Close patrol

Snyder officers initiated a close patrol in the 1800 block of 39th Street just before midnight Tuesday after two men were seen running down the alley.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a drive off worth $38.34 at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday.

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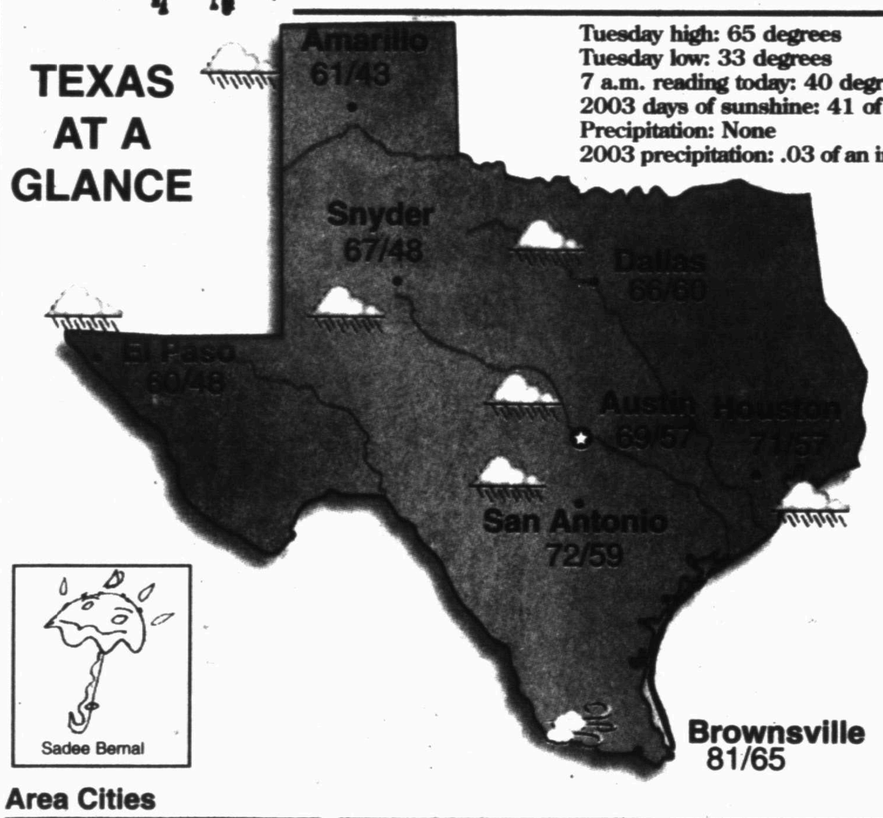
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Tuesday high: 65 degrees
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Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .03 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	68	58	rain	El Paso	60	48	rain	Midland	68	52	rain
Amarillo	61	43	rain	Fort Stockton	68	52	rain	Raymondville	80	61	rain
Austin	69	57	rain	Gainesville	62	53	rain	Rosenberg	71	57	rain
Beaumont	68	56	rain	Greenville	63	54	rain	San Antonio	72	59	rain
Brownsville	81	65	windy	Houston	71	57	rain	San Marcos	70	58	rain
Brownwood	69	56	rain	Kingsville	77	61	rain	Sulphur Springs	61	55	rain
Corpus Christi	74	62	rain	Livingston	69	55	rain	Sweetwater	69	55	rain
Corsicana	66	58	rain	Longview	63	56	rain	Tyler	67	61	rain
Dallas	66	60	rain	Lubbock	65	46	rain	Weatherford	64	53	rain
Del Rio	76	62	rain	Lufkin	69	60	rain	Wichita Falls	63	55	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	53	38	mst sunny	Houston	71	57	rain	Phoenix	73	56	rain
Boston	18	4	windy	Los Angeles	64	52	rain	San Francisco	58	50	rain
Chicago	33	20	pt sunny	Miami	75	62	pt sunny	Seattle	53	43	cloudy
Dallas	66	60	rain	Minneapolis	21	4	flurries	St. Louis	49	39	pt sunny
Denver	51	32	cloudy	New York	24	15	pt sunny	Washington, DC	37	24	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23	Mar 3

UV Index

Thu 2/13	Fri 2/14	Sat 2/15
Minimal	Moderate	Low

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

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