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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nostalgia is what enables us to recall fondly things that we once had to endure."

During certain times of the year, law enforcement officers often step up enforcement to ensure safety of motorists.

A fellow from Central Texas sent us the following scenario that you might want to use should you find yourself being introduced to a trooper on the side of the road.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: I see...can I see your vehicle registration papers please?

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer: You what?

Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The officer looked at the woman and slowly backed away to his car and called for back up. Within minutes five squad cars circled the car. A senior officer slowly approached the car, clasping his half-drawn service revolver.

Second officer: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please! The woman stepped out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, would you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opened the trunk, revealing nothing but a spare tire.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman dug to the bottom of her handbag and pulled out a clutch purse and handed it to the officer. After examining the license, the officer looked quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

The blonde wasn't as wise as her gray counterpart.

An officer stopped a woman for speeding and asked to see her driver's license.

She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just last week you take my license away, and today you expect me to show it to you."

Stock show a 'success'

Sale generates $62,500 for exhibitors as 126 animals are auctioned

The future of farming and ranching seems bright as indicated by the enthusiastic representation of young 4-H and FFA members at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show.

SCJLA President Billy Grimmett considered the event a tremendous accomplishment.

"This year's show was very successful. We had a lot of support from the community and local businesses and we really appreciate it. I know the kids really appreciate everything."

Grimmett was pleased with the attendance at the premium sale that followed the show.

"Everything sold and that's good. We had good attendance at the sale and the result was that the kids had a return for all their hard work," he said.

The sale brought in $62,250 with 126 animals placed in the auction. Scurry County 4-H member Laramie Gilbert's grand champion steer was the top seller. The steer was purchased by Grimmett Brothers Construction for $1,550.

The grand champion lamb, owned by Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4-H, sold to West Texas State Bank for $1,000. Snyder FFA member Remington Bloom's grand champion pig sold to Robert Early Welding for $1,050. The grand champion goat, owned by Chad Nickerson, Ira FFA sold to Key Brothers Honda, fetching $1,000.

Chase Peterson, Scurry County FFA, sold his reserve grand champion steer for $925 to Fluid Transport.

The reserve grand champion lamb, owned by Kaci Waller, Ira FFA, sold for $625 to Smith Family Farms and H.E.B.

K'Ana Garcia's reserve grand champion hog was purchased by Mesquite Oil Tools for $775.

Laramie Gilbert owned the reserve grand champion goat that sold to Ben Murphy CPA, H.E.B. and Joe LaRoux Insurance for $750.

While this year's production ended on a high note, the show's new location in the coliseum annex will be an experiment.

"The junior livestock association is about the kids anyway. We want to continue to put on a show that will be beneficial to them and that's the bottom line. I hope that the future shows will work out and be as successful."

The necessity for relocating the show from the main coliseum was prompted by the purchase of a new air conditioning system set to cost the county $150,068. In light of this, representatives of the Scurry County parks and recreation voiced concerns to county commissioners at the Dec. 15 commissioners court meeting about the dirt, hair and oils collected by the cooling coils being detrimental to the system.

The news prompted Grimmett and other members of the SCJLA board to voice the possibility of future shows being relocated.

As a consolation, commissioners offered the coliseum annex at no charge to the SCJLA, which they accepted.

Grimmett is optimistic, hoping that the changes will be positive.

"The junior livestock association wants to work as smoothly as we can with the county commissioners," said Grimmett. "We're very hopeful that the next show will be equally as successful. This will be new, so we'll just have to wait to see how the new location works."

Scott Crenwelge, director of parks and recreation, has a number of ideas that he hopes will make the participants and their animals as comfortable as possible at the next Best of Texas show which is scheduled for July. His goal is to have a "water wall" design cooling system in place in time for the competition.

AFTER THE LIVESTOCK — Parks director Scott Crenwelge operates a tractor pushing hundreds of yards of dirt out of the coliseum following the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Commissioners Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey were among the clean-up crew on the job Monday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Bush's speech is tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) —With Campaign 2004 officially under way, President Bush will use his State of the Union address tonight to propose measures designed to bring millions of uninsured onto the health care rolls, while urging Americans to stand behind him in the war on terrorism.

Bush will take advantage of the high-visibility speech to the nation to highlight his election-year agenda, a day after Democrats formally kicked off their presidential nomination selection process in the Iowa caucuses. Sen. John Kerry vaulted to victory in the contest.

In his nationally televised address, scheduled for 8 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol, Bush will open with remarks on national security, then move into domestic priorities, contrary to past practice, aides said. He will urge Americans to back him on combating terrorism, arguing that the path he has chosen is the right one: using war to confront Iraq, diplomacy to urge North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons, persuasion to convince Libya to give up its illicit weapons.

Bush will propose steps to rein in the rising costs of health care, administration officials said. They include offering tax incentives to make high-deductible, low-premium policies more attractive, and to bring more people into the insurance system; offering health savings accounts, which allow workers to place money into accounts tax-free and withdraw it with no tax penalty for medical expenses; passing Bush's medical-malpractice award caps; and allowing businesses to pool their resources to get workers coverage.

Bush will also call for a more aggressive use of medical technology to reduce the number of medical mistakes, which drive up health care costs.

The administration seeks to attack the costs of health care, rather than pouring billions of dollars in government money into bringing more people onto the rolls, White House officials said. The measures, taken together, could bring millions of uninsured people into the health care system.

The president changed the order of his speech, choosing to end it with a long section on domestic concerns, at a time when Americans' priorities are shifting to domestic issues. An ABC News-Washington Post poll published today showed the number of Americans who want him to devote most of his speech to domestic issues has risen from 31 percent just before the 2002 address to 40 percent today.

One new Bush initiative will be increased job retraining in an economy that has seen the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs in manufacturing.

Bush's job approval rating, 58 percent in the ABC-Washington Post poll taken Sunday, is higher than for any president at this point in his term since President Eisenhower in 1956. Bush's numbers are buoyed by his leadership on the fight against terrorism.

Bill Seale, Kris Seale, Bill Wilson III...

New directors elected to SNB board

Three new directors of Snyder National Bank took their seat on the board of Snyder's oldest financial institution today.

"Bill Seale, Kris Seale and Bill Wilson III are the new bank directors," said Joe Jackson, president and CEO.

The board addition is a result of a stock ownership change last October.

The 62 percent interest was purchased from related interests of the late C.W. Murchison family and the Roger B. Mize family. In all, the stock transition represented 25 selling entities.

Bill Seale has lived in Snyder since 1963, having moved from Matador. He has been involved in the ownership of several funeral homes in West Texas, including Bell-Cypert-Seale in Snyder. He has served on the Snyder city council both as a councilman and mayor.

Bill Seale

He has also served on the Snyder school board.

He was the first president of the Development Corporation of Snyder (DCOS).

In 1978, Seale and his partners organized Funeral Directors Life Insurance Company, a legal reserve life insurance firm, and Affiliated Funeral Supply, a regional casket distribution center headquartered in Abilene.

Kris Seale

Kris Seale, a 1981 graduate of Snyder High School, is presently president of Directors Investment Group of Abilene. The company is a consortium of nine corporations, including Legal Reserve Life Insurance Co.

He graduated from Baylor in 1985 and is a certified public accountant. He is the son of Bill and Finnie Seale.

Bill Wilson III

Bill Wilson III graduated from Snyder High School in 1971 and Texas Tech University in 1975.

In 1989, Bill and his wife, Nancy, purchased the Chevrolet dealership. Prior to that time, he was the vice president and general manager of Wilson Motors, a Ford dealership in Snyder owned by his father, Bill Wilson Jr.

He later purchased the General Motors dealership and combined them into the present Big Country Autoland.

Wilson has served the community in many capacities, including being a member of the DCOS board, the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board and the Economic Development Committee.

Wilson also was a member of the task force that successfully located the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder.

Other board members are Joe Jackson, president and chief executive officer; Ted Crenwelge, Ralph Miller, Max von Roeder and John Ward.

Jury selection is underway today

Jury selection in the trial of a 20-year-old Snyder man continued at noon today in 132nd District Court.

Johnny Vasquez, 4700 Ave. R, is charged with burglary of a home with intent to commit an assault that occurred on Aug. 23. He was indicted in September and bond was set at $10,000.

Assistant district attorney Ben Smith is the prosecutor and defense attorney is Pete Greene.

Blood drive continues until 6 p.m. today

The community-wide blood drive continues until 6 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

On Wednesday the drive will move to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital parking lot with blood donations being taken from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, the drive will be held at Wal-Mart where the donor coach will be available for blood donations from 1-3 p.m.

"Potential donors must be at least 17 years old and in good health," said Rhonda Teal of United Blood Services (UBS).

The drive is sponsored by the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and UBS.

ASK US

Q—What network is broadcasting the Super Bowl this year? What time does the game start?

A—CBS. Kick-off is scheduled for 5:25 p.m. local time Feb. 1.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Glenna Bane...

...has been a Snyder resident all of her life and is the mother of Gaylan Mason and Delwin Bane, both of Snyder, Eddie Bane of Andrews and Chuck Bane of Midland, and she has nine grandchildren. Glenna retired from Travis Flowers after 15 years. She now enjoys country music, especially western swing and she is looking forward to the West Texas Western Swing Music Festival in June.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Working in Washington means that you're trying to do God's work in the Devil's workshop.

—Phil Gramm

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Project LINUS meeting

Project LINUS will meet at 7 tonight at First Christian Church. The group will check all the "blanketeer" progress on the quilt blocks. Anyone interested in joining is welcome and more information can be obtained by calling Marsha Cribb at 573-7117.

LVN testing dates

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

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at Trinity United Methodist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Gifted/talented parent meeting

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

Chamber of commerce to meet

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce Board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the chamber.

United Way short of goal

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Krispie Kreme Doughnuts

Snyder Little Dribblers will be selling Krispie Kreme Doughnuts from 7 a.m. until noon Saturday at Wal-Mart for $6 per dozen.

Marriage enhancement seminar

Snyder's First Church of the Nazarene is offering a marriage enhancement seminar, *Making Marriage Work*, from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and also Saturday, Jan. 31. Call 573-5601 for more information.

Chili supper

Hermleigh senior class will hold a chili supper from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday in the Hermleigh cafeteria. Adult tickets are $5, and a child's plate is $3.

Concert at Word Is Life

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

Book fair

Scurry Community Services is hosting its annual book fair from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 26-30. Family night is 5-6:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.

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.

What's up guidelines

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

Thousands take part in MLK march

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An estimated 60,000 people turned out on a cold Monday morning to take part in the annual march to honor the words and deeds of Martin Luther King Jr. on the 75th anniversary of the slain civil rights leader's birth.

Events were also held in Houston, Dallas, Austin and elsewhere around Texas.

The three-mile San Antonio march — which organizers say is the nation's largest King Day gathering — served both to remember King's philosophy of nonviolence and to denounce President Bush's decision to go to war with Iraq.

"If he were here today, he would probably be preaching to get us out of Iraq," said Rod Stryker, who marched with a small group called Poets for Peace.

The march was led by two symbolic vehicles, and behind them a multiracial procession on foot stretched back for blocks.

Out front was a garbage truck, a reminder that King was helping striking sanitation workers in Memphis when he was assassinated in April 1968.

Next came a yellow school bus to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark ruling in Brown vs. Board of Education, which started the long process of desegregating the nation's public schools.

Rev. Claudette Copeland, the keynote speaker, said the Martin Luther King holiday is a vehicle to celebrate African American contributions to the nation, and for that reason, it must be viewed as more than just a day off from work.

"We cannot allow our history to shrink and become small," she said to loud cheers. "We cannot allow our holiday to be trivialized — to kick back, drink beer and eat barbecue."

Election-year political messages and voter-registration drives were in abundance. The Howard Dean and Wesley Clark campaigns had strategically situated booths, while representatives for Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich laid one of the many wreathes during a ceremony.

"You must remember Dr. King's message," said Charlie Gonzalez, a San Antonio congressman running for re-election. "March and vote."

In Austin, about 1,500 people gathered at the Capitol for a rally and march to Huston-Tillotson College, a small, historically black campus.

The rally had distinct political tones with Democrats and Republican office holders using the podium to tout their message and signs in the crowd supporting candidates for president, protesting the war in Iraq and activists working the crowd to register voters.

Stacey Thompson said she attends the Austin rally every year, hoping today's youth will embrace the rights earned by King's generation.

"Young people need to learn," she said. "We've been blessed a little bit because of the actions of those who came before us."

In Houston, beads and candy were thrown from floats to spectators who lined downtown streets for an annual parade.

"What I want to teach them is just being gentle and nice to everybody," said Tira Harvey, who brought her children to the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation parade.

In Dallas, hundreds of spectators cheered and clapped as floats and marching bands rolled through city streets. Parade organizer Daryl Blair said the message in the year King would have turned 75 hasn't changed.

Today's chuckle

80-pound chimpanzee escapes again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An 80-pound chimpanzee dubbed an "escape artist" has done it again.

The 15-year-old chimp named Gracie busted out of her enclosure at the Los Angeles Zoo on Monday and forced the evacuation of about 9,000 visitors.

The primate, who had escaped four times before, was tranquilized and returned to captivity after 45 minutes, the zoo said.

Zoo Director John Lewis said Gracie is well known as a breakout specialist since she arrived in 1998.

"Each time we've made corrections based on her abilities, and she's found another way," Lewis said.

Gracie slipped out of her exhibit at 3:30 p.m. into the zoo crowded with visitors for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

The chimp didn't stray far from her enclosure, however, and zoo staff surrounded her and moved her to another part of the park.

Visitors were ordered to evacuate while Gracie was on the loose, but Lewis said no one was harmed.

Gracie is currently being held in an enclosure with tighter security until designers can ensure she won't escape again, Lewis said.

Couple charged in death of 6-year-old

ATLANTA (AP) — A husband and wife have been charged with murdering a 6-year-old girl whose back was broken in what police said may have been an exorcism gone wrong.

The couple was arrested Monday after being spotted on the street naked in the freezing cold along with two other children.

Police said the dead girl, whose body was discovered in a motel room, had been strangled and stabbed, and her back was broken. An autopsy was planned.

Based on what the adults told authorities, investigators believe "they were involved possibly in a ritual of some sort," police spokesman John Quigley said. "It may have had something to do with undemonizing the child in some manner."

Christopher Carey, 29, and Valerie Carey, 27, were charged with murder late Monday, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on its Web site. They initially were charged with cruelty to children, public indecency and obstruction of police and were taken to a psychiatric ward. They were later moved to a jail.

Police learned of the death around 12:30 a.m. when the unidentified man and woman were seen walking naked down a city street with two children, a 2-year-old boy and a 7-year-old girl, Quigley said.

World Almanac

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004

Today is the 20th day of 2004 and the 30th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1841, China ceded the island of Hong Kong to the British.

In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated president of the United States.

In 1981, the Iran hostage crisis ended as 52 U.S. captives were released in Tehran, just after President Jimmy Carter left office.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Burns (1896-1996), comedian; Federico Fellini (1920-1993), film director; Patricia Neal (1926-), actress, is 78; Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin (1930-), astronaut, is 74; David Lynch (1946-), director, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1980, the Pittsburgh Steelers won their second straight Super Bowl by defeating the Los Angeles Rams, 31-19.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate." — George Burns

TODAY'S FACT: There are an estimated 50,000 centenarians in the United States today, and the number should be many times larger by the year 2050, as more and more health-conscious baby boomers (born 1946 to 1964) make it to advanced old age.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,052 — The height in feet of Burj al Arab (The Arabian Tower) near Dubai, the tallest hotel in the world.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 15) and new moon (Jan. 21).

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Southern Mesa Ag Conference will be held Jan. 29 in Lamesa

"The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, and other crops," says, Greg Gruben, Extension Agent for Scurry County.

This conference will be held Thursday, Jan. 29, in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, and will begin at 8 a.m.

The registration fee, which includes notebook, pen, tire gauge, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is $20 if paid by Friday.

After Friday, the registration fee will be $25. Registration forms and fees, payable to "S.M.A.C.", should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza Counties, will feature information on cotton production for both irrigated and dryland cotton; weed control options for 2004; South Plains peanut production; grain sorghum production; control of salt cedar and mesquite (brush busters).

Others are control of brush in fence line (IPT); grazing wheat for profit-diversification of small grain production with livestock; implementation of cattle into cropping systems and self-study laws & regulations.

Top quality speakers from across the state and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (2 IPM and 3 general) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Participants will also have the opportunity to acquire one (1) additional CEU in laws and regulations through a self-study program.

Speakers include Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. J.F. Cadenhead, Dr. Ted McCollum, and Extension Agent Tommy Doederlein with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Producers who wish to pre-register should mail their check for registration to the Texas Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331. Remember, the registration fee is $20 if paid by Friday. After that, the fee will be $25.

All persons with disabilities will be accommodated for the meeting. Contact Tommy Doederlein at the Dawson County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension (806) 872-3444 as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary and/or service needed.

Hostage negotiations continue

BUCKEYE, Ariz. (AP) — Negotiators worked around the clock to try to free a pair of correctional officers taken hostage by two inmates in a weapons-stocked guard tower, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Negotiators first spoke with the hostages early Monday or late Sunday and the talks were continuing, Cam Hunter, a state Corrections Department spokeswoman, said today, the third day of the standoff. She described the talks as calm.

"We've had some dialogue with inmates," she said. "There have been some very basic needs demands that they (negotiators) have been able to meet." She didn't elaborate on the demands.

The standoff began Sunday morning after an inmate attacked a guard in the prison kitchen. The prisoner and another inmate then got into an observation tower where the two guards were stationed.

Corrections officials were in contact with the inmates by phone and said Monday they continue to believe the two guards have not been seriously harmed.

Hunter said that while authorities have not had visual contact with either the guards or inmates, they are hopeful nothing has changed.

"We're still confident that the status is the same," Hunter said earlier.

The hostages include a male correctional officer who was injured. Officials did not release details of the injury, but said the other hostage, a female correctional officer, was not believed to be hurt.

"It's positive that the inmates allowed us to talk to the officers," Hunter said.

The tower is believed to be stocked with weapons, prison officials said. Until the crisis is resolved, the 4,400 other inmates at the medium- to high-security Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis remained locked in their cells.

Authorities would not say whether the inmates had made any threats, and would not disclose whether they were armed or why they were in prison.

Officials said it was unclear whether the standoff resulted from a botched escape attempt.

"When this is all said and done, we'll do a thorough analysis of what happened and how it can be prevented in the future," Gov. Janet Napolitano said Monday.

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Monday's Lottery Numbers

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

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Match 5 numbers: 1, $44,960
Match 4 numbers: 117, $173
Match 3 numbers: 4,256, $11
Match 2 numbers: 43,857, $2

Pick 3
(Day) 1-0-1
(Night) 0-3-3

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AFRICAN SAFARIES PROGRAM — Joe and Wanda Falls' daughter and son-in-law and their friends presented a program on their most recent trip to Tanzania to members of the Atheneum Study Club Monday evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The foursome have made three trips to Africa in six years and they showed slides and displayed many souvenirs. Wanda is shown left with Melba and Jim Ellison of Jal, N.M., and her daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Jim Mason of Midland. Andrea teaches first grade in Andrews and her husband is operator supervisor of Pure Oil Co. Ellison is operational superintendent for Apache Oil Co. of Wink and Melba is a clerk for the Sid Richardson Plant in Jal. Mason in planning another hunting trip in Russia soon. Atheneum meets again on Feb. 10 for a China painting program by Virginia Lowrance. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Keep your weight-loss goal in mind during the big game

This Weight Watchers game plan scores big with super tips for healthy and tasty game-day eats.

It's fourth down and goal to go for the big win. Your strong defense kept the opposition at bay for the three previous food-filled downs:

*First down — Thanksgiving. Being prepared and flexible helped you get through the big holiday feast.

*Second down — Holiday Parties. Smart substitutions and successfully navigating December's holiday gatherings kept you on the right track.

*Third down — New Year's. Setting your sights on attainable goals maintained your resolve, leaving one remaining play for the victory over unwanted pounds.

And now, with the game on the line, are you prepared to meet the final challenge and defeat weight gain in the "Battle of the Bulge?" The season — ending, super-Sunday game is the last major food event of the winter season. FlexPoints from Weight Watchers provides the much-needed leeway for tackling life's unforeseen events and the occasional planned extra. So despite its hefty selection of chips, dips, chili, submarines and beer, this annual sports smorgasbord can be an event enjoyed by all with a little planning and proper portion practice.

To help solidify your big win and avoid packing on the extra pounds, Weight Watchers recommends a flexible game plan for Sunday's big game.

Score Big! — Seven Touchdown Tips from Weight Watchers:

1. Squelch your thirst — Drink diet soda, club soda, Seltzer, or non-alcoholic beer. If beer is your beverage of choice, remember this...one 12-fluid-ounce can of beer is 150 calories.

2. Something to crunch — Pretzels are a great substitute for chips. They have a great salty taste, hearty crunch, and less calories than potato chips. For added flavor, mustard makes a zesty pretzel dip.

3. Finger food — Order or prepare a fresh fruit or vegetable tray instead of a cheese tray.

4. Slam, dunk and dip — Plain yogurt makes an excellent alternative for sour cream in dips. Vegetable salsas are very flavorful substitutes for dips, they're lower in calories, and can spice up any low-fat potato or corn chip.

5. Hearty food for the soul — Try putting a healthy spin on a game-day favorite and prepare vegetarian chili instead of the traditional meat-based variety.

6. Zesty hot wings — Instead of buffalo-style wings, make chicken fingers using skinless chicken breast strips. Season for a spicy taste and dip into a low-fat blue cheese, mustard, honey, or barbecue sauce.

7. Don't just sit there! — Get up and get moving before the game, during the extended half-time show, and after the game has ended. Go outside and take an evening stroll or enjoy a game of catch.

These seven surefire tips can help you defeat weight gain during Sunday's big game. In addition to the tips mentioned, Weight Watchers offers the following recipe for your home team, including:

TURKEY FAJITA ROLLS

Makes 4 servings

1 red bell pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips

4 turkey cutlets (about 1 pound)

½ teaspoon Mexican seasoning spice blend

¼ teaspoon salt

4 scallions (green part only)

½ cup prepared salsa

1. Preheat the oven to 450F. Place the bell pepper strips on a baking sheet and lightly spray with nonstick spray. Roast until softened, 8-10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

2. Meanwhile, place each cutlet, with one long side facing you, on a work surface. Sprinkle the tops with the Mexican seasoning and salt; turn the cutlets over. Arrange one-fourth of the bell pepper strips and scallions across one short end of each cutlet and roll up to make 4 fajita rolls. (The ends of the scallion and bell peppers strips should extend out of each roll.) Secure the ends of the rolls with toothpicks.

3. Spray a large nonstick skillet with nonstick spray and set over medium-high heat. Add the fajita rolls and cook until browned, about 1 minute on each side. Wrap the handle of the skillet in foil. Transfer the skillet to the oven and roast until the rolls are cooked through, 7-10 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing.

POINTS: Value per serving: 3 (1 roll): 156 Cal, 1 g Fat, 0 g Sat Fat, 82 mg Chol, 363 mg Sod, 5 g Carb, 1 g Fib, 31 g Prot, 33 mg Calc.

Be not slow to visit the sick.
—Ecclesiastes

University orchestra plans tribute to 'Mr. Rogers'

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. (AP) — A university orchestra and choir will perform the world premiere next month of an 11-movement composition that will serve as a tribute to the late Fred Rogers, known to millions as Mister Rogers.

Slippery Rock University's 25-piece orchestra and 65-member choir will present "In Memoriam: A Requiem for Mr. Rogers," a one-hour piece that includes English, Hebrew and Latin lyrics, poetry and dramatic readings.

Luke Mayernik, 21, the music director at St. Justin Church in the Mount Washington neighborhood of Pittsburgh, began to write the composition a few months after Rogers died of stomach cancer at age 74 on Feb. 27. He did so at the urging of St. Justin parishioner Maggie Stewart, who played "Mayor Maggie" on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

The tribute to Rogers will debut Feb. 29 at St. Justin Church, followed by a performance March 2 at Butler County Community College.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Dad's Alzheimer diagnosis is met by angry siblings denial

DEAR ABBY: For years now, my dad's health has slowly deteriorated. He has good days when he kind of knows what's going on, and bad days when his whole world is off balance. Recently he suffered some mini-strokes, and last September the doctor diagnosed him with Alzheimer's.

I was there when Dad was diagnosed. You could see the look of relief on his face to finally have a name for what was going on inside him. He told the doctor, "Well, at least now I know I'm not going crazy" because it was a medical condition he could comprehend.

The problem is his siblings. They get angry at Mom when she tells the doctor how Dad is at home and accuse her of exaggerating. They get upset with us for not letting Dad drive, even though he doesn't see well and has been known to get lost. They have even gone behind our backs and told Dad he does not have Alzheimer's, which only compounds the problem.

Some of Dad's siblings see him only once a week at church. They all insist he is "fine" and blame Mom for his lack of "spirit." One aunt, in particular, is cold and nasty toward Mom.

Poor Mom has a hard enough time being caregiver to a man who doesn't always recognize us and can't remember names. There are times when Dad runs to the neighbors saying, "People are in the house trying to steal things."

Mom, who has always been a strong woman, cries almost daily. She does not deserve nor need the aggravation that Dad's siblings are causing. She loves Dad and wants, as we do, only the best for him.

How can I handle this? Mom wanted to include Dad's family in what is going on with him, but all it's done is bring heartache and sadness. — **THEY'RE NOT HELPING**

DEAR THEY'RE NOT HELPING: You and your mother have my deepest sympathy. Your father's siblings are in deep denial — which is probably why they can't bring themselves to admit what is really happening. Their anger at your mother is part of their denial. They would rather believe that she is exaggerating than come to grips with the truth.

What your mother needs now is emotional support. I recommend that she contact the Alzheimer's Association ((800) 272-3900) for the location of the nearest support group. No caregiver should have to go through this experience alone — and with their help, she won't.

P.S. Your father should not be out of the house unescorted, and he certainly does not belong behind the wheel of a car.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Palette Club; airport terminal; hostess, Virginia Lowrance; bring pictures for library; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-20-04
♠ A K 5 2
♥ A J 8 7 3
♦ A J 6
♣ K

West
♠ J 10 8 7
♥ 5 4
♦ 5 3
♣ J 8 4 3 2

East
♠ Q 4 3
♥ 2
♦ 10 8 4 2
♣ A Q 9 7 5

South
♠ 9 6
♥ K Q 10 9 6
♦ K Q 9 7
♣ 10 6

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 2

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004

A second slam accident aids Italy

By Phillip Alder

We are looking at the seven big-swing deals from the final session of last year's Bermuda Bowl final between Italy and the United States. Before this deal, the fifth of the 16 to be played, Italy trailed by 17 points: 255-272.

How would you and your partner bid those North-South cards, North opening the bidding?

For the Italians, Norberto Bocchi (North) opened one heart. Giorgio Duboin (South) responded two notrump, showing four-plus hearts with 7-11 points but no singleton or void. North made some inquiry bids before settling into six hearts. East led a low diamond, so declarer claimed an overtrick for plus 1,010.

For the U.S. team, Paul Soloway (North) opened with a strong and artificial one club, promising at least 17 points. Bob Hamman (South) responded with an artificial one heart, showing 8-11 points. The next two bids were natural; then Soloway's three spades was a natural slam-try. The consensus was that Hamman, with such powerful trumps (he could have had only queen-third) should have raised to five hearts. Remember, Soloway had made a slam-try.

West led a low club, so the contract was held to 12 tricks: plus 480. However, that meant a net swing of 530 points to Italy, which converted to 11 international match points. The U.S. lead was down to six: 272-266.

In a natural system, after North opens one heart, South should immediately produce a game-forcing raise; his hand, despite its having only 10 high-card points, is strong enough. Then North will drive into six hearts via Blackwood.

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The Pattern of the Gospel: Who was Jesus?
Paul urged Timothy in II Timothy 1: 13 to hold onto the pattern of teaching that he had heard from the apostle himself. That was sound teaching. What was the teaching of the apostles? We read the New Testament to find the answer to that question. What we find when we read is very much a clear and distinct pattern of teaching concerning Christ, the Christian life and the body of Christ, the church.
As the apostles taught about Jesus Christ, they spoke about the identity of Christ. The Gospel of John begins in John 1:1-4 with clear claims about Jesus. He was with God in the beginning. He was God in nature and character and all things that exist were created through Him. John 1: 14 begins the story of Jesus by telling us that the eternal God became flesh and lived for a while among us. That is the life of Jesus.
It is an amazing idea, God and man combined in one person. This is Jesus Christ. This was the teaching of the apostles regarding Jesus. Paul described the birth and life of Jesus in vivid terms in Philippians 2:5-11. Though He was equal in every way with God the Father, Jesus did not hold onto his place in heaven. He emptied himself of all that glory and truly became a man. Hebrews 1: 1-3 speaks of Jesus in the same way. The Son of God is the exact representation of God's being. Colossians 2:9 says simply, "In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form." A recent hymn states it well:
"Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity, in perfect harmony the man who is God. Born of eternity, dwells in humanity, kneels in humility and washes our feet. Oh what a mystery....bow down and worship for this is your God".
The pattern of the apostles' teaching begins with the identity of Jesus.
Dale Huff

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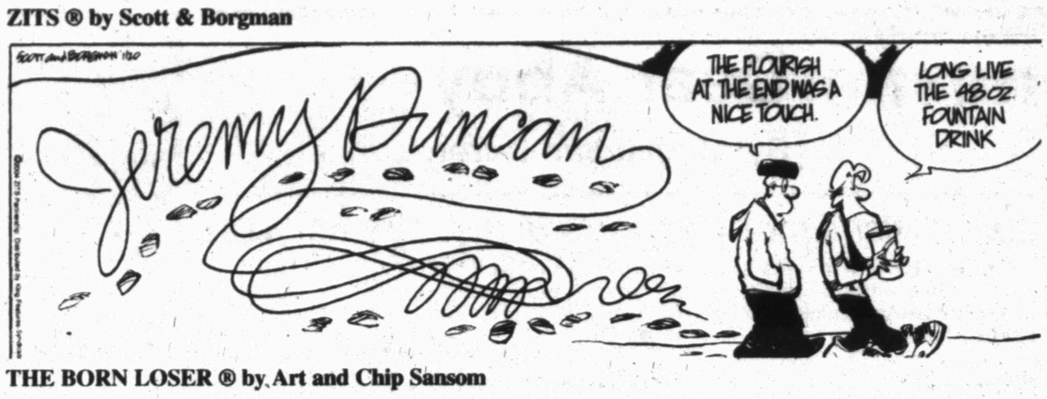

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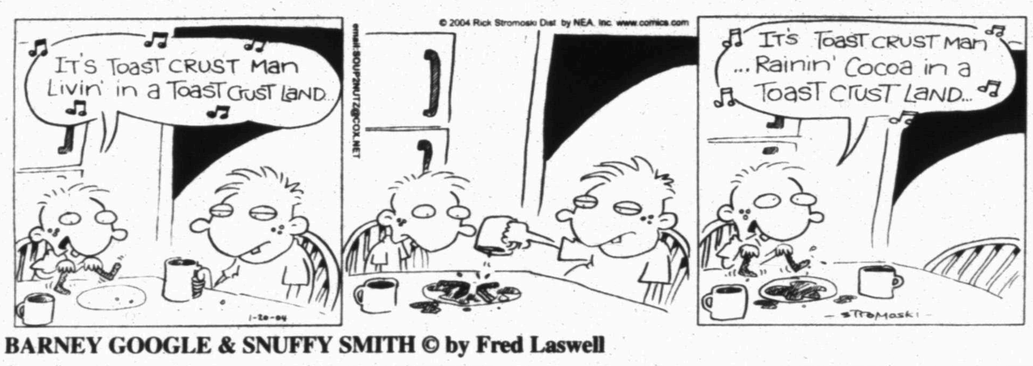

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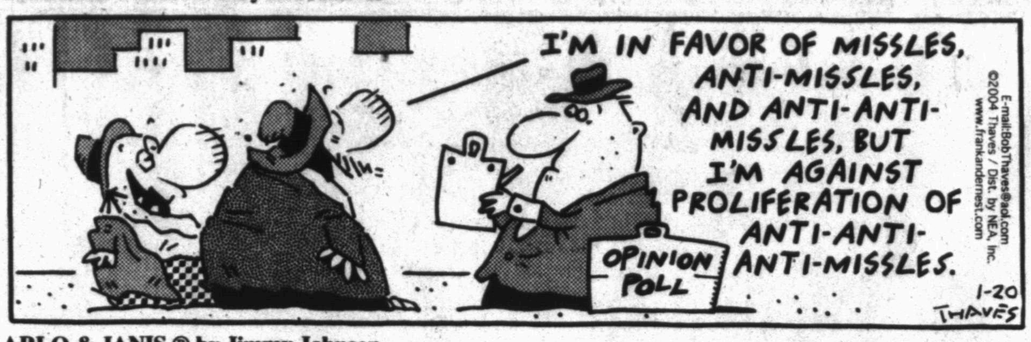

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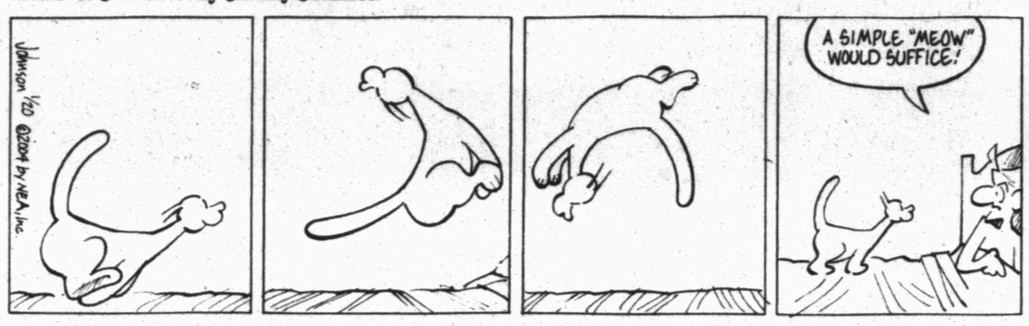

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1 Court
4 Respiratory organ
8 Tentacle
11 "Raiders of the Lost —"
12 Audition goal
13 Kind of tide
15 Dover's st.
16 BMW rival
17 Seize
18 Is absorbed
20 Quilt filler
21 Work — — sweat
23 Financial mag
24 Catcall
27 Watermelon part
29 Put on
32 Nitric, e.g.
33 Holds up
34 It may be fragile
35 Wintry cry
36 Late-night host Whitman
37 Disney or
38 Bring action
39 Former U.N. member
40 Territory
41 Started a fire
42 "Mona Lisa" singer
44 Ha-has
47 Tiber locale
51 Part of OSU
52 Wins at rummy
55 Kind of neckline
56 Roofing piece
57 Caspian Sea feeder
58 Devour
59 Sock tip
60 VCR insert
61 Slalom need

DOWN

1 Gamblers' rolls
2 Black-and-white snack
3 N. Mex. neighbor
4 Understand
5 Debtor's letters
6 Attorney's deg.
7 Garland
8 Prank
9 Interpret
10 Brand
14 — annum
19 Northern Iraqi
20 Boundaries
22 Collar
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24 Pokes
25 Neutral color
26 Blarney Stone site
28 Charged particles
29 Beloved
30 Stare
31 — bene
36 Director — Bunuel
37 Light bulb meas.
41 Flood barrier
43 Corridor
44 Protrude
45 "Put a lid — —!"
46 Weight in Canada
48 Forum hellos
49 Drip
50 Himalayan humanoid
52 Kind of instinct
53 Retiree's kitty
54 Doze

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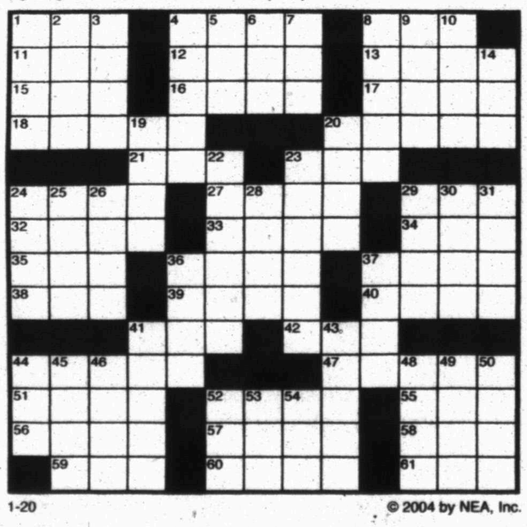

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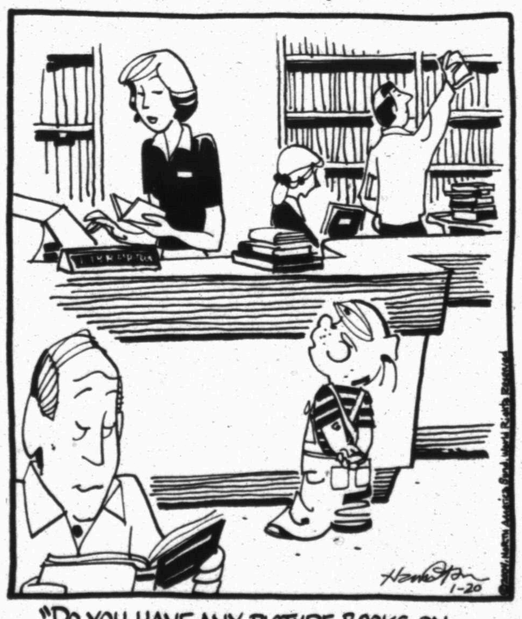

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"I've never told anyone before, but I was aiming at a crocodile."

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers shoot for 19th in a row

The Lady Tigers try to extend their winning streak to 19 games tonight, when they host the Lady Badgers of Merkel at 6:30 p.m. at Tiger Gym.

Snyder, which has not lost since Nov. 25, is currently ranked 12th in the state in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll. The Lady Tigers cooled off a red-hot Sweetwater club, 48-41, Friday at Sweetwater.

The Lady Badgers are at the opposite end of the spectrum, having won just three times in 22 games. Denver City beat them, 52-30, on Friday.

The Tigers square off tonight at 8 with a Merkel club that is vying for another district crown this year. The Badgers improved to 18-4 with a 55-42 win over Denver City in the district opener for both clubs.

The Tigers dropped their first district game, 48-28, at Sweetwater Friday.

The Ira teams will be at Sands tonight, with the Lady Bulldogs getting underway at 6:30 and the Bulldogs tipping-off at 8.

The Hermleigh varsity plays host to Westbrook tonight, with the Lady Cards getting started at 6:30 and the boys playing at 8.

Pistons keep streak intact with fourth-quarter surge

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Moments after the Detroit Pistons matched the longest winning streak in team history, Chauncey Billups was looking forward to breaking it.

Billups scored 13 of his 18 points in the final 3:17 to lift Detroit to an 85-77 victory over the defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs on Monday for its 13th straight win.

Despite the streak, the Pistons have made up just two games — to pull within 2½ of the Central Division-leading Indiana Pacers. The Pacers, with former Pistons coach Rick Carlisle, are 2-0 against the Pistons this season — and the teams meet again Tuesday night in Indianapolis.

"We've definitely been looking forward to that one," Billups said.

Billups made the record-breaking game possible for Detroit.

After missing eight of his first nine shots, he made his last three from the field and four from the free-throw line.

"If I get a look late in the game, I just feel like I'm going to make it," he said. "I don't know what it is in me."

The only other time Detroit won 13 in a row was in the 1989-90 season, when "The Bad Boys" won their second straight NBA title — with Joe Dumars at shooting guard.

"This has been a great run and these guys deserve it," said Dumars, now the Pistons' president of basketball operations. "I'm very proud of the coaching staff and the players for giving such an incredible effort."

Blackwell JHS outlasts HJHS

The Hermleigh junior high Cardinals were stopped by Blackwell Monday, 55-25.

Jeremy Eaton and Dustin Dacus scored six each, and Brett McClure add four.

Tech runs roughshod over OU

LUBBOCK (AP) — Coach Bob Knight and star player Andre Emmett embraced on the court Monday night after yet another win.

So, is this the start of a new tradition at Texas Tech?

"If we keep winning, we'll keep hugging," Emmett said.

"That's probably the answer," Knight agreed.

The No. 18 Red Raiders won their 11th in a row, routing No. 20 Oklahoma 67-47.

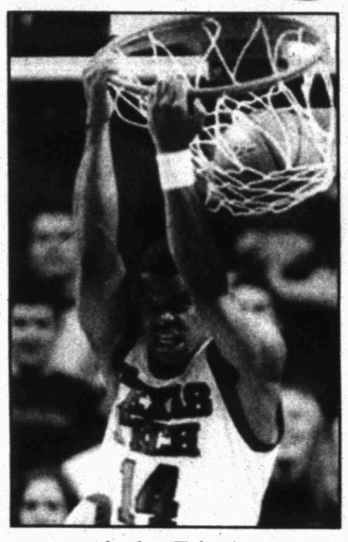
Despite the victory, Knight was not ready to say his team was on a roll.

"Who knows?" he said. "We may not have it tomorrow. We could be as different tomorrow as black and white or as apples and watermelons. You just have to continue to be focused and play as well as you can."

Emmett scored 21 points to lead Tech to its longest win streak under Knight. The Red Raiders won 10 in a row during the 2001-02 season — his first at the school — before a loss at Oklahoma.

It's also their longest since the 1995-1996 season, the year the Red Raiders went to the Sweet 16. They won 23 straight games that season.

Earlier in the day, the Red Raiders (15-2, 3-0 Big 12) moved up to their highest ranking under Knight.



Andre Emmitt

The Sooners (10-4, 0-3), meanwhile, dropped their fourth straight game. In three of the defeats — against Connecticut, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech — they lost by at least 20 points.

Oklahoma has lost four in a row for the first time in five seasons. The Sooners are off to an 0-3 start in conference play for the first time since the 1980-81 season.

"The team is not at the level we've been," Sooners coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Right now we're struggling on offense. We just don't have a lot of guys we can depend on to make baskets."

Knight praised Emmett's play and said he is learning what it is means to be a leader.

"I just like the way he's matured this year," he said. "He's just beginning to understand that a really great basketball player is a total player, not just a scorer. The really good player has to be a leader. He's not just a guy."

Devonne Giles and Jackson added 12 points each and Ronald Ross got 10 for the Red Raiders.

Jason Detrick scored 11 points, and Larry Turner and Lawrence McKenzie added nine each to lead the Sooners.

Oklahoma, which was last in the Big 12 in field-goal percentage (42 percent) coming into the game, again had difficulty finding the basket. They finished 19-of-58 for 33 percent.

The Sooners' point total matched their lowest of the season, set in a 47-45 win over Purdue in December.

Knight was pleased with Tech's effort.

"Our defensive play tonight, we may have made a mistake here and there, and I tend to focus on those, but overall our defensive play tonight is what we're trying to get to or moving in the direction of what we're trying to get to," he said.

SJHS takes four of six from Steers Monday

The Snyder eighth-grade boys A team remained undefeated on the season, improving to 10-0 Monday after a 51-32 win over Big Spring.

Brent Bollinger led all players with 16 points, while Lance Day racked up 12.

Ryan Claxton and Brooks Gafford had eight and seven points, respectively, while Dustin Murdock contributed five.

Blaine Knipe and Allen Jones added one point each for the victors.

The eighth-grade B squad also took care of its Big Spring rivals, claiming a 26-23 triumph.

Chad Franks paced Snyder with 12 points, and James Simmons pumped in six.

Colton Brewster scored four, Wes Richardson contributed three and Preston Munson had one.

The seventh-grade A team edged Big Spring, 25-21, behind eight points from Jesse Conner and six from Gage West.

Riley Davis hit for three, while Casey Young, Jared Cave and Tony Perales contributed two each.

Big Spring squeaked past the seventh-grade B club, 25-24.

Josh Hoover had a game-high 16 and Gabriel Acosta connected for five.

The junior high girls also took three of four from Big Spring Monday, with both seventh-grade teams getting wins.

The seventh-grade A team got double-digit scoring from three girls in a 45-17 rout of the junior high lady Steers.

Brittney Mitchell posted a game-best 16 points, while Shaquita Sneed and Brittney Webb knocked in 10 each.

Jessica Bilderback hit for five and Briana Bryant and Jessica Sandoval had four apiece.

The seventh-grade B team got 10 points from Lareshia Carey in a 22-16 win.

Carey added five rebounds and Megan Villegas hit for four.

Audrey Jones had 15 points, eight boards and two blocked shots Monday as the eighth-grade A girls slipped past Big Spring, 27-25.

Caylea Rhodes added eight points and Alex Urias and Jordan Derryberry each recorded two points.

The eighth-grade girls B team fell to Big Spring, 34-20.

SHS frosh sweep Big Spring

The Snyder freshmen boys outdistanced Big Spring Monday, 56-48, behind a 21-point fourth quarter explosion.

Snyder trailed 21-20 at halftime and 36-35 at the end of three.

"It was a hard-fought game, and everybody contributed," coach Joe Anaya said. "We hustled and made good decisions and it worked out."

Ryan Mitchell cashed in with 16 points, and Tagaba Kyei hit for 11.

Ricky Sanchez stepped up with 10 points, Tyler Driggers added seven, Michael Martinez contributed six and Stetson Kincheloe knocked in four.

The freshmen Lady Tigers raced out to a 9-3 lead Monday and never let Big Spring get close in a 47-29 victory.

Candace Chandler knocked in a game-high 20 points and Brianna Bernal recorded 16 in the decisive win.

"The girls played hard and shot better this game," coach Todd Pollard said.

Amber Acosta added six, Desiree Cortez had three and Kaitlyn Greenlee posted two.

Astros sign Dotel, Oswalt

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros agreed Monday to one-year contracts with their three pitchers in salary arbitration.

Wade Miller agreed to a $3.4 million deal that includes the chance to earn an additional $100,000 in performance bonuses, and Roy Oswalt agreed to a $3.25 million contract that includes the opportunity to earn $150,000 in performance bonuses.

Octavio Dotel, likely to succeed Billy Wagner as Houston's closer, agreed to $2.8 million. He also has the chance to make $350,000 in performance bonuses based on games finished.

In 2003, Dotel earned $1.65 million, Miller $525,000 and Oswalt $500,000.

Klondike tops Ira

The Ira junior high ladies were upended by Klondike Monday, 79-19.

The team trailed by 14 after the first quarter and could not recover.

Rebecca Juarez had nine, Laura Juarez knocked in eight and A'Lex Koonce posted two points.

Sports Briefs

Meet the Tigers

The baseball and softball booster club will host 'Meet the Tigers' Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. A hamburger supper will be served at 5 p.m. Cost is $5.

Player introductions will begin at 6 p.m. to include the SHS and WTC baseball and softball teams.

Cow chip bingo will commence at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 and will be available at the door.

Volleyball tournament

There will be an indoor volleyball tournament Saturday at Scurry County Boys and Girls club. Call 573-7321 for more information.

Bryant loses another endorsement deal

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — Kobe Bryant lost his sponsorship deal with McDonald's, costing the NBA star another endorsement while his sexual assault case proceeds in Colorado.

The fast-food company said its three-year agreement with the Los Angeles Lakers guard expired Dec. 31 and was not renewed.

Ferrero of Italy, the maker of Nutella chocolate spread, earlier chose to not renew Bryant's endorsement contract.

Seattle closer forfeits last year of deal

SEATTLE (AP) — Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasaki told the team he will not pitch for Seattle in 2004, deciding to forfeit the final year of his contract and remain with his family in Japan.

The Mariners' career saves leader, who turns 36 on Feb. 22, would walk away from up to $9.5 million by not playing for Seattle next season.

AP Top 25

Men

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (45)	14-1	1,763	2
2. Stanford (24)	14-0	1,733	3
3. Saint Joseph's (1)	15-0	1,548	6
4. Connecticut	14-2	1,529	1
5. Louisville	13-1	1,443	8
6. Cincinnati (2)	13-0	1,429	10
7. North Carolina	11-3	1,262	9
8. Pittsburgh	18-0	1,207	13
9. Kentucky	11-2	1,181	5
10. Wake Forest	11-2	1,072	4
11. Georgia Tech	14-2	1,068	12
12. Kansas	11-2	1,026	14
13. Syracuse	13-1	1,004	17
14. Arizona	11-3	971	7
15. Gonzaga	14-2	921	16
16. Texas	11-2	833	18
17. Florida	11-3	549	15
18. Texas Tech	**14-2**	**530**	**22**
19. Mississippi St.	14-1	501	20
20. Oklahoma	10-3	337	11
21. Wisconsin	11-3	303	19
22. Vanderbilt	13-2	292	23
23. Purdue	12-4	247	—
24. Oklahoma St.	12-2	140	—
25. South Carolina	16-2	115	—

Others receiving votes: Creighton 107, Maryland 66, W. Michigan 46, Utah St. 35, Providence 32, Marquette 25, Illinois 21, LSU 13, N.C. State 10, Utah 10, Air Force 6, Alabama 5, Hawaii 5, N. Iowa 4, Boston College 3, Memphis 2, Toledo 2, Dayton 1, Manhattan 1, Rice 1, S. Illinois 1.

Women

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (45)	14-1	1,148	1
2. Tennessee (1)	14-1	1,096	5
3. Texas	15-2	980	3
3. Texas Tech	**16-1**	**980**	**2**
5. Connecticut	12-2	928	4
6. Stanford	14-2	926	7
7. Penn St.	13-3	880	8
8. Purdue	14-2	879	9
9. Kansas St.	13-2	779	10
9. Minnesota	15-1	779	6
11. Louisiana Tech	12-2	640	12
12. LSU	15-2	609	14
13. North Carolina	13-2	607	13
14. Colorado	14-2	531	15
15. Oklahoma	13-2	528	15
16. DePaul	16-1	488	17
17. Georgia	13-4	393	11
18. Miami	15-1	312	21
19. Baylor	14-3	268	24
20. Michigan St.	13-3	217	25
21. TCU	13-3	164	18
22. Auburn	13-4	149	20
23. Villanova	13-3	148	19
24. Boston College	12-3	134	22
25. Houston	14-2	90	—

Others receiving votes: Vanderbilt 84, Notre Dame 32, Virginia Tech 31, Ohio St. 28, Florida 25, Utah 25, SW Missouri St. 24, Rutgers 18, Arizona 16, Clemson 3, Idaho 3, Maryland 3, South Alabama 2, George Washington 1, Hartford 1, UNLV 1.

District 3-3A Basketball

Girls	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	20	2	3	0
Sweetwater	20	3	2	1
Lamesa	13	8	2	1
Denver City	12	9	2	1
Seminole	5	14	0	3
Merkel	3	19	0	3

Today's Games
Merkel at Snyder
Sweetwater at Lamesa
Seminole at Denver City

Boys	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Merkel	18	4	1	0
Sweetwater	11	6	1	0
Seminole	10	9	1	0
Denver City	16	7	0	1
Lamesa	8	13	0	1
Snyder	8	14	0	1

Today's Games
Merkel at Snyder
Sweetwater at Lamesa
Seminole at Denver City

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	22	10	10	5	59	128	105
New Jersey	22	11	10	1	55	102	82
N.Y. Islanders	22	19	4	1	49	134	119
N.Y. Rangers	18	17	7	4	47	124	123
Pittsburgh	11	28	5	3	30	91	169

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	24	12	8	3	59	128	116
Ottawa	24	12	7	3	58	149	95
Boston	21	12	10	4	56	115	112
Montreal	23	16	6	2	54	118	101
Buffalo	18	23	5	1	42	111	122

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	21	16	6	2	50	110	100
Atlanta	20	21	4	2	46	134	142
Florida	15	19	10	3	43	99	123
Carolina	15	20	9	2	41	86	112
Washington	14	26	5	2	35	114	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	14	5	2	61	154	109
St. Louis	25	13	6	1	57	117	107
Nashville	23	16	6	2	54	113	116
Columbus	12	24	7	3	34	93	127
Chicago	11	24	7	5	34	96	137

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	26	11	7	2	61	141	102
Vancouver	25	14	7	2	59	135	108
Calgary	23	15	4	3	53	108	93
Minnesota	16	18	14	0	46	104	103
Edmonton	18	20	8	1	45	117	124

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	21	11	11	4	57	114	100
Dallas	21	19	8	0	50	97	107
Los Angeles	17	14	10	5	49	116	116
Phoenix	16	14	13	2	47	114	117
Anaheim	14	21	7	5	40	94	123

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Monday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 5, Ottawa 2
Boston 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
St. Louis 2, Florida 1, OT
Colorado 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT
Nashville 2, Minnesota 0
Calgary 5, Anaheim 1
San Jose 2, Detroit 1
Dallas 3, Vancouver 2

Today's Games
Ottawa at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	21	17	.553	—
Boston	20	23	.465	3½
New York	19	24	.442	4½
Philadelphia	18	23	.439	4½
Miami	16	25	.390	6½
Washington	12	28	.300	10
Orlando	11	31	.262	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	32	11	.744	—
Detroit	29	13	.690	2½
New Orleans	23	18	.561	8
Milwaukee	22	19	.537	9
Toronto	20	19	.513	10
Cleveland	13	27	.325	17½
Chicago	12	29	.293	19
Atlanta	12	30	.286	19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	27	12	.692	—
San Antonio	27	15	.643	1½
Dallas	24	16	.600	3½
Houston	23	17	.575	4½
Denver	24	18	.571	4½
Memphis	22	18	.550	5½
Utah	21	19	.525	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	29	9	.763	—
L.A. Lakers	25	13	.658	4
Seattle	20	19	.513	9½
Golden State	17	23	.425	13
L.A. Clippers	16	22	.421	13
Portland	16	23	.410	13½
Phoenix	16	26	.381	15

Monday's Games
Washington 93, Chicago 83
New York 90, Toronto 79
Indiana 100, Atlanta 97
Seattle 90, Philadelphia 81
Orlando 106, Milwaukee 99
Detroit 85, San Antonio 77
Sacramento 125, L.A. Clippers 100
Minnesota 97, New Orleans 90
Memphis 88, Houston 83
Golden State 101, Utah 85
Phoenix 88, L.A. Lakers 85

Today's Games
Detroit at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
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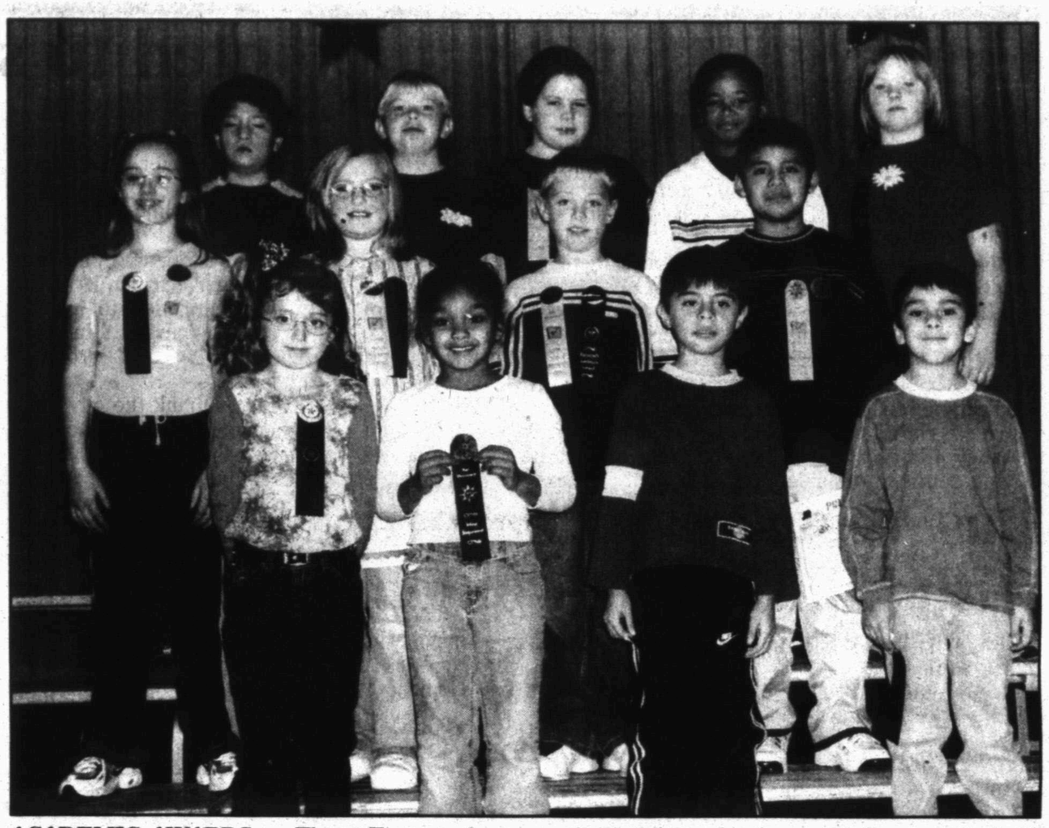

ACADEMIC AWARDS — These East students received the academic award for the third six weeks. Back row from left, Jesse Dominguez, Caleb Hester, Samuel Ashley, Keenon Ward and Sarah Rath; middle row, Aleya Sharp, Audrey Miller, Dakota Owens and Edgar Molina; front row, Kelby Greene, Lauren Braziel, Armando Arellano and Mark Baldwin (citizenship award). (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Supreme Court will rule on questioning al-Qaida captives

WASHINGTON (AP) — An interrogator begins questioning an al-Qaida prisoner who may know of a pending attack. The captive turns to his lawyer, who tells him that he can remain silent. The suspect clams up.

The scenario is the Bush administration's legal nightmare, but there is significant concern that it could come true. The Supreme Court will decide this year whether U.S.-designated "enemy combatants" can be detained indefinitely without lawyers and hearings.

"Any lawyer worth his salt will say (to a client), 'Don't say anything because it can be used against you,'" said Lee Casey, a Washington attorney and a Justice Department lawyer in the Reagan and first Bush administrations.

Several former Justice Department officials and the former highest-ranking Army lawyer said if the Supreme Court sides with the combatants it could be devastating for intelligence-gathering.

"It's vital to national security to interrogate individuals and obtain information about threats, including immediate threats to our country," said Alice Fisher, who recently left the Justice Department as a deputy assistant attorney general overseeing counterterrorism cases. "A private attorney may stunt the ability to get vital information."

There are two U.S. citizens being held as enemy combatants, while more than 600 suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters are detained at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo, Cuba. Information gleaned from those suspects has led to arrests around the world and helped the international intelligence community learn much about al-Qaida's operations, authorities have said.

The president of the Center for Constitutional Rights, a civil liberties law firm that represents several detainees, said the price paid in loss of constitutional protections is too high.

"Our fundamental argument is that everybody deserves some kind of a hearing before they can be in long-term detention," said Michael Ratner. He is seeking military hearings for Guantanamo detainees that would not stop interrogations, but would review each case and could bring freedom to anyone determined not to be a combatant.

Giving constitutional protections to captured terrorists would send an unmistakable message to al-Qaida, said retired Maj. Gen. Michael Nardotti, a Washington attorney who was judge advocate general of the Army. The message: "If Americans are foolish enough to grant rights given to American citizens, and if you understand your rights, you won't have to give up anything that will compromise this organization."

The Supreme Court should have a lot to say this year about legal protections for enemy combatants.

The justices will consider an appeal that asks whether the Guantanamo prisoners may contest their captivity in American courts. The court also agreed to hear the case of U.S.-born Yaser Esam Hamdi, a foot soldier captured in 2001 during the fighting in Afghanistan and detained without access to a lawyer.

Last Friday, the Bush administration asked the court to decide, by summer, whether the government could indefinitely detain former Chicago gang member Jose Padilla. He was arrested in May 2002 in an alleged plot to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb."

The Padilla case may be the crucial test of the government's ability to interrogate captives without a lawyer, because he may have had knowledge of a pending attack.

Top 10 law is not curbing students' choice of college

By The Associated Press

Texas universities' top 10 percent admission law does not keep smart students who fail to graduate at the top of their class from getting into the state's most competitive universities, according to a new study.

The Princeton University study, released Monday, also found that the law has not created an exodus of the state's brightest students to out-of-state schools, as some critics have feared.

The study's findings debunks common perceptions about the law, which grants all students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class automatic admission to any Texas public college.

Researchers interviewed 13,803 Texas high school seniors about their college plans in 2002. A year later, they re-interviewed a random sample of 5,200 students to determine were they actually enrolled.

The study found that 75 percent of high-achieving students who did not graduate in the top 10 percent were still able to enroll at Texas A&M or the University of Texas if they wanted, and 71 percent whose top choice was another four-year state school also got accepted.

"Statistically, those are very high percentages," said Marta Tienda, a Princeton professor of sociology and public affairs and the lead author of the study. "There may be some students being squeezed out, but the data shows that students ranking just below the top 10 percent are definitely more successful at enrolling in Texas' flagship universities than lower-ranked high school graduates."

The study also found that most students in the top 10 percent who wanted to attend a Texas college ended up enrolling at one — dispelling the "brain drain" theory that they are being forced to attend out-of-state schools because the law restricts their in-state enrollment options.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	14.25	13.95	13.95	—.07
AT&T Corp	21.34	20.90	21.12	+.08
Albertsons	24.13	23.85	23.91	—.22
Alltel	50.18	49.75	49.96	—.05
AmEl Pw	31.22	30.70	31.02	—.20
AndarkPtr	51.90	50.65	51.77	+1.52
ATMOS Egy	24.76	24.64	24.68	+.09
Aviall	15.85	15.66	15.82	+.12
BP PLC	48.46	48.10	48.42	+.41
BakerHughes	34.05	33.15	33.80	+.77
Bank of Amer	79.84	79.15	79.59	+.57
BellSouth	29.67	29.05	29.35	+.14
BurlNoSFe	31.56	31.26	31.43	—.27
Caterpillar	84.01	82.57	82.70	—1.44
CenterPoint	10.34	10.19	10.28	+.05
ChevronTex	85.95	85.02	85.73	+1.01
Citigroup	50.19	49.18	49.29	—.21
CocaCola	49.90	49.65	49.86	—.02
ColgatePal	51.72	51.30	51.48	+.25
CmclMetals	29.53	29.00	29.36	+.40
ConocoPhill	66.47	65.12	66.43	+1.31
Cooper Inds	58.40	58.03	58.33	+.17
DaimlrChry	49.13	48.10	48.33	—.09
DeltaAirLines	12.36	11.40	11.40	—.25
Dillards Inc	16.73	16.45	16.47	—.18
DowChem	40.98	40.50	40.84	—.27
DuPont	44.59	44.15	44.21	—.17
EastmanChem	39.54	39.12	39.16	+.12
EstKodak	26.27	25.61	26.08	+.08
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Entergy	57.11	56.65	56.94	—.06
ExxonMobil	40.96	40.50	40.77	+.27
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GenDynam	93.65	93.05	93.18	—.60
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GenMotors	55.15	53.30	53.73	—.34
GaPacific	30.22	29.77	29.86	—.09
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NCR Corp	41.31	40.80	40.85	+.02
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RadioShack	33.02	32.54	32.66	—.08
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SherwinW	34.66	34.10	34.19	—.21
SouthernCo	29.38	29.11	29.18	—.25
SwstAirl	15.55	15.15	15.23	—.34
SprintFON	18.77	18.24	18.49	—.30
SprintPCS	8.02	7.50	7.81	+.30
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Houston attorney appointed to state bench

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston lawyer who began his career as a federal clerk and later worked in the Harris County District Attorney's office was appointed Monday to oversee the 228th Judicial District Court, vacated last year by 22-year veteran Ted Poe.

Gov. Rick Perry administered the oath of office to Marc Carter at Texas Southern University before numerous judges, defense attorneys, Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal and other county officials. The appointment remains in effect through at least the Republican primary in March when Carter is running against Houston defense lawyer Clint Greenwood.

"Not every applicant who applies in the governor's office has Secretary of State Colin Powell as a reference," Perry said of Carter.

"Marc, isn't that a little bit much?" the governor said to laughter.

Carter, who says in campaign materials that he worked on and contributed to both Perry's campaign and that of President George W. Bush, began his career as a clerk for U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt after graduating from law school in 1993. He later joined the district attorney's office before opening his own criminal defense firm in 1996. His firm later expanded to include more civil business and handled personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits.

"I want to thank the governor for choosing me to replace the legendary Judge Ted Poe. I want to thank Judge Ted Poe for his advice and support," Carter, 44, told those at the ceremony. "Judge Poe has made the 228th a legendary destination because every man — rich, poor, black, white, brown — it didn't matter. He was going to be treated fairly in the 228th."

Carter comes from a principled, value-oriented background, Perry said.

Poe said Perry chose a man who will "continue the tradition of dignity, professionalism and competence" within the court.

Greenwood thinks he's a better choice. He says Carter doesn't have near the criminal experience he does and has earned millions through personal injury work.

Greenwood worked in the district attorney's office for six years before opening a criminal law firm in 1989.

Rosenthal said Monday following Carter's swearing in that both candidates are qualified for the bench and he hasn't endorsed either.

"They bring different experiences and different backgrounds, but both are qualified and will do good jobs in the long run," defense attorney Stanley Schneider said. "Both of them have the type of integrity and background we would want."

Las Vegas man charged with killing two women

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A few miles southwest of the Strip, where the megawatt glare of the casinos meets lonely stretch of desert, three young women were forced to walk into the night.

Only one crawled out alive.

Prosecutors say it began in the chilly, early morning hours of March 5, 2003, when Kim Choy, her younger sister, Sophear, and friend Priscella Van Dine went to retrieve their belongings from a spacious home in the suburbs.

What ensued was a confrontation with their would-be landlord that court documents allege ended with the man marching the three women into the desert, forcing them to their hands and knees and shooting them in the head.

Kim Choy survived. The man, Alfonso "Slinkey" Blake, is scheduled to be tried later this month for two counts of murder.

According to the documents, 19-year-old Sophear Choy met Blake a few months before the shootings while working as a cocktail waitress at a strip club. Choy, her older sister and her friend needed a place to live and Blake suggested his home. The rent was $500 apiece.

The women changed their mind about living with Blake, an aspiring R&B musician, after realizing he wanted them to be prostitutes. Prosecutors have not charged Blake with pimping, but they say Blake's relationship with the three women and others in his house will be a key element of their case.

A judge is expected to rule today on a defense motion to keep any testimony about prostitution out of the trial. Blake's attorney, David Brown, declined to discuss the case.

Much of the prosecution's case is laid out in court documents based on interviews with Kim Choy.

"The evidence suggests that, ultimately, Sophear and Priscella were executed simply because they disrespected (Blake)," Deputy District Attorney Robert Daskas said.

The women moved some of their belongings into Blake's house in late February 2003, and soon became suspicious after he gave them a laundry list of rules: No one could leave without permission. No men were allowed in the house. No one must know where they lived.

Kim Choy called Blake on March 4 and said the three had changed their minds and wanted to pick up their belongings that night. Prosecutors say an angry Blake demanded $100 in storage fees.

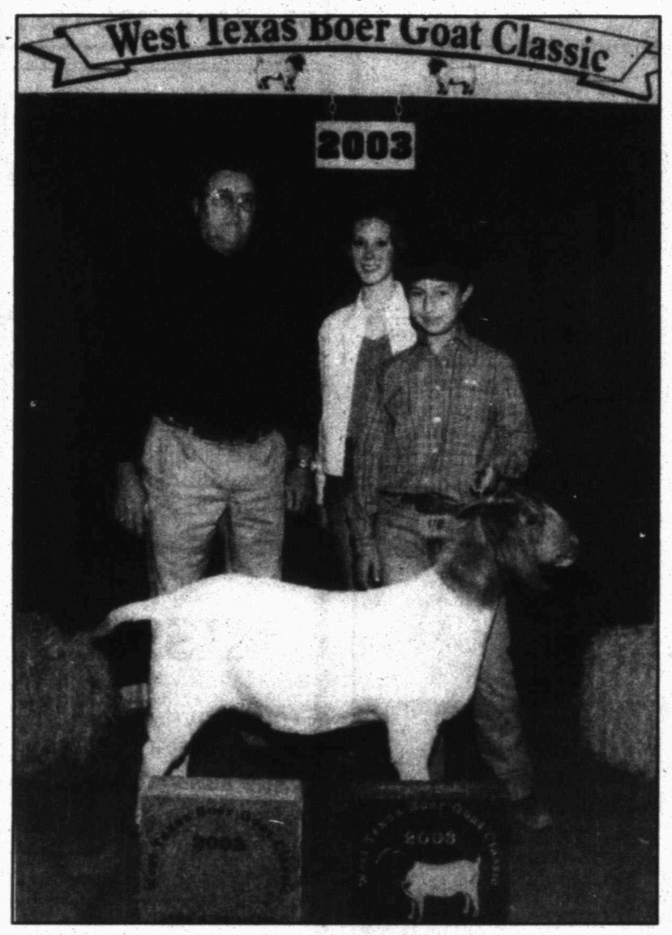
After trying to squeeze their belongings into two trucks, the women returned for a second trip that night, shortly before 2 a.m.

Aryn May brings home top honors

Aryn May, a member of the junior FFA program at Snyder High School, recently competed at the West Texas Boer Goat Classic Show in Monahans and brought home several honors including reserve grand champion doe honors. The breeder of Aryn's goat was Jenna and Doug Neff of Snyder.

According to Jessica Colvin, FFA advisor, "Showing breeding goats in today's industry is a challenge because of the incredible competition. Aryn does an awesome job taking care of her livestock and being reserve grand champion in such a prestigious show is an awesome honor."

Besides reserve grand champion overall honors, May's goats also won several other awards including fourth in 24-36 month-old percentage does; first in six-nine month-old percentage does; ninth in the six-nine month-old full blood does; seventh in the 12-24 month-old full blood does; second in the three to six month-old full blood bucks and grand champion junior percentage doe. Aryn is the daughter of Bob and Shana May.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION — Aryn May is pictured with her reserve grand champion overall winner at the West Texas Boer Goat Classic in Monahans. From left are Judge Preston Farris, Jenna Neff (breeder of Aryn's goat) and May. (Contributed Photo)

WTC Honor Lists

Forty-four students were named to the president's list for the fall semester at Western Texas College.

The president's list is the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC and requires a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 12 academic credit hours.

Honorees include Jason Best, Janice Camp, Chhay Chhaya, Patricia Daniel, Derek David, Lindsey Davis, Jacqueline Delbosque, Stacey Garcia, Stephen Gonzales, Amanda Greenwood, Jason Guynes, Oscar Hernandez, Rustem Ibrashev, Kazuhiro Inoue, Shinichiro Ito, Hisashi Kawakami and Sabrina Lay.

Others are Jeremee Lester, Terrence Marshall, Rikki Mathis, Greg McQuirk, Clifford Moore, James Phillips, Matthew Priddy, Jeffrey Proctor, Wendy Proffitt, Samuel Ramirez-Calvo, Christina Rico, Donald Robertson, Jessie Salas, Nicholas Schwartz, Russell Scott, Ian Shelly, Justin Simmons, Christopher Smith, Aaryn Stewart, Michael Ulm, Michael Wallace, Blake Ward, Dorthy Ward, Jennifer Weeding, Kasey Wemken, Craig Wilems and Yee Yu.

Seventy-three students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester, requiring a 3.5 grade point average and at least 12 hours of course work.

On the dean's list are Elizabeth Agricola, Ruben Arispe, Desiree Bates, Edna Bradbury, Catherine Calvert, Cody Carter, Crystal Carter, Dara Chambers, Katy Chester, Stormy Clark, Trent Cormier, Wade Cribbs, Rebecca Duke, Jesse Durham, Denny Farley, Jared Farley, Manuela Fernandez, Shelley Frisk, Jonathon Flores, Ira Gonzales, Geerrico Greenlee, Rebecca Griffin, Valaree Hancock, Adriana Hernandez, Jeff Hernandez, Tommy Hill, Amber House, Cullen Houston, Wyndell Inman, Ashley Jenkins, Julie Jones, Dalene Kempf, Billy Lambaren, Rachel Leach, Autumn Levens, Carrie Lowry, Josh Martinez and Sabrina McCauley.

Others are Billy Meador, Debra Medrano, Cassandra Messick, Cyrena Morin, Cindy Nachlinger, Jennifer Nobles, Lisa Parker, Heather Pokrant, Carcie Posey, Tiffany Quick, Evan Reed, Trey Roberson, Antonio Rodriguez, Pete Rodriguez, Cindy Sanchez, Nathan Shrode, Jeremy Smith, Jamie Soliz, Sam Spreadborough, Jack Stack, Celeigh Sterling, Tate Stratton, Tiffany Taylor, Nancy Thomson, Ashley Tolle, Cade Tucker, Rhealan Wagnon, Amber Ward, Stephanie Wardlaw, Dustin Weathersbee, Marcie Wienke, Tara Woodall, Kristin York, Felicia Youngclaus and Esther Zamarripa.

Thirty students were named to the merit list, requiring a 3.5 grade point average and enroll for more than 8 and less than 12 hours.

Merit list students are Korie Allen, Ashley Amox, Cara Brooks, Leslie Burleson, Vadrian Clay, Beth Clements, Carley Clifton, Clay Craig, Sarah Crawford, Marlayna Deloach, Andra Dunham, Megan Fletcher, Samuel Hardin, Christopher Hensley, Anna Henson, Catalina Jones, Shannon Jones, Megan Longham, Ashley Martinez, Zachary McDowell, Sterling Millhollon, Stephanie Mueller, Priyanka Patel, Kayla Posey, Bradley Price, Keeli Shoemake, Robert Smith, Tamara Taylor, Jon Thomas and Mandy Villanueva.

Stanfield

The following Stanfield students were not absent during the fall semester.

They include April Belman, Katelee Brock, Leia Chester, Carson Edmonds, Ryan Houghton, Victoria Jaramillo, Zavier McGaha, Aileen Molinar, Braydin Moreland, Blake Redman, Samantha Rodriguez, Malinda Torres and Elizabeth Murphrey.

Others are Shiv Bhakta, Andrew Chavarria, John Culwell, Briana Doucette, Matthew Lara, Katelyn Lord, Nicole Morin, Morgan Scott, Mason Tabor, Hunter Ward, Priscilla DeLuna, Flor Garcia, Mario Garcia, Rebecca Murillo, Lucio Solano, Bridget Beam.

Also, Talon Carroll, Teah Dollins, Jordon Gaines, Chloe Glasscock, Alexxus Jackson, Leon Torres, Alexis Carroll, Caitlyn Cribbs, Britton Hill, Daniel Miller, Sarah Muschalek, Robert Park, Patrick Haggard, Matt Lane, Collin Wager, Timothy Brown, Zachory Carter, Shannon Hunter and Noemi Trejas.

Others include Anthony Castillo, Christopher Esquibel, Ashley Lindsey, Kevin Graham, Erica Guerrero, Hunter Hammit, Shyann Porter, Bryan Wagner, Tabitha Murphrey, Chelsea Browning, Lucas Harrell, Alina Hernandez, Justin Clifton, Christian Garcia, Jeremy Garza, Leann Hall, Adrianna Hernandez, Brian Hernandez, Josh Molter, Amber Moon, Chance Rogers, Noel Villa, Sydney Grimes, Luis Lara, Isaac Rodriguez, Madison Edmonds, Evelyn Egan, Arian Gutierrez, and Ezmeralda Hernandez.

Also Cassidy Lee, Cassidy Rawls, Hannah Smith, Max Westlund, Elisa Alcala, Samantha Bloom, Miranda Flores, Stephanie Gomez, Jacob Ludwig, Sandy Leal, Christian Nakamura and Sidney Whitaker.

Imposter's ID sought

SHERMAN (AP) — Hoping to determine the real name of an Ohio man who stole the identity of an 8-year-old boy killed in a 1945 car accident, a forensic sketch artist has created a picture depicting what the impostor may have looked like in the late 1970s.

Grayson County Sheriff's Office Deputy Gina Maddera-Price, a forensic sketch artist, has provided Lt. Tom Doyle of the Eastlake Police Department in Ohio with a picture placing the man at about 40, when Eastlake police believe he walked away from his former life. Doyle told the Herald Democrat that the man was probably nearing 70 when he died.

The man committed suicide in July 2002 in his apartment in Eastlake.

It was then discovered that he had stolen the identity of Joseph Newton Chandler III, killed with his parents in a car crash near Sherman.

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Candidates in final stretch for special election to fill vacancies

By April Castro
Associated Press Writer

As a school finance overhaul looms, public education is providing fodder for candidates vying for two state Senate seats. The special election is today.

On opposite ends of the state, mostly Republican candidates are wrapping up bids to replace retired Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, who left office shortly after President Bush appointed him as ambassador to Sweden. Both lawmakers were respected leaders in education legislation.

The top two vote-getters in each race will meet in runoffs if no candidate wins a majority. That's expected because of the number of candidates in each district.

Education "is the critical issue, the issue that everyone is talking about," said former state Rep. Paul Sadler, who is running to replace Ratliff in the northeast Texas District 1.

School finance has been the subject of debates and campaign ads in these rural areas, as policymakers in Austin figure out how to change the way Texas pays for a public education while giving homeowners promised property tax relief. Gov. Rick Perry has said he will likely call a special session to address school finance around April, but not until lawmakers have reached a consensus on an acceptable plan.

Top spenders in the District 1 race have been Sadler, a Democrat who led public education reform in the 1990s and Republican Kevin Eltife, a former Tyler mayor who has received the endorsements of Republican Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Eltife has amassed campaign funds of about $472,000, with donations from several influential, big-money lobby groups.

Rep. Tommy Merritt, a moderate Republican who often toes the party line, could have an edge with his regional name recognition in the district and his reputation as a defender of rural issues.

Merritt proposed his own alternative to the state's share-the-wealth approach to public school finance during the last regular legislative session.

That district encompasses the far northeast corner of the state, stretching from the Red River to the Arkansas border, southward through Wood, Rusk and Panola counties.

Other candidates include Jerry Yost, R-Longview, a former state representative; Bill Godsey, R-Longview, an environmental consultant; and Daryl Ware, a Marshall railroad conductor running as a member of the Constitution Party.

EAST A HONOR ROLL — These East students have been named to the A Honor Roll for the fall semester. Front row from left, Kaitlin Stewart, Dakota Owens, Slade Birkenfeld, Beto Jaimes, Sadee Bernal and Heraclio Juarez; second row, Audrey Miller, Matthew Martinez, Tyler Clanton, Amber Steelman, Ashleigh Falcon and Samantha Aviles; third row, Taylor Garcia, Diego Hernandez, Aleya Sharp, Regan Head and Jessica Guardado; back row, Samuel Ashley, Damian Donaldson, Samantha Mitchell, Miriam Arellano and Armando Monroy. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Episcopalians appear set to launch new protest network

PLANO (AP) — Conservative Episcopalians appear on track to launch a new nationwide protest organization they hope will resonate with foreign Anglicans who oppose the consecration of a gay bishop in America.

The two-day meeting of the budding Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes was expected to end today, and was prompted by the decision of an Episcopal Church convention last August to approve openly gay Bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire.

But Bishop Robert Duncan of Pittsburgh, the group's leader, told a Monday news briefing that Robinson's name wasn't even mentioned during the first day's deliberations.

Instead, he said, the 100 bishops, representing 12 dioceses and various conservative parishes in other dioceses, focused on building "a united, orthodox and missionary Anglicanism" in the United States.

The delegates at the meeting plan to complete an organizational charter for the network. They also are trying to produce a new theological statement based upon previous conservative platforms.

Organizers say the network is no schism but a "church within a church" whose followers will remain Episcopalians. One reason not to quit: most parishes would be forced to surrender their properties to the denomination.

Duncan said the Episcopal Church "split from its own history" when it endorsed Robinson, while the network upholds traditional Episcopal teaching, "so who left?"

Episcopal Church headquarters in New York has issued no formal statement about the meeting.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the international Anglican Communion, in which many overseas churches have protested Robinson's consecration. Some have broken fellowship with the Episcopal Church or its majority of pro-gay bishops.

The network hopes to become the American entity to which foreign Anglicans can relate. Canon Bill Atwood of the Texas-based Ekklesia Society, which aids churches in developing nations, said in a phone interview from Uganda that bishops who lead a majority of the world's Anglicans are preparing a joint statement to recognize the network.

A leaked memo from one network activist said the ultimate goal is a "replacement" jurisdiction aligned with world Anglicanism. A key leader said Sunday that the concept originated with the overseas Anglican leaders and decisions on replacement are up to them.

The chief business of the Plano meeting is to agree on an organizational charter to govern the network's early phase. Some delegates worked Monday night in hopes of also fashioning a theological declaration drawn from previous conservative documents.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004

Several things for which you've been long hoping might finally come your way in the year ahead. Continue to be hopeful, patient and persistent, because this is what will turn the tide for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be sure to take sensible measures today to protect your self-interests. If you don't look out for yourself and your own welfare, others will find no reason to do so either.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you find yourself in the middle of a warring clique at a social gathering today, be careful not to take sides with one faction against the other. You could turn out to be the biggest loser.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This might not be the day to begin working on something new where your career is concerned. Frustration is likely to permeate the atmosphere and you could easily get heated up over things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Under no circumstances should you affix your signature to any document that you have not thoroughly read. Be particularly cognizant of all those fine-print details you rarely read.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Those financial returns you were depending on might not be forthcoming today due to delays beyond your control. You can't do anything about it, so keep your cool or you'll make yourself sick.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unfortunately, your needs and concerns might have to take a backseat to those of others today. It'll seem like everyone will have a better reason for demanding your time than you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be extra safety-conscious today when working with or operating any mechanical or unfamiliar devices. Pay heed to what everybody around you is doing as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your managerial skills may not be up to par today, so be careful as to what directives you give to others that could cause problems if your orders have any flaws in them. Think things through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Allowing people who really don't belong anywhere near an important project you're involved in to come into the picture could lead to your undoing today. Politely tell them to leave.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's guaranteed that if you walk around with a chip on your shoulder today, it won't take long before one or more individuals will come along, eager to knock it off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Frivolous spending you've done in the past could be catching up to you now by threatening to cut into your resources. Things could get a bit tight and uncomfortable for you today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Going in thinking you have the upper hand today when negotiating an important matter could leave you wide open and vulnerable for a sharpie to quickly outmaneuver you. Be careful.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Fire-ant allergy — a tricky situation

DEAR DR. GOTT: Twelve years ago, I was bitten about a dozen times by fire ants. Although this was my first experience with them, I went into shock and ended up being aggressively treated in the emergency room. Obviously, I recovered.

Since then, I have been stung various times by fire ants without any reaction except local discomfort and blistering. I believe that I have developed an immunity to the ants. But my wife is concerned that following a future episode, I will go into shock and die. Who is correct? I am a healthy 77-year-old.

DEAR READER: You may be right that your initial reaction, rather than being an allergy, was a direct consequence of ant venom. Future exposures may not cause you any serious health consequences.

On the other hand, your wife's concerns are entirely appropriate and understandable: you may, indeed, be highly allergic to fire ants and could have an unexpected fatal reaction in the future.

To clarify this issue (and save you harm), I suggest that you be examined and tested by an allergist. This approach will confirm or rebut the presence of a fire-ant allergy. In the meantime, you should carry an EpiPen with you when you garden, mow or work outside; this device can neutralize a serious allergic reaction were you to have one.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Here is some fun stuff that may amuse your readers.

— Why exercise? It is well-documented that for every minute you exercise, you add a minute to your life. Therefore, this enables you, at 85 years of age, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at $5,000 a month.

— My grandmother started walking 6 miles a day when she was 60. Now she is 97 and we don't know where she is!

— The only reason I would take up an exercise program is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

— I joined a health club last year and spent about 400 bucks. I haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to show up.

— I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

— I like long walks — especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

— I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

— The main advantage of daily exercise is that you die healthier.

— If you are going to try cross-country skiing, make sure you start with a small country.

DEAR READER: Nice. Thanks for writing.

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

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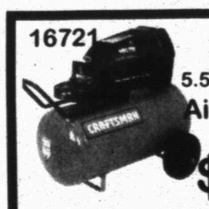
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Kerry wins decisively in Iowa caucus

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press Writer

Democratic presidential candidates opened their sprint to the New Hampshire primary today with newly minted frontrunner John Kerry pitching his experience and John Edwards laying claim to electricity in a contest thrown wide open by the leadoff Iowa caucuses.

Dick Gephardt went home to Missouri to drop out of the race later in the day. Officials close to the congressman said he will not endorse any of his rivals any time soon.

In the first blush after Kerry's comeback victory in Iowa, when he joined Edward in burying the nationally favored Howard Dean in third place, the candidates avoided going after each other by name.

Instead, they gingerly shadowboxed.

Kerry, a four-term Massachusetts senator, talked up his seasoned service and said he would draw that distinction against his rivals — political newcomer Wesley Clark, former Vermont governor Dean and first-term senator Edwards of North Carolina, among them.

Iowa propelled Edwards from a nearly second-tier candidate to a strong second-place finisher, and he was pumped.

Three arrests made Monday

• Arrests

Three arrests were made in Snyder Monday.

A 24-year-old woman was taken into custody at 2:55 p.m. in the 400 block of 34th on a Colorado City warrant foı Class C assault.

Law enforcement officers arrested a 24-year-old woman in the 1300 block of 26th St. at 4 p.m. Monday on warrants for not wearing a seat belt, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of promise to appear.

Officers took a 22-year-old woman into custody in the 1300 block of 26th St. at 7 p.m. charging her with misdemeanor theft by check.

• Accident

A two-vehicle accident occurred in the 4300 block of College Ave. at 3:59 p.m. Monday. The mishap involved a 1997 Pontiac driven by Vanessa Rena Chavez, 15, 1201 21st and a 1988 Pontiac driven by Kim Koury Davis, 47, 4400 Ave. U Apt. 2B2.

• Burglary

A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed Monday morning. The victim, who said that he was unsure of where he had been parked when the theft occurred, reported that a Dale Earnhardt jacket and a DeWalt drill with two battery chargers had been taken.

• Disturbance

A disagreement between two family members was reported at 8:33 a.m. Monday at a residence. One of the parties involved agreed to leave the residence.

A caller reported at 12:28 a.m. today that she was involved in an argument with her husband and wanted him to leave. The husband had left the residence upon officers' arrival.

• Harassment

A resident contacted police reporting an individual making harassing phone calls. Police advised of the proper steps and would make contact with the person making the calls.

• Gas drive-off

A clerk at Town and Country east reported Monday afternoon that a gas drive-off in the amount of $20 had occurred.

Births

Ramsey and Mary Castillo of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Aidan Lee, born at 10:28 p.m. on Jan. 13 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed nine pounds and nine ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Benny and Jennifer Hollis of Houston and D'Ann and Keith Beck of Snyder. Mildred Hollis of Snyder is the maternal great-grandmother.

Paternal grandparents are Lee Castillo of Lubbock and Judy Castillo of Amarillo. James and Joann Halbert of Lake Buchanan and Gloria Tercero of Snyder are the paternal great-grandparents.

Stewart enters new innocent plea today

NEW YORK (AP) — With a wave to a pair of supporters outside and a barely audible plea of not guilty inside, Martha Stewart went on trial in earnest today at a Manhattan federal courthouse.

In private, lawyers were to begin narrowing down a jury pool to the 12 who will determine whether the style guru does time in prison. Hundreds of prospective jurors have already filled out questionnaires.

Stewart reiterated her plea of "not guilty" to all five counts of the indictment before jury selection began. Co-defendant Peter Bacanovic also pleaded innocent to the latest version of the indictment, which made mostly cosmetic and typographical changes.

"Very well," replied U.S. District Court Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum. "I will enter your pleas. You may be seated."

Stewart said "Good morning" and waved as she arrived at the courthouse. Bacanovic arrived a short time later.

Stewart supporters were in short supply, with just a pair of her backers braving the bitter cold in lower Manhattan.

"You go, girl!" shouted Linda Smith of Audubon, N.J., clutching a sign that read "Martha is being prosecuted for who she is." The other supporter, John Small, wore a chef's hat and matching apron.

More than two dozen camera crews and at least as many photographers shot Stewart as she walked up the courthouse steps, a grim look on her face.

In the judge's private robing room, potential jurors were to face Stewart and answer questions from lawyers designed to detect any bias they may have. Opening statements will begin once jurors are seated.

The trial is to determine whether Stewart, 62, is a criminal who lied to the government about unloading stock based on an inside tip about a well-placed friend.

Stewart says she sold because she and Bacanovic, her Merrill Lynch & Co. broker, had a pre-existing agreement to sell when the stock fell to $60.

The government says she was tipped that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to unload his shares.

Legal experts say the case is near-impossible to predict, and should come down simply to whose account jurors believe.

Former Justice Department obstruction prosecutor George Newhouse, now a lawyer in private practice, said the case is something like a white-collar version of the murder trial of O.J. Simpson.

"This case is very interesting," he said. "You have the classic elements — an incredibly high-celebrity, well-heeled client who has hired the A-team in terms of lawyers."

Obituaries

Beulah Starnes

1916-2004

Beulah Ariel Starnes, longtime Snyder resident, died Monday, Jan. 19, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Starnes, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Buddy Payne will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Beulah Starnes

Born April 1, 1916 in Reed, Okla., she married Hubert "Buster" Starnes on Dec. 24, 1938 in Scurry County. He died in 1992.

A homemaker, Mrs. Starnes was a member of the First United Methodist Church and had been active in the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Raymond Richards of Red Rock; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Hubert and Alice Starnes of Lubbock, Johnny Starnes of Midland, Ronald and Penny Starnes of South Bend, Ind., and James and Kay Starnes of Plano; a sister, Bertha Holdridge of Snyder; 10 grandchildren, Kevin Starnes of Odessa, Dennis Starnes of Albuquerque, Pam Kornbach of Jacksonville, Fla., Glenn Starnes and Jodie Rasure, both of Midland, Tiffany Richard of Houston, Deborah Richard of Red Rock, Jordan Starnes and Amanda Starnes, both of South Bend, and Kevin Hindes of Miami, Fla.; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is set for 6-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association – Texas Affiliate, Box 15186 in Austin, 78761-5186; or a favorite charity.

Helen Martin

1918-2004

CLEBURNE — Helen Martin, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 19, in Cleburne.

Helen Martin

A memorial service for Mrs. Martin, 86, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Martin's Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Miller Robinson and Richard McHenry will officiate.

Born Jan. 18, 1918 in Mart., she was married to Daniel Richard Martin who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Martin taught homemaking at Snyder High School. She began teaching in 1953 and retired in 1979. She was a longtime member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Daniel Richard and Julie Martin of Cleburne; a sister, Nelda Gabriel of Dallas; four grandchildren, Joshua, Elias, Sarah, Hope and Hannah Martin; and a great-grandson, Micah Martin.

John Rodriguez

1941-2004

John Rodriguez, 62, died early today in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Services for Mr. Rodriguez are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Fr. Roy Badilles, pastor of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, officiating.

Born Nov. 5, 1941 in Knippa, Texas, he married Eva Andrade on April 28, 1960 in Snyder. Mr. Rodriguez was a mechanic for the Western Company until 1999. He was self-employed at Westside 66 until he began work for Production Pump, retiring in 2001.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ismael and Anita Rodriguez; and one brother, Ramijio Rodriguez.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Rodriguez of Snyder; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Carmen and Darrel Clement of Snyder, Gloria and Ron Utley of Artesia, N.M., Diana and Peyton Daniels and Anna Rodriguez of Snyder; three brothers, Moses Rodriguez of Lubbock, Gilbert Rodriguez of Hereford and Raymond Rodriguez of Snyder; one sister, Ofelia Hernandez of Snyder; and five grandchildren, Valarie Utley and Amanda Utley, both of Artesia, and Lanxton Cole, Brent Cole and Brooke Wimmer, all of Snyder.

Richard Stoker

1931-2004

Graveside service for Richard Lee Stoker, 72, is set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens with Dr. Fane Downs, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Stoker, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Jan. 18, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Born July 20, 1931 in Snyder, he married Rhylene Bishop on June 25, 1954 in Snyder. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Stoker was a farmer and rancher and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Luella Brice Stoker; and a sister, Martha Frances Stoker Huddleston.

Survivors include his wife, Rhylene Stoker of Snyder; a daughter, Revin Stoker of Austin; a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Roxanne Stoker of Snyder; three grandchildren Colby Stoker of Lubbock, Justin Stoker of Snyder and Bailey Stoker of Denton; and a special family friend, Angela Bibby of Austin.

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Wed 1/21	Thu 1/22	Fri 1/23
46/31	51/36	55/36
Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High 46F.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	More clouds than sun. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 7:45 AM, Sunset 6:06 PM	Sunrise 7:44 AM, Sunset 6:07 PM	Sunrise 7:44 AM, Sunset 6:08 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

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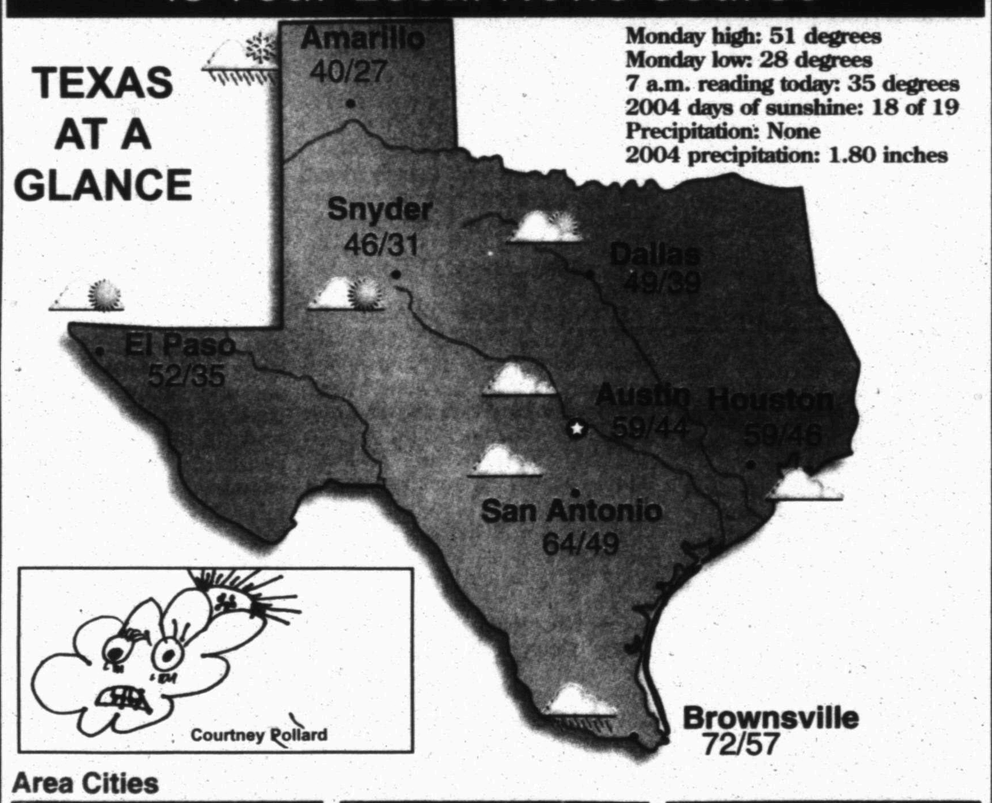
Monday low: 28 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 35 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 18 of 19
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 1.80 inches



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Amarillo	40	27	sn shower	Fort Stockton	55	35	mst sunny	Raymondville	71	55	rain
Austin	59	44	cloudy	Gainesville	46	34	cloudy	Rosenberg	59	46	cloudy
Beaumont	58	44	cloudy	Greenville	48	35	cloudy	San Antonio	64	49	cloudy
Brownsville	72	57	rain	Houston	59	46	cloudy	San Marcos	61	45	cloudy
Brownwood	54	38	cloudy	Kingsville	69	54	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	49	37	cloudy
Corpus Christi	66	54	cloudy	Livingston	57	40	cloudy	Sweetwater	49	34	pt sunny
Corsicana	50	39	cloudy	Longview	51	38	pt sunny	Tyler	51	37	pt sunny
Dallas	49	39	cloudy	Lubbock	44	28	pt sunny	Weatherford	49	35	cloudy
Del Rio	64	50	pt sunny	Lufkin	56	40	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	47	33	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	48	28	pt sunny	Houston	59	46	cloudy	Phoenix	63	46	rain
Boston	29	16	sunny	Los Angeles	66	48	sunny	San Francisco	58	42	sunny
Chicago	29	9	sn shower	Miami	72	56	pt sunny	Seattle	48	34	pt sunny
Dallas	49	39	cloudy	Minneapolis	22	-6	windy	St. Louis	42	21	windy
Denver	40	15	mst sunny	New York	30	20	sunny	Washington, DC	34	25	mst sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 15	Jan 21	Jan 29	Feb 6

UV Index

Wed 1/21	Thu 1/22	Fri 1/23
4	4	4
Low	Low	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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