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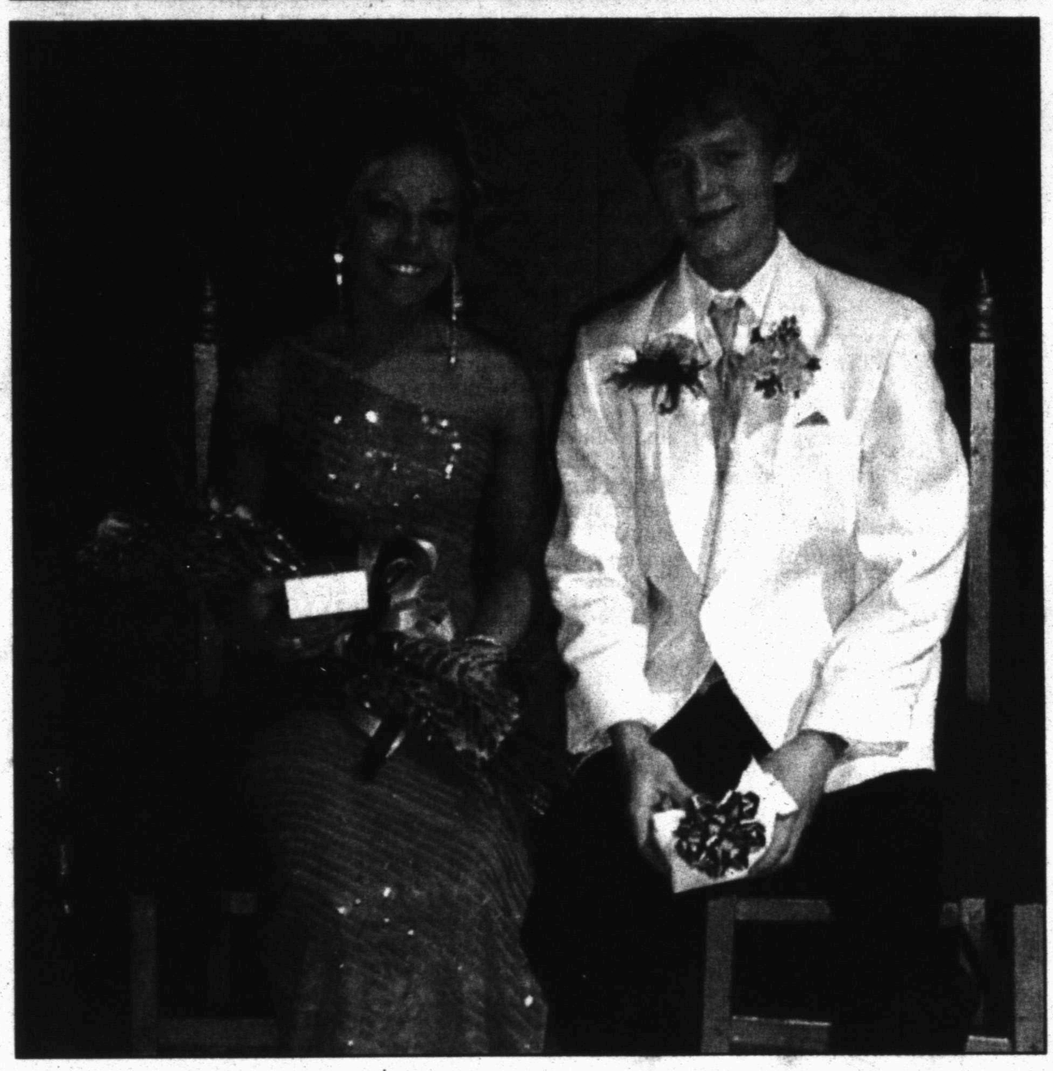


MR. AND MISS SHS — Snyder High School seniors Kelsi Johnson and Sterling Millhollon were named Mr. and Miss SHS in coronation ceremonies this morning. Kelsi is the daughter of Tommy and Vicki Johnson and Sterling is the son of Jerry and Martha Millhollon. Class favorites and sweethearts also were recognized. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

SHS royalty named

Sterling Millhollon, Kelsi Johnson honored as Mr. and Miss SHS

Snyder High School named its royalty for the 2003-2004 school year today as seniors Sterling Millhollon and Kelsi Johnson were crowned in ceremonies at Worsham Auditorium.

Millhollon, Mr. SHS, has participated in drama for four years and in the band for four years earning a trip to the state solo-ensemble meet each year. He is competing for the state honor band this week. He has received numerous honors with the UIL all-region bands.

Millhollon is on the varsity tennis team this year and has participated in the national Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. He is the son of Jerry and Martha Millhollon.

Miss SHS, the daughter of Tommy and Vicki Johnson, has played volleyball and softball all four years in high school.

She served as the captain of this year's volleyball team and was named defensive MVP her junior year and this year in all-district selections.

She also was the SHS homecoming queen for this year.

Other nominees for Mr. SHS were Blake Grimmett, Boicy Martinez, Bradley Price and Lee Scott. Other nominees for Miss SHS were Ashlye Amox, Erin Burleson, Kelby Drum and Misha Wofford.

Also recognized class favorites.

Senior class favorites are Kelsi Johnson and Clayton Floyd, while junior class favorites are Samantha Moyers and Israel Torrez.

Sophomore favorites are Temi Thompson and Steven Martinez, while freshman favorites are Whitley Fulford and Corbin Smith.

Sweethearts recognized were Stephanie Williams, band; Gerrico Greenlee, baseball; Katie Haggard, boys basketball; Brock Tyrrell, girls basketball; Jeff Scott, cheeerleaders; Sarah Crawford, choir; Erin Burleson and Arthur Hernandez, cross country; Sharena Lewis and Anthony Perez, DECA; Blake Robertson and Coleman Welch, drama; Pasha Porysev and Aurelie Semillon, exchange students; and Anna Henson and Josh Kemp, Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Others sweethearts recognized were Bobby Hernandez, FCCLA; Kelsey Shaw, football; Emily Long, FFA; Paula Fritz and Josh Kemp, forensics; Cami Trout, boys golf; Wyl Wiggins, girls golf; Sara Thornhill, KTXS Academics; Meagan Langham and Rankin Hardin, National Honor Society; Katherine Johnson and Jake Guzman, powerlifting; and Blake Grimmett, softball.

Also recognized were Corie Hernandez and Justin Cox, SHS Today; Beth Clements and Austin Hatfield, student council; Ricia Gordon and D'Angelo Davis, TSA; Andra Dunham and Joseph Ynguanzo, tennis; Katie Haggard and Molly Haire, Tiger's Lair; Erin Burleson, boys track; Justin Boyd, girls track; and Jerry Ashley, volleyball.

Musical entertainment was provided by Molly Haire and Anna Henson, while English teacher Beth Bowen served as mistress of ceremonies.

College golf course named in honor of Sammy Baugh

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

The Western Texas College golf course will officially be named for football legend Sammy Baugh.

The unanimous approval of the name change was one of a number of action items addressed when the WTC board of trustees convened Monday night.

"We are very excited the course being named for Sammy Baugh," said Dr. Gregory Williams, WTC president. "It's going to be a very good thing for WTC. Very positive."

In addition to the name change, WTC will host a 90th birthday gala to honor Baugh on March 20. A number of celebrities have committed to being present, among them Darrel Royal, Walt Garrison, E.J. Holub, Don Maynard and Spike Dykes.

"Sammy is very interested in the event. He's very humble, so he's for it so long as it helps students. He's for anything that will help the students," Dr. Williams said.

The president asked the board, faculty and staff for their support throughout the planning of the event.

Dr. Jim Clifton, dean of student services, presented the enrollment figures for the spring semester, which is a non-funding year for the college.

"Our last non-funding year was spring of 2002," said Clifton. "This year's figure totaled 1,598, an increased enrollment of 12 percent."

Clifton emphasized additional increases for 2004 as compared to 2002. Credit hours have increased from 236,720 to 269,616. The number of part-time students increased from 1,024 to 1,165 and the number of full-time students increased from 377 to 433. Clifton also pointed out an increase in the number of dual credit students, specifically high school students, from 412 to 620.

"Although these numbers are an increase from the previous non-funding year, I really want to see those enrollment numbers increase over the next year," said Dr. Williams. "I think with the expanded sports programs and the other additions we've made to the college, we'll see those numbers increase to 1,800 or more."

Additionally, trustees heard a report from Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of academic instruction, pertaining to the small class report. Palmer explained the concept behind the relatively new ITV classes and the Internet classes.

"The classes are not as small as they seem," said Palmer. "Many of the classes are going out to high schools, and to other campuses."

The ITV class concept is commonly used in colleges. An instructor will teach from a specific location, but the class will be broadcast to remote locations including area high schools and the prisons. This allows more students to get class credit. The credits also can transfer to other colleges toward a four-year degree.

Palmer reported that the classes are a beneficial service provided by WTC, which prompted a question from board member Drew Bullard whose interest was in the financial bottom line for the college.

"Does the college make money on those classes?" asked Bullard.

"Yes, the classes net about $15,000. Not big bucks, but it's much better than losing," said Palmer.

In other business, trustee elections for the expiring terms of Carolyn Barbee and Jay Kidd were set for May 15.

There were no changes to board policy related to investment guidelines, and the board heard information on the upcoming WTC drama productions and art competitions.

Lee Presswood presided and trustees present were Barbee, Kidd, Eddie Peterson, Bullard, Scott Richburg and Jackie Greene.

TxDOT will hold meeting at courthouse

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. today in the county courtroom to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor.

The purpose is to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on proposed corridor routes.

The corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail and a utility zone. All will be designed to move people and goods faster and safer throughout the state.

This evening's meeting will focus on the proposed corridor to be built through the South Plains and Panhandle.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

Hermleigh to call board election in March meeting

Hermleigh ISD school board tabled action on calling the trustee election for May 15 until appointment of an election judge is also placed on the agenda.

"We will call the election and name our election judge during our March board meeting," said Supt. Marvin Beaty.

The terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins will expire.

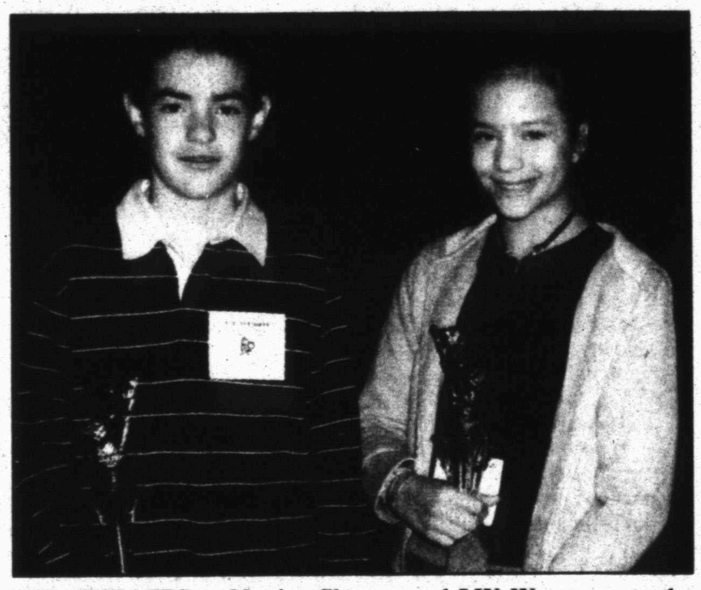
In other business Tuesday evening, trustees extended the contract of school principal Clarence Spieker until June 2006, and gave him a $1,200 raise to make his salary $56,200 annually.

The trustees also amended the board policy concerning the hiring and retention of "at-will" employees to give the superintendent that authorization.

New athletic director and head coach Jason Brewer also addressed the board about future plans for the school's athletic programs. Hermleigh will compete in 11-man football starting next fall.

Beaty also reported on building projects at the school. "The renovation of the gym's concession area is right on schedule."

Beaty also said the new ag barn has been "dried in" and is only awaiting finishing touches.



TOP SPELLERS — Monica Clanton and J.W. Wesson were the top two spellers at this morning's Snyder ISD spelling bee. Clanton, a sixth grader at West Elementary, won the bee and will advance to the regional bee in March. Wesson, the runner-up, is an eighth grader at the junior high. Clanton is the daughter of Monte and Anne Clanton. Wesson is the son of Jay and Tammy Wesson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The fellow on Deep Creek says, "The worst case of indigestion is not from bad cooking. It's from eating crow."

Valentine's Day is this week, so we turned to the experts for some information—and learned a few things.

Flowers are easy, and results in about 110 million roses sold each year for sweetheart's day.

What we didn't know was the hidden messages behind some flowers. For example flowers contain some secret symbolic messages:

—Bleeding Heart, hopeless but not heartless.

—Gardenia, I secretly love you.

—Gladiolus, you pierce my heart.

—Rose, I love you passionately.

—Violet, I love you too.

—Sweet William, you are perfect.

It may surprise some, but ole what's-her-name has never sent us a bouquet of Sweet Williams.

She did suggest some Rosemary once to offset the smell of our tennis shoes. Getting down to the nitty-gritty, now that's true love.

One of the love experts suggested that a home-cooked meal says "I love you" better than dining out.

The expert said to make the evening special with at least two weeks advance planning. They said to leave the atmosphere and incidentals up to your imagination. We think that's code to turn off the basketball game.

The experts went on to provide sample romantic dinner menus. All suggested wine.

We suppose if you drank enough, it might seem that her cooking was much improved. It also likely you make you fall asleep way before the improved Channel 11 weather forecast.

We might be a little suspicious about a candlelight dinner, especially if you had previously noticed your life insurance agent's number on the Caller ID.

Should a third party — a taster —attend the special Valentine's dinner just might take the "r" out of romance.

One passion expert suggested instead that the male should prepare the dinner.

They even offered some menu items: rack of lamb for two, oven-roasted potato, mesclun greens with apples, Gorgonzola and champagne vinaigrette.

It said to serve the salad on a chilled plate. Shoot, by the time we would had given up and returned with a bag of burgers from the Sonic, the plates wouldn't be the only cold thing in the house.

Maybe a box of chocolate. Snickers are pretty tasty and ought to put any red-bloodied American boy or girl in a romantic mood.

ASK US

Q—Who were the winners of the Cow Chip Bingo benefiting the SHS baseball team and what was the prize?

A—Chris Maxfield, Morris Allred, Jeff Reed and Effie Elliot were the contest winners who shared $6,000.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Ann Greene...

...is a 27-year resident of Snyder. She is married to Chuck Greene and she has worked as a bookkeeper for Rhodes Welding for 11 years. Ann has several hobbies, but mostly enjoys fishing and reading.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.
—William James

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Relay for Life team rally

The Relay for Life team rally will be 6 this evening in the Stanfield cafeteria. All interested in participating in the 2004 event are invited to attend and receive important team information.

Antique tractor club meeting

The Scurry County antique tractor club will meet at 7 p.m. today at Jack's Roadboaring on the Colorado City Highway.

Stanfield parent council

Stanfield parent council will meet at 7 tonight at the teacher's lounge in the front hallway.

TAKS preparation meeting

"TAKS Preparation: Parents Make the Difference" will be the topic of a discussion at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Central Elementary. The discussion will be led by Magdalena Jaimes and Celia Barrera, bilingual/ESL teachers at Central. The discussion will be primarily in Spanish and is of special importance to bilingual families. Door prizes, refreshments and child care will be provided.

What's up guidelines

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

Dow to use GM fuel cells to power plant

FREEPORT (AP) — General Motors isn't just producing cars these days.

The world's largest auto maker today was set to generate electricity by combining its fuel cells with excess hydrogen from the Dow Chemical Co. plant in Freeport. The resulting electricity, produced as hydrogen flows over the metal plates in fuel cells, will power 2 percent of the chemical plant — enough electricity to power 25,000 homes for a year.

GM wants to reduce the cost of the fuel cell technology in order to put the battery-like power producers into vehicles by 2010.

Dow had the excess hydrogen the auto maker needed to continue its study of fuel cells. Through the deal, it got the benefit of cutting down on its use of natural gas and expanding its sources of electricity, said George Kehler, a Dow manager.

"We see these fuel cells as one of the leading technologies to produce clean, friendly power," he said.

The maker of chemicals, plastics and fertilizer approached GM about a deal in October 2002. Last year, the companies announced an agreement to produce $50 million worth of electricity for the Dow plant, located about 55 miles south of Houston.

The agreement, which lasts through 2010, is the largest commercial application of fuel cells.

The plant produces thousands of chemicals, including chlorine, of which hydrogen is a byproduct, Kehler said.

"Fifteen years from now they are going to look back at this event as a turning point," GM spokesman Scott Fosgard said. "Fuel cells have been widely thought to be the ultimate solution for automobiles and now they are helping to power up one of the world's largest chemical plants."

The cost of fuel cell technology far exceeds what consumers are currently willing to pay for power, Fosgard said. By learning more about fuel cells and their applications, GM hopes to reduce the technology's cost so consumers could have hydrogen-powered vehicles in their driveways by the end of the decade.

The auto industry is one of many interested in fuel cells, which could be used to power everything from buildings to laptop computers, said University of Houston chemistry professor Allan Jacobson.

"They are like batteries, but they have an important difference," he said. "They continue to operate as long as you continue to supply the fuel."

Fuel cells are clean, efficient and modular, Jacobson said.

Mark Wiesner, director of Rice University's Environmental and Energy Systems Institute, said the catch is getting the hydrogen.

Eventually, it may be possible to economically produce hydrogen from water, but for now it takes fossil fuels to produce hydrogen — resulting in pollution, Wiesner said.

"It all comes down to how you generate the hydrogen," he said.

The first fuel cell was built in 1839 but didn't grab much interest as an electricity generator until the 1960s during NASA's Apollo space program. Fuel cells continue to remain an essential part of the space program.

The diesel engine, invented in 1894, left "no real incentive to pick up fuel cells at that time," Jacobson said.

However, recent pushes to lower pollution and the efficiency of fuel cells has put them back on the table, he said.

Today's chuckle

Peanut Butter is finally free from Jelly

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Peanut Butter is finally free from Jelly.

The pair of conjoined tortoises were separated Sunday at a Tempe animal hospital.

"I think it was a great success," said Sharon Ehasz, 24, who owns the African leopard tortoises with her husband, Bobby Ehasz. "I think they're going to be a little confused — the world as they knew it is going to be somewhat tilted."

Peanut Butter and Jelly were joined at the side of the belly near the tail end, slightly offset in a heart-shaped configuration.

The two tortoises spent about half of their lives with one on its back, the other trying to kick itself over.

Bobby Ehasz, 29, said he and his wife routinely flipped over the tortoises, carefully logging the time one stayed on its back while the other was upright.

Veterinarians Jay Johnson of University Animal Hospital in Tempe and Jim Jarchow of Orange Grove Animal Hospital in Tucson worked for about three hours to separate the tortoises.

Johnson said the condition is "extremely rare." That's partly why Johnson and Jarchow agreed to operate on the animals at no charge to the Ehaszes, other than the cost for anesthesia and other items.

Diana Ross convicted of DUI

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Diana Ross was convicted Monday of driving under the influence and ordered to spend two days in jail.

The R&B diva, who telephoned into the city court hearing from New York, pleaded no contest to DUI. Two related charges were dropped.

Tucson Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw found Ross guilty of DUI and sentenced her to serve 48 hours in jail before March 9 and to complete at least 36 hours of alcohol-abuse treatment by Aug. 9. She also was sentenced to a year of unsupervised probation and fines and fees totaling about $850.

"She got whatever an ordinary citizen who received the same citizen would have received," said Ronald Beran, a deputy city attorney.

Ross asked no questions and had no comment during the hearing other than thanking the judge.

Ross, 59, rose to stardom as lead singer of the Supremes during the 1960s, with 14 consecutive No. 1 hit records, and was nominated for an Academy Award for her role as Billie Holiday in the 1972 "Lady Sings the Blues."

She has had more than 70 hit singles and been a Grammy nominee at least nine times.

Tucson police arrested her Dec. 30, 2002, after a driver called to report a car traveling southbound in the northbound lanes just outside the city's northeast limits.

Breath test results showed Ross had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.20 percent. Arizona's legal limit is 0.08.

Bush adopts pattern of 'spontaneous' mingling with folks during travels

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — The strip malls, mom-and-pop restaurants and big-box stores are usually just part of the blurred landscape President Bush sees from his limousine when he sweeps into town. For three years, he and his motorcade blew past it all.

But this election year, Bush has taken a sudden interest in the people and places in between the airport and his speech sites.

Monday marked the fourth consecutive out-of-town trip in which Bush and the rest of his motorcade pulled over for a "spontaneous" visit with some local citizens.

This time, it was Bass Pro Shop Outdoor World, a sporting emporium where Bush schmoozed about 100 customers in the shoes, socks and fishing supplies aisles.

"Which way to the worms?" the president asked.

Last week, it was Sticky Fingers restaurant in Charleston S.C.; Jan. 29, it was Swan Chocolates in Merrimack, N.H.; Jan. 22, it was the Nuthin' Fancy Cafe just outside Roswell, N.M.

"It's a good opportunity to visit with Americans and get some good food," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. Or, in Missouri, to get some worms.

The stops do allow Bush to mingle with ordinary citizens, but they are hardly spontaneous. The Secret Service lays the groundwork days in advance, in cooperation with White House officials. The business owners know the president is coming, though the customers at Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World didn't.

White House officials strain to recall when Bush last did such an "off-the-record" appearance before the custom abruptly became part of his routine last month. On a couple of occasions, he has dropped by the gas and coffee joint a few miles from his Crawford, Texas, ranch.

But today, nine months before the election, these visits have become a fixture of the president's travels, and a formula has emerged as to how they transpire.

The stops occur as Bush is heading from a speech to the airport.

They are shrouded in secrecy, omitted from his schedule. Even though the pattern has become clear, White House officials refuse to confirm they are taking place until the president is pulling into the parking lot.

Bush walks in and exchanges pleasantries with the proprietors. Then journalists are ushered in briefly to record the scene and ensure that a larger audience sees Bush mixing with ordinary people.

The president's new custom comes at a time when he is shadowing the Democratic presidential primaries, dropping into states just days after Democrats voted. The new "spontaneous visit" strategy guarantees Bush a little extra news media exposure in those states, where voters have heard a steady drumbeat of criticism directed at him.

Nicolle Devenish, who is communications director for Bush's re-election campaign, said the president's local stops often "prove most compelling to the local media."

Devenish, who oversaw White House relations with regional news outlets until last year, said, "Local TV and newspapers usually devote a good deal of coverage to a presidential visit. While they do as good a job as any national outlet at covering the official policy event or speech, they pay equal attention to the local angles of the trip."

Bush almost always jokes that the reporters covering him are overpaid, and should open their wallets while they are in the local establishment.

New York senator says farmers can't bear cost of tracking cows

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — With a cow herd well in excess of 1 million head, New York farmers have a huge — and potentially expensive — stake in any plan to require a tracking system for every cow in the United States, a state legislator said.

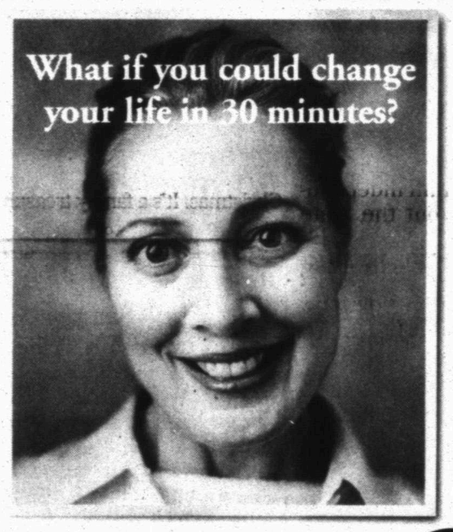
Federal Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said her department is trying to develop a "verifiable system of national animal identification" so that farming and public health experts can trace cows from their farm of birth through the production chain starting in 2005.

But state Sen. Nancy Larraine Hoffmann said she reminded Veneman in person at a recent cattle producers' convention that it is unfair for farmers to bear the brunt of the costs of an identification system.

"If we make the burdens too difficult and put the livestock industry on a competitive disadvantage on the international front, there is really no incentive for many farmers to stay in business."

Hoffmann operates a 60-head beef cattle farm near Syracuse.

Creating a national tracking system for the nation's 96 million cattle became a priority when mad cow disease was discovered in December in a Canada-born cow that lived on a Washington state farm.



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Today is the 41st day of 2004 and the 51st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1763, the Seven Years War, known in the United States as the French and Indian War, ended with the Treaty of Paris.

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert.

In 1904, Russia and Japan declared war, launching the Russo-Japanese War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Lamb (1775-1824), writer; Boris Pasternak (1890-1960), writer; Jimmy Durante (1893-1980), comedian; Mark Spitz (1950-), swimmer, is 54; Laura Dern (1967-), actress, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1990, Buster Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson in what has been called the greatest upset in boxing history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "This is my motto: Contented with little, yet wishing for more." — Charles Lamb

TODAY'S FACT: The highest-rated single TV show in history was the last episode of "MASH," seen by 60.2 percent of TV-owning households, or 50 million households, on Feb. 28, 1983.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 680 — The diameter in feet of the Superdome in New Orleans, the world's largest dome.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 6) and last quarter (Feb. 13)

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Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $22,892.

Winning tickets sold in: Rowlett and Dallas.

Matching four of five: 193. Prize: $107.

Matching three of five: 5,154. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 50,633. Prize: $2.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; china painting program by Virginia Lowrance; Barbara McGee, LaDean Rhodes, hostesses; 4:15 p.m.

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

Snyder Shrine Club; call 573-7668 for meeting place; 6 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.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 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

Altrurian Daughters Club; "Power From the Wind," by Randy Sowell; Jean Sealy and Nona Morrison, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; terminal bldg. Winston Field; Tony Brown, acrylic instruction; Joy McGlaun, hostess; 9:30-4 p.m. with break for lunch.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Births

Sandra Torres announces the birth of her daughter, Griselda Araujo Torres at 8:52 a.m. on Feb. 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 12½ ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Eufrocina Torres of Leon Guanajuato, Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Esperanza Albidrez of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Lupe Martinez and Omar Salinas announce the birth of their son, Javan Jade Salinas, at 8:05 a.m. on Feb. 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Ray and Alvilda Salinas and maternal grandparents are Juan and Dora Martinez of Snyder.

There is nothing that gives a man consequence, and renders him fit for command, like a support that renders him independent of everybody but the State he serves.

—George Washington

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Readers offer ways to give new life to old neckties

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from the lady asking how to recycle her late husband's neckties. My daughter is a 16-year-old honor student who teaches Sunday school and volunteers at our children's hospital. She wears them as belts. — **PROUD MOM, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**

DEAR PROUD MOM: Your daughter is an original thinker. When I printed that letter, I had no idea there were so many uses for old neckties. Hundreds of suggestions poured in! Read on for a sample:

"I have a friend who made her prom dress completely out of men's ties she bought from Goodwill. They were sewn together vertically. It was really cool." — **JOY IN IRVINE, CALIF.**

"She should cut the wide ends 18 inches to 20 inches long and sew them together at the long edges to make a colorful apron. The tapers will give it a nice flair, and the ends can be used for the waistband at the top and the strings at the back." — **CLARENCE B., CLEMSON, S.C.**

"Two ladies in our church, St. Christopher Episcopal in League City, Texas, gathered old ties from the parish and made them into beautiful altar cloths for use during Father's Day services." — **O.H. STELTER JR., HOUSTON**

"Old ties can be woven into beautiful, one-of-a-kind area rugs or wall hangings. Incorporated into clothing, they can become wearable art." — **JEANNE S., SOUTHERN SHORES, N.C.**

"My aunt owned a gorgeous mandarin-style jacket, which she informed me was made entirely from old silk neckties. They were laid side by side, sewn together, then finished off with embroidery overstitching." — **DEBE, WILLOW GLEN, CALIF.**

"She should use them to make a quilted Christmas wreath. It will become a family heirloom." — **GINI M., OSHKOSH, WIS.**

"One of the most precious gifts I ever received was a Christmas stocking made for my 6-month-old daughter when her grandfather died. A very special cousin made it from some of his ties for her first Christmas. It's a family treasure." — **SHARON IN NEWBERRY PARK, CALIF.**

"Here's an idea: With that many ties, she's bound to have a picture of Grandpa wearing some of them. Why not mount a picture of Grandpa wearing the tie in a frame along with the tie? It would make a wonderful keepsake." — **DAYNA IN LONGVIEW, TEXAS**

"Discarded neckties can be used to make pot holders, table runners, teddy bears, pocketbooks, tote bags and more." — **HENNIE C., SPARTANBURG, S.C.**

"How about using them to make Christmas tree skirts? Stitch them together in a circle with the points facing outward." — **CAROL P., SPARTANBURG, S.C.**

"I use my husband's cast-off ties to make cases for my jewelry. Working with the wide ends, I cut them in 3-inch, 4-inch and 5-inch lengths and stitch them to form pouches. Then I fold the triangle tip down like the flap on an envelope and put a snap on the other side. Voila!" — **ANNA MARIA S., SILVER SPRING, MD.**

DEAR ANNA MARIA AND THE HUNDREDS OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO WROTE TO OFFER IDEAS: The dear lady who wrote asking for ideas is sure to be overwhelmed with your clever uses for ties. (I certainly was.) And if she isn't handy with a needle and thread, she can sell them on eBay or donate them to a thrift shop, a homeless shelter or college theater department.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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North 02-10-04

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ♠ J

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004

Game might be on, so try for it

By Phillip Alder

You open one of a major, and partner raises to the two-level. You have too much power to pass, but not enough to jump to game. What would you do?

Normally, you bid another suit, one where you would like partner to have either some high cards or shortage. You make what is called a help-suit game-try. Also, strange though it sounds, usually you pick your weakest side suit. And if you bid a minor, you may have only three cards in that suit; but if you bid the other major, you are supposed to have four cards there because it might be your best fit. A key point: This new-suit bid is 100 percent forcing. At the worst, partner must go back to your first-bid suit at the three-level.

On this deal, you (South) are in four hearts. West attacks with three rounds of spades. After ruffing the third, how would you continue?

South has only 15 high-card points, but he has good playing potential and (for Losing Trick Count aficionados) six losers. (There can be at most three losers in any suit.) The key to game's being playable is partner's fit in clubs. And North, despite having only minimum point-count, should bid game because of his good club holding and four trumps.

You draw one round of trumps from hand, take the two top clubs ending in hand, and ruff a club with the heart eight so East cannot overruff. Cross back to hand with a heart, trump your last club with dummy's heart king, ruff a spade, draw East's last trump, and claim. Only 21 combined points, but an "easy" game!

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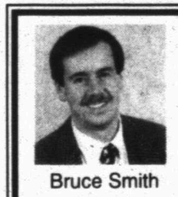
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Bitterness — The Christian's Greatest Stumbling Block!!

Bitterness has no part in the Christian life. Yet, there are many Christians who become so absorbed with the injustices from within and without the church that their lives are eaten up with spiritual cancer. The problem is that some have forgotten we belong to Christ and have not yet learned ***the lesson of the towel (John 13:4-5).*** Jesus here gives us an example (John 13:15) which he intends his disciples to emulate. Bitterness is never good; it serves no good purpose, and is utterly destructive.

The word bitterness is used in several ways in the New Testament. The root word is used in the context of failing to assume the meekness brought about by Godly wisdom and truth. **"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic" (Jas 3:13-15).**

It may seem beneficial to us (self-serving) to embrace bitterness and envy, but in God's sight it is ***"demonic".*** Bitterness is related to and listed together with other similar sins by Paul. **(Eph 4:31) "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."** The word here means **"acrid, poison"** and Paul says to put away such from your hearts.

It's not easy to leave our injured feelings behind, but it is necessary for us, our families, the church, and **our influence.** We can only put away such emotions if we remember whose we are. Remembering whose we are includes remembering our Lord's Prayer for those who crucified Him, **(Luke 23:34) "Then Jesus said, 'Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.'"** Even as He prayed for their forgiveness, Jesus' crucifiers were crass enough to hold a lottery for His garments. Still, His concern was for them and not for Himself.

The Hebrew writer warns us, **(Hebrews 12:14) "Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled..."**

Is bitterness robbing you of joy and happiness here in this life and an eternity in heaven?

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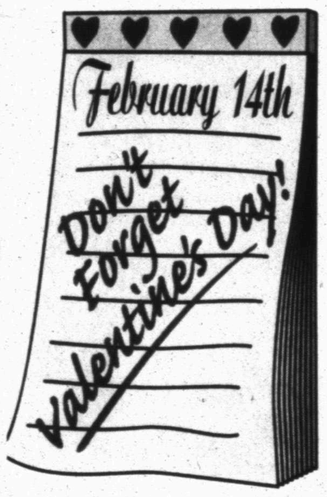

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5 Knight's address
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8 Galley movers
9 Pupil's place
10 Disney dog
13 Kind of pill
19 Lampreys
21 Promising
24 Kids' card game
25 Sultan's cousin
26 Whitewash component
27 Furniture items
28 Barely gets by
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31 Jagging
33 Newlywed title
35 Take a stroll
36 Strauss of jeans
38 Brought about
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48 Lose one's balance
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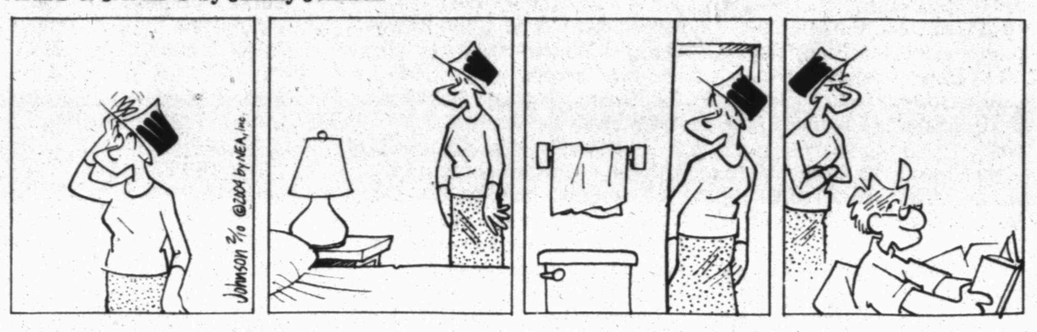

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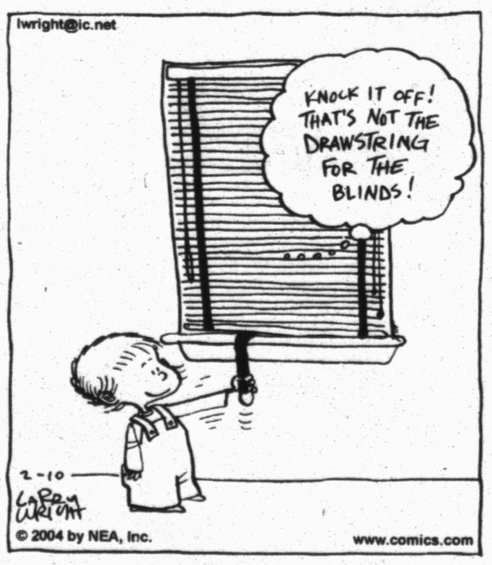

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers ready for curtain call as regular season closes

The Snyder girls conclude the regular season tonight, having already clinched the District 3-3A title and secured a bye in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The 10th-ranked Lady Tigers (26-2, 9-0) will try to close out the season on a 25-game winning streak when they take on last-place Merkel (4-24, 1-8) at 6:30 p.m.

"I'd like for us to play well and build some momentum going into the playoffs," head coach Mike Martin said.

With everything in district decided — and with Merkel wanting to spoil the Lady Tigers' bid for a perfect district record — tonight's tilt has all the makings of a trap game.

"We need to go in with the right frame of mind," he said. "If we don't we'll be in trouble."

Martin said the team would know what school it would face in the area round once games tonight are finished.

Snyder will face the winner between the third-place team from District 1-3A and the runner up in District 2.

Three teams — Sweetwater, Lamesa and Denver City — are still in the running for the third playoff spot in the district.

The Lady Tors and the Lady Mustangs play at Sweetwater, while Denver City heads to Seminole.

Meanwhile, the Tigers continue to look for their first win in district when they tip-off with the district-leading Badgers at 8.

Merkel (24-4, 7-0) is on its way to its second district crown in as many years, while the Tigers (8-20, 0-7) are at the opposite end of the standings.

Both Ira and Hermleigh close out the basketball season tonight.

Ira travels to Borden County to draw the season to a close against the rival Coyotes, who will be in the same district with the Bulldogs next year.

The Bulldogs clinched a playoff spot Friday with a win over Sands, setting up a Feb. 24 match-up against Aspermont in Post for the bi-district round, with tip-off tentatively set for 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Bulldogs will battle with district-champion Borden County at 6:30 p.m.

Hermleigh will host Highland tonight, with the Lady Cards starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Cards will be playing their last game for retiring head coach Don Jones at 8.

BEAM BASH — Two beams, which served as part of a frame for the netting system behind home plate at the WTC baseball field fell Monday evening causing extensive damage to the temporary bleachers. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Wreck claims two JUCO cagers

PARIS (AP) — At least two Navarro College basketball players are dead and seven others, including a coach, are hospitalized early today after a team van was hit broadside by a tractor-trailer rig while returning from a game in Northeast Texas.

Police said a preliminary investigation showed that the drivers of two team vans had missed their turns in the journey back to the Corsicana college and were attempting to backtrack when the wreck occurred.

The dead were identified as players Pah Sarr, 21, of Gambia, Africa; and 18-year-old Jason Rashard Trier of Giddings, Paris Police Department spokesman Todd Varner told The Associated Press.

One person was critically injured in the wreck late Monday night on U.S. 271. Two of the injured were transferred to Dallas hospitals for treatment of trauma.

Players were returning in two vans to Corsicana from Paris, where the team had played Paris Junior College earlier in the evening. The first van had made a U-turn on U.S. 271 just inside the city limits and the driver of the second was turning to follow when it was struck by the eastbound rig, said Paris Police Department spokesman Todd Varner.

"The second van made a U-turn in front of the 18-wheeler and was hit broadside," he said.

Justice of the Peace Ernie Sparks pronounced one player dead at the scene after the 9:50 p.m. accident and another at Paris Regional Medical Center at 11:50 p.m.

Sparks said the van, designed to carry 15 passengers, was "busted to pieces."

"The ones who were in there, I don't know how they survived, but they crawled out," Sparks said. "All the windows were gone. It was lying on its side with the top side up."

One of the dead was believed to be a freshman.

"It's pretty bad," Navarro Athletic Director Roark Montgomery told the Corsicana Daily Sun in today's online edition. "A manager on the first bus called (football coach) Chuck Lawrence about 10 (p.m.) and said the van behind them had been hit by a semi."

TaeKwonDo tourney a 'success'

West Texas TaeKwonDo Academy had a solid outing at the 18th annual West Texas TaeKwonDo Championships last Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum, placing fourth overall among all entered schools.

"It was a success," said academy owner and tournament organizer Greg Gafford. "We did really well. We did a lot better in forms than we usually do."

Gafford said Chip Townsend and the U.S. National Championship Demonstration Team were well-received and would be invited back for future tournaments.

Amarillo academy Top of Texas won the overall team competition, Texas Christian University was second and the school from Romance, Ark., took third.

Fighters from the academy had strong individual performances that helped the school earn its top five standing.

Black belts Alex and Larry Jaramillo each took home a third-place medal for sparring.

Red belt Justin Armstrong earned the first-place trophy in both forma and fighting for his age group, while fellow red belt Xavier Jaramillo took first in sparring and third in forms. Joseph Benz took the top spot in forms and third in fighting, while another red belt, Rubi Jaimes, took third in the fighting competition.

The blue belts also had a strong tourney, with Fred Ramirez taking first in forms and second in sparring. Koe Alvarez was third in fighting.

Green belt Seth Jaramillo was first in his class in sparring and second in forms, while green belt Hunter Wickline took second in fighting and third in forms.

Green belts Laurne McQuirk took home a second-place medal for fighting, while Slade Birkenfeld and Nelson Sears each took third in the sparring competition. Reagan Lindsey took third in his group in both events.

Orange belt Ashley Kincheloe earned the top prize in forms and the runner-up medal in fighting, and fellow orange belt Kaiden Gamble also won forms in his division.

Four yellow belts competed in the tournament. Daniel Shlezinger and Josh Morrell ewach had third-place finishes in both events in their respective divisions, while Ray Newton took second in sparring and Evan Tedder placed third in the fighting competition.

Frosh split with Mustangs

The Snyder freshmen girls scored a resounding victory in their season finale Monday, running roughshod over Sweetwater, 54-12.

The freshmen, who finished the year at 15-7 overall and 8-4 in district, got double-digit scoring from three players in the rout.

Brianna Bernal canned 14, Desiree Cortez hit for 13 and Candace Chandler added 12.

Kaitlyn Greenlee and Courtney Tyrrell contributed six apiece and Ashley Pavlovsky drained three.

"I feel like the girls had a good season, especially with three girls moving up. We played well and improved as the season went along," coach Todd Pollard said.

The freshmen boys fell, 59-47, despite four three-pointers from Ricky Sanchez, who paced the Tigers with 13 points.

"We lost the intensity we've had for the last three games, although our outside shooting improved," coach Joe Anaya said.

Ryan Mitchell added 10 points, Tagaba Kyei knocked in eight and Michael Martinez canned two for the frosh, who close out the season at 6:30 p.m. Friday at home against Denver City.

SJHS girls conclude season with sweep of Sweetwater

The eighth-grade A girls ended the season on a strong note Monday, topping Sweetwater 35-15. The team finished with a 12-5 record.

Audrey Jones canned a game-high 22 and collected seven rebounds, Jordan Derryberry hit for nine and Allison Sharrock and Devin Davidson each contributed two points.

"The season was very successful and I feel like these girls will be very promising as a freshman squad next year," coach Canita Rhodes said.

The seventh-grade A team also whipped Sweetwater, 43-13.

Brittney Mitchell led all players with 11 points, Shaquita Sneed drained 10 and Briana Bryant added six in the win.

Jessica Bilderback, Erma Rodriguez, Brittney Webb and Teryn Sullenger each added four. Veronica Solano also contributed with timely rebounds and steals.

"The girls worked hard and had a good season. I am proud of them," said coach Julie Wilson.

Both the B clubs topped Sweetwater Monday.

The eighth-graders got eight points from Jessica DeLeon and Heather Garza in a 28-23 victory.

The seventh-grade squad cruised past their Sweetwaer counterparts, 20-7.

Lareshia Casey had nine points, Mariah Robbins added three and Ryanna Alexander canned two.

"The girls had a great season and I am very proud of them," coach Halea Huestis said.

Sports Briefs

Golf schedule changed

The Snyder golf schedule has been revised, and the varsity boys will not compete at Horseshoe Bay this weekend.

Instead, both varsity clubs will be idle this weekend, while the JV teams will tee-off at Big Spring Friday.

Trail Blazers ship out Wallace

ATLANTA (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers sent Rasheed Wallace and reserve Wesley Person to the Hawks for Shareef Abdur-Rahim and two other players. In Wallace, Atlanta gets an often-troubled player who's averaging 17 points and 6.6 rebounds a game.

Wallace drew the ire of NBA commissioner David Stern this season when he told The Oregonian newspaper that the league's white establishment is exploiting young black athletes to enrich itself. Wallace later issued an apology.

Abdur-Rahim had 27 points and 10 rebounds in the victory, and is averaging 20.7 points and 8.4 rebounds this season.

Fitzgerald to enter draft

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald will enter the NFL draft and not return to Pittsburgh for his junior year.

The NFL cleared the way for Fitzgerald to enter the April draft because he is three years past his senior year of high school.

Warrant issued for Miami's top recruit

MIAMI (AP) — An arrest warrant was issued for Miami's top recruit, accusing him of violating his probation while on a recruiting visit to Florida last month.

Willie Williams, 19, has been charged with misdemeanor battery by state officials in Gainesville after a woman said he hugged her without permission. That charge spurred the issuing of an arrest warrant in Broward County, where Williams is on probation for pleading no contest to felony burglary in 2002.

Williams' 18-month probation term was to end Wednesday. He now may face up to five years in prison, the maximum on the burglary charge, plus an uncertain future with the Hurricanes.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball:	Snyder varsity boys at Merkel, 8 p.m.
	Snyder varsity girls at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
	Ira varsity girls and boys at Borden County, 6:30 p.m.
	Hermleigh varsity girls and boys vs. Highland, 6:30 p.m.
	Snyder JV boys at Merkel, 5 p.m.
	Snyder JV girls at Merkel, 5 p.m.
Baseball:	WTC at Ranger JC, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY

Basketball:	Snyder varsity boys vs. Denver City, 8 p.m.
	Snyder JV boys vs. Denver City, 5 p.m.
	Snyder frosh boys vs. Denver City, 6:30 p.m.
Baseball:	WTC vs. NMMI, 3 p.m.
Softball:	WTC at Midland Tournament
Golf:	Snyder JV boys and girls at Big Spring
Tennis:	Snyder at Big Spring tourney

SATURDAY

Baseball:	WTC vs. NMMI, DH, noon
Softball:	WTC at Midland Tournament
Golf:	Snyder JV boys and girls at Big Spring
Tennis:	Snyder at Big Spring tourney

National Hockey League

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	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	29	20	.592	—
New York	25	27	.481	5½
Boston	23	30	.434	8
Miami	21	31	.404	9½
Philadelphia	21	31	.404	9½
Washington	16	33	.327	13
Orlando	13	40	.245	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	38	14	.731	—
Detroit	33	19	.635	5
Milwaukee	27	23	.540	10
New Orleans	27	24	.529	10½
Toronto	24	25	.490	12½
Cleveland	20	32	.385	18
Atlanta	18	35	.340	20½
Chicago	14	37	.275	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	15	.700	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	1½
Dallas	32	19	.627	3½
Houston	29	22	.569	6½
Memphis	29	22	.569	6½
Denver	30	23	.566	6½
Utah	25	26	.490	10½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	35	13	.729	—
L.A. Lakers	30	18	.625	5
Portland	24	25	.490	11½
Seattle	24	26	.480	12
L.A. Clippers	22	27	.449	13½
Golden State	21	28	.429	14½
Phoenix	18	35	.340	19½

Monday's Games

Cleveland 97, Boston 89
Atlanta 102, Dallas 96
Denver 86, Memphis 83
San Antonio 85, Houston 82

Today's Games

L.A. Lakers at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.
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Golden State at Seattle, 9 p.m.

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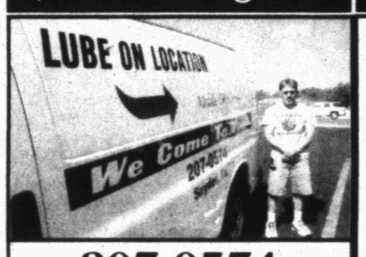

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Court-ordered DNA tests halt execution

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Only hours before the scheduled execution of an inmate whose plight has generated celebrity support, a federal appeals court stayed the death sentence until evidence in the case can be tested for DNA.

The decision Monday by an 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals came less than eight hours before Kevin Cooper was to be executed. The U.S. Supreme Court later unanimously declined to overrule the court's stay.

"No person should be executed if there is doubt about his or her guilt and an easily available test will determine guilt or innocence," wrote seven of the 11 judges on the San Francisco-based appellate panel.

Cooper, who has maintained his innocence through 18 years of appeals, was convicted in the hacking deaths of four people in 1983. He claims a trio of murderers committed the attacks and says DNA tests on hair and a bloody shirt found at the murder scene will exonerate him.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had declined to grant clemency, saying evidence of Cooper's guilt was overwhelming. It was the first such plea to cross the governor's desk.

Cooper won support from celebrities such as Denzel Washington, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and actor and anti-death penalty activist Mike Farrell, who announced the Supreme Court's decision to nearly 300 protesters outside the gates of San Quentin State Prison.

"Thank you for letting the governor know he was wrong," Farrell said to thunderous applause.

The government expressed optimism that Cooper will be executed soon.

"We are confident the results of future tests will not cast doubt about Cooper's guilt," said Hallye Jordan, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

The 11-judge panel overturned an earlier 2-1 decision by the same court declining to reopen Cooper's case. Out of deference to the dissenting judge, the majority of the judges agreed to review the case.

Judges Barry Silverman and Johnnie Rawlinson, of the larger panel, said the execution should be stayed, but only for as long as it takes to test the shirt for evidence of a preservative that would indicate that Cooper's blood was planted by police, as the inmate claims.

"The public cannot afford a mistake. Neither can Cooper," they wrote. "Since Cooper's guilt can be quickly and definitively determined by means of a simple test, there is no reason not to have it performed prior to his execution."

Cooper was convicted of stabbing and hacking to death Douglas and Peggy Ryen, both 41, their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and 11-year-old Christopher Hughes in 1983.

Judge in Peterson trial orders witness list, jurors' names sealed

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The judge presiding over Scott Peterson's murder trial ordered Monday that the witness lists and names of potential jurors remain confidential, despite protests by the media.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi, who said he hopes to begin jury selection in about two weeks, told attorneys at a pretrial hearing that he had "nothing against the press. I have a responsibility here to see that Mr. Peterson gets a fair trial."

He ruled that the questioning of potential jurors will be open to media coverage under the condition that the potential jurors' names not be released. He also ordered that the list of witnesses stay sealed.

Karl Olson, who represented the San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Times and The Associated Press among other media outlets, argued that "justice works best when exposed to public scrutiny."

Both prosecutors and defense attorneys disagreed.

"The media has taken great steps to place themselves in the middle of this case," said prosecutor David Harris. "The media has a right to gain information, but they don't have the right to interfere with a criminal trial."

Peterson's lawyer, Mark Geragos, said he was concerned the media would harass witnesses, citing examples of Web sites publicizing witnesses' names, addresses and phone numbers.

"The fringe elements ... have turned this into a circus," he said, adding that two new billboards near freeway entrances close to the courthouse display a photograph of Peterson with the question, "Man or Monster?"

Peterson, 31, who wore a light gray suit and smiled at family members as he entered the courtroom, said nothing during the 40-minute hearing.

Another hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, where lawyers will argue the merits of global positioning system technology. Geragos is challenging investigators' use of a GPS device to track Peterson before his arrest last spring.

In addition, Geragos asked Monday that two juries be seated — one for the guilt phase and, if Peterson is convicted, a second for the penalty phase of the trial. Geragos also wants any jury to be sequestered because of trial publicity.

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AmEl Pw	33.16	32.89	33.15	+.21
AndarkPtr	51.00	50.05	50.70	+.23
ATMOS Egy	25.95	25.57	25.95	+.37
Aviall	15.44	15.34	15.36	+.01
BP PLC	47.35	46.60	47.07	—1.33
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Jury convicts man

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A man infamous for kidnapping a young boy 30 years ago was convicted Monday of trying to buy a child last year in what a prosecutor described as the would-be "last hurrah" of a long criminal career.

Kenneth Parnell was convicted of trying to persuade a woman to procure him a young boy for $500. Now 72 and in a wheelchair, Parnell was convicted in 1980 of abducting 7-year-old Steven Stayner, changing the boy's name and keeping him for seven years. Stayner's story was later told in a book and TV movie, "I Know My First Name is Steven."

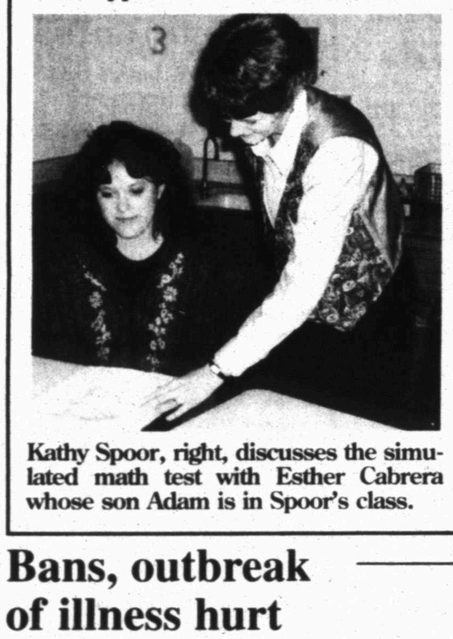
There was no actual child in the current case. The woman, Diane Stevens, cooperated with police in setting up a meeting in which she was to give Parnell a birth certificate for $100 and procure a child for $400 more.

The prosecutor, Tim Wellman, said outside court that Parnell could face up to life imprisonment under the state's "three strikes" law, but the defense plans to argue that the prior cases are too old to be relevant.

In addition to the Stayner kidnapping, Parnell was convicted of kidnapping 5-year-old Timmy White in 1980. He served five years for both abductions. Parnell also has a 1951 conviction for committing a lewd act on a minor.

"He has been committing felonies since he was 19 years old," Wellman said.

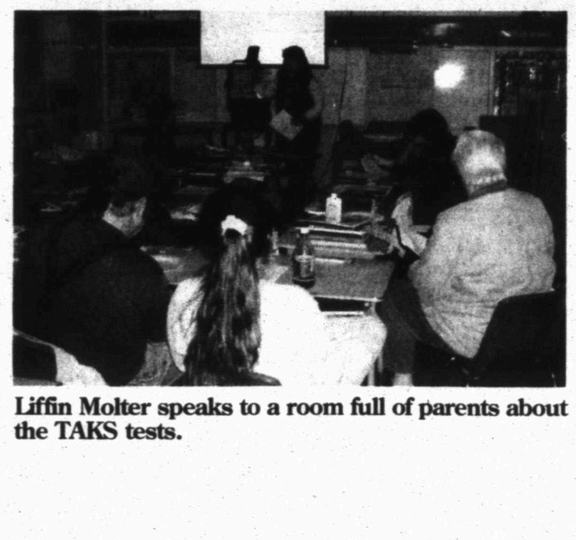
Melissa McNeil, left, shows Leighann Kenney what one of the tests looks like. Kenney's son is Anthony Zamarippa.



Kathy Spoor, right, discusses the simulated math test with Esther Cabrera whose son Adam is in Spoor's class.

Central... Taste of TAKS

Paula Bowden, right, tells Catalina Rodriguez, center, about the TAKS test Cabrera's son, Mike, will take this school year. In back is Mike's sister, Crystal.



Liffin Molter speaks to a room full of parents about the TAKS tests.

Earlier this month, Central Elementary hosted Taste of TAKS where parents previewed simulated TAKS tests, which third graders must take this school year.

Refreshments were served prior to the event and child care for children seven and up was provided.

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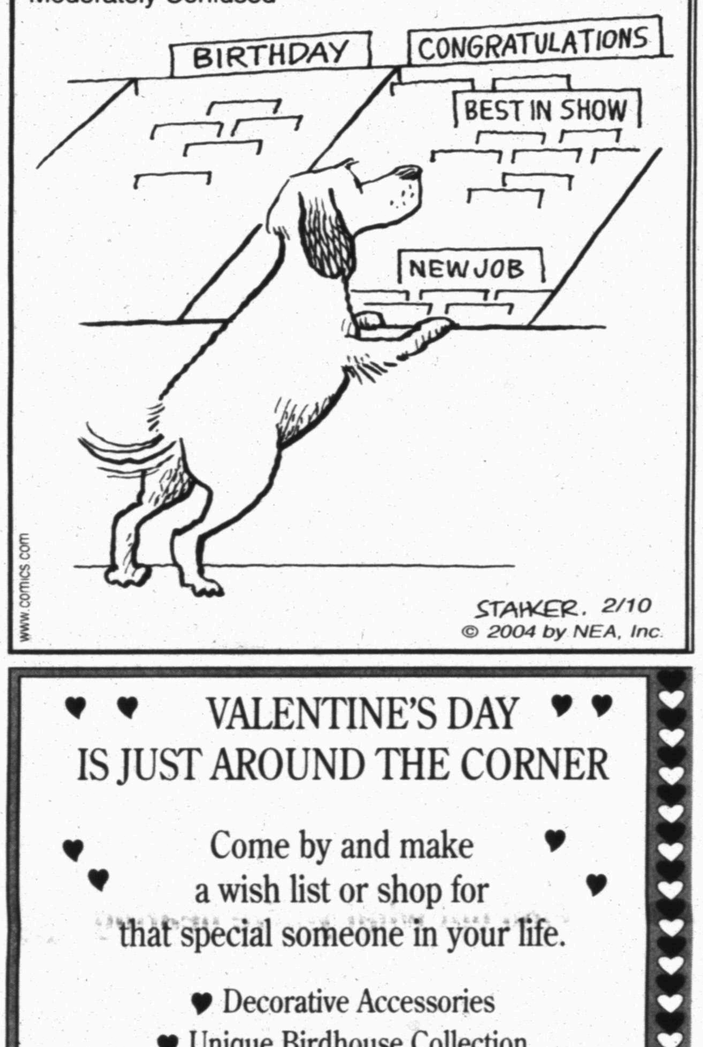

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Bans, outbreak of illness hurt poultry industry

By The Associated Press

Prompt reaction to an avian flu outbreak likely limited the disease to the small Delaware farm where it has been detected, but fallout from a series of foreign bans on imports could sting the poultry industry, a disease expert said Monday.

The response has been quick "and everyone is expecting it will be completely contained," said Corrie Brown, an infectious animal disease expert at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Tests on 19 of 20 chicken houses in central Delaware surrounding the infected flock were negative for avian flu, with results expected today on the final house, state officials said Monday. A clean bill of health could lead to a lifting of the foreign trade bans. Brown, a former USDA official, said poultry exports account for about 20 percent of the U.S. poultry industry.

"If it spreads to any extent, there will be major trade embargoes and that will be a big impact, but we've been working hard over the past few years to increase awareness so we can detect these diseases at first blush," Brown said.

Russia, the single largest foreign market for U.S. poultry, said Monday it was temporarily banning the import of most poultry products from Delaware.

In response to the outbreak, confirmed by state officials Friday, Japan, Poland, Singapore, Malaysia and South Korea also have banned U.S. poultry imports, while Hong Kong banned the import of live birds and poultry from Delaware only. Mexico, which since 2002 has not imported poultry and poultry products from eight U.S. states, added Delaware to the list Monday.

The farm was operated by an independent grower who sold to the live bird market in New York City. State officials immediately ordered the slaughter of 12,000 birds and began testing flocks within a 2-mile radius of the infected site.

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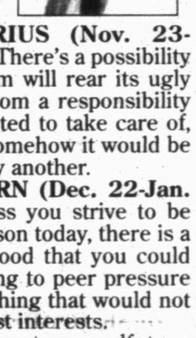
By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004

The year ahead could turn into one of your happier periods by maintaining a sense of order and balance in your life. It will be important to work hard, but equalize this with leisure-time activities and relaxation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Think twice before yielding to temptations to take an opposing position today on a popular cause, no matter how much you think you're right. Even supporters may side with opponents.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep in mind today that everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. Being too critical or harsh could turn what should be a minor debate into a serious confrontation where no one will win.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — When it comes to financial matters today, do not discount your own good judgment. Permitting someone else to do your thinking for you in this realm could end up costing you money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you're wise today, you will not take any independent action on an important situation or matter which concerns both you and your mate. Discuss it thoroughly with him or her first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Most people aren't apt to perform too well when someone is looking over their shoulder, and you're no exception. Put yourself in these circumstances so that you don't do so to anyone else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's best to try to steer clear of people today who tend to be overly demanding. Even though you're normally able to tolerate these types, this isn't apt to be the case for you now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Usually a good challenge awakens your better qualities and you rise to the occasion, but this might not be the case today. Don't willingly immerse yourself in any uphill struggles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Subdue any inclinations you get today to contradict others merely for the sake of argument. Instead of showing off your intelligence and winning points, you may make enemies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Do not be stingy when dealing with others today, but, by the same token, take special care to make certain that the lion's share of expenses incurred by all don't fall on you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Being overly concerned about guarding your personal interests today could cause you to fail to recognize the needs, affairs or wants of associates. Broaden your perspective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There's a possibility that a problem will rear its ugly head today from a responsibility you've neglected to take care of, hoping that somehow it would be attended to by another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Unless you strive to be your own person today, there is a strong likelihood that you could end up yielding to peer pressure and do something that would not be in your best interests.

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Authorities: Prostitute killings may be linked

GRAPEVINE (AP) — The slaying of an Oklahoma prostitute whose body was found in Grapevine may be linked to the killings of six prostitutes in Oklahoma, authorities said.

Grapevine and Oklahoma investigators said Monday they are sharing information to determine if the slayings are related because all the women had the similar lifestyles, and their nude bodies were found in or near creeks or ponds.

Grapevine police said 19-year-old Jo Pipestem's body was discovered Feb. 1 in Big Bear Creek off Texas 360 in the Fort Worth suburb. Police do not know where Pipestem was killed, but believe she may have been picked up in southern Oklahoma.

They said her body was dumped off a bridge after she had been strangled.

"There are similarities that we are looking at right now," Grapevine police Sgt. Bob Murphy told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"I expect that our detectives will be going back to Oklahoma during our investigation."

Jessica Brown, a spokeswoman with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in Oklahoma City, said it is possible the killings could be related.

There were five suspicious deaths of Lawton, Okla., women between Aug. 9, 1999, and Jan. 2, 2000, according to Oklahoma authorities and the OSBI Web site.

Their nude bodies were found in rural areas near Lawton, which is about 50 miles north of Wichita Falls.

Authorities said the body of a sixth victim was found Jan. 1 in a creek bed in Pottawatomie County, Okla., which is southeast of Oklahoma City.

Authorities said Patsy Laverne Leonard's body was dropped from a county bridge.

They believe the 23-year-old Wichita Falls woman, who was last seen Dec. 21, was killed just hours before three men noticed her nude body in a creek.

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U.S. soldiers relax at 'Sunni Triangle' base

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — There's a 24-hour gym with aerobic classes, an indoor swimming pool and even a driving range. And for troops who over exert themselves, a masseur is on hand to soothe aching muscles.

U.S. soldiers stationed at a riverside palace complex here that once belonged to Saddam Hussein face constant danger from Iraqi insurgents whenever they leave the base.

But once inside, they get to kick back in increasing style.

The base has a cinema large enough for 400 people, a sports bar boasting a cappuccino machine and a bustling Internet cafe. Fishing rods, mountain bikes and horseshoes also are available.

"Sometimes I'm walking around here and for brief moments I feel like I am at home," said Staff Sgt. Issac Day of Tarpon Springs, Fla. "This is about as good as it gets,"

The buildup at the base is a sign the Pentagon is prepared for a long haul in Iraq despite plans to hand over sovereignty to an Iraqi government on July 1. Washington has said U.S. troops will be in Iraq for some years to come.

The camp, called Forward Operating Base Ironhorse, is home to around 3,500 troops, most of whom are with the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Unlike soldiers elsewhere in Iraq, many of whom sleep in tents, troops here are billeted in several ornate palaces that used to belong to Saddam, who was born near Tikrit.

Many of the buildings, which have carved ceilings, huge pillars and luxury bathrooms, command sweeping views of the Tigris River. Most come with balconies or terraces as well as fireplaces to ward off the chilly winter nights.

Last summer, the camp became an unlikely holiday resort for thousands of other soldiers stationed elsewhere in Iraq, who visit for three-day breaks.

"It's just the prettiest camp," said Spc. Cindy Lowery, of Santa Cruz, Calif. "This is the only time I will ever get to live in a palace."

At the end of this month, the 4th ID soldiers based here will fly home after serving a year in Iraq. They are being replaced by the 1st Infantry Division based in Germany.

The camp is deep inside the Sunni Triangle, an area to the west and north of Baghdad that sees near daily attacks by Iraqi insurgents.

Nighttime mortar and rocket attacks on the base are a regular occurrence, and the clatter of gunfire is often heard at the perimeter fence. Helicopters and fighter planes buzz overhead.

Even so, the war can sometimes feel far away.

At the camp's recreation center, troops splash around in a heated swimming pool that is decorated in the same gaudy style — all mirrors, marble and stained glass — as most of the buildings here.

"It is a good place to meet your buddies," said Spc. James Bluebird, from Prineville, Texas. "After 10 months, you start thinking of home. This place helps a bit."

Staffers at the recreation center claim Saddam used the pool only once a year. The rest of the time, so the story goes, workers at the palace were forbidden to swim there.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Smile — it's Gender War II

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a real man, I object to your recent article bashing men, which seemed more appropriate for a women's magazine. You suggest that women are perfect, and men are lazy, worthless slobs. Although I am neither lazy nor worthless, I admit I am not as neat as my wife is. I also object to the implications that men have to behave like women. You should be ashamed of yourself.

How can you say that men are the weaker sex? I am healthier and able to do far more than my wife. She stays at home. She is a homemaker. It is her job to do the housework. As far as PMS is concerned, it's a convenient excuse. I cannot understand how you can believe that men are like children. What's wrong with women carrying garbage out to the curb? Selective deafness is used by both sexes.

What's the big deal about leaving the toilet seat up? Are women so helpless that they can't put it down? Your article was so ludicrous that I think your wife wrote it. If you really did write such junk, you are not a real man but some cheap, henpecked momma's boy.

DEAR READER: If I were to answer you in two words, I'd say "oink, oink." However, the issues you raise are worth more than a brief rebuke. The column you referred to was a tongue-in-cheek satire of 30 "required courses" for men who want to enter the 21st century. It was meant to be funny; you know, a joke.

One of the major problems facing feminists and "masculinists," who represent the extremes in the gender war, is their unwillingness to loosen up. These polar opposites seem to have lost the ability to make fun of themselves; they take themselves much too seriously. I advise you to relax a little. The empowerment of women and the reluctance of men to make changes are two important issues, but this is not to assert that the subject needs to be addressed with mind-numbing, unremitting seriousness.

My wife did not write the column. I'm divorced and had she written it, the article probably wouldn't have been amusing at all.

Undoubtedly, many women are satisfied with being homemakers, raising children, doing housework, and performing the plethora of chores necessary in maintaining a family. Such women are to be congratulated because they are content and enjoy high self-esteem and phenomenal skills.

On the other hand, more and more women are working outside the home. In my view, their household duties should be equitably shared with their spouses or partners. This arrangement seems fair and just to me. Men who insist that these women should assume only traditional roles in the home are missing the boat. Chores should be shared. The partners must be sensitive to each other's needs and goals. This consideration doesn't appear nearly as revolutionary to me as it does to you and the other men who endorse your perspective. It is merely an appropriate balance, nothing more.

So, relax, guy. Smile as you take this advice from a henpecked momma's boy.

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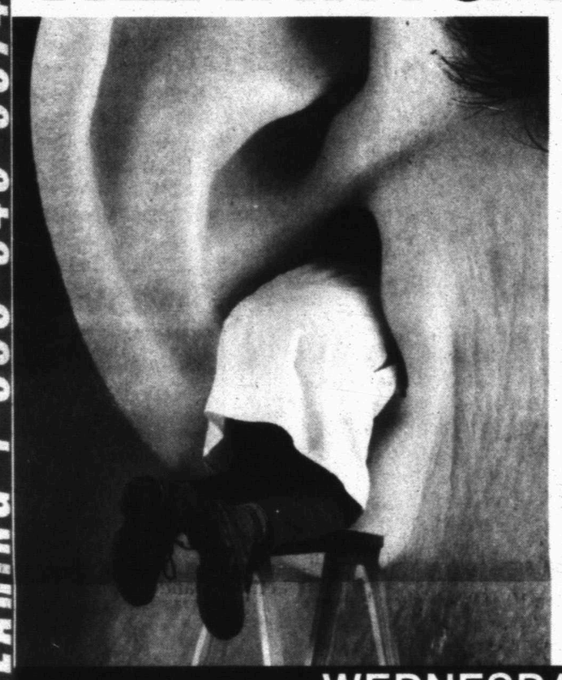

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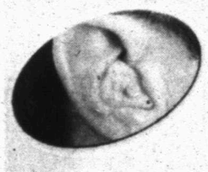

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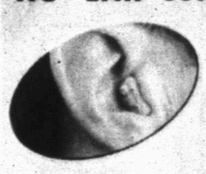

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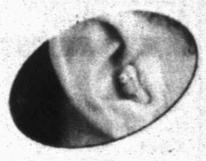

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Democrats seek Southern primary wins

By The Associated Press

Sen. John Kerry and his Democratic pursuers closed out their campaigns in primaries in Virginia and Tennessee today, the front-runner hoping for his victory in the South while Sen. John Edwards and retired Gen. Wesley Clark sought upsets to prolong the race.

"Feeling good about today," Kerry told patrons at a diner in Memphis. "We want to do well down here."

In a fresh sign of growing strength, the Massachusetts senator also gained an endorsement from Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, one week ahead of that state's primary.

Clark made the rounds in Nashville, delivering doughnuts to volunteers at polling places around the city. "I'm helping the people who are helping me change the country," he said. "We can do it."

Edwards paid a visit to a morning polling place in northern Virginia and made plans to fly to Wisconsin later in the day in a show of determination to remain in the race. His campaign manager, Nick Baldick, told reporters the campaign has enough money to compete through the end of the month.

Howard Dean made little effort in the day's primary states, focusing his efforts on Wisconsin.

Campaigning in Superior, Dean said Democrats need "an outsider, someone with a real record of change." In a slap at Kerry, whom he didn't mention by name, Dean said the alternative to himself was "a Washington fixture who plays the inside game."

Bush's military pay data to be released

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House, facing election-year questions about President Bush's military service, is releasing pay records and other information intended to support his assertion that he fulfilled his duty as a member of the Air National Guard during the Vietnam war.

The material, to be released today, was to include pay records and annual retirement point summaries to show that Bush served.

"These records clearly document that the president fulfilled his duty," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

The point summaries were released during the 2000 presidential campaign but the pay records were not obtained by the White House until late Monday from the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, Colo., McClellan said. He said the center, apparently acting on its own, reviewed Bush's records and came up with the pay information.

"It was our impression from the Texas Air National Guard — they stated they didn't have them," he said. "It was also our impression those records didn't exist." Bush on Sunday authorized the release of his Guard records. McClellan said the latest material apparently is all of Bush's records.

The pay information documented the dates when Bush showed up for Guard duty, the spokesman said. "You are paid for the dates you served," McClellan added.

Bush's military record was raised as an issue in the 2000 campaign and was revived this year by Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe, who called Bush "AWOL" — absent without leave — during a period of his service when he was in Alabama.

Asked if the records should end the controversy about Bush's service, McClellan said, "You have to ask those who made these outrageous accusations if they stand by them in the face of this documentation that demonstrates he served and fulfilled his duties."

Bush enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard in 1968 shortly before graduating from Yale University.

Questions have been raised about whether family connections helped him get into the Guard when there were waiting lists for what was seen as an easy billet. Bush says no one in his family pulled strings and that he got in because others didn't want to commit to the almost two years of active duty required for fighter pilot training.

A central issue is whether he showed up for duty while assigned to Guard units in Alabama, where he worked on a political campaign in 1972. "There may be no evidence, but I did report," Bush told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "Otherwise, I wouldn't have been honorably discharged."

Assistant testifies M. Stewart altered log of phone message

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart altered a log of a phone message left by her stockbroker about ImClone Systems stock, then immediately ordered her assistant to change it back, the assistant testified today.

Stewart sat down at the assistant's desk and changed the message from "Peter Bacanovic thinks ImClone is going to start trading downward" to "Peter Bacanovic re Imclone," assistant Ann Armstrong testified.

The message referred to a call placed by Bacanovic, Stewart's broker and co-defendant, just before Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone on Dec. 27, 2001.

Armstrong said Stewart altered the message on Jan. 31, 2002, just days before she was first interviewed by investigators about the ImClone trade.

Armstrong said Stewart quickly ordered her to restore the original message.

"She instantly stood up, still standing at my desk, and told me to put it back to the way it was," Armstrong said.

Prosecutor Michael Schachter asked her: "In your experience working for Ms. Stewart, have you ever observed her alter a phone message like that?"

"No," Armstrong answered.

The altered message is one of the government's most crucial pieces of evidence in the case, along with a worksheet prosecutors say Bacanovic altered to make it appear that he and Stewart had previously agreed to sell ImClone when it fell below $60.

On Monday, Armstrong, Stewart's assistant for six years, broke down while describing a phone conversation with her on the day of the stock sale.

Stewart was calling from Texas during a stop on her way to a vacation in Mexico. Armstrong said the two first chatted about the holidays.

"I thanked her for the plum pudding she sent home."

Nine arrested on various charges

• Arrests

Law enforcement officers made nine arrests in Scurry County on Monday.

At 1 p.m., a report of four subjects in a car, possibly in possession of alcohol, led to the arrest of an 18-year-old female and a 19-year-old female, along with two males, ages 19 and 20, in the 3700 block of Brick Plant Rd. All were charged with Class A possession of marijuana.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody at 1:15 p.m. Monday at Hwy. 350 and Block Line Rd. for a municipal warrant for speeding.

A 26-year-old man was arrested in the 1300 block of 26th at 1:44 p.m. Monday charged with driving while license suspended.

At 2:35 p.m. Monday on Hwy. 208 near the Mitchell County line, DPS troopers arrested Johnny Dale Gardner, 58, of 1908 Scott Street for felony DWI and failure to identify.

A report of an intoxicated driver on Hwy. 350 near the Snyder city limits at 3:20 p.m. Monday led to the arrest of a 49-year-old man who was charged with misdemeanor DWI.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old man at 3:45 p.m. Monday in the 3500 block of College Ave. for driving with invalid driver's license.

• Theft

A caller reported a theft of a 1998 Chevrolet pickup from 313 36th Pl. at 1:35 p.m. Monday. The victim advised that he had been paid for the pickup with a bad check.

A person reported to officers that someone had fraudulently used his credit card.

• Threats

A report was made at 2:30 p.m. Monday of an individual making verbal threats.

• Open car door

At 2:59 p.m. Monday, a caller reported finding the doors to her vehicle open at her residence on FM 1606, advising she would make an offense report if anything is missing.

• Burglary

A burglary of a home at 420 30th St. was reported at 4 p.m. Monday. The homeowner will submit a list of stolen items.

Obituaries

Marie Stanfield

1926-2004

Reva Marie Stanfield died Friday, Feb. 6, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Stanfield, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.

Born Aug. 10, 1926 in Saline County, Mo., to William and Mary LaRose, she married Robert Lee "Bob" Stanfield on Aug. 20, 1948. They resided in Marshall, Mo., prior to making their home in Snyder where they were partners with John and Evelyn Thomas in the Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth and Hondo motorcycle dealership.

Marie Stanfield

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; one sister, Wilma Bryan; and two brothers, Warren and Paul LaRose.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Stanfield of Snyder; two sons, Bruce Stanfield of Snyder and Terry Stanfield of Houston; one stepdaughter, Sherry Twyman of Prairie Village, Kan.; one sister, Evelyn Thomas of Marshall, Mo. and formerly of Snyder; two brothers, Ralph LaRose of Independence, Mo., and Bill LaRose of Prairie Village, Kan.; two grandsons, Christopher and Jeffrey Stanfield, both of Snyder; one granddaughter, Terra Stanfield Seidel of Crawfordsville, Ind.; one stepgrandson, Matt Twyman, one step great-grandson, Luke Twyman, both of Des Peres, Mo.; and one step granddaughter, Emily Twyman of Prairie Village, Kan.

Fay Beights

1942-2004

SWEETWATER — Fay Nell Beights, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 7, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Beights, 61, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Orvel Brantley officiating. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery.

Fay Beights

Born March 12, 1942 in Flatonia, Mrs. Beights was a graduate of Colorado City High School in 1961. The same year on Oct. 6 she married Frank Beights in Cuthbert.

She earned an associate degree in business management from Western Texas College and worked for Sweetwater Electric until her retirement in 1997. She lived in Sweetwater from 1964 to 1969 when she moved to Snyder and then returned to Sweetwater in 1993. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by a son, Frankie Sanford Beights in 1982; her father, R.B. Treadway in 1985; and by her mother, Mary Spence Treadway in 2001.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Beights of Sweetwater; five brothers, Chester Treadway of Rush Springs, Okla., Bill Treadway of Roscoe, Kenneth Treadway of Medford, Ore., O.D. Treadway of Avery, and R.B. Treadway of White City, Ore.

Cody Griswold

1961-2004

GREENVILLE — Cody Griswold, the brother of Jimmy Griswold of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 7.

Funeral service for Mr. Griswold, 42, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Peters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Tidwell Cemetery.

Born in Brawley, Calif., he lived in Garland and was a former resident of Odessa. Mr. Griswold was a fiber optics engineer and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Malea Griswold of Garland; a son, Thomas Cody Griswold of Garland; a daughter, Nikki Griswold of Garland; his mother, Lysta Griswold of Odessa; and his father, Bill Griswold of Goliad.

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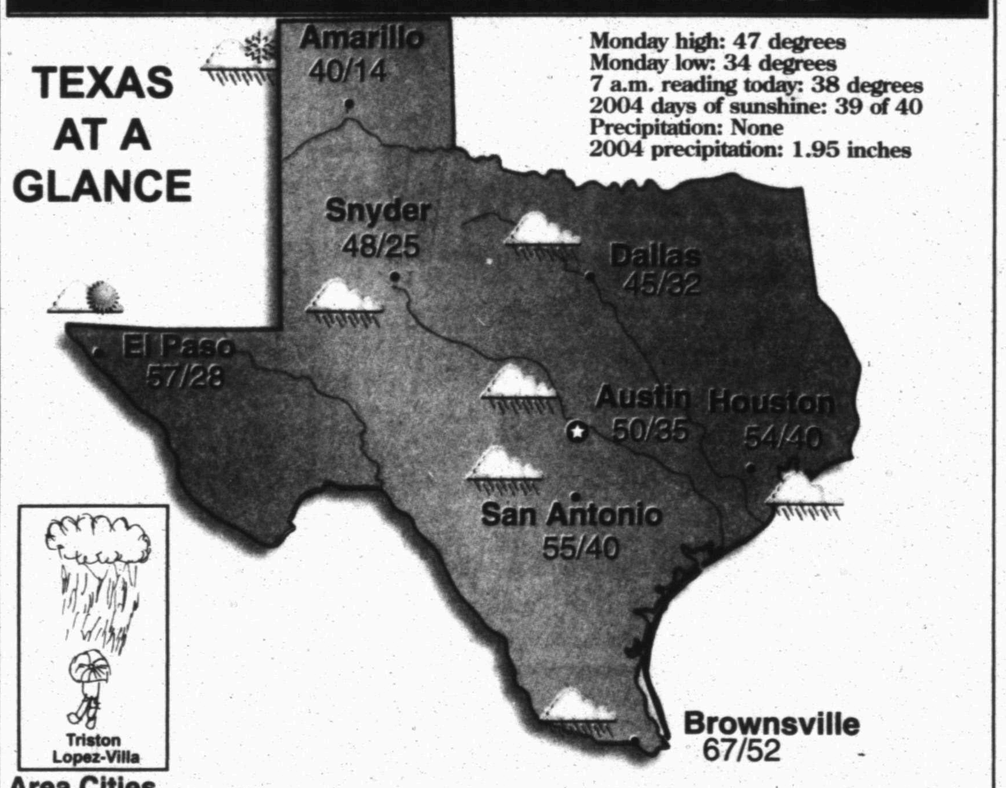

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7 a.m. reading today: 38 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 39 of 40
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 1.95 inches

Triston Lopez-Villa

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	48	30	rain
Amarillo	40	14	mixed
Austin	50	35	rain
Beaumont	54	43	rain
Brownsville	67	52	rain
Brownwood	48	31	rain
Corpus Christi	60	44	rain
Corsicana	45	31	rain
Dallas	45	32	rain
Del Rio	59	41	rain
El Paso	57	28	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	58	30	pt sunny
Gainesville	43	27	rain
Greenville	44	28	rain
Houston	54	40	rain
Kingsville	63	44	rain
Livingston	52	34	rain
Longview	47	36	rain
Lubbock	49	19	rain
Lufkin	51	35	rain
Midland	53	27	pt sunny
Raymondville	66	49	rain
Rosenberg	54	39	rain
San Antonio	55	40	rain
San Marcos	51	36	rain
Sulphur Springs	45	30	rain
Sweetwater	50	28	rain
Tyler	46	31	rain
Weatherford	44	28	rain
Wichita Falls	47	30	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	51	35	cloudy
Boston	36	20	sunny
Chicago	32	19	cloudy
Dallas	45	32	rain
Denver	24	1	sn shower
Houston	54	40	rain
Los Angeles	75	50	sunny
Miami	81	71	pt sunny
Minneapolis	23	2	sn shower
New York	39	24	mst sunny
Phoenix	66	42	sunny
San Francisco	63	43	mst sunny
Seattle	54	33	sunny
St. Louis	41	26	pt sunny
Washington, DC	44	27	mst sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 28

UV Index

Wed 2/11	Thu 2/12	Fri 2/13
4	4	5
Low	Low	Moderate

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