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Tippens to head COG organization

Snyder's Mayor pro tem, Vernest Tippens, has taken over as president of the West Central Texas Council of Governments (COG).

COG is an alliance of cities and counties and other taxing entities in the area that offer help on items that affect the entire area and acts as a liaison for grants and awards from state and federal government agencies.

Tippens

Members of the board of COG are required to be elected officials of their respective areas. Tippens has represented Snyder on the board for several years and has served on the Snyder city council since 1988.

She was elected as 1st vice president at the COG board's last election.

Kay Alexander, of the Abilene city council was serving as president of the board but during that city's last election decided to run for mayor and lost. Since she is no longer an elected official Alexander had to resign her position and Tippens takes over as the top officer, according to COG Executive Director Jim Compton.

"We're tickled to death to have Vernest," he said. "She's very faithful to her duties and very knowledgeable. We're glad she's here."

Tippens said, "I really didn't expect this but I think of myself as a servant of the people and if this is what they want, I'll do my best."

BLACK AND GOLD H2O — Workers were adding the gold paint to the Tiger logo on the west water tower this morning. The tower has been off line while the entire tank was painted. The logos are the finishing touches on the project. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jeff West

Wow!

Summers in Snyder are pretty exciting so far. First the western swing festival last week and now this weekend there's the fly-in at the airport.

More things to do and see, more people to observe, more reminders about my shortcomings.

See, I wanted to fly when I was younger. Like most people I saw the planes and the pilots and thought it would be cool. I even vaguely remember Sky King. I even took one of those introductory flying lessons for $20. The pilot took off, got the plane cruising along, and then let me have the controls. He talked me through a few minor turns here and there but mostly we went in straight lines, turning just enough to head back to the airport before too long. Then when we got close to the airport he took the controls back and landed the plane. Now I enjoyed the flight but I realized that the pilot could have gotten the same quality of piloting out of tying a piece of string to the stick; and maybe the same aptitude as well.

First of all, when I was a kid my mom noticed that I generally caught a baseball with my face, a rare and underused talent, and that I'd occasionally walk into furniture and stuff.

We found out I had no depth perception, which was a real relief to me because it was much better than the physical ailments and deformities the other kids accused me of having.

But my folks spent a fortune to do stupid eye exercises that cured me, at least that's what the doctor said. The doctor that had charged them a fortune to tie a rubber ball to the ceiling with a string and have me watch it as it swung back and forth.

But it did seem to work, I got my driver's license and everything seemed good enough that I thought about flying. I never did, partially because getting a pilot's license seemed more expensive than getting a masters degree at Harvard and renting a plane and fueling it up ran about the same as renting a Caribbean Island.

Then I decided I was going to work for the post office. I took the written test and scored well enough but then they put me in a room with the evil box. The same evil box the eye doctor had (well, probably not the same one, I suspect the government bought their own at a much higher cost). I had to look in the two eyepieces that flashed lights in one eye and then the other at faster and faster speeds. But I wasn't worried, I had beaten the evil box, years before. But not according to the post office. They said I had insufficient depth perception. The job I was applying for was sitting at a computer keyboard and punching in zip codes. I argued that I could safely negotiate the distances between the 7 and the 3 without any physical hazards but they said no. I might miss and hit the number lock key by accident and destroy the entire operation. While I hated the rejection, I've always been a little glad that I wasn't able to sit for eight hours a day punching zip codes.

But after that, I decided that if the government thought it unsafe for me to traverse around a numeric keypad, perhaps trying to land a plane around some high voltage electric wires might not be in the best interest of anyone.

You're welcome.

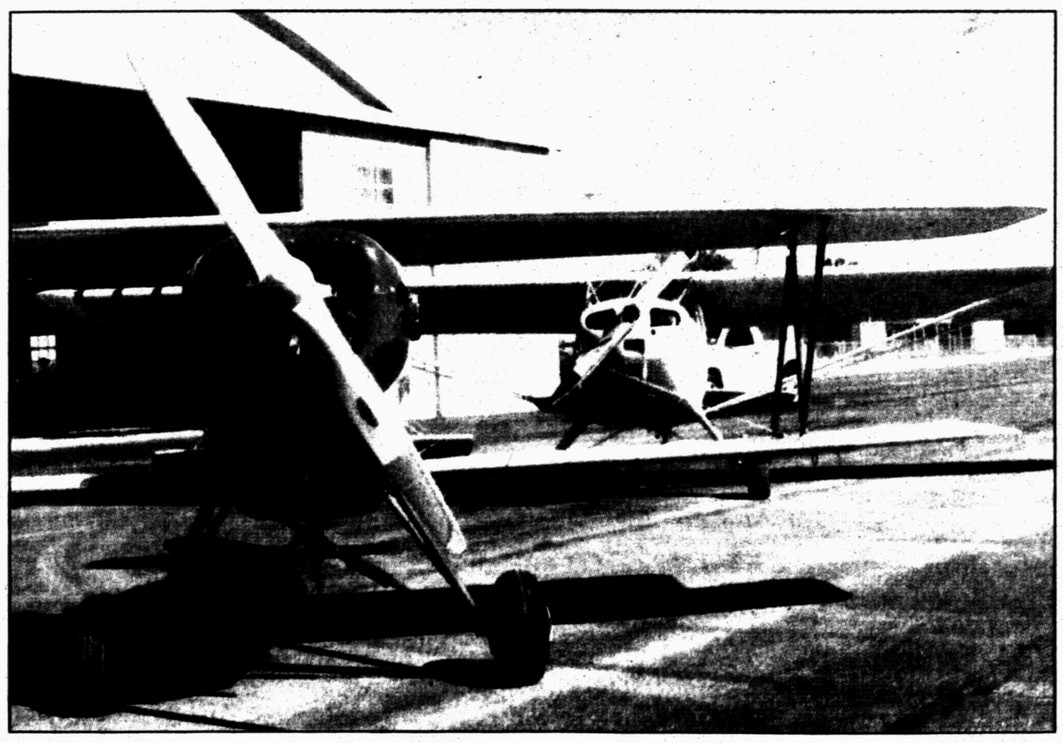
Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.

New officers selected for BCD

The Board of County Development swore in a new member and elected officers at its quarterly meeting Wednesday.

County Judge Rod Waller swore in newly appointed member Keith Hackfeld. Another new appointee, Forrest Pendleton, was unable to attend the meeting and will be sworn in later. The board elected Don West as its new president, Ray Myers was elected vice president and Joe Hefner got the nod for secretary-treasurer.

In an informational item, County Auditor Charlie Bell reminded the board that it has the discretion to spend funds, but is charged with using the money only for items that will lead to economic development in the county.



ANTIQUE AERONAUTICS — A restored Taylorcraft airplane, used by the Spanish Air Force around 1941, and a replica of a British Boredom WWI biplane, are just two of the airplanes that will be on display Saturday at the Fly-In at Winston Field. Breakfast will be served starting at 8 a.m. for $3.50 a ticket. Acrobatic flying will be presented starting about 10 a.m., weather permitting. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Car bombs kill at least 41 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A sport utility vehicle packed with artillery shells blew up today in a crowd of people waiting to volunteer for the Iraqi military, killing at least 35 people and wounding 138. Another car bomb north of the capital killed six members of the Iraqi security forces.

The explosion in Baghdad was part of a surge of violence against U.S. coalition forces and their Iraqi allies ahead of the transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis on June 30.

The blast scattered bodies and debris across a four-lane highway outside Baghdad's Muthanna airport, which is used as a base by both the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and the U.S. military. The explosion could be heard for miles and sent a cloud of smoke over the city.

Iraq's interior minister said he believed an al-Qaida-linked militant, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was connected to the bombing.

No American or Iraqi troops were wounded, U.S. Army Col. Mike Murray said. Most of the victims appeared to be poor Iraqis hoping to join the security forces because job opportunities are limited.

Another car bomb exploded today in a village near Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad, killing six ICDC members and injuring four others, the U.S. 1st Infantry Division said. The ICDC is the main internal security force, created by U.S. administrators to battle insurgents.

The bombing came a day after a rocket slammed into a U.S. logistics base near Balad, killing three U.S. soldiers and wounding 25 other people, including two civilian workers.

In Mosul, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, an architect of the war, said Iraq's security forces "are not ready" to take over the job after the transfer of power, and he promised continued U.S. military support for the interim government.

"You can count on us," he said.

A top U.S. military official said today's bombing in Baghdad appeared to fit a new pattern from al-Zarqawi's terror network in Iraq: simpler, more frequent car bombings to shake confidence in Iraqi security forces ahead of the handover.

Asked by reporters if he saw al-Zarqawi's hand in the attack, interim Interior Minister Falah Hassan al-Naqib said, "I think there are some links."

"We are quite sure and confident they are not Iraqis," al-Naqib said. "And we have very good indications that they came from abroad."

Al-Naqib said that one of al-Zarqawi's aides had been arrested, though he didn't say who.

ASK US

Q — How long should flags be flown at half-staff for President Ronald Reagan?

A — Section 7 of Title 4 of the United States Code provides that, "The flag shall be flown at half-staff for 30 days from the death of the President or a former President."

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Don Compton...

...has lived in Snyder for 32 years. He is a career technology teacher for the Windham School District at the Price Daniel Unit where he teaches construction carpentry. He is married to Linda, who is an LVN at Snyder Healthcare, and they have a daughter, Amanda Sparks, who lives in Irving with husband Bryan, and a son Michael, who is at Baylor. He enjoys fishing, camping, and oil painting.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Be patient — it's the most important thing.
—Tris Speaker

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Antique tractor club meeting

The Scurry County Antique Tractor Club will meet at 7 tonight at Jack's Roadboring on the Colorado City Hwy.

Lodge meeting cancelled

The Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 called meeting for Thursday has been postponed.

SISD computer, ESL classes

SISD is offering free classes in basic computer skills and beginning ESL from 8 a.m. to noon in the Region XIV Service Center every Friday in June. Call 574-6012 for more information.

AA meeting

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

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.

Homeless man set ablaze while sleeping

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A homeless man was set ablaze while he was sleeping on a bench in an attack caught on videotape.

Lucas Adama Wiser remained hospitalized early today with third-degree burns.

Police were looking for up to eight men in connection with the attack Tuesday outside an agency that helps the homeless.

A surveillance videotape at Corpus Christi Metro Ministries showed the men setting the victim ablaze. Wiser, 21, was screaming and holding his right arm when police arrived about 3:45 a.m. Tuesday, police Capt. John Moseley said.

The police investigations supervisor said a dark sport utility vehicle and a smaller vehicle were videotaped pulling up to the homeless man, but it was unclear whether his attackers doused him with a flammable liquid.

"Then you see the fire and they ran off," Moseley told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in today's editions.

Police could not identify license plate numbers from the video, said Moseley.

Wiser was taken to Christus Spohn Hospital Memorial with swelling and burn marks on his right arm, third-degree burns on the forearm and minor burns on his thighs.

Judge orders man to psychiatric facility

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A Somali man charged with plotting to blow up a shopping mall has been ordered to undergo psychiatric testing after a court hearing in which he displayed such bizarre behavior that a friend said he is "just the shell of a man."

In the courtroom, Nuradin Abdi pressed his face onto a glass-covered tabletop, jerked his head randomly and muttered as his attorney successfully sought the evaluation before trial begins.

Many of Abdi's supporters who attended Wednesday's hearing said they were disturbed to see his shuffling gait and distracted behavior. Abdi has been held in federal detention since his arrest in November.

"It was like a different person," said his 17-year-old brother, Mohamed AbdiKarani, who said Abdi is innocent. "He looked at me; he didn't know who I was."

Magistrate Mark Abel found that Abdi's behavior in jail and his attorney's difficulties communicating with him made an evaluation necessary since he might not understand the charges against him and might not be able to help defend himself.

Authorities have accused Abdi, 32, of plotting the attack on an undetermined mall with admitted al-Qaida member Iyman Faris, who is now imprisoned for plans to sabotage the Brooklyn Bridge.

After being helped to a chair, Abdi slammed his face to the glass-covered table and kept it there for a few minutes. During the proceedings, he looked around, smiled at no one in particular, and put his head back on the table.

Abdi also kicked the table, jangled his wrist and ankle shackles and kept pushing his chair back from the table. Toward the end of the hearing, he started muttering.

"The government took a healthy man, and what we have here is a broken man, mentally," said his lawyer, Mahir Sherif. Assistant U.S. Attorney Dana Peters said he did not object to the evaluation but added, "We have no evidence of any abuse of Mr. Abdi."

The transcript of Abel's discussion with attorneys about Abdi's behavior has been sealed, but Abdi acted strangely before and during Wednesday's hearing.

Jad Humeidan, executive director of the Ohio office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said Abdi was his friend, and always quick to volunteer to help new Somali immigrants find translators, jobs and housing.

"Just seeing Nuradin in court was an emotional experience," Humeidan said. "This wasn't the Nuradin that we know. This was just the shell of a man."

About 100 supporters, including Abdi's family, filled the seats in the courtroom and stood along the walls. Afterward they joined about 200 other supporters in front of the courthouse, where many waved small American flags and a few held up signs that read "Nuradin is 100 percent innocent" and "Patriot Act Religious Profiling."

Abdi, who operated a small cell phone business, was arrested last November at his apartment. He was held at first on immigration violations; the mall-plot indictment was unsealed Monday.

Sherif said it was too early for him to comment about the charges but added, "It's not beyond the government to make mistakes for whatever reason."

Authorities have a third suspect under surveillance and are trying to determine how many others might have been involved, U.S. Attorney Gregory Lockhart said in published reports Wednesday.

Today's chuckle

Goodnight kiss turns into man's nightmare

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A goodnight kiss turned into a man's nightmare when his girlfriend bit off part of his tongue.

The 43-year-old woman told police she became frightened Wednesday morning when her boyfriend squeezed her too tightly while they kissed — and her reflex was to bite down.

"I guess I bit down too hard," the woman told officers, adding that she has been victimized by men in the past.

The woman was arrested and could be charged Thursday in Ramsey County, investigators said.

Her 47-year-old boyfriend walked with the woman from her home to a restaurant, where they called police around 3:10 a.m. He was treated at a hospital.

Officers went to the woman's home to look for the tongue, but they couldn't find it.

The woman, who had been drinking with her boyfriend, told police she doesn't remember what happened to the end of his tongue. Police estimate that it measured about 1.5 inches.

She might have swallowed it, the woman said.

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RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-19-22-26. Bonus Ball: 8.

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

Number matching five of five: 25. Prize: $9,959.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 122. Prize: $1,852.

Number matching four of five: 5,374. Prize: $90.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 4,455. Prize: $96.

Number matching three of five: 196,125. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 53,892. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 241,127. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $145 Million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 15-18-19-28-30.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $40,154.

Winning tickets sold in: CYPRESS.

Matching four of five: 107. Prize: $169.

Matching three of five: 3,689. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 39,968. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-6-7
(Night) 6-3-8

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SPRING PIANO RECITAL — Joann Snider's piano students presented a Spring recital May 21 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pianists in the top photo are, from left, Justin Clifton, Robyn Thompson, Angela DeLeora, Taylor Freeman and Trent Freeman. In the bottom photo, Chase Gaines, Stacey Clifton, Meghan Cooley and Jonathan Kerr. Chase Gaines was recognized for practicing the most, and Jonathan Kerr was recognized for memorizing the most pieces. (Contributed Photo)

Fad diets sound good but usually aren't

Want to lose 50 pounds in 10 days by eating as many kumquats as you like? Kumquats aside, if a diet sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

In addition to not delivering on their weight-loss promises, fad diets may be damaging your health. Think twice about following the latest "diet du jour" if it —

1. Promises rapid weight loss.
2. Implies calories don't count or has unsafe restrictions on calories.
3. Classifies certain foods as "good" or "bad," or prescribes "select" foods in large amounts.
4. Eliminates entire food groups.
5. Prescribes a "magic" or "miracle" pill, bar, powder, wafer, vitamin, mineral, enzyme or other supplement.
6. Restricts specific foods to certain types of people blood type, Zodiac sign, etc.).
7. Is not backed by solid scientific evidence or based on sound science.
8. Manipulates or misrepresents scientific facts or draws simplistic conclusions from a single study, complex study or one part of a study.
9. Is promoted by a famous figure or star spokesperson.
10. Promises weight loss without exercise or lifestyle changes.

Information for unhealthy diets provided by Wheat Foods Council.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact number is 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Not a good move

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Schools Superintendent Jack Moreland thought a little strip tease would be a good morale booster for his female employees. He may rethink the idea next year.

The women workers loved watching buff boys take it off, but at least one person was ticked off after Moreland shelled out $420 to send 20 female staff members to a Chippendales show.

An anonymous letter to the state Office of Education Accountability accused Moreland of using school-district funds to pay for the strip show.

Moreland said he spent $420 of his own money for the show — and faxed his personal credit-card receipt to investigators.

"I did it in fun,.and they went in fun, and I don't think there was any harm done," he said.

Births

Parents Arian Emerson and Betty Jo Sanchez of Snyder, and sister Alisha Nicole Sanchez, announce the birth of Arian Jermain Emerson Jr., at 7:09 a.m. on June 16 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Arian Jr. was born weighing eight pounds, one ounce and was 19½ inches long.

Caroline Salinas and Paul Tiekens of Bedford are paternal grandparents and Louis Sanchez of Hermleigh is maternal grandfather.

Ricky DeLao and Whitney Hall of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Cyan Jordan Hall-DeLao, at 3:51 p.m. on June 12 in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. Cyan weighed six pounds, two ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Clyde DeLao of Snyder and Norma DeLao of Sweetwater and maternal grandparents are Cary and Ellen Hall of Snyder.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-17-04
♠ Q J 10 7 4
♥ Q 10 7
♦ J 8 7
♣ A J

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

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

South
♠ —
♥ K J 5 3 2
♦ A K 10 3 2
♣ Q 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	2 ♥	3 ♥	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Thursday, June 17, 2004

The juniors take on the schoolboys

By Phillip Alder

The final of the Carrousel Cup was held last April in the Netherlands. After a round-robin qualifying stage and two semifinals, the Polish juniors played against the Dutch Schools team. This distributional deal helped the winners.

At the other table, the Polish South reached four hearts and brought home 10 tricks for plus 620.

In this auction, West's two hearts was a Michaels Cue-Bid, promising at least 5-5 in spades and a minor. North was content with a three-heart raise, but was delighted to double when East contested with three spades. Maybe South should have passed. East could escape for three down, but would probably end four in the glue for minus 800. However, with a spade void, one can understand why South retreated to four hearts. East's double, though, is a total mystery.

South, Jacco Hop, made East pay the maximum. West led his singleton diamond: seven, nine, 10. Declarer played a trump to dummy's queen, East winning with the ace and giving his partner a diamond ruff. West exited with a club, but South finessed dummy's jack, cashed the club ace, crossed to hand with a diamond, ruffed the club queen on the board, drew trumps, and ran the diamonds. The declarer had brought home an overtrick for plus 990.

The Dutch youngsters went on to claim a sensational victory. Watch out for Bob Drijver, Jacco Hop, Marion Michielsen, Danny Molenaar, Vincent de Pahter and Tim Verbeek in future international events.

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Billboards teach Ten Commandments

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Thou shalt read these billboards.

A chaplain is renting 10 billboards to teach the Ten Commandments.

Each month, a different commandment goes up at the direction of Steve Casey, a chaplain for Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries in Stonewall, 15 miles south of Shreveport.

This month, it's No. 3: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." For those who might not get it, there's a footnote: "God's last name does not start with a D."

Casey said God gave him the idea while former Judge Roy Moore of Alabama was fighting to keep a stone monument of the Ten Commandments in a state judicial building.

ESSAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED — Gateway Family Services sponsored a creative writing contest as a Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month activity using the topic "Personal Boundaries: Our right to decide how close others can get." The contest, open to all high school juniors and seniors in Gateway's service area — Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Kent counties. Winners included Amanda Calley of Ira High School, Alanna Adams of Sweetwater High School and Cassie Clifton of Highland High School, judged by Janet Halbert, retired Western Texas College English professor; Carmen Carpenter, Northeast Elementary principal; and Tom Holcomb, pastor of East Side Church of Christ and Gateway board members. Amanda Calley is pictured with Tiffany Rule, Structured Education Coordinator. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS — Weekly volunteers for the Scurry County Library were recently honored with a brunch at the library. They received a Scurry County Library pen and a book bag that was labeled "Volunteers — the heart of our great nation." From left are Wanda Botsford, Nettie Faye Gardner, Elizabeth McCloskey and Alta Bavousett. (Contributed Photo)

Take Dad to a Special Lunch at Martha Ann Woman's Club

Sunday Buffet, 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On June 10, 2004 TXU Energy Retail Company LP ("TXU Energy"), in accordance with Substantive Rule 25.41 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed an Application to Implement Revised Price to Beat Fuel Factors. If approved, the filing will establish new fuel factors for TXU Energy to include in its Price to Beat charges for residential and small commercial customers. For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, the total electric bill will increase by approximately $5.88 per month. For a small commercial customer using an average of 2,500 kWh per month, the average monthly increase will be approximately $14.55. The proposed fuel factors, differentiated by rate class, voltage level, and season are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

Rate Class	Voltage Level	Summer (Jun-Sept)	Winter (Oct-May)
Residential Service	Secondary	$0.052140	$0.052140
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General Service	Primary	$0.056326	$0.047946
General Service	Transmission	$0.055685	$0.047301
Municipal Service	Secondary	$0.052140	$0.052140
Municipal Service	Primary	$0.050899	$0.050899

The Application, if granted, will affect all of TXU Energy's residential and small commercial Price to Beat customers. Persons with questions or who want more information on this application may contact TXU Energy, 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201 or call 1-800-242-9113 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the above address. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

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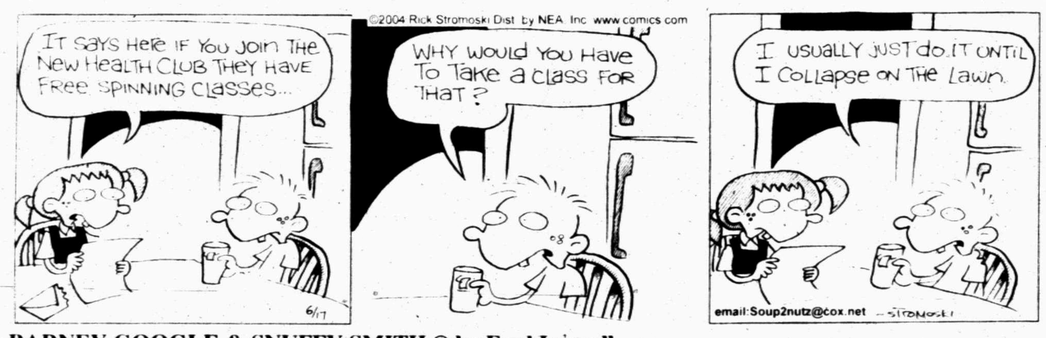

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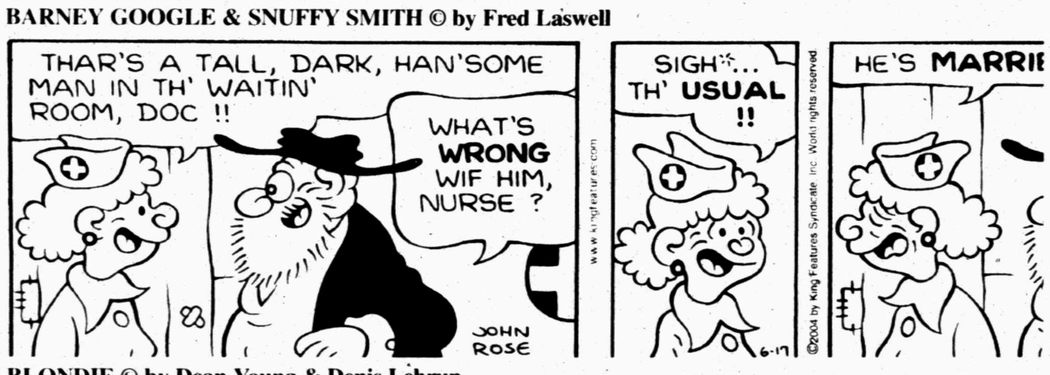

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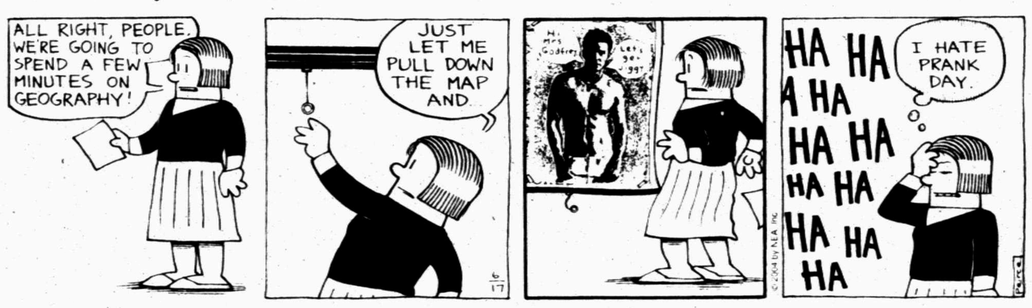

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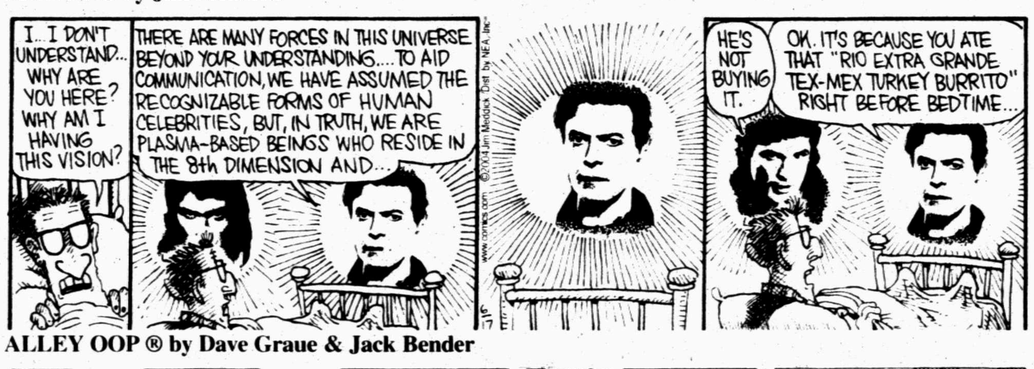

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ACROSS

1 Pairs oxen
6 Forest clearing
11 Submissive
12 Wearing a cowl
13 Receptacle
14 Degrades
15 Unethical
16 Brawler's weapon
17 Mongol dwelling
19 Catcher's base
23 Many oz.
26 Writer — Sheehy
28 Kind of meditation
29 Fade away
31 Monaco neighbor
33 Foxes' abodes
34 Flowery shrub
35 Fish eggs
36 Corn Belt st.
39 Use frugally
40 Length of office
42 Foundling
44 List part
46 Adds a little brandy
51 Win over
54 Meat market buy
55 Stacks
56 "Lawrence of Arabia" star
57 Lock or curl
58 Backpackers' shelters

DOWN

1 "It's — move"
2 Prefix for pod
3 Brick oven
4 Melancholy poem
5 Ready
6 Dollops
7 Reluctant
8 Billboards
9 Ruby or Sandra
10 MS polishers
11 Wall Street indicator
12 West Indies republic
16 Friar's title
18 Word of disgust
20 Arkansas range
21 Free-for-all
22 New Age singer
23 Depart
24 Thorn
25 Address for a knight
27 Teacup rim
29 Novelist's concern
30 Tax-form ID
32 Shirt accessory
34 Hindu Mr.
37 Big pitchers
38 "Pow!"
41 Bearings
43 Piccolo kin
45 Tiny amounts
47 Solar disk
48 Get lumpy
49 Underwater shockers
50 Canonized Mlle.
51 CPR pro
52 Mail-motto word
53 Owed
54 Camp bed

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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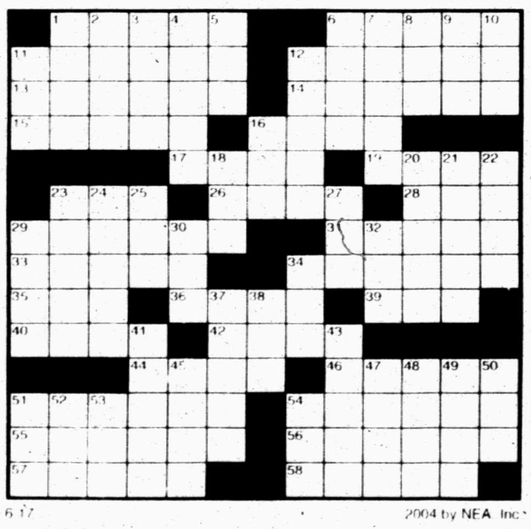

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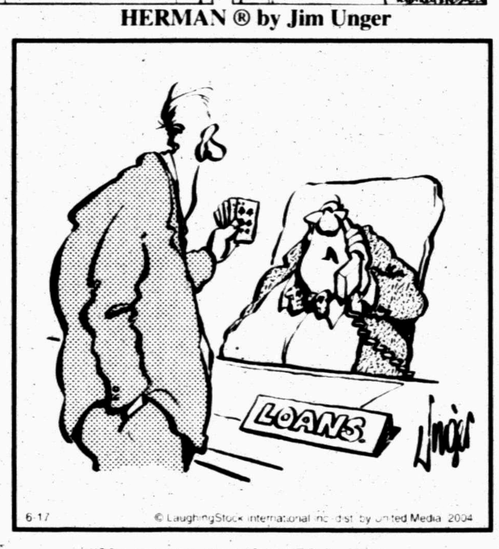
"MARGARET MAY KNOW MORE, BUT GINA UNDERSTANDS MORE."



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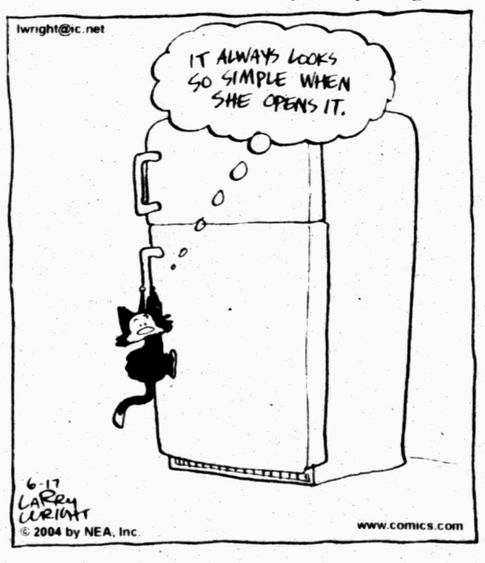


SPORTS

WTC riders awarded scholarships at NCRF

CASPER, Wyo. — Western Texas Rodeo hands are making their mark at the National College Rodeo Finals not only in the arena, but also because of their success in the classroom.

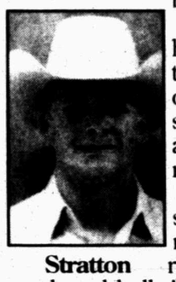
Lay

Three WTC students were recipients of academic scholarships at Tuesday night's banquet hosted by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and the U.S. Tobacco Association.

Six scholarships are given each year and WTC student athletes have received at least one for the past five years. This year, according to WTC Coach Greg Rhodes, WTC was awarded half of the stipends.

Spreadborough

Recipients were Sabrina Lay, Tate Stratton and Sam Spreadborough.


Stratton

Rhodes said he did not know the exact amount of the scholarships, but they are in the $1,000 range.

Two of the scholarship recipients, bronc rider Spreadborough and bull rider Stratton, are in third place in their events after completion of the second round.

After two rides, Spreadborough is third in the average that included a second-round score of 71. In bull riding, Stratton posted a 73, placing in third after two head.

Jaymee Roach improved her standing after placing 23rd in the first round of breakaway roping. A second round time of 2.4 moved Roach up to 7th place.

Julie Jones was clocked at 8.4 in goat tying to be in 11th place after two tries.

Jones wants public hearing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Marion Jones issued a defiant plea for a public hearing she hopes will clear her and allow her to compete in the Athens Games.

The champion sprinter is one of the most prominent athletes who testified in a federal probe of a drug lab accused of illegally distributing steroids. She answered questions from a grand jury and the United States Anti-Doping Agency but remains under a cloud of suspicion less than two months before the games.

"I'm trying to make the U.S. Olympic team and this is a constant distraction," Jones said Wednesday. "I want this done today. I want this done yesterday. I want this done as soon as possible. ... I'm hoping to send a message to USADA that I want this done and I want my name cleared. I want to move on."

Jones, America's best-known track star, called the news conference to express her frustration with the probe, which has already targeted several other Olympians and threatens to derail her career. Calling the agency a "kangaroo court," she repeated her claim that she has "never, ever used performance-enhancing drugs."

USADA is investigating Jones for possible violations of rules banning the drugs. She met with doping officials last month to discuss the evidence, and received a letter from the agency last week asking follow-up questions.

She said she wants a public hearing to ensure a fair process and that she would like to testify.

"If they're going to try to ban an athlete, then make it public," she said. "That's all I'm asking for."

JUST LIKE PRACTICE — Snyder graduates Demetrius Brandon, left, and Sid Gutierrez line up across from each other at the Greenbelt Bowl Classic last Saturday. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Bullpen meltdown costs Rangers

CINCINNATI (AP) — No historic homer. The capacity crowd had to settle for a nondescript single and another late-inning comeback by the home team.

Ken Griffey Jr. didn't seem to mind.

Griffey remained stuck at 499 homers, but everything else went well Wednesday night for the Cincinnati Reds. Tim Hummel had three hits, and Ryan Freel's double broke an eighth-inning tie and set up a 7-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"Anytime you get a chance to do something, it means a lot," said Griffey, who was 1-for-4 with a walk. "When the little guys do it, it helps the big guys. We get more of a spark from them than they do from us.

"When those guys do it, it's more fun for us."

Freel's bases-loaded double snapped a 3-all tie in the eighth, and Barry Larkin followed with a two-run single as the Rangers' bullpen had a second straight meltdown.

The crowd of 42,000 stood, screamed encouragement and took photos every time Griffey came to bat, hoping to see the long-awaited homer. Instead, the night belonged to his teammates, who have been energized by the attention to Junior.

"I think we're feeling the intensity," Freel said. "It's like chasing history with him. If you look in the dugout when he comes up, you see everybody up at the railing."

With his family watching nervously from the front row next to the dugout, Griffey didn't come close. He hit a routine fly, fouled out and walked against left-hander Nick Bierbrodt, who was called up from the minors before the game and wound up in a surreal setting.

"That was nice," said Bierbrodt, who lasted six innings. "After a couple of years pitching in Tampa, it's nice to have fans screaming at you."

Bierbrodt didn't make a big mistake against Griffey, who appears to be pressing to get No. 500 out of the way.

"The guy flies in here to Cincinnati yesterday, and I've never seen him play," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "The next thing you know, he's trying to keep Ken Griffey Jr. in the ballpark."

Griffey singled off reliever Ron Mahay in the seventh, then grounded into a double play that ended the decisive rally in the eighth.

Cubs down slumping Astros as Maddux gets closer to 300

HOUSTON (AP) — Greg Maddux earned his 295th win Wednesday night, pitching the Chicago Cubs past the slumping Houston Astros 4-1 for their fifth straight victory on this seven-game road trip.

Todd Hollandsworth's RBI triple sparked a two-run eighth for the Cubs. Maddux (6-5) befuddled the Astros, allowing only one run and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings.

The Astros have lost three in a row to Chicago and five of their last six, a tailspin that has left them in fifth place in the NL Central. A crowd of 36,225 booed the Astros throughout the night, an unusual occurrence from Houston's normally placid fans.

Bako doubled in speedy Corey Patterson for the tying run in the seventh and Walker drove in Bako with a sacrifice fly, giving the Cubs a 2-1 lead.

Aramis Ramirez, who hit a tying single in Chicago's ninth-inning rally Tuesday night, led off the eighth with a single. Hollandsworth followed with a shot to deep center, which Craig Biggio let slip out of his glove as he crashed into the wall trying to avoid the man-made hill in center.

Wilson in All-Americas game

Ira High School graduate Lindsey Wilson has been selected to play in the All-Americas All-Star Basketball Classic July 2 in Garden City.

Wilson

The game will bring together the best of Texas as well as standouts from New Mexico and Alaska.

Wilson was Ira's salutatorian in 2004. She was named track MVP and female athlete of the year in her senior campaign.

She will play on the North squad, along with Jackie Ivanhoff of Unalakleet, Alaska. The North team will be led by Reagan County coach Tony Taylor.

The South is set to be coached by Grady's Lin Fink.

Game time for the girls game is 6 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Ladies scramble

Scurry County Golf Course will host a ladies scramble with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Entry fee is $180 per team and entry deadline is Saturday. There will be cash prizes and no minimum team handicap. Fee includes golf, cart, breakfast at 8 a.m. and lunch.

Friday Swingers

The SCGA hosts a couples play day at 5:30 p.m. each Friday at Scurry County Golf Course. Format is handicap scramble and cost is $10. Call 573-7107 for more information.

July 4th volleyball tourney

A coed volleyball tournament will be held Saturday, July 3. For more information call 573-7321.

Baseball builders camp

SHS baseball coach Charles Bollinger is hosting the third annual Snyder Baseball Builders camp next Monday through Thursday at Lewis Field.

Eight-year-olds through incoming freshmen will receive instruction from 9 a.m. until noon, and children seven and under will go from 1-2 p.m.

Cost is $75 for eight and up and $50 for seven and under and includes a camp T-shirt. Pre-registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. Monday before the start of the camp. Contact Coach Bollinger at 573-5734 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp starting Monday.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Snyder doubles tournament

The Snyder tennis booster club will host a doubles tournament July 3. Events include open men's, women's and mixed doubles. Entry fee is $5 per person per event, and players may enter two events. To enter contact SHS tennis coach Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Athletic physicals

Physical exams, paid for by Snyder ISD, for high school and junior high athletes should be taken by July 28. Those requiring a physical will be incoming 7th and 9th graders and all third year SHS students. Others are all new to Snyder ISD, any student who has never participated in athletics or who may have answered yes to questions on the medical history form.

To arrange for a physical, call the Covenant clinic at 573-1300 or the rural health clinic at 574-2488.

Major League Baseball

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	42	21	.667	—
Boston	37	27	.578	5½
Tampa Bay	28	34	.452	13½
Baltimore	27	34	.443	14
Toronto	28	37	.431	15
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	36	28	.563	—
Chicago	34	27	.557	½
Cleveland	31	32	.492	4½
Detroit	30	33	.476	5½
Kansas City	24	38	.387	11
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	37	26	.587	—
Anaheim	36	28	.563	1½
Texas	34	28	.548	2½
Seattle	25	38	.397	12

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	36	29	.554	—
Philadelphia	33	29	.532	1½
Atlanta	31	33	.484	4½
New York	30	34	.469	5½
Montreal	20	43	.317	15
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
St. Louis	38	27	.585	—
Chicago	36	29	.554	2
Cincinnati	36	29	.554	2
Milwaukee	33	29	.582	3
Houston	33	31	.516	4½
Pittsburgh	25	36	.410	11
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Los Angeles	34	28	.548	—
San Francisco	34	31	.523	1½
San Diego	33	31	.516	2
Arizona	26	39	.400	9½
Colorado	23	41	.359	12

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Anaheim 3
Minnesota 5, Montreal 4, 11 innings
Kansas City 10, Atlanta 4
Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 1
Detroit at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Florida 4, Chicago White Sox 0
Cleveland 9, N.Y. Mets 1
Cincinnati 7, Texas 4
Milwaukee 4, Seattle 1
St. Louis 6, Oakland 2
Colorado 7, Boston 6
Tampa Bay 9, San Diego 6
N.Y. Yankees 9, Arizona 4
Los Angeles 6, Baltimore 3
San Francisco 10, Toronto 2

Today's Games

Texas (Drese 3-3) at Cincinnati (Van Poppel 2-2), 11:35 a.m.
Kansas City (May 3-8) at Atlanta (Thomson 5-4), 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 5-3) at Philadelphia (Myers 4-3), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Detroit (Knotts 4-1) at Philadelphia (Millwood 4-5), 6:35 p.m., 2nd game
Seattle (R.Franklin 3-4) at Milwaukee (Capuano 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 5-5) at Colorado (Cook 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 6-4) at San Francisco (Hermanson 2-2), 2:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Colon 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Benson 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Guerrier 0-0) at Montreal (L.Hernandez 3-6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 7-3) at Florida (Beckett 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Elarton 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 3-5), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Rusch 3-1) at Houston (Oswalt 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 7-2) at St. Louis (Suppan 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lieber 5-3) at Arizona (Sparks 2-4), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gaudin 0-1) at San Diego (Eaton 3-6), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 5-2) at Los Angeles (Ishii 8-3), 9:10 p.m.

At Jr. PGA Tour event...

Snyder youth golfers win 3 of 5 divisions

Snyder youth golfers won three of the five divisions at the Northern Texas PGA Jr. Golf Foundation tour Wednesday at Scurry County Golf Course.

Tanner Bloom won the boys 16-18 group by six strokes after carding a 73.

Ashley Luecke claimed the girls 12-14 group with an 86, the only golfer in the division to break 90.

John Whitworth fired an 80 to top the boys 14-15 division, winning by three strokes in the largest group of the event.

In the boys 12-13 age group, David Maness of Andrews was the only entrant to break 100, shooting an 86.

Shelley Martinez of Pecos topped Snyder's Shannon Mangis by five strokes in the girls 15-18 group, posting a 75.

Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation
Wescott Junior Tour
June 16, 2004
Scurry County Golf Course

Boys
12-13
1. David Maness 89; 2. Blayne Street 100; 3. Tyler Tannehill 102; 4. Remington Bloom 127.
14-15
1. John Whitworth 80; 2. Chris Larremore 83; 3. Matthew Schoolcraft 85; 4. (tie) Ryan Tannehill, Will Echols 87; 5. Jackie Cooper 91; 6. (tie) Chase Burgess, Aaron Stevens, Bryan Stanton 93; 7. Luke Robertson 99; 8. Adam Hilliard 101; 9. Michael Talbott 109.
16-18
1. Tanner Bloom 73; 2. Matthew Creager 79; 3. Justin Kegley 80; 4. Syd Wiggins 82; 5. Cole Robertson 83; 6. Jacob Ethridge 88; 7. Marcus Tovar 91; 8. Joel Clary 92; 9. Monte Jolly NC.
Girls
12-14
1. Ashley Luecke 86; 2. Carly Holland 90; 3. Ashley Jacques 96; 4. Jennifer Joyce 111.
15-18
1. Shelly Martinez 75; 2. Shannon Mangis 80; 3. Nikki Duke 83; 4. Brooke Jackson 85; 5. Ashley Baily 105; 6. Ashlee Nichols 107; 7. Amanda Lawrence 129.

Duval returns, birdies 1st hole

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — David Duval stood on the putting green — chatting with old friends, introducing his new wife, catching up on what's happened the last seven months.

Through it all, he couldn't stop smiling.

Welcome back, David.

Duval made his return to competitive golf in the toughest test of all, teeing off early this morning in the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club.

A curious decision, for sure, considering his last tournament was in November. And he didn't even finish.

To Duval, an often-enigmatic figure who was the last player not named Tiger Woods to be ranked No. 1 in the world, it all seemed right. And he got off to a stirring start — a birdie at No. 1.

"I just wanted to go play," said Duval, who made his decision Saturday night. "For no other reason than I just felt like I was going to go have some fun and enjoy it again. Up to that point, I hadn't wanted to play."

The 104th Open began under gray skies, as the morning fog off Great Peconic Bay burned away.

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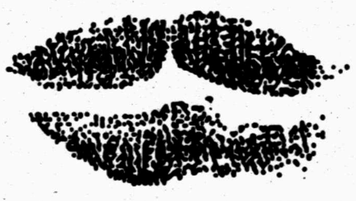

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Son of American hostage in Saudi Arabia wants dad home

EAGLESWOOD TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — The son of the American being held hostage in Saudi Arabia made a quiet plea today for his father's safe return: "I want my father home."

Paul Johnson III made the request to The Associated Press a day before a deadline imposed by the group that captured his father, Paul Johnson Jr. The captors threatened Tuesday to kill him in three days unless Saudi authorities release al-Qaida prisoners.

In an interview on NBC's "Today" show, Johnson said he had received no indication that authorities have made any progress in the search for his father.

"I just want to ask the president of the United States and the Saudi officials to please make this happen," the son said. "Father's Day is right here. Bring my father home for Father's Day."

A candlelight vigil for the elder Johnson was planned for 7 p.m. today behind a firehouse in this rural community about 20 miles north of Atlantic City.

"We all hope Paul comes back," Dan Pomponio, a neighbor of Johnson's sister in Little Egg Harbor, said Wednesday. "You can only cross your fingers and hope."

Johnson, 49, moved to Florida in the early 1980s to work for Lockheed Martin, and had worked in Saudi Arabia for more than a decade. At the time of his abduction, he had been working on targeting and night vision systems for Apache helicopters.

Family members have described Johnson as a longtime resident of Saudi Arabia who respects the country's culture and traditions.

"He loves the country and the Saudis owe it to my father — he's been there 12 years — to bring my father home alive," the son said.

As friends in New Jersey remembered the clean-cut young man who liked fast cars and motorcycles, officials in Washington said U.S. and Saudi authorities teamed to find Johnson.

"We have people and resources on the ground in Saudi Arabia," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. "They've been in close touch with their Saudi counterparts on this matter."

He said Saudis "have the lead on this and we work with them."

U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg said he was discouraged after an hour-long meeting at the Capitol with the Saudi government's top foreign policy adviser, Adel al-Jubeir.

"They're at a loss. He says they're using every resource that they have to try to free him," said Lautenberg, D-N.J. "Right now the prospects are gloomy."

A U.S. official said the threat on the tape should be taken "very seriously" because the posting appeared to be credible and militants have used the site before.

Late Wednesday, Saudi security forces and police surrounded a house in Riyadh, but withdrew hours later, witnesses said. It was unclear whether anyone was detained.

Security officials would not comment on the operation, which blocked off the entire district of Al-Badeaa, in southwestern Riyadh, for at least three hours while security forces closed in on one house.

Dewhurst: Insurance rates are not falling fast enough in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Homeowners insurance rates are not decreasing as quickly as they should, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Wednesday. He placed the blame on State Farm and Farmers Insurance, which are appealing rate cuts ordered by the state.

Dewhurst said any company has the right to appeal but added "it has not escaped me ... that 35 of the 37 largest homeowners insurance companies have already settled with the Texas Department of Insurance."

"I hope we don't find that this is simply a stalling measure, that the companies make more money by litigating" than by agreeing to cutting premiums now, Dewhurst said.

Spokeswomen for the company say their rates are fair.

Lawmakers last year passed a wide-ranging insurance bill that gave the state more control over premiums and allowed the insurance commissioner to order companies to lower rates to help consumers who had endured steady increases for three years. The insurance industry blamed much of the higher rates on billions of dollars in mold-damage claims.

The Texas Department of Insurance ordered the reductions last summer but State Farm, which was ordered to cut rates by 12 percent, and Farmers, ordered to drop its rates by 17.5 percent, appealed. Their cases are pending in court.

The companies represent more than 40 percent of the homeowners insurance market, said Sen. Troy Fraser, chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee.

Farmers spokeswoman Michelle Levy said Farmers already has committed to a 6.8 percent rate decrease and does not think an additional rollback is warranted.

"Unfortunately the data TDI has been using is not directly applicable to Farmers and therefore we believe the rate rollback is unfounded," Levy said.

She also noted that the bill lawmakers passed specifically provides for appeals to the judicial system to settle differences between companies and TDI.

State Farm spokeswoman Sophie Harbert said State Farm is confident in the fairness of its rates and has tried to work with TDI to resolve the matter.

"We realize the politics of this issue conflicts with the legal protections afforded by the applicable laws. But those laws exist for a reason," Harbert said. "It's unfair for anyone to suggest that State Farm has done something wrong when we've merely availed ourselves of rights provided under Texas law and guaranteed by the constitution."

Dewhurst said he has asked Fraser's committee to look at whether penalties in the law are stiff enough to stop companies from using litigation to avoid rate reductions now.

Under Texas statute, if a company has appealed a rate order by TDI and the court finds TDI was correct, the company is required to refund policyholders the difference in the overcharged premiums plus interest, which is the prime rate plus 1 percent.

On another insurance topic, Dewhurst also said medical malpractice rates haven't dropped as quickly as he would have liked after lawmakers approved malpractice lawsuit changes last year.

Dewhurst singled out GE Medical Protective, which he said covers about 7,000 doctors. The company has moved to what had been an unregulated insurance line and said rates would increase by about 10 percent. TDI has rejected that increase.

TDI spokesman Jim Hurley said Medical Protective challenged whether TDI had the authority to regulate those rates. An order from the State Office of Administrative Hearings on Wednesday said TDI did, Hurley said.

Medical Protective spokesman Jay Thompson said the company has been uniquely discriminated against compared to other companies that write through risk purchasing groups.

"I understand if they want to regulate everyone's rates, let's put everyone on a level playing field," Thompson said.

Hurley said that any time the department hears of a rate problem, it will investigate.

World Almanac

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Today is the 169th day of 2004 and the 90th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1775, near Boston, the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought.

In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Bible or prayer recitation in public schools is unconstitutional.

In 1972, five people were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Wesley (1703-1791), co-founder of Methodism; Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971), composer; M.C. Escher (1898-1972), artist; Ralph Bellamy (1904-1991), actor; Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch (1923-2004), football star; Barry Manilow (1943-), singer, is 61; Venus Williams (1980-), tennis star, is 24.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1960, Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox became the fourth major league player to hit 500 home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Only those who attempt the absurd will achieve the impossible. I think it's in my basement ... let me go upstairs and check." — M.C. Escher

TODAY'S FACT: President Richard Nixon was the first U.S. president to visit both the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 354 — number of steps visitors must climb in the Statue of Liberty to reach the crown.

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (June 17)

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Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	11.90	11.73	11.80	— 10
AT&T Corp	16.27	16.12	16.22	— 02
Albertsons	25.50	25.14	25.44	— 11
Alltel	50.21	49.80	50.14	+ 07
AmEl Pw	31.35	31.14	31.28	— 06
AndarkPtr	58.04	57.51	57.65	— 03
ATMOS Egy	25.00	24.10	24.80	— 20
Availl	17.56	17.38	17.52	— 14
BP PLC	54.30	53.90	54.06	+ 32
BakerHughes	36.50	36.15	36.34	+ 14
Bank of Amer	83.94	83.49	83.72	— 21
BellSouth	25.66	25.51	25.53	— 17
BurlNoSFe	34.12	33.81	33.94	— 35
Caterpillar	74.58	74.00	74.37	+ 36
CenterPoint	10.63	10.48	10.62	+ 04
ChevronTex	92.44	92.12	92.27	+ 28
Citigroup	47.07	46.77	46.83	— 19
CocaCola	51.19	50.96	51.10	— 09
ColgatePal	58.90	58.27	58.69	+ 22
CmclMetals	32.66	31.28	32.44	+ 1.06
ConocoPhill	76.67	75.92	76.42	+ 41
Cooper Inds	57.39	56.78	57.23	— 17
DaimlrChry	45.67	45.48	45.64	— 37
DeltaAirLines	5.79	5.64	5.71	
Dillards Inc	22.35	21.86	22.27	+ 26
DowChem	39.23	38.92	39.12	— 10
DuPont	43.70	43.30	43.65	— 18
EastmanChem	44.05	43.55	43.65	— 33
EstKodak	25.46	25.19	25.43	+ 13
EDS Corp	17.82	17.62	17.80	+ 16
Entergy	54.60	54.30	54.49	+ 16
ExxonMobil	44.85	44.65	44.74	+ 01
FootLocker	23.80	23.51	23.66	— 17
GenDynam	99.31	98.85	99.22	— 09
GenElec	32.34	31.99	32.24	+ 13
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Goodrich	31.00	30.65	30.65	— 34
Goodyear	9.18	8.90	9.18	+ 20
GtAtlPac	7.20	7.01	7.20	+ 10
Halliburtn	30.34	29.90	30.04	— 31
Hanson PLC	37.80	37.50	37.55	— 40
HarteHanks	23.43	23.02	23.43	— 11
HomeDepot	35.96	35.51	35.65	— 35
HoneywellIntl	35.99	35.72	35.87	— 18
IBM	90.50	90.07	90.14	— 24
IntlPaper	42.95	42.56	42.92	+ 18
JohnsonJn	59.60	55.23	55.53	— 35
KinderMorg	59.30	58.90	59.30	+ 24
Kroger Co	17.37	17.20	17.26	— 03
LockheedM	50.49	50.15	50.23	— 24
Lowes Cos	54.22	53.90	54.13	— 02
Lubys	6.50	6.35	6.35	+ 04
LucentTech	3.55	3.48	3.49	— 06
MarathonOil	36.14	35.60	36.00	+ 48
MayDeptStr	28.27	27.85	28.19	— 01
Medtronic	49.42	48.86	49.15	— 31
Motorola	18.62	18.20	18.42	— 20
NCR Corp	48.92	48.44	48.70	— 40
Navistar	39.10	38.75	39.05	+ 04
PNM Rescs s	20.31	20.06	20.21	— 14
Penney JC	36.85	36.53	36.79	— 02
PepBoys	24.57	23.76	24.12	— 52
PepsiCo	55.07	54.89	54.95	— 27
PhelpDodge	69.00	67.77	68.15	— 15
PilgrimsPride	27.38	27.15	27.24	— 07
Praxair s	37.49	37.17	37.44	+ 11
ProctGamb	111.28	110.62	110.62	— 56
ProctGamb wi	55.60	55.40	55.40	— 28
RadioShack	29.81	29.22	29.51	— 29
RoyalDut	52.12	51.85	52.01	+ 68
SBC Comm	24.43	24.27	24.37	— 07
SaraLee	22.98	22.81	22.88	— 10
Scripps EW	106.72	106.19	106.38	— 04
SearsRoeb	39.34	39.01	39.14	+ 07
SherwinW	39.33	39.15	39.20	— 12
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SwstAirl	15.50	15.36	15.48	+ 02
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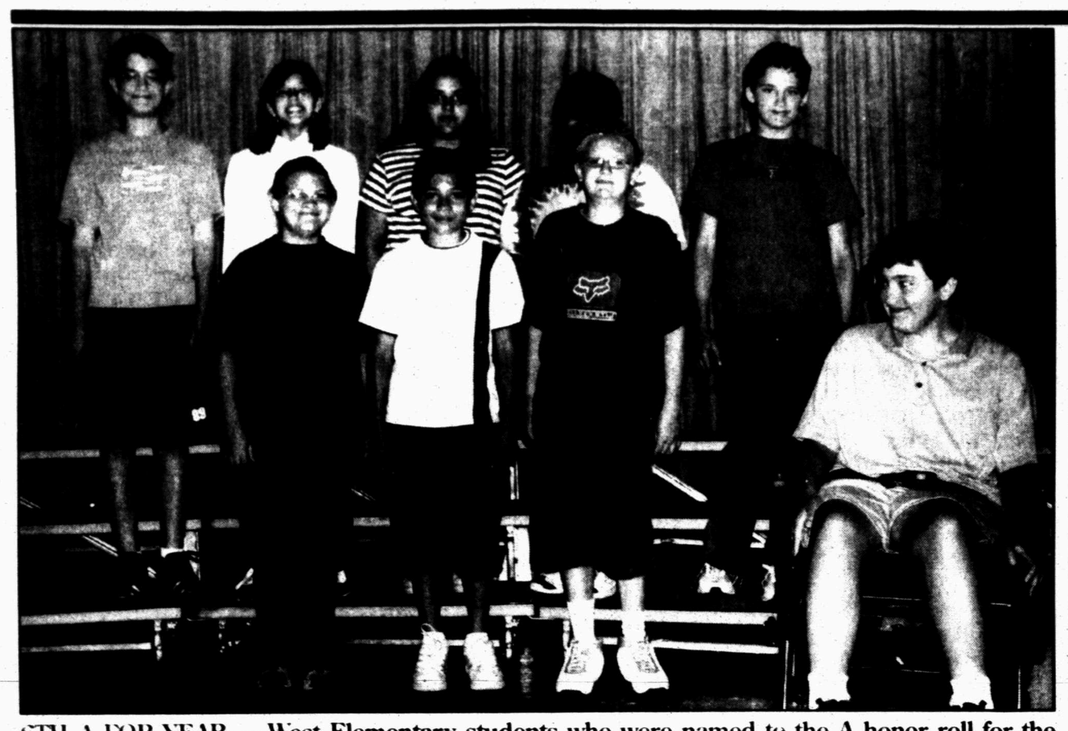
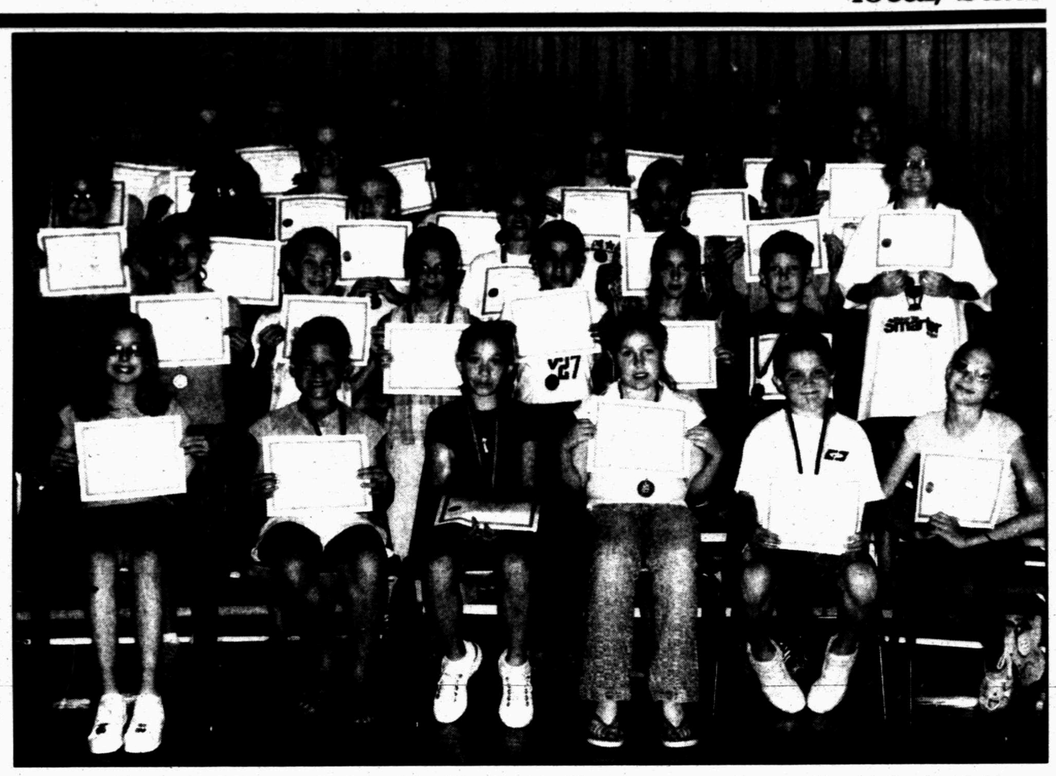


6TH A FOR YEAR — West Elementary students who were named to the A honor roll for the spring semester are back row from left, Allen Mehrafshan, Raven Luna, Kristi Guerrero, Gina Guerrero and Jonathan Kerr; front row, Tayla Wesson, Michael Guardado, Jacob Johnson and Brandon Garvin. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



NORTHEAST A HONOR ROLL — The Northeast Elementary students who made the A honor roll for the past school year and received the president's academic award are bottom row from left, Lindsey Reston, Ashton Burton, Jessica Jones, Kaylee Lord, Jeff Stewart, Marcie Phillips; second row, Baylee Lewis, Logan Tabor, Nicole Molter, Ana Cabrera, Heather Crawford and Collin Parsons; third row, Brook Bollinger, Brandi Espinoza, Taylor Reed, William Davis, Melisa Chhuor, Laura Reigh and Carrie Harlan; fourth row, Kimberlin Willson, Michaela Jones, Blaire Toombs, Jenee Payne, Alex Hook, Krysha Burleson and Briane Perry; top row, Brandon Elam, Bryson Elliott, Shawn Burns, Jordan Tippens, Dakota Carroll and Will Toombs. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a male, retired from a major West Coast law enforcement agency. I generally agree with your advice, but I have a mega-problem with your answer to "Needs an Answer," the lady whose hubby, "Cliff," is incarcerated. She asked what to say when people she meets ask where her husband is.

You advised her to tell people they are having a "trial separation." Sorry, Abby, but a lie is a lie no matter how you package it. You should have told the lady to tell the truth. — **BLOWN AWAY IN MAUI**

DEAR BLOWN AWAY: The fact that a relative is in prison isn't something that some families want to publicize. While many are open about the fact that a family member is incarcerated — and it is probably healthier to be up-front about it — not all are willing to be. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: "Needs to Know's" children must be able to talk about their father and be proud of him without worrying about what other people think. Their mother should set the tone for this. What is important is their relationship with their father, not what the neighbors think. Keeping secrets and behaving as though their dad is someone to be ashamed of will only hurt her boys in the long run.

That woman needs to forget what everyone else may think, and say and do whatever is the most healing for her children. A family therapist may be able to help the family navigate through their discomfort and allow the boys to feel good about him — regardless of the reason he is in jail. — **DEALT WITH IT IN DELAWARE**

DEAR DEALT WITH IT: Your suggestion of a family therapist is a good one. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Rod," is also in prison, and I, too, often feel uncomfortable revealing his whereabouts. I usually say he's an optician living in Southern California. (He is, having received his certificate while in prison.)

When I confide in a close friend or colleague where he actually is, people are usually understanding (and curious). But I've never experienced any criticism or negativity. After almost 10 years, it still hurts to talk about it. But knowing my son has made progress in his rehabilitation helps to ease the pain. — **JOAN IN LOS ANGELES**

DEAR JOAN: Your son was wise to make the most of the time he has spent in prison. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: My husband is serving 15 years to life. Although shame and guilt are normal reactions, they can be harmful to the family of an inmate. The isolation that comes from living a lie only causes more harm in the long run. We tried it.

A better approach is to be honest, reach out to people and admit how painful it is. Once we did, we found that many other families in our area also have a loved one behind bars. The ridicule and scorn we expected never happened. Instead we were supported and encouraged. — **DIANE IN AUBURNDALE, FLA.**

DEAR DIANE: I agree that living a lie is unhealthy. Thank you for sharing your personal experience. There are ministries and programs whose mission is to help the families of prisoners. One which has been mentioned in this column before is the Osborne Association, which offers a list of resources online at www.osborneny.org. Also available from the National Institute of Corrections is a printable version of its "Directory of Programs Serving Families of Adult Offenders," at www.nicic.org/pubs/2002/017081.pdf.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, June 18, 2004

The year ahead could be one of the more outstanding ones you've experienced in a long time. Many happy changes are ahead for you and a number of your big dreams will be fulfilled within the next 12 months.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Because of the courage you've shown to make good things happen, there is apt to be a favorable shift today in your financial affairs. Be on the alert for profitable new channels to open up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your present undertakings will show great promise today of long-range possibilities. Luck will help you realize those goals on which you've been concentrating.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — New life could be breathed into an enterprise today that you had seriously considered writing off. It'll help you realize that this is not the time to quit. You'll keep on plugging.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The contacts you make at this time could greatly help you advance your future interests. Starting today, make a concerted effort to get out and mingle with as many new people as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You are now entering an exceptionally good achievement cycle, so it's important that you keep your sights high and lofty, and stay on course once you put things into motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Beneficial relationships could soon be established with several new people who will bring with them fresh rays of hope in your life. It is quite possible you'll meet one today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A situation is developing today from which you could derive benefits from a venture begun by another. It'll come about due to someone witnessing the way you handled a delicate matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lady Luck is still hanging around today and could be responsible for an alliance you form at this time. In union there is strength and with time it will prove advantageous for everyone involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Continue to put forth your best efforts today where your work or career is concerned and a promotion or bonus is likely to be in the offing. Take pride in your job and do your best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Events that take place today will be responsible for strengthening bonds in your important relationships. The happy changes that are in the offing will enhance your popularity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today could solidify a constructive change taking place in your home and family life. Harmony and happy times will replace any discord or trouble that might have existed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your luck is about to change for the better starting today due in most part to your own resourcefulness and actions you've taken in personally managing and promoting what you want.

Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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The highest and lowest points in the continental United States are both in California: Mt. Whitney, at 14,494 feet, and Death Valley, at 282 feet below sea level.

Beached whale recovering at laboratory in Galveston

HOUSTON (AP) — A whale beached along the Texas Gulf coast is slowly recovering as marine biologists puzzle over what caused the deep-water mammal to end up at High Island.

The 8-foot-long melon-headed whale, housed in an above-ground pool at the National Marine Fisheries Service's Galveston laboratory, could spend up to three months in recovery before rescuers can return her to the wild.

Named Memory for the Memorial Day weekend when she was found, the whale is now swimming well and eating about 30 pounds of fish and squid each day, said Tammy Renaud, state coordinator for the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, the nonprofit volunteer group, which rescued her.

There is something that brought her to the beach. To have them come in alive is rare," Renaud told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions, adding that blood test results are awaited to determine whether she had a virus or other illness.

Memory was covered with shark bites and unable to swim when the 310-pound creature was found. Melon-headed whales are deep-water creatures, rarely seen alone or near the Gulf coastline. More than 3,000 marine mammals found their way to Texas beaches from 1980 to April 2003, including more than 60 whales. Only eight of those have been the same type as Memory.

Memory's rescuers came within two hours of the time Memorial Day beach-goers spotted her heading to shore.

Of 260 marine mammals stranded on state beaches since 2003, Memory was the seventh to still have a pulse, giving scientists a chance at returning her to the wild.

Each year, 180 marine mammals — injured or dead — are stranded in Texas, including dolphins, whales and manatees.

Within hours, the Texas sun can bake the darkly colored skin of a whale, killing it. Without the buoyancy of the water, the weight of the animal's skin can crush its internal organs, experts said.

"When they strand they are in very bad condition already it has to do with not being found immediately after they strand," said Paula Moreno, a graduate student at Texas A&M University at Galveston studying studies bottlenose dolphins in Galveston Bay.

NE GIRLS A-B — Northeast Elementary girls who made the A-B honor roll for 2003-2004 are from left bottom row, Makenna Scott, Geovanny Facio, Jansi Hernandez, Sydney Glass and J.Dee Early; second row, Briana Rose, Megan Williamson, Priscilla Molinar, Kaitlin Bass and Chelsea Alarcon; third row, Tara Gordon, Leslie Rosas, Kaitlin Horton, Adrienne Gonzales-Keller and Laura Tarter; top row, Shanerica McGaha, Celeste Archuleta, Ashleigh Jenkins, Kirstie Leuck, Liliana Hernandez and Baily Jones. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

MORE NORTHEAST A-B — Other Northeast Elementary girls who made the A-B honor roll this past school year are bottom row from left, Emma Nunley, Bridget Garcia, Savannah Valdez, Yessenia Villalobos; second row, Karissa Medina, Michelle Vasquez, Tania Rodriguez, Xalee Northcutt and Abby Infante; third row, Ariel Villazana, Antonia Medina, Daniella Jaquez and Vanessa Martinez; top row, Caedra Robbins, Coree Brooks, Kendra Peterson, Jami Robbins and Kanesha Anderson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

The danger stemming from atrial fibrillation

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've recently been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation. Can this condition progress to serious consequences, such as cardiac arrest?

DEAR READER: Atrial fibrillation is a type of irregular, inefficient heartbeat that is often seen as a consequence of arteriosclerotic heart disease. Although in most cases this abnormal rhythm will not substantially affect a person's lifestyle and activities, it can lead to fatigue, weakness, lightheadedness, heart failure and — the most ominous complication — stroke.

In treating atrial fibrillation, doctors attempt to prevent the pulse from speeding up too much by prescribing drugs such as digoxin, beta-blockers or calcium-channel blockers. Some patients are helped by electric shock therapy (cardioversion) to return the heart to its normal, regular rhythm.

However, the most pressing responsibility is to prevent stroke. In such instances, blood clots form in one of the heart's low-pressure, quivering chambers, break off and are carried to the brain, where they cause nerve damage of unpredictable and varying intensity. So, the gold standard of therapy for atrial fibrillation is the drug warfarin (Coumadin) that should be prescribed for any patient with atrial fib, even if the abnormal rhythm occurs infrequently or in occasional cycles. (This is called paroxysmal atrial fibrillation and is almost as dangerous a cause of stroke as is chronic, unremitting fibrillation.)

Without examining you, I cannot predict whether your condition will progress and cause problems. But the threat of stroke is an issue that you must discuss with your physician.

In any case, the fibrillation should not lead to cardiac arrest or any significant cardiovascular complications. The consequences of the disorder — if they occur — are subtle. But stroke prevention must be addressed without delay.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I try to perform self breast-examinations regularly. The problem is that I can't tell what may be a cancerous lesion from the many natural lumps in my breasts. I've undergone more than the average number of mammograms because of this and would value your advice.

DEAR READER: One of the positive attributes of breast self-examination is that women quickly learn what their normal breasts feel like. In cases where there is confusion, a gynecologist can help a woman differentiate benign lumps from those that warrant further investigation.

However, most women can easily distinguish subtle changes that may not be evident to another observer.

Many women have somewhat lumpy breasts. Accept your "natural" lumps and familiarize yourself with them. Draw your physician's attention to any new alterations, follow his or her instructions about the proper technique of breast examination, and obtain mammograms at appropriate intervals that the doctor suggests.

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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Pharmacists brace for rush to get 'Human Joint Oil'

*New FLUIDjoint™ has substantially greater effect over Glucosamine for improving overall joint function**

By Lee Stearns
Universal Media Syndicate*

Pharmacists around the country are bracing for the rush of people expecting to get one of the newest breakthroughs in medical science called FLUIDjoint.

What calcium is to your bones FLUIDjoint is to your joints.

It's being compared to "human joint oil" for adults because of it's ability to deliver powerful micronutrients to the human joints.

Just imagine a formula that will help your body to reduce joint discomfort, stiffness and improve flexibility to enhance daily living activities.

Scientists have identified and condensed the micronutrients that your body can use and put to work within days.

With the special micronutrients in FLUIDjoint the only "effects" experienced are more mobility, comfort and improved joint health.

It's called FLUIDjoint. This brand-new supplement is a huge breakthrough for those concerned about joint function, because the clinical results show that the remarkable health benefits are substantial.

Not all drugstores have received deliveries of FLUIDjoint yet. But for those who want it first, we are providing the phone number and information on who has it so you can get it right now.

"FLUIDjoint goes directly to the cartilage and helps joints move with ease, helping to preserve cartilage and improve joint function," explains John L. Zenk, M.D.

"FLUIDjoint combines micronutrients that work with our own bodies immune systems to slow the cycle of cartilage destruction, leading to joint dysfunction."

"The major problem is that our immune function declines as we age. FLUIDjoint provides the valuable micronutrient support needed to help protect our joints," Dr. Zenk said.

Each chewable dose of FLUIDjoint is so good it tastes just like a tablespoon of a vanilla milkshake. That makes most people happy because they can get rid of all those huge supplement pills they choke down everyday.

"FLUIDjoint's effect was far superior than Glucosamine in every clinically measured joint parameter. A remarkable 90% of the people who use FLUIDjoint can expect to experience an improvement in joint function. FLUIDjoint is safe and effective for continuous, long term use, according to study results."

John L. Zenk, MD
Principal Investigator
Certified American Board of Internal Medicine

For most, FLUIDjoint provides rapid results. A noticeable improvement in joint performance can be seen in less than 14 days of taking the daily dosage.

Each place in your body where bone meets bone is a potential spot for the grinding agony of joint pain, arthritis, stiff fingers or sore knees.

Until now, many people have flocked to remedies that contain Glucosamine, Chondroitin, MSM or Collagen.

Yet, Glucosamine and Chondroitin have a common drawback, they do not work for everyone.

In contrast, FLUIDjoint is a new micronutrient supplement. Drugstores will be able to provide FLUIDjoint without a prescription.

Dr. Lee Randolph Beck, a biologist and former professor at the University of Alabama Medical School explains, "FLUIDjoint has extensive scientific support, and FLUIDjoint's micronutrients have been tested in well-controlled clinical studies."

"The results of one study revealed that FLUIDjoint was substantially effective in improving all measured parameters (joint pain, joint stiffness, activities of daily living and total WOMAC scores which measures overall joint function) beginning at the second week and continuing to the completion of the trial. No serious adverse reactions were noted in any of the groups," Dr. Beck said.

Figure 1 depicts the effect measurements for FLUIDjoint and glucosamine sulfate in one of the studies. In that study FLUIDjoint substantially beat glucosamine in the combined study.

Although both compounds show the ability to produce a large effect size in every category, FLUIDjoint out-performed glucosamine in every area measured in the study.

With many years of science behind FLUIDjoint, clinical tests show that daily consumption of the amazing key ingredient in FLUIDjoint is of great benefit to those who worry about joint function.

The active ingredient in FLUIDjoint was awarded a United States Patent 5,650,175, for the anti-inflammatory factor method of isolation and use.

"This all results in the most advanced joint health supplement on the market today. It lets you move with ease. It works sooner than imagined. Your joints can bend and flex easier so you can do all the things you love to do," Dr. Beck said.

"Not all drugstores have received deliveries of FLUIDjoint yet. Until shipments have reached all 30,000 of our drugstores, we've opened a National Direct Order Line **1-800-239-6133 ask for Dept. FJ4611.** So anyone who doesn't want to wait can call immediately and have FLUIDjoint sent to their home," said John Lindesmith, PatentHEALTH spokesman.

"It has been announced that **Eckerd** and **Wal-Mart** stores are the first in the area to receive FLUIDjoint and now have it available," Lindesmith said.

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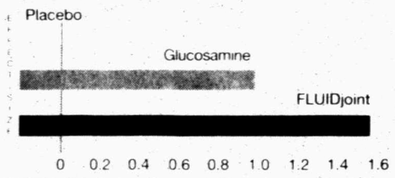

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   B. To order by mail, enclose $29 plus $5.87 for shipping and handling, in check or money order made payable to *FLUIDjoint*. Send with this FLUIDjoint order form to:
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   FLUIDjoint National Processing Center Dept. FJ4611
   Postal Drawer 3678, Akron, OH 44309-3678
   C. Print your name and address here:

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Texas documents to be auctioned

DALLAS (AP) — An original copy of Texas' Declaration of Independence and a rare version of an 1836 letter written by the commander of the besieged Alamo are among a collection of documents going on sale Friday at Sotheby's.

The New York auction house estimates that historical treasure-trove of books and documents assembled by a Texas physician with Nebraska roots will fetch between $1.4 million and $2 million.

"It's very exciting to see original documents that relate to the Alamo, which has to be one of the five or 10 historical events that are most familiar to Americans," said Selby Kiffer, senior vice president in Sotheby's books and manuscripts department. "It's rare to have so many documents like this brought together."

The physician collected Alamo and early Texas memorabilia during his 50 years living in the Lone Star state. He died about 10 years ago, and his wife more recently, Kiffer said. Sotheby's is keeping their names private at the request of the estate, he said.

One of the collection's most prized documents is the desperate "Victory or Death" plea from Alamo commander Col. William Barret Travis before his tiny army was wiped out by an overwhelming Mexican force.

In the letter, addressed to "the people of Texas and all Americans in the world," Travis pleads for help to defend his soon-to-be overrun position, declaring, "I shall never surrender or retreat."

The Alamo fell on March 6, 1836, but Texas forces surprised the Mexicans on April 21 at San Jacinto, winning independence and opening the way for U.S. expansion to the Pacific Ocean.

Collectors believe only two or three printed copies of the original letter exist, Kiffer said.

The collection also gives a glimpse into the Mexican perspective at the time Texas was seeking its independence. An undated notice, probably the first announcement in Mexico of the Alamo's fall, calls the battle "a happy page in the annals of our history."

Another document is a March 16, 1836, reprint of Mexican Gen. Santa Anna's account of the Alamo battle. It ran as a special supplement in the Matamoros newspaper.

"Mexican soldiers are invincible when defending the sacred rights of their nation, as they have so gloriously demonstrated numerous times," declares an editorial preceding the general's report.

Gen. Paul J. Kern...

4-star general will take over probe into prisoner abuse at Iraq's 'Ghraib'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The four-star general in charge of the Army's supply systems will take over an investigation into the role of Army intelligence personnel in the mistreatment of Iraqis at Abu Ghraib prison, replacing Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, Army officials announced today.

Gen. Paul J. Kern, who has held four-star rank longer than any current Army officer other than the Army chief of staff, Gen. Peter Schoomaker, will assess the status of the ongoing investigation before deciding whether to replace Maj. Gen. George Fay as the investigating officer, officials said.

Sanchez asked to be removed from the investigation's chain of command because questions have been raised about his role in the prisoner abuse matter, and in order for him to be questioned the probe would have to be headed by either a more senior lieutenant general or a four-star general.

The decision to put Kern in charge was approved by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and announced by Les Brownlee, the acting secretary of the Army. The investigation is specifically looking at the alleged misconduct of personnel assigned to or attached to the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade, which Sanchez placed in charge of Abu Ghraib in November 2003.

A separate investigation by Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba has concluded that Col. Thomas M. Pappas, commander of the 205th, and Lt. Col. Steve L. Jordan, former director of the Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center at the prison, were "either directly or indirectly responsible for the abuses," along with two civilian contractors.

Kern is commander of Army Materiel Command, which is responsible for providing equipment, weapons and supplies to Army troops in Iraq and around the world. A West Point graduate in the class of 1967, Kern was a 24th Infantry Division brigade commander during the 1991 Gulf War and he served two combat tours in Vietnam. He also commanded the 4th Infantry Division and served as senior military assistant to former Defense Secretary William Perry.

Panel says poor coordination hindered response to Sept. 11

WASHINGTON (AP) — The terror strikes of Sept. 11, 2001 overwhelmed all immediate efforts at response or even full comprehension, a bipartisan commission reported today, and spread confusion to the point that Vice President Dick Cheney mistakenly thought U.S. warplanes shot down two aircraft.

The front line civilian and military agencies struggled to "improvise a homeland defense against an unprecedented challenge they had never encountered and had never trained to meet," the panel said.

"We fought many phantoms that day," Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the panel. He noted that reports of car bombings and other terrorist acts spread quickly in the nerves-on-edge hours after the World Trade Center and Pentagon were struck by planes hijacked by terrorists.

The panel met as President Bush personally disputed its day-old finding that there was no "collaborative relationship" between Saddam Hussein and the al-Qaida terrorist network responsible for the attacks.

"There was a relationship between Iraq and al-Qaida," the president said after a Cabinet meeting at the White House.

The dispute is a significant one, since Bush and top administration officials cited ties between al-Qaida and the Iraqi dictator in the run-up to the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The bipartisan commission issued its latest findings as it held the final public session of a momentous review of the worst terror strikes in the nation's history. The panel is expected to make a final report next month into the events that killed nearly 3,000.

The commission said efforts to respond to four hijackings that day were plagued on multiple fronts.

The military never received more than nine minutes notice from the FAA on any of the four hijackings, it said.

It added there was a delay in passing along an order for pilots to shoot down any hostile plane.

Man arrested Wednesday

• ***Arrests***

A 32-year-old male was arrested at 12:07 p.m. Wednesday at the Scurry County courthouse on a warrant for bond surrender on an original charge of driving while license suspended.

• ***Assault***

Police issued a citation for assault involving two juveniles at 4:12 p.m. Wednesday in the 900 block of 27th Street.

• ***Burglary***

Police responded to a report of a burglary at Our Place Antiques at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday.

• ***Theft***

A possible theft was reported at 8:54 a.m. Wednesday at J&K Rentals.

At 11:52 a.m. Wednesday, a bicycle was reported stolen from the 2000 block of Payton.

• ***Gas drive off***

A gas drive-off was reported at Town and Country East at 4:16 p.m.

• ***Injured owl***

Deputies responded to the 300 block of FM 1611, picked up an injured owl, and took it to the animal shelter.

Obituaries

Vivian Heath

1928-2004

Funeral service for Vivian Oleta Heath was held this morning at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Dorothy Petersen officiated and burial followed in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Mrs. Heath, 75, died Monday, June 14, at her home in Odessa after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 7, 1928 in Bay Side, Texas, she was married to J.R. "Bud" Heath who died in 1988. Mrs. Heath was a waitress.

Her parents, two brothers and three sisters also preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, James Heath of Odessa; a daughter, Neva Hatfield of Odessa; a sister, Juanita Roddy of Snyder; a brother, Jesse Lindsey of Ira; six grandchildren, Trina Moore of Lago Vista, Robert Heath, Angie Walker, both of Dallas, Jeff Hatfield and Jason Hatfield, both of Odessa and Jamie Heath of Enid, Okla.; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Abercrombie

1911-2004

Treva Hart Abercrombie, longtime Scurry County resident, died Wednesday, June 16, in the New Hope Manor Nursing Home in Cedar Park.

Graveside service for Mrs. Abercrombie, 92, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Born Oct. 26, 1911 in Snyder, she married Earl Abercrombie in 1931. She had worked at several places in Snyder during her lifetime to include Bryant-Link, McDonald's and Owen's Department Store, Buccaneer Stamp Store, and Virdie's Appliances. She was the cook at the jail during the time her husband was sheriff of Scurry County. She also worked as a cook for many years at the Fuller Ranch during round-up time. She also traveled with her family over the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Abercrombie in 1991; a son, Billy Wade Abercrombie in 1960; a grandson, Lance David Hickam in 1970; her parents, Pete and Ethel Sullenger Hart; three brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Adalane and Carl Hickam of Lago Vista; a sister, Ida Jo Longbotham of Snyder; three grandsons, Kyle Wade Hickam, Alan Lane Hickam and Kelle Carl Hickam; four great grandchildren, Phillip Carl Hickam, Taylor Lane Hickam, Katie Isabelle Hickam and Carla Kay Hickam; one nephew; and five nieces.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances should be directed to a charity of choice or the Odyssey Hospice at 14205 Burnet Road, Suite 400 in Austin, 78728.

John Hartman

1976-2004

KERMIT — John Paul "J.P." Hartman, brother of Melissa Roberts of Snyder, died Tuesday, June 15, in Kermit.

Funeral service for Mr. Hartman, 27, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Family Services Funeral Chapel in Kermit. Burial will be in the Kermit Cemetery.

Born in El Paso, Mr. Hartman resided in Kermit and was a roughneck.

Survivors include his wife, Heather Hartman of Kermit; three sons, Lee Hartman, Christian Hartman and Zachary Hartman, all of Kermit; a brother, Jason Bliss of Kermit; another sister, Angel Partain of Kermit; his parents, Arnold Roy Hartman of Alaska and Marci and Jimmy Bliss of Kermit; his grandparents, Joe and Maria Valerio of El Paso, Doug and Martha Ford of New Jersey, Ruby Bliss of Kermit and Andy and Betty Partain of Kermit; and his stepfather, Lee Partain of Kermit.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 6/18	Sat 6/19	Sun 6/20
95/71	96/70	96/70
Mostly sunny skies. High around 95F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:54 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:54 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM

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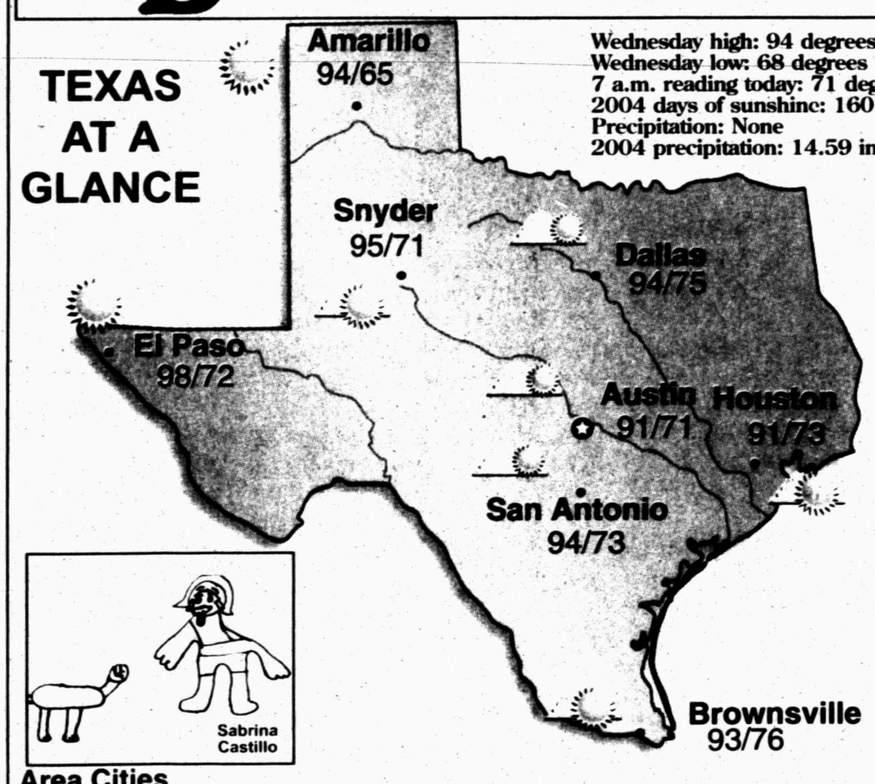
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday high: 94 degrees
Wednesday low: 68 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 71 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 160 of 168
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 14.59 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	72	sunny	El Paso	98	72	sunny	Midland	97	71	mst sunny
Amarillo	94	65	sunny	Fort Stockton	96	70	mst sunny	Raymondville	95	73	pt sunny
Austin	91	71	pt sunny	Gainesville	93	72	pt sunny	Rosenberg	91	73	mst sunny
Beaumont	91	73	mst sunny	Greenville	92	73	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	73	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	76	mst sunny	Houston	91	73	mst sunny	San Marcos	92	72	mst sunny
Brownwood	94	71	mst sunny	Kingsville	93	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	92	72	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	91	76	pt sunny	Livingston	91	71	mst sunny	Sweetwater	95	72	mst sunny
Corsicana	92	73	mst sunny	Longview	93	73	mst sunny	Tyler	93	72	mst sunny
Dallas	94	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	96	70	sunny	Weatherford	91	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	95	74	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	73	sunny	Wichita Falls	95	72	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	72	t-storm	Houston	91	73	mst sunny	Phoenix	104	77	sunny
Boston	69	59	rain	Los Angeles	74	60	pt sunny	San Francisco	71	54	mst sunny
Chicago	76	61	cloudy	Miami	88	79	t-storm	Seattle	82	56	mst sunny
Dallas	94	75	pt sunny	Minneapolis	73	55	rain	St. Louis	82	70	t-storm
Denver	59	51	rain	New York	84	70	pt sunny	Washington, DC	91	75	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jun 17	Jun 25	Jul 2	Jul 9

UV Index

Fri 6/18	Sat 6/19	Sun 6/20
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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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