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Sign up time starts for city, school elections

Monday is the first day to sign up as a candidate for school board and city council elections to be held May 15.

Actually, the first official day was Saturday, but with that date falling on the weekend, sign up is delayed.

Hopefuls for the Snyder ISD school board will have to wait one more day as Monday is an official school holiday.

The last day to file for places on the Snyder, Hermleigh or Ira school boards, plus the Snyder city council is March 15.

Early voting in the elections will begin April 28 and will conclude May 11.

All four designated district slots for the Snyder city council will be on the ballot in May.

The terms of Vernest Tippens, District 1; Stephanie Ducheneaux, District 2; and Ron Shaw, District 4 will be listed on the ballot, as well as the vacant council seat for District 3 formerly held by James Ashley who resigned earlier this month as he has moved from the city.

Tippens, Shaw and Ducheneaux have all said they will seek another term on the council.

Two at-large places on the Snyder ISD school board will be on the ballot as the terms of Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples will expire.

At Thursday evening's board meeting, Burleson said she was undecided about seeking another term, while Peoples said she will definitely sign up to run again.

At Hermleigh, the terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins will expire.

Digby said she is undecided and Higgins said he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Ira trustees whose terms will expire are Keith Clements and Dirk Dunn and both have indicated they will seek another term.

Early voting for the March 9 primary begins Feb. 23 and continues through March 5.

Locally, two candidates are vying for the Republican nominee for Scurry County tax assessor-collector. The two candidates are Megali Bernal and Jana Young.

Both are seeking the post vacated by Diana Williamson who chose not to seek re-election.

Also on the GOP ballot without an opponent is Terry Williams who will oppose Democratic incumbent Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey in November.

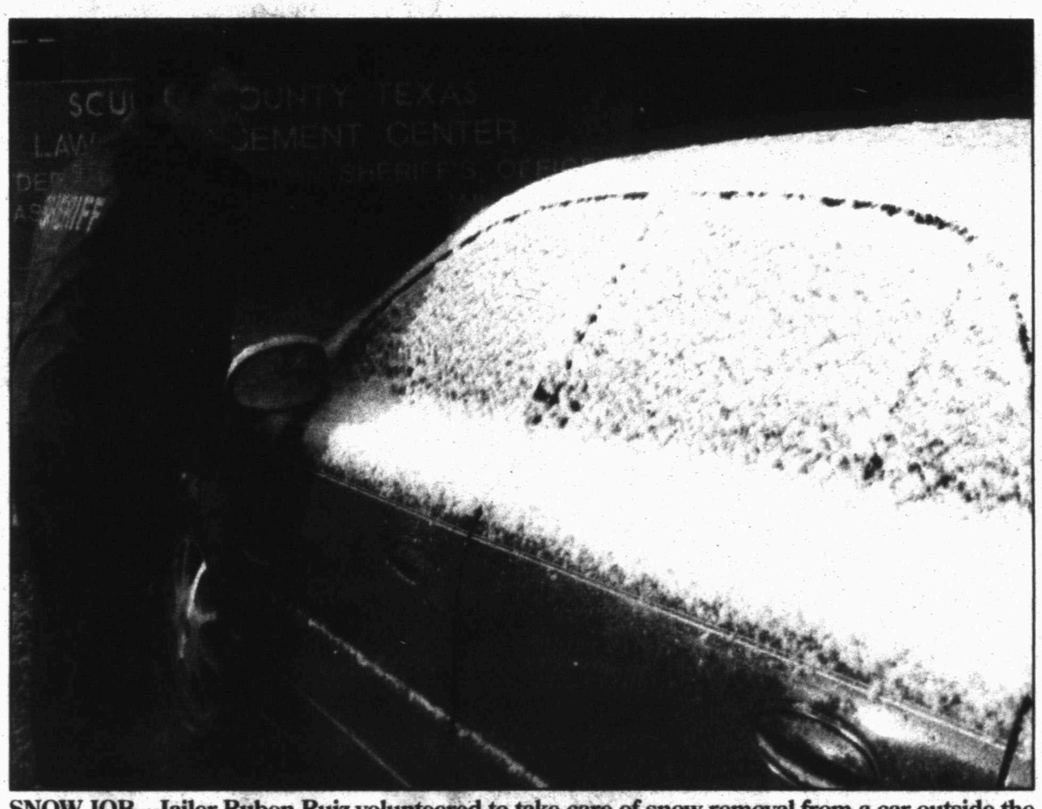
Incumbent Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer, a Republican, has no primary opponent, but will be opposed in November by Democrat Susie White.

Incumbents not drawing opponents are District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley, County Attorney Mike Hartman, all Republicans; and Sheriff Darren Jackson, a Democrat.

State Rep. Scott Campbell, will not have a Republican primary opponent but will face Democrat Jeri Sloan in the general election, a rematch of the 2002 general election. Campbell is from San Angelo while Sloane lives in Christoval.

As a result of redistricting of congressional boundaries, Rep. Charlie Stenholm's name won't be on a ballot in Scurry County for the first time in 28 years.

Vying for the U.S. 11th District post on the Republican ticket are Mike Conaway of Midland and Bill Lester of Brownwood. Democratic candidate Wayne Raasch is unopposed.



SNOW JOB—Jailer Ruben Ruiz volunteered to take care of snow removal from a car outside the Law Enforcement Center Saturday morning as the area was dusted with snow Friday night. Temperatures dipped to 21 degrees Friday night as the light snow fell. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Work day set for next Saturday

In an attempt to put the sparkle back in Snyder, the chamber of commerce will have a cleanup workday on Saturday, Feb. 21 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

"We're asking anyone who wants to help clean up the first designated location to meet with us for coffee and donuts at 8 o'clock, and then we'll go to the work site," said chamber executive director, Vicki Shroyer.

The work will continue Saturday until noon.

Shroyer said if one wants to help but can't make it out early Saturday, the directions to the site will be posted on the office door at the chamber.

"Bring your work gloves if you have them, but if you don't, Wal-Mart will furnish you some along with trash bags," said Shroyer.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If a cluttered desk is evidence of a cluttered mind, we have to wonder the significance of an empty desk?"

In just about any coffee shop in Snyder — or West Texas for that matter — there is a gathering that could easily be dubbed and recognized as the OFG — Old Fogy Group.

Most members have accepted the fact that they have fallen behind in our fast-changing world, admitting that many inanimate objects continue to out-fox 'em.

Computers are a given. The screen yells intimidating messages about performing illegal operations, and the computer wins at solitaire.

Man's real love — the automobile — has a dashboard with annoying messages and some even speak about doors ajar or unfastened seat belts.

Electronic equipment, especially the VCR, has caused many of the OFG persuasion to call a neighborhood kid to complete the programming.

Even medicine bottles refuse to give up their lids to those who have difficulty with the challenge of the combination required.

And just about the time we reconcile to the fact that the memory may be slipping, OFG-era folks are insulted with smart-aleck clothes that apparently know more than the folks wearing them.

A publication of the state comptroller's office spotlighted a new line of apparel that will protect the wearer from bugs.

Buzz Off Insect Shield, located in North Carolina, claims its odorless clothes repel mosquitoes, ticks, flies, ants and other insects by binding a repellant to fiber in garments. It will last through 25 washings.

But that's not all. Consider electronic underwear.

The high-tech drawers are equipped with sensors to monitor the wearer's vital signs and even signal emergency services.

We can just see it now — some ole geezer waiting for the missus on the mall bench admires a pretty gal walking by.

The sensors read heart rhythm increase as an abnormality and it summons the emergency center.

But by the time the EMS arrives, they pronounce the old guy dead, because he has simply dozed off, again.

The next big item may be pajamas that would block calls from telemarketers.

Couples reflect on long marriage secrets

What's the "secret" for a long, happy marriage? Is there a specific recipe, or perhaps merely an outline for happiness? At a time when obtaining a divorce is nearly as simple as ordering pizza, how have couples managed to stay together for 40, 50 or 60 years or more?

In celebration of Valentine's Day, three couples, who should be considered experts, tell of their experiences about love, togetherness and the pursuit of marital bliss.

Fred and Mavis Overman

"We had $5 and I had to borrow that," said Fred Overman of his humble beginning with wife Mavis. "That was all we had to our names when we got married."

Fred and Mavis met on a blind date in May 1937. He was 17 and she was 16. They married on March 5, 1938 in Whiteface. In nearly 66 years, the couple has experienced many ups and downs.

One evening in November, after a double date with Fred's brother and his fiancée, Mavis and Fred were wondering if they would live to attend their wedding.

"We had a Model A Ford when we got married," said Fred. "We had a wreck in that Ford in November before we married in March. A brake on the front used to hang up when you stopped. Fred's brother was driving and he went to slow down to turn the corner. Boy, that old car turned end over end and stood up on the radiator. We had to crawl out through the back," said Mavis.

After their wedding, the Overman's began working almost immediately.

"We've always stayed busy working," said Mavis. "Fred was a farmer and he worked in the oil fields and I took care of our four sons. I spent most of my time cooking, washing and cleaning."

The couple had the first of five children in 1940 with the birth of Dwayne. Twins Berle and Merle followed him in 1941, but Merle passed away at five months of age. Fred was born in 1943 and their youngest, Marlon came along in 1945.

Oftentimes, having a husband and four growing boys in the house did pose a challenge for Mavis, especially when the weather turned cold.

"I always said I could keep up with the best steam iron in Texas," Mavis said. "I starched and ironed 20 to 30 pairs of jeans. Sometimes I would hang Levi's on the clothesline, it would turn cold and they would freeze. I always said that we had freeze-dried Levi's."

Fred and Mavis said they don't know any particular recipe for a long marriage, but believe that good, clean living in one factor.

"I think you have to learn to forgive and work together, not against each other. When we were young, we thought that when you got married you just stayed married. When things got rough, you toughed it out until they got better," said Mavis.

"If I were giving advice to a young person now, I would say to go to work and get a job. Then they'll make it," Fred added.

Hoyle and Pauline Strickland

Hoyle Dean and Pauline were high school sweethearts when they attended Snyder High School. Although Pauline moved to LaGrange her senior year, that didn't stop Hoyle Dean from pursuing his future bride.

"I moved my senior year, and he followed me," laughed Pauline. "He just couldn't stay away."

The Strickland's married on Jan. 9, 1954. Like many young newlyweds, their possessions were sparse.

"We had a 1951 Ford car, but not much more," said Hoyle Dean. "But I'll bet Pauline had 27 pairs of shoes. That turtle shell was full of shoes."

Pauline and Hoyle Dean share a good sense of humor, which has played an important part in getting through some challenging times during their marriage. Hoyle Dean worked in the oil fields during the first years of their marriage, but suffered an injury in an accident in 1966. By that time their family had grown to include four children: Vickie, Sharon, Teresa and Mark.

"We didn't know what we were going to do," said Pauline. "We had four little children and believe me, it was a trying time."

But the couple decided to take matters into their own hands by starting their own business, Strickland's Television Service.

"We started the business in 1972 and we worked it together for 25 years," said Pauline.

Like many people, the Stricklands faced challenges the same as any couple, but where many couples might go their separate ways during work hours, the Stricklands were together 24 hours a day.

"We worked very close together every day," said Pauline. "We got along really well, but every once in awhile, we had our disagreements."

"That's true, we had a few disagreements," added Hoyle Dean. "But we never took our problems to anyone else. We ironed them out ourselves."

But the metal of their marriage was tested once again when Pauline was diagnosed with cancer six years ago.

"Having our 50th anniversary last month was such a gift because frankly, we didn't know if I was going to be here long enough to see it," said Pauline.

When doctor's told Pauline that she had cancer, they only gave her three years to live. But her determination and the love and support of her husband has paid off.

"They didn't give me much time, but it's been six years now and I'm still here. We're very thankful," said Pauline.

Pauline voiced her appreciation for the help and support that she received from her husband during her illness.

"He really took over when I was sick. He would cook and clean and helped me so much."

They say that they don't know a recipe for having a long marriage, but believe it has to be a true partnership.

"Some people say that marriage is 50—50," said Hoyle Dean. "But sometimes it's not like people say. Sometimes it's 150 on one side. You have to give a little extra sometimes."

"I think you really have to be in love and you really have to be forgiving. But you really need to be friends. That's a very, very important part," Pauline added.

Jimmie and Pat Cornett

Some couples don't need to know what the other person looks like before they know that there's an attraction between them.

"We were just voices to one another when we first met," laughed Pat. "We finally met face-to-face at a party."

"That was really back in the old days when to make a phone call, you picked up the phone and an operator said 'number please'

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ASK US

Q—When will the fence around the Towle Park pond be repaired?

A—The fence will be removed as outlined by the grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife for full access to the pond. The pond will be reshaped in order to implement proper safety measures.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Tamela Bruns...

...is a life-long resident of Snyder and is the owner of Special Touches Nail Salon. She is the mother of Tyler Wilkinson, 11, and Ashten Wilkinson, 8, and her parents are Roland and Sharon Bruns. She enjoys spending time with her family and working at her business.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The best gift parents can give children is themselves.
—Annie Laurie Von Tun

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played at the senior center beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Academic challenge team

Snyder High School KTXS Academic Challenge's match against Jim Ned will be broadcast at 6 p.m. Saturday on Channel 12.

Mini revival

Desert Reign will conduct a mini revival this weekend at Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh. Times are 7 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Noah's Ark Ministry

Evangelist Jorge Mendreno of Abilene will speak at 6 p.m. Sunday at Noah's Ark Ministry, 18th and Ave. R.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Blessing of Baptism," followed by "When Your Faith Fails."

AA meeting

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

Seedlings for sale

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra hardwood and evergreen seedlings for sale. The extra seedlings are Afghan pines, Austrian pines, Italian Stone pine, green ash, bur oak, shumard oak, Russian olive, Catalpa, Walnut, Osage Orange, Sand cherry, Sand plum, Mulberry and nanking cherry. They are also taking orders for the large container trees. Some of the larger trees that we can get are Afghan pines, crape myrtles, golden raintree, multi-trunk live oaks and bur oaks. To place orders come by the USDA/NRCS building at 5309 Big Spring Highway in Snyder.

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.

Rumsfeld names panel to review terror detainees at Guantanamo Bay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long-term prisoners being held at the naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will receive annual reviews to determine whether they should remain in custody, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Friday, as he defended against charges the lengthy detentions violate human rights.

The reviews will determine whether prisoners, if released, would remain a threat to the United States, officials said.

Many details of the reviews have not been worked out, officials at the Pentagon said. The composition of the reviewing panel has not been decided. The panel will make recommendations, probably to Rumsfeld, who will make the final call on whether to release a prisoner.

Prisoners will receive some kind of assistance, but it has not been decided whether that will include actual lawyers or some sort of military-appointed advisers to explain the process to them, the officials said.

In announcing the reviews, Rumsfeld defended the continued detention of about 650 suspected al-Qaida and Taliban supporters at Guantanamo. Human rights groups have criticized the treatment of the prisoners as well as their lack of access to lawyers.

"We need to keep in mind that the people in U.S. custody are not there because they stole a car or robbed a bank," Rumsfeld said in remarks to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. "They are enemy combatants and terrorists who are being detained for acts of war against our country and that is why different rules have to apply."

Paul Butler, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for detainee operations, told reporters at the Pentagon that the detainees at Guantanamo fall into several categories: ones who are no longer a threat and can be freed, ones who committed war crimes and will face a military tribunal, and ones who remain a threat but cannot be charged with any crime.

Of those who remain a threat, a few are being turned over to the governments of their home countries. So far, four men have been turned over to Saudi Arabia and a fifth to Spain.

"The detainees are not in a legal black hole," Butler said.

The rest will remain at Guantanamo until their status changes, to prevent them from rejoining al-Qaida or until the end of the war on terrorism — an uncertain condition, Butler said. Rumsfeld said the United States "has no desire to hold enemy combatants any longer than is absolutely necessary."

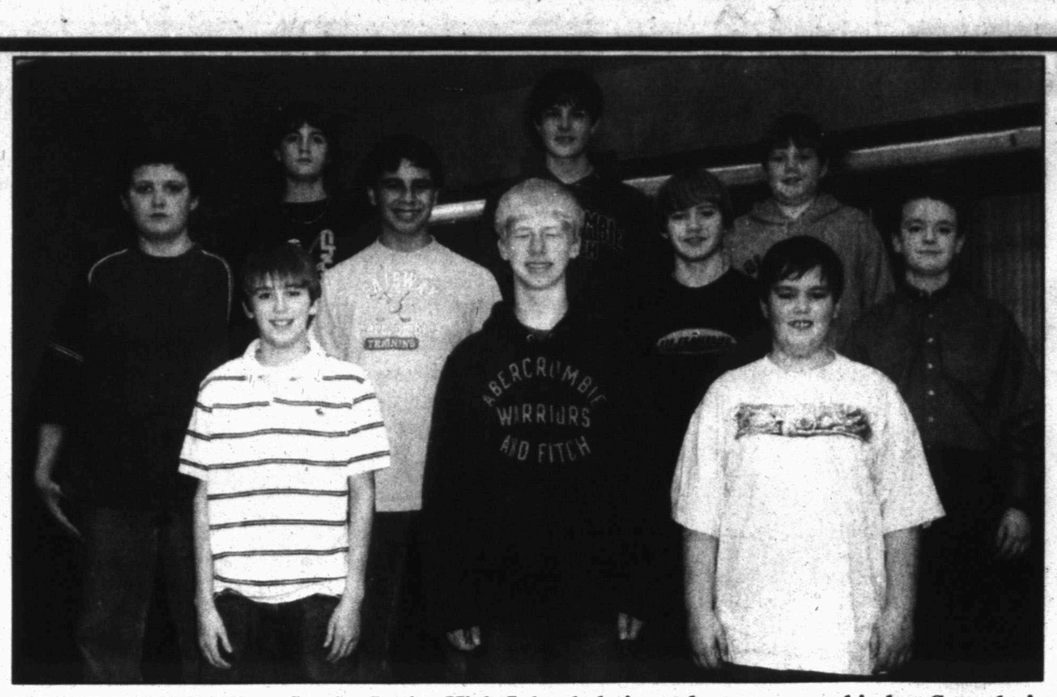
Some 87 detainees have been released. Butler said the Pentagon was concerned that some may have been working with al-Qaida since their release.

Many of the Guantanamo prisoners were captured on the battlefields of Afghanistan during the past two years. Officials said some have provided useful intelligence during interrogations while others have not.

Without providing names, Butler said the prisoners include a former bodyguard of Osama bin Laden, operatives linked to the 1998 attacks on U.S. embassies in Africa and the 2000 attack on the USS Cole, a shoe bomb manufacturer and an alleged associate of the Sept. 11 plotters who was denied entry into the United States less than a month before the attack.

The U.S. government calls them all "enemy combatants," not prisoners of war, saying they don't fight according to the Geneva Conventions and therefore are not subject to its protections. Officials have said the lengthy detentions are vital to intelligence-gathering and that the information gleaned from them has led to arrests around the world.

The Supreme Court is expected to decide this year whether the Guantanamo detainees can be held indefinitely without lawyers and hearings.



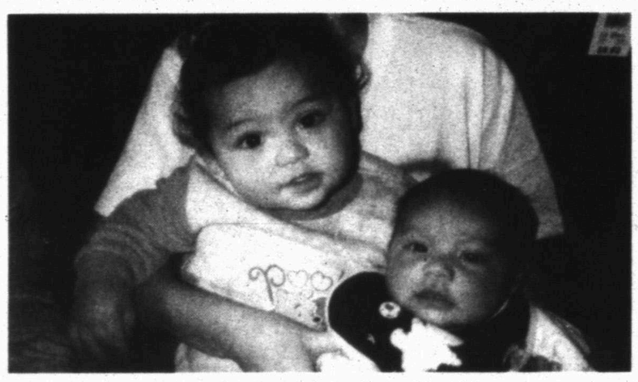
JUNIOR HIGH BOYS — Snyder Junior High School choir students competed in last Saturday's UIL Solo Contest. Seventh and eighth grade boys who received a superior rating are from left, back row, Daniel Boyd, Joseph Hefner, Jonathan Speegle; middle row, Zane Green, Corey Jaramillo, Tyler Porter, and David Strayhorn; front row, Jared Cave, Loren Toombs and Brian Allred. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Victims of 1921 race riot seek extension on limitations

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Lawyers for victims of a 1921 race riot and their descendants asked a federal judge Friday to exceed the statute of limitations by eight decades and allow their case to go forward.

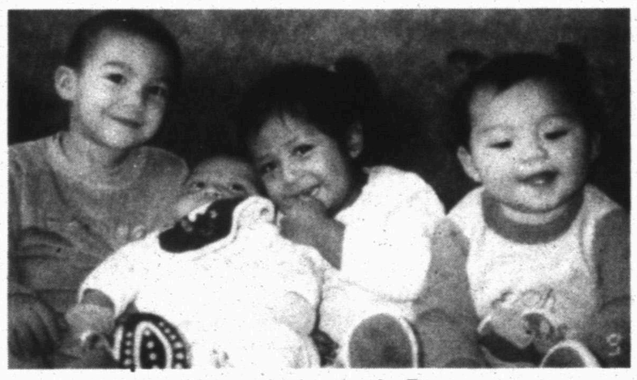
The city and state have asked U.S. District Judge James Ellison to dismiss the case, which seeks reparations for lost loved ones, destroyed businesses and burned homes in the then-thriving black community of Greenwood.

"As much as it's been 82 years, we don't have 82 days to waste," said Charles Ogletree Jr., a lawyer for the survivors. He added that 15 of his elderly clients have died since the lawsuit was filed nearly a year ago.



Happy Valentine's Day Daddy.
Love you lots.
Love Always,
Melyni & Deric

Alicia, Alexis, & Bubba. We all wish you the best Valentine's ever.
Love Always,
Dawn, Momma, Daddy, James & Denise



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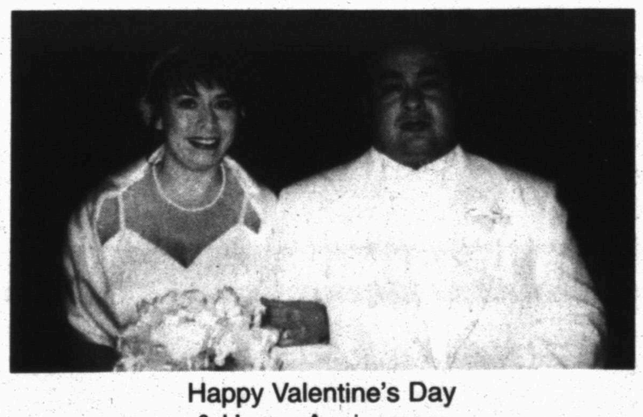
To: Grandma, Grandpa, Tio's, Tia's, Nena & Laura
Love,
Anthony, Gigi, Melyni, Deric



Happy Valentine's Day
& Happy Anniversary
Lupe & Bella Lopez
Love, Allison & Ashley, Bobby & Bryan

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Friday's
Lottery Numbers
Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $177 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $150 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were 17 second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000 each. Sixty-five players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 14, 30, 42, 43, and 45. The Mega Ball number was 30.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 02-09-14-18 . Bonus Ball: 24.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 01. Prize: $250,000 (estimate).

Number matching four of four: 09. Prize: $1,312.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 39. Prize: $37.

Number matching three of four: 1,072. Prize: $18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 664. Prize: $19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,076. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,716. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $200,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 01-06-19-22-25.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $48,030.

Winning tickets sold in: Seguin, Neil One Stop 19.

Matching four of five: 156. Prize: $139.

Matching three of five: 4,800. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 47,921. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 1-5-4
(Night) 5-8-6

Extreme skier loses both feet

SEATTLE (AP) — An extreme skier who survived five days lost in the Cascade Mountains last month underwent surgery Friday that removed his feet and lower legs.

Parts of Dan Witkowski's feet, including the toes, already had been amputated last week to clear up an infection. In Friday's five-hour surgery, Dr. Douglas Smith amputated the young man's legs about 6 inches below the knees.

Doctors had previously told Witkowski, 25, he would probably keep his feet and be back on the slopes next winter. But there was more dead tissue due to frostbite near his heels than initially known, a spokeswoman at Harborview Medical Center said.

The prosthetics he'll now receive will be more stable than what was left of his feet and will offer him the best chance of skiing or running again.

"Dan's a very determined guy who wants to move on with his life," said the spokeswoman, Susan Gregg-Hanson. "He wanted that function and mobility, and to do that, he had to go with the amputation."

New charitable organization needs diabetics, volunteers

Helping Diabetics Faith in Action, a Faith in Action program, needs you. The newly established charitable organization in Snyder is seeking both volunteers and diabetic persons to provide services for.

Program director Leeann McCreery said the new organization is dedicated to "making a positive difference" in the lives of diabetic individuals through supportive one-on-one relationships with caring volunteers.

She said the assistance available to diabetics includes simple chores, reading, doctors visits, shopping, visits, telephone calls and respite care for your loved ones — all designed to help the diabetic remain as independent and healthy as possible.

Helping Diabetics Faith in Action is a non-profit organization that works through volunteers.

Funding is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and local residents, churches and corporations.

Grant monies are administered and utilized by Cogdell Memorial Hospital and the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance.

For more information contact McCreery either at 325-573-1804 or faithinactionsnyder@hotmail.com

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VALENTINE ROYALTY — Kenneth and Martha Gentry were crowned the Valentine king and queen Friday at the Senior Citizens Center. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Edwards wins new celebrity fan on Jay Leno's 'Tonight Show'

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards was the talk of NBC's "Tonight Show" even before he walked on stage Friday night.

During his opening riff, host Jay Leno joked about Edwards' tradition of taking his wife to Wendy's for a Valentine's Day dinner.

"That should be his platform," Leno said. "Any guy who can convince his wife to go to Wendy's every year on Valentine's Day should be elected. Imagine what he could convince the leaders of other countries to do."

Later, during an interview with guest Diane Keaton, the actress professed her admiration for the Democratic senator from North Carolina, saying she watched him everyday on CNN and was thrilled to meet him in person.

"Now that I'm nominated (for an Oscar), I feel like I'm in a race too. I think about him and I don't know how he's doing this," she said. "It's hard to be out there and be substantive and be involved and be excited."

Edwards welcomed the compliment.

"I was very pleased to hear that," he said during a brief exchange with reporters. "I think the world of her and my wife loves her."

Edwards was in California to make several campaign and fundraising stops.

During the show, he touched on such issues as gay marriage and the loss of U.S. jobs to overseas workers. If elected, Edwards said, he would support the right of individual states to decide whether to allow gay marriage.

"If California chooses to recognize same-sex marriage, that's fine and the federal government ought to honor it," he said.

Edwards also said he believes major policy changes are needed to prevent companies from shipping jobs overseas. He said he would support placing environmental regulations on countries that take American jobs.

"Right now we've leaned so far into free trade that we've forgotten what fair trade is," he said.

Edwards also chided Leno for a slip of tongue during the show, in which the comedian called him a vice presidential candidate.

The candidate, who has said he's not considering running for vice president, responded that he could support an Edwards-Kerry ticket.

Four recognized

WACO — Four Snyder residents — Trey Gorman, Lilli Valdez, Charlie Gorman and Ryan Gibson — have been named to the fall 2003 dean's list at Baylor University.

To be on the dean's list, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum GPA of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Dustin L. Mills becomes Marine

Marine Corps Pvt. Dustin L. Mills, son of Deanie F. and Kent W. Mills of Hermleigh, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Thanks to Democratic primary lead, Kerry raises more funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry's fund raising has picked up substantially thanks to his Democratic primary lead, but is still dwarfed by President Bush's campaign haul.

Kerry has raised at least $7 million so far this year, campaign spokesman Michael Meehan said Friday. Bush, the lone Republican candidate, has brought in more than $13 million since Jan. 1.

Kerry is happy with his total nonetheless, Meehan said. The Massachusetts senator raised $3.25 million through his campaign Web site since winning a delegate contest Jan. 19 in Iowa, the first state to vote in the presidential race. That compares to $1 million in online donations to Kerry in all of last year.

"We are still fighting for the Democratic nomination, so we're very pleased," Meehan said.

Among the remaining Democratic hopefuls, Howard Dean's campaign has collected at least $5 million so far this year, while North Carolina Sen. John Edwards has raised more than $3 million. Edwards' total includes at least $500,000 raised at two Los Angeles events Wednesday and Friday.

Edwards has enough money to compete in Wisconsin's primary Tuesday and beyond, spokesman Roger Salazar said.

FBC sponsors speaker for women on March 12-13

Are you stressed and stretched?

Joanne Wallace, internationally known speaker and author, will speak at the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. March 12 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 13.

Tickets are $15 each. Childcare will be provided Saturday, March 13.

Topics for her March speaking dates include "You are an image bearer — become your best," Who am I anyway?" "Let's build relationships," Forgiveness — putting your past to rest," and "You are a representative."

For over 30 years, Wallace has presented Christian programs and she has spoken in all 50 states, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England and New Zealand.

She is a former Mrs. America pageant winner, a former hostess of her television show and a corporation president.

Wallace is known for her life changing presentations of building a positive self-esteem, cultivating personal relationships that are lasting, forgiveness for those that suffer from bitterness and loss or have a difficult time putting the past to rest.

She has written 10 books including "Starting Over Again."

On president's list

Landon Day, a 2001 Snyder High School graduate, has been named to the president's list at Hardin-Simmons University for the fall 2003 semester.

Day, the son of Jody and Vanessa Day, is a studio art major.

Michael Gibson in symphony band

Michael Gibson, senior music composition major from Snyder, performed Thursday with the West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band at Lila Cockrell Theatre in the Henry Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

Gibson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson of Snyder.

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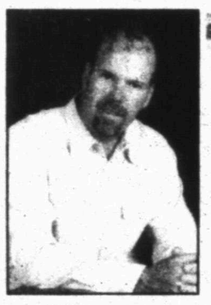
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EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS — Snyder Junior High choir students competed in the UIL Solo contest last Saturday at Frenship. Eight grade girls who earned a superior rating include back row from left, Adrienne Meek, Audrey Jones, Ali Cox, Allison Sharrock, Jordan Derryberry, Amanda Martinez; third row, Rachel Scott, Stacey Elam, Alex Urias, Kristen Miller, Kirstie Davis, Brandee Harbin; second row, Tiffany Carrisalez, Laura Gutierrez, Megan Velasquez, Lucinda Guzman and Raquel Ruiz. Students on the front row earned an excellent rating. They are from left, Rebecca Goolsby, MariRobyn Gault, Whitney Jenkins, Kendra Tidwell and Josie Torres. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Democratic rivals seeking to blunt John Kerry's popularity

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rivals are trying to dent the perception that John Kerry is solidifying his front-running campaign but face fresh evidence from both sides of the political aisle that Kerry's status is growing.

The Democrats plunged into the final weekend before the Wisconsin primary with both Howard Dean and John Edwards hungry for a win to revive their campaigns. Polls offered them little hope.

Kerry and Edwards headed to a big fund-raising dinner Saturday night in Milwaukee, and all major candidates planned to join a high-profile campaign debate Sunday, also in Milwaukee. Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich was joining the dinner, and activist Al Sharpton planned to join the debate.

As his rivals scrambled, Kerry was targeted for individual attention from the Bush-Cheney Republican campaign, which distributed an attack video linking Kerry to special interests. Launching that on the Internet limited its audience, but it generated big media attention that magnified its impact.

Kerry treated the assault as more evidence that Republicans view him as the front-runner, arguing dismissively, "These guys will try to do anything to change the subject."

Adding to his momentum, the 13 million-member AFL-CIO announced plans to endorse Kerry next week, a sign that a linchpin of the Democratic Party considers the nomination all but settled.

The 64-union federation is eager to end the primary season so it can focus its resources and energy on defeating President Bush. While the candidates were focused on Wisconsin and the 72 delegates at stake there Tuesday, activists in Nevada and the District of Columbia were holding caucuses with 40 delegates are up for grabs.

On the trail, Kerry was joined by retired Gen. Wesley Clark, who offered his endorsement after ending his own campaign earlier in the week.

"Request permission to come aboard; the Army's here," said Clark, a reference to Kerry's service as a Naval officer during the Vietnam War.

As the primary season unfolds and Kerry builds momentum, increased attention is being given to delegates won by the major contenders. An Associated Press tally found that Kerry has claimed 539 delegates, compared to 182 for Dean and 166 for Edwards.

FDA delays decision on selling morning-after pill over counter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is postponing its decision on whether morning-after birth control should be sold without a doctor's prescription.

The delay comes with the Food and Drug Administration under intense political pressure to reject the move.

The FDA had been scheduled to decide next week on whether Barr Laboratories' version of emergency contraception, called Plan B, could be sold over the counter, next to the aspirin and cough medicine.

Barr announced late Friday, however, that FDA had extended its deadline for making that decision to May.

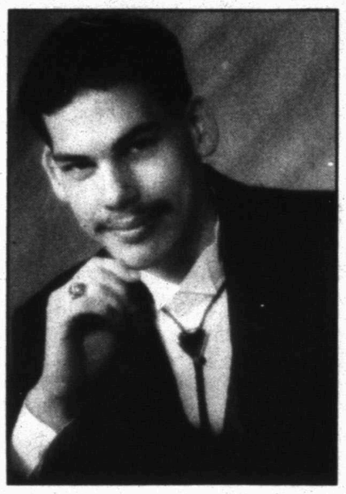
The reason: FDA requested more explicit information about 16- and 17-year-olds who have used the pills, and the agency now needs additional time to evaluate the data, said Barr spokeswoman Carol Cox.

"It's not that unusual that they'd request more time," she said.

The FDA's scientific advisers overwhelmingly recommended in December that Plan B be sold without prescription, calling morning-after pills a very safe and important way to decrease the number of abortions.

The delay sparked suspicion from contraception advocacy groups that FDA was ignoring that scientific advice because of political pressure.

"This delay is somewhat hypocritical," said Dr. Jeffrey Waldman of Planned Parenthood in California. "Every day someone doesn't have access (to the pills) is another day when someone's going to be pregnant when they don't need to be and don't wish to be."



Joe Lopez Jr.

SHS graduate listed on dean's honor roll

Jose Lopez Jr. of Snyder has been named to the dean's honor list at Texas Tech for the fall semester. This recognition is accorded to those students who have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better during the indicated semester.

In addition, Lopez Jr. has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a recent campus ceremony.

Golden Key International Honour Society provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class.

Lopez, a 2001 Snyder High School graduate, is a junior at Texas Tech, where he is majoring in Spanish. He is the son of Jose L. and Maria Lopez Sr. of Snyder. He has a brother, Roberto, a sixth grader at West Elementary.

His sisters includes Ginelda, a sophomore at SHS, and Maritza Juarez. He also has two nieces, Andrea and Adrianna Juarez.

Grandparents are Humberto and Candelaria of San Angelo.

Marriage

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when you needed to make a call. Pat was the operator here in Snyder," said Jimmie. "I had to work lots of nights at HOMCO, and I was on the phone a lot. I would talk to her whenever I had to make a phone call."

But that first meeting was the start of a life that saw their 50th anniversary on Sept. 4.

"She had the prettiest brown eyes I had ever seen," said Jimmie.

"And he had black, curly hair," smiled Pat.

Their story has been a lesson in togetherness ever since they wed in 1953 at the home of Jimmie's parents in Center Hill, Texas.

"We got married and then I got a free trip — to Korea," said Jimmie.

"We didn't have many things, but we'd had a wedding shower and so we'd gotten some gifts. But aside from that we just had each other. Our parents didn't have much to give us except congratulations," added Pat.

Jimmie and Pat also were the proud owners of a 1952 Ford that he bought brand new.

"He paid that car off while he was in the service," said Pat. "It was one of two new cars that we've had in our lives. The last one was a pickup in 1975. That's quite a bit of time between new vehicles."

Jimmie and Pat became parents to two children; Richard, also known as "Doodle," and Donna.

"We've always been very close as a family. When we did something, we always did it as a family," said Pat. "And we've always been involved in church activities. That's an important part of our lives."

Jimmie and Pat have always enjoyed traveling together. The two have made trips to Canada every summer since 1995, volunteering their time and talents to help with the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary.

"We've helped build apartments, educational buildings and other construction. It's a lot of fun to have the chance to do that," said Jimmie.

"I don't work as much as Jim does," said Pat to which Jimmie quickly disagreed.

"She cooks for all of us and keeps us fed. One summer there was a young man from South Africa who loved her pecan pies. He would ask for a 'pick-a-nut' pie."

When asked what advice they would offer to young couples just beginning a marriage, Jimmie and Pat look at one another as if searching for a correct answer.

"I would say that having a commitment for life is the most important thing," Pat offered. "I think that believing in the marriage vows and really taking them to heart is a key to staying together. Just realize that there are going to be easy times and there's going to be hard times, so make a commitment to get through it."

After a few silent moments Jimmie added, "I would just tell them to be good to each other."

Herrera completes petroleum officer course in Army

Army Pfc. Randy L. Herrera has graduated from the petroleum officer course at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Va.

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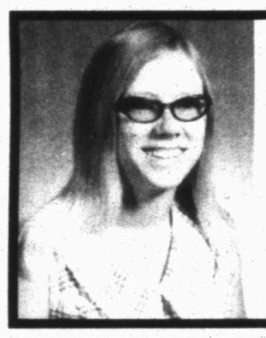

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How You Invest May Depend on When You Were Born

Are you a Baby Boomer? Or a "Gen X'er"? Your age helps determine your tastes in music, food and culture, and your attitudes toward a variety of social and political issues. And when you're talking about your generation, you also need to be aware that it can influence the way you save and invest.

To understand the financial implications of belonging to a particular age group, consider the following generational characteristics:

Many baby boomers: * Have postponed retirement saving well into their 40s and 50s * Use their home as their "bank" * Have given their children's college education precedence over saving for retirement

While Gen X'ers: * Have student loans to repay, along with heavy credit card debt * Have little "cash cushion" to fall back on* Haven't focused on saving for retirement. Let's take a look at some ways that Gen X'ers and baby boomers can address these needs.

If you're a Gen X'er:

•**Pay off those student loans** — If you still owe money on your student loans, you're not alone. Since 1997, the median in undergraduate student loan debt has risen 74 percent, to $16,500, according to the 2002 National Student Loan Survey conducted by Nellie Mae, a national student loan provider. By paying off your student loans as quickly as possible, you'll free up money for your short- and long-term savings and investment goals.

•**Avoid the credit card trap** — Keep one credit card for emergencies, and pay off your balance each month. Responsible credit card management is a great habit to learn early.

•**Build a cash cushion** — Even if you aren't earning much, strive to put away $50 or $100 a month in a money market account, until you have built a cash cushion of about three to six months' worth of living expenses.

•**Contribute to your 401(k)** — Start investing in your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan as soon as you can. If you can't afford to put in the maximum, at least contribute enough to earn the employer match, if one is offered.

If you're a baby boomer:

•**Accelerate retirement savings** — If you aren't "maxing out" on your 401(k) and IRA, now is definitely the time to start. If you haven't saved much for retirement, you may need to weight your retirement plan more heavily toward growth-oriented investments, although you'll still need to feel comfortable with what you're doing, given your individual risk tolerance.

•**Use home equity wisely** — At this stage of your life, you may have built up considerable home equity. If so, you might be tempted to take out a home equity loan to consolidate other debts, make home improvements or accomplish some other goal. Your home equity loan may be tax deductible, and you can probably find a competitive interest rate — but you'll still want to use this debt wisely. Remember, you're putting your house up as collateral, so you don't want to get in over your head.

•**Don't bankrupt yourself to pay for college** — If you want to help your kids pay for school, try to avoid dipping into your retirement savings. Instead, consider contributing to a tax-advantaged Section 529 Plan or a Coverdell Education Savings Account. Also, encourage your child to apply for grants and scholarships. And shop around for good, reasonably priced schools - they're still out there, if you look for them.

Make the right moves — at every stage

As you can see, you'll need to make different types of financial decisions over time. To make your job easier, consult with a qualified financial professional who understand your individual needs and goals — and who can help you develop a strategy for each stage of your life.

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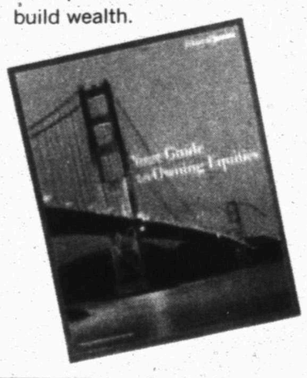

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Spector's lawyers say they do not have to turn over evidence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Phil Spector's lawyers said Friday they have no obligation to share with the prosecution a piece of evidence discovered after sheriff's detectives left the music producer's mansion after investigating the fatal shooting of an actress.

The Associated Press, meanwhile, learned that the evidence which the defense found remains a mystery even though documents filed earlier by the prosecution suggested it was a piece of the victim's fingernail stained with gunshot residue.

Sources close to the case who spoke on condition of anonymity said the victim, Lana Clarkson, had acrylic fingernails and several pieces of them were broken off. But they said that was not the evidence in possession of the defense.

Attorney Leslie Abramson declined comment on what evidence the defense may have.

Bush agrees to private meeting with fed Sept. 11 commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush agreed Friday to meet privately with the federal commission reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks but declined to testify publicly about what the government could have done to prevent the tragedy.

The commission "today requested a private meeting with the President to discuss information relevant to the commission's work. The President has agreed to the request," said White House press secretary Scott McClellan.

But while the panel has "suggested the possibility of a public session at a later time, we believe the President can provide all the requested information in the private meeting, and there is no need for any additional testimony," McClellan said.

Bush previously has said he would "perhaps" submit to questions from the panel but would not say whether he would testify publicly. Former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore have indicated a willingness to provide private testimony about government missteps prior to the 2001 attacks.

The Sept. 11 panel, formally known as the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, was established by Congress to study the nation's preparedness before the attacks and its response afterward, and to recommend ways to guard against similar disasters.

The bipartisan panel faces a May 27 deadline to complete its work but has asked for at least a two-month extension, citing a need to conduct more interviews and analyze documents. Bush last week reversed course and said he favors more time, too, but House Republican leaders remain opposed.

Former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean, the commission's Republican chairman, said the panel will be forced to pare down inquiries into intelligence failures if Congress doesn't give it more time.

The panel planned 10 more public meetings but now says it will only have time for seven. Commissioners also will be forced to do without some follow-up interviews with officials in the Bush and Clinton administrations.

"If it is evident in the next month that May 27 is our deadline, there are things we will not be able to do in the areas of intelligence," Kean said. That area is particularly complex and time-consuming, he said.

"There are many paths to follow, including how intelligence was used, where it came from, and what was known by the FBI, CIA and National Security Council," he said. A May 27 deadline would force the panel to put out a report "that we, as commissioners, would feel very frustrated by."

Relatives of Sept. 11 victims have said better intelligence might have helped prevent the attacks. Last week, Bush announced that he would form a separate investigatory panel to examine prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Legislation is pending in the House and Senate that would extend the Sept. 11 panel's deadline to Jan. 10, 2005, a date that supporters say will limit the influence of election-year politics.

But House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., opposes any extension, citing a need to quickly have the panel's recommendations on how to improve the nation's security.

"The worst thing that can happen to this commission is that the report gets released in the middle of the presidential campaign and then it becomes a political football," Hastert spokesman John Feehery said. "Every commission created has always asked for more time. We need the recommendations as soon as possible."

Commissioners have complained that their work has been delayed repeatedly because of disputes with the administration over access to documents and witnesses.

Earlier this week, the White House agreed to give the panel greater access to classified intelligence briefings.

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SPORTS

Questions still swirl around Rodriguez

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez likened his offseason to a soap opera.

There were plenty of twists and turns in a drama that dragged out over many weeks. Then there was the somewhat surprising conclusion: Rodriguez, the AL MVP, stayed in Texas after extended trade talks between the Rangers and Boston Red Sox ended.

"It was just crazy for me," third baseman Hank Blalock said. "Usually, I like to watch that stuff. But it's kind of weird when it's a guy on your team and a friend of yours. One day they would say it's super close to happening and the next, it's definitely not happening."

Figuring out the plot isn't always easy with this team, which has finished last in the AL West four straight seasons — the last three with Rodriguez.

After the trade talks died down, the seven-time All-Star shortstop emerged as the team's captain after a lengthy clear-the-air meeting with Rangers owner Tom Hicks, general manager John Hart and manager Buck Showalter.

But even with Rodriguez in the fold, many questions remain as Texas prepares for the start of spring training next week in Surprise, Ariz.

— Is Rodriguez really content and happy in Texas? And is the proposed trade really dead?

Rodriguez is saying all the right things. A-Rod insists he's happy to still be in Texas, even after his efforts to facilitate a trade. He said he got a lot off his chest during the five-hour meeting last month with the team's brass.

It's easy to be happy now. A new season puts Texas even again with everybody else.

WINTER OF HIS DISCONTENT — After an offseason of trade rumors, Alex Rodriguez was named captain of the Texas Rangers after the proposed trade with the Boston Red Sox fell through. Rodriguez won the AL MVP in 2003. (AP Photo)

Still, Rodriguez was less than definitive when asked if he'd remain in Texas for the length of his record $252 million, 10-year contract.

"I can't guarantee," he said. "If I had a crystal ball, I'd be in good shape. But I hope so. I think we take it one year at a time. I like our future. I like our young players and I like where we're going."

As for the proposed trade, Hicks insists A-Rod is staying put.

Red Sox GM Theo Epstein has said he doesn't expect a revival of talks before the season "barring something extremely unforeseen."

A lot can change between now and July, if the Rangers falter again.

— Showalter vs. Rodriguez, truth or myth?

There was friction between the new manager and star player last season and into the offseason. That's probably the main reason Hicks put together the face-to-face meeting.

"Once you talked about where our club was and some of the frustrations we had, the solutions were pretty obvious," Showalter said.

Rodriguez knows part of his role as captain is being on the same page with Showalter.

"We all have our own ideas, but I'm not the manager," A-Rod said. "Buck Showalter is the manager. I respect that."

— Did the Rangers do anything to improve their pitching?

Veteran left-hander Kenny Rogers returned to Texas after winning 13 games for the Twins last season, and right-handed reliever Jeff Nelson was added. Texas hopes right-hander Chan Ho Park is finally healthy and ready to contribute three years into his $65 million contract.

But the Rangers are also determined to let Joaquin Benoit, Colby Lewis, Ricardo Rodriguez, Mickey Callaway and R.A. Dickey the chance to earn starting spots. And there could be another two or three pitchers in that mix.

— Will Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez be missed?

Palmeiro, maybe. Gonzalez, no.

The sentimental departure of Palmeiro came months after his 500th career homer. But he was relegated to a DH role after rookie Mark Teixeira's emergence at first base, and the Rangers allowed the 39-year-old slugger to become a free agent. Raffy went back to Baltimore.

Two-time AL MVP Gonzalez spent most of his two seasons back in Texas on the disabled list. But he won't be far away this spring. The Kansas City Royals share the same complex with the Rangers.

— Is this the best young infield in baseball?

Probably.

A-Rod, who besides leading the league in homers has won two straight Gold Gloves, is only 28. He's surrounded by Teixeira, one of the AL's top rookies last season, and two .300 hitters, second baseman Michael Young and third baseman Hank Blalock, who hit the game-winning homer in last year's All-Star game. Young is 27, while Blalock and Teixeira are 23.

— Will the Rangers get out of last place in the AL West, or is another 90-loss season on the horizon?

That's the cliffhanger. Stay tuned.

Key notes and dates about the 2004 Texas Rangers, whose spring training complex is in Surprise, Ariz.

MANAGER: Buck Showalter, second season in Texas (633-596 in eight seasons overall, 1992-95 with New York Yankees and 1998-2000 with Arizona, 2002 with Texas)

LAST YEAR: 71-91, last in AL West

KEY ADDITIONS: RHP Jeff Nelson, LHP Kenny Rogers, 1B-DH Brad Fullmer, 2B-OF Eric Young, OF David Dellucci, RF Brian Jordan.

NO LONGER AROUND: 1B Rafael Palmeiro, RF Juan Gonzalez, C Todd Greene, INF Mike Lamb, INF-OF Donnie Sadler, OF Shane Spencer.

LIKELY LINEUP:
—C, Einar Diaz
—1B, Mark Teixeira
—2B, Michael Young
—SS, Alex Rodriguez
—3B, Hank Blalock
—LF, Kevin Mench or David Dellucci
—CF, Laynce Nix
—RF, Brian Jordan
—DH, Brad Fullmer or Herbert Perry

KEY DATES
— Thursday, pitchers and catchers report to Surprise, Ariz.
— Friday, first spring training workouts for pitchers and catchers.
— Feb. 25, first full-squad workout.
— March 4, exhibition opener vs. Kansas City, at Surprise, Ariz.
— April 5, season opener, at Oakland.
— April 9, home opener, vs. Anaheim.

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

Congratulations to Borden County assistant football coach Trey Richey, who will be inducted into the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Hall of Fame during halftime of this summer's Six-Man All-Star game.

Richey is being honored for his play in high school, when he led Jayton to back-to-back titles in 1984 and 1985, playing running back and safety for a team that went 28-0 during their championship runs.

Loop Supt. Phil Mitchell, Richey's coach at Jayton, told Dwight Heins at the *Lamesa Press-Reporter* that Richey was the finest six-man player he ever coached.

"In my opinion, Trey is the best all-around player of all time in six-man football," he said. "He could do it all.

Richey was the defensive coordinator for the 1997 state champion Coyotes, and is the head basketball coach at Borden County.

Richey has earned admiration from rival coaches, as well.

"You've got to be well-prepared when you face Trey," Ira head football coach Toby Goodwin said. "He's well-respected by coaches, and he's very organized and very competitive. Trey was a great athlete, and he's carried that over, but he's also a great friend, and that makes a difference when you face him. You like to see him, but you hate to coach against him."

Valentine's Day is once again upon us, which means two things — many of us will be lighter in the wallet come Monday and pitchers and catchers report for spring training in a couple of weeks.

Baseball recently has been rocked by the indictment of BALCO labs founder Victor Conti — the personal trainer to slugger Barry Bonds, the best player in the game.

There is no evidence (wink, nudge) that Bonds has used steroids, and he wasn't named in the indictment and subsequent arrest warrants.

But leave it to Major League Baseball, an organization so inept it makes Congress look like a synchronized swim team, to head into a new season with egg all over its face.

The sport's ridiculously stupid drug policy has created this beast, and now the only thing that can possibly try to kill it is a federal indictment.

Couple that with the never-ending Pete Rose lunacy, and you have an(other) offseason where the biggest baseball stories come from the underbelly of the sport.

Instead of talking about hope springing eternal, or if the Rangers will have enough pitching to contend (they don't) what baseball fans are getting hammered with is more bad news from the National Pastime.

But one bit of good news — Alex Rodriguez swears he's happy to be in Texas.

I for one have lost a lot of sleep wondering whether $252 million can make a man happy.

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Navarro College will play final four games

CORSICANA (AP) — Navarro College officials announced Friday that the basketball team involved in a fatal van crash earlier this week will play the last four games of their season.

The team canceled Saturday's home game with Blinn College, but will continue its season with Wednesday night's game against Lon Morris College in Jacksonville.

"We just felt like it was going to be the best thing for the institution," Navarro College Athletic Director Roark Montgomery told The Associated Press. "Hopefully we'll put as competitive a product as we can on the floor."

Navarro, 13-11, was on a five game winning streak when an 18-wheeler struck a team van after a game Monday night at Paris Junior College, killing Pa Sarr, 21, of the African country Gambia and Jason Rashard Trier, 18, of Giddings. Five other players and two coaches were injured. Four players remain hospitalized.

Montgomery said the parents of the players who died and the injured players supported the decision to keep playing.

"They wanted to finish what we had started," he said.

The team still has eight or nine eligible players, including three starters who were in a separate van that was not involved in the accident, Montgomery said.

A wake was planned for Trier from Friday evening in Giddings at the Bethel St. Paul Baptist Church. Funeral services were scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday in Killeen at the First Baptist Church, with burial in Wiemer.

A private vigil for Sarr was expected to be held Friday night in Dallas before his body is returned to his homeland.

The 3,500-student Navarro campus is located 60 miles south of Dallas.

Lady Raiders visit A&M

By The Associated Press

Texas Tech has never lost to Texas A&M as a member of the Big 12.

The seventh-ranked Lady Raiders (20-4, 6-4) hope to continue that trend as they visit the Aggies (8-14, 1-10) at Reed Arena at 7 p.m. Saturday.

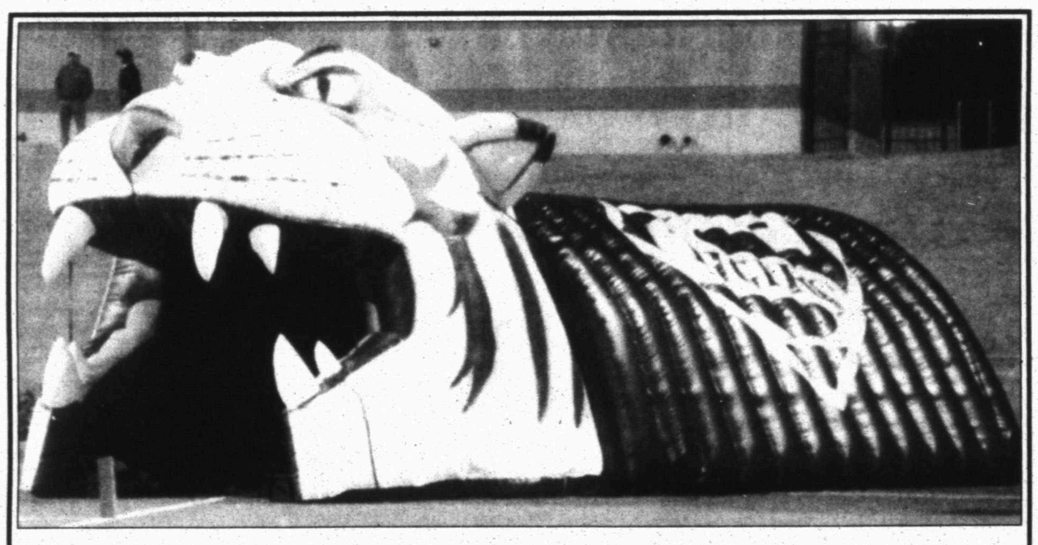
Texas Tech hasn't lost to Texas A&M since a 72-68 decision in the Southwest Conference tournament in Dallas on March 9, 1996. That was the last meeting between both teams as members of the SWC.

The Lady Raiders have won 15 straight matches between the teams since joining the conference in 1996-97. Texas Tech was victorious on Jan. 28, beating Texas A&M at home 65-56.

The Lady Raiders are 48-8 all-time against the Aggies and have won seven straight road games to take a 19-3 advantage at College Station.

Texas Tech is coming off a 68-62 loss to Oklahoma on Tuesday which ended the Lady Raiders' 16-game home winning streak. Tech continued to have trouble at the line, where it has shot just 69 percent in conference games this season. The Lady Raiders missed eight free throws, and sophomore Erin Grant and freshman Alesha Robertson were the only players in double figures with 20 and 11 points, respectively.

"I'm disappointed that we didn't come away with a win," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "Give Oklahoma a lot of credit. They did something we've had trouble with this year. They made their free throws to close the game and held us off."



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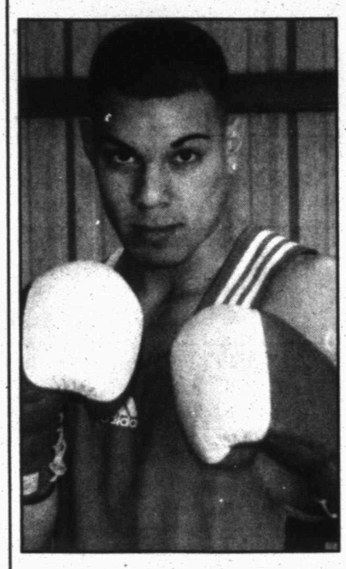
Vasquez moves one step closer to Olympic dream

Snyder pugilist Anthony Vasquez will join 86 other Olympic-style boxers in Tunica, Miss. for the 2004 Olympic Team Trials.



Anthony Vasquez

The event, which takes place Monday through Thursday, will offer the amateur boxers the chance to make the 2004 Olympic Team. The top two boxers in each weight class will advance to the Olympic Box-Offs, to be held in Cleveland Feb.27-28.

This is the first Olympic trial for Vasquez, who said he has a mixture of emotions heading into the trials.

"I'm real nervous, but I'm feeling confident," said Vasquez.

The tournament will be a round-robin format, with a winner's and challenger's bracket, giving fighters who drop a decision a chance to continue on.

The winner of each bracket in each division will qualify for the Cleveland tournament.

Vasquez said he has kept up his rigorous training schedule.

"I'm prepared," he said. "I have a real good chance of winning."

James and Anthony steal the show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was the LeBron and Carmelo show on the first night of NBA All-Star weekend.

LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony teamed up for four awe-inspiring alley-oop dunks that proved to be the best moments of the Rookie Challenge on Friday night.

With the sophomores well on their way to a record-setting 142-118 victory, the two heralded rookies decided to show off.

"After the game got out of hand, I went up to the players and said, 'Let's give the fans what they want to see,'" James said.

James scored 33 points and created most of the moments that had a sellout crowd at Staples Center oohing and aahing. Anthony added 17 points.

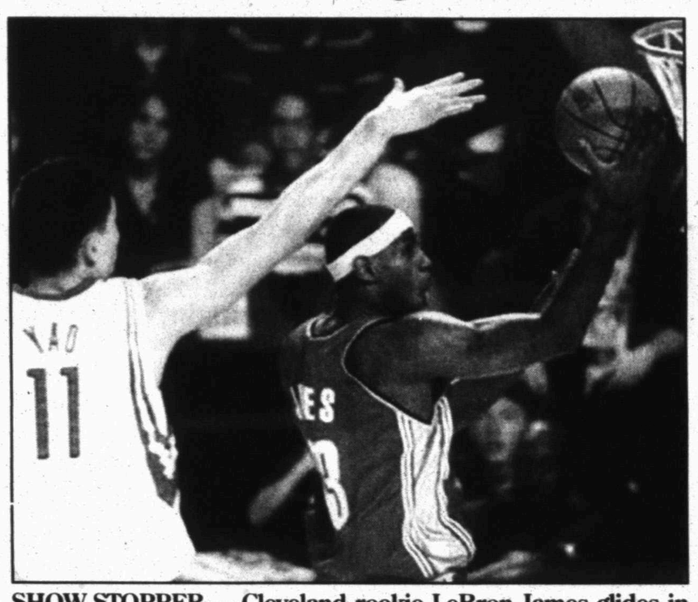
"We saw Carmelo and LeBron do some amazing things," rookies coach Doug Collins said. "I hope the fans enjoyed it."

Typical of All-Star festivities, the players took the night off from playing defense.

MVP Amare Stoudemire, last season's Rookie of the Year, had 36 points and 11 rebounds in the highest-scoring game since the event began 10 years ago.

Carlos Boozer and Ronald Murray added 25 points apiece for the second-year pros, who made nearly 71 percent of their shots in the first half to turn it into a blowout.

"They're very exciting," Stoudemire said. "LeBron can get up in the air so high, and Carmelo has the all-around game. ... It's all about scoring out there, enjoying yourself and putting on a show."



SHOW STOPPER — Cleveland rookie LeBron James glides in for a lay up against Houston's Yao Ming in the Rookie game Friday. James and Carmelo Anthony stole the spotlight, but the sophomores won the game easily, 142-118. (AP Photo)

Neither James nor Anthony was selected for Sunday's All-Star game. James was adamant that he won't accept a spot in Saturday's dunk contest, either, so the Rookie Challenge was the duo's only showcase of the weekend.

"It was just fun to be on the court with him," Anthony said. "Nobody was serious and nobody got hurt. That was the big thing."

Yao Ming swatted the ball away from the 6-foot-8 James on the opening tip, then gave way to Anthony and James.

Collins paired James and Anthony during the first half, substituting them together and taking advantage of their knowledge of each others' games. They needed less than four minutes to hook up on a spectacular play.

Anthony got loose on a fast break and served up an underhand alley-oop to James, who slammed it home to huge cheers. They teamed up again 2½ minutes later, with Anthony throwing a longer pass for another emphatic slam by James.

Their third connection came with less than five minutes to play when Anthony dribbled under the hoop and tossed it up to James, who dunked from the other direction. They added one more in the final minute, when both teams staged an impromptu dunk contest.

James also threw down a two-handed behind-the-head slam in the final moments, and Anthony capped the game with a similar jam.

Merkel clinches district; Tigers host Mustangs

Merkel clinched the district championship for the second time in as many years Friday, easily topping Lamesa, 70-45, in the only game played in District 3-3A Friday.

Riley Lambert had a game-high 20 points for Merkel, which remained perfect in district and ran its overall record to 26-4.

Lamesa stayed a half game ahead of Sweetwater and Seminole, who were slated to play Saturday night at 7:30 in Sweetwater.

Lamesa's loss also means that Denver City clinched the second seed in 3-3A. The Mustangs were scheduled to play in Snyder at 2 p.m. Saturday in a weather delayed game from Friday night..

Wild day commences start of Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A thrilling finish in the International Race of Champions. A crash-marred truck race. An Earnhardt-backed driver on the Busch pole.

And, hey, we haven't even gotten to the Daytona 500 yet.

On a busy day of preliminaries for Sunday's Great American Race, Ryan Newman edged Kurt Busch in the first IROC race of the year, Carl Edwards held on to win the NASCAR Craftsman Truck opener and Martin Truex won the pole for the Busch Series race.

Newman found a way to squeeze past Busch about 100 yards from the finish line Friday. Newman got two wheels under the yellow out-of-bounds line — generally considered an illegal move — but IROC ruled the move was necessary to avoid a collision with his fellow Nextel Cup star.

GM says Kobe will not be traded this season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant will not be dealt before the trading deadline next week, even though he plans to test free agency over the summer.

"Kobe's not going anywhere," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak told the Associated Press on Friday, another day in the life of the soap opera otherwise known as the Los Angeles Lakers.

While insisting he wants to be a Laker "for life," Bryant reaffirmed his intention to opt out of his contract and become a free agent. He also responded to a report that he's already made it clear to the Lakers that he plans to leave, saying the story was untrue.

"Everybody wants to stir up the pot. We just let that go as a team and keep our eyes focused on the prize," Bryant said.

With the trading deadline set for Thursday, the Lakers have three legitimate reasons to part ways with Bryant:

—He faces a rape allegation in Colorado and will likely go on trial over the summer, facing a long prison sentence if convicted.

—He has given the team no assurances that he will stay after he opts out of the final year of his contract.

Cink shoots 63; Singh misses cut

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Stewart Cink shot the best round of the tournament to take a two-stroke lead in the Buick Invitational, and hardly anyone noticed.

John Daly was back.

Vijay Singh was gone.

Tiger Woods was lurking, just as he always seems to do at Torrey Pines.

Lost amid all this activity Friday was Cink, who had a 63 on the easier North course at Torrey Pines and was at 11-under 133, two shots clear of Daly and Steve Flesch.

Next up: Two days on the South course, which will host the 2008 U.S. Open and is already playing like a major test.

"Scores are going to come back over there," said Woods, who shot a 68 on the North and was six shots behind. "If you don't have your game solid and tuned on the South course, it can definitely bite you."

It bit Singh.

He was the hottest player in golf, with 12 consecutive finishes in the top 10 and allowed him to close the gap on Woods at No. 1 more than anyone in the last five years. Singh was coming off a victory at Pebble Beach. There was loads of hype about a showdown with Woods.

But instead of heading to the practice range after his round, Singh drove to the airport.

An eagle on his 15th hole kept hopes alive, but he missed 15-foot birdie putts on the final three holes and shot 73 on the South, putting him at even-par 144 to miss the cut by one shot.

"I just made too many mistakes," Singh said.

Daly, meantime, tamed the tougher track at Torrey Pines with a bogey-free 66 on the South, which put him in the final group Saturday.

His life in turmoil off the course — his wife faces a federal indictment on drug and gambling charges — Daly was at peace by keeping the ball in play and getting up-and-down from around the greens for a 66.

He did not stick around the course to speak.

Tech looks to get back on track against Kansas State

By The Associated Press

A season that started with great success has gone steadily downhill for 18th-ranked Texas Tech. The Red Raiders (17-6, 5-4 Big 12) hope to get back on track as they host conference rival Kansas State (11-9, 3-6) at 6:05 p.m. Saturday.

Texas Tech has lost four of its last five games after a 12-game winning streak, including Wednesday's 63-48 setback to Oklahoma on Wednesday.

Andre Emmett scored 22 points, but Devone Giles was the only other Red Raider in double figures with 10 as Texas Tech slipped into a tie for fourth place in the Big 12, three games behind Texas and Oklahoma State for the conference's top spot.

Emmett, the Big 12's leading scorer, went 7-of-14 from the field Wednesday, but Tech shot just 38 percent for the game. The Red Raiders missed both of their 3-point attempts, and committed 20 turnovers.

Oklahoma controlled the tempo from the start, jumping out to a 23-8 lead.

"Oklahoma put us in a hole to start out the ballgame," Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight said. "Oklahoma really responded well to their game over the weekend. When we played well and got back into it, they really responded and rose to the occasion."

The loss was the second in a week for the Red Raiders, who suffered a 96-77 defeat to then-No. 20 Kansas last Saturday. It also culminated a tough couple of weeks for the program, which went 1-4 and saw Knight and chancellor Dr. David Smith have a well-publicized verbal spat at a local grocery store.

Knight was never suspended, but other than a win over lowly Baylor, the team has not responded well to the off-the-court controversy.

National Hockey League

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	12	11	5	76	164	125
New Jersey	28	16	10	1	67	125	107
N.Y. Islanders	27	21	7	2	63	163	142
N.Y. Rangers	21	25	7	4	53	147	160
Pittsburgh	11	38	5	3	30	113	218

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	31	14	9	3	74	160	136
Boston	28	14	11	5	72	150	134
Ottawa	30	15	7	4	71	186	123
Montreal	28	22	6	2	64	143	130
Buffalo	25	26	5	1	56	142	145

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	29	17	7	3	68	156	126
Florida	20	23	11	3	54	129	152
Atlanta	22	29	6	2	52	157	181
Carolina	17	26	11	2	47	108	141
Washington	17	32	6	2	42	134	181

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	32	15	8	2	74	185	133
Nashville	27	21	6	2	62	137	149
St. Louis	26	22	7	1	60	130	141
Columbus	16	29	8	3	43	116	159
Chicago	15	29	7	5	42	130	165

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	31	11	10	4	76	172	124
Vancouver	31	17	7	3	72	171	134
Calgary	29	20	5	3	66	142	128
Minnesota	20	21	15	2	57	127	128
Edmonton	23	25	8	1	55	146	148

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	26	15	11	5	68	141	117
Dallas	27	20	10	0	64	122	126
Los Angeles	22	16	13	6	63	153	151
Phoenix	18	21	14	3	53	141	158
Anaheim	18	24	8	7	51	125	153

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Friday's Games

Buffalo 8, Los Angeles 3
Minnesota 3, Edmonton 0
Nashville 5, Washington 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Phoenix 2
Calgary 2, Anaheim 1
Atlanta 4, Vancouver 1

Saturday's Games

Carolina at New Jersey, 11 a.m.
Boston at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Calgary at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 6 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	31	20	.608	—
New York	25	29	.463	7½
Boston	23	31	.426	9½
Philadelphia	22	31	.415	10
Miami	22	32	.407	10½
Washington	16	34	.320	14½
Orlando	13	41	.241	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	39	14	.736	—
Detroit	33	21	.611	6½
New Orleans	28	24	.538	10½
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	11
Toronto	25	26	.490	13
Cleveland	20	33	.377	19
Atlanta	18	35	.340	21
Chicago	15	38	.283	24

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	37	15	.712	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	2½
Dallas	33	19	.635	4
Houston	30	22	.577	7
Memphis	30	22	.577	7
Denver	31	23	.574	7
Utah	26	27	.491	11½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	37	13	.740	—
L.A. Lakers	31	19	.620	6
Seattle	25	27	.481	13
Portland	24	27	.471	13½
Golden State	23	28	.451	14½
L.A. Clippers	22	29	.431	15½
Phoenix	18	37	.327	21½

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Game

All-Star Game at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

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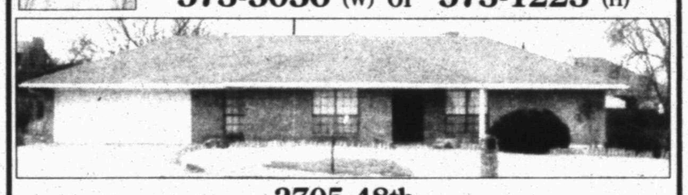

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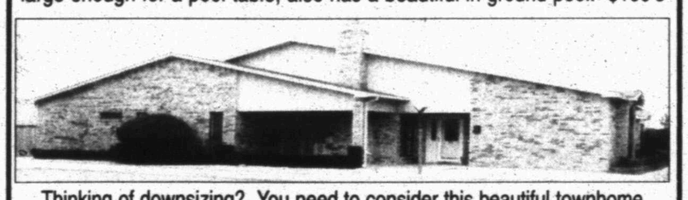
Just in time for summer fun! This home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, den with fireplace and a formal living and formal dining. Tiled game room is large enough for a pool table, also has a beautiful in ground pool. $100's



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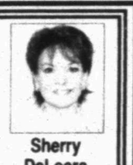
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2609 37th 3-3-2 ....$107.5T
4517 Galveston 3-2-2-2LA's Red. $97.5T
New! 3001 Beaumont 3-2-2, 2 LA's $97.5T
3201 Hous[illegible] CONTRACT PENDING [illegible]ed. $92T
4704 El Paso 3-2-2 ....$89.9T
2904 34th CONTRACT PENDING ..$87.5T
Great Location 4000 Jacksboro 3-2-2 $87.5T
New! 3108 Hill Ave. 3-2-2-1cp ...$74.9T
Edge of Town - 1601 Hilltop Lane - Brick 3-1-2cp plus storm cellar $49.5T
2212 28th 2-2-2 living areas-2 ....$44.5T
4109 Eastrid[illegible] CONTRACT PENDING ..$41.5T
New! 2214 40th 3-2-1 ....$39.5T
3749 Avondale 3-1¾ $39T
Investors - 2609 Ave. U Brick Duplex $35T
Edge of Town - 1015 Mobile Rd. 3-1-2 ..$31.5T
New! 1381 N. Ave. P 2-1, 4 lots ..$22.5T
New Listing! 207 34th 2-1-1 ....$16.5T
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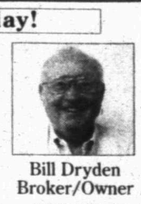
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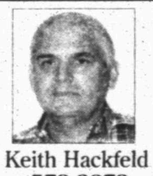
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2205 42nd 3-1-1 + big bldg $34T
513 34th 2-1, Clean, Nice! $17T
2609 37th 3-2¾-2, Nice & large $107.5T
2605 33rd 3-4½-3, plus office ...CALL
403 36th CONTRACT PENDING ..$49.5T
3104 41st 3-1¾-2cp, sprinkler syst..$53T
New! 207 34th 2-1-1, CH/A $16T

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College Ave. Restaurant..Reduced Call
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Shop w/2 offices & waiting room,fenced yard,.87 A's 23rd St. "Old Gail Rd" Call
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1701 25th St. $90T
2309 25th ....Call
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Filed in District Court
Citibank (South Dakota) vs. Leah Davis, suit on account.

Action in District Court
In the marriage of Harold Wayne Gasaway and Charlotte Anne Gasaway, divorce granted.

In the marriage of George Vasquez and Rhonda Sue Vasquez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Mikel Jack Nail and Tatiana Jones Nail, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Michael Ray Duke and Peggy Jan Bledsoe Duke, divorce granted.

Gillian Fuller and Marcia Fuller French vs. Scurry County Appraisal District and Appraisal Review Board, agreed judgment.

Deed Records
Dianna Windstead, David Clemons and Debbie Bowlin to Jerry and Shelley Mobley, Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Kittrell Heights Subdivision of Blocks 23-24 of the Adams Addition.

Billy Ray Grimmett, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Maxine Hailey Grimmett, and Lena Ann Grimmett Garcia, to Sandra Daylene Grimmett Hodges, 3.383 acres in Tract 53 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Merce E. Hernandez to Antonio and Teresa Aguilar, Lot 13 in Block 15 of the Green Hills Addition.

Terry R. and Barbara C. Leatherwood to James and Ava Russell, 5.70 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 383, Block 97, H&TC survey.

James and Ava Russell to Patsy Nell Ashworth, 5.70 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 383, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mary A. Waldraff to Nancy Brunson, Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Weldon E. and Nancy I. Fletcher to Mary A. Waldraff, Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Michael Brent Howell to Angela June Elledge, Lot 10 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Billy W. and Darlene Robbins to Bradley Wade Robbins, tract one being the east one-half of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 43 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition; tract two being Lot 10 in Block 43 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Kevin and Lois McQuhae and Doyle Kellner to Thomas and Claudie Begaye, Blocks 17-19 and Lots 1, 5-6 in Block 20 of the Helms Subdivision of the southwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mildred M. Wilson to Mildred Janette Pierce, tract one being Lots 7-9 in Block 29 of the Bootheland West Addition; tract two being Lot 10, Block 29 of the Bootheland West Addition; tract three being Lots 11 and 12 in Block 29 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Charles D. Hill, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Cherry S. Hill, to Jose and Leticia Murrillo, Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Martin Addition, Section 2.

Mamie Lou Eubank, independent executrix of the estate of Dennis W. Eubank, Lots 5-7 in Block 30 of the Deavours Subdivision of the Cody Heights Addition.

Frontier Real Estate Investments Inc. to Jim Wade Investments Inc., the east 100 feet of the north 50 feet of Lot 1 in Block 37 of the Blankenship Addition.

Terry Dean Butler, Trustee, to Terry Dean Butler, two parcels being part of Tract 33, a Subdivision of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Rita K. Robbins, independent executrix of the estate of Harold E. Robbins, tract one being Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1; tract two being the northwest one-quarter of Section 183, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the east one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter and the east one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 130, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being 97.839 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 130, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Delfina Ramos to Gloria Torres, the west 150 feet of Lot 1, Block 36 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Larry V. and Elsie Anderson to Ford M. and Doris S. Spikes, Lot 6 in Block 33 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Katy Mae Newton to Billy Ray Newton, Lot 17 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Cynthia Renee Fritz to Kevin Wayland Fritz, Lot 14 in Block 2 of the Parkview Addition, Section 2.

Ford M. and Doris S. Spikes to Francisco A. and Linda Diane Sanchez, Lot 6 in Block 33 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Veteran Land Board of Texas to Joe B. Flowers, 53.06 acres in the east one-half of the south one-third of Section 104, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Angel and Esmerald Juarez to Hilarion and Feliza Padilla, the north 50 feet of Lots 1 and 2 and the north 50 feet of the west 40 feet of Lot 3 in Block 19 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Edolina Thamez to Raymond M. and Mary S. Rodriguez, an 0.68-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Today's chuckle

Inappropriate T-shirt gets senior suspended

CLIMAX, Minn. (AP) — Showing town spirit in Climax is cause for punishment in this Minnesota town.

Shirley Moberg, superintendent of Climax-Shelly schools, said T-shirts bearing the town's slogan "Climax — More than just a feeling," are inappropriate because of the sexual innuendo.

About a dozen students wore centennial T-shirts to school this week in protest, and one girl was sent home Wednesday for refusing to turn her shirt inside out.

School officials had said nothing to students wearing the shirts until recently, when a teacher wore it to school and a person complained. The shirts are no longer allowed to be worn at school, she said.

Climax, a town of 270 near the North Dakota border, adopted the "More than a feeling" slogan in 1996 for its centennial. The slogan was used in advertising and promotions, and the T-shirts have been around for years.

The students who wore the shirt to school Wednesday were told to go to the bathroom and turn it inside out. All did, except 18-year-old Bethany Grove, a senior, who was suspended for the afternoon.

"The T-shirt has been a tradition," Grove said. "It's been around for almost 10 years. A lot of people have them."

CARD OF THANKS

Thank You

Thelma Ford's family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, support, food, flowers, cards, phone calls, and comfort that has been provided during this time. We would like to thank Snyder Oaks Staff, Odyssey Hospice and Home Hospice, and most especially those individual care givers that have helped over the last five years. The special service by Brother McCall and the beautiful music by Glenda Hollingsworth and Kim Gorman were greatly appreciated.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Winter snow storm coats part of state

From staff, wire reports

Old Man Winter took aim at the heart of Texas on Valentine's Day as a winter storm coated parts of the state with several inches of snow.

The wet, slushy snow caused numerous traffic accidents, scattered power outages and about 70 flight cancellations at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, officials said Saturday.

The wintry weather was expected to continue through Saturday afternoon, with 1-4 inches possible across much of North Texas. Heavier amounts of 5-8 inches were possible from Denton and McKinney north toward the Red River, said Joe Harris, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

Scurry County escaped the brunt of the latest winter push as less than a half inch of snow fell Friday night.

By mid-morning Saturday, most of the snow had melted out of yards and off the top of vehicles.

Hwy. 84 north did prove treacherous as a one-vehicle rollover was reported near 11 p.m. Friday, and shortly after 11, a vehicle got stuck in the median near Dermott.

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal was delayed in Snyder Saturday due to the transport truck having an accident in Lubbock County as it started its deliveries south

Larry Hernandez, owner of the Dallas House of Flowers, said his drivers were trying to make their Valentine's Day deliveries before the weather got worse.

"We're only going to do what we can," he said. "We don't want our drivers to get hurt. If it gets to the point where we can't deliver, we'll just call the customer and ask to reschedule."

Crews with TXU Energy were working to restore power to several thousand residents in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, spokesman Ray Granado said. Snow-laden tree limbs hitting power lines were causing the outages, he said.

Statewide, Austin had about an inch of snow, while mostly rain fell in San Antonio and points south. Waco reported about 2 inches of snow. Houston was rainy.

Iraqi security forces come under heavy fire in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Guerrillas shouting "God is great" launched a bold daylight assault on an Iraqi police station and security compound west of Baghdad on Saturday, freeing prisoners and sparking a gunbattle that killed 21 people and wounded 33, police and hospital officials said.

The same security compound was attacked two days earlier by gunmen just as the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, Gen. John Abizaid, was visiting the site in Fallujah. Abizaid escaped that attack unharmed.

One shop owner across the street from the security compound said he and his neighbors had been told by guerrillas not to open that morning because an attack was imminent.

Around 25 attackers, some of them masked, faced little resistance as they surrounded the police station and stormed in, going from room to room throwing hand grenades and firing heavy machine guns, survivors said. Few police, most with only small weapons, were present at the time.

"I only had a pistol with me," said Kamel Allawi, a police lieutenant. "Right away I fell on the ground and blood was gushing out of my left leg."

The attackers freed 75 prisoners held at the station, killing the guards and shooting open the cell doors, police Lt. Col. Jalal Sabri said. The prisoners were criminals — most arrested for murder or theft — and none of them were suspected of involvement in the anti-U.S. insurgency, Sabri said.

The gunmen, shouting Islamic slogans "God is great" and "There is no god but Allah," also attacked the nearby, heavily barricaded compound of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps that Abizaid visited Thursday. Iraqi security forces battled with the attackers for a half hour in the streets, taking cover behind concrete blocks amid a hail of gunfire.

The brazen, bloody battle — on the heels of the Abizaid attack — raised questions about the preparedness of some Iraqi police and defense units to take on security duties as the U.S. administration wants. not fully trained. They're not ready."

Bush spotlights school vouchers for District of Columbia students

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday the first federal experiment in school vouchers will liberate District of Columbia families and fuel the school choice movement.

"This initiative is one that's the beginning of what I hope is change all across the country," Bush said about the emerging private-school voucher plan in the nation's capital.

At Archbishop Carroll High School in northeast Washington, Bush said vouchers and other choice programs send a message that "we want our public schools to succeed, we want them to do well. But we're going to raise the bar and raise expectations. And when we find children trapped in schools that will not change, parents must be given another viable option."

By proposing the D.C. voucher program and putting a national spotlight on its passage, Bush reinforced a school agenda that he plans to pursue through his election-year budget.

Bush has asked for $50 million in the next budget year for local voucher initiatives, which allow students to attend private and religious schools at public expense. The Democratic rivals for his job, including front-runner John Kerry, oppose vouchers.

Two people are arrested in city

• Arrest

Two arrests were made in Snyder and Scurry County, one on Friday and another Saturday.

At 4:14 p.m. Friday, DPS troopers arrested a 23-year-old man on Hwy 84 for driving while license suspended.

A 42-year-old man was taken into custody in the 800 block of 25th St. at 2:06 a.m. Saturday charged with public intoxication.

• Burglary

A caller reported the burglary of a residence at 410 29th St. at 9 a.m. Friday.

At 3:18 p.m. Friday, a landlord contacted officers at the Law Enforcement Center to report some former tenants breaking the locks and entering his rent house.

• Assault

At 8:59 p.m. Friday, a caller reported from Skinny's on 37th St. that three men had assaulted him and had taken his bicycle and a bag of clothes. The bicycle and the clothes were later recovered.

• Criminal mischief

At 12:13 p.m. Friday, a caller reported that someone had made paint marks on her car, possibly with a bingo marker.

• Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country north reported a gas drive off in the amount of $15 at 3:48 p.m. Friday.

At 5:05 p.m. Friday, a clerk at McD's reported the theft of $13.50 worth of gas.

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Bridge work slated this coming week

The bridge over Deep Creek on College Avenue will be closed intermittently on either Wednesday or Thursday for a concrete pour.

"Contractors will be pouring the bridge deck," said Mike Merrick, engineer in the Snyder area office of TxDOT.

"Traffic will be interrupted between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.," added Merrick.

Merrick reminds motorists to be especially careful of workers and equipment while driving in a construction zone.

Obituaries

Opal Eades

1910-2004

Mrs. Opal Juanita Eades, 93, longtime Snyder resident, died early today in Midland.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. She is survived by a daughter, Shiela Vineyard of Midland.

Lanny Buchwald

1946-2004

Lanny Brent Buchwald of Snyder died Saturday, Feb. 14, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Mr. Buchwald, 57.

He was born on Nov. 13, 1946 in Oklahoma City and was self employed.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Maurissa Buchwald, Okarche, Okla.; and special friends, Judy James, Sam and Kim Walker and Nikki James, all of Snyder, Eddie and Penny Wheeler of Colorado City and Jeffrey and Amy James of Wolfforth.

Monday closings are listed below

Some offices and businesses will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day.

Scurry County offices and the Scurry County Library also will close .

Snyder city offices will be open for regular business hours.

Snyder ISD schools will not be in session. However, Hermleigh, Ira and WTC will be holding classes.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh post offices will be closed on Monday and there will be no home delivery, but mail will be placed in post office boxes in Snyder.

American State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank, Texas Savings Bank and West Texas State Bank also will close.

Jury call cancelled

The jury call for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court has been cancelled.

District Clerk Trina Rodgers said prospective jurors need not report.

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Rebels take another town in Haiti unrest

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP) — Haitian rebels forced police out of another northern town and blocked a main road leading to the Dominican Republic, witnesses said Saturday as aid workers warned food was running out in northern cities and towns.

In Washington, members of the Organization of American States called on all parties to ensure a peaceful and democratic outcome to the 9-day-old rebellion aimed at ousting President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. About 50 people have died in the uprising.

Emergency supplies of flour, cooking oil, and other staples are projected to run out in four days in northern areas cut off by roadblocks guarded by rebels. The insurgents have seized Gonaives, Haiti's fourth-largest city, and burned down police stations in a dozen other towns.

Overnight, rebels attacked police in Saint Suzanne, a small town 20 miles southwest of the northern port of Cap-Haitien, according to witnesses reached by telephone.

They said police fled and rebels set the police station ablaze, but no one was killed.

Nearby, rebels blocked the road outside Trou-du-Nord that leads to the Dominican border at Ouanaminthe. Merchants turned back Saturday said the barricade of boulders and burned-out cars has cut supplies of food and fuel that come from Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

Haiti has only 5,000 police officers and those manning outlying towns often are outnumbered and outgunned by insurgents.

"The population that is cut off completely from other parts of the country is finding itself in a very risky, very dangerous situation," Prime Minister Yvon Neptune told reporters in Port-au-Prince, the capital.

Leaders of the political opposition planned a rally in Port-au-Prince on Sunday, two days after Aristide militants crushed a planned demonstration by stoning opponents and blocking the protest route.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Friday that Aristide's assurances he would work for a political settlement are not enough. Aristide "must reach out to the opposition, to make sure that thugs are not allowed to break up peaceful demonstrations," Powell said.

Powell met with OAS members in Washington on Friday and said they agreed "we will accept no outcome that, in any way, attempts to remove the elected president of Haiti."

The United States sent 20,000 troops to Haiti in 1994 to restore Aristide, end a bloody military dictatorship and halt an exodus of refugees to Florida.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 2/15	Mon 2/16	Tue 2/17
53/34	51/36	57/37
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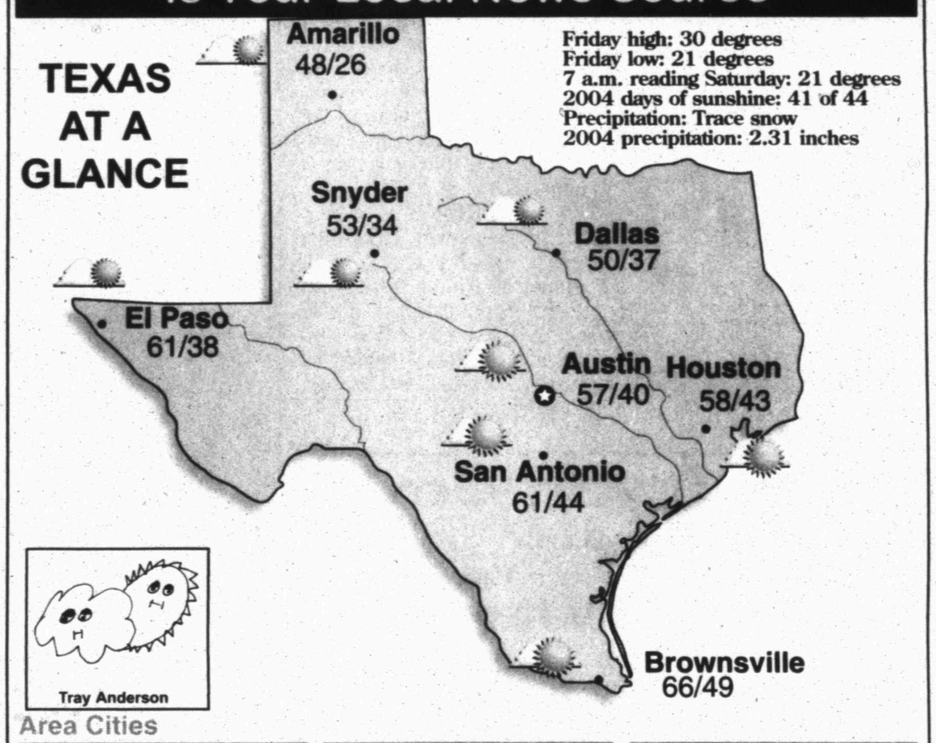

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Austin	57	40	mst sunny	Gainesville	47	33	pt sunny	Rosenberg	58	42	mst sunny
Beaumont	57	41	mst sunny	Greenville	49	34	pt sunny	San Antonio	61	44	mst sunny
Brownsville	66	49	mst sunny	Houston	58	43	mst sunny	San Marcos	58	40	mst sunny
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Del Rio	64	43	pt sunny	Lufkin	56	37	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	48	33	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	41	30	rain	Houston	58	43	mst sunny	Phoenix	67	46	mst sunny
Boston	18	4	sunny	Los Angeles	67	52	mst sunny	San Francisco	59	51	rain
Chicago	21	9	mst sunny	Miami	78	56	t-storm	Seattle	52	40	rain
Dallas	50	37	pt sunny	Minneapolis	9	4	mst sunny	St. Louis	30	19	sunny
Denver	41	22	cloudy	New York	26	10	sunny	Washington, DC	34	16	pt sunny

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Digital oil fields of the future already here

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry McCuan, a well analyst for Occidental Petroleum Corp., was at home in Bakersfield, Calif., Christmas Eve when a technician from the Elk Hills oilfield 22 miles away reported a pressure drop that threatened wells producing 7,500 barrels a day.

Because Elk Hills is wired with a remote monitoring system, McCuan was able to pinpoint the problem from a home computer, order a fix within a half hour and prevent any production loss. That's a big improvement from the "Dark Ages," McCuan said, referring to the late 1990s, when output might have slumped for several days.

While the petroleum business still depends heavily on burly machinery and people, the modern oil field is becoming more digital by the day. Among the gradual yet far-reaching technological advances are drill bits armed with minicomputers that can relay information from deep under the ground to scientists around the globe almost instantaneously.

By enabling rig crews and petroleum engineers to share real-time drilling and production data, oil companies hope to improve the efficiency and precision of operations, with fewer hands involved. Experts believe this high-tech evolution could reduce costs by 10 percent to 25 percent and boost production by as much as 7 percent.

This is critical both for giants such as ChevronTexaco and Royal/Dutch Shell, which need to reduce risks when drilling deep below the Gulf of Mexico or North Sea, and for smaller independent producers such as Occidental Petroleum and Devon Energy, which need to squeeze every last drop of petroleum from aging U.S. fields.

State-of-the-art well-monitoring and petroleum-reservoir imaging technologies, when used in concert, could expand global oil reserves by 125 billion barrels by 2013, according to Cambridge Energy Research Associates. That's more oil than the current estimated reserves of Iraq or Latin America, according to CERA.

"The big picture is seen and it is what's driving the industry," said Hovey Cox, director of dynamic operations at Houston-based Schlumberger Information Solutions, whose customers include the Kuwait Oil Company and Shell.

Improved mapping software allows geoscientists to better identify the sweet spots of petroleum reservoirs thousands of feet below the earth's surface. As a result, petroleum engineers can plan superior well paths.

Once the well is drilled and production begins, subsurface sensors powered by low-voltage batteries transmit continuous streams of data about pressure, temperature and flow via high-speed satellite networks. As geoscientists and engineers at offices in, say, Houston or Amsterdam, receive and interpret this information, they can direct oilfield technicians to adjust remote-controlled valves located in the well to maximize output.

Individually, these strategies are not entirely new. What is unique today is the ease with which companies can integrate them, as well as instantaneously update and cross-reference all the data collected at the rig and in the office.

"We're moving the data to the people, rather than the people to the data," said William Severns, a senior director at CERA in Cambridge, Mass. "This allows oil companies to bring experts (by way of the Internet) into the field faster and more cheaply than they could in the past."

One emerging practice the industry is particularly excited about involves tiny computers attached to the drill, giving companies a more accurate picture of the geology surrounding a well as it takes shape. With this information, geophysicists working offsite can improve upon earlier models drawn from seismic data and assess exactly where the unfinished well is headed. Most importantly, they can redirect the drill path midstream to the desired target area — a procedure known as "geosteering."

The digitization of the oil field has been more than a decade in the making, with some false starts and frustration. While another decade may pass before the full potential is realized industrywide, the momentum picked up dramatically in recent years as pilot studies of new technologies gave way to limited investment and, gradually, near-mainstream acceptance.

"The industry has been challenged with this for a long time and spent tons of money," said Marise Mikulis, manager of Microsoft Corp.'s Houston-based "oilfield connectivity" unit, which helps companies integrate the technological advances that came about during the 1990s. "But I have never ever seen the stars aligned the way they are now."

Better, cheaper and more secure telecommunications networks are a major reason why. The ubiquity of the Internet (which already transformed non-oilfield operations) also has given executives greater confidence to spend millions of dollars to upgrade existing infrastructure while rethinking their approach to future projects.

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Senior Center News

Everyone is invited to the Community Sing at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center, located at 2603 Avenue M. Volunteers will provide the music.

The Senior Center will be closed Monday for President's Day. The home-delivered meals recipients receive their hot meal Friday and a box lunch for their noon meal on Monday.

Volunteers are asked to record all volunteer hours no later than Feb. 27th. We want to make sure each of you receive full credit for volunteer hours at the Volunteer Banquet on March 26th.

MONDAY

The center will be closed for President's Day. See you Tuesday.

TUESDAY

Senior citizens may participate in eighty/eighty-eight beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the eighty-eight room. The swimnastics class meets in the Physical Education Building at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. Call the center at 573-4035 for more information.

The Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain at the center from 11 a.m. until noon. The Senior Center Booster Club meets at noon in the conference room. Visitors are welcome. This is a newly organized club and they welcome newcomers.

WEDNESDAY

AARP volunteers will be available to assist in filing income tax forms. They will be located in the quilting area every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. Assistance is on a first come first serve basis. Volunteers ask that clients bring their 2002 income tax return in addition to the W-2 forms and other paperwork.

Join us for Ladies Pool beginning at 9 a.m. Supplies are available in the game room for anyone interested in learning to play pool. Seniors will be playing Skip-Bo in the bridge room from 10-11:30 a.m. Then, join us at 1 p.m. for pinochle in the bridge room.

THURSDAY

Seniors will fabric paint in the bridge room from 9-11:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome to join them and learn a new craft. Swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. is a great low impact exercise program. The class and parking are free. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the dining room of the center 10-11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Blood pressure readings, bridge, and eighty/eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are available every day from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. We also have plenty of tables for impromptu games of bridge, pool and Skip-Bo.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Closed for President's Day
TUESDAY
Chili con Carne w/Beans
Cheese stick
Sliced Onion
Chilled Pears
Peanut Butter Cookie
WEDNESDAY
Braised Pork Chop
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Cucumber/Onion Salad
Pineapple Pudding
THURSDAY
Creole Steak
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FINAL SCENE — The entire cast of Oklahoma! gathers at the end of the play for the wedding of Laurey and Curley. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Oklahoma! headed to SJHS

Snyder is a town in Texas, but *Oklahoma!* is coming to the junior high school auditorium next week.

A joint production of the theatre and drama departments, the musical will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and Feb. 24.

Reserve tickets are $4 each and are available through the junior high office.

Marci Dennis is the choir director and Alisa Keller heads the drama department.

Richard Rogers wrote the music and the book and lyrics were written by Oscar Hammerstein II.

The musical is based on the play: *Green Grow The Lilacs* by Lynn Riggs with original dances by Agnes de Mille.

The play takes place in Oklahoma right at the turn of the century. The popular story, performed thousands of time since *Oklahoma*'s premier more than 50 years ago, centers around Cowboy Curly, played by Craig Robertson, and his contrary love Laurie (Cayelea Rhodes).

They are good friends who have a love/hate relationship and tease each other throughout the play. Both are too proud to admit their true feelings.

Jud Fry, played by Joseph Hefner, manages to complicate their love story.

A hilarious love triangle features Ado Annie, performed by Kristie Davis, the not-so-bright Will Parker (Corey Jaramillo) and Ali Hakim (Luke Robertson) as the Persian Peddler.

Songs include "People Will say We're in Love", "O What a Beautiful Morning", "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top" and of course that bold hymn of the American Dream, "Oklahoma" itself.

Cast members include Jessica Bilderback, Craig Robertson, Cayelea Rhodes, Corey Jaramillo, Kristie Davis, Kendra Tidwell, Luke Robertson, Joseph Hefner, Jonathan Speegle, Jared Cave, Zane Green and Jon Ryan Hernandez.

Others include Kristen Miller, Jordan Derryberry, Britney Webb, Amanda Martinez, Mari Robyn Gault, Jake Linebarger, Zeke Muniz, Bailey Richardson, Stacey Elam, Ashley Casas, Lesa Jones, Samantha Gutierrez, Kelby Seale and Adrianna Herrerra.

Crew members include Kaycee Loveall, Ashley Gregory, J.W. Wesson, Clay Hirt, Nicole Means, Daniella Allen, Kaycee Westlund, Britney Hendricks, Ryanna Alexander, Ashlee Wallace, Marcella Torres, Raquel Ruiz, Erica Maldonado, Katy Spradlin, Kailea Shaw and Allen Jones.

Senate highway bill faces veto threat, uncertain House

WASHINGTON (AP) — States would get an additional $100 billion over the next six years to build roads, repair bridges and improve public transit under a Senate-passed bill that the White House says is extravagant in an age of record deficits.

The Senate voted 76-21 to approve the $318 billion surface transportation bill, a winning margin that would be enough to override a threatened presidential veto.

"If that legislation comes to his desk, the president will veto it," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Friday. He said it was an "important first test" of Congress' willingness to restrain spending.

The current six-year highway spending bill, which expires at the end of this month, provided $218 billion.

"This bill will make a difference in the life of every American by making it easier and safer to get from place to place," said Sen. Jim Jeffords, I-Vt.

The legislation now moves to the House, where lawmakers are deeply divided over the measure. Some say even the Senate bill is inadequate to improve the nation's congested and unsafe roads; others agree with the president that Congress must begin to show fiscal discipline.

The White House has recommended $256 billion over the six years and says the president will be advised to veto any bill that goes beyond that or uses tax increases or deficit spending to finance it.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., predicted the legislation would be one of the most important Congress considers this year, citing what he said were conservative estimates that it would create 1.6 million jobs over its six-year lifetime.

He expressed hope that a compromise would be reached with the House and the White House, and said he would support a figure around $290 billion, which is the actual ceiling on spending over the six years.

The $318 billion is the amount the government can contract over the period, which is slightly higher than the spending limit.

The House Transportation Committee has backed a $375 billion figure, saying anything less would do little more than maintain the current level of the nation's deteriorating infrastructure. The committee's suggestion that the federal gas tax be raised to pay for the increase has been rebuffed by the White House and House GOP leaders.

The House this week voted to extend the current highway program another four months, anticipating that reaching a consensus on the issue will take time.

Highway spending comes from the highway trust fund, which is financed by the federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon.

The Senate bill also has a complex formula, based on contributions to the trust fund, population growth and highway mileage, to determine how much each state will get from the federal government. Each state is to get from 10 percent to 46 percent more than during the last six-year period, and by 2009, every state is promised that it will get at least 95 cents back for every dollar it puts into the trust fund.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nevada, a chief sponsor, said the formula was "remarkably fair," but it met strong opposition from senators from some states that contribute more than they receive.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said the formula was "bizarre and Byzantine."

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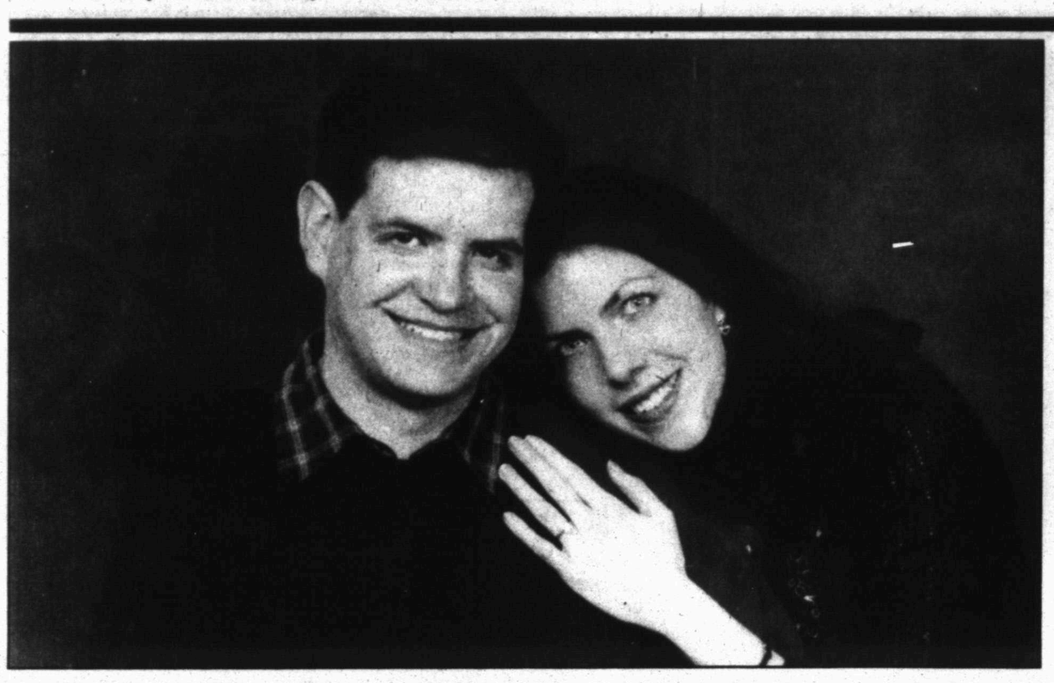

COUPLE PLANS MAY CEREMONY — Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bigham announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to William Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Taylor of Euless. A May 22 ceremony is planned at Lakeridge Baptist Church in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Moonflower gives garden a glow

By DEAN FOSDICK

MARKET, Va. (AP) — Since you've promised her the moon and the stars, why not make Valentine's Day the time to deliver?

The garden is a good place to start.

Moonflowers (Ipomoea alba, "evening glories") will shape your message with a fragrance remembered long after passing by the nocturnal blossoms. Their sweet scent — reminiscent, some say, of cloves or lemons — is strong enough to attract moths, which dine on the sugary nectar and serve as pollinators.

Secretive in daylight; seductive and shimmery by night, moonflowers are large white blooms that emerge butterfly-like from green tubes attached to the twining vines.

The plants can grow 10- to 30-feet per year in regions with long growing seasons. Like most vines, they occupy only a small amount of ground while making a large vertical statement via scores of six-inch-wide flowers.

Their deep green, heart-shaped leaves are great for screening — capable of blanketing a split-rail fence, deck railing or trellis in a matter of weeks.

"Moonflowers are not hard to grow, but require warm soil and air (65 to 70 degrees) temperatures," says Barbara Larson, a horticulturist with University of Illinois Extension, in Winnebago County. "Most references recommend poor to moderate fertility soil and good drainage. Nicking and soaking the seed in warm water is necessary for good germination."

Larson suggests starting the hard, creamy white seeds indoors in early March, since they need at least 12 weeks to flower.

"Moonflowers are not frost-tolerant, so are only perennial in tropical areas (USDA Zones 9-10)," she says. Their origins are Florida and Central America.

Moonflowers are country cousins to morning glories, another vine but one that blooms by day, and without giving off any noticeable scent.

While morning glories come in many colors, they're one of only a few flowering plants with true blue cultivars. When grown side-by-side, moonflowers and morning glories provide short-lived but continuous blooms as day dissolves into night and then returns again.

"Moonflowers open at dusk and last only one night," Larson says. "On very cloudy days, the flowers may stay open as late as noon."

You don't need a large yard for growing moonflowers. They also do well in containers, provided they're sheltered from the wind. The tropical plants like well-drained soil and full to partial sun, at least six hours of it per day.

They should be watered regularly, but are drought tolerant once established. Space the plants about 10 inches to a foot apart when you finally place them outdoors.

Moonflowers and morning glories like heat and require little attention other than deadheading, once the blooms are done. That encourages new production, with flowering generally continuing until the first hard frost.

If by now you're totally moonstruck, why not go for broke? Surround her with wild scents from a variety of night-blooming flowers. Choose evening primrose, jasmine tobacco, yucca, snow white or bridal carnations.

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Ruby Hall celebrated 101st birthday on Feb. 10 in Hobbs

Ruby Hall was honored on her 101st birthday on Feb. 10 in the Good Samaritan Nursing Center in Hobbs, N.M., where she is a resident.

Family members attending were Joyce and Brice Fuqua and Lonice Hall of Snyder; Fran and Charles Walker of Odessa, and Linda and Andy Frost of Hobbs.

Ruby married Jesse Hall on Nov. 26, 1921 and they farmed in Scurry County until his death in 1969.

She moved to Snyder and was an active member of the First Baptist Church until she moved to New Mexico.

Mildred Hall Harless was their only child. She died in August 2001.

Ruby Hall

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Missouri is the 24th state.

Holder, Cave unite in marriage

Christina Holder and Mark Cave were united in marriage Dec. 20, 2003 in Trinity United Methodist Church in Snyder. Jackie Qualls, youth minister of Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock and husband of the groom's cousin, performed the ceremony.

Randy and Joan Dryden of Snyder, and Terry and Jaymee Holder of Wichita Falls are parents of the bride. Parents of the groom are Jim and Lois Cave of Snyder. The bride's grandparents are Rouy and Jeanenne Holder of Paris, Bill and Ellie Dryden of Snyder and the late Jimmy and Jo Morris. Mark's grandparents are Eilene Cave of Roby and Snyder, and the late James Cave, Foster Sims and Flo Price.

The wedding party stood before the altar decorated with two silver fan candle arches accented with white tulle, a myriad of red poinsettias and lighted garland, and a Christmas tree decorated all in white. Two globe candelabras accented with tulle bows marked the family pews.

Robin Cave of Lubbock, Sterling Cave of Dallas and Becky Cave of Weatherford sang an a cappella arrangement of "We're Standing on Holy Ground" during the lighting of the unity candle. Brady Hackfeld of Snyder sang "I Will Be Here." Edna Merrill of Snyder was pianist.

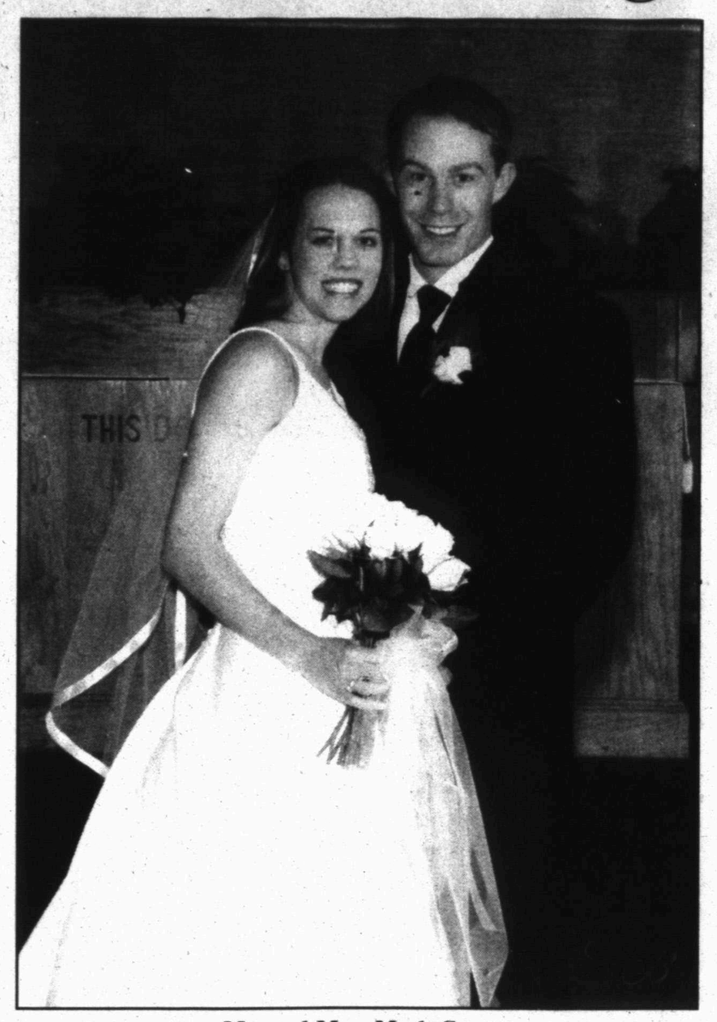
Her fathers, Terry Holder and Randy Dryden escorted the bride, to the altar. The bride's wedding gown was a princess cut design of white satin with a pearl beaded bodice, straps and neckline. The gown's full skirt had a pearl beaded design and swept back into a chapel train with small satin covered buttons from the waist to the floor. The bride wore a white pearl beaded veil with white satin trim. The diamond necklace she wore was given to her by the groom as a wedding present. She carried a bouquet of Eskimo white roses tied with white tulle.

Matron of honor was Sarah Ashley of Abilene. Bridesmaids were Leslie Rollins of Austin and Sally Barham of Lubbock. They were dressed in black chiffon gowns with fitted bodices, spaghetti straps and softly draped skirts. Each carried long-stemmed cardinal red roses tied with silver and white ribbons. Flower girls were Emma Beaver and Morgan Cox, cousins of the groom from Sterling City. They carried posey balls of red berries and red spray roses tied with red satin ribbons. Their sleeveless ballerina-length dresses were of ivory satin. Red sashes adorned their dresses and ivory hair bows and ballet shoes completed their attire.

Best man was Casey Doyle of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Matthew Cave, brother of the groom from Weatherford, and Brandon Hackfeld of San Antonio. Ushers were Josh Holder, brother of the bride from Kansas City, Scott Love of Plano, and cousins of the groom, Taylor Johnson of Houston and Cooper Price of Abilene. Ring bearer was Kurt Dryden, brother of the bride.

The groom and his attendants, the ring bearer, and fathers wore black tuxedos with matching vests and white wing collar shirts with long black Windsor ties.

Lauren Collier of Snyder registered guests. The reception was held in Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Guest tables were covered with floor-length white cloths and red damask overlays. They were accented with centerpieces of floating candles in silver and glass holders with white and red berries.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cave
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The bride's table was accented by the five-tiered round white wedding cake with a bouquet of red roses on the top and cascading in a swirl down from the top to the mirror server, which was accented with asparagus fern. The cake was flanked by two large silver candleholders. The table was covered with a white floor-length cloth and topped by a white Battenburg lace overlay. Serving the cake were Lacey Kidd of Abilene and Jodi Mandrell of Weatherford, Okla.

The groom's table was covered with a red damask cloth accented with a three-tiered German chocolate cake. The layers were shaped in graduated squares and were decorated with variegated greenery and red and burgundy berries. Cousins of the groom, Laura Johnson of Abilene, Lila Beard of Lewisville, Joellen Qualls of Lubbock, Jennifer Holmsley of Ozona, and Jilann Backstrom of Colorado took turns serving the groom's cake.

Coffee and punch were served from a table with a white linen cloth and adorned with an arrangement of red roses and silver and crystal appointments. Serving were Janette Allen of San Antonio and Lauren Hackfeld.

The couple left the church under a cascade of bubbles for a wedding trip to New Orleans. The bride is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School and is a student at Texas Tech University. The groom, a 1998 graduate of SHS, received his BS degree in mechanical engineering technology from Texas Tech University in May 2003. Mark is employed by Texas Tech University and the couple reside in Lubbock.

Mark and Christina were honored with a rehearsal dinner at the Wagon Wheel Ranch on Friday, Dec. 19, by the groom's parents.

ASB VALENTINE WINNERS — Clarence and Mary Wright were the winners of the Valentine dinner for two, chocolates and a dozen red roses given by American State Bank. Feb. 14 just happens to be the Wrights' 46th wedding anniversary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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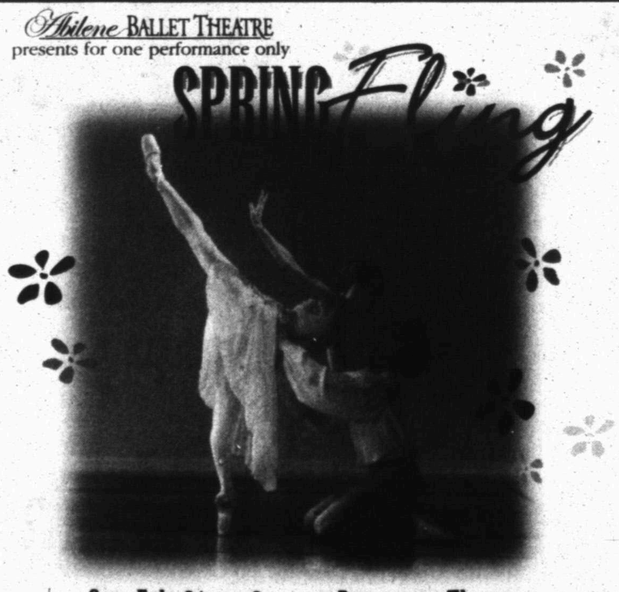

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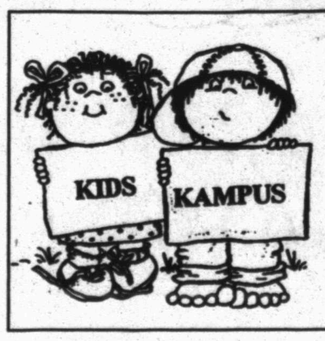

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Community Calendar

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Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Alpha Study Club; Scurry County Library; 2 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.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Olson, Smith pledge vows in Levelland

LEVELLAND — A celebration of love uniting Monica Renèe Olson and Michael Christopher Smith in a double ring ceremony was held at 2 p.m., Jan. 17, at Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Levelland. Rev. D.J. Johnson, uncle of the groom, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Jan Marc Olson of Post and Nancy Olson of Seminole. Grandparents of the bride are Roy and Sallie Bailey of Snyder and the late Wilma Olson.

The groom's parents are Charlene Smith of Levelland and the late Willie Smith. The groom's great-grandparent's are James and MOB Jones and Charlene Smith and the late Billy Joe Smith.

Large floor-length bows of sheer navy edged in silver, centered with small silver angels, marked the pews of the center aisle and were made by the bride's grandmother, Sallie Bailey of Snyder.

Mothers of the bride and groom entered to "Book of Days," by Enya, to light tapers on either side of the unity candle signifying the giving of their child one to the other. The mother of the groom was escorted by Tony Graves and the mother of the bride was escorted by Marlon Franklin.

The wedding party processional was to "Canon in D." The matron of honor was Hope Alvarado of Levelland. Bride's matrons were Rebekah Denbow, sister of the bride from Seminole and Fabrian Miller of Levelland.

Each wore floor-length navy gowns and carried a navy and a white rose with silver and navy ribbon streamers.

Best man was James Smith, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Willie B. Jones, uncle of the groom, and Derraill Smith, cousin of the groom. The men were attired in black tuxedos and white shirts with black bow ties. They each wore a white rosebud with silver baby's breath boutonniere. Ushers for the wedding were James Jones Jr., Tony Graves and Marlon Franklin.

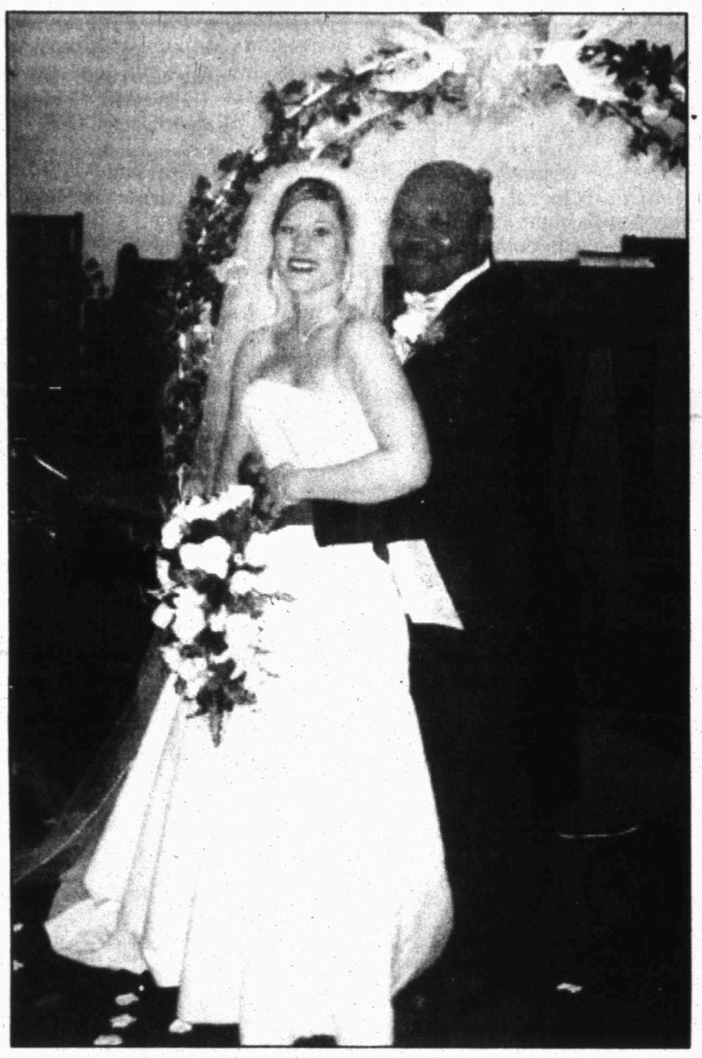
The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with tails, a white shirt and a silver bow tie and vest. His boutonniere was a single white rosebud with silver baby's breath.

Shelby and Kaitlyn Denbow, nieces of the bride, were flower girls. They wore long, empire style dresses of navy velvet with the bodice overlaid with navy and silver lace featuring three-quarter length sleeves. They carried white baskets, made by the bride's mother, filled with white and iridescent sheer rose petals. They wore black patent leather shoes and silver bows in their hair.

Travion Taylor Smith, son of the groom, was the ring bearer. He wore a royal blue suit and a navy rosebud with silver baby's breath boutonniere. He carried a white satin pillow appliquéd with the couples' names and overlaid with sheer organza with a silver stripe. The pillow was made by the bride's mother and the groom's aunt, Alma Rutledge, who also made the boutonnieres, corsages and bouquets.

The bride entered to "By Your Side," by Sade. She was adorned in a white strapless princess a-line gown of white satin overlaid with white organza. Vertical one-inch wide ribbons of tiny white, pearl, silver and iridescent beads accented the front and chapel-length train. She wore a delicate rhinestone tiara, necklace and earrings and silver shoes. A three-tiered veil of tulle trimmed in delicate white iridescent roses cascaded from her soft curls in the back. Her mother made her veil.

She carried a cascading bouquet of navy rosebuds, white flowers and silver baby's breath. The couple exchanged their vows in front of a white arch covered in a mesh of tiny white lights with white tulle and large white and silver bows, giving the arch a soft glow. It was entwined with greenery and navy flowers. A large sheer white bow centered the arch with white turtledoves representing the asking of the Holy Spirit to bless and guide the couple.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Christopher Smith
(Contributed Photo)

A tall white stand entwined with ivy and navy flowers was plaed to the right of the arch and held the white carved unity candle and two white tapers. They lit their unity candle from the two tapers lit by their mothers signifying the two lives now as one as the bride's mother sang "Love," by Petra. The couple exited to "Wedding March" from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Chris Olson, brother of the bride, compiled and arranged the music and also served as the sound engineer for the wedding and reception.

The reception was held at the Levelland Housing Authority Center. The round registry table held the bride's book and pen and a large white wicker basket that held small navy tulle bags of heart-shaped puffed rice, accented with silver ribbon and navy rosebuds. Framed pictures of the bride and groom at younger ages graced the table.

The table was covered with a white ruffled cloth overlaid with sheer white organza caught up into scallops held with silver and white sheer bows centered with silver beads. The table and cloth were made by the bride's grandparents, Roy and Sallie Bailey.

A 16-foot serpentine table held both the bride's and groom's cakes. A shimmering sheer overlay covered the long white tablecloth and skirt. It was caught up into scallops by the same bows as on the registry table. Under the table and the registry table were white lights that gave them a romantic glow. The table and cloth and bows were made by the bride's grandparents.

The centerpiece was the bridal bouquet placed in a white satin bouquet holder with lace and iridescent sequin appliqués made by the bride's grandmother. A delicate lighted angel in a silver gown with fiber optic wings and a large picture of the bride and groom were on each side of the bouquet. A fountain flowing navy water, circled with ivy, navy and silver flowers and silver baby's breath with tall Roman columns, held the three-tiered wedding cake. White angels were placed around the fountain.

The cake was iced with white whipped icing, large white roses and teardrop pearls, and was topped with white turtle doves nestled in white lace beneath a crystal heart. Rebekah Denbow, sister of the groom, served.

The groom's chocolate cake, iced in chocolate, was decorated in chocolate with the names of the bride and groom and their wedding date in white. Chocolate dipped strawberries cascaded at the corners. The cake was presented by the groom's aunt, Linda Johnson, and was served by Debra Franklin and Taquita Franklin. Coffee was served from a silver service.

Navy napkins imprinted in silver were placed in a swirl on the table. White grape punch was served from a footed silver punch bowl by Glenda Moore. Heart-shaped crystal bowls held the heart-shaped navy and white mints made by the bride; a silver bowl held mixed nuts. A three-tiered crystal and silver plate held Hershey chocolates wrapped with the names of the bride and groom, made by the groom's Aunt Billie.

Ten round tables covered with white cloths and centered with small vases full of navy glass marbles and water were set for the guests. A round navy and silver candle floated in each vase. The vases were set atop mirror circles sprinkled with silver wedding bands. Cameras sat on each table for the guests to take pictures.

A special round table was set for the bride and groom. It was draped in a white lace cloth and was centered with a mirror circle on which the memory candle rested. A place card with the couple's names and wedding date and the poem "Love" in a silver frame also decorated the table.

As the couple left, they were showered with the tiny heart-shaped, puffed rice.

The couple's wedding trip was to Lubbock and they are now at home in Levelland.

The bride, a 1997 graduate of Levelland High School, attended South Plains College. The groom is a 1992 graduate of Levelland High School and is employed by Monarch Marble.

A rehearsal dinner for the wedding party was held in the home of Charlene Smith, mother of the groom, and hosted by the groom's family.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 02-14-04 ♠ 8 4 3 ♥ A Q 5 2 ♦ K J 7 4 ♣ J 5	
West ♠ 10 6 5 ♥ J 9 8 7 3 ♦ 10 8 6 3 ♣ 8		**East** ♠ A K Q J 9 2 ♥ K 10 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 7 4 2
	South ♠ 7 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A 5 2 ♣ A K Q 10 9 6 3	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004

If they bid, how do you ask?

By Phillip Alder

The Arlo & Janis cartoonist, Jimmy Johnson, had the right idea: We should have a Do Call list, not a Don't Call list. Everyone is assumed not to want telemarketing calls unless they are specifically requested.

We have been looking at ensuring that all side suits are stopped before you settle into three notrump. But suppose an opponent bids a suit. How do you call on partner to tell you if he has a stopper there?

We'll return to that in a moment. First, move into the South seat. You are the declarer in five clubs. The defense begins with two rounds of spades. You ruff the second, cross to dummy's club jack, ruff the last spade in hand, and draw trumps in two more rounds. How would you continue from there?

You ask for a stopper in an opponent's suit by cue-bidding that suit, typically at the three-level. Here, North's three spades popped the key question — how appropriate on Valentine's Day! Since South did not have a stopper, he control-bid (cue-bid) his diamond ace in case a slam was available, but North bid game in South's excellent suit. (One sidebar on the auction: North might have responded one diamond. But with a limited hand, it is usually better to mention the major immediately.)

You need four red-suit tricks to go with the seven trump winners. First, you should maximize your chances for three diamond tricks. Cross to dummy's diamond king, return to your ace, and if the queen hasn't appeared, lead back toward the jack. As you can see, this works beautifully here. But if East had started with queen-fourth of diamonds, the heart finesse would still be waiting in the wings.

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Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Feb. 6

A Group
1. Anne Spitler, Warren Haney.
2. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
3. Jane Hinton, Monte West.
4. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.

B Group
1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Dorothy Rosson, Margaret Dillaha.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
4. Margaret Presswood, Peggy Hardin.

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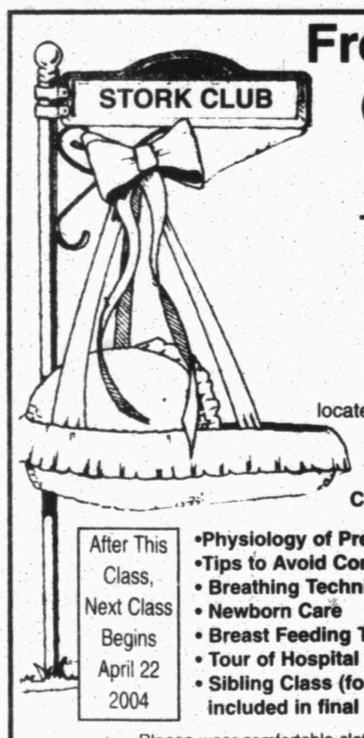

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School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk pouch; breakfast is served with juice, cereal and toast.

BREAKFAST
Monday
No School
Tuesday
Waffles w/Syrup
Orange Halves
Wednesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Thursday
Mini Corn Dogs
Sliced Apples
Friday
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Hot Turkey Sub
Seasoned Green Beans
Mexicorn
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Beef Nachos
Barbecued Rib on Hoagie
Campfire Beans
Salad Mix
Ranch Dressing
Chilled Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Mexicali Zucchini
Potato wedges
Chocolate Fluff
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Beefy Macaroni
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Chilled Pears

Junior High
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Hot Turkey Sub
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Seasoned Green Beans
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Barbecued Rib on Hoagie
Beef Nachos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Garlic Bread
Salad Mix
Ranch Dressing
Chilled Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mexicorn
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Beefy Macaroni
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Cowboy Peach Cobbler

High School
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Hot Turkey Sub
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Seasoned Green Beans
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Barbecue on a Hoagie
Beef Nachos
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Campfire Beans
Salad Mix
Ranch Dressing
Chilled Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mexicali Zucchini
French Fries
Chocolate Fluff
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Beefy Macaroni
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Salad Bar
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Applesauce

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk; juice is served with breakfast.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Waffles
Sausage
Tuesday
Apple Cinnamon Muffins
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Biscuit Sausage Wrap
Friday
Pancakes
Bacon

LUNCH
Monday
Patty Melts
Grill Cheese
Potato Wedges
Ranch Style Beans
Bananas
Tuesday
Soft Tacos
Cheese Nachos
Salad
Corn
Peanut Butter Surprise
Wednesday
Fried Chicken Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
Thursday
Barbecued Sausage
Peanut Butter Sandwich
Fried Okra
Parsley Potatoes
Corn Bread
Jell-O & Fruit
Friday
Hamburgers
Corn Dogs
Lettuce, Tomatoes & Pickles
Pork-n-Beans
Chips
Cake

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Cheese Toast
Tuesday
Pancake Pups
Wednesday
Breakfast Combo
Thursday
Cinnamon Rolls
Friday
Sausage & Biscuit

LUNCH
Monday
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Whole Kernel Corn
Pink Applesauce
Tuesday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Baked Beans
Peanut Butter Cookies
Wednesday
Vegetable Soup
Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Wedges
Peach Halves
Thursday
Frito Pie
Pinto Beans
French Fries
Crackers
Ranger Cookies
Friday
Hamburger
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles
Potato Chips
Pears

CLUB HAS FESTIVE DINNER — Cosmorama Study Club met Jan. 19 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for a fiesta dinner. A business meeting followed. Carol Miller, left, and Charlotte Smith were hostesses. The group will meet at 4 p.m., Feb. 18 at MAWC for a program by Ginny Griffith. Hostesses will be Jan Harrell and Margaret Dillaha. (Contributed Photo)

Library News & Views

By Sharon Sumruld, librarian

BOOK FEATURE

Money Still Doesn't Grow on Trees, by Neale S. Godfrey.

This book will help both parents and children understand the financial opportunities and dangers of a complicated world. It is full of important and concise information regarding savings and checking accounts, credit and debit cards, taxes and investments.

It can guide you as to how much your child should work during high school and college. You will be able to help your teen choose a first car, the right bank, a safe credit card, a clothing budget, or a great summer job. The financial skills your teen learns can last a lifetime.

NEW NON-FICTION

The Good Wife Strikes Back, by Elizabeth Buchanan.

Vertical Coffin, by Stephen Cannell.

Frumious Bandersnatch: A Novel of the 87th Precinct, by Ed McBain.

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PETA is urging Slaughterville to change name

SLAUGHTERVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Residents of this central Oklahoma community have a beef over an animal rights group's attempt to raise awareness of animal abuse.

Slaughterville administrator Marsha Blair received a letter from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, urging the town to change its name from Slaughterville to Veggieville.

"I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, our 800,000 members and supporters, and other compassionate Americans to ask Slaughterville to change its name to Veggieville, a friendly name honoring a heart-healthy and compassionate alternative to animal corpses," the letter said.

PETA, based in Norfolk, Va., promises to donate $20,000 in veggie burgers to a school district nearest to the town, said Bruce Friedrich, director of PETA's vegan campaigns. A vegan is someone who abstains from consuming animal products.

The town was named after a grocery store run by James Slaughter in the early 20th century.

Friedrich, who once lived in the town of 3,600, said Thursday he knows the origins of the name.

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Math formula predicts marriage success

SEATTLE (AP) — A researcher believes he can predict the outcome of most any marriage with a few squiggles on a chart.

John M. Gottman said a 20-year study involving more than 600 married couples shows that by carefully plotting how a husband and wife interact and then reducing those observations to a formula, researchers can tell which marriages will succeed and which are heading for the rocks.

In a report at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Gottman said studies by his Relationship Research Institute and the University of Washington show that how couples resolve differences is a key factor in whether a marriage will last.

The methods used by couples for conflict resolution can be expressed mathematically or on a simple graphic to predict how the marriage will endure. In effect, math has now found a place in love and marriage, he said.

To gather the data, a team of researchers observed video tapes of couples in interviews by marriage counselors and noted how husbands and wives responded to each other.

Gottman said his team found that there basically are three types of stable marriages.

The first is a husband and wife who routinely avoids conflict.

When a difference of opinion arises, said Gottman, "they will never argue. They will listen to the other, but will not try to persuade."

Such marriages, which he calls the "avoiders," may be unemotional and distant, but they endure.

A second type is a volatile relationship "like two lawyers in a courtroom," said Gottman.

"They can argue at the drop of a hat. They are the Bickersons," he said. Such marriages tend to last even though there are frequent and impassioned arguments.

The third type of stable marriage Gottman calls the "validating" couple. They listen to each other, respect the other's opinion and only occasionally argue.

"They pick the issues they fight about," he said.

Trouble in marriages comes when the couples are a mix of personalities that do not mesh in resolving conflicts. For instance, a husband who is a volatile arguer married to a wife who is an "avoider", or one who flees from disagreement, may be in marital trouble, he said.

"Couples like that are usually heading for a divorce," he said.

Researchers mathematically chart the marriage interactions by plotting not just what is said, but also how it is said and the body language and facial expression behind it. Emotions such as anger, harshness and hostility get a negative number, while humor and an eagerness to talk lovingly about the partner get a positive rating.

When these data points are given values and plotted on a chart it produces a line that dips below a neutral point into negative territory, or a line that soars above the neutral point.

Gottman said follow-up studies have shown the system works. He said an "escalating negative affect", or a steep descent on the chart below the neutral point, predicts a couple will divorce within 5.6 years after marriage.

A more gentle descending slope below the neutral point, suggesting an "emotional disengagement," predicts a divorce within 16.2 years after marriage, he said.

Charts with lines rising above the neutral point plot marriages that last.

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CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (COA): IMPORTANT FACTS

(Part 3 of 3)

10. Children of alcoholics often have difficulties in school.

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (COAs) often believe that they will be failures even if they do well academically. They often do not view themselves as successful.

Pre-school aged COAs exhibited poorer language and reasoning skills than did non-COAs, and poorer performance among the COAs was predicted by the lower quality of stimulation present in the home.

COAs are more likely to be truant, drop out of school, repeat grades, or be referred to a school counselor, or psychologist. This may have little to do with academic ability; rather, COAs may have difficulty bonding with teachers, other students and school; they may experience anxiety related to performance; or they may be afraid of failure. The actual reasons have yet to be determined.

There is an increasing body of scientific evidence indicating that risk for later problems, and even alcoholic outcomes is detectable early in the life course and, in some instances, before school entry.

11. Children of alcoholics have greater difficulty with abstraction and conceptual reasoning.

Abstraction and conceptual reasoning play an important role in problem solving, whether the problems are academic or are situation related to the problems of life. Therefore, children of alcoholics might require very concrete explanations and instructions.

12. Children of alcoholics may benefit from adult efforts which help them to:

Develop autonomy and independence.

Develop a strong social orientation and social skills.

Engage in acts of "required helpfulness."

Develop a close bond with a caregiver.

Cope successfully with emotionally hazardous experiences.

Perceive their experiences constructively, even if those experiences cause pain or suffering, and gain, early in life, other people's positive attention.

13. Children can be protected from many problems associated with growing up in an alcoholic family.

If healthy family rituals or traditions, such as vacations, mealtimes or holidays, are highly valued and maintained, if the active alcoholic is confronted with his or her problem, if there are consistent significant others in the life of the child or children, and if there is moderate to high religious observance, children can be protected from many of the consequences of parental alcoholism.

14. Maternal alcohol consumption during any time of pregnancy can cause alcohol related birth defects or alcohol related neurological deficits.

The rate of drinking during pregnancy appears to be increasing. Prenatal alcohol effects have been detected at moderate levels of alcohol consumption by non-alcoholic women. Even though a mother is not an alcoholic, her child may not be spared the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure.

Cognitive performance is less affected by alcohol exposure in infants and children whose mothers stopped drinking in early pregnancy, despite the mothers' resumption of alcohol use after giving birth.

One analysis of 6 year-olds, with demonstrated effects of second-trimester alcohol exposure, had lower academic achievement and problems with reading, spelling, and mathematical skills.

Approximately 6 percent of the offspring of alcoholic women have Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS); the FAS risk for offspring born after an FAS sibling, is as high as 70 percent.

People with FAS demonstrate growth deficits, morphologic abnormalities, mental retardation, and behavioral difficulties. Secondary effects of FAS among adolescents and adults include mental health problems, disrupted schooling (dropping out or being suspended or expelled), trouble with the law, dependent living as an adult, and problems with employment.

The above information was provided by *The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.*

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

World Almanac

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004

Today is the 45th day of 2004 and the 55th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1779, natives killed Captain James Cook in Hawaii.

In 1929, seven mobsters were killed in Chicago in the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

In 1943, German Gen. Erwin Rommel launched an offensive at the Battle of the Kasserine Pass.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jack Benny (1894-1974), comedian; Jimmy Hoffa (1913-1975), labor leader; Mel Allen (1913-1996), sports broadcaster; Florence Henderson (1934-), actress, is 70; Meg Tilly (1960-), actress, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1988, Bobby Allison defeated his son Davey in the Daytona 500.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." — Jack Benny

TODAY'S FACT: Valentine's Day derives from a religious feast day celebrating several Christian martyrs by that name, but details of their lives are murky. Many say the feast day was instituted as a replacement for the Roman festival of Lupercalia.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 24.7 — The weight in kilograms of the heaviest raccoon ever recorded (54 pounds, 4 ounces).

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 13) and new moon (Feb. 20)

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004

Today is the 46th day of 2004 and the 56th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1898, the USS Maine blew up in Cuba's Havana Harbor, ultimately touching off the Spanish-American War.

In 1944, allied aircraft bombed the historic monastery of Monte Cassino in Italy.

In 1965, Canada adopted the red maple leaf as its new national flag.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), scientist; Harold Arlen (1905-1986), songwriter; Claire Bloom (1931-), actress, is 73; Matt Groening (1954-), creator of "The Simpsons," is 50; Jaromir Jagr (1972-), hockey player, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1964, Ken Hubbs of the Chicago Cubs, rookie of the year in 1962, died in a plane crash at age 22.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him." — Galileo

TODAY'S FACT: The most popular American boy's name given in 2002 was Jacob, the most popular girl's name was Emily. In the early 20th century, the most popular names were John for a boy and Mary for a girl.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 6,000 — Number of miles of roads in New York City.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 13) and new moon (Feb. 20)

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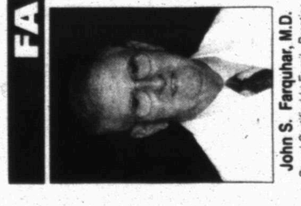
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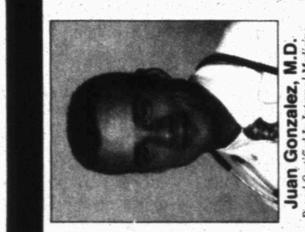
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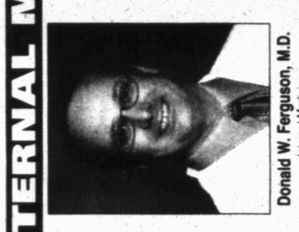
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Cough and lung scars

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had a persistent cough for three years. Numerous chest X-rays have shown scar tissue in both lungs, primarily the right. I take no medication and have no symptoms except that I am somewhat short-of-breath when I exercise; understandable for an ex-smoker of 66. Could the scars be to blame?

DEAR READER: The problem may not be so much the scars as the reason for the scars.

Many types of lung inflammation/infection lead to scarring, most notably black lung disease (common in coalminers), chronic pneumonia, chronic bronchitis (from smoking), asbestosis (from occupational exposure to the mineral), tuberculosis, sarcoidosis and others. In addition, a condition (of unknown cause) called idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis can cause lung scarring, as well as breathlessness and cough. Here may lie the answer to your question.

You doctor — with the help of pulmonologists, as needed — should test you further to determine why you have symptoms. Special pulmonary function tests and, perhaps, a biopsy or sputum analysis may be needed.

Once a diagnosis is established, your physician can suggest treatment. This may include antibiotics, bronchodilators, supplemental oxygen, breathing exercises, steroids and other methods to improve your lung capacity and efficiency.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living with Chronic Lung 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 am an elderly male and can't help but notice that many men will leave a public restroom, after urinating, without washing their hands.

Last week, I spent time with my grandson, who told me that his fifth grade teacher (a female) instructed the class that hand-washing was unnecessary; urine is sterile. As someone who was always advised to wash hands after urinating, I found this dilemma a concern.

DEAR READER: Bless your grandson's teacher for, at long last, confirming what physicians have known for decades: normal urine is sterile. Therefore, it is unnecessary for children, men or women to handwash after urinating.

I don't know when this ridiculous custom originated, but I suspect that it mirrored the 19th-century prejudice that the genitals are "unclean." Consequently if you touch yourself, you can somehow spread a vicious infection to others — or other infection can be spread to you.

This is sheer nonsense. As a general rule, the urogential area is cleaner than most other body parts are, and it need not be washed — nor should hands be washed — after urinating.

All of this discussion leads to an inescapable conclusion: In most instances, the genitals are clean. They do not need to be considered a source of infection. Neither does the urine.

It makes more sense to wash one's hands periodically, depending on personal activities. But washing after urination is unnecessary. You and I, reader, are the products of our upbringing. It's time to make a change.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am moved to respond to the profound and honest letter from the 88-year-old great-grandmother seeking a graceful departure from life.

My parents died three months apart in 2001. Both of them had living wills, DNR orders on file, and health powers-of-attorney for me. In distinct terms, they made their wishes known both legally and personally when they were of sound mind.

I learned the hard way how little this means.

When my mother — who had one lung left after three cancer surgeries and was diabetic, hypertensive, in congestive heart failure and recovering from a pelvic fracture — suffered a heart attack the day she came home from convalescent care, she was transferred to a university hospital. She was put on a ventilator, she ripped out the vent, she arrested. They resuscitated her, in disregard for all the paperwork in her chart: faxes, phone calls, etc.

My father, who was a post-heart attack survivor himself with congestive heart failure, diabetes and emphysema, wasn't present at the time.

After several days, my mother's physician suggested removing her from life support. We all agreed wholeheartedly. Then he balked. He wanted her permission! By then she had been unresponsive for six weeks and was on morphine. Without our knowledge, he stopped the morphine and, lo and behold, she still couldn't give a clear answer.

Understandably, I railed. She had made her wishes known in every possible way so we could be strong when she wasn't. I told the doctor that we weren't killing her, her body was dying of natural causes. He had the chart and knew this better than any of us. At last, I asked him if he would allow her — a person in withdrawal, dementia and pain — to make a decision now affecting the rest of his life. In reply, he took the decision to the hospital ethics committee, and they allowed the vent to be removed.

She survived it.

There were other procedures that I now regret. She was deranged, pain-drenched and without any hope of beneficial recovery. My dad, devoted to her, sobbed daily to let God take her.

The day after Christmas, a new doctor called to say they had discovered cancer in her bones, she was terminal and the respite of hospice was approved. She died Jan. 2, a full seven weeks after her initial "death" in unnecessary agony.

At that point, I began to fear that torturing of the dying is often confused with caring for the living.

In a way, my father benefited. I promised him he could stay where he was. No hospitals. No vents. No feeding tubes. His physician agreed and even suggested that I write DNR on his chest in permanent marker. So, three months later, my dad was allowed to die without pain or fear.

There are things worse than death. Only those people with no imaginations or little experience could disagree. When my time comes, I've asked for a belt of Scotch, a steep cliff and a high wind; barring that, I hope those who love me will really love me — and let me go.

Thank you, Dr. Gott, for bringing a taboo subject up for discussion. I have so many thoughts about it, and so few avenues to express my fear of being labeled cold and unloving. Cold is a bed in the ICU, with a tube down my throat, nothing but gloved hands to touch me and masked faces to talk to me, and a powerlessness to do anything about it.

DEAR READER: I am printing your letter because it underlines a major, current problem: not all medical institutions honor and abide by legally documented, end-of-life decisions. This is frightening and must be addressed. Many health care professionals view the deaths of their patients as a personal challenge rather than an inescapable consequence of living. Such practitioners must be reminded that death is not the enemy; terminal pain and suffering are, however.

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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Greenspan says make tax cuts permanent and cut SS benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday that Congress should make President Bush's tax cuts permanent and cover the $1 trillion price by trimming future benefits in Social Security and other entitlement programs.

Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee that Congress, "as a first order of business," should restore budget rules that cap discretionary government spending and require increases in entitlement benefits or cuts in taxes to be offset by other program cuts or other tax increases.

Greenspan was asked how he would come up with the decade-long cost of $1 trillion to pay for extending the 2001 and 2003 individual tax cuts. "I would argue strenuously that it should be taken out on the expenditure side," he answered.

Greenspan, chairman of a commission that recommended solutions to a Social Security funding crisis in 1983, said he has felt for long time that the promised program benefits greatly outweighed the government's ability to pay for them.

He recommended two items for study in terms of trimming benefits: linking the retirement age to the population's longer life spans and tying annual cost of living benefits in Social Security to a less-generous inflation index than the Consumer Price Index.

Committee members questioned whether such proposals could pass Congress, especially because they would cut benefits for the 77 million Americans in the baby boom generation who are nearing retirement age.

But Greenspan said it was precisely as a result of that looming wave of retirement that lawmakers need to update Social Security, Medicare and other entitlement programs.

"We have constructed a good deal of the benefit structure over the last quarter century without a real firm look at whether or not the real resources were there to meet those benefits," Greenspan said. "And I suggest that what we have to do, as difficult as it's going to be, is to relook at some of these commitments."

Greenspan said it would be far better to do that now than to discover later that the government does not have the resources to meet baby boomers' needs.

"My real concern is that when the time comes to start to pay these benefits, we're going to find that we are in very serious fiscal difficulty," Greenspan said. "I do think it's important for the people who are retiring to have a sense of security that what is being promised to them as they retire will indeed be there."

The budget rules that Greenspan favors reinstating expired in late 2002.

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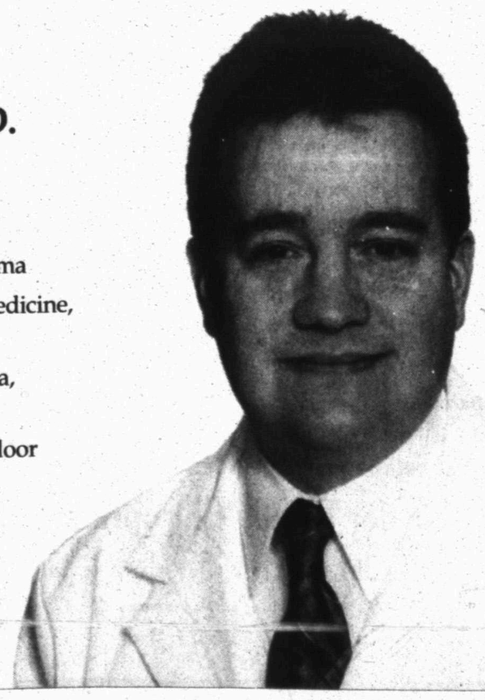

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004
Many of your personal goals and ambitions can be realized in the year ahead because your abilities and desires will now fuse harmoniously together. Keep your dreams in sight and your eyes on the starter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You can be as skillful at managing your own affairs today as you are in directing the lives of others. The principles that you know work for them will apply to you as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This can be an uplifting day for you if you make a point to be with individuals with whom you have loving bonds. If they don't come to you, go out of your way to go to them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Use this day of rest to contact friends and family members you haven't been in touch with lately and get caught up on what's new with them. Something fulfilling will come out of it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Beginning today, start to set your sights a few notches higher than they've been in the past where your goals are concerned. You can do much better than you may give yourself credit for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Perk up your ears and be a bit more attentive if you're exposed to some type of inspirational message. What you hear today could have a profound affect on your life and affairs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's a possibility that things are going on behind the scenes today that you might not be aware of. The activity is on your behalf, and when it surfaces you'll be greatly pleased.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — More support than you believed possible will be there for you regarding something important that is happening in your life at this time. Allies will begin to rally around you today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though this might not necessarily be a workday for you, something quite beneficial could be developing today of which you'll be able to take advantage and use to further your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You could do rather well today in social activities that may offer some type of friendly competition, whether it is of a mental or physical nature. You'll be sharp in either venue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be determined to see things through to their conclusions today and everything will work out the way you want them to. Tenacity and determination will get you over the rough spots.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Select companions who have cheerful and optimistic spirits, because their influence on you will establish your own state of mind today. Life is better when you adopt an uplifting attitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The possibilities for personal gain multiply today when you engage yourself in work or services done specifically for others. Taste the sweet fruits of success born out of an unselfish spirit.

Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. 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.

Monday, Feb. 16, 2004
New contacts you develop in the year ahead could turn out to be powerful vehicles for giving your career or position in life a boost. Those individuals who may prove to be the luckiest for you could be Scorpios or Virgos.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Team up with someone today who has proven to be a winner. Conditions look exceptionally promising in joint ventures or shared interests. It could turn out to be a lucky association.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This is not a day to cast yourself in a loner's role. Mingling with others will bring you joyful companionship and could even help you develop a relationship with someone special.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Get a jump on the entire week before everybody else gets started by focusing on fulfilling a major career objective today. With so few in the arena, Lady Luck has lots of time to give you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do not be obsessed today by things only of a material nature. When you cultivate the real values that life has to offer, such as the joys that love and good friends offer, all else comes to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be advised that should anything negative enter your life today, be of good cheer so that it will easily be manageable and brought into line. You have the power to overcome all adversity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today has greater promise than some may have you believe, so long as you keep the faith. Lady Luck will be there for all those who think in terms of positive happenings and results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Concentrate on your responsibilities and chores and let others worry about their own obligations. Being responsible and doing your job well will be recognized, appreciated and rewarded.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Everything you personally undertake to accomplish today will run more smoothly for you if you do not take yourself or life's trappings too seriously. Smile and you'll be a winner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't think you have to be out where the action is today in order to enjoy yourself. Spending quality time at home with those you love or who are important to you will be far more fulfilling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Whether you spend your day mingling with a sizeable crowd or promoting a giant deal, anything that smacks of largeness could turn out to be exceptionally fortunate for you today. Think big.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Look for ways to enhance both your career and position in the standing of those who are important to you. Today is a time when you'll have opportunities to expand upon large goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lady Luck may be guiding you today toward acquiring some kind of profound knowledge that will help your life immensely. Chances are it'll be mind-expanding or even spiritual.

Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Oscar nominee Ben Kingsley listened to music during filming

NEW YORK (AP) — Oscar nominee Ben Kingsley listened to a CD of piano music recorded by Jonathan Ahdout, who plays his son in "House of Sand and Fog," to relax after some of the film's more violent scenes.

"(He) is a very, very accomplished composer and musician. So ... I listened to his music in the trailer," Kingsley told reporters in Los Angeles recently, according to AP Radio.

A scene where his character attempts suicide by placing a plastic bag over his head was especially difficult, the 60-year-old actor said.

"The first take I had the bag on for too long and the effects, I can promise you, are absolutely terrifying," he said. "I can feel it in my chest now as I talk about it, actually. It was horrible."

Kingsley is nominated for a best actor Oscar for his portrayal of a stern and unforgiving former Iranian Air Force colonel in "House of Sand and Fog," also starring Jennifer Connelly.

Grand jurors indict ex-Panhandle priest

DALLAS (AP) — A former Texas Panhandle priest faces indictment for what investigators call unwanted sexual contact with a teenage college student at a North Texas motel.

A Dallas County grand jury returned the indictment on Thursday against the Rev. John Anthony Salazar. Through his attorney, Salazar earlier denied that any crime occurred between him and the 18-year-old man he had known for several years.

Authorities contend that the sexual encounter occurred at an Irving motel in September.

Salazar was thought to be living with friends in Kress, a few miles south of Tulia, and it was uncertain early Friday whether the ex-priest was in custody.

The 48-year-old former cleric has two convictions for child molestation in California. Under state law, Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill said, prosecutors could seek a life sentence if Salazar is convicted on the new charge.

"We need to put a stop to all this, or at least send a message out there to everybody that we are going to take this very seriously," Hill told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions.

Salazar's indictment is distinctive because the alleged victim's age makes consent an issue, officials say.

California psychologist Richard Sipe, who is recognized nationally as an expert on priest sex abuse, said he was unaware of any priest in the past 30 years who had been prosecuted on a charge of a sex crime with an adult male.

"This is the first one I've heard of," said Sipe, adding that adult victims usually are too embarrassed to come forward, and prosecutors are prone to believe that any sex that took place was consensual.

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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

It was more than a half-century ago. A time or two each year, the carnival came to town, and we kids were filled with elation at the prospect of a dozen rickety gasoline-powered rides.

The ferris wheel became our community's "skyline." I wore thick-soled shoes to make sure I was tall enough to ride the bumper cars.

The carnival stayed as long as people showed up. Usually it was for three or four days.

This long-ago vignette came to mind as my wife and I boarded a beautiful cruise ship in Galveston, where just over three years ago, Carnival came to town. In effect, the cruise line committed the Jubilee, a mid-size ship, for a few weeks, or as long as people showed up.

And they continue to show up. A larger ship, the Celebration, came on line 18 months ago, and in October of last year, the still larger Elation was added. Both ships leave regularly with full loads, offering cruises of 4-7 days.

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Galveston boosters are ready to yell, "We're number five! We're number five!"

If the rapid cruise growth continues, Galveston will become the fifth-busiest cruise port to the Caribbean — the industry's most popular destination — replacing Tampa, Fla., before year's end. Carnival's Celebration and Elation — as well another craft carrying 2,600 passengers to be added this fall — anchor this "sho-nuff" bustling cruise port.

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Why not? Fewer than 15% of Americans have ever cruised, but this year, upwards of 10 million will board the fun crafts—double the number of just a decade ago. Increasingly, folks are driving to cruise ports, and 13 million people live within 300 miles of Galveston.

The food, the sights, the sounds and the smiles (I just don't think I've ever seen so many folks smiling) are lumped into the single word Jim Nabors used weekly on TV when Gomer Pyle gushed: "GOLLLLL-EEEEEE!"

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My wife and I had a pad, intent on keeping count of crewmembers failing to smile and/or greet us first. The pad remained blank throughout the cruise. We figured if one ever failed to do so, he or she would get a good talking to.

To a person, the crew is trained to the utmost. And what a bunch of accents. The 800-member crew came from two dozen countries.

Among the 2,200 passengers were perhaps a thousand or more from Texas. A time or two, we saw crew smiles turn to snickers when we said "fixin' to" or whooped it up when they sang "God Bless Texas."

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Even following the obligatory lifeguard drills, we got an unexpected laugh. After giving specific instructions concerning the "unlikely event" possibilities, the speaker emphasized that there were plenty of lifeboats, and each contained all the necessities, food, water, etc.

"Do they have video games?," an eight-year-old asked.

The Elation's cruise director, a 14-year veteran who started out as a guitar player, recalled a bunch of long-standing "dumb questions" from first-time cruisers. We laughed most about the lady who wanted to know what time the ship would get to Grand Canyon. (Her travel agent had promised a stop at Grand Canyon.)

Finally, she understood that one port of call would be Grand CAYMAN. And a man wanted to know if the elevator went to the other end of the ship.

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We aren't veteran cruisers, but really believe that rich friendships begin, as in the olden days, around the dinner table. We talked, listened, shared and cared. Addresses and phone numbers were exchanged. Our world seems smaller, and waistlines, larger.

Tears well up when we hear real life experiences that don't appear in the travel brochures, such as Christmas Day, just six weeks ago.

The ship's crew wanted to do something for some children in Belize City, the port of call that day. Tenders carrying tourists across the two-mile span to shore from the ship returned with 72 youngsters from an orphanage. The kids had never been more than a few yards from shore, and never on a cruise vessel. They and a dozen chaperones toured the ship, and enjoyed Christmas treats.

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Oh, I didn't mention their presents. Carnival folks who had visited the orphanage were shocked that the kids were sleeping on inch-thick mats. They came up with 72 "spare" mattresses and now the children are sleeping "first class."

Memories are made of this.

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Letter to the Editor

Good job

Dear Editor:

I need to add a P.S. to the Snyder Daily News column dated Friday, Feb. 6, regarding the fire on 30th Street. We have a very good fire department and volunteers.

I do not know how they did it, but they saved the homes on both sides of the fire from burning. Between God and a fire department that knew what to do, our home was saved.

The police department and EMS were all here, asking if we needed help, plus some of the citizens of Snyder wanted to know if they could help us. We have medical problems that require 24/7 attention.

We appreciate everything done that day. Snyder just needs to get its follow-up program in order, and treat every citizen as if they were the only one — then we have a city working for the people.

Doris Harrison

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Snyder ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	1
Ira ISD	1
DCOS	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
WTC	0
Scurry County	0
City of Snyder	0

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Abortion rights, limited access

Thirty-one years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court validated women's constitutional right to have an abortion. Over the last several years, the Texas Legislature has been making obtaining an abortion, not to mention other reproductive health care, so difficult, expensive and humiliating that for increasing numbers of women, their right to choose is all but nonexistent.

At a luncheon last week, to recognize the anniversary of the legal ruling known as Roe v. Wade, leaders at Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas pointed out that laws passed in the last legislative session have made access to abortion so restrictive that many women will have to leave the state to exercise their right to choose.

To get an abortion in Texas after the 16th week of pregnancy, lawmakers have decreed that women must check into an ambulatory surgical center or hospital. No pressing health concern justifies the enactment of this restriction, though it will force many women to nearby Louisiana, because there is no Houston-area facility currently in compliance with new state law.

Amniocentesis, a fairly routine medical test for fetal abnormalities, is typically performed after 16 weeks. So, many a poor woman who learns at this point in her pregnancy that she is carrying a severely deformed baby will be unable to afford a more costly surgical center abortion or leave her home and other children to wait out Louisiana's waiting period for abortion.

State lawmakers have been methodically chipping away at women's access to abortion services for years. Over the last few legislative sessions, they have required women to wait 24 hours before having an abortion and minors to give parental notification even at great risk to the welfare of girls from abusive homes.

Lawmakers passed insulting Woman's Right to Know legislation, which requires women be shown a pamphlet containing misinformation such as that abortion increases risk of breast cancer and emphasizes unlikely risks and otherwise attempts to frighten and browbeat women into forgoing their constitutional right.

They approved the Prenatal Protection Act, which ostensibly is to let pregnant women file wrongful-death lawsuits and prosecutors to press criminal charges when a fetus is killed in an accident or by violent attack, but really is a backdoor attempt to establish personhood for inviable fetuses as a means of criminalizing abortion and further eroding abortion rights.

The Legislature's denial of funding to clinics that provide abortions paid for with private donations is currently under court review, but if upheld threatens the loss of about $13 million that health clinics use to provide poor women Pap smears, family planning services, breast and cancer screenings, and other reproductive care. This is the same Legislature that cut funding for poor women's prenatal care.

Austin American-Statesman

Candidates' military record

It is too early to declare U.S. Sen. John Kerry the Democratic Party nominee for president, but in recent memory, no candidate has won so many early contests and not been nominated.

This weekend's caucuses in Michigan, Washington and Maine, and next week's primaries in Virginia and Tennessee may help the Democrats still doing battle keep going until the Super Tuesday primaries March 2. But it's hard to see retired Gen. Wesley Clark, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and U.S. Sen. John Edwards unhorsing Kerry after his string of early victories.

In fact, the national campaign between Kerry and President Bush already is under way, though it is being played out on the back pages. Kerry is attacking Bush on the economy, his budget and the war in Iraq at his regularly scheduled campaign stops.

Because Bush isn't actively campaigning — though Kerry's delegate count may stir Bush to get on the trail sooner — he's vulnerable, and it's showing. Bush's poll numbers are slipping as the Democrats gather the nation's attention, his budget is taking shots from all sides, and the level of spending and debt incurred under his administration worries many in both parties.

Kerry's liabilities will be highlighted when Bush engages him directly. The senator's shape-shifting political record, his confusing views and votes on the war in Iraq, and his party's opposition to free trade will become major issues in this long election year.

A few lowlights of the groper bowl

by Joe Klock, Sr.

It will rightfully be remembered as a championship game difficult to top in excitement and, the football gods willing, impossible to surpass in sleaze.

After the Patriots and Panthers had sacrificed everything but their vital organs on the violent field of anything-but-play, all but the most partisan observers would have been pleased to call the Super Bowl a draw and give rings to all the competing combatants.

It started out well enough, with pre-game festivities featuring inspirational and patriotic themes, building on a heap of hype peculiar to the "Big Game."

As usual, most of the commercials were highly entertaining, albeit disproportionately devoted to lagging libidos within male Americana.

During the intermission, though, while the gladiators' wounds were being salved and their adrenalin recharged, there was inflicted upon us hapless spectators a spectacle which merited the Howard Stern trophy for tastelessness, both as to sight and sound.

With respect to the sound, I admit my inability to distinguish between funk, gangsta rap, grunge, heavy metal, hip-hop, klaxon horn solos, punk, rap, rock and the shrieking of scalded hyenas. I do, however, know the difference between all of the above and music, of which there was precious little, excepting brief renditions by a couple of college bands.

The performers included P. Diddy (nee Puff Daddy, nee Sean Combs), Kid Rock (nee Bob Ritchie) and Nelly (a he-nelly, nee Cornell Hayes), fronting bevies of bumptious backup singers and bump-and-grind balletic missiles who simulated every form of you-know-what known to man, woman and beast.

The "nees" also revived, inexplicably, the ritual clutching of their private parts earlier popularized by Michael Jackson, the emergent Scandanavian entertainer and Roseanne (nee Roseanne Arnold, nee Roseanne Barr), the fading Contessa of Coarse.

The only halftime hint of patriotism, formerly a Super Bowl tradition, was a large American flag, irreverently used as a poncho by the aforementioned nee Ritchie.

Few of the lyrics (if that's what they were) could be understood by many, beyond a horde of pubescents in the supporting cast, whose lip-synching appeared to be flawless. I later researched the content of some popular hip-hop-slop and am content with my ignorance during the live sextravaganza.

A lot of mature viewers, I suspect, joined me in being glad there were no grandchildren nearby, asking us what those dancers were doing, or pretending or preparing to do.

The piece de disgustance, though, was the now famous "Tempest In a B-Cup" that was witnessed, according to some estimates, by a billion people worldwide - including, regrettably, millions of kids.

In what was first billed spun-away by some of those involved in the production as a regrettable garment malfunction, Justin Timberlake capped his and Janet Jackson's vulgar pas de deux with what most observers believe to have been one of the "surprise collaborations among performers" that was trumpeted in the pre-bowl hoopla and/or the "shocking moments" promised by the show's choreographer.

After singing the unambiguous caveat, "gotta have you naked by the end of this song," Timberlake gave life to that objective by ripping off the right hemisphere of Jackson's bustier, leaving the breast beneath hidden only by either a minuscule pastie or some cosmetic bling-bling. (We're not researching this obscure point.)

CBS, which aired the show and the NFL which approved total content control by MTV, expressed dismay at the "unexpected" occurrence, arguing (correctly, as it turned out) that it was cooked up at the last minute by the groper and the gropee. Joining this "Initial Bowl" competition was the FCC, which promised to review the matter and take both disciplinary and remedial action. Reportedly, the entire Commission will examine the problem, working five abreast. (Sorry about that...I lose control now and then.)

If anything good is to come out of this rather tawdry incident, it is possibly a belated effort by the Federal Communications Commission to fulfill one of its major responsibilities, that of prohibiting television channels from airing "indecent" material between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m..

This game plan, should they undertake it, will be stoutly resisted by a powerful defensive line ACLUnatics and a daunting secondary, comprising the trash-mouths and purveyors of titillation, stimulation and simulated copulation who proliferate in soap operas, talk shows, reality fiascos and Jerry Springertime outrages...ALL, it must be noted and deplored, viewable in that 6a-to-10p picture window of mandated decency.

There is also an even more formidable obstacle in the fact that such ether-borne effluvium, like that halftime horse-poop at the Super Bowl is what the marketing mavens believe the public craves.

Anyway, Super Bowl XXX(whatever) may have stigmatized the "boob tube" as a double entendre, but if one may paraphrase an old saw, the game was, when all's said and overdone, worth the scandal.

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"A GOLDMINE, RICK, A GOLDMINE!"

Gold or Brass?

By Ed McAnaly

Rep. Ken Marchant (R-Coppell) introduced a plan to buy the so-called "dead peasants" policy on retired school employees early last year. A number of other states have outlawed these secret life insurance policies bought by employers on their employees, but they may be coming to Texas.

Marchant's plan, however, was to assign the benefits to assist the ailing Teacher Retirement Fund. A sagging economy and soaring health insurance costs are overburdening the fund.

Phil Gramm, vie-chairmen of UBS Investment Bank in New York, promoted the insurance idea to Rick Perry in the governor's mansion. Perry supports the venture with a new face. To avoid the "dead peasants' policy" classification, it will be neither secret nor involuntary. Retired persons aged 75 to 90 would be asked to participate. They would be insured for either a half million or a million dollars each. One pension fund spokesperson called the whole idea "ghoulish." It is still unclear as to how much UBS' cut would be.

With growing national debt and with no new state taxes, surely some of us kindly, elderly teaches would let Mr. Gramm's bank and the state insure us. It's not as if we will live forever. Indeed this idea could help Scurry County with our local hospital's financial problems. Take out policies on patients who are not doing so good. Perhaps the vote could also benefit — know any old, retired politicians you would like to get a policy on?

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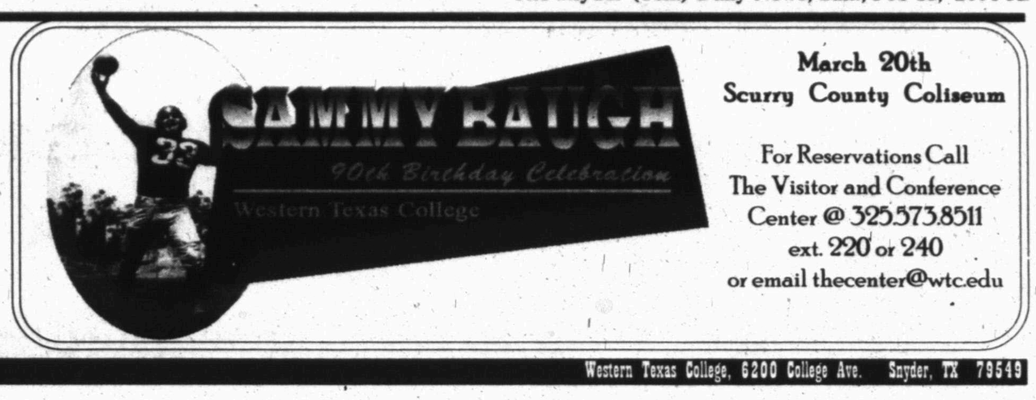

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WTC Theatre Department Performs "The Mai"

The opening of the 2004 theatre season is upon us. The first play of the season is "The Mia", a drama by Irish playwright Marina Carr. Performances are set for February 19-21 at 7:30 pm and February 22 at 2 pm in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre.

"The Mia" is a drama about an accomplished, beautiful forty-year-old woman who has always sought an exceptional life.

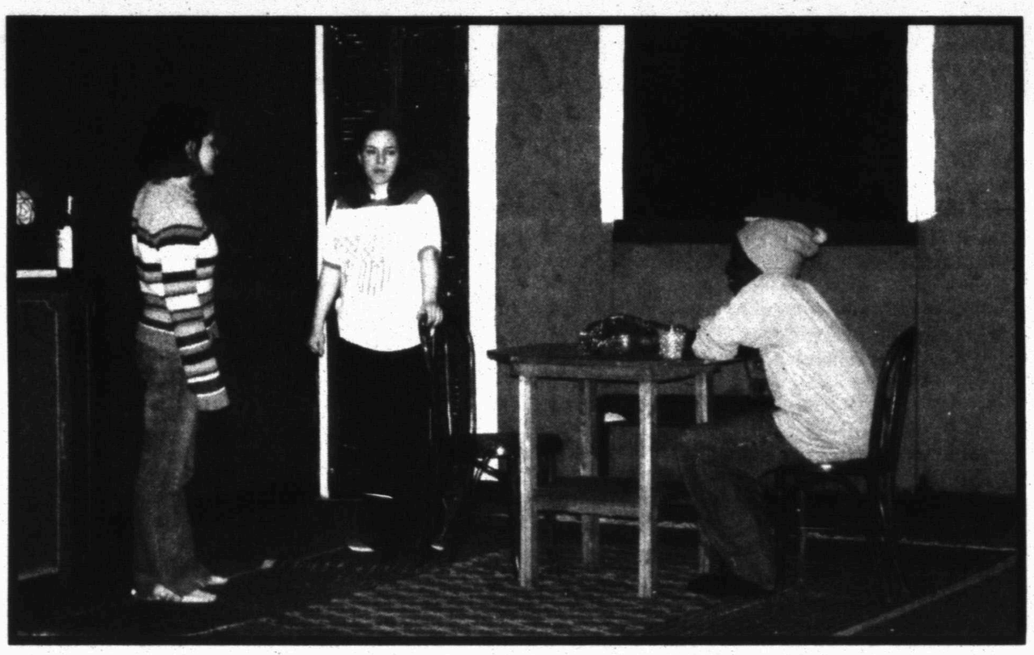
Robert, her cellist husband, has always felt stiffled my the Mai's ideals of perfection. After seventeen years he leaves her whereupon she sets about building a dream house in the hope that he will one day return to her.

From her fairytale castle, The Mai waits by the window for her dark-haired prince to return.

Set in the inspiring surrounds of the West of Ireland, on the banks of the legendary Owl Lake, we enter this world on the day of Robert's return after an absence of four years.

"The Mia" is an epic tale of love and loss, of elusive dreams shattered by vulgar but inescapable reality.

Ticket prices are $5 for Adults, $3 for Seniors and Students, WTC faculty, staff and students are admitted free.



Art Department Sponsors High School Art Competition

The Art Department at WTC is sponsoring the 12th Annual West Texas High School Art Competition this Saturday, February 21. The competition is open to all high school students living in West Texas. There are two divisions, Division 1 being 9th and 10th grade students and Division 2 being 11th and 12th grade students.

The competition is a juried art exhibition. Juror will be Professor Pam Price from the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa. She teaches drawing, painting, printmaking, computer printmaking, and art technology at UTPB. A critique of the winning artwork will be given by Professor Price at the awards ceremony at the end of the competition.

All entries must be original and executed within the last two years. The media accepted at in the competition are ceramics, sculpture, glass, drawing, graphics, painting, fibers, photography, and mixed media. All entries must be brought to the Fine Arts Building on the WTC campus between 10 am and 12 noon Saturday, February 21. There will be $300 in cash awards, as well as scholarship awards up to $1,000.

The Art Department will host an open house on the day of the competition featuring workshops and demonstrations by WTC Art Department faculty, as well as portfolio reviews for scholarship applicants.

For further information or entry forms, please contact Ben Sum at the Art Department, Western Texas College, 325-573-8511, ext. 235 or email at bsum@wtc.edu.

Celebrity Additions to Baugh Celebration

The celebrity list is growing as Dave Hanes, WTC Athletic Director, continues to work on confirmations of guest speakers for the "Sammy Baugh, A Celebration of a Living Legend."

Recent additions are 1957 Heisman Trophy winner John David Crow who played for Texas A&M and then went on to join the San Francisco 49ers and win a World Championship and Donny Anderson who played under Vince Lombardi with the Green Bay Packers who walked away with the World Championship in Super Bowl I. Payton Manning, who will not be able to attend the event because of previous obligations, will be recording a video to honor Baugh that will be played during the birthday celebration.

The event will take place on March 20 from 7-9 at the Scurry County Coliseum. To reserve a seat call 325.573.8511, ext. 220 or 240 or email thecenter@wtc.edu.

Spring 2004 Enrollment Report Is Encouraging

by Dr. Jim Clifton, Dean of Student Services

Western Texas College has put together its most recent semester enrollment statistics and finds that, when compared to the same period from our last non-funding year, 2002, we are still gaining in our student base.

One thing that many people do when they begin comparing numbers, particularly headcount of students, is fail to put the semester into context and allow proper comparison. It's the apples-to-apples thing. As discussed in the following paragraph, you will be able to see that trends require specific analysis to gain an understanding of what they mean.

All institutions of higher education in Texas are closing out the last of a non-funding year. Since funding years run on a two-year schedule, in order for us to accurately compare this spring's enrollment, we have to look to the spring semester from two years ago to scrutinize our present performance. This isn't an effort to overlook the fact that numbers are down somewhat from last fall or even last spring when we set records for WTC enrollment, as much as it is a way to study specific categories within the report. This gives us the ability to see what is working and recognize what needs help.

For this semester, our total headcount is 1598 students, 12% more than we had in the last non-funding spring semester. Our total Full Time Equivalencies (FTE) are up 14%. This is the calculated number of full-time students we would have if we divided the headcount by the total number of class hours taken, and is one of the parameters the state actually looks at during a funding year. Speaking of class hours, which we further classify as credit contact hours, WTC is up 12% from two years ago.

One of the other directions we look at when putting an enrollment report together is the nature of student involvement, their class location, demographics, and student characteristics. Our part-time student numbers are up 12% and our full-time numbers are up 13%.

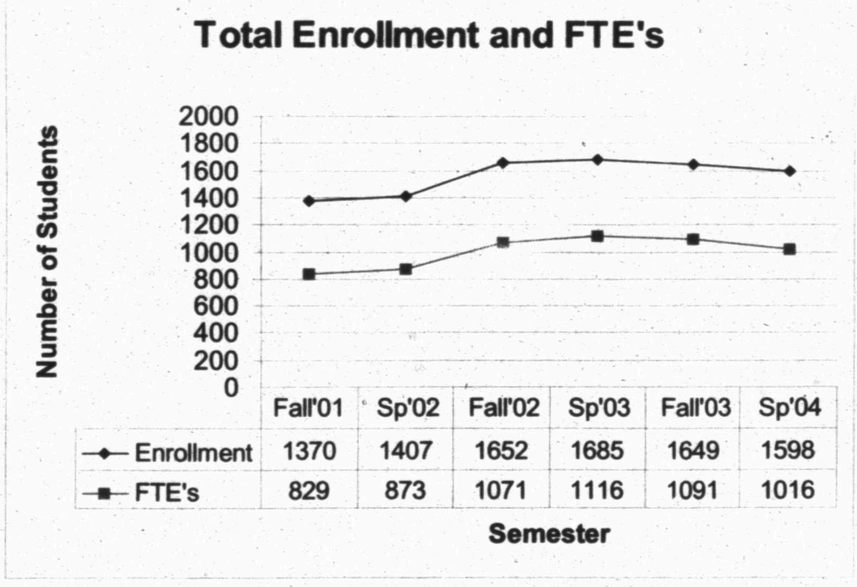
We also have more students taking advantage of dual-enrollment while they are in high school. The number of students getting college credit through this venue is up 22%. It would be a good place right here to mention that Western Texas College is the 4th largest institution in Texas that is serving students through the Virtual College of Texas. That includes every university and college in the state.

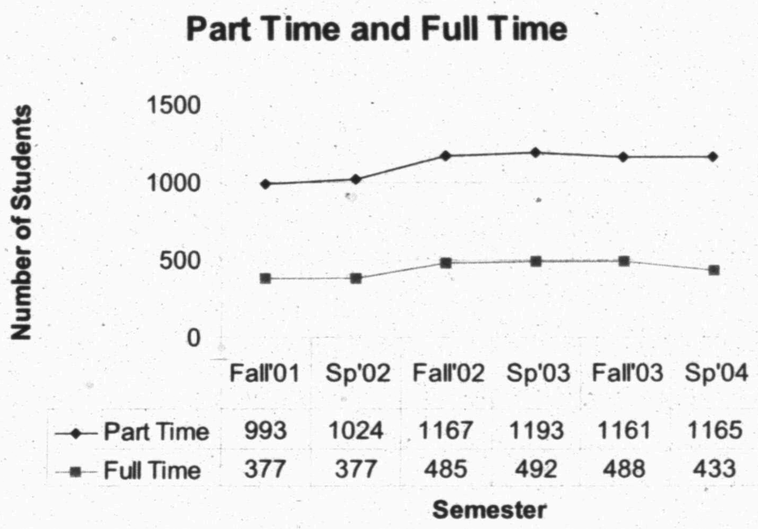
Western Texas College is in its third year of surveying new students as they arrive at the institution through a study done by the Higher Education Research Institute, housed at UCLA. This study tells us what kind of students arrive at our doorstep, how we can meet their needs better, and what their expectations are of higher education.

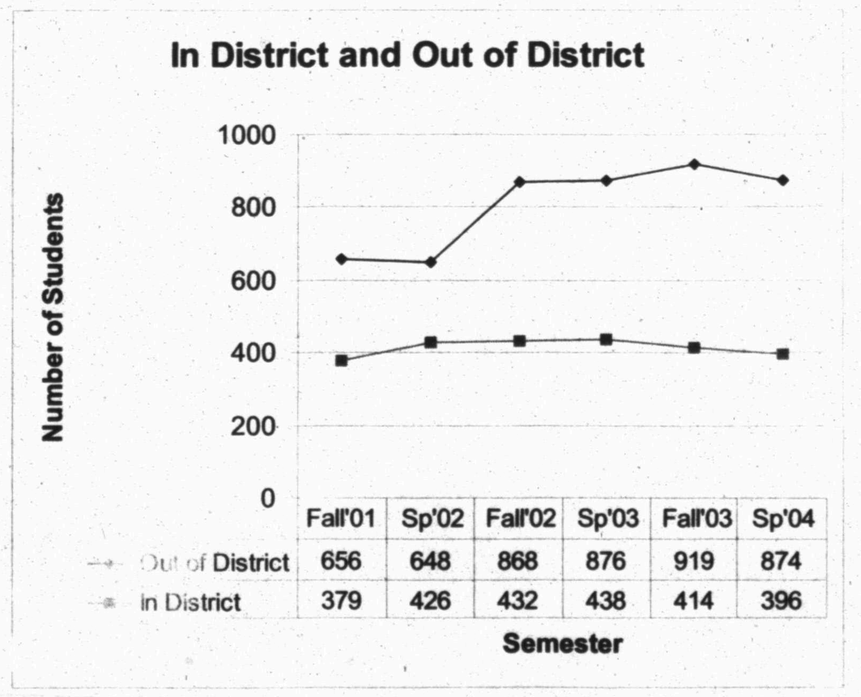
This semester's survey tells us that 61.5% of our new students describe themselves as intellectually self-confident, and 53.8% as socially self-confident. Twenty-eight percent come from homes over 100 miles away, 16% from within ten miles. Forty percent of our students come from families with a total household income of less than $29,000, and 34.6% are depending on financial aid from various sources between $1000 and $2999. Sixty-nine percent say they are coming to college to qualify for a good job, and at least 20% realize they are going to need extra help in math, reading, writing, and English.

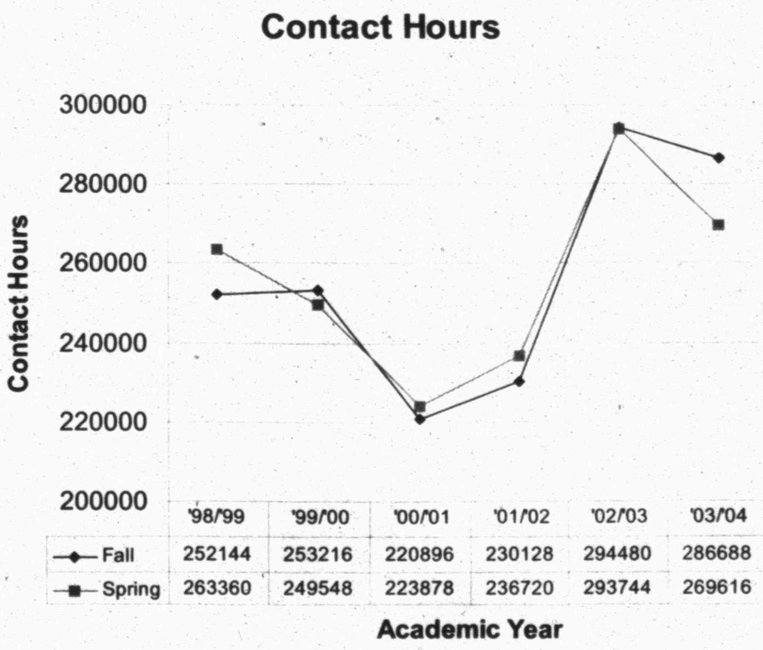
These kinds of facts, along with what we learn from critical comparison of our institutional numbers, help us maintain our flexibility and adaptability in serving the students of our district, region, and state.

The faculty and staff of Western Texas College are proud to be reaching even further ahead and realizing greater results than even we anticipated. Our ongoing efforts in effectiveness and efficiency are paying the greatest benefits to students who make the wise choice of attending WTC, a trend setting institution of higher education.









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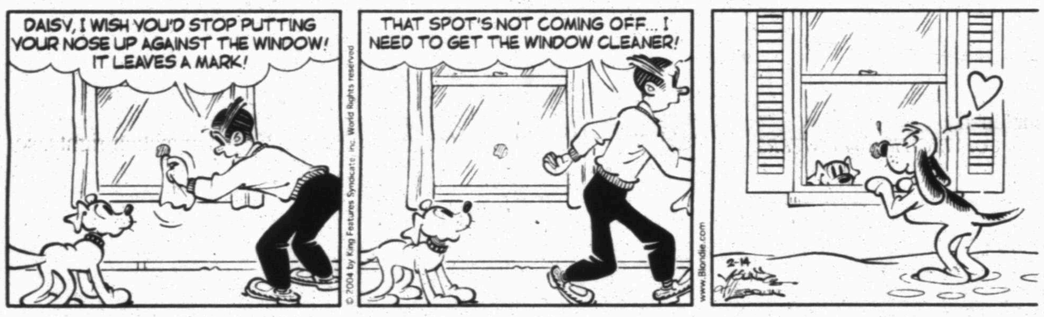

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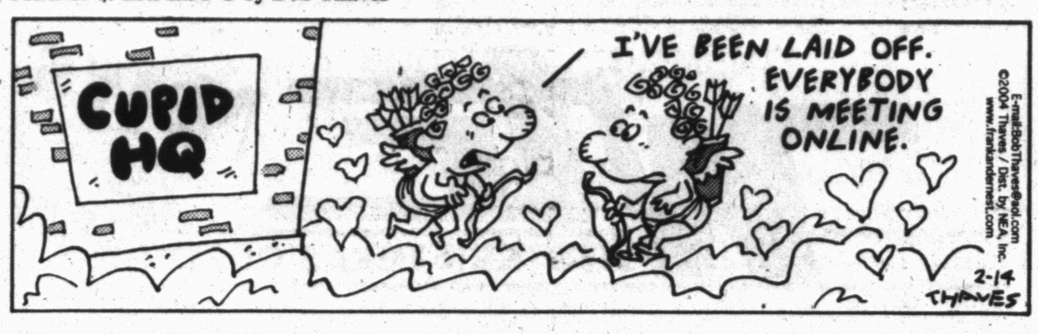

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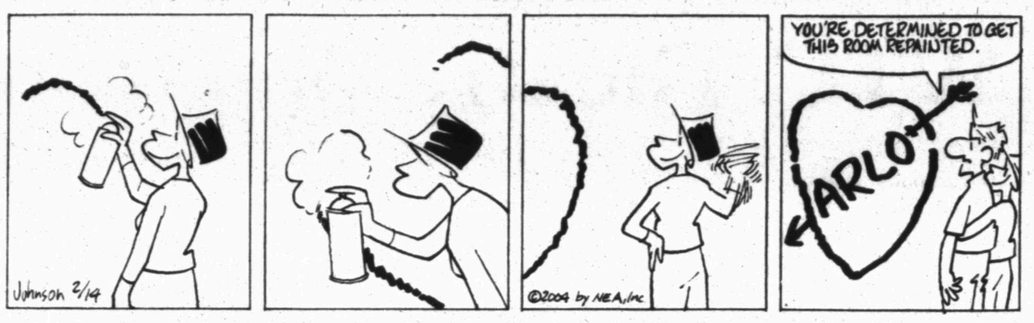

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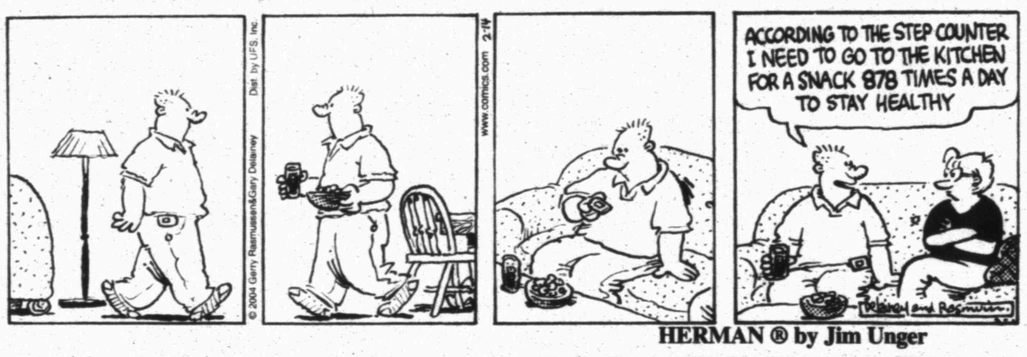

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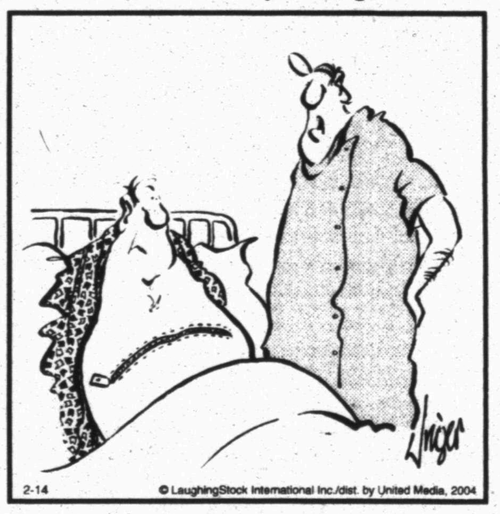

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 Gentle person
5 Double curve
8 Farmer's measure
12 Declare
13 Sitter's charge
14 Lost feathers
15 Just average (hyph.)
16 Hiding
18 Stop, to a horse
20 Orbit segment
21 Bashful
22 Tapped
25 — choy
28 Week da.
29 Deep black
33 Draw forth
35 Frontiersman Daniel —
36 Tackle-box items
37 Wooden container
38 Change address
39 Have a hunch
41 "Mad Max" — Gibson
42 Deceived a boxer
45 Bedouin attire
48 Gun the engine
49 Immerse
52 Shoe or snake
55 Norse king
57 Long hair
58 Golfer's peg
59 Arachnid
60 Two-piece cookie
61 Say further
62 Meat dish

DOWN

1 Scale notes
2 Confess
3 Net
4 Rivulet
5 List shortener
6 Comfort
7 Long-legged birds
8 Inquire
9 In vogue
10 Nevada town
11 Tense
17 Smashing serve
19 Nay sayers
23 Absent
24 Famous label
25 Grassy shoulder
26 Diet spread
27 Ukraine capital
30 Rule of thumb
31 — -jerk reaction
32 Cheer
34 Musical sign
35 Bundles of cotton
37 Poker stake
39 Mariachi gig
40 Begrudged
43 Historical period
44 Unhappy destinies
45 Munitions
46 Wild tusker
47 Teen problem
50 Perched
51 Petruchio's intended
53 Corporate exec
54 Beatty of films
56 Small number

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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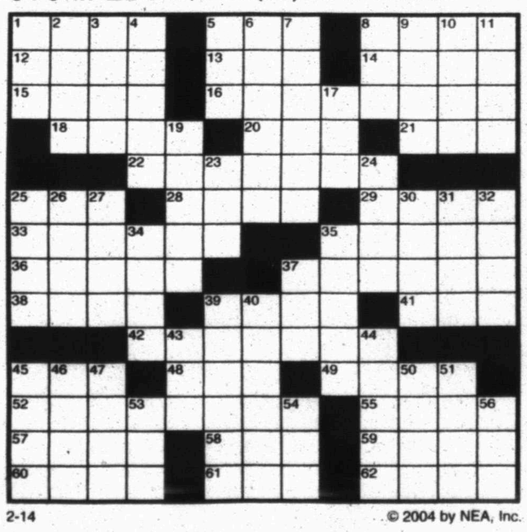

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Valentine hugs and kisses for everyone in the house

DEAR READERS: Happy Valentine's Day. Pheromones fill the air! Although my column serves as a trouble dump for folks in dysfunctional relationships, not all of the mail I receive comes from unhappy people. Because it's Valentine's Day — the day we express love for one another — allow me to share some of my treasures.

From a technical sergeant stationed in South Korea:

DEAR ABBY: I miss my home and family. I realize more and more how important they are.

I owe a special person some overdue recognition. She has sacrificed and coped with much frustration without complaint or a second thought. She has moved thousands of miles from home to strange countries and managed to ensure that our house always felt like home. She has crammed four sometimes cranky people into a tiny hotel room for a month at a time until we could find suitable housing, improvising because our personal belongings were still in shipment. She has been a single parent while I attended schools to further my career, and she sacrificed countless high-paying jobs as we were again uprooted to satisfy the needs of the military.

During my year away, I've realized how important she has been to everything I have accomplished. While I have been furthering my career and serving my country, she has been raising our children, paying our bills, taking care of our home, managing our bank accounts and holding down a full-time job.

This person is my wife, Kim. She has been through it all — the disappointment, the frustration, the aggravation and the happiness. Whenever I needed her, she was there. She's the best partner a man could ask for, and I am honored that she is mine.

I want to say to my wife, Kimberly Moonbeams: "I love you. You are the one who deserves the praise and the glory. I can't begin to measure how important you are. You are the glue that has held our family together."

Please, Abby, print this. Let all military spouses, especially my wife, know how important they are to the men and women who serve our great country. — **GRATEFUL MILITARY HUSBAND**

DEAR GRATEFUL: I'm pleased to do it. Our soldiers may wear the medals, but the loving families who support them are our unsung heroes.

From Clearwater, Fla.:

DEAR ABBY: I'm one of the luckiest teenagers. I have two wonderful parents who go out of their way to make sure I'm happy and safe. I have the best sisters anyone could ask for — they are my best friends. I have an angel for a grandmother who makes sure I am spoiled with love.

Please print this so my family will know how much I appreciate and love them. I don't know what I'd do without them. They mean more to me than life itself. I know I can be a burden sometimes, but y'all were always there for me. Thank you, Mom, Dad, Granny, Michelle, Jessica, Tricia and Keri Anne. I love you with every part of my heart and soul. You are more than family — you are also my friends. **—ELIZABETH FRAZER**

DEAR ELIZABETH: What a love letter. I'm sure they'll get the message.

From Washington state:

DEAR ABBY: I work in Alaska on a fish processing boat. I'm gone six months every year. My husband holds down a demanding job 40 hours a week, runs our house and takes care of our three super kids while I'm away. I'd like to thank him for all he does. I love you, honey. You're the best. — **MRS. WONDERFUL**

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DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and have been dating "Nora" for about six months. I love her, but I can't continue dating her because I recently realized I am more attracted to guys. We've been having sex for a little while, and I know Nora will be broken-hearted if I break up with her. But I am living a lie. How do I tell her? **— LIVING A LIE**

DEAR LIVING: Before making any announcements, I urge you to think carefully about the implications. If you tell Nora, there is a strong possibility that she will tell others. How do your parents feel about gays? How do your friends at school regard homosexuality?

As much as you may care for Nora, unless you are ready to be completely "out," it might be safer for you to allow the relationship to taper off. If she insists on a reason, tell her you are not ready for a serious commitment. It would be kinder than letting her think she doesn't measure up.

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DEAR ABBY: I've done something I'm ashamed of, and I have no way to apologize other than to hope the person I offended may see this.

On Christmas Eve, I was stuck in traffic and a woman with a carload of kids pushed into the intersection so far that I had no choice but to let her pass. She waved and I made a vulgar gesture.

I am over 50, well-educated, have good common sense and should know better. The look of horror and hurt on that woman's face was devastating. My grown daughter was in the car with me! I let her down, and I let myself down.

I apologized to my daughter, but she will never forget that stupid act. I wish there were some way to change what I did. If the woman who was in that car reads this, I hope she knows that I am sorry I ruined her Christmas spirit. It is all I have been able to think about since that night. Please forgive me. — **ASHAMED IN MIDLOTHIAN, VA.**

DEAR ASHAMED: I'm printing your letter for all to see. Sad to say, I'm sure many people will think the letter is intended for them.

P.S. Contrition is a first step toward growth. Forgive yourself for your silly burst of temper and promise to behave better in the future.

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DEAR ABBY: Last March I had emergency surgery and was in the hospital for almost a month. It took me five months to fully recover. My family was wonderful. They sent gifts, called frequently and visited me. Their support helped to speed my recovery, and I returned to work and school sooner than expected.

The anniversary of my surgery is coming up, and I am planning a celebration to thank everyone for their generosity. I want to make sure no one brings a gift and they know the party is for them. What would be the appropriate wording for the invitation? — **CELEBRATING IN OHIO**

DEAR CELEBRATING: When you extend the invitation, make no reference to the fact that it is for anything other than "a dinner party." When your guests have assembled, break out the champagne, make a toast in their honor — before you all get toasted — and tell them the party is for them.

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Ohio woman heads to trial in false claim having lottery ticket

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — A woman who claimed she lost a winning $162 million Mega Millions lottery ticket withdrew her plea of no contest on a charge that she made up the story she had told police.

Elecia Battle changed her plea to innocent Thursday in South Euclid Municipal Court and will have a jury trial, authorities said Friday.

Battle, 40, of Cleveland, had entered the plea of no contest Jan. 15 to a charge of filing a false police report. The plea was not an admission of guilt but meant Battle would not fight the charge punishable by one to six months in jail and $1,000 fine.

Battle had been found guilty by Judge Patricia Ann Kleri after the no contest plea was entered, and she was to have been sentenced next week. Now, with the plea withdrawn, a pretrial hearing would be scheduled for sometime in March, officials said.

Days after the Dec. 30 drawing in the multistate lottery, Battle had filed a police report saying she had bought the winning ticket but lost it. Battle said she dropped her purse outside the convenience store in suburban Cleveland where the winning ticket was sold.

When Rebecca Jemison, 34, produced the winning ticket and claimed the jackpot, Battle sued to block payment but later dropped her lawsuit and tearfully apologized.

Sheldon Starke, Battle's attorney, said Friday the court called Battle in and asked her if she wanted to change her plea. He would not elaborate.

Bush, pope and jailed Israeli among 2004 peace nominees

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The Nobel Peace Prize awards committee reported a record 173 nominations for 2004, with known candidates including President Bush, jailed Israeli nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu and the pope.

Committee secretary Geir Lundestad said the preliminary list includes 129 individuals and 44 organizations, and is likely to be expanded when awards committee members forward their own nominations at their first meeting of the year on March 2.

Last year, there were 165 nominations, and the award went to lawyer and human rights activist Shirin Ebadi, the first Iranian and the first Muslim woman to win.

The committee accepts proposals postmarked by Feb. 1.

"This year, there are not that many new names," Lundestad said. "But we see that as the prize becomes more global, the nominations also become more global."

The five-member Norwegian awards committee keeps the names of nominees secret for 50 years, releasing only the number with no other information.

Those nominating candidates often announce their choices, this year including Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair for protecting world peace; the European Union; French President Jacques Chirac; former Czech President Vaclav Havel; Pope John Paul II; former U.N. weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei; Vanunu, for exposing his country's nuclear weapons program; Cuban dissident Oswaldo Paya; and U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar and former Sen. Sam Nunn for their Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, which is intended to dismantle nuclear weapons left over from the Soviet Union..

Lundestad said thousands of people have nomination rights, so being proposed for the prize is no distinction in itself.

Q and A: Bush's service in National Guard

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's service in the National Guard during the Vietnam War has become a heated political issue once again, with Democrats claiming he may have been "AWOL" some of the time and the White House charging that partisan critics are just "trolling for trash."

And while the president has said he would be willing to release records that would help clear up questions about his service, White House officials are still poring over records to decide whether they will make public any more information than they already have this week.

Here, in question and answer form, is a look at the controversy.

Q: When did Bush serve?

A: He enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington Air Force Base in the Houston area on May 27, 1968. The last day he was paid for Guard duty was July 30, 1973. Bush was placed on inactive Guard duty six months before his commitment ended because he was starting Harvard Business School. He was honorably discharged.

Q: What is in dispute?

A: Bush performed most of his service in Texas, but he transferred to an Alabama guard unit for a time because he was working as the political director for the Senate campaign of Winton Blount, a Bush family friend. Democrats claim Bush has not provided enough evidence that he showed up for duty in Alabama. White House officials say Bush recalls serving both in Texas and Alabama, and has provided new documents — a dental record and payroll information — from his file that they say corroborate Bush's recollections.

Q: Hasn't Bush's service record been an issue in past elections? Why is it resurfacing now?

A: Yes, it has come up previously, but the controversy was reignited earlier this month when Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe accused the president of being "AWOL," or absent without leave, during his time in Alabama.

Democrats are hoping to neutralize Bush's strength in the polls on national security issues by contrasting his service in the Guard, where he was a pilot who did not see combat, with that of Sen. John Kerry, the decorated Vietnam War veteran who is the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination. Kerry has been campaigning on his war record, often appearing with fellow veterans he likes to call his "band of brothers."

Q: When did Bush serve in Alabama?

A: Reports differ on exactly which months Bush was there, but generally, it's believed that he asked for permission to continue his duties at the 187th TAC Recon Group, Montgomery in May 1972 and returned to his Texas National Guard unit after the November election. The White House says Bush went back to Alabama again after that.

Q: Is there evidence he showed up in Alabama?

A: The White House released pay records this week that show Bush, who was a 1st lieutenant, was paid for 25 days of service between May 1972 and May 1973, the year Democrats have been questioning. The pay records, however, do not say what Bush did to receive pay, or where he did it.

Q: What other evidence is there?

A: The White House released a copy of a dental exam Bush received Jan. 6, 1973, at Dannelly Air National Guard Base in Montgomery. Democrats wonder why a dental exam was conducted at the base two months after Blount's unsuccessful election and after Bush had returned to Texas. Citing the dental record as evidence, the White House said Bush had returned to Alabama after the election to fulfill his Guard obligations.

Q: Where did the dental record come from?

A: The White House obtained the dental record, along with other medical records it did not release, from the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver. The record was accompanied by a statement from Dr. Richard J. Tubb, the president's current physician, who stated that he read Bush's records, which covered a period from 1968 to 1973, and concurred with the doctors' assertion that Bush was "fit" for service. "The records reflect no disqualifying medical information," Tubb said.

Q: What's next?

A: The White House, which has been hardening its defense of the president's military record, is considering whether to release more information. Democrats say all the information released so far has raised more questions than answers. They dismiss the 1973 dental record, saying they still want to see documented evidence of Bush's Guard service in Alabama in 1972.

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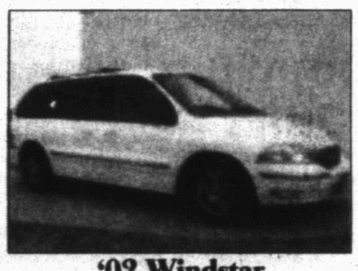

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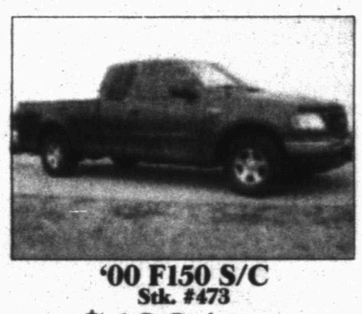

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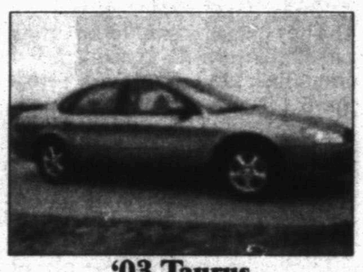

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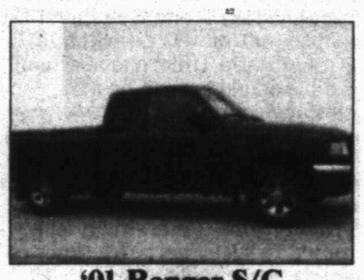

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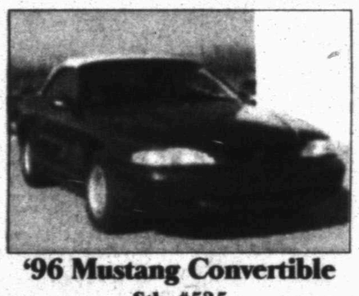

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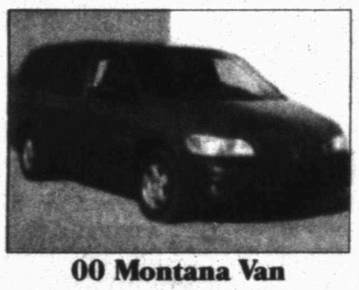

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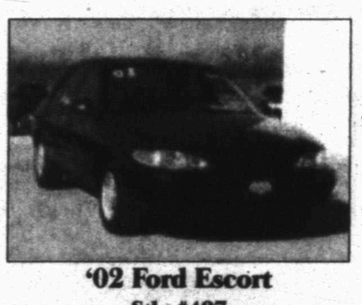

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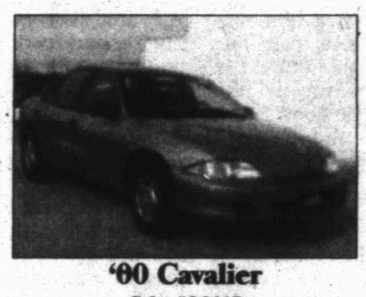

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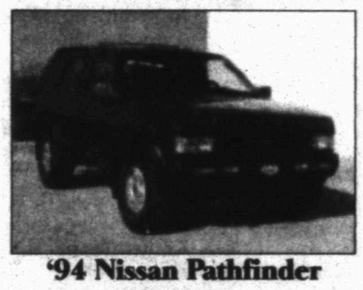

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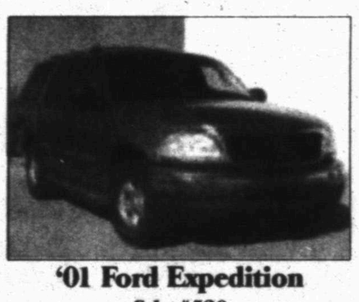

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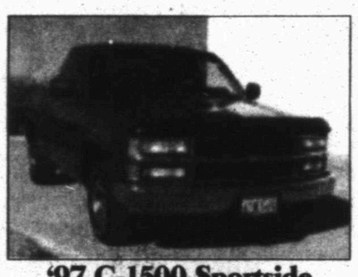

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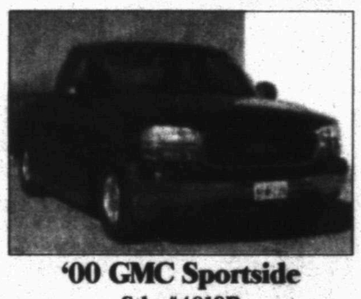

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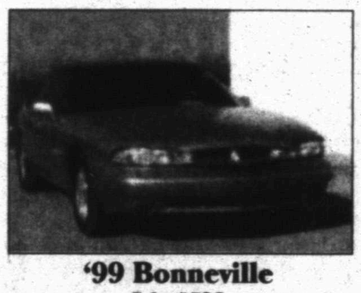

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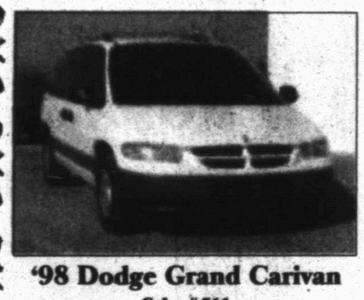

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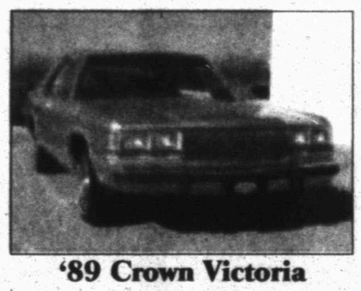

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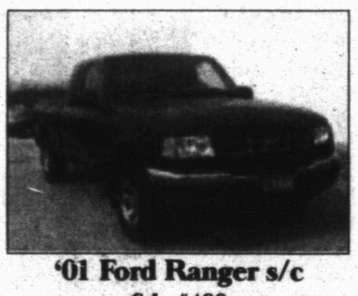

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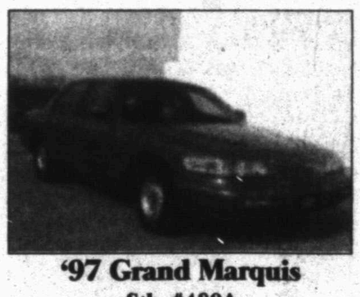

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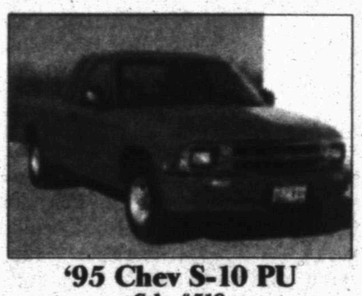

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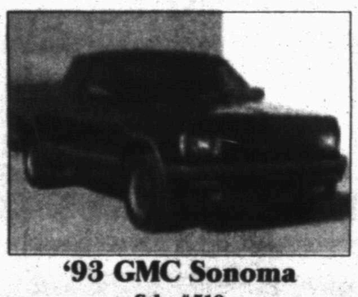

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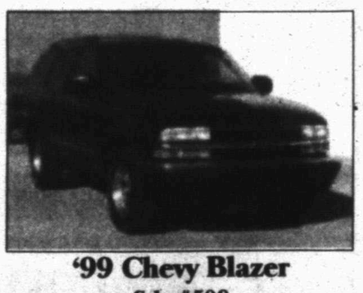

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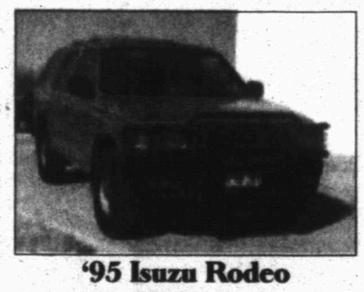

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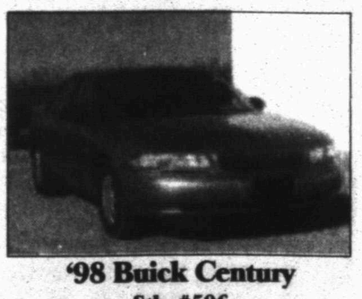

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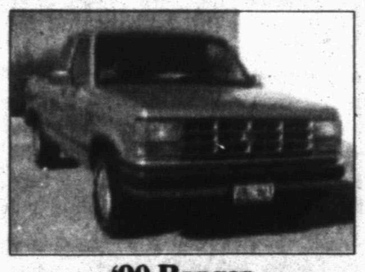

'90 Ranger
Stk. #3928B
$1600 Down
+TT&L

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No Matter What You Owe on Your Trade!
No Matter What Your Credit Is!
No Matter What Your Budget Is!
Your Trade Is Worth a Minimum* of $1000.
- No Matter What!

* Drivers License, $1500 Monthly Income, & Have Access to Phone at Residence

*** 10% Down & TTL, 42 months, 9.9% WAC
** 20% Down & TTL, 130 weeks, 15 add on rate WAC
* 10% Down & TTL, 60 months, 9.9% WAC

One trade towards purchase of vehicle. One trade per purchase. Some Restrictions Apply.