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Thursday rain benefits Lake Thomas

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Lake J.B. Thomas has received around 3,000 acre-feet of water from Thursday's rainfall, and a like amount is expected in Lake Spence near Robert Lee.

"We expect some more water in Lake Thomas, but not much more," said Chris Wingert, engineer with the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring.

Wingert said most of the rain Thursday fell right at the lake, and not that much on the watershed.

"The lake has come up about a foot and a half," said Wingert, and added a like rise is expected at Lake Spence.

More than five inches were reported by a resident at Lake Thomas Thursday afternoon. CRMWD's official measurement at the lake was 2.7 inches.

Texas Tech's remote weather station at Gail recorded 1.22 inches, while its site at Fluvanna recorded 2.04 inches. The site at the Snyder industrial park recorded 1.50 inches and the official measuring station at the Snyder water treatment plant received 1.36 inches of rain.

(See chart for other totals)

Thursday's runoff resulted in the National Weather Service from Midland issuing a flood warning just after midnight Thursday for Deep Creek near Dunn and for the Colorado River at Colorado City.

The flood stage for the creek at Dunn is 14 feet, and it crested at 17.9 feet early this morning.

The flood stage at Colorado City on the Colorado River is 15 feet and it is expected to crest at 19.5 feet early Saturday morning.

On June 30, 1967, the Colorado River crested in Colorado City at 19.7 feet.

Scurry County escaped the damaging winds that hit counties to the east.

The weather service received reports of possible tornadoes in Callahan, Haskell, Jones, Taylor and Nolan counties.

The highest wind recorded in Snyder Thursday was 44 mph, while 53 mph was reported at Fluvanna.

Several weather-related calls were made to the dispatchers at the Law Enforcement Center beginning around 8 a.m. with a call for barricades to be placed at 13th St. and Avenue E because of high water.

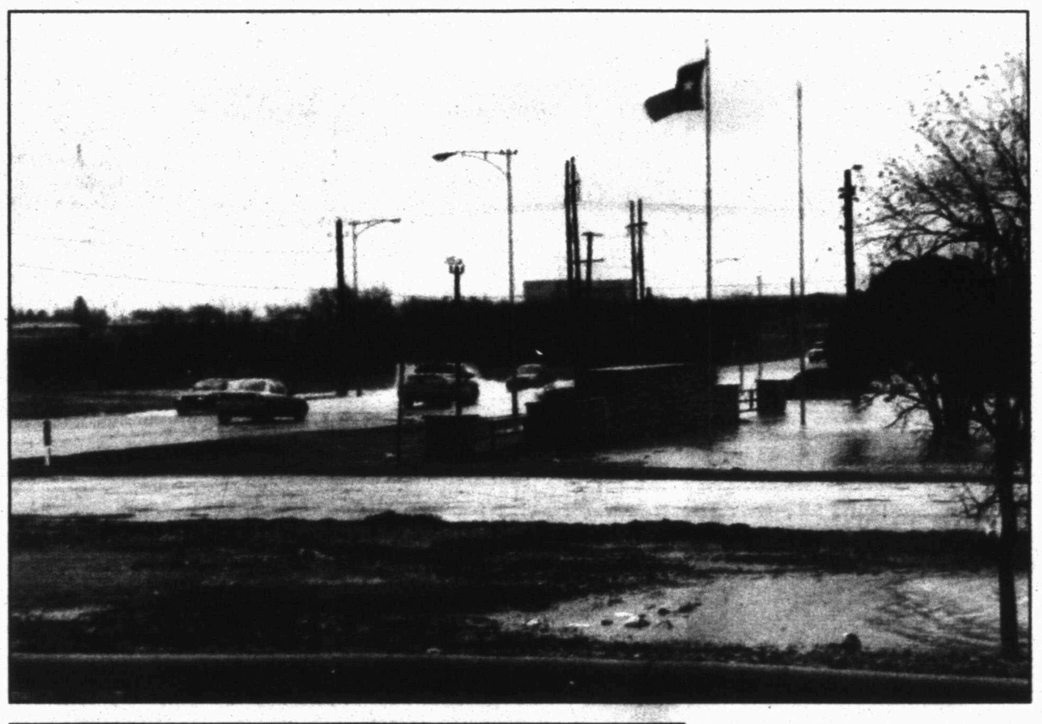
Barricades were later placed at U.S. 84 and Muriel St.; 25th St. and Ave. Z; and 23rd St. between Avenue I and J.

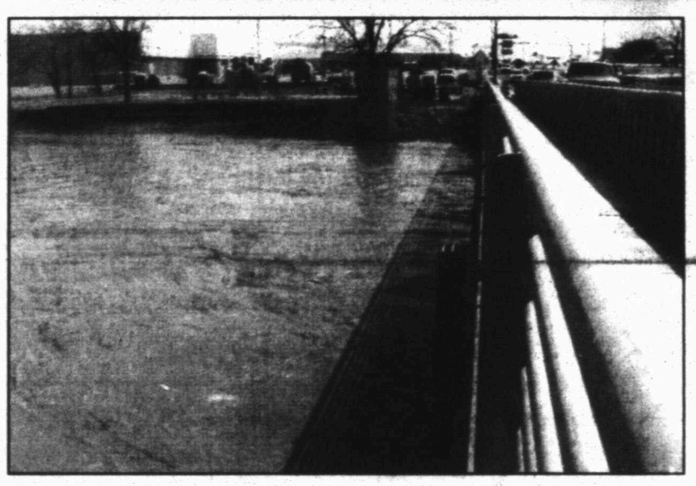
Scurry County deputies and DPS troopers reported water over the road in several locations with the most two miles south of Hwy. 180 on FM 1606, and near the Kinder Morgan offices on West Hwy. 180.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	1.36
North of city	3.25
East of city	1.30
West of city	2.70
Lake Thomas	5.66
Hermleigh	1.70
Loyd Mountain	1.90
Camp Springs	1.00
Dunn	1.40
Ira	2.40
Dermott	3.50
Union	2.80
Gail	1.80

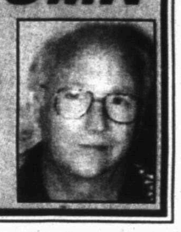
Totals as reported by area residents for Thursday.





IT'S A REALLY *DEEP CREEK* — Motorists crossing the Deep Creek bridge on College Avenue Thursday may have wondered where the river came from. Just down the road at the entrance to Towle Memorial Park, motorists faced more deep water resulting from the torrential downpours. (SDN Staff Photos by Annie Rowe)

THE SDN COLUMN
MY TURN
by Wade Warren



There's going to be a letter to the editor in the weekend edition patting the Scurry County commissioners court on the back for passing the over 65-disabled homestead ceiling that went into effect Jan. 1.

The writer specifically thanks County Judge Rod Waller for pointing out the favorable vote county residents gave the measure in September, and that having an election to again see how they felt would not make good sense.

Mac McCown, in his letter, said those over 65 and disabled are now looking for the city council and WTC board to take similar action without an election.

At least one city council also is looking for the city's administration, and fellow councilmen to take some action.

In January, the Snyder Daily News ran an article detailing the law that allowed the new exemption. School districts have been able to grant the exemption for a number of years.

As a city council member, that article caught the eye of at-large council member Terry Martin.

Martin communicated with City Manager John Gayle and Mayor Francene Noah and said he had been "caught" unaware of the new law.

He wrote in his e-mail that the article was the first that he had heard about it.

Martin also wrote that he would like to see the "tax freeze" subject as an agenda item ASAP such a decision will have an impact on the budget process.

In his correspondence with Gayle, Noah and fellow council members, Martin said that senior citizens are an extremely valuable asset and fully deserve and need all the tax breaks that can be afforded them.

Martin went on to say that the future impact of granting the exemption should be given consideration.

He summed up his correspondence by stating that if city services and taxes become unaffordable for our seniors in this community, they may well seek other less expensive areas to reside, which would be an even grater loss to Snyder.

Martin said this week that he is still agitated that with all the money spent sending city administrators to meetings across the state that he had to read about the new law in our newspaper.

That was in January and the topic still hasn't been on the city's agenda and budget work has started with city department heads.

In a conversation with Gayle during a break at last Monday's council meeting, the city manager told Martin that such action would shift the taxpaying burden to a different group – the younger folks.

Well, now, that seems to be the general idea – to shift it away from our citizens whose expenses go up monthly without an increase in income, or even the possibility of an increase.

It's disappointing to see the city's administration spend more time and effort securing city and DCOS staff retirement benefits than in helping out Snyder's senior citizens.

As Darrell Royal might say, someone has lost sight of who brought them to the dance - or maybe they haven't.

Taco Bell thief pleads guilty

A former Taco Bell employee, accused of stealing money from his employer over a three-month period, pleaded guilty Thursday afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Juan Xavier Flores, currently a resident of Brownwood, entered the guilty plea before District Judge Ernie Armstrong and was sentenced to two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years.

Flores, 34, also was fined $1,000 and ordered to make $12,897 in restitution to Double O, owner of the Taco Bell franchise in Snyder. The thefts occurred from Nov. 2003 through January 2004.

Coral Lee Moulden, 32, of Montgomery pleaded guilty to a Feb. 6 burglary of a building.

Moulden was assessed two years in prison, probated for five years, and fined $750.

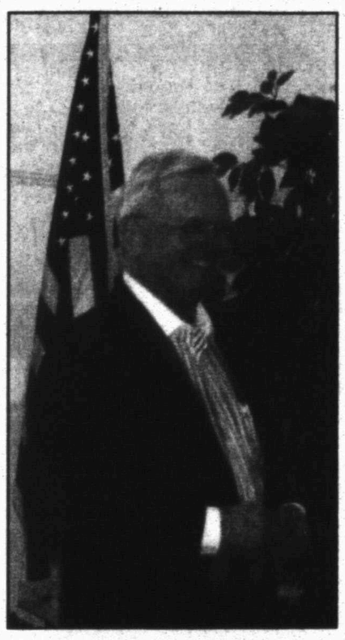
Bernardo Frausto Perez Jr. pleaded guilty to forgery, a Sept. 21, 2003 offense.

Perez, 39, of 2601 Ave. U, was sentenced to serve two years in a TDCJ state jail, probated for five years. He also was fined $750 and ordered to pay $180 in restitution to United.



READY TO GO — The Kiwanis Club will sponsor its 53rd annual pancake feast from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at West Elementary cafeteria. Club members pictured from left are Avon Rushing, R.J. Youngclaus, pancake feast chairman; and Larry McAden. The all-you-can-eat meal will include sausage, bacon, coffee, milk and orange juice. Tickets are $5 with children under six eating free. Orders to go will also be available. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

CEO warns of natural gas shortage



Cloyce Talbott

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Sometimes all it takes to realize a dream is desire and a strong will, coupled with a little business savvy.

Sometimes that's true, but not necessarily in the case of Cloyce Talbott, chief executive officer of Patterson-UTI Energy.

In 1978 Talbott, and company co-founder Glenn Patterson, had the dream, desire and savvy. But they weren't sure exactly how to initiate the process.

"When the company first started, we just decided to sell stock and I thought that was all you did," said Talbott. "It wasn't long before I found out how wrong I was."

Talbott presented an overview of the company at Thursday's meeting of Snyder Rotary Club, and although he made light of the their humble beginnings, Patterson-UTI has emerged to be one of the strongest onshore contract drilling services in North America.

The company owns 361 land-based drilling rigs that operate in oil and natural gas producing regions in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and western Canada.

While the company could have relocated its headquarters, it has chosen to remain in Snyder and employes about 200 people locally and more than 6,000 company-wide.

Patterson completed the merger with UTI in 2001,which turned out to be a positive move.

"We had survived the energy downturn and had emerged from that when we initiated the merger with UTI. The merger began in 1995, but was not complete until 2001. It was a great merger for the stockholders," said Talbott.

He went on to explain how the company is projected to continue on the upswing, especially in its gas exploration division due to the fact that natural gas consumption is driving the industry up.

"The fact is, we are facing a natural gas shortage in the U.S. We have reached a point in North America that we have supplied all that we can," he said. "Natural gas is not plentiful, and it's not cheap."

Talbott added that the demand for natural gas would heighten the necessity for Patterson-UTI to keep the drilling at a maximum.

"We're going to have a difficult time keeping up with the demands. As the drilling of wells increases, the price will continue to go up," he said.

The reality is that nationally, consumers will continue to pay the price for natural gas. However, the demand declares that Patterson-UTI will remain an influential company that is growing in the energy field.

"We can't fix this problem in the short term," said Talbott. "The tight supply will continue and it is forecast that Patterson-UTI will remain a leading company in the industry."

ASK US

Q—In the chart accompanying the city council story about profiling, it listed "Africans" as one group. Should that not have read African-Americans?

A—The chart was reprinted as it was given to the city council.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Charlene Carr...

...has been a resident of Snyder for 15 years. She is employed by United Supermarket and is the mother of two-year-old Preston and she is the daughter of Dee and Georgina Carr of Snyder. Hobbies are spending time with her son and her family.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One today is worth two tomorrows.
—Ben Franklin

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Fish fry

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Ave. L, is hosting a fish fry until 9 p.m. today. Dine-in or carry-out, and tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children. Call 207-4664 or 573-7243.

Brisket lunch

Colonial Hill Baptist Church children's ministry will sponsor a brisket lunch starting at noon Sunday in the church fellowship hall. Tickets are $5 each and are available at the door.

MAWC Sunday buffet

Martha Ann Woman's Club will hold a buffet starting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Cost for a choice of sirloin tip or stuffed chicken breast is $10 for adults and $5 for a child under 10. Reservations can be made by calling 573-3427.

Enchilada dinner

The 5th annual enchilada dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday at West Elementary. Tickets are available at the door and are $6 for adults and $3.50 for children.

2004 Bulldog Yearbook

The last day to purchase a copy of the 2004 Bulldog yearbook will be Monday. The cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. The yearbooks will be delivered in late August.

United Way meeting

Scurry County United Way board meeting will be held at noon Monday at 2311 Ave. T.

Retired teachers meeting

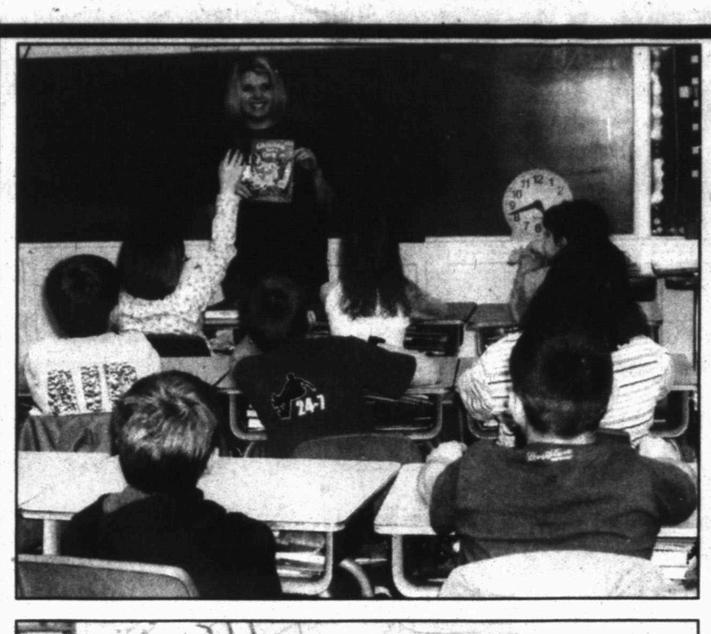
Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Raul Alcala will be the guest speaker.

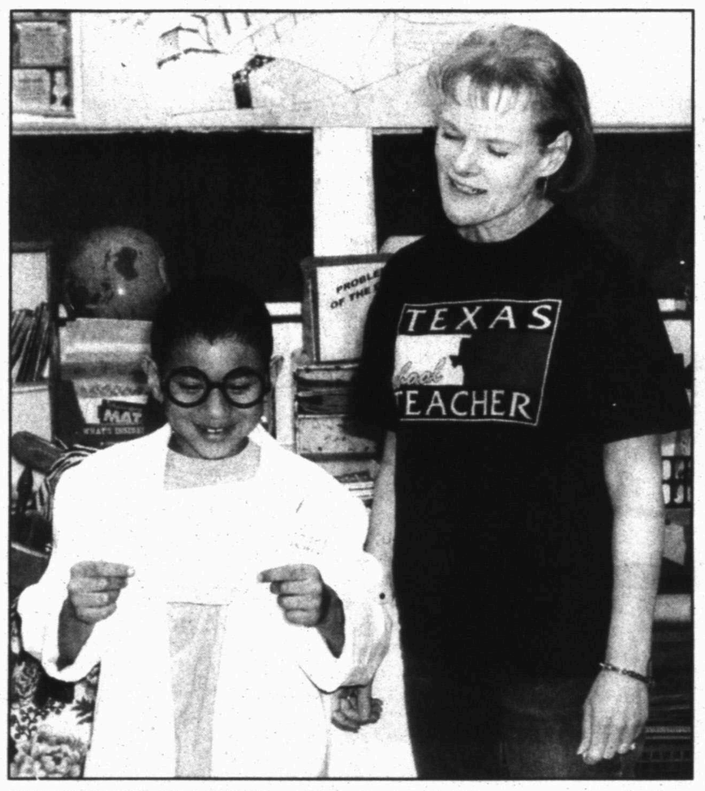
Medical fund donation account

A medical fund donation account has been set up at West Texas State Bank for local plumbing business owner Mike Rodriquez. The fund will be used for medical expenses for the treatment of cancer.

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.





SWITCHING CLASSES — To relax and have some fun before TAKS tests, Central students switched classes for one period last week. In the top photo, Esther Stansell reads a book to her "new" students. In the bottom photo, Deborah Judah looks on as Dr. Wizard (Tray Anderson) reads something to her "new" class. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

P.O. investigates more than 20,000 suspicious powder reports since 2001

WASHINGTON (AP) — From powdered alfredo sauce mix to detergent to the sand included in invitations to a beach-front wedding, materials leaking from packages and envelopes have disrupted the nation's post offices more than 20,000 times since the 2001 anthrax-by-mail attacks.

While nearly all have turned out to be false alarms, they take a toll on nerves and work time, and must be taken seriously because of the anthrax mailings — which included two postal workers among the five killed — and the more recent mailings of the poison ricin.

"A person will see something on a machine, the floor, a case, leaking out of an envelope or box," said Patrick R. Donahoe, the U.S. Postal Service's chief operating officer. "They have been instructed, if they see something like that, to consider it dangerous."

The area is then sealed off, and local hazardous materials teams and the Postal Inspection Service are called in, he said.

In one case on Feb. 11, three post offices in Petersburg, Va., were closed after white powder was seen leaking from a package addressed to Switzerland. The sender, a woman, had told a postal worker the package contained perfume. A Fort Lee decontamination team, equipped with oil drums and chemical suits, responded. Police cordoned off two blocks, and three postal workers and one firefighter received medical treatment as a precaution.

Tests ruled out dangerous materials.

While there isn't a pattern, more of the alarms tend to be in the East than in the West, Donahoe said, probably because the anthrax attacks occurred in Eastern cities and workers there may be more sensitive to the potential danger.

Postal inspector Molly McMinn said all have been false alarms other than the ricin and anthrax cases. Still, she said, responding to false alarms drains resources.

Postal Service officials said they couldn't estimate the cost of checking out suspicious packages.

How much time is lost depends on the facility, Donahoe said. In a large one, only an area may have to be evacuated, while a smaller office may have to be shut down, he said.

It also depends on the community. Some have equipment that can conduct a field test quickly while others have to send the material to a lab.

"I think that by responding quickly, the employees feel we're taking their best safety and health into consideration," Donahoe said.

Some suspicious powders have turned out to be harmless products like powdered alfredo sauce, ground lentils, pudding mix and coffee creamer, McMinn said. Other cases involved leaking samples of detergent, sugar or baking soda.

The Postal Service itself had used talc to keep dry the shipments of stamps sent to collectors.

One anonymous reader told the trade publication Linn's Stamp News that he had six firefighters, two police officers and the local haz-mat crew in his living room after noticing powder when he opened a package of stamps.



World Almanac

Friday, March 5, 2004

Today is the 65th day of 2004 and the 75th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1770, British soldiers in Boston killed five people when they shot into a crowd of protesters in the "Boston Massacre."

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iron Curtain" speech; often regarded as the beginning of the Cold War era.

In 1974, the first issue of People magazine is published.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rex Harrison (1908-1990), actor; Fred Williamson (1928-), actor and former football player, is 66; Felipe Gonzalez Marquez (1942-), former Spanish premier, is 62; Andy Gibb (1958-1988), musician; Niki Taylor (1975-), fashion model, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1993, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson received a lifetime international competition ban for testing positive to banned substances a second time.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A shadow has fallen upon the scenes so lately lighted by the Allied victory. ... From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent." — Winston Churchill

TODAY'S FACT: Chicago's Sears Tower, standing 1,450 feet tall and containing 110 stories, is the tallest building in the United States.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 28,663 — number of deaths in the United States in 2000 involving firearms.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 27) and full moon (March 6)

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Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-15-23-25.

Number matching five of five: 3.

Prize per winner: $15,589.

Winning tickets sold in: Lubbock, Fort Worth (2).

Matching four of five: 172. Prize: $123.

Matching three of five: 5,353. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 52,610. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 5-2-8
(Night) 4-2-0

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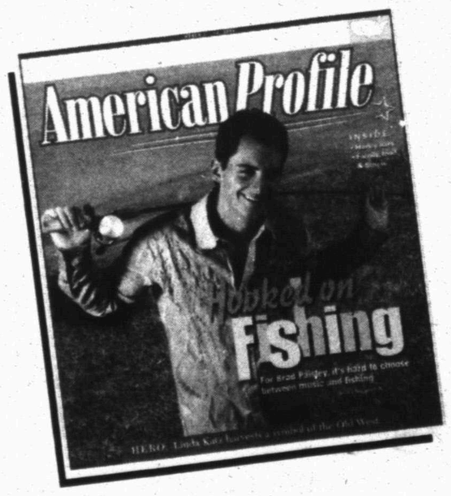
Fishing keeps Paisley grounded

As much as country music's Brad Paisley loves landing a 10-pound bass, it's the time he gets to spend with friends and loved ones that makes fishing his favorite pastime.



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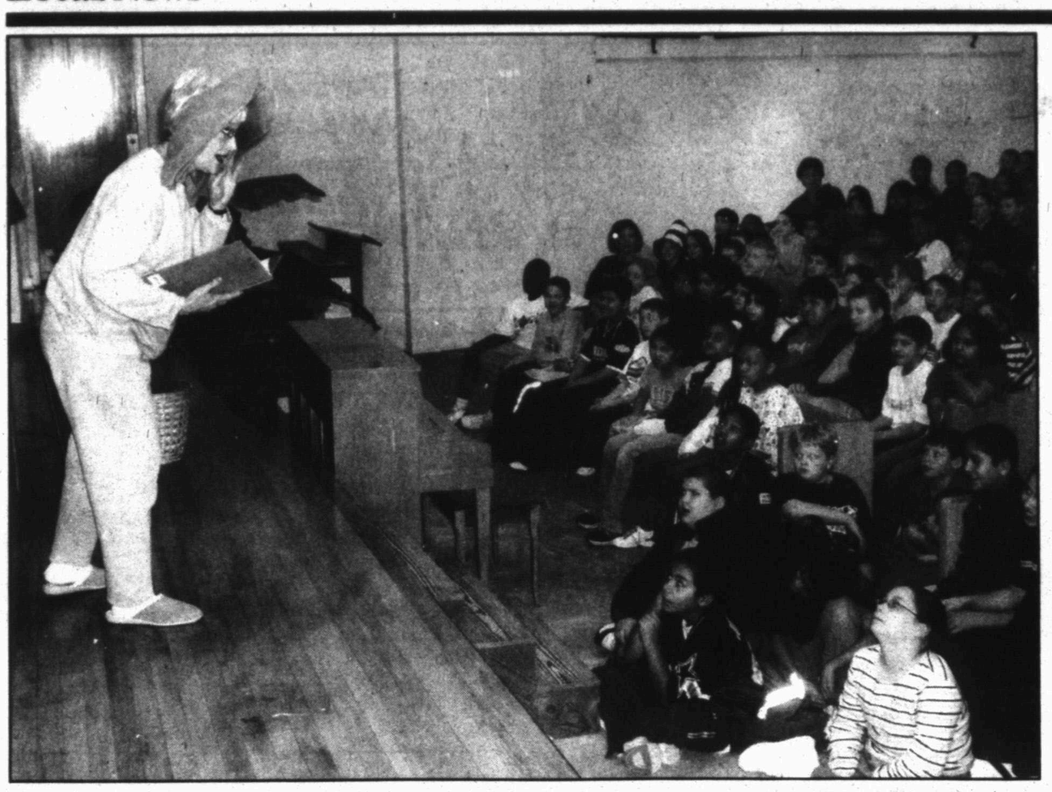

READ ACROSS AMERICA — Northeast Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Day on Tuesday. Everyone was encouraged to wear "pouty pants" (sweats, pajama pants or wind pants). During the assembly, fifth-grade teacher Rebekah Thornton read *Horton Hatches The Egg*. Not pictured is Laura Hester, kindergarten teacher, who read *And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street*. Dr. Seuss books were also given away during hourly drawings. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♥ 9 6
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A K Q J

West
♠ 8 2
♥ A K 5 4
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ 10 9 3

East
♠ 3
♥ Q J 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ 7 6 4

South
♠ A J 10 7 6 4
♥ 10 7
♦ K J
♣ 8 5 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Dbl.	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

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The one exception to the high-low rule

By Phillip Alder

You are defending against a suit contract. Partner leads the ace in a side suit, promising the ace and king. If you hold a doubleton in that suit, you would normally play your higher card, starting what we call an echo. You hope partner will cash the king at trick two, then give you a ruff at trick three. However, there is one doubleton from which you may not play high-low — which?

Now look at today's deal. How should the defenders card to defeat four spades?

South opened with a weak two-bid, promising a good six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points. Over West's takeout double, North took a shot at game. He didn't know who could make what, so wanted to make it as hard as possible for East. (If the prevailing vulnerability had tempted East to sacrifice in five hearts, North could have doubled and collected 500 — an excellent return when four spades can be defeated.)

Under West's heart ace, East should signal with the queen. However, one never plays high-low from a doubleton queen-low. (One must drop the low card and hope disaster doesn't strike.) East's queen shows that either he has just played a singleton (impossible here; South cannot have six hearts) or he holds the queen and the jack. East is saying that if West wishes, he may underlead his king at trick two and East will win the trick, either by ruffing or (much more likely) by playing his jack.

Here, West continues with the heart four, putting East on lead. Then East shifts to the diamond nine (or two), allowing West to take two tricks in the suit: one down.

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Investigators want to exhume remains believed to be 'Kid'

FORT SUMNER, N.M. (AP) — The sheriffs of Lincoln and De Baca counties want to exhume what are believed to be the remains of Billy the Kid in a Fort Sumner cemetery.

They say they are trying to set the historical record straight about the actions of Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett, who is said to have fatally shot the Kid the night of July 14, 1881, in a Fort Sumner home.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, Deputy Sheriff Steve Sederwall and De Baca County Sheriff Gary Graves filed a petition in state district court in Fort Sumner, seeking the exhumation.

Over the years, men such as Ollie P. "Brushy" Bill Roberts of Hico, Texas, and John Miller of Prescott, Ariz., have claimed to be the real Kid.

The investigators say the most significant lingering question involves whether Garrett really killed the Kid, whose real name was William Bonney.

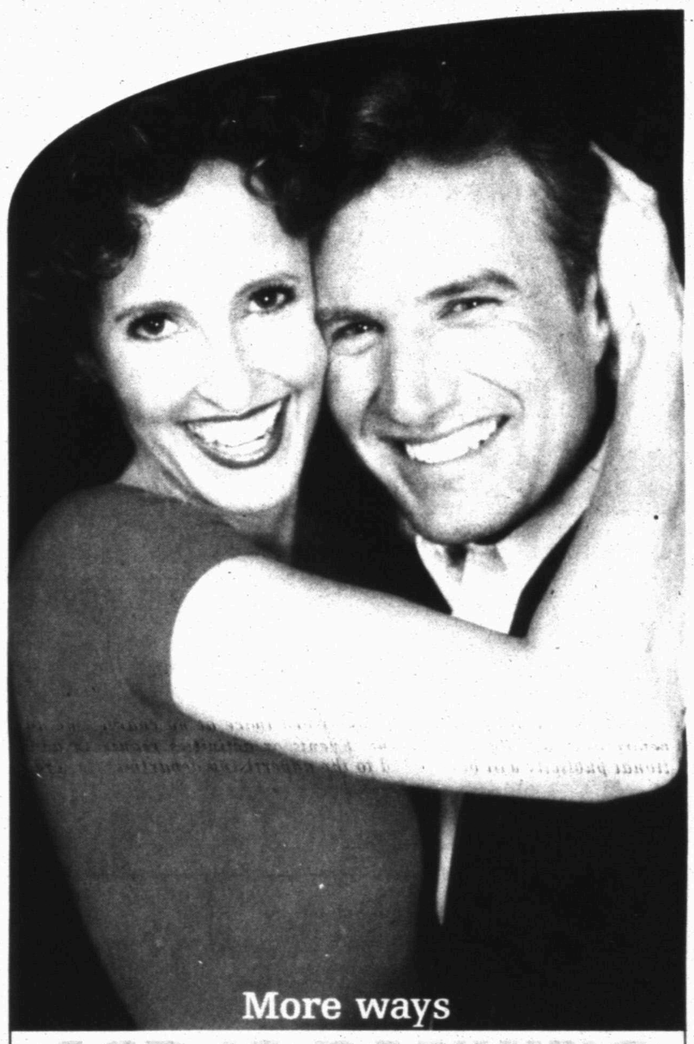
The investigators have a petition pending in state district court in Silver City to exhume the remains of the Kid's mother, Catherine Antrim.

They want to get a DNA sample from Antrim to compare to the remains in the Fort Sumner grave or the graves of the other self-proclaimed Billy the Kids.

But the petition has drawn criticism from those who believe the investigation is a misguided publicity stunt.

Fort Sumner Mayor Raymond Lopez, who called the petitioners "three idiots," vowed to fight the effort to dig up the Kid's remains.

"The governing bodies of the village of Fort Sumner and De Baca County oppose this wild-goose chase, and yet our sheriff continues to pursue it," Lopez said.



More ways

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Hygienist disgusted by clients who don't brush before visits

DEAR ABBY: I'm a dental hygienist. It's an excellent career, and I've been practicing for nine years.

For the life of me, I cannot understand why so many people get into my chair and tell me they haven't brushed their teeth all day. Even worse, they'll say, "I just ate a roast beef sandwich, so you might find some chunks in there." It's disgusting.

Abby, how can I let people know they should brush their teeth before visiting a dental office? — **GROSSED OUT IN GROSSE POINT**

DEAR GROSSED OUT: People already know they should have brushed their teeth before visiting you. Make it a practice to ask your patients when they arrive whether they have "had a chance" to brush their teeth. If the answer is no, smile, hand them a toothbrush and toothpaste, and tell them to go do it. At first, they may be taken aback, but it won't take them long to get used to the new drill.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband started working the graveyard shift two months ago. It has been a hard transition for us, but even harder for our 11-year-old son, "Ryan."

For the past couple of weeks, Ryan has been overly concerned about someone breaking into our third-floor apartment while we're asleep. I've tried my best to reassure Ryan, but he keeps having nightmares about someone breaking into our place — or my parents' apartment — and harming or killing us. He wakes up screaming and crying.

Do you have any suggestions about how I can make him feel more secure? — **SLEEPLESS IN NEW WESTMINSTER**

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My husband thinks I'm trying to do too much, that I should stop breast-feeding, get help around the house and "snap out of it."

My inability to communicate and be intimate with him is causing problems between us, and they are affecting the rest of our family. My husband has always been my best friend, but he can't understand how I feel these days.

I don't know how to climb out of this hole or what to do. Help! — **TRYING TO DO TOO MUCH**

DEAR TRYING: Tell your doctor exactly what you have told me. You may be suffering from postpartum depression caused by hormone changes following childbirth. Please don't wait. Do it now.

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Dallas carjacker spared

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned inmate Yokamon Hearn lived to see another day when a federal appeals court stopped his scheduled execution.

Hearn, 25, was spared Thursday evening less than an hour before he could have been taken to the Texas death chamber for killing a Dallas-area man who was shot 10 times in the head during a carjacking and abduction six years ago.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with defense attorneys who filed late appeals seeking a delay, contending Hearn may be mentally retarded and ineligible for execution. Attorneys wanted more time to pursue the claim. The U.S. Supreme Court has barred capital punishment for the mentally retarded.

The death warrant allowed the execution to be carried out after 6 p.m. although state officials normally wait until all appeals are resolved before moving ahead with the lethal injection.

Hearn already had eaten a final meal that included salad, chicken, 10 beef tacos, french fries, fried okra, two whole yellow onions and pitchers of orange juice and iced tea and was praying with a chaplain at 5:43 p.m. when he received word of the reprieve.

Asked if he was surprised, he replied: "No. I've got faith in God."

He immediately was returned from the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, where executions are carried out, to death row at the Polunsky Unit, outside Livingston and about 45 miles to the east.

Hearn would have been the ninth convicted killer executed in Texas this year and the second in as many nights.

He was facing lethal injection for the shooting of Frank Meziere, a 23-year-old Plano stockbroker abducted at gunpoint from a self-service car wash in Dallas.

Meziere's body was found March 26, 1998, along the side of a road in an industrial area of Oak Cliff, a neighborhood in south Dallas. His car was found about five miles away, abandoned and with the lights on.

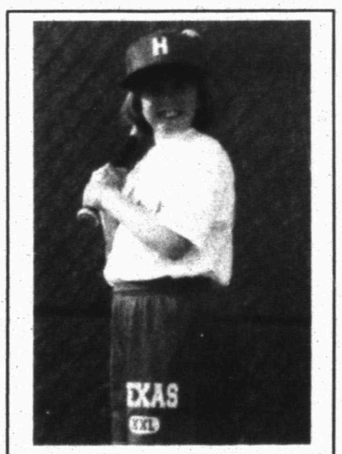
According to testimony at his trial, Hearn bragged to friends about how he "domed" Meziere, meaning he shot him in the head. Hearn was 19 at the time and had a lengthy record that included burglary, robbery, assault, sexual assault and weapons possession.

Two companions, Dwight Burley and Teresa Shirley, were in a second car and followed them to an area near Dallas' wastewater treatment plant.

Woman gets 25 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman convicted of murder for stabbing her tied-up husband 193 times was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in prison after a jury rejected her claim that she acted in self-defense after years of abuse.

Susan Wright, 27, began crying silently upon hearing the sentence and declined to make a statement before being taken into custody. She will be eligible for parole in 121/2 years.



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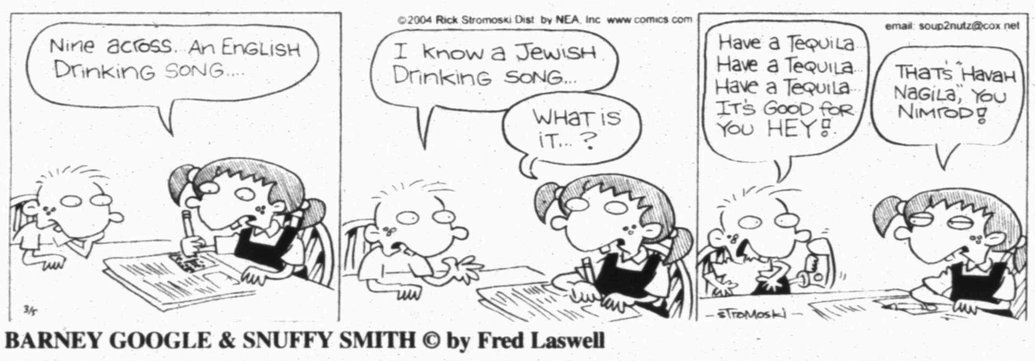

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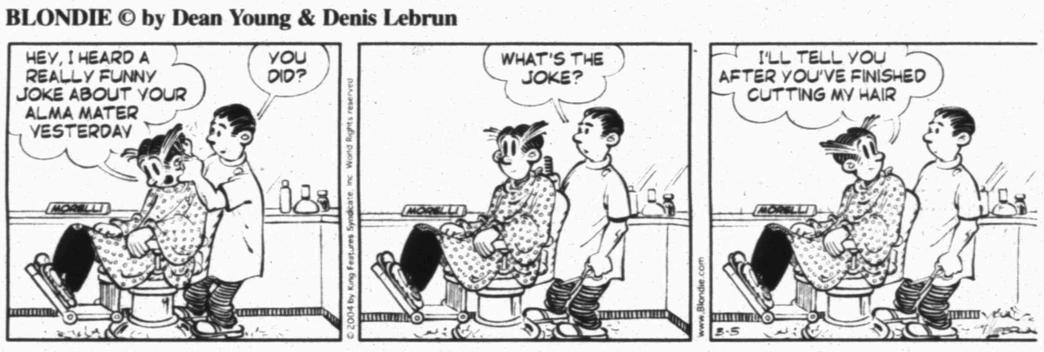

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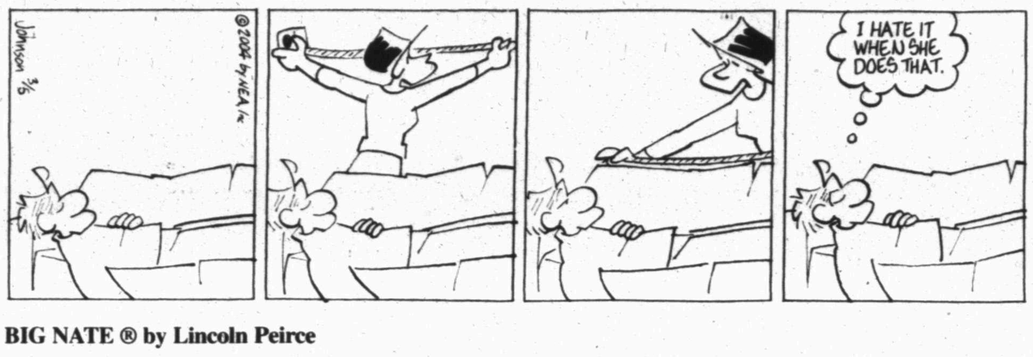

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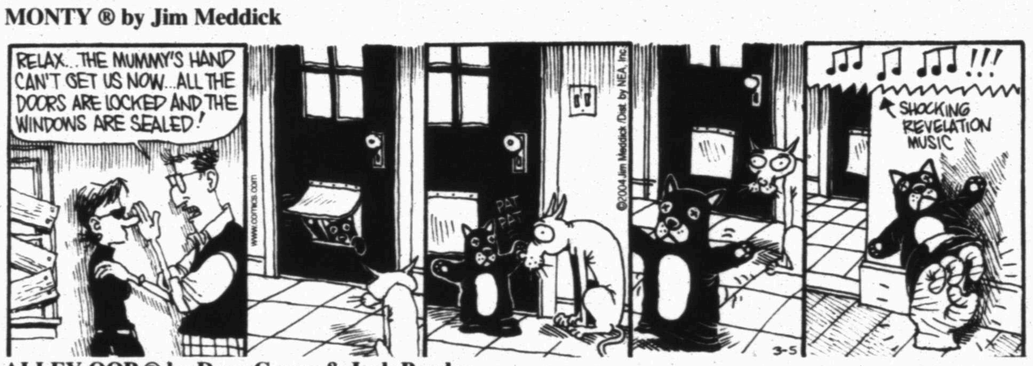

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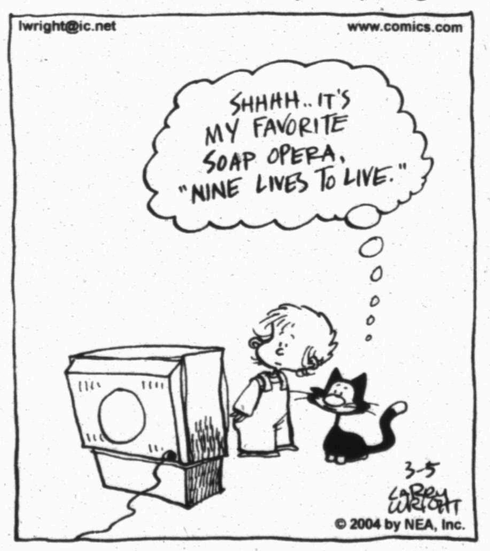

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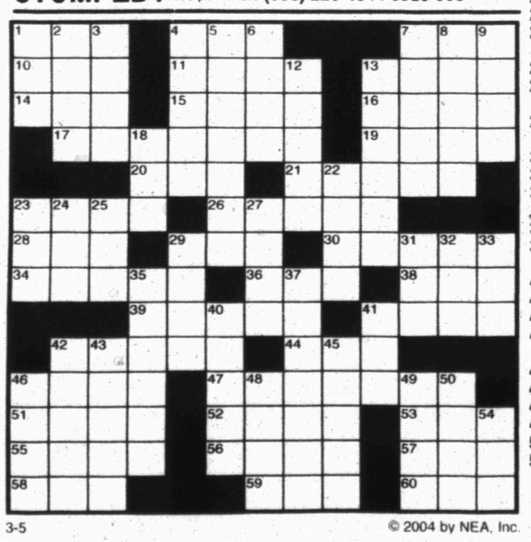

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SHS coaches expect strong showings at Canyon Reef

The Snyder thinclads set nine personal records at the first track and field meet of the season, and hope to use those times and distances as a springboard to a first-place finish at the Canyon Reef Relays Saturday.

"The conditions (at Frenship) weren't favorable, but we ran good times and competed hard," head track coach Roger White said. "We ran times I expected at midseason."

Snyder beat all 3A schools at the Frenship meet, finishing with 81 points although the team did not enter in the pole vault, high jump or triple jump.

With four other track meets taking place Saturday in West Texas, the field for the Snyder meet has been whittled down to eight teams, including the Tigers.

Four of the six Districts 3-3A will participate, with only Sweetwater and Denver City not attending.

Sweetwater will be at the Wylie meet, while Denver City originally was scheduled to be in Snyder, but pulled out of the meet.

Along with Seminole, Lamesa and Merkel, other boys teams entered in the Relays include Midland Greenwood, Roby, Seagraves and Shallowater.

White said several athletes have exceeded early-season expectations, including shot putter Demetrius Brandon, runners Jesus Juarez and Malcome Wells, Antoine Cobb and Zach Cain.

White added that the recent deluges that have swept across the area have set the team back, preventing the athletes from working on techniques and steps.

And he still thinks the team isn't at its best yet.

"I feel like we haven't run our best times by far," he said. "We need to keep working and build to a peak at district. There's still room for improvement."

Girls head coach Todd Pollard thinks the team also has a shot to win the meet.

"I feel good about our chances," he said. "It's kind of new, since we have several girls I haven't seen. This will give us a chance to get a look at them and see who performs."

Returning state qualifier leads a group of 34 girls who signed up for track this year.

"I'm excited," Pollard said. "We have 34 quality girls this year, and I expect several of them to come out and do good things."

The Canyon Reef Relays get underway at 9 a.m. with the varsity girls triple jump, and will close with the running finals, which are scheduled to start at 2 p.m.



FIRST PLACE — The first place team in the Little Dribblers' Major Division is, front from left, William Davis, Logan Tabor, Anthony Taylor, John Ryan Buchanon, back from left, Richard DeLuna, Steven Juarez, Will Toombs and Rey Juarez Jr. Standing in back are coaches Kirk Taylor and Rey Juarez. (Contributed Photo)

SHS softball tourney gets underway after rain delay

Thursday's thunderstorms forced the Snyder softball tournament to cancel the first day of the tournament, but clear skies greeted the area this morning.

Greenwood and Lamesa got things started at 10 today on field #1, while Monahans and Estacado battled on field #2 at the same time.

Snyder was scheduled to begin at 11:45 this morning against Levelland on field #1.

Eight games are scheduled for the first round of the double elimination tournament, with four games — two each in the championship and consolation brackets — slated for this afternoon.

If Snyder tops Levelland, they will play the winner of Midland High JV and Plainview at 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Should the Lady Tigers fall, they will play the loser of that game at 6:45 today.

The tournament championship game will be played at 6 p.m. Saturday, with the consolation bracket final scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday.

Plainview, Dallas Lincoln play for state title again

AUSTIN (AP) — It's as a predictable as the wind in West Texas. Plainview will play Dallas Lincoln for the Class 4A state championship.

Those two teams guaranteed a fourth straight meeting in the 4A title game by winning their semifinals Thursday night.

Dallas Lincoln beat Pflugerville Connally 40-36 behind Simone Cooks' 14 points and 17 rebounds. Plainview got past Kerrville Tivy 59-48 as five players scored in double figures.

Plainview (31-2) beat Dallas Lincoln (29-1) in each of the last three title games.

The Lady Tigers shot just 24 percent against Pflugerville Connally but managed to hold on to win.

In other games Thursday:

—In Class 3A, Winnsboro unleashed a barrage of 3-pointers to beat Liberty Hill 66-41.

Sisters Whitney and Kristin Huffman combined for 37 points and nine 3-pointers for Winnsboro (34-3). Jenna Pauley scored 10 to lead Liberty Hill (31-4).

In the other semifinal, Jordan Hampton scored 15 points and Canyon outscored Groesbeck 13-2 in the third quarter to pull away for a 54-39 victory.

Canyon (32-2) held Groesbeck (30-7) to 23 percent shooting. Ashley Tatum led Groesbeck with 17 points.

—In Class 1A, Fayetteville (31-5) won the Division II title 48-41 over Briscoe Fort Elliott. Jessica Martinek and Brooke Fritsch hit two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

Martinek scored 28 points. Katie Donaldson had 26 points and 13 rebounds to lead Briscoe Fort Elliott (32-2).

In the Division I title game, Magan Moore scored 10 points in the fourth quarter to send Archer City past Muenster 43-42.

Brittni Burks scored 18 points for Archer City (29-5), including a free throw with 2.9 seconds left that proved to be the game winner when Muenster's Alisha Walterscheid hit a 3-pointer at the final buzzer.

Ravens trade for Terrell Owens

By The Associated Press

Terrell Owens seems a perfect fit for the Baltimore Ravens' lackluster offense — if he keeps his temper in check.

The volatile receiver was traded by San Francisco to the Ravens on Thursday, a week after he was prevented from becoming a free agent because of a paperwork mistake. The 49ers got a second-round draft pick in return — a bonus considering they would have received nothing had he become a free agent.

Owens is one of the top playmakers in the NFL, but his behavior alienated coaches and teammates and prompted San Francisco to get rid of him.

"However he treated people or dealt with people before is not of concern to me because the Baltimore Ravens weren't a part of that," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said.

Philadelphia, meanwhile, finalized its $66 million, eight-year deal with Jevon Kearse after the former Tennessee defensive end passed a physical. That had been a concern because of foot problems that kept Kearse on the sideline for much of the past two seasons.

"I think they're one pass rusher away from winning the big game. Not one player from winning the NFC championship, but one player away from winning the Super Bowl," said Kearse, whose signing lifts the spirits of Philadelphia fans after three consecutive losses in the NFC title game.

The Seattle Seahawks signed defensive end Grant Wistrom to a multiyear contract, with agent Tom Condon saying it was a six-year deal that includes a $14 million signing bonus.

Frenship tourney underway today

The Snyder Tigers made the long journey to Wolfforth Thursday, only to turn around and come back home after getting washed out on the first day of the Frenship baseball tournament.

With the delay came a change in the schedule for today.

Snyder was scheduled to kick off the tourney with a 12:30 game against Perryton. The team has two games Saturday: against Borger at 12:30 p.m. and with Plainview at 5:30 p.m.

The Tigers are 3-0 on the season, and have waited through several rainouts to start the year.

Dusters reschedule games

This weekend's series between the Lady Dusters of Western Texas College and El Paso Community College has been rescheduled to March 31-April 1.

Field conditions forced the cancellation of the opening ceremonies Saturday. The dedication of the softball field has been rescheduled to April 3.

The Lady Dusters won their first two conference games last weekend, topping Howard College, 4-2 and 7-6, behind complete games from Patricia Gonzales and Amber House.

The wins also helped push the Dusters over .500 for the season at 15-14. They are 2-4 now in conference play.

Miracle three-pointer keeps Stanford perfect

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Matt Lottich provided another incredible ending in Stanford's storybook season.

After a wild scramble for a loose ball in front of the Cardinal bench, Lottich hit a long 3-pointer at the buzzer to give top-ranked and undefeated Stanford a 63-61 victory over dogged Washington State on Thursday night.

"I knew time was low," said Lottich, who led the Cardinal with 15 points. "I've done it before."

But rarely with so much on the line.

The improbable shot gave Stanford its 26th consecutive win and squashed Washington State's hopes of toppling a No. 1 team for the first time in 24 tries.

"We, obviously, were very lucky at the end," Cardinal coach Mike Montgomery said. "I don't know how many times Matt Lottich has made those."

Stanford (26-0, 17-0 Pac-10) must defeat Washington on Saturday in Seattle to complete the first 18-0 season in Pac-10 history.

"It'll be an NCAA-level game," Montgomery said. "We've got a one-game season for a perfect season."

In the only other game Thursday involving a ranked team, No. 13 Cincinnati was upset by DePaul 68-65.

Montgomery said he felt bad for Washington State (12-15, 6-11), the eighth-place team in the league. The Cougars' aggressive defense held Stanford 12 points below its season average.

Dredge tops at Dubai Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods has been having fun off the golf course.

Today, he started to enjoy himself on it, too.

Woods birdied two of the last six holes of the delayed first round of the Dubai Desert Classic for a 2-under 70. The first round was completed today after being stopped by darkness on Thursday with half the field still to finish.

His round put him six strokes behind leader Bradley Dredge, who had an 8-under 64 in a round he completed Thursday.

Scott Drummond of Scotland finished his round today with a 67 to tie European Tour regular David Howell, who shot a 67 on Thursday. Four players were in at 68: Richard Green of Australia, Frenchman Rapael Jacquelin, Paul McGinley or Ireland and England's Simon Dyson.

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Pairings for the University Interscholastic League state girls' basketball tournament Thursday through Saturday in Austin:

Class 5A Friday semifinals

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Duncanville (34-4) vs. San Antonio Taft (32-6), 7 p.m.

Championship

8 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A Thursday semifinals

Dallas Lincoln 40, Pflugerville Connally 36

Plainview 59, Kerrville Tivy 48

Championship

Dallas Lincoln (29-1) vs. Plainview (31-2), 4 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A Thursday semifinals

Winnsboro 66, Liberty Hill 41

Canyon 54, Groesbeck 39

Championship

Winnsboro (34-3) vs. Canyon (32-2), 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Class 2A Friday semifinals

Aubrey (34-2) vs. Poth (28-5), 9:30 a.m.

Shallowater (34-2) vs. Hooks (26-7), 11 a.m.

Championship

2:30 p.m. Saturday

Class A Division I Thursday finals

Archer City 43, Muenster 42

Class A Division II Thursday finals

Fayetteville 48, Fort Elliott 41

Class A Texas Cup Saturday

Archer City (29-5) vs. Fayetteville (31-5), 9 a.m.

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N.Y. Rangers	23	32	7	5	58	173	198
Pittsburgh	13	44	6	4	36	141	262
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Ottawa	35	17	9	5	84	219	144
Boston	32	16	13	7	84	173	155
Montreal	34	26	6	2	76	171	155
Buffalo	29	30	6	1	65	170	181
Southeast Division							
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Florida	24	27	14	3	65	149	172
Atlanta	27	32	6	2	62	182	207
Carolina	20	28	13	4	57	123	160
Washington	20	36	8	2	50	154	199
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Detroit	38	17	9	2	87	210	151
Nashville	33	24	8	2	76	178	177
St. Louis	29	26	9	2	69	149	166
Columbus	20	35	8	4	52	146	192
Chicago	18	34	9	5	50	153	197
Northwest Division							
Colorado	33	16	12	5	83	193	155
Vancouver	35	19	8	4	82	192	155
Calgary	33	25	5	3	74	159	146
Edmonton	27	27	11	2	67	178	173
Minnesota	21	26	18	2	62	144	152
Pacific Division							
San Jose	33	16	11	6	83	172	140
Dallas	33	22	11	0	77	151	144
Los Angeles	25	18	16	7	73	173	171
Anaheim	24	26	9	8	65	149	171
Phoenix	20	26	15	5	60	165	200

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

Thursday's Games

Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 1

Nashville 9, Pittsburgh 4

Toronto 6, N.Y. Islanders 2

Edmonton 1, St. Louis 1, tie

Minnesota 1, Los Angeles 1, tie

Today's Games

Ottawa at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Carolina at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

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San Jose at Colorado, 8 p.m.

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National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	37	23	.617	—
New York	27	35	.435	11
Boston	26	36	.419	12
Miami	26	36	.419	12
Philadelphia	24	38	.387	14
Washington	20	39	.339	16½
Orlando	17	46	.270	21½
Central Division				
Indiana	45	16	.738	—
Detroit	39	25	.609	7½
Milwaukee	33	28	.541	12
New Orleans	33	28	.541	12
Toronto	26	35	.426	19
Cleveland	25	36	.410	20
Atlanta	20	41	.328	25
Chicago	18	43	.295	27
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Minnesota	44	17	.721	—
San Antonio	40	21	.656	4
Dallas	39	21	.650	4½
Memphis	37	24	.607	7
Houston	34	26	.567	9½
Denver	33	29	.532	11½
Utah	31	30	.508	13
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	45	15	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	39	21	.650	6
Portland	29	32	.475	16½
Seattle	27	34	.443	18½
Golden State	25	34	.424	19½
L.A. Clippers	25	35	.417	20
Phoenix	21	41	.339	25

Thursday's Games

Miami 104, Milwaukee 98

Sacramento 114, Philadelphia 105

Detroit 83, Portland 68

Today's Games

Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m.

New York at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Washington at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Cleveland at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

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Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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Court throws out sentence

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court on Thursday threw out a probation sentence given to a North Carolina man convicted of burning a cross near the home of an interracial couple while brandishing a gun, agreeing with prosecutors who said the penalty was too light.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Robert Nelson May to return to a lower court for resentencing. He pleaded guilty last year to racial intimidation for threats made against Anthony Sanders, who is black, and Jacquelette Paige Williams, who is white.

May was given a one-month jail sentence, with credit for time served, plus two years of probation.

A lower-court judge determined that May deserved a sentence less than the guidelines of 18 months to two years in prison because he had been provoked when one of the victims made an obscene gesture.

But the appeals court rejected that reasoning, citing a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year that cross-burning demonstrated "that the possibility of injury or death is not just hypothetical." That ruling overturned a Virginia court that had ruled that laws against cross-burning muzzled free speech.

"A crime of intimidation loaded with a history of racial terror is not a proportional response to a gesture — admittedly tasteless — made daily on the highways at rush hour," the appellate judges wrote.

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NEW YORK (AP)

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Alltel	53.05	52.57	52.95	+.20
AmEl Pw	34.09	33.70	33.98	—.01
AndarkPtr	52.21	51.46	52.04	+.67
ATMOS Egy	26.90	26.69	26.90	+.15
Aviall	15.78	15.70	15.77	—.08
BP PLC	50.12	49.45	50.07	+.11
BakerHughes	37.97	37.50	37.86	+.37
Bank of Amer	83.00	81.00	82.85	+.73
BellSouth	29.16	28.78	28.89	—.18
BurlNoSFe	31.26	30.70	31.18	+.22
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CmclMetals	31.38	30.67	31.34	+.36
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Dillards Inc	18.43	17.93	18.36	+.03
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Legislators discuss cost of Texas education

AUSTIN (AP) — A new study suggests a significant relationship between student performance and spending in Texas, lawmakers examining how the state's school finance system can be restructured were told Thursday.

The Texas A&M University study found that it takes about $6,200 annually per student to maintain a 55 percent pass rate of the state-mandated Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam. That's about $800 less per student than the current average budgeted level in federal, state and local dollars.

The study looked at a 55 percent pass rate as academically acceptable.

"To me it's a low bar to set, and the correlation was made very distinctly, that to move performance higher it costs money," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, a member of the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance. "So for those people who say it's not about the money, let me tell you: This study proves it's about the money."

Laura Taylor, the assistant professor at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service who presented the study, noted that Texas is so large that there are several performance variables, such as student need, geography and district size. The study, she said, is "suggestive, rather than definitive."

The study found that the cost of education is influenced by district size and geographic isolation. It also noted that costs can be significantly higher in districts with large numbers of poor students or students who speak limited English or are in special education programs.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano and co-chair of the committee, called the study a "baseline."

"Incentives programs, teacher salary increases, those kinds of things, that I'd like to look at now," she said. "We've got a baseline, now we build on that baseline."

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, the Arlington Republican who is chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance, has said he expects the panel to be prepared for a special legislative session on school finance by April 1.

Gov. Rick Perry has said he will call a special session, probably in April, to overhaul the state's so-called Robin Hood system of school finance. Under that system, local property tax revenue from wealthy school districts is redistributed to poorer districts. The state faces a July trial date in a lawsuit brought by several districts in Texas.

But, as lawmakers squabble over how the state should pay for public schools, Perry says he won't call a session until a consensus on a replacement plan has been reached.

Shapiro said Thursday that she favors a statewide property tax, which would be redistributed appropriately to each district, eliminating the inequity between property wealthy and property poor districts.



RECEIVE JACKETS —Brittany Scott, left, Scurry County 4-H, and Baily Nickerson, Ira FFA, received jackets for their accomplishments in the Junior Meat Goat Show Circuit in 2003. They received the jackets at the annual awards banquet Sunday night in San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Harry Vanderford has a 10-year plan — to live until he's 110.

It's not that far-fetched, considering he just turned 100 and could conceivably walk the rest of the way.



Vanderford said after blowing out his birthday candles Wednesday that "my goal is to make it to 110."

Vanderford says he eats plenty of spinach, carrots, broccoli and fruits, he doesn't use tobacco and he walks two miles three times a week.

He celebrated his 100th birthday with about 100 fellow mall walkers at Antioch Center, where he's walked laps for 30 years. At age 98, he cut back from three miles to just two.

"It's amazing that he's still out here walking," said mall walker Faye Sanderson. "He's an inspiration, encouraging to the rest of us who are getting on up there."

The mall presented him with a plaque and a proclamation from Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes declaring Wednesday as Harry Vanderford day.

"Thank you so much," he said after the crowd sang "Happy Birthday." "I'm so glad you're all here. And I'm so glad I'm here."

Vanderford and his wife, Mabel, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary April 14.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, March 6, 2004

In the year ahead, you are apt to fare far better in enterprises where you rely solely upon yourself rather than on others. Think twice before you tie yourself down to a project-related partnership situation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Normally you're very sensitive and diplomatic when dealing with others. Today, however, you might completely step out of character and end up getting accused of being domineering.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Do not permit others to overshadow your methods and procedures today and cause you to work under pressure. Keep them out your affairs and away from the agenda you set for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Keep your nose clean today by steering clear of situations where you are forced to side with one friend against another. Regardless of how or why you choose, you'll lose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do not let it be said of you that you are the one who initiated a domestic rumble today. If you assume a "don't do as I do, but do as I say" posture, you'll be creating trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A philosophy that has proven beneficial for you may not be tailored to suit the needs of others, so don't try to impose your ideas on anybody else. Each person's situation can be unique.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Business dealings today are likely to prove far more complicated than how they appear on the surface — or what you anticipate. It would be wise not to accept anything at face value.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In situations where you share vested interests with another, it will be important today to bend over backwards to be fair. People are overly protective at this time and will react accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Co-workers won't appreciate it one bit today if you act as a self-appointed supervisor. Even if you have good suggestions, do your thing and let them do theirs without interference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Members of your social circle may not see you as being as charismatic as you envision yourself to be today. Be careful what you say and how you say it or you could get your ego punctured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Take care not to stray out of your own sphere of influence today. If you try to project your authority in other areas, you will find yourself in danger of being out of bounds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Try to be tolerant and patient with people who are not in accord with your ideas. Everyone is as entitled to their own opinions as you're entitled to yours. Respect the differences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is a strong chance that you will be particularly vulnerable to gratifying extravagant whims today. If you're not prudent, your wallet will end up holding only faded photographs.

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Justice intervenes on behalf of Boy Scouts

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The government intervened Thursday on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America in a federal lawsuit over whether the Scouts should be evicted from a San Diego park because they discriminate against atheists and gays.

The Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division submitted a friend-of-the-court brief supporting the Scouts in a 4-year-old court fight over the Scouts' lease on Fiesta Island, a public park where the organization runs a youth aquatic center.

"Quite simply, the Boy Scouts of America is not a church, and canoeing, kayaking and swimming are not religious activities," said R. Alexander Acosta, assistant attorney general for the division. "Boy Scouts should not be prohibited from using public lands on an equal basis with other youth groups."

The American Civil Liberties Union sued the Scouts' local council and the city of San Diego, contending the Scouts should be evicted.

"It is sadly ironic that the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice — which in the '50s and '60s fought on behalf of civil rights for African-Americans — has today come in on the side of an organization that proudly and openly discriminates against people on the basis of their religious non-belief or their sexual orientation," ACLU attorney M. Andrew Woodmansee said.

Both sides are scheduled to present arguments in the case next month.

A San Diego-area Boy Scouts spokeswoman, Merrilee Boyack, welcomed the government's intervention.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Dealing with a nickel allergy

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 83 and have worn earrings since my teens. I do not have pierced earlobes. For the past few months, my left lobe becomes scaly and itchy whenever I apply an earring. My dermatologist told me that I have developed an allergy to nickel, which all earrings contain. Do I have any options?

DEAR READER: Most jewelry metal contains nickel, to which — unfortunately — many women (and men) become overly sensitive. The reason for this is unknown, but the skin reaction can be quite severe and unpleasant, as you have discovered.

Here is what I suggest.

Avoid earrings altogether for several weeks. This "cooling off" period could lead to a resolution of the nickel allergy. Then, try using earrings that are free of nickel. As you can imagine, these are much more expensive because the gold or platinum is purer. Avoid silver products because even some sterling jewelry contains nickel.

Should this strategy fail, consider applying over-the-counter hydrocortisone cream to your inflamed earlobes — or simply give up on earrings altogether.

Because I am not a man who feels comfortable wearing neck or head jewelry, I cannot give you advice based on practical data. Consequently, I welcome advice from readers who may have more personal experience than I do.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 86 and often choke on what I eat or drink. I went to a doctor who said I have dysphagia and sent me for therapy to no avail. Where do I go from here?

DEAR READER: To a gastroenterologist, I hope. You doctor has, apparently, chosen to rename your affliction rather than diagnosing and treating this potentially serious ailment.

Dysphagia is the medical term denoting a difficulty swallowing. It's like saying your auto has a "gasoline deficiency" when you're running on empty. Hardly a helpful solution when what you need is to gas up.

Swallowing problems are common in the elderly because of changes in the muscular reflexes necessary for normal swallowing. While this phenomenon may be age-related, it could also be the result of neuromuscular disorders, tumors, infection, acid reflux and a host of other causes.

In my opinion, you need an upper gastrointestinal swallowing study, an X-ray test that will define your problem more clearly. Then you can be treated.

Dysphagia is serious because it can lead to what is called "aspiration pneumonia," when food or drink is unexpectedly breathed in (rather than swallowed), leading to a form of chemical lung inflammation. Ask your physician to refer you to a gastroenterologist for appropriate testing and therapy.

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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Songwriting takes toll

NEW YORK (AP) — Don McLean says songwriting takes an emotional toll on him.

"It's nerve-racking for me. I'm not a formula songwriter," McLean told AP Radio in an interview. His songs include "American Pie," "Castles in the Air" and "Vincent (Starry Starry Night)."

"You write the song and as it's coming out of you, you get emotional about it." he said



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AP poll shows Bush and Kerry tied

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry and President Bush are starting the general election campaign tied, according to an Associated Press poll, while independent Ralph Nader is drawing enough support to make Democrats squirm.

The Republican incumbent had 46 percent support, Democrat Kerry had 45 percent and Nader, the 2000 Green Party candidate who entered the race last month, was at 6 percent in the survey conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Bush and the four-term Massachusetts senator, who emerged as the nominee Tuesday after a string of primary race wins over several rivals, have run close or Kerry has been ahead in most recent polls that did not include Nader.

Since Nader entered the race Feb. 22, campaign strategists and political analysts have been trying to assess the impact of another presidential bid by the consumer activist who is blamed by some Democrats for Al Gore's loss in 2000.

In the last presidential election, Nader was on the ballot in 43 states and Washington, D.C., garnering only 2.7 percent of the vote. But in Florida and New Hampshire, Bush won such narrow victories that had Gore received the bulk of Nader's votes in those states, he would have won the general election.

Exit polls from 2000 show that about half of Nader's voters would have backed Gore in a two-way race, far more than would have supported Bush. Nader dismisses the spoiler label.

While Nader's support in the AP-Ipsos poll was 6 percent, his backing in polls in 2000 fluctuated in the single digits — often at about 4 percent, but sometimes higher. This year, Nader is unlikely to get the Green Party's nomination and he faces a stiff challenge in getting his name on the ballot in the 50 states.

Kenneth Freeman, an 86-year-old retiree from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., who leans Democratic, was unhappy with Nader's presidential bid.

"Ralph Nader is fouling it all up," Freeman said. "He's taking votes away from the Democrats. I think he's on an ego trip."

Bush's job approval in the AP-Ipsos poll was 48 percent, with 49 percent disapproving — essentially the same as last month when 47 percent approved of his job performance.

His approval rating, which soared close to 90 percent after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and remained high for months, has dipped to the lowest levels of his presidency in recent weeks.

Report on hostage situation uncovers serious problems

PHOENIX (AP) — A prison warden was demoted and eight other supervisors reassigned after an investigation into a 15-day hostage standoff in a watchtower found gaps in security compounded by "years worth of bad decisions" at all levels of Arizona's prison system.

"The findings of this committee, to say the least, are disturbing," Herb Guenther, co-chairman of the panel investigating the hostage situation, said Thursday. "This is a monster that is awry right now. It will be a monumental task to turn this agency around."

The panel, appointed by Gov. Janet Napolitano, found that the hostage situation was the result of "a series of small but critical gaps in security" that were made worse by inattention and complacency across the prison system.

The panel was one facet of ongoing investigations into how two inmates were able to overpower two guards on Jan. 18 and hold them hostage in the tower at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye, about 50 miles southwest of Phoenix.

One hostage, Jason Auch, was released Jan. 24. The other, a female guard who said she was raped, was released Feb. 1, the day inmates Ricky Wassenaar and Steven Coy surrendered. Wassenaar has said the standoff was the result of a failed escape attempt.

Investigators concluded that a crisis of some kind at a state prison was inevitable given what it called chronic underfunding by the Legislature, a lack of adequate training for officers, severe staffing shortages and poor morale.

Ashcroft hospitalized

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft has been hospitalized in an intensive care unit for a severe case of gallstone pancreatitis, his chief spokesman said today.

Ashcroft, a 61-year-old former Missouri senator who has been free of health problems, canceled an appearance Thursday afternoon at which he was to have announced verdicts in a terrorism case.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said the attorney general initially believed he had a stomach flu.

"He went home and when the condition worsened, he was visited by White House physician Daniel Parks, who advised that he go to the emergency room," Corallo said.

He said Ashcroft was taken Thursday night to the George Washington University Hospital for evaluation.

Shiite council members refuse to approve interim constitution

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Shiite members of Iraq's Governing Council refused to sign the interim constitution at the last minute today, delaying a signing ceremony after the country's top cleric rejected parts of the document, Iraqi officials said.

The council agreed to the accord unanimously Monday, but Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani rejected provisions put into the text at the request of the Kurds to protect their self-rule area in the north, said a source in the council, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"The marja'iya (al-Sistani's office) will not accept it," the source said.

Also in dispute was a clause outlining the shape of the presidency, a Shiite official said. The Shiites were reviving a demand that would let them dominate the presidency, he said.

Council members went into an emergency meeting to try to resolve the differences several hours before a signing ceremony was to be held, said a coalition spokesman speaking on condition of anonymity. Several hours past its scheduled time, the ceremony was still not held and there was no immediate word on when it would take place.

The top U.S. administrator, L. Paul Bremer, was observing the meeting but not participating, the spokesman said. He said the delay was caused by a "technical issue" that arose in the past 24 hours.

In Washington, the State Department declined immediate comment.

The interim constitution is a crucial part of the U.S. plan for handing over power to the Iraqis on June 30.

The sharply divided Governing Council agreed on the draft early Monday only after Bremer pushed them into intensive marathon sessions to overcome their differences. The Shiites' move to reopen the debate throws into disarray the unity shown in that agreement.

Mahmoud Othman, an independent Kurd on the council, denounced the Shiite maneuver as "just a matter of putting obstacles in front of the declaration."

"The way they put it is not right. The minority should not impose their will on the majority," he told CNN.

Hamed al-Bayati, an adviser to one of the Shiite parties that refused to sign, said the Shiites were balking at signing because of two clauses in the draft that was agreed on.

One of the clauses was sought by the Kurds to ensure that the eventual permanent constitution, to be put to a national referendum, does not encroach on their self-rule zone in the north. The clause says that if two-thirds of the voters in any three provinces reject the permanent charter, it will not go into effect.

Births

Kerry Holt, Lonnie and Susan Blackard of Snyder and Bill Holt of Sieper, La., announce the birth of their granddaughter, Kaitlyn Grace Holt, at 2:39 p.m. on Feb. 24 in Carlsbad Medical Center. She weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Jody and Shana Holt of Carlsbad.

Great-grandparents are Doris and Rodger Blackard, Jesse and Joyce Tolbert and Terry Holt of Snyder and Ted and Helen Holt of Sieper.

PI, outstanding city traffic warrants leads to one arrest

• ***Arrest***

Officers arrested a 25-year-old male at 4 a.m. today in the 2500 block of 25th Street for public intoxication and several outstanding city traffic warrants and failure to appear in court.

• ***Possible drug possession***

Officers were called to the La Posada Apartments at 11 p.m. in reference to juveniles possibly possessing drugs. The juveniles were transported to the police department where they were later released to their parents. No charges were filed.

• ***Shoplifters***

An officer was requested at Wal-Mart at 5 p.m. in reference to a pair of juvenile shoplifters. No charges were filed but the two were ordered to stay away from the store.

• ***Dog bite***

Officers filed a report for two dog bite offenses at 9 p.m. Thursday as a person was treated at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room for the bites.

• ***Aggressive dogs***

Officers were called to the 2000 block of Avenue L at 5:58 p.m. in reference to two aggressive dogs in that neighborhood. Contact was made with the dogs' owner and the dogs were put up.

• ***Gas drive offs***

A clerk at Skinnny's on 37th Street reported a gas drive off of $17.57 at 8 p.m. Thursday.

• ***Lost purse***

A woman notified officers at 4:46 p.m. from a residence in the 2600 block of Avenue V that she had lost her purse. She later told officers she may have left it in a vehicle she had ridden in.

• ***Attempt to locate***

Officers were advised of a speeding vehicle at 3:35 p.m. in the vicinity of Snyder High School.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 3/6	Sun 3/7	Mon 3/8
67/42	63/38	69/43
Mainly sunny. High 67F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	Fair. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
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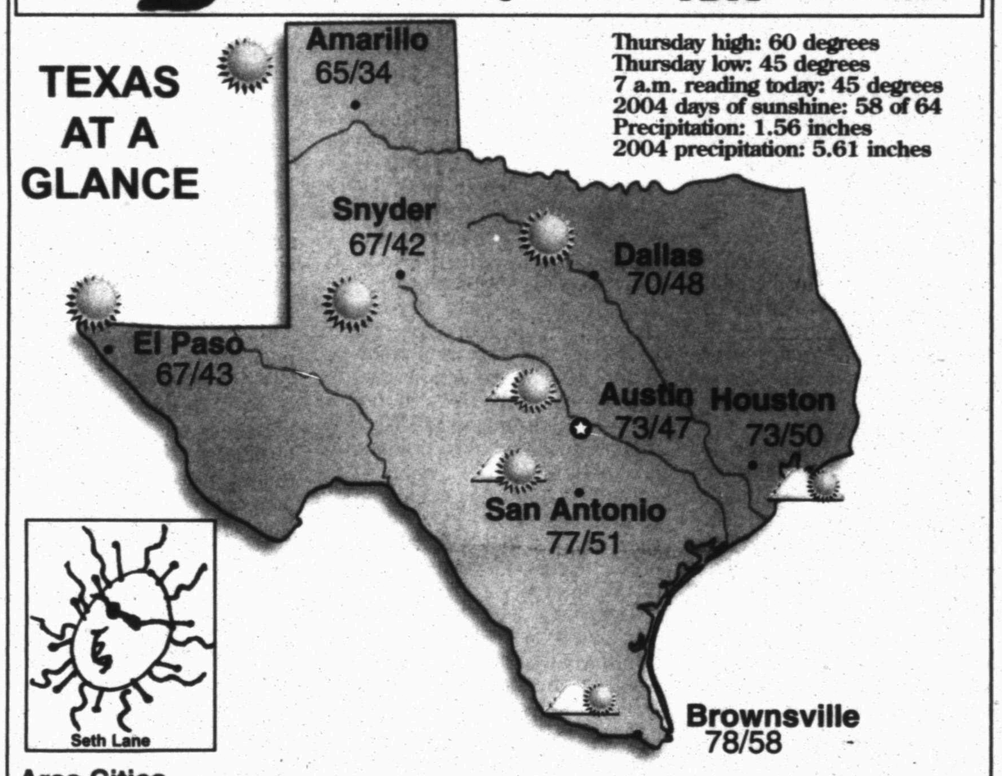

Thursday high: 60 degrees
Thursday low: 45 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 45 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 58 of 64
Precipitation: 1.56 inches
2004 precipitation: 5.61 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	68	46	sunny	El Paso	67	43	sunny	Midland	68	43	sunny
Amarillo	65	34	sunny	Fort Stockton	73	45	sunny	Raymondville	79	54	pt sunny
Austin	73	47	mst sunny	Gainesville	65	43	sunny	Rosenberg	73	49	pt sunny
Beaumont	73	48	mst sunny	Greenville	66	45	sunny	San Antonio	77	51	mst sunny
Brownsville	78	58	pt sunny	Houston	73	50	pt sunny	San Marcos	74	48	sunny
Brownwood	71	46	sunny	Kingsville	79	53	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	66	44	sunny
Corpus Christi	75	54	pt sunny	Livingston	73	44	mst sunny	Sweetwater	69	45	sunny
Corsicana	69	47	sunny	Longview	68	44	sunny	Tyler	68	45	sunny
Dallas	70	48	sunny	Lubbock	66	39	sunny	Weatherford	69	43	sunny
Del Rio	79	52	mst sunny	Lufkin	73	45	sunny	Wichita Falls	66	43	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	68	38	t-storm	Houston	73	50	pt sunny	Phoenix	75	53	sunny
Boston	60	34	rain	Los Angeles	72	54	mst sunny	San Francisco	64	50	mst sunny
Chicago	43	34	pt sunny	Miami	83	68	mst sunny	Seattle	48	44	rain
Dallas	70	48	sunny	Minneapolis	35	25	cloudy	St. Louis	52	39	pt sunny
Denver	52	28	windy	New York	61	35	rain	Washington, DC	67	37	rain

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Sat 3/6	Sun 3/7	Mon 3/8
7 High	7 High	7 High

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

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Obituaries

Nona Bunch

1925-2004

Funeral service for Nona Pearl Bunch, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Nona Bunch

Mrs. Bunch, 79, died Thursday, March 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 7, 1925 in O'Brien, she married Olin Bunch on Nov. 14, 1947 in Vernon.

Mrs. Bunch was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church. At one time, Mrs. Bunch operated the Newcomers Welcome Wagon in Snyder and worked part-time for Feather Printing. She later worked in customer relations for Furr's Supermarkets and for Lawrence IGA and was currently employed at the Scurry County Library.

Survivors include her husband, Olin Bunch of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Travis and Joan Bunch of Snyder and Win and Pam Bunch of Houston; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Mike Phelan of Allen; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Morris and Lorene Southall of Brownwood, Berle and Wanda Southall of Euless and Don and Iona Southall of Potosi; grandchildren, Carly and Melissa Clark of Austin, Lindsey Bunch of San Marcos, Stacey Bunch of Lubbock and Dylan Bunch of Snyder; and a great-granddaughter, Caitlyn Clark of Austin.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church.

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