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Early voting ends, primary is Tuesday

Early voting for Tuesday's primary election ended Friday with a total of 444 votes cast.

Of those, 382 voted for the Republican ticket and 62 cast votes on the Democratic ballot. The number of early voters was lower than initially hoped as local voters faced cold, snow, wind and finally heavy rain during the early voting period.

"The weather was definitely a factor in the number of early voters who visited the courthouse," said deputy clerk Shirley Gregory. "However, the pleasant weather on Friday brought the largest number of voters to the courthouse to vote early. It's hard to predict how many we would have had through the week should the weather have cooperated."

"Now we're ready and looking forward to March 9," said Gregory.

The only locally contested race Tuesday will be for the Republican nominee for county tax assessor-collector.

Megali Bernal and Jana Young are vying for the nomination for the office that Diana Williamson currently holds.

Williamson chose not to seek another term.

Both candidates currently work in the courthouse. Bernal works in the county clerk's office while Young is employed in the tax assessor-collector's office.

Advertisements for Bernal say she has been employed in the clerk's office four years, while Young's advertising says she has five years experience in the tax office.

Voters also have a choice in the District 11 state representative's race as Midland resident Mike Conaway is vying for the post, as is Brownwood resident Bill Lester.

Republican voters will see the name of President George W. Bush on the ballot, while the Democratic ballot lists 10 candidates for president to include Randy Crow, Al Sharpton, Wesley K. Clark, John Edwards, John F. Kerry, Dick Gephardt, Howard Dean, Dennis J. Kucinich, Joe Lieberman and Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Polls open Tuesday at 7 a.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m.

Voters are encouraged to bring their voter registration cards to the polling places to expedite the process.

JOINT PRIMARY

Citizens can vote Republican or Democrat in any of these polling places.

Voting Pct. #	Precinct Name	Voting Place
5	Fluvanna	Fluvanna Comm. Center
6	Union	Union Comm. Center
7	Northwest Snyder	Scurry County Library
8	West Central Snyder	School Admin. Building
9	Ira	Ira Comm. Building
10	Southwest Snyder	Towle Park Barn
11	Dunn	Dunn Comm. Center
12	Central/Southeast Snyder	South side of Coliseum
13	Hermleigh	Hermleigh Comm. Center
14	Loyd Mountain	Northeast Comm. Center
15	North/NE Snyder	North side of Coliseum
Commissioner Pct #1 Box 14, 15		Commissioner Pct #2 Box 5, 6, 7
Commissioner Pct #3 Box 8, 9, 10		Commissioner Pct #4 Box 11, 12, 13



TOWLE TEMPLATE — In an effort to move the renovation of Towle Memorial Park forward, Jay Allen of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service prepares a Global Positioning System survey that will be utilized by the park's design firm, KDC Turner and Associates. (SDC Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Changes noted for submitting tax information

Scurry County business owners are facing changes in the requirements for submitting personal property information to the Scurry County Appraisal District. Many business owners may have already received their 2004 Business Personal Property Rendition Form.

Senate Bill 340 was passed by the 78th Texas Legislature and became effective Jan. 1. The new law imposes tough penalties on those who fail to file an annual report of their personal property with the district. Additionally, it imposes tougher penalties on those who fail to file an annual report of their personal property with the district and vigorous punishment for those who attempt to evade taxes through fraudulent or incomplete reporting.

Property subject to rendition includes office equipment, vehicles, vessels, aircraft and inventory.

CEO interviews to start Monday

Five candidates on list

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers has posted agendas for three evenings of meetings this week.

The board will begin interviewing candidates for the vacant chief executive officer's position at 5 p.m. Monday.

At that time, the board will meet with James Robinson Sr. of Keller. At 7 p.m., the board will meet with William Moore of Comanche.

On Tuesday, the board will interview Donald Griffin of The Woodlands beginning at 5 p.m., followed by James Koulovatos of Lindsey, Okla. at 7 o'clock.

Wednesday's interview will begin at 7 in the evening as one candidate, Larry Knetzer of Dumas, has accepted a position elsewhere.

Carol Hanes of Linden will interview Wednesday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A black eye or fat lip is a real stamp of disapproval."

We've got a liberal friend who has lived in New York City his entire working life.

Despite growing up in Pecos, he is the ultimate non-conformist. We met him in basic training in El Paso, and we have to admit he was one of the sharpest guys standing in the formation.

Ed went on to become a certified public accountant and works for a large firm in the Big Apple. Despite his West Texas roots, he sends a lot of liberal stuff our way via email.

He particularly likes cartoons that poke fun at Republicans and the Lone Star state's favorite son — George W. Bush.

Despite his warped sense of humor, we still like Ed.

And ever now and then, we even get a chuckle.

He told us recently that West Texas had made the headlines in the Eastern press twice within the same month.

There was a featured article about the chain-collision pileup on U.S. 84 that involved some 30 vehicles.

USA Today's headline blared: "2 Dead in West Texas Dust Storm."

And just a few days prior, there was other negative news from West Texas that was circulated by the national media —the shouting match between Red Raider basketball coach Bobby Knight and Texas Tech Chancellor David Smith.

Concerning the much-herald squabble at the salad bar, Ed wanted to know who picked up the tab for lunch —Tech or the supermarket?

Now that Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick and Congressman Tom DeLay have forced redistricting down the throats of all Texans, they are now under investigation by the Travis County district attorney for improper political fundraising.

The Republicans are saying it's a witch hunt and a fishing expedition against the GOP by a Democratic office holder.

During Ronnie Earle's tenure as district attorney in Travis County, his office has prosecuted 15 elected officials.

Earle says 11 of them have been Democrats and four have been Republicans.

Responded Earle, "They all said, all of them said, it's political and it's partisan. It has never been and it never will be. They know better than that, but it's easier for them to say that."

Town hall meeting is Monday

There will be a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Ritz Theatre.

The meeting is sponsored by the Citizens Corp of Scurry County and the Snyder clean-up committee. Both projects will be discussed and citizens will be able to ask questions of the participants.

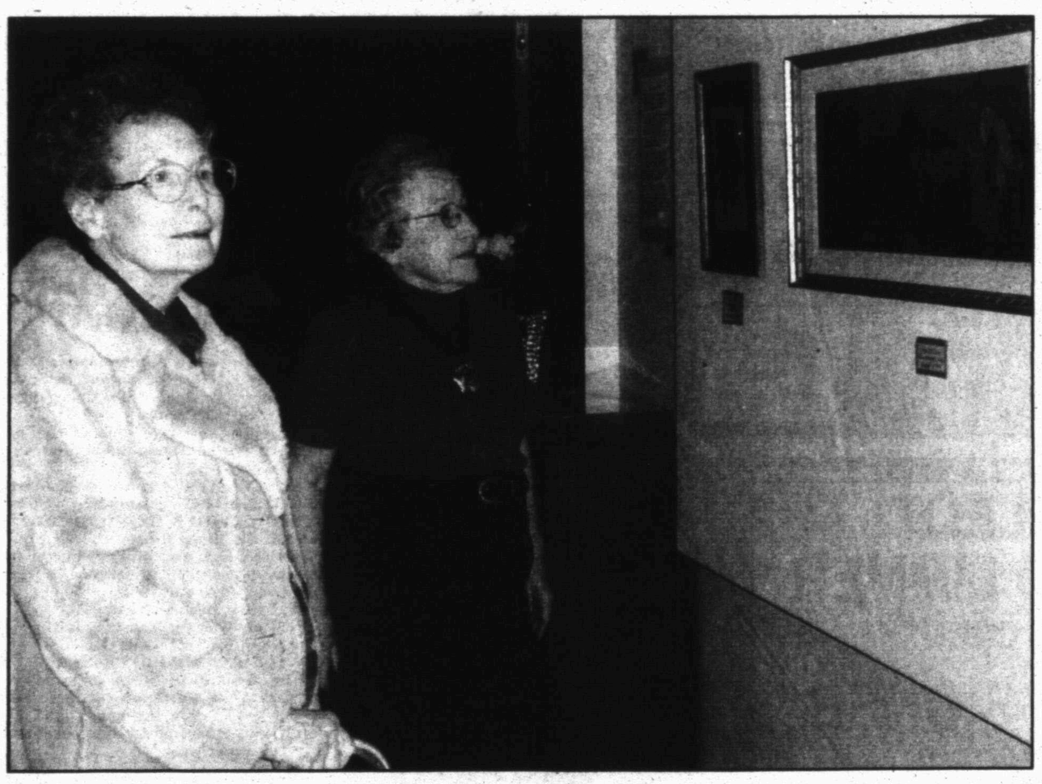
"The entire community is invited to Monday's meeting," said Vicki Shroyer, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Part of the program will address a neighborhood watch program.

"This is a volunteer program that promotes people working together to help our police department protect citizen's property," said Shroyer.

"Due to the large number of cars being vandalized, along with home burglaries and damaged mailboxes, both groups have joined forces to promote neighbors working together," said Shroyer.

"The meeting is for the public and everyone is invited," emphasized Shroyer.



HUDGINS' PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY — Lois Leech and Maribeth Vestal are looking at some of Paul Hudgins' paintings currently on display at the Scurry County Museum. The other picture at right, titled, *Bringing Up Blackmare*, is a self-portrait of Hudgins and his horse that he painted several years ago. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Hudgins paintings on display at museum

An exhibit by Scurry County resident Paul Hudgins starts Sunday at the Scurry County Museum.

Hudgins will be present at a reception set from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, marking the opening of the exhibit which runs for six weeks.

Hudgins was born in Fort Worth and grew up in various cities and towns throughout Central Texas. He showed an early interest in art and could always be found painting.



Hudgins' self portrait

As a U.S. Army hospital attendant during World War II, he produced his first painting, a watercolor of a hospital ship.

After the war ended, Hudgins attended college on the GI bill. He taught high school history for a short time and soon moved into the commercial art field.

He worked for the El Paso newspaper, El Paso Natural Gas Co. and Mithoff Advertising.

Hudgins moved to the Dallas area to work for the LVT Corporation and one of its divisions Chance Vought Corp. Eventually, he became a freelancer and in 1967, he created the first commercial art courses for the Dallas Community College.

He returned to the corporate world from 1974-1976 be fore relocating to Virginia.

Upon returning to Texas in 1976, Hudgins freelanced and taught at San Antonio College. He returned to Warren Reed Art Studio, remaining with the company until 1983.

He freelanced and "officially retired" when he moved to Snyder in 1996, where he has been active in the Palette Club, First Presbyterian Church and the Scurry County Museum.

ASK US

Q—Is it against the law for minors to even attempt to buy alcoholic beverages?

A—Yes. It is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to $500 and having the person's driver license suspended for 30 days.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Karen Millhollon...

...has lived in Snyder all of her life. She is married to Jim Millhollon and they have one son, David, now living in Azle. Hobbies are yard work, computers, watching television and crocheting.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we only know what to do with it.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

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.

American Legion

American Legion will have a membership meeting at &:30 p.m. Monday.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Beware of False Teachers," followed by "The Church as God's Holy Temple."

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.

Writers Federation

The Doodlebug Writers Federation will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Golden Terrace Village community room, 1607 52nd, for a covered dish luncheon. Visitors are welcome.

Free income tax help

There is free help with income taxes every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center at 2603 Ave. M.

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.



STANFIELD BOOKFAIR — Stanfield Elementary conducted its book fair last week. Students looking at books are from left, Brent Thompson, Julie Segura and Tessa Holladay. They are in Carolyn Martin's class. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ohio shooter convicted of negligent homicide

MILLERSBURG, Ohio (AP) — A man accused of shooting to death a prankster who threw tomatoes from a cornfield was found guilty of misdemeanor negligent homicide Friday night and sentenced to time served.

Marion Weaver, 58, had been charged with murder, which could have resulted in a sentence of 18 years to life in prison. The jury decided on the lesser charge after 41/2 hours of deliberations.

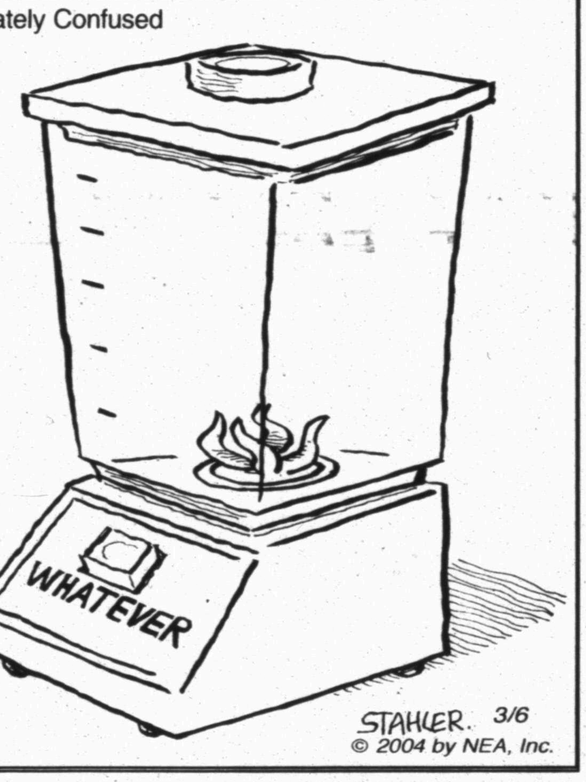
Weaver, who has been jailed since September, was sentenced to time served by Holmes County Common Pleas Judge Thomas White and given the maximum $1,000 fine. The charge carried a maximum six-month sentence.

Weaver was found guilty in the Sept. 1 death of Steven L. Keim, 23, of Apple Creek. Keim was in a group of people throwing tomatoes at passing vehicles, an annual prank in the Holmes-Wayne County area that has the largest Amish settlement in the world.

Angry that his car was hit, Weaver came back to the cornfield with a shotgun. He said he had aimed into the air when he fired.

"I was frustrated. I lost it," Weaver testified earlier Friday. He said when he learned the next day that Keim had been fatally shot, "I was devastated. I had a heart attack."

Moderately Confused



Sugar Land to get TXU service center

HOUSTON (AP) — TXU Energy predicts that a new customer service facility in Sugar Land will create as many as 400 new jobs.

The new facility, set to be open by summer, will be TXU's third in Texas. There are already call centers in Irving and in Waco.

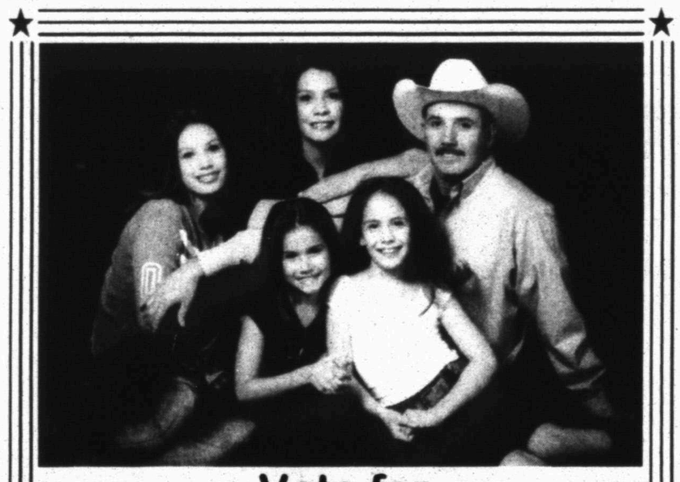
Friday's announcement about the Sugar Land office is part of an overall plan that will add a total of 600 customer service agents in the state, the company said.

Houston has been a focal point for TXU since electric deregulation was put in place in Texas two years ago. The change was aimed at giving consumers more choices among electric service providers.

"Obviously Houston is a huge target market for us," company spokeswoman Kimberly Morgan said Friday.

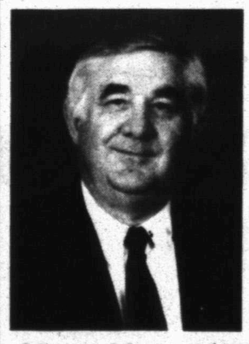
The company chose Sugar Land for the new center in part because of the large pool of prospective employees available in Houston, she said.

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Jennifer Bigham

Jennifer Bigham is on dean's list

Jennifer Bigham has been named to the dean's list at the University of Texas at Arlington for the 2003 fall semester.

Jennifer, a senior art major, also was awarded a distinguished honor roll certificate.

She is the daughter of Janet and Ted Bigham of Snyder and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Burton Echols.

Angleton extradition effort is said delayed

HOUSTON (AP) — Misfiled paperwork will delay the effort to extradite a Texas millionaire who fled to the Netherlands to escape a murder-for-hire investigation.

Officials with the U.S. Justice Department's Office of International Affairs misfiled a passport fraud charge they wanted to add to the murder-for-hire and tax-evasion charges pending before a Dutch court considering the extradition request, Dutch officials said.

So the Haarlem District Court was unable to rule on whether Robert Angleton could be extradited for trial on the passport fraud charge when it issued a decision last month on the other two charges.

Angleton was arrested in the Netherlands in June. In February, a Haarlem court ruled that he could not be returned for federal trial on the murder-for-hire charge because he had already been acquitted by a Texas jury in 1998 on a nearly identical charge.

But the court allowed his extradition on charges that he evaded paying $1 million in income tax.

Don DeGabrielle, first assistant U.S. attorney, said that his office sought to add the passport fraud charge nearly eight months ago, but as of Friday, the paperwork had not reached the court.

"Because of the delay in getting it to the court in the Netherlands, it will prolong by about two or three months the time by which we will get him back here to face charges," DeGabrielle told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday editions.

The U.S. Justice Department mistakenly filed the charge with the Dutch Justice Ministry, said Tina Zwiers, spokeswoman for the Haarlem prosecutor's office.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers
Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $13 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $10 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were seven second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000 each. Also, 29 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: 30, 40, 47, 49, and 52. The Mega Ball number was 3.

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 14-15-21-28. Bonus Ball: 25.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: 600,000.

Number matching four of four: 11. Prize: $1,350.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 38. Prize: $48.

Number matching three of four: 1,447. Prize: $17.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 808. Prize: $20.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,436. Prize: $5.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,910. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $725,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-6-19-20.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $46,306.

Winning tickets sold in: Dallas.

Matching four of five: 173. Prize: $120.

Matching three of five: 4,917. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 50,638. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 7-9-0
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Dr. Nelson Brice
Snyder Medical Clinic
will re-open
Monday, March 8th
at 8:30 am

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 77-year-old woman, in what I consider to be fair health, who can breathe only when standing or sitting. In fact, I have to sleep in a recliner all night. On a hunch, I started taking a 40-milligram tablet of Lasix at bedtime. While the medication caused me to urinate excessively, I stopped experiencing breathlessness at night. Please inform your readers about this.

DEAR READER: I'm not publishing your letter for other readers, I am printing it for you because you listed no return address.

The phenomenon you described is called paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea. It is an unmistakable symptom of heart failure. Because of a weak heart action, you are not able to clear excess fluid from your system. When you are sitting or standing, the fluid is pulled by gravity to your legs. However, when you lie down, the fluid tends to migrate to your lungs, making breathing labored and difficult. Lasix, a kidney stimulant, forces your body to excrete this excess fluid, thereby enabling you to breathe more easily. Lasix is standard therapy for heart failure.

But this effect does not help diagnose your basic cardiac problem, which must be addressed before more serious breathing problems intervene. For example, could you have cardiac malfunction caused by hypertension? Coronary artery blockage? Additional causes, such as valve damage, alcohol abuse and others?

It is vital for you to have further testing, such as a cardiac ultrasound, a cardiogram and a chest X-ray, in addition to a complete exam by your family physician. He or she should be able to diagnose your affliction and prescribe treatment, calling on cardiologists as needed. Please don't delay in seeking medical attention. In the meantime, continue taking your one Lasix tablet a day.

Readers who would like a copy of my Health Report "Coronary Artery Disease" 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: With respect for your position that American adults bring on many of their woes themselves, why shouldn't the government add additional taxes to cigarettes and alcohol beverages?

DEAR READER: The reason is, I suspect, that many people believe the state and federal governments tax the public enough as it is.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a practicing physician, I must disagree with your recent statement that nonsteroidal drugs are inappropriate for chronic use. This is not the case. When did you last admit a patient to hospital because of gastrointestinal bleeding from Vioxx?

DEAR DOCTOR: Last week. It happens.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm sending you a copy of a consumer health warning issued by a Dr. David G. Williams that warns against the use of sunscreen products because, it is alleged, they don't block the type of ultraviolet light that causes skin cancer. According to the doctor, these sunscreens prevent the skin from producing the protective pigment melanin — so tanning or burning won't occur — but do not block other UV rays that can lead to sun damage. Williams advises the use of protective clothing and hats to shield the skin from harmful rays. Please help me; I'm confused.

DEAR READER: When ultraviolet light bombards the skin, it stimulates certain cells to produce melanin, which leads to tanning and, in theory, skin coloration that should protect us against the carcinogenic (cancer-producing) effects of sunlight exposure.

The purpose of sunblocks, as you might assume from the title, is to protect the skin from damage by blocking absorption of ultraviolet rays. So, if you use sunblock, you don't tan because the tanning cells don't receive appropriate stimulation, and you are spared the dangerous consequences of skin cancer. That's the traditional teaching.

In contrast, Williams claims that sunblocks simply inhibit the formation of (protective) melanin; dangerous sun exposure can, therefore, damage the deeper layers of skin. So, his point is: if you use sunblock, you don't tan but the risks of skin cancer are magnified, because there is no protective melanin layer and the damaging UV radiation is free to penetrate to the deepest dermal layers.

This is a truly interesting dichotomy that contains enormous significance for all of us.

Position One: Sunblocks block UV radiation and prevent it from reaching the deeper skin layers; hence, a lack of tanning (or sunburn) indicates that the products do, actually, prevent sun damage.

Position Two: Sunblocks do block certain types of UV radiation but, as a consequence, major radiation reaches the deeper skin because sunblocks inhibit melanin formation. Therefore, the lack of tanning is proof that sunblocks actually cause MORE cancer.

I am not smart or informed enough to resolve this issue. Like so many other topics, I am presenting it for reader feedback.

Williams (I don't know whether he is an M.D. or alternative practitioner) is a person who, by his own definition "shoots sacred-cow products full of holes." I like that. But, at the same time, he must be held to a strict level of medical honesty and responsibility. I have never met the doctor, wish him no ill-will, and learned about him via a reader who sent me a summer 2002 Alternative Healing Lies pamphlet. I find his theory intriguing.

Therefore, I welcome comments from him, the public and the sunscreen industry. After receiving appropriate feedback, I will readdress this issue in the future.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Skin Cancer." 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 70 years old and, two years ago, was diagnosed with prostate cancer. My prostate was removed. Six months after surgery, my PSA test was .001. Since then it has moved up to .069. My urologist is concerned that there may be cancer cells in my body. He suggests radiation treatments and hormone shots, neither of which I want to consider because of side effects. What are my options?

DEAR READER: Your PSA level of .069 is well below the 4.00 limit, so I doubt that you need to make a decision until the level climbs much higher. Thus, one of your options is to do nothing at present, except to monitor your PSA every six to 12 months. If it stays in the normal range, you can relax. If, in contrast, it rises, you may have to consider radiation and/or hormone therapy. However, I wouldn't take that step without first seeking a second opinion from a cancer specialist or another urologist.

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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KEY TO THE KINGDOM
Beware of False Teachers
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
The Church as God's Holy Temple
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Monday, March 8, 7:00 pm

Senior Center News

Social Security agents will be at the center Tuesday, from 9:45-noon. We do not make appointments. The offices are located in the quilting area of the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M.

The computer club will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Senior Center. The computer room is located in the quilting area. For more information, call the center at 573-4035 or Tom Machen at 325-207-0399.

Volunteers interested in delivering meals to homes are asked to contact Glenda at the center.

Transportation is available Monday-Friday mornings. Call Valerie to schedule a ride.

The City of Abilene will host its second annual Texas Senior Games on April 29-30 and May 1. The deadline for entry is April 9. The games are open to anyone age 50 and older. Entry forms are available at the center office.

The games include bridge, golf, dominoes, basketball, swimming events, horseshoes, washers, forty-two, badminton, track and field events, bowling and billiards (eight ball). Sites for various events include Rose Park Senior Center, Maxwell Municipal Golf Course, McMurry University, Nelson Park Festival Gardens, Wylie High School Track, and Abilene Bowling Lanes. More information is available at web site www.abilenetx.com or phoning 1-325-734-5301.

MONDAY

Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Seniors may participate in Skip-Bo beginning at 10 a.m. in the eighty-eight room. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are available Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Eighty/eighty-eight begins at 9:30 a.m. in the eighty-eight room. Swimnastics meets Tuesday & Thursday in the Physical Education Building at Western Texas College from from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. The class and parking are free. There is no registration. Call the center for more information. Social Security agents will be at the center from 9:45 a.m. until noon.

WEDNESDAY

Assistance for filing income tax forms is available at the center Wednesdays 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. Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. Cue sticks are available for newcomers.

A volunteer will assist senior citizens interested in learning the game of pool. Bingo will be played in the dining room from 10 a.m. until noon. Pinochle begins at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. Newcomers are welcome to any of the activities.

THURSDAY

Don't miss swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Healthcare from 10-11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Blood pressure readings, bridge, and eighty/eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

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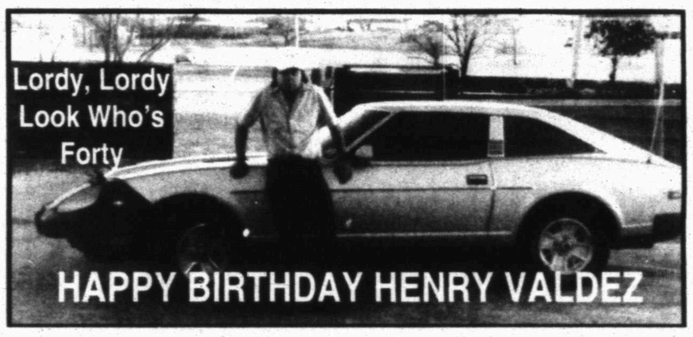
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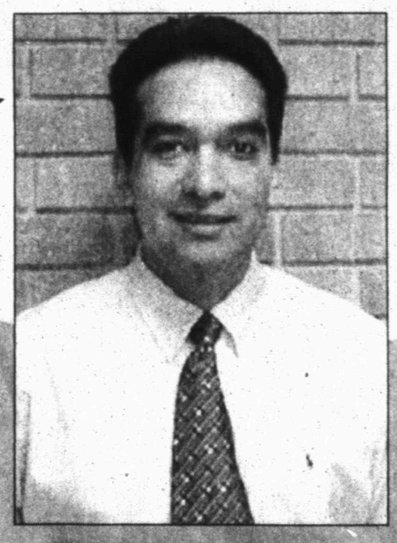
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Winners named in West Science Fair

Eleven students, including two who tied, received the top 10 awards in West Elementary School's annual Science Fair.

They are Tayla Wesson, first; Cody Lee, second; Meghan Cooley, third; Garrett Hale, fourth; Tanner Bragg, fifth; Cassie Cochran, sixth; Taylor Tyrell, seventh; Jonathan Kerr, eighth; Stacey Clifton, ninth; and Kenny Kincaid and Becky Evans, tie for tenth.

Projects include ear protection, growing crystals, feeding mice and hamsters, air pollution, types of fertilizer and scene recognition.

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Fed judge denies request for abortion records

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge ruled Friday that an abortion provider's affiliates do not have to turn patient medical files over to the government in a battle over the Partial-Birth Abortion Act.

U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton cited privacy and other concerns in ruling that Planned Parenthood Federation of America affiliates do not have to provide the files to back up assertions that procedures banned by the law can be medically necessary to protect a woman's health.

The records, which date back at least a year, contain information that "women would not want to share," and that was "at best marginally relevant," Hamilton said.

The ruling does not prevent the Justice Department from seeking the records by suing each affiliate.

Justice Department spokeswoman Monica Goodling said the government was disappointed and reviewing the decision. "We took every care to protect patient privacy," she said.

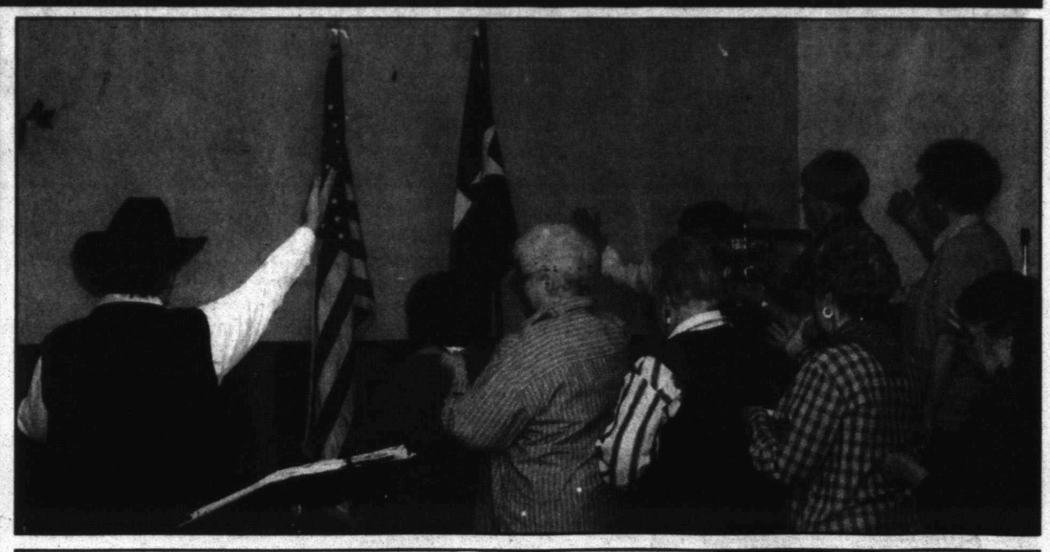
The law, signed by President Bush last year, bars a procedure referred to by critics as partial-birth abortion and by medical organizations as "intact dilation and extraction." During the procedure, a fetus' legs and torso are pulled from the uterus and its skull is punctured.

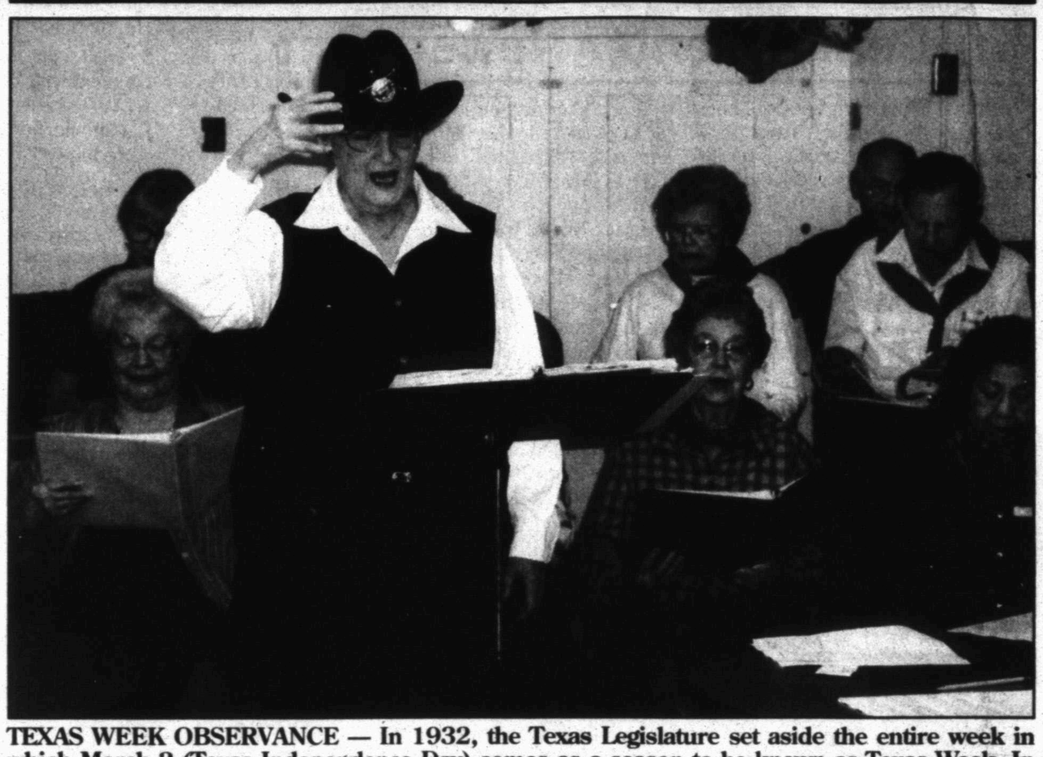
The act includes language that the procedure is never necessary to preserve a woman's health. The language was intended to get around a U.S. Supreme Court decision three years ago that overturned a Nebraska law restricting abortion because it did not provide a "woman's health" exemption.

The Justice Department had requested the documentation after abortion providers persuaded federal judges in San Francisco, New York and Nebraska to temporarily block the law.

The judges tentatively halted the law pending a trial scheduled for March 29. Abortion providers are expected to testify that such abortions can be medically necessary to prevent injury to women.

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TEXAS WEEK OBSERVANCE — In 1932, the Texas Legislature set aside the entire week in which March 2 (Texas Independence Day) comes as a season to be known as Texas Week. In commemoration, the Sunshine Choir at the Senior Citizens Center presented a special program Wednesday. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, (top photo) everyone extended their right arm toward the Texas flag as they recited the Texas Pledge. The choir also sang songs about the state. Norma Laywell (bottom photo) is the choir director. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ex-U.S. Rep. Combest keeps quiet on foundation

LUBBOCK (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Larry Combest has converted $650,000 of leftover campaign contributions into a private foundation that he, his wife and a sister control.

"I don't have any interest in talking about it," Combest told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on Friday. "It's totally a private matter."

Federal election law allows candidates to give leftover political campaign money to nonprofit charitable organizations. According to corporate filings with the Texas Secretary of State's Office, Combest created How Firm Our Foundation on April 25, 2003.

The articles of incorporation list Combest, wife Sharon and sister Renee Brain of Borger as directors. The corporate address is listed as Combest's home in Lubbock.

The corporation was organized "exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations."

The articles prohibit disbursing the foundation's funds for the benefit of directors except "to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered."

The Internal Revenue Service lists the foundation as a private, 501(c)(03) foundation whose activities are "private grantmaking."

Combest was the Republican representative from Lubbock who served in the House since 1984 until he retired days after the 2002 election.

According to political finance reports filed with the Federal Election Commission, Combest contributed $650,000 on July 18 from his Combest Congressional Committee to How Firm Our Foundation.

Financial Focus

Mutual Fund Investment Puts Expertise on Your Side

Mutual funds can be a good choice for many long-term individual investors as they offer diversification, which is the key to successful investing. Mutual funds allow individuals to join with other investors and benefit from the potential to earn higher returns on smaller investments.

Behind every mutual fund you own is a team of investment experts. As you know, they strive to help your fund achieve its stated goal — growth, income, growth-and-income, etc. - while controlling, as much as possible, the level of investment risk. Beyond this general job description, though, what do these professionals do?

Let's take a look at the key players: portfolio managers and analysts.

Portfolio managers: Calling the shots

If your mutual fund were a football team, the portfolio manager would be the quarterback — the player responsible for using all available resources to keep moving forward.

Basically, a portfolio manager controls the assets of your mutual fund by buying and selling individual holdings to meet the fund's stated goals. So, if Fund XYZ's objective is growth and income, the portfolio manager will fill the fund with some investments that offer growth potential and some that offer current income.

Portfolio managers make their buy and sell decisions based on a variety of factors, including the performance of individual investments, economic conditions and the outlook for specific industries. These managers also watch the "tax efficiency" of their funds by monitoring tax-generating transactions.

Analysts: Crunching numbers and watching people

Among the vast universe of investment possibilities, which stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles are suitable for Fund XYZ? It's the analyst's job to make that decision. Analysts rely on "hands-on" or "organic" research, which is comprised of the following elements:

•**Numbers** — Analysts thoroughly review a company's financial statement, which provides a snapshot of how the business is doing at any given time. In reviewing these statements, analysts focus on a variety of data, including the growth rate of sales and earnings, cash flow and debt load. Analysts also compare a business' performance with that of others in the same industry.

•**People** — To an analyst, a company's numbers are important — but so are its people. By talking regularly with managers and other key personnel, analysts can gain a clear sense of a company's mission, direction and prospects. But good analysts, recognizing the importance of getting other perspectives on a company, will also talk to a firm's customers, suppliers, competitors, bankers, auditors and even recent retirees.

•**Insights** — It might seem that looking at a company's books and talking to its key players and observers might be enough for an analyst to form an opinion of the business. However, analysts like to see things with their own eyes, which is whey they spend many hours out in the field, walking factory floors, examining raw materials and scrutinizing product placement on retailers' shelves.

By combining the numbers, the people and the fieldwork, analysts can form a complete picture of a company to determine if it's a promising investment opportunity. And, as things change over time, analysts must constantly revisit their earlier subjects to see if they're still fund-worthy.

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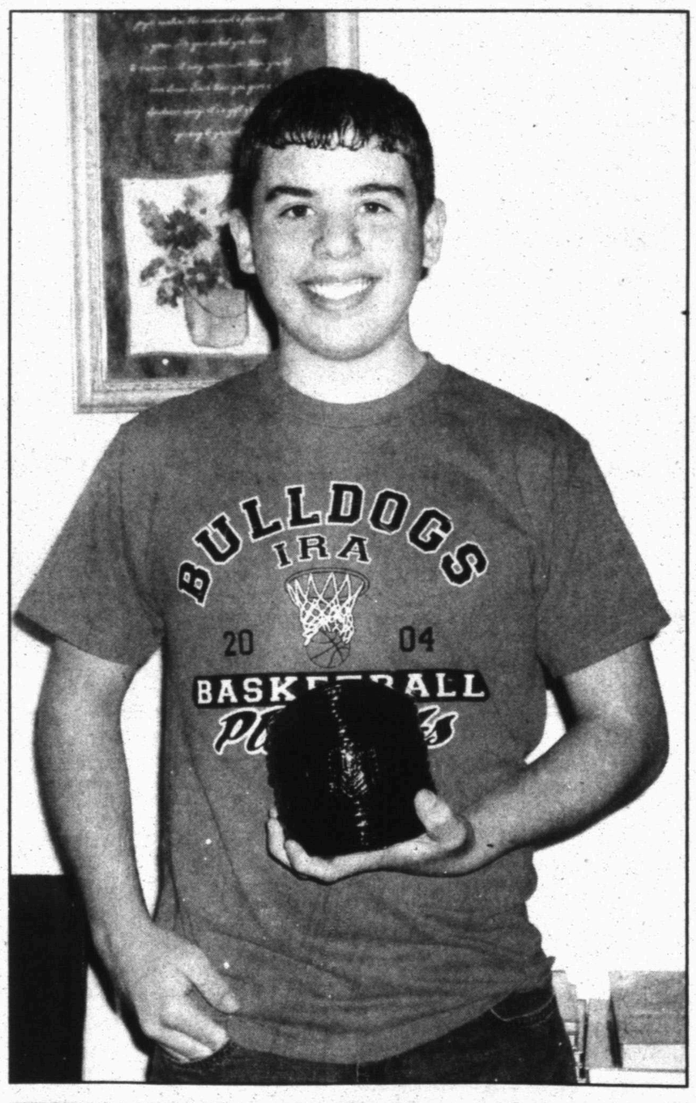
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FIRST PLACE — Chance Bowlin of Ira, won first place at the 12th Annual West Texas High School Art Competition hosted by Western Texas College. He entered his coil pot in the ninth and 10th grades Division, I, three-dimensional category. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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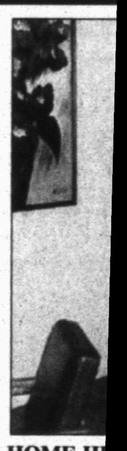
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Verdict could land Stewart in prison

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart predicted she would be "completely exonerated" on appeal after a jury delivered a devastating verdict that could take her from the top of a homemaking empire once worth $1 billion to the inside of a prison cell.

Only a slight grimace at the sound of the word "guilty" broke the stoic face that Stewart had maintained throughout the six-week trial.

"I will appeal the verdict and continue to fight to clear my name," she said in a statement issued just minutes later. "I believe in the fairness of the judicial system and remain confident that I will ultimately prevail."

Stewart herself did not speak as she swept down the stairs of the lower Manhattan courthouse and into a waiting sport-utility vehicle.

A jury of eight women and four men deliberated 12 hours over three days before returning guilty verdicts Friday on all four counts against Stewart — conspiracy, obstruction and two counts of making false statements.

All the charges relate to an accusation that Stewart lied to cover up the reason she sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001 — avoiding a hefty loss when the company announced bad news the next day.

The broker who handled the sale, Peter Bacanovic, was convicted of obstruction, making false statements, conspiracy and perjury, but was acquitted of falsifying a document. He, too, vowed to appeal.

While the charges carry maximum prison terms of 20 years for Stewart and 25 for Bacanovic, federal guidelines could reduce both to a year or so in prison. Sentencing was set for June 17.

"Maybe it's a victory for the little guys who lose money in the market because of these kinds of transactions," said juror Chappell Hartridge.

The verdict jeopardizes the media empire that Stewart carefully built over the years in becoming the nation's premier homemaker — an image she put forth by way of magazines, television programs and everything from cookie cutters and garlic presses to bed sheets and pillows.

Marketing experts have said that the company is so closely tied to her name and face that the effect could be devastating, and stock in her company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, fell more than 22 percent after the verdict.

Stewart had a reputation before the trial as a ruthless businesswoman, and in court she was portrayed as rude, insulting, demanding and cheap. According to testimony, she once threatened to take her business elsewhere because she did not like her brokerage's telephone hold music.

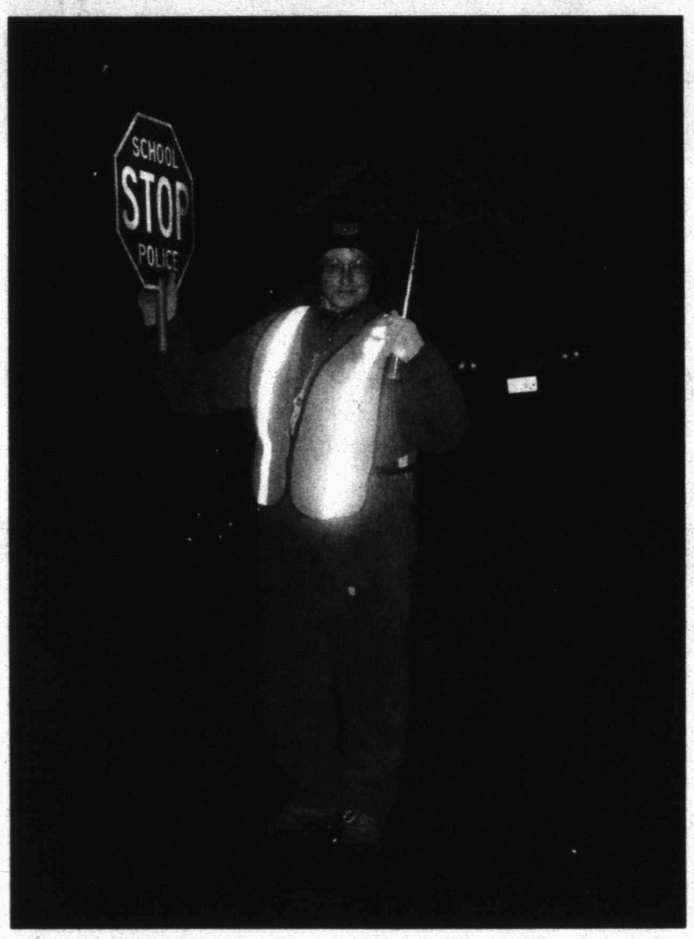
She did not testify at the trial, and her defense put on just one witness — an unsuccessful gamble that jurors would decide the government had not met its burden of proof.

"I would have liked to have heard from her," Hartridge said, "I would have loved to have heard the other side of the story."

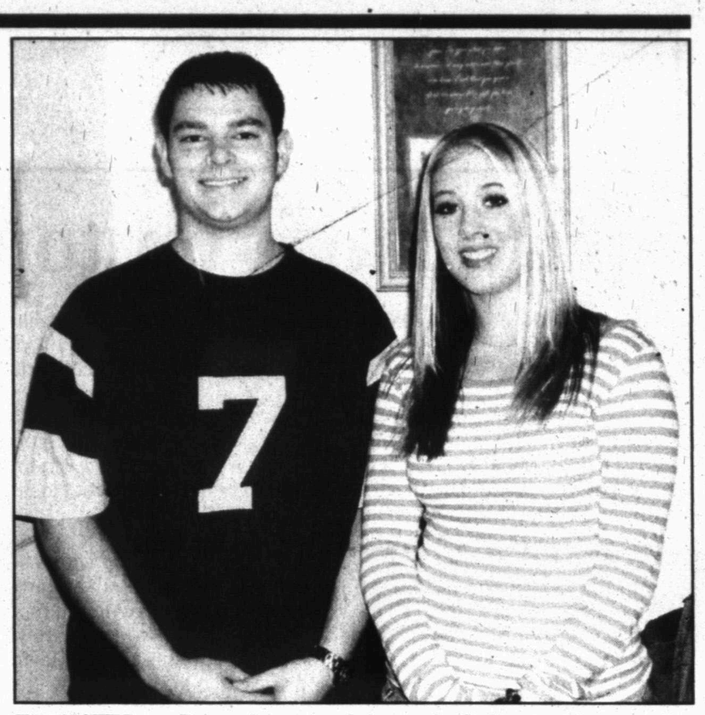
The charges centered on why Stewart dumped about $228,000 worth of ImClone Systems stock in 2001, just a day before it was announced that the Food and Drug Administration had rejected ImClone's application for approval of a cancer drug. The announcement sent ImClone's stock plummeting.

Stewart and Bacanovic claimed they had a standing agreement to sell when the price fell below $60. But the government contended that was a cover story and that Stewart sold because she was tipped by her broker that ImClone CEO Sam Waksal was frantically trying to dump his own holdings.

Waksal later admitted selling his stock based on advance word of the FDA decision.



RAIN OR SHINE — Even though the weather was cold and wet Wednesday morning, Lillian Sands still performed her crossing guard duties at Stanfield Elementary. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



INDUCTED — Rusty Josey and Amanda Calley, students at Ira High School, were recently inducted into the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dolphins, marine mammals that are smaller relatives of the great whales, have a memory capacity matching that of humans, and they remember strings of random numbers as well as or better that humans do, says National Geographic.

I come in the name of Jesus Christ. I humbly ask my wife, children, The Lord's Supper Church, family, friends, The Body of Christ and the community of Snyder for forgiveness. I have repented before God. I make my apology public. God showed us in the Lord's Prayer, forgive us from our trespasses as we forgive those that sin against us. I ask for your prayers. Again, I apologize for all the souls I have offended.

Randy Asebedo

Joanne Wallace will speak at First Baptist

Are you stressed and stretched?

Joanne Wallace, internationally known speaker and author, will present a program for women at the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Saturday.

There is no admission charge and childcare will be provided next Saturday.

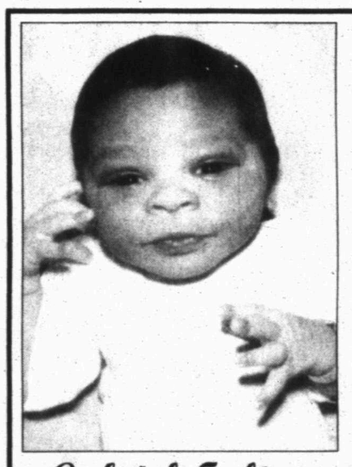
Topics for Wallace's talks include "You are an image bearer — become your best," "Who am I anyway?" "Let's Build Relationships," "Forgiveness — putting your past to rest," and "You Are a Representative."

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."



Gabriel Fulton

Rose Nell Walker recently returned to the city after visiting Beaumont, Texas to welcome the latest addition to her family, her grandson.

Gabriel Fulton born January 22nd, 2004 at St Elizabeth Hospital. He weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 ozs. He is the 2nd son of Victor and Linda Rose Fulton.



HOME HEALTH TEAM– Front row: Gina Lee, Billing; Terry Stahl, RN; Wanda Kenner, RN, Director; Dot Newstater, HHA.. Middle row: Brenda Harris, LVN; Donna Hall, RN; Dedra Driggers, RN; June Raines, LVN; Jo Schooler, LVN. Back row: Jeff Mason, PT; Jennifer Wells, OT; Cheryl Haggerton, RN; Karen Walker, RN; Linda Reynolds, Office Coordinator; Loretta Lee, ST. Not pictured Cindy Nachlinger, Clerk; Veronica Coy, HHA.

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Spurs hang on to top Mavs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Without Tim Duncan, the San Antonio Spurs will take any win they can get — even if they nearly blow a 26-point lead in the process.

On Friday night against Midwest Division-rival Dallas, San Antonio began the fourth quarter with an 86-60 advantage. With nearly three minutes remaining, it was 95-90.

But the Spurs righted themselves in time to preserve a 113-100 win over the Mavericks, prevailing despite 17 points from Dirk Nowitzki and seven assists by Steve Nash in the final period.

"We had a lot of people step up and play," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "All that matters is the win."

Tony Parker scored 25 points, and Hedo Turkoglu added 21 for the Spurs, who used two big first-half runs to lead 59-33 at halftime.

"It's going to happen from time to time," Nash said of the Mavericks' sluggish start. "It was like we were just punching the clock instead of trying to get somewhere."

Nowitzki, held to 1-for-10 shooting from the field through three quarters, went 7-for-9 in the fourth to help Dallas rally. He finished with 21 points.

But Rasho Nesterovic found Malik Rose for a layup with 2:40 to play, then blocked Antawn Jamison's reverse layup attempt. Manu Ginobili's two free throws put San Antonio ahead 103-92 and out of danger.

Dallas played the final 14 minutes without Michael Finley, who scored 13 of his 19 points in the third quarter before being ejected for throwing a forearm into Bruce Bowen with referee James Capers just a few feet away. Mavericks coach Don Nelson was tossed seconds later for arguing the call against Finley.

"He hit me and I hit him — it was all in the heat of the battle," Bowen said. "I saw him coming, but I didn't know he was going to do anything in front of an official."

Donn Nelson, who took over the Mavericks when his father was ejected, said he didn't see the Bowen-Finley altercation, but he defended his player.

"I can just say that Mike doesn't respond like that," Nelson said. "There must have been a reason."

Rose added 18 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio, which played its fourth straight game without Duncan, the team's top scorer and rebounder. Duncan has been out with a left knee joint injury incurred when these teams last met, Feb. 26 in Dallas.

The Spurs are 3-1 since Duncan got hurt. Nesterovic had his fourth straight double-double with 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Johnson for Galloway deal dead

DALLAS (AP) — Talks between Tampa Bay and Joey Galloway have hit a dead end, forcing the Dallas Cowboys to come up with a Plan B in their bid to acquire Keyshawn Johnson.

The proposed swap of receivers was contingent on both players renegotiating their contracts. Dallas and Johnson have agreed on a $20 million, four-year deal, but Tampa Bay and Galloway never came close to an agreement.

The salary cap-strapped Bucs held firm to an offer of $1 million for one year, agent Leigh Steinberg said Friday. Galloway is due $6.31 million this season, $7.5 million next season and $8.5 million in 2006 under his existing contract.

"I would think that it's extremely unlikely that we would ever strike an accord on these economic terms," Steinberg said. "Given the nature of the way Tampa views their cap constraints, their position appears to be unmoveable. ...

"Joey clearly understood he needed to make a major adjustment in his compensation. But not to the level that was offered."

The Cowboys could still get Johnson by trading a draft pick. Or Tampa Bay could cut Johnson and Dallas could sign him as a free agent.

The Bucs would like to get something back for their initial investment of two first-round draft picks when they acquired Johnson from the New York Jets, even if it's just a late-round pick in 2005 or '06.

The matter may not be resolved for nearly four weeks. March 31 is Tampa Bay's deadline because Johnson is due a $1 million roster bonus the next day and the club has no intention of paying it.

The Bucs deactivated Johnson the final six games of last season because of his ongoing problems with coach Jon Gruden. Johnson would likely get along better with Cowboys coach Bill Parcells because he's played for him before.

Parcells drafted Johnson for the Jets with the first overall pick in the 1996 draft and coached him for three seasons.

Johnson and his agent, Jerome Stanley, could not immediately be reached for comment Friday.

Another offshoot of the breakdown between Galloway and the Bucs is what the Cowboys would do with Galloway if they get Johnson.

Dallas could try renegotiating, but is more likely to cut him. The Cowboys would then have to decide whether to do it before or after June 1, the difference being how much of a hit they'd want to take on this year's salary cap.

Steinberg said he's kept Dallas player personnel director Stephen Jones informed of his stalled talks with Tampa Bay, but they haven't discussed Galloway's status if the trade doesn't happen.

Rockets cool off T-Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota rarely blows a fourth-quarter lead and rarely loses when outshooting its opponent.

Against the Houston Rockets on Friday night, the Timberwolves did both.

Yao Ming scored 27 points, Steve Francis added 25 and the Rockets withstood two last-second shot attempts by Minnesota to outlast the Timberwolves 112-109.

"I think it was situation where two teams played well and whoever sort of messes up first, or misses a couple shots, then it's advantage the other team," said Kevin Garnett, who had 32 points and 18 rebounds for Minnesota.

The Wolves messed up first when they turned the ball over on consecutive fourth-quarter possessions to turn a 96-all tie into a 101-96 Houston lead.

"For a period of about 2½ minutes in the fourth we couldn't really get anything going," Garnett said.

The result was just the eighth loss in 45 games in which the Wolves led after three quarters. Minnesota, which shot 55.1 percent to Houston's 50 percent, fell to 33-8 when outshooting an opponent.

The Rockets entered ranked first in opponent field goal percentage (.402), but had faltered defensively in losing two straight. On Friday, they held Minnesota to 40 percent shooting in the fourth quarter to win for the third time in 16 Western Conference road games.

"We came into a tough place against a tough team and dug out a big win for us," said Clarence Weatherspoon, who scored 11 points and defended Garnett down the stretch.

Minnesota had a chance to tie the game with 3.4 seconds left, but Troy Hudson's 3-pointer hit the front of the rim. The Timberwolves got a second chance with 3.1 seconds left after Adrian Griffin missed two free throws, but Garnett's straightaway 3-point attempt was way off.

Rangers rout Royals, 10-5

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Juan Gonzalez helped the Texas Rangers win another game, even though he is now on a different team.

Gonzalez's dropped flyball in the first inning led to three unearned Texas runs, and the Rangers went on to beat the Kansas City Royals 10-5 Friday.

Gonzalez signed with Texas when he was just 16, and spent 10 of his 12 full seasons in the majors with the Rangers.

After two injury-plagued seasons in his return to Texas, he wasn't offered a new contract. So he signed a $4.5 million, one-year deal with the Royals that includes a team option for 2005.

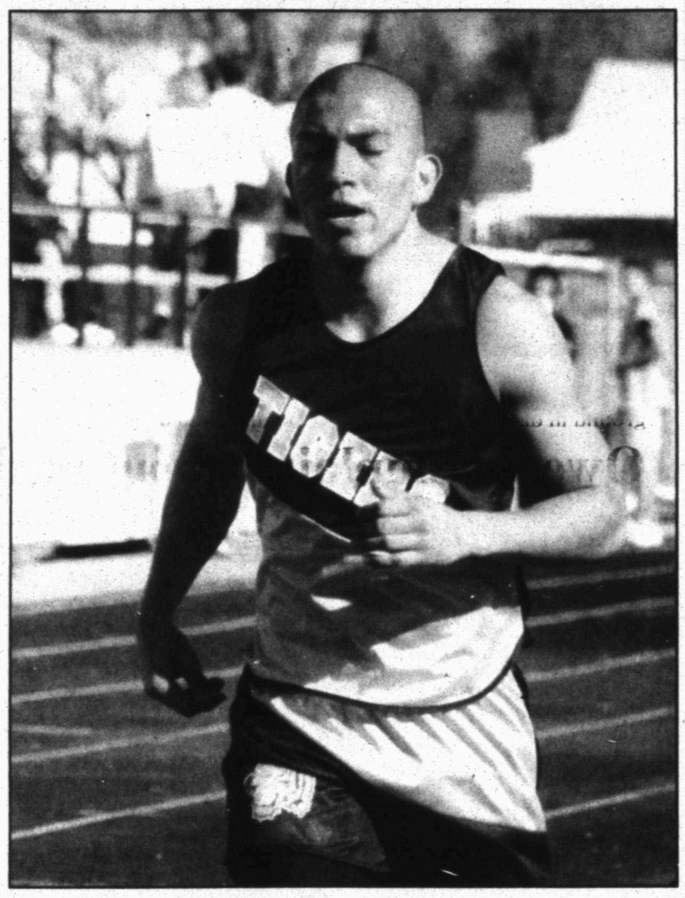
The three runs in the first came after two outs and without a hit. Donnie Bridges (0-1) walked two batters and hit another before Jason Tyner's fly to right was dropped by Gonzalez. Every runner scored on the play, and Texas was ahead to stay.

Joaquin Benoit (1-0), among eight pitchers in contention for three available spots in the Texas rotation, gave up a run on two hits with two strikeouts in two innings.

Gonzalez had a pair of RBI singles, one in the first and the other in the fifth to get the Royals within 6-3.

Canyon Reef Relays

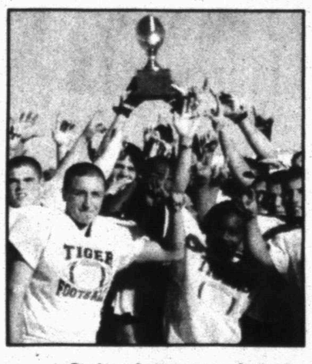




THE THRILL OF VICTORY — Sunshine greeted the thinclads Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays at Tiger Stadium, with several Tigers getting off to a strong start. Above, two-miler Josh Muniz gets congratulations from head track coach Roger White after he finished first in the preliminaries of the 3200m run. At right, Steven Martinez is a picture of concentration while running in the same event, while below, Jesus Juarez flies toward the pit in the long jump. The relays started at 9 o'clock and were scheduled to run most of the day. (SDN Staff Photos by Bobby Allen)



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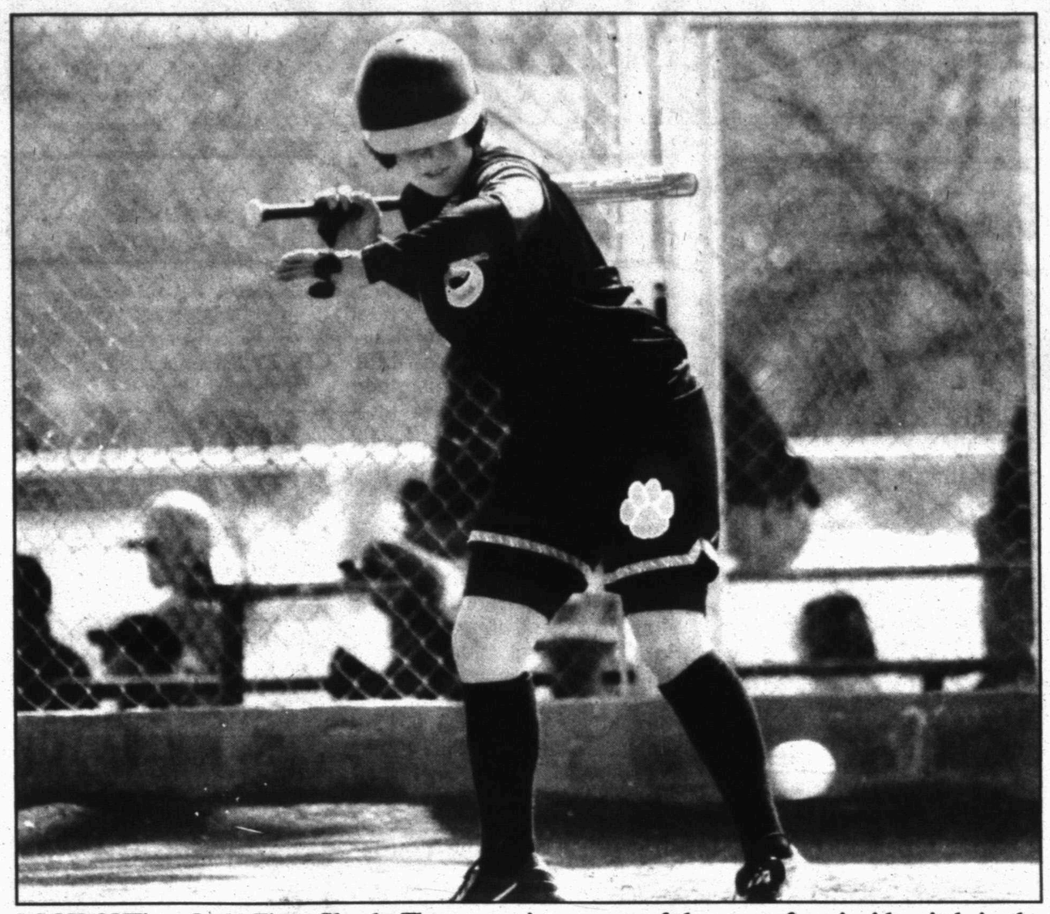
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SPORTS



LOOK OUT! — Lady Tiger Shaela Thompson jumps out of the way of an inside pitch in the team's opener at the Snyder softball tournament Friday. The Lady Tigers topped Levelland, 4-0, to move into the championship bracket. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Lady Tigers open softball tourney with shutout win

The Lady Tigers kicked off the Snyder softball tournament with a 4-0 victory over Levelland Friday, riding a dominant pitching performance from Ashley Martinez and solid defense to move into the winner's bracket.



Martinez

Martinez went the distance, striking out six — including the side in the third inning — while allowing just one hit.

She faced the minimum number of batters, as the one base runner was thrown out at second base.

"She was on," head coach Darren Pool said. "She's been on, and our defense finally stepped up. Defensively, we played the best we've played."

Snyder jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, and it was more than enough for Martinez.

"Our bats went to sleep after the first, but we got some key hits," Pool said. "Overall, it's the best we've played so far."

Martinez helped her cause at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a single and a double, and Shaela Thompson stole two bases and scored a run.

Brianna Bernal and Terann Ragland each drilled an RBI single. Ragland also stole a base and scored.

Missy Vasquez reached base three times via walks, scoring once, and Amber Luecke scored a run after drawing a pair of free passes.

After Friday's heavy rains forced Pool to cancel the first day of the tournament, the coach said several groups spent much of the evening preparing the fields for Friday's action.

He said he was happy to get the tournament underway.

"I'm glad it started," he said. "The county guys, Tommy Johnson and his crew, the school guys and the booster club spent several hours getting it ready. The fields are in good shape."

The Lady Tigers (4-8) opened the championship bracket at 10:45 a.m. Saturday against Midland High JV.

Tigers drop first game at Frenship

The Snyder Tigers suffered their first loss of the season Friday at the Frenship Tournament, 4-3 to Perryton.

Snyder took a 3-0 lead before starter Ty Collier ran into trouble in the third inning.

After a walk and an error put two runners on for the Rangers, Collier gave up a three-run home run and then a solo shot to the next batter, making it 4-3 in favor of Perryton.

The home runs were the only hits allowed by Collier. Lico Castill relieved Collier in the third and pitched four shutout innings, allowing just three hits.

The Tigers mustered just five hits in the contest.

"We should have been more aggressive at the plate," Coach Charles Bollinger said. "We took too many strikes."

Blake Grimmett, Hadley Hirt, Collier, Castillo and Eric Martinez had one hit each, with Martinez, Hirt and Neal driving in a run apiece.

The Tigers had some costly miscues in the field, committing three errors.

"The errors hurt us, but other than that we played all right," Bollinger said.

The game ended on a controversial call with the bases loaded.

Trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh with one out, Alex Neal hit a ground ball. Dea was ruled out at second, but an errant throw to first allowed two Tigers to cross the plate with the apparent tying and winning runs.

However, the umpire called Dea out for interference, which resulted in Neal being out at first and Perryton escaping with a 4-3 win.

"There was no way they were going to turn the double play," Bollinger said. "We felt we won. It was a horrible call. We were fighting back in the last inning and it was a pretty sure thing we were going to tie it up. But there's not much we could do about it."

The Tiger skipper did not lay the blame for the loss on the officials, however.

"Regardless of the interference call, we should have won the game," he said. "We should have scored more runs."

Dustyn Williams took the mound Saturday at 12:30 p.m. against Borger as the tournament continued.

The Tigers also were scheduled to play Plainview at 5:30 Saturday.

Woods, Els struggle on greens

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods and Ernie Els were having the same problem in the Dubai Desert Classic: making putts.

Els was five shots behind leader Paul McGinley of Ireland, and Woods was six back going into the third round Saturday.

Woods missed a 5-foot putt to save par Friday on his closing hole, tossing the ball into the air and flipping his putter to the ground in disgust.

"If I can make a few more putts I should be all right," said Woods, who carded a 3-under 69 in the second round and is being paid $3 million to play in this tournament.

Els completed his second round Saturday for a 68. He finished with a birdie after reaching the 547-yard 18th with a driver and 8 iron.

"I'm just not holing putts at the moments, that's my only problem," Els said.

In a tournament delayed every morning by fog off the Persian Gulf, about half the field completed the second round Friday before darkness stopped play. The rest of the players finished Saturday, with the third round set to follow.

McGinley (65) and Woods' Florida neighbor, Mark O'Meara (64), played together in the first two rounds and made 17 birdies in Friday's second round.

First-round leader Bradley Dredge was two strokes off the lead after shooting a 71 to complete his round Saturday. He opened with a 64.

Englishmen Greg Owen (65) and Brian Davis (66), and Thongchai Jaidee (67) of Thailand were three back.

Woods, who shot a 70 in the first round, has been guarded by about 60-70 plainclothes agents.

Owens complains about trade

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Even though he was traded to Baltimore, Terrell Owens still hopes to catch passes from Donovan McNabb in Philadelphia next season.

One day after the San Francisco 49ers sent the four-time Pro Bowl receiver to the Ravens, Owens said he's not happy with the deal and plans to file a grievance.

"This is about me getting a fair shot at a team that I want to go to. Baltimore is definitely one of my choices, but Philly was my 'A' choice, my priority on my list," Owens said in an interview on ESPN late Friday night. "I talked to my agent earlier and we're going to file a grievance for the situation and we're going to hope for the best possible situation."

Desperate for a No. 1 receiver, the Eagles reportedly agreed to a contract with Owens that included a signing bonus believed to be worth about $10 million. But the volatile receiver was traded to the Ravens for a second-round pick Thursday before Philadelphia could work out a trade with the 49ers.

San Francisco general manager Terry Donahue said Eagles coach Andy Reid offered a fifth-round pick and wide receiver James Thrash for Owens.

Pro hoops at Travis Gym

The Big Spring Rebels were scheduled to host the Abilene Force in a Texas Professional Basketball game at 7 p.m. Saturday at Travis Gym.

Admission is $4 for adults and $2 for children 12 and under.

Soriano adjusting to Rangers

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Alfonso Soriano will always be known as the player traded for Alex Rodriguez.

That makes him the unlucky guy who went from baseball's most tradition-rich club to a franchise that's won one postseason game since it started in 1961.

He's gone from a team that made the World Series twice his first three seasons to a team that's been in last place that entire span.

Instead of a clubhouse filled with All-Stars, he enters a room where his two appearances in the midsummer classic leads the pack.

The move aged him by two years before he ever slipped on his new hat. Listed as 26 in New York, that's been clarified to 28 in Texas.

Still, Soriano's infectious smile began to return after his biggest concern was settled, that he would remain at second base. He also started working with swing guru Rudy Jaramillo to help cut down on his strikeouts.

"I'm not thinking about New York any more because I'm here in Texas," Soriano said. "I'm trying to be comfortable here with my new teammates and my new team.

"No matter if I'm playing for the Yankees, here or whatever, I like to play. That's what I want to do."

A shortstop in the minors, he became a two-time All-Star at second despite a high number of errors. There was even talk of moving to the outfield.

The day before the first full-squad spring workout, Michael Young made it easy on the Rangers. Despite being one of the league's best-fielding second basemen, he offered to move over to Rodriguez's old spot at shortstop.

Since then, Soriano has heard rumors of a possible trade back to New York — Mets, that is.

Soriano said he's ignored those rumors.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	35	16	12	6	88	200	159
New Jersey	34	20	11	2	81	165	136
N.Y. Islanders	30	24	10	3	73	188	173
N.Y. Rangers	24	32	7	5	60	176	200
Pittsburgh	13	44	6	4	36	141	262

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	37	19	9	3	86	197	170
Ottawa	35	18	9	5	84	222	149
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

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	38	17	7	5	88	199	153
Florida	24	27	14	3	65	149	172
Atlanta	27	32	6	3	63	184	210
Carolina	21	28	13	4	59	126	162
Washington	20	37	8	2	50	156	202

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	39	17	9	2	89	213	152
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	35	9	5	50	155	202

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	33	16	12	5	83	193	155
Vancouver	35	20	8	4	82	193	158
Calgary	33	26	5	3	74	160	151
Edmonton	27	27	11	2	67	178	173
Minnesota	21	26	18	2	62	144	152

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	33	16	11	6	83	172	140
Dallas	34	22	11	0	79	156	145
Los Angeles	25	18	16	7	73	173	171
Anaheim	25	26	9	8	67	154	173
Phoenix	20	26	15	5	60	165	200

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

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 5, Ottawa 3
N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Detroit 3, Vancouver 1
Carolina 3, Atlanta 2, OT
Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 2, OT
Anaheim 5, Chicago 2
Dallas 5, Calgary 1
San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Edmonton at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 2 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Buffalo, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	38	23	.623	—
New York	28	35	.444	11
Boston	27	36	.429	12
Miami	26	36	.419	12½
Philadelphia	24	38	.387	14½
Washington	20	40	.333	17½
Orlando	18	46	.281	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	46	16	.742	—
Detroit	39	25	.609	8
Milwaukee	33	28	.541	12½
New Orleans	33	29	.532	13
Cleveland	26	36	.419	20
Toronto	26	36	.419	20
Atlanta	20	42	.323	26
Chicago	18	43	.295	27½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	44	18	.710	—
San Antonio	41	21	.661	3
Dallas	39	22	.639	4½
Memphis	37	24	.607	6½
Houston	35	26	.574	8½
Denver	33	29	.532	11
Utah	31	31	.500	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	45	15	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	39	21	.650	6
Portland	29	32	.475	16½
Seattle	27	34	.443	18½
Golden State	25	35	.417	20
L.A. Clippers	25	35	.417	20
Phoenix	21	41	.339	25

Friday's Games

Orlando 101, Atlanta 96
New York 109, Toronto 103
Boston 94, Washington 90
San Antonio 113, Dallas 100
Houston 112, Minnesota 109
Cleveland 88, New Orleans 85
Indiana 96, Utah 88
New Jersey 78, Golden State 74
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Sacramento at Miami, 2:30 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Dallas at Houston, noon
New Orleans at Toronto, noon
New York at Washington, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 8 p.m.
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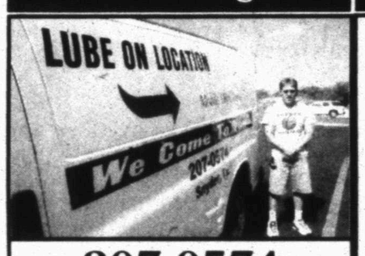
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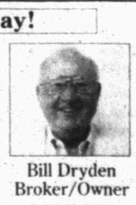
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FCC ruling allows use of device to monitor heart

DALLAS (AP) — A ban on a heart-monitoring device that faxes information directly from the patient to a physician's office has been lifted by federal regulators, striking down a claim that the device poses a risk to patients.

The Federal Communications Commission made the decision Feb. 26 but announced it Friday on its Web site. The ruling allows doctors to resume using the device and allows the German-based manufacturer, Biotronik, to put it back on the market.

"We are ecstatic as a company to be back in business," said Mark Johnson, director of U.S. marketing for Biotronik. "We have several thousand doctors waiting to use the device."

The device, known as a portable messenger, uses technology similar to a cell phone and works along with a special pacemaker. The pacemaker sends signals to the portable messenger, which is worn like a pager on a waistband or belt. The device then transmits patient information to doctors.

Doctors say the device can save lives because it gives them critical information about changes in heart activity in real time, allowing them treat patients right away.

The FCC approved the device in April 2002, but banned it almost a year later after a competing company filed a complaint saying the Biotronik device could interfere with transmissions from other medical devices that share the same airwaves, possibly preventing a patient from quickly receiving treatment. Biotronik appealed the decision.

Federal regulators spent more than a year reviewing its rules on transmissions for high-tech medical devices before deciding the complaint filed by Minneapolis-based Medtronic was unfounded.

"After analysis, we found no reason to inhibit the device," said Ed Thomas, chief engineer for the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology. "We don't think it creates any harm to patients."

Valerie Lind, spokeswoman for Medtronic, said the company is disappointed with the ruling.

"We continue to believe it's important that medical devices companies comply with the MIC (medical implant communication) regulations and we will continue doing so ourselves," Lind said.

In 2001, federal regulators created wireless medical telemetry — a precise block of frequency bands for medical devices — to prevent transmission interference.

"We observe that these devices operate extremely infrequently, about one half second a day, such that the possibility that two devices will be operating simultaneously in close proximity is extremely small," the FCC said in its latest ruling.

But federal regulators still maintain that the Biotronik device's transmission do not meet the FCC definition of a medical implant event, a technical term for medical emergencies that trigger a transmission. Federal rules say there must be a change in the patient's medical condition that requires a medical response when an implanted device transmits medical information.

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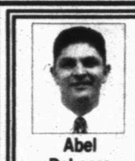
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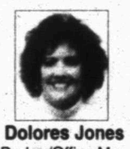
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Thank You

May we express our thanks and appreciation to each and every one for their wonderful kindness and help in our dark hour of sorrow and the loss of our loved one.

The family of Patricia Turner Burgess

Thank You

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God bless each & every single one of you.
Johnny & Hope Vasquez & family
Ricky & the Sauceda family



God saw you getting tired and a cure was not meant to be, So He put His arms around you and whispered, "come to me."

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Grab the tissues: Warm spell triggers early allergy season

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Suddenly tormented by a runny nose, stuffy head, scratchy throat and itchy eyes? You've got lots of company.

Across the country, the spring allergy season has hit extremely early due to spells of unseasonably warm weather that induced trees such as elm, maple and oak to spew out pollen particles weeks ahead of schedule.

That's making seasonal allergy sufferers miserable, and doctors in most regions are seeing a surge in patients seeking appointments or prescription refills.

"Normally, it wouldn't be until the end of March or the start of April," said Dr. Leonard Bielory, director of the Asthma and Allergy Research Center at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

He's also seen a recent increase in patients coming in with asthma flare-ups and problems from mold allergies because balmy weather in the Northeast melted snow and ice, freeing mold spores from decaying leaves and twigs.

Denise Reis of Little Falls in northern New Jersey is among those suffering from the double whammy. She saw her doctor last week for treatment of mold allergies, and now the pollen is bothering her so much she wears a mask when she goes outside.

"Today was a bad day for me," the 51-year-old retired actress said. "I get wheezing, I get coughing spells, my eyes tear, I get headaches."

One of every three or four U.S. residents suffers from allergies, the sixth-leading cause of chronic disease in the country.

In Memphis, tree pollen counts the past few days have been averaging about 300, up to four times the normal level for this time of year and well above the 80-to-100 range that triggers symptoms, said Dr. Phil Lieberman, an allergist at University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

"It's the highest pollen count that I can remember this early in the year," he said.

Fiber-optic warning system is installed at S. Padre causeway

PORT ISABEL (AP) — Officials on Friday unveiled what they say is a first-in-the- nation fiber-optic warning system at the South Padre Island causeway that springs to action if anything shakes the stability of the bridge.

Barriers will go up and lights will flash to warn motorists to stop driving, Texas transportation officials said.

The system was developed after eight people died in the Sept. 15, 2001, collapse of the Queen Isabella Causeway, the state's longest bridge.

A towboat pushing a string of four barges lost control of the barges, which veered in strong currents and struck a bridge support. A 240-foot midsection was knocked into the bay 80 feet below, and motorists drove blindly into the chasm.

As another safeguard, 16-feet-round concrete slabs have been placed in front of bridge supports.

Mario Jorge, district engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said TxDOT searched the nation for an electronic warning system and couldn't find any. Several had been attempted in other states, but they hadn't been able to withstand the weather.

"What we have is a unique system," Jorge said. "We hope that it's one that others will emulate."

The $900,000 system consists of two fiber-optic cables about as thick as a fountain pen that are strung along the bridge's north side. They are stretched in segments and are weakened in points. If a portion of the bridge breaks, one or both will break, sending signals to computers that will activate a railroad-type gate to close the bridge.

The computers are also programmed to start red lights and warning signs. Calls will automatically be placed to law-enforcement agencies and the U.S. Coast Guard.

James Mercier, an Austin-based TxDOT engineer, designed the system along with TxDOT engineer Mark Bloschock.

Mercier said much of the technology for the system is brand new, and federal transportation officials were eager to use the system on other bridges.

There have been several bridge collapses since the Queen Isabella tragedy, including the May 2002 collapse of the Interstate 40 bridge in Oklahoma that killed 14 people.

The Texas collapse has led to a handful of lawsuits against the barge company that contracted the tow. Other lawsuits blame the county for failing to maintain street lights on the bridge.

The findings from an October 2001 Coast Guard hearing on whether the channel under the bridge was mismarked or insufficiently dredged are still pending, a Coast Guard spokeswoman in Washington said.

Louisville police officer charged with murder in teen shooting

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A white police officer whose fatal shooting of a black teenager raised racial tensions in Louisville was indicted Friday on murder charges.

McKenzie Mattingly, 31, has been on leave since the Jan. 3 slaying of Michael Newby, 19, who was shot in the back during an undercover drug buy.

"Just because you have a badge on your chest doesn't give you the right to just shoot anybody," prosecutor David Stengel said at a news conference.

Newby was the seventh black man fatally shot by Louisville police in the past five years. None of the officers involved in the previous shootings was charged.

Mattingly, who had appeared before the grand jury earlier Friday, left without speaking to reporters and was not present when the indictment came down.

He could get 20 years to life in prison on the murder charge if convicted. His arraignment was set for Monday.

Mattingly's lawyer, Steve Schroering, said in a statement that his client "will make no further comment other than in a court of law, where I am confident he will be exonerated."

Civil rights leaders and black community members, along with some whites, have demanded answers since Newby was shot.

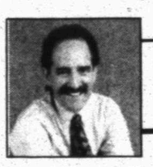
Police have said Mattingly was trying to buy drugs and that there was a struggle before the policeman fired. Police said a gun and drugs were found on Newby.

Stengel said a primary concern was that Newby was shot in the back while fleeing.

"It's a very difficult situation, being out there and making a split-second judgment," Stengel said. "The fact that he (Mattingly) was indicted for murder doesn't necessarily mean it will end up as murder. But that gives us the full range of options to look at when we try the case."

Police Chief Robert White said the department will investigate whether Mattingly violated any policies, including the use of force.

Hundreds of people have gathered in two protests over the shooting, one that ended with young people tipping over trash cans and newspaper racks.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Licorice best eaten in small quantities

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I just read your column on potassium and its potential food sources. For 27 years, I have been taking a potassium supplement as one of the original recipients of an intestinal bypass surgical procedure. For as many years, I have heard that one of the best natural sources of potassium is real black licorice — like the little licorice boats we bought as children. Thanks for your time and clarification of my question. **— M.S., via e-mail**

DEAR M.S.: It is unclear where you might have picked up this information, as genuine licorice is not a good source of dietary potassium. Not all licorice candies are equal; some are made with oil of anise, a compound that lends a licorice-like taste without the physiological effects of the licorice root herb.

Licorice root has been used therapeutically for thousands of years, taken in a powdered form or as a tea. It has a distinctive flavor and has GRAS ("generally regarded as safe") approval as a flavoring agent in foods. Candy made from the licorice root can be enjoyed by most individuals if consumed occasionally. It should, however, be used with caution if it is consumed routinely or if there are additional medications or health conditions to consider.

I bring this up because the active compounds in licorice root affect some of the body's regulatory systems. One of the potential effects is to disrupt the hormonal regulation of electrolytes, encouraging sodium and water retention and a loss of body potassium. (This is the opposite of what you were seeking.) A key ingredient in licorice root is glycyrrhizin, and this substance is converted to an active compound by the flora in our intestines. Certain people react differently than others, so licorice can have a more exaggerated effect in some. As a general rule, licorice root is not recommended for those with hypertension (high blood pressure) or low blood potassium (hypokalemia). It is also not advised during pregnancy or breast-feeding.

There are potential health benefits with licorice root, including possible help for ulcers, and some research on its antiviral and anticancer qualities has shown promise. But you should realize that this is an herbal medicine and not an innocuous candy that can be eaten with abandon whenever desired. For that, you should seek out licorice candy made without the active (glycyrrhizin) compound, as it will not have the same physiological effects. It is referred to as "de-glycyrrhizinated licorice," or simply DGL licorice.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I eat 100-percent whole-wheat bread for its nutritional value. I also like my bread toasted for breakfast and sandwiches. Am I losing any nutritional value by toasting my bread? Thank you for your column, which I enjoy in The Charlotte Observer. **— W.H., Newton, N.C.**

DEAR W.H.: Some amino acids (the building blocks of protein) are sensitive to heat. One in particular is lysine; some of this essential amino acid will be destroyed during cooking. If you existed solely on a meager ration of bread and water I would recommend that you toss the toaster, but in any situation where there is a mixed diet, the impact of a slight lysine loss is negligible.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: This is not really a question, only a comment about cocoa butter. It's great to rub on new scar tissue and postpartum stretch marks, to help get a better cosmetic effect when they are fixed. **— N.B., Lubbock, Texas**

DEAR N.B.: Cocoa butter is a versatile, natural product that finds wide use in the cosmetics industry. Thanks for the comments.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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SAMPLE BALLOT

Democratic Party

OFFICIAL BALLOT *(BOLETA OFICIAL)*

(Condado de) SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION *(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)*

MARCH 9, 2004 *(9 de marzo de 2004)*

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- Randy Crow
- Al Sharpton
- Wesley K. Clark
- John Edwards
- John F. Kerry
- Dick Gephardt
- Howard Dean
- Dennis J. Kucinich
- Joe Lieberman
- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

United States Representative, District 11 *(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 11)*
- Wayne Raasch

Railroad Commissioner *(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)*
- Bob Scarborough

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 *(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9)*
- David Van Os

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 *(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6)*
- J.R. Molina

State Representative, District 72 *(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 72)*
- Jeri Slone

Sheriff *(Sherife)*
- Darren Jackson

County Chairman *(Presidente del Condado)*
- Janet Stribling

Party Referendum *(Referéndum del Partido)*

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- For *(A Favor De)*
- Against *(En Contra De)*

Referendum No. 2 *(Referéndum Núm. 2)*

For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases. *(A favor o en contra de una enmienda constitucional protegiendo a los contribuyentes al prohibir los mandatos del estado que requieren aumentos de impuestos locales de la contribución territorial.)*
- For *(A Favor De)*
- Against *(En Contra De)*

Will appear on Precinct 3 Ballot

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 *(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 3)*
- Susie Rasco White

Will appear on Precinct 1 Ballot

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 *(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1)*
- Ralph W. Trevey

Sample Ballot (Boleta de Muestra)

Republican Party

OFFICIAL BALLOT *(BOLETA OFICIAL)*

(Condado de) SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION *(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)*

MARCH 9, 2004 *(9 de marzo de 2004)*

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Preference for Presidential Nominee *(Preferencia para un Candidato Nombrado para Presidente)*
- George W. Bush
- Uncommitted

United States Representative, District 11 *(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 11)*
- Bill Lester
- Mike Conaway

Railroad Commissioner *(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)*
- Robert Butler
- K. Dale Henry
- Douglas G. Deffenbaugh
- Victor G. Carrillo

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- Paul Green
- Steven Wayne Smith

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- Scott Brister

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- Guy James Gray
- Lawrence "Larry" Meyers

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5 *(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5)*
- Patricia Noble
- Cheryl Johnson

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7 *(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 7)*
- Michael E. Keasler
- Steven M. Porter

State Senator, District 28 *(Senador Estatal, Distrito Núm. 28)*
- Robert Duncan

State Representative, District 72 *(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 72)*
- Scott Campbell

Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place 3 *(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 11, Lugar Núm. 3)*
- Terry McCall

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- Ernie B. Armstrong

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- Magali Sanchez Bernal
- Jana Young

County Chairman *(Presidente del Condado)*
- Drew Bullard

Will appear on Precinct 1 Ballot

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 *(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1)*
- Terry Williams

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County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 *(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 3)*
- Howard Limmer

Sample Ballot (Boleta de Muestra)

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Rebel leader wants to re-establish army

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — International peacekeeping efforts forged ahead in Haiti, but a political solution seemed elusive as rebels pressed to re-establish the army — something Washington opposes — and former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's supporters demanded his return.

Even as U.S. special forces ran missions in northern and western Haiti to support the country's National Police in disarming rebels, the shadow of Aristide threatened to push the shaky situation back to the open conflict of last week.

About 3,000 protesters marched in front of the American and French embassies Friday, shouting insults at U.S. Marines in the first massive protest since Aristide fled to Africa on Sunday.

"Up with Aristide! Down with Bush!" the protesters shouted as U.S. troops watched impassively.

Some promised to mimic the violence that has plagued the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

"If it comes to that, we will confront the U.S. Marines," 35-year-old demonstrator Pierre Paul said.

Rebel leader Guy Philippe said later Friday he was gathering signatures for a petition to re-establish the country's army, blamed for much of the country's past brutality before being disbanded by Aristide in 1995.

U.S. Gen. James Hill of the Southern Command opposed the idea, saying, "There is no need for a Haitian army."

Past troops fomented 32 coups in Haiti's 200 years of independence, and the army's murderous instincts and corruption are largely blamed for making the Caribbean country one of the most miserable in the world.

The army ousted Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected leader, in 1991. Aristide in turn disbanded the Haitian army and replaced it with a civilian police force in 1995, a year after he was restored to power by U.S. troops.

Philippe said he expects to go to court next week to try to revoke Aristide's order.

Philippe also said he had spoken to rebel commanders to persuade them to disarm. But his adviser, Paul Arcelin, has told The Associated Press that the rebels would keep their weapons as long as Aristide militants were armed.

To support disarmament efforts, U.S. special forces began operating in Cap-Haitien, on Haiti's north coast, and the western city of Gonaives, and will continue to patrol the country, Hill said.

"Clearly, we're going to have to be involved in the countryside," he said during an inspection visit to Haiti.

Meanwhile, Aristide's Paris-based lawyer said the former president was forced from office. Attorney Gilbert Collard said Aristide told him he did not resign, adding to his supporters' hopes he might return to Haiti.

Aristide, who remains in secluded asylum in the Central African Republic, acknowledged writing "a note indicating that if his departure prevented a bloodbath, he would leave," Collard said. But the ex-leader also said that "if he had to resign, he would have done it according to the constitution and not with the push of a foreign power."

Collard said he was working with a U.S.-based lawyer to try to determine whether the United States, and perhaps France, violated international law by pressing Aristide to step down.

U.S. Marines arrived the day Aristide left aboard a U.S-provided jet. They were followed by French and Chilean troops, forming the vanguard of a U.N.-sponsored peacekeeping force expected to number about 5,000.

Canada said it was sending 450 soldiers within days, and Brazil said Thursday it would send 1,100 soldiers in about three months.

The U.S. Marines so far have met no resistance, though there has been none of the jubilation that accompanied their last intervention in Haiti. In 1994, 20,000 troops ousted a brutal military dictatorship, restored Aristide to power and halted an exodus of boat people.

Opposition leaders have been pressing for the replacement of Yvon Neptune, Aristide's prime minister. But a seven-member council appointed Friday to choose Neptune's replacement met for several hours without making a decision.

Gallstone pancreatitis hospitalizes Ashcroft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft was in a hospital intensive care unit Friday after suffering a severe case of gallstone pancreatitis, a serious and painful abdominal illness.

Ashcroft, a 61-year-old former Missouri senator and governor, was being treated with antibiotics. The ailment often clears up after a week or so of treatment but sometimes requires surgery. In extreme cases, it can cause death.

Doctors at George Washington University Hospital said they needed more time to evaluate Ashcroft and make a prognosis. It's possible Ashcroft could remain hospitalized for a month or more, medical experts said.

President Bush spoke briefly with Ashcroft by telephone Friday afternoon, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

"Our thoughts are with the attorney general," McClellan said in Crawford, Texas. "We wish him a speedy recovery."

Under Justice Department rules, Deputy Attorney General James Comey is authorized to exercise "all power and authority" of the attorney general. No transfer of power is necessary.

Ashcroft initially thought his sudden sickness was a stomach flu. But he began feeling so ill Thursday afternoon that he canceled an appearance at a news conference where he was to announce terrorism convictions.

After returning to his Capitol Hill home, his condition worsened and he was examined by Dr. Daniel Parks, the White House physician, said Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo. Parks advised Ashcroft to go to an emergency room, and the attorney general was taken to the hospital Thursday evening.

"After a full medical work-up in the emergency room, it was determined that he was suffering from a severe case of gallstone pancreatitis," Corallo said.

Pancreatitis is an inflammation of the pancreas, a gland that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin. The two main causes are alcohol abuse and, as in Ashcroft's case, a gallstone that blocks the passage from the pancreas to the beginning of the small intestine. It also may be caused by infection, injury or certain medications.

The illness also often occurs when a gallstone becomes lodged in the passage that leads from the pancreas to the small intestine. Symptoms include sudden, severe abdominal pain, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and fever.

About 20 percent of the 80,000 cases of acute pancreatitis each year are classified as severe, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. John Baillie, a gastroenterologist and professor of medicine at Duke University Medical Center, said people with severe pancreatitis often stay in the hospital for a month or longer.

Warrants results in 1 arrest

• ***Arrest***

A report of a disturbance in the 2500 block of 26th St. at 8:06 p.m. Friday resulted in the arrest of a 19-year-old female on local warrants for unrestrained child, expired vehicle registration, no driver license and failure to appear.

• ***Disturbance***

A caller reported at 11:04 p.m. Friday that several subjects were involved in a fight in the street east of Central Elementary. Officers located three men involved in a disturbance. The subjects were separated, but officers were called again when the father of one of the subjects involved returned to the area looking for the other men. No arrests were made.

At 10:14 p.m. Friday a caller reported a disturbance at a home on Gilmore Ave. Officers were advised it was a verbal disagreement between two subjects.

A 9-1-1 hang-up call was received by law enforcement dispatchers at midnight. Officers responded to a home on 37th St. and found that a father and his daughter had been involved in a verbal disagreement and no assault had occurred.

At 12:24 a.m., today a caller contacted police to report hearing the sound of a woman screaming and crying coming from an apartment on Ave. X. Officers responded and made contact with a man at that location. He reported that he and his wife had been involved in an argument and she had left the residence.

• ***Burglary***

At 12:10 p.m. Friday a caller contacted police to report a burglary at her residence at 706 16th St. It remains under investigataion.

• ***Criminal mischief***

A caller reported at 2:36 a.m. today that someone had thrown a full beer can at his vehicle while parked in the 3000 block of Ave. L.

At 3:31 p.m. Friday a caller requested an officer to the 3000 block of 38th St. The caller advised the driver's side door had been severely scratched while parked at The Shack restaurant.

• ***Shots fired***

A caller contacted police at 4:24 p.m. Friday reporting shots being fired at the high school football field. Officers contacted a school employee who reported the shots would be the starting pistols for the track meet.

Obituaries

Mr. Kirkland

1917-2004

AUSTIN — Raymond Kirkland, the father of Peggy Chandler of Snyder, died Monday, March 1.

Services for Mr. Kirkland, 87, were held Wednesday with the Rev. Ray Knowles officiating.



Mr. Kirkland

Born Jan. 9, 1917 in Stephenville to Willis and Elry Kirkland, he married Mavis Kirkland on Aug. 8, 1938 in Sweetwater.

Mr. Kirkland had lived in Snyder prior to moving to Austin in 1966. He was a retired heavy equipment mechanic and was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Hill.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Mavis Kirkland of Austin; two other daughters and sons-in-law, Sarah and Skip Sibert of Austin and Doris and Floyd "Red" Sutton of Hobbs, N.M.; a son-in-law, Doyle Chandler of Snyder; a sister Wanda Glidewell of Zavalla; 13 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren

Ricky L. Salazar

1984-2004

VERNON — Ricky Lee Salazar, 19, of Stamford, formerly of Vernon, died Friday, March 5, in a Stamford hospital.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Oren Key officiating. Interment will be in Wilbarger Memorial Park under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Salazar was born Nov. 12, 1984 in Haskell, a son of Ricky Salazar and Delores Martinez. He was a 2003 graduate of Harrold High School where he played football, basketball, track, and wrestling. He was on the yearbook committee and was a football scholarship nominee. He had been a resident of Vernon until late in 2003 when he moved to Stamford where he was currently working for a furniture store.

Ricky is survived by his father, Ricky and stepmother, Karen Salazar of Vernon; his mother, Delores Martinez of Snyder; his paternal grandmother, Carmen Salazar of Vernon, his maternal grandparents, Joe and Lucy Lopez of Snyder; his paternal great-grandmother, Anestacia Garza of Taylor; two brothers, Leon Salazar and Ysmael Salazar, both of Vernon; two sisters, Amanda Salazar and Gabriell Salazar, both of Vernon; one nephew; two nieces; two stepbrothers, Tommy Hendrix and John Hendrix, both of Vernon; two stepsisters, Kelsey Hendrix of Vernon and Veronica Selvera of Snyder.

Rosary will be Sunday at 7 p.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home in Vernon.

Anthony Martinez

Infant

SAN ANGELO — Graveside service for Anthony Joseph Martinez, infant son of Dorian and Lindsay Martinez, was held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Emmett Corker officiating. The baby died Thursday.

Survivors include an older sister, Briana; his grandparents, Paula Summerlin, Rickey and Lori Summerlin and Ron and Luita Nobles; his great-grandparents, Marshall and JoAnn Gregory, Barbara Summerlin, Sherwood and Nancy Hart, E.C. and Mary Nobles of Snyder and Mildred Nobles; his great-great-grandmother, Blanche Southmayd; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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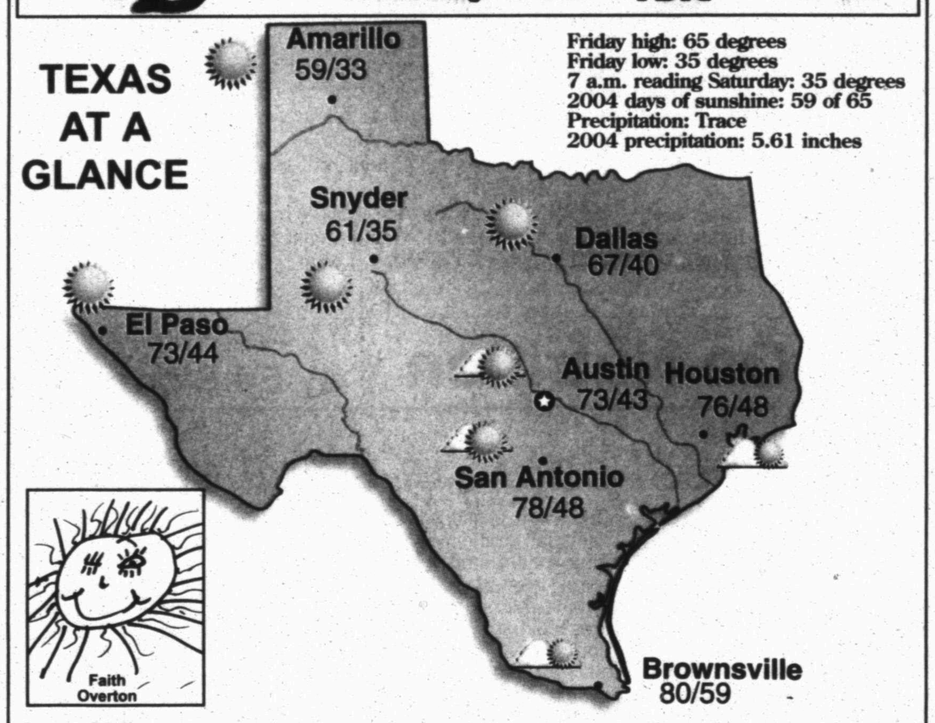
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Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 3/7	Mon 3/8	Tue 3/9
61/35	65/41	70/40
Mainly sunny. High 61F. Winds NNE at 15 to 25 mph.	Fair. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 7:04 AM · Sunset 6:46 PM	Sunrise 7:02 AM · Sunset 6:47 PM	Sunrise 7:01 AM · Sunset 6:48 PM

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Friday high: 65 degrees
Friday low: 35 degrees
7 a.m. reading Saturday: 35 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 59 of 65
Precipitation: Trace
2004 precipitation: 5.61 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	38	windy	El Paso	73	44	sunny	Midland	65	37	sunny
Amarillo	59	33	sunny	Fort Stockton	68	42	mst sunny	Raymondville	81	56	pt sunny
Austin	73	43	mst sunny	Gainesville	63	36	windy	Rosenberg	76	47	pt sunny
Beaumont	75	46	mst sunny	Greenville	65	37	sunny	San Antonio	78	48	mst sunny
Brownsville	80	59	pt sunny	Houston	76	48	pt sunny	San Marcos	75	44	windy
Brownwood	67	41	sunny	Kingsville	80	53	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	37	sunny
Corpus Christi	77	54	pt sunny	Livingston	74	41	mst sunny	Sweetwater	63	37	sunny
Corsicana	68	40	windy	Longview	68	38	sunny	Tyler	68	38	sunny
Dallas	67	40	sunny	Lubbock	60	34	windy	Weatherford	65	37	sunny
Del Rio	79	51	pt sunny	Lufkin	73	41	sunny	Wichita Falls	61	36	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	34	windy	Houston	76	48	pt sunny	Phoenix	82	58	sunny
Boston	48	34	mst sunny	Los Angeles	80	58	sunny	San Francisco	68	53	sunny
Chicago	40	27	sn shower	Miami	82	61	pt sunny	Seattle	56	47	rain
Dallas	67	40	sunny	Minneapolis	35	19	sn shower	St. Louis	48	31	windy
Denver	55	35	sunny	New York	49	36	rain	Washington, DC	58	36	rain

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Sun 3/7	Mon 3/8	Tue 3/9
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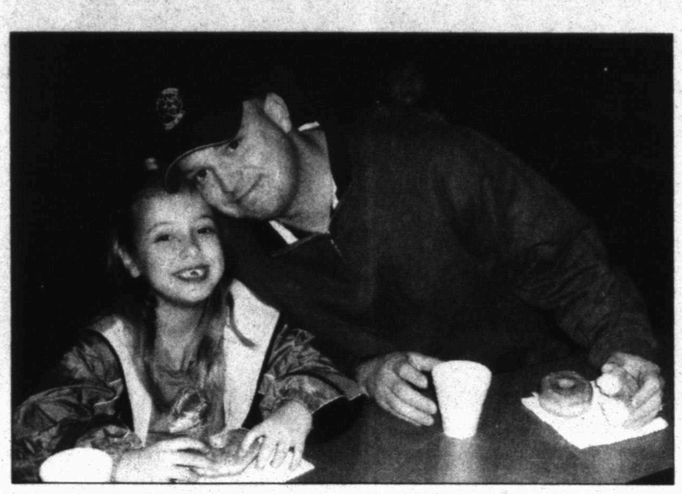
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Muffins for moms.....Donuts for dads



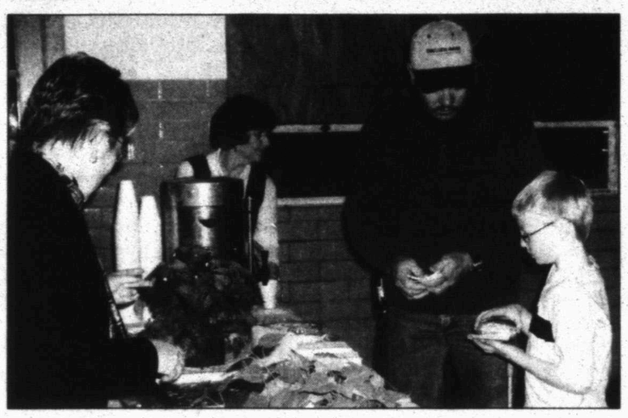
Stanfield and West hosted early-morning receptions Tuesday and Wednesday for moms and dads last week in conjunction with Texas Public School Week. At Stanfield, Donna Wilson, left, helps Sydney Grimes, kindergarten student, and her grandmothers, Helen Grimes and Shirley Grimes, select muffins.



Kelsi Pierce, Stanfield second grader, enjoys donuts with her dad, Lynn Pierce, Wednesday morning.

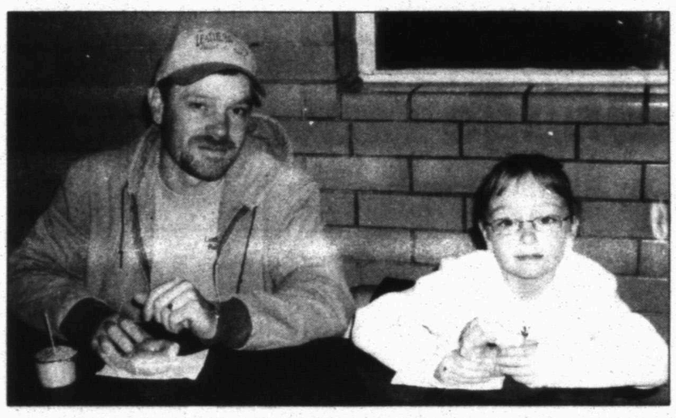


Carla Hammond and her daughter, Alyssa Sturdivant, share muffins Wednesday morning at Stanfield.



WEST — Dorothy Petersen serves Dude Jones and his son, Bryce, as they pass through the serving line on Wednesday.

Stanfield and West



Terry Leatherwood and his daughter, Megan, enjoy donuts and orange juice Wednesday at West.



Charlotte Clifton and her daughter, Stacey, stopped by for muffins Tuesday morning at West.



Kyle Freeman and his daughters, Kassy and Kandyce, dropped by Stanfield Tuesday morning for donuts and orange juice. Lori Hernandez helped serve the breakfast treats.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

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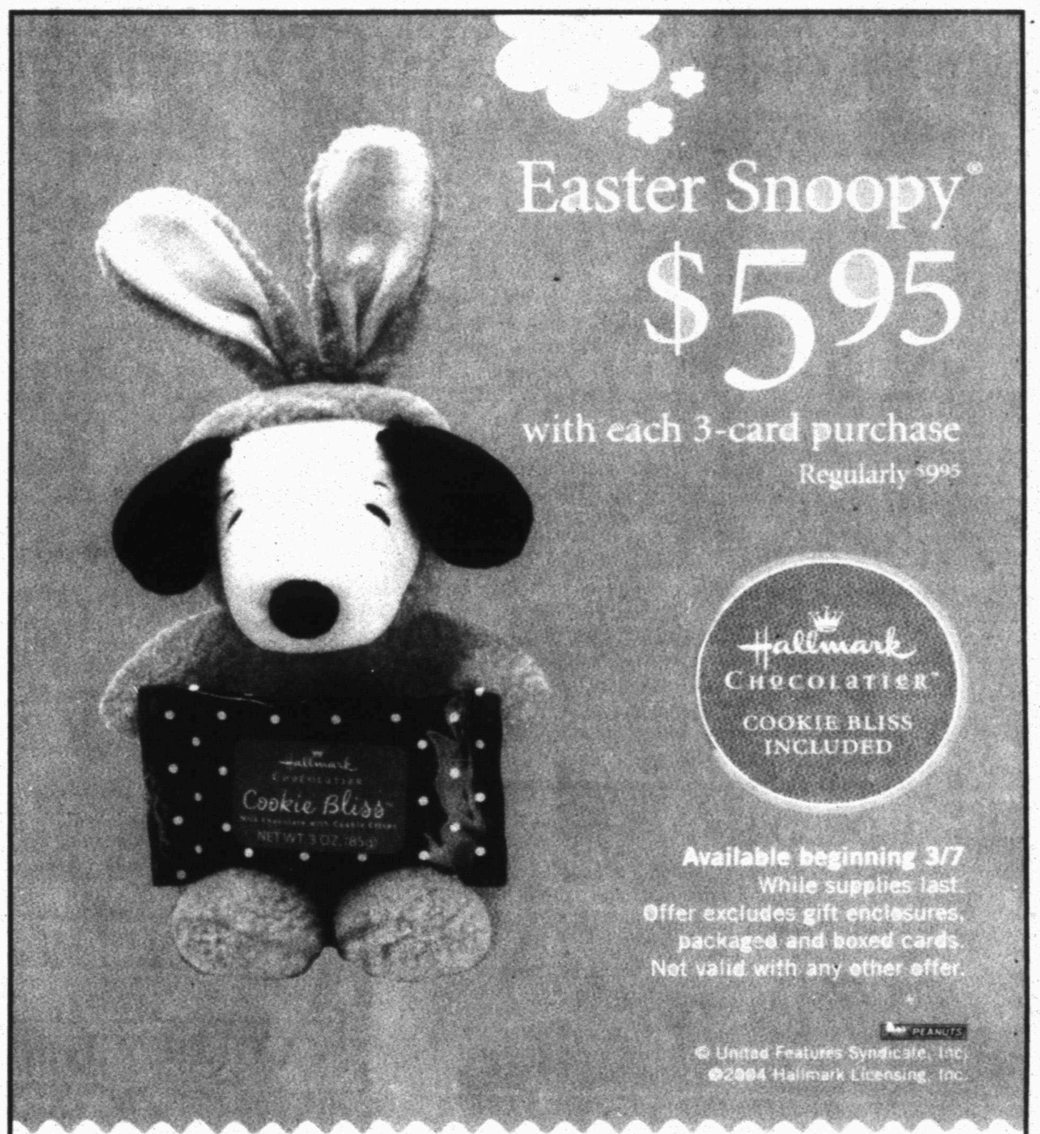
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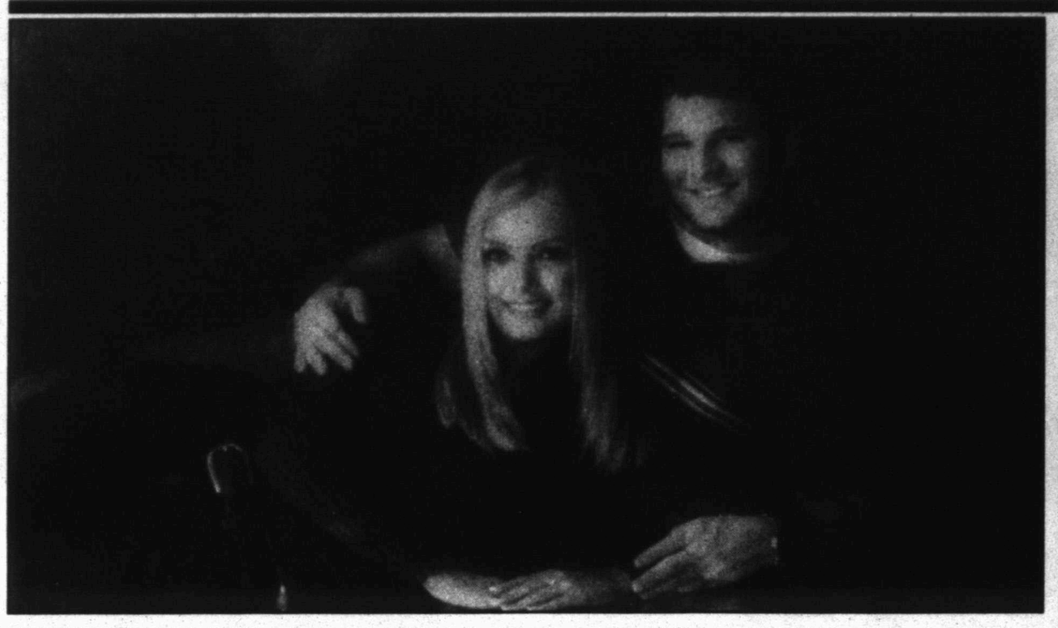


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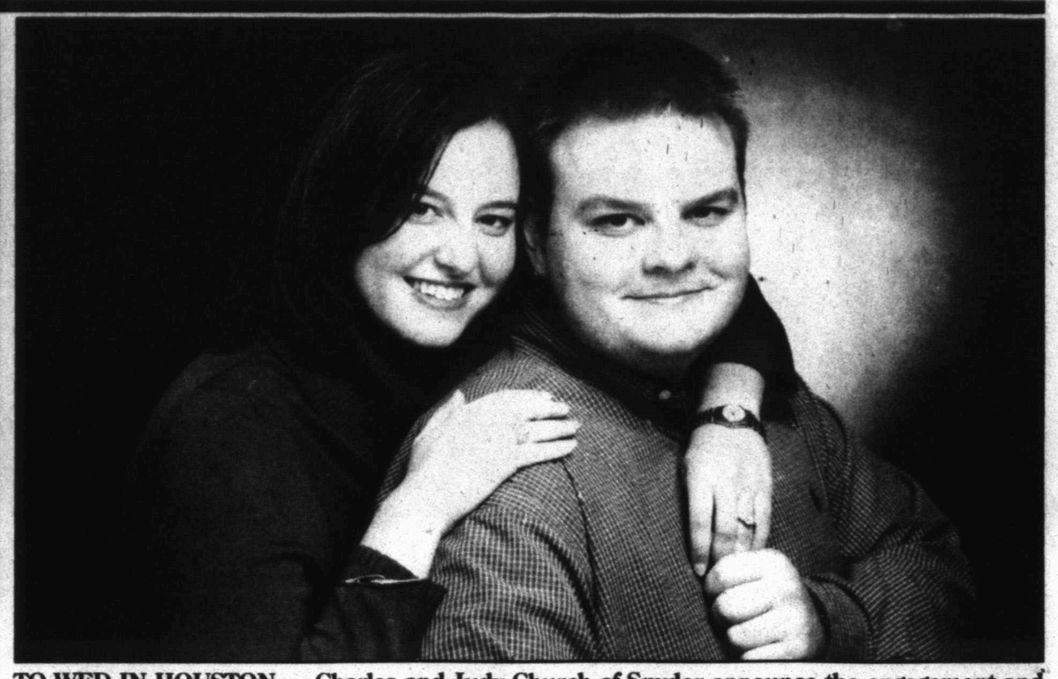
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JUNE WEDDING SET — Parents of Stormy Clark and Paul Camp announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Stormy is the daughter of Stanley and Marie Clark, and Paul is the son of Stephen and Paula Camp. All are of Snyder. The couple will marry at 7 p.m. on June 12 in Mulberry Mansion in Sweetwater. (Photo by Mr. Geez Photography)



TO WED IN HOUSTON — Charles and Judy Church of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Marvel Clark Church, to Lisa Renee McCumber. She is the daughter of Warren and Christine Cole of Houston and Gregg and Edith McCumber of Brownsville. Clark and Lisa are planning a May 22 wedding in St. Lukes Methodist Church in Houston. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

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.

RTA; The Shack; program by Raul Alcala with Western Texas College; noon.

Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday evening at Texas Savings Bank community room, 27th & College; no reservations necessary; for more information call 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m. both nights.

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

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 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.

DAR; Snyder Country Club; "Jockey Hollow, Campground for General Washington's Army," program by Jo Flynn; Joanne Sterling and Jean Everett, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program by Kathy Nelson; 4 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

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; "Mission Trip to Nigeria," by Louis Cave; Geleska Baze, Bobby Newton and June McGlaun, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on 37th Street; Myrtle Joiner, program; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a lunch break.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; one-day class from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; community room, Texas Savings Bank. For more information call 573-2850.

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.

Bridal Registry

Kendra Dacus and Cody Groves
Jordan Garrison and Troy Allen
Tiffany Boen and Matt Rodgers
Melissa Young and Robert Clarady
Renae Hall and Kaleb Herrley
Cassie Tollett and Jerrod Rinehart
Cassie Callaway and Dale Cooper
Jamie Brinker and Eric McClendon
Chelsea Wildt and Beau Taft

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Dion featured in ads

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — DaimlerChrysler AG says it's reducing Celine Dion's role in the advertising for its Chrysler unit.

The singer has a three-year, $14 million contract with Chrysler. She appeared in a widely used ad campaign last year.

"We're just moving into an exciting new direction," Chrysler spokesman David Barnas said. "I'm not at all saying she wasn't a good fit."

Chrysler's new commercials will focus more on the product, Barnas told The Detroit News for a story in Thursday's editions.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Sharon Sumruld

BOOK FEATURE

The Baby Boomer Body Book: The Complete Health Reference for Our Generation, by Brian Peckj, M.D.

As a baby boomer, you've lived through the Cold War, Civil Rights, the sexual revolution, Vietnam, Watergate, disco, punk, new wave, and the Internet. Now you're experiencing your biggest challenge yet — middle age.

Dr. Brian Peck offers information on middle-age medicine, including diagnostic procedure's and treatment for common conditions. He has compiled a reliable, comprehensive, resource full of accessible information.

The book is also filled with dozens of lively case histories of real-life medical problems that baby boomers have encountered and how they were solved.

NEW NON-FICTION

Greeting Cards for the First Time, by Vanessa-Ann.

The Michaels Book of Arts and Crafts, by Dawn Cusick.

Creative Age: Awakening Human Potential in the Second Half of Life, by Gene D. Cohen.

Word Spy: The Word Lover's Guide to Modern Culture, by Paul McFedries.

NEW FICTION

Death in Vienna, by Daniel Silva.

Muletrain to Maggody: An Arly Hanks Mystery, by Joan Hess.

True and Outstanding Adventures of the Hunt Sisters, by Elisabeth Robinson.

Dilly of a Death, by Susan Wittig Albert.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed. & Fri.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sat.

Recipe

FRESH TOMATO AND SQUASH TART

2 large, fully ripened fresh Florida tomatoes (about 1 pound)

2 large zucchini and/or yellow summer squash (about 1 pound)

1 large potato, peeled (about 6 ounces)

¼ cup chopped onion

1 cup shredded Swiss cheese, divided

2 eggs, lightly beaten

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon Italian seasoning

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400F. Coat a 9-inch pie plate or shallow casserole with cooking spray. Remove stem ends from the tomatoes; cut tomatoes in halves through the stem ends; thinly slice crosswise; set aside. Cut squash and potato in halves lengthwise; thinly slice crosswise.

In a large bowl, combine squash, potato, onion, ¾ cup of the Swiss cheese, eggs, salt, Italian seasoning and pepper until well mixed. Arrange half of the tomato slices on the bottom of the prepared pie plate. Evenly spoon vegetable mixture over the tomatoes, pressing slightly to flatten.

Arrange remaining tomato slices on top; sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Bake until vegetables are tender, about 40 minutes.

YIELD: 8 portions

Per Portion: 113 calories, 7g protein, 5 g fat, 10 g carbohydrate

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
	♠ K Q 9 5	
	♥ 9 6	
	♦ 10 7 4	
	♣ A K Q J	
West		East
♠ 8 2		♠ 3
♥ A K 5 4		♥ Q J 8 3 2
♦ A Q 6 5		♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 3		♣ 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

Friday, March 5, 2004

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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Bridge Scores

Bridge was played at the Snyder Country Club with Jane Hinton directing.

Friday, Feb. 27
North-South
A Group

1. Betty Byrd, Mary Bast.
2. Pat Floyd, Peggy Hardin.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Elizabeth Hall.

B Group

1. Pat Floyd, Peggy Hardin.
2. Margaret Presswood, Margaret Dillaha.

East-West
A Group

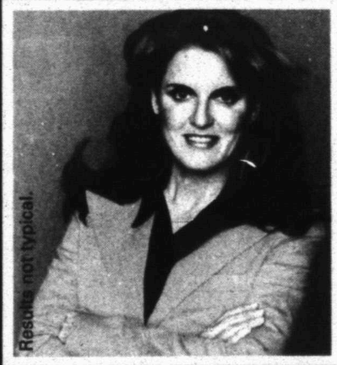
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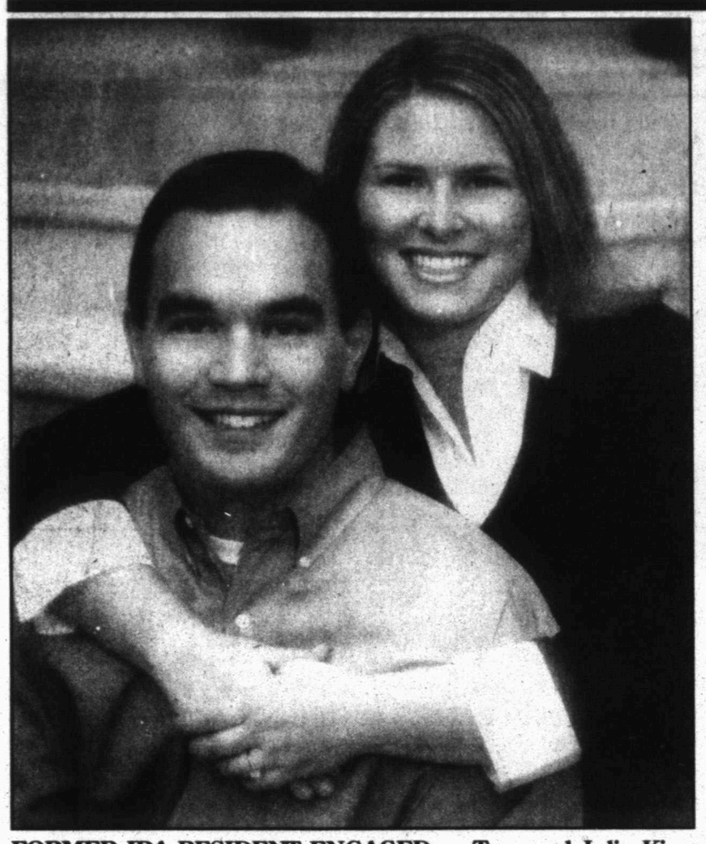
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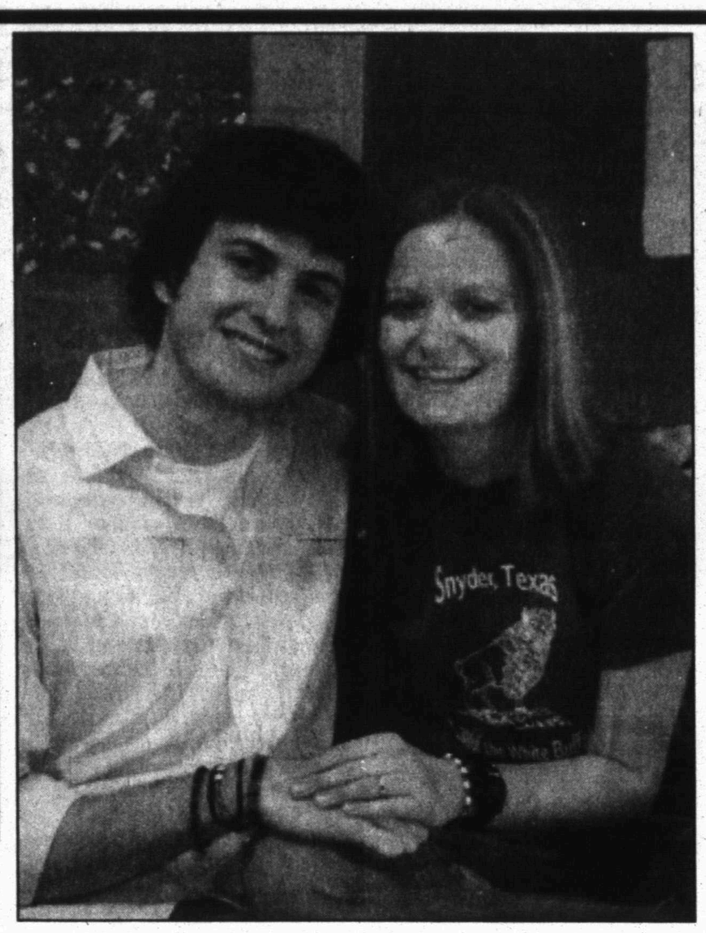


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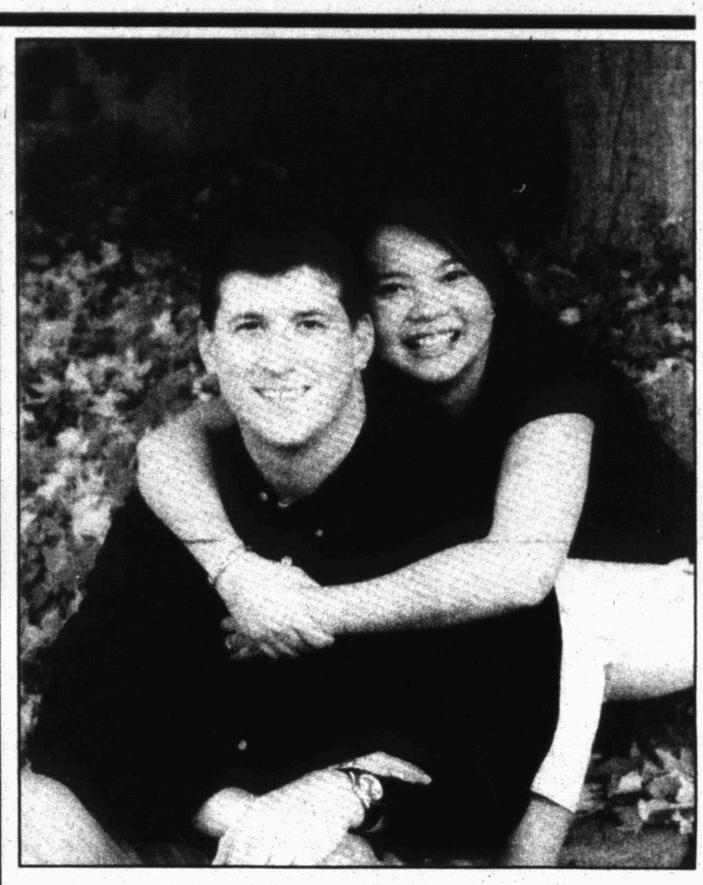
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FORMER IRA RESIDENT ENGAGED — Tom and Julie Kimmel of Marble Falls, former Ira residents, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Suzanne, to Mark Alan James. He is the son of Jim and Sharon James of Belton. They plan to wed on April 17 in Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin. A graduate of Kingwood High School, the bride-elect graduated from the University of Texas in 2000 and is employed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in Austin. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Belton High School and 1997 graduate of UT-Austin is employed by the university. (Contributed Photo)



KINCAID-GORMAN PLAN NUPTIALS — Jay Kincaid and Terri Rawls of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tera Kincaid, to Trey Gorman, son of Jack and Kim Gorman, also of Snyder. Tera attends McClendon Community College in Waco and Trey will graduate from Baylor University in May. They plan to marry on June 5. (Contributed Photo)



LOCALS' GRANDSON TO MARRY — Mary and Richard Robinson of Hereford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Scott Robinson of Fayetteville, Ark., to Amy Tran, also of Fayetteville. Scott is the grandson of Raymond and Helen Robinson of Snyder. Amy is the daughter of An and Bay Tran of Barling, Ark. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and is sales analyst for Clorox. Scott, also a graduate of UA, is a broker for Crossmark. They will marry May 15 in Fayetteville. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Snyder

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

BREAKFAST

All Schools

Monday
Breakfast Nuggets
Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
Applesauce
Thursday
Egg & Cheese Taco
Friday
Sausage in a Biscuit

LUNCH

Elementaries

Monday
Hot Dogs
Hard Shell Tacos
Mixed Vegetables
Spanish Rice
Fresh Fruit
Tuesday
BBQ Beef Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickles
Sliced Apples
Wednesday
Chicken Quesadilla
Chili Cheese Potato
Black-eyed Peas
Corn on the Cob
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Chicken Spaghetti
Beef Enchilada
Mexicali Zucchini
Tossed Salad
French Dressing
Brownies

Junior High

Monday
Dogs
Hard Shell Tacos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mixed Vegetables
Spanish Rice
Fresh Fruit
Tuesday
BBQ Beef Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Black-eyed Peas
Mexicorn
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Cheese Pizza
Beef Enchiladas
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mexicali Zucchini
Tossed Salad
Ranch Dressing
Brownie

High School

Monday
Hot Dogs
Hard Shell Tacos
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Broccoli Salad
Spanish Rice
Fresh Fruit
Tuesday
BBQ Beef Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickles
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Chicken Quesadilla
Chili & Cheese Potato
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Chicken Spaghetti
Beef Enchiladas
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mexicali Zucchini
Tossed Salad
Ranch Dressing
Brownie

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

BREAKFAST

Monday
Pancakes
Sausage
Tuesday
Breakfast Pizza
Wednesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Thursday
Breakfast Burritos
Friday
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage

LUNCH

Monday
Chicken Sticks/Fish Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Bread
Fruit
Tuesday
Stromboli/Grilled Cheese
Green Beans
Sliced Potatoes
Wednesday
Beef Tips & Gravy/Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Salad
Corn on the Cob
Bread Sticks
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Steak Fingers/Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit
Friday
Hamburgers/Corn Dogs
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Chips
Shape-up

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk. Breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Breakfast Combo
Tuesday
French Toast Sticks
Wednesday
Pancake Pups
Thursday
Assorted Fruit Pies
Friday
Sausage & Biscuit

LUNCH

Monday
Pizza
Salad
Whole Kernel Corn
Mixed Fruit
Tuesday
Barbecue Chicken
Black-eyed Peas
Mashed Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Slices
Wednesday
Frank Wraps
Salsa Sauce
Ranch Style Beans
Sugar Cookies
Thursday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Baked Beans
Fudge Brownies
Friday
Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Peanut Butter Cookies

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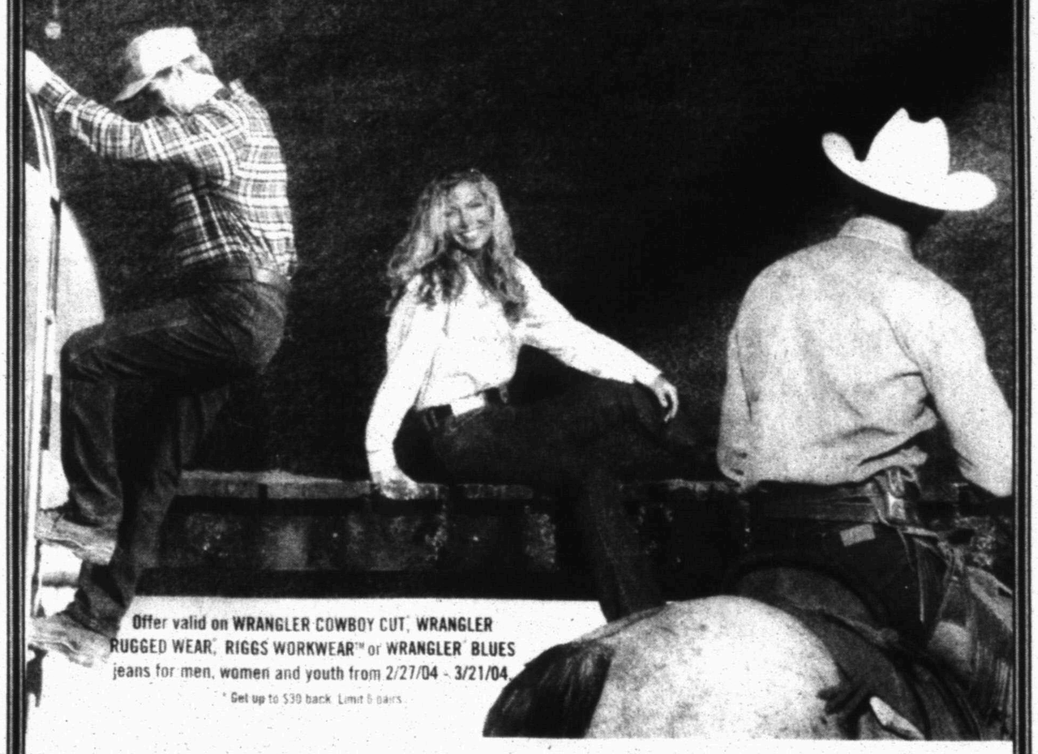
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World Almanac

Saturday, March 6, 2004

Today is the 66th day of 2004 and the 76th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1836, the Alamo fell to Mexican forces after its last defenders were slain.

In 1857, in the infamous Dred Scott decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that slaves were property and had no legal right to request their freedom.

In 1951, the trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg began in New York Southern District federal court.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cyrano de Bergerac (1619-1655), satirist and dramatist; Lou Costello (1906-1959), actor and comedian; Ed McMahon (1923-) TV host, is 81; Alan Greenspan (1926-), economist, is 78; Rob Reiner (1947-), actor and director, is 57; Tom Arnold (1959-), actor, is 45; Shaquille O'Neal (1972-), basketball player, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1982, the San Antonio Spurs beat the Milwaukee Bucks, 171-166, in three overtimes, setting an NBA record for combined points.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Luckless is the country in which the symbols of procreation are the objects of shame, while the agents of destruction are honored!" — Cyrano de Bergerac

TODAY'S FACT: The first pick in the NFL draft has not come from the same school two consecutive years since 1968 and 1969, when Ron Yary and O.J. Simpson were selected out of USC.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 51 — Average number of hours spent in traffic in 2001, by a rush-hour driver in the United States, according the Texas Transportation Institute.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (March 6)

Sunday, March 7, 2004

Today is the 67th day of 2004 and the 77th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1936, Adolf Hitler sent troops into the demilitarized Rhineland, violating the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1960, a month after walking off "The Tonight Show" to protest censorship, host Jack Paar returned to the show.

In 1965, state troopers attacked civil rights protesters during "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Ala.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), composer; Michael Eisner (1942-), Walt Disney Company president, is 62; Taylor Dayne (1962-), singer, is 42; Rachel Weisz (1971), actress, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1987, Mike Tyson defended his WBC title and won the WBA World Heavyweight boxing championship, after beating James "Bonecrusher" Smith in a 12-round fight in Las Vegas.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us." — Alexander Graham Bell

TODAY'S FACT: The territory of French Polynesia comprises 130 islands widely scattered among five archipelagos in the South Pacific.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 7 — number of Disney-owned theme parks among the top 10 theme parks in attendance (2002).

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

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Contract extended

HERZOGENAURACH, Germany (AP) — David Beckham unveiled his new logo with Adidas — and announced he's extended his contract with the German sportswear company until 2008.

The logo was inspired by the free kicks of the English player — one of the trademarks of his game, along with the accuracy of his corner kicks. It will be used on a specially designed collection of Adidas products.

"The logo is totally me and something that people can relate to," Beckham said Wednesday. "The image of me taking a free kick is world renowned and instantly recognizable. I am proud to have worked with Adidas to develop it."

Public Records

Marriage License

Jaime Soliz and Stephanie Ann Hernandez, both of Snyder.

Lionel Castillo and Betty Ann Pittman, both of Snyder.

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Cody David Groves of Midland and Kendra Danelle Dacus of Snyder.

Gary Allen Hale II and Jennifer Louise Petty, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

American State Bank vs. Tonya Richards, suit on debt.

Gary Franklin, executor of the estate of Mary Walker and next of friend of Zachary Walker, a minor; Kenneth Wigley and Patti Wigley, individually and as representatives of the estate of Lance Rivers Wigley, deceased; and Shawn Wigley, individually and as representative of the estate of Adam Avis Wigley, deceased, vs. Texas Department of Transportation, suit for damages.

Deed Records

James E. Mills to Christopher Scott Coward, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 6 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Humberto and Irma Sanchez to Gerardo and Ylanda Robles, the west 50 feet of the north 100 feet of Lot 1, Block 16 Manry Addition.

Wayne Denson, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Nora Ione Denson, to Caroline Kay Melton Rodriguez, Block 39 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Donna Davis Holt, attorney-in-fact for Melba Ann Davis, to Darrell L. and Ruby C. Jones, Lot 1 in Block 3 of the West Ridge Addition, Section 2.

Marshall Parham to Michael Lynn and Mary Ann Session, Lot 7 in Block I of the Towle Place Addition.

Bill and Dale Burns to Jerry and Connie Meador, a 125x125-foot tract in 3.85 acres located in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Joy J. Tallanto to James N. and Joy T. Tallanto, trustees of the Tallanto Family Revocable Trust, the southeast one-quarter and all of the south one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 455, Block 97, H&TC survey.

William Albert Hardy and Frank Ervin Hardy to David R. and Charlotte R. Gamber, 39.87 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jerry T. and Virginia M. Reynolds to Louroy Stewart, Lot 5 of the Winston Co. Inc. replat of Block 32 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Kyle Caven and Stacy Lynn Haley to Michael Shannon and Shana Janeen Robbins, Lot 2 in Block 1 of the Wall Addition.

Kelvin Brice Gernandt to Jay E. and Karen J. Waller, 1.3996 acres in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Douglas G. and Belinda Foster to Rodney Foster, the north 201.3 acres in the west one-half of Section 236, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Julie Pinkerton to Miguel Lopez, the west 52 feet of Lot 36 and the east 10 feet of Lot 35, both in Block 7, a replat of the south one-half Block 7 and the replat of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition.

G.C.P. Partnership to Daniel D. and Jessie Clark Avalos, Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Sunrise Addition No. 2.

Nealy Don and Joy Browning to Shell Oil Company, all of Block 107 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

Larry Don and Karen Nachlinger to Robert and Sherry Early, 10 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 71, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Daniel and Teresa Alvares to Daniel Alvares, 4.5957 acres out of Blocks 63 and 64 of the Cody Heights Addition.

George N. and Pamela Jean Parsley to Rhett L. and Kristina Coy, Lot 21 in Block 1 of the Bassridge Addition, Section 2.

Today's chuckle

Teen steels luxury car, goes on wild ride

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — A teenager stole a luxury sports car, barreled through a security gate at a motor speedway and then went four laps at 100 mph before he was arrested, police said.

Feliphe Ramos, 18, stole the 2004 Infiniti G35 worth more than $30,000 from a hospital construction site Wednesday after the driver left the keys in the ignition, police said. The driver had been lent the G35 by a dealership while his car was being repaired.

He sped past guards, crashed through a security gate and then began doing laps at the Homestead-Miami Speedway, home of NASCAR and Indy car races, police said.



After doing four laps, Ramos either lost control or stopped. Track workers held him until police arrived.

"He must have wanted to get on the track pretty bad," speedway president Curtis Gray said. "Nothing like that has ever happened here before."

Ramos was charged with grand theft auto, burglary, criminal mischief and reckless driving, and was being held Thursday on $17,500 bail.

The car incurred about $3,000 worth of damage to the bumper, hood and lights, according to preliminary estimates.

"Who knows what (Ramos) was thinking?" police Capt. Ed Bowe said. "It's kind of strange."

Study: Fewer sea turtles stranded in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Fewer dead and injured sea turtles washed ashore on state beaches last year than in any year in the past decade, federal data show.

Turtle strandings over the last several years along the Texas coast have been on the decline, a trend that biologists find encouraging for the Gulf's five sea turtle species, which are all trying to stave off extinction.

"The fewer turtles we have down on the beach, the more turtles we have alive in the Gulf," said Tim Fontaine, chief of the protected species division at the National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory in Galveston, where the 86 strandings recorded in 2001 dropped to 41 last year.

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Pisces, treat y day gift. Send for year ahead predi $2 to Astro-Graph per, P.O. Box 1 44092-0167. Be s zodiac sign.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, March 7, 2004

In the year ahead, personal effort coupled with a bit of luck could play a prominent role in your financial affairs. Your opportunities may first be initiated by you, but once under way, Lady Luck will lend a hand.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep a sharp eye peeled today for new ways to make or save money. You are now entering a new phase that could signal the beginning of a fortuitous financial cycle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Two individuals who have your best interest at heart will come through for you today in helping you attain the funds you need to accomplish your goals. It may even be more than you asked for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Dare to be a dreamer today and let your hopes be foremost in your thoughts. Remember that just because something is impossible for another, that won't necessarily be true for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Handle all important assignments yourself today and do not delegate any of them to others — no matter how busy you are. You can accomplish things in ways they never could.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It behooves you to be a mixer today and treat everyone you encounter in a friendly fashion. Something beneficial is in the offing today that could develop through pals or cliques.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Involvements initiated by others could turn out to be equally as profitable for you as those things you do on your own. Jump in and lend a hand wherever your talents are needed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When undertaking the weighing and balancing of important situations today, be sure to place the emphasis on the positive elements. Optimism helps achieve desires, not negativity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's to your advantage to pitch in and be of assistance to others today whenever you see someone in need, because, in the end, chances are it'll be you who ends up being helped the most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Conditions are about to take a turn for the better where romance is concerned, and it could be today. If you're hankering for a new relationship, that person might be just around the corner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Projects that require a special creative touch could be your cup of tea today. You're not apt to put any limitations on your imagination; what you come up with might be quite unique.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could be especially good today at managing others, even those who are particularly difficult to get along with. Using your good humor and wit, you'll cast a spell on everybody.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If by chance you have something big on the burner that could be important to you financially, don't put off finalizing it until tomorrow. Try to wrap up the deal today.

Pisces, 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, March 8, 2004

There is a strong possibility that you will find yourself more deeply involved than usual in creative endeavors in the year ahead. Your talents and skills will produce both success and pride of accomplishment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Today you'll be extremely adept at putting yourself in the right spot at just the right time to take advantage of some lucky opportunities without making your moves or motives obvious to others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't throw in the towel today just because there may be some signals that a few roadblocks could cross your path. Use your creativity to circumvent anything that tries to trip you up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You always prefer when you can do things of your own choosing and perform as you see fit. Today, however, you'll be responsive to others' needs and try to do things in ways they like.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Respond to and follow the dictates of your charitable instincts today. The good you do at this time will be more readily noted and appreciated by your peers than worldly accomplishments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Follow your dream today and temporarily shelve any older mundane project in order to spend some quality time developing your latest interest. You'll be fortunate with the new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — An important objective can be achieved today, but creative, imaginative measures may be required on your part to do so. Believe in yourself and don't be timid about committing yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You and your partner can find accord today on an important issue on which you've been holding opposite opinions. Wanting to find a compatible solution will win the truce.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Lucky you: Chances are you'll be rather fortunate today, yet not necessarily from your own efforts. People who love you will be doing all they can to make nice things happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today you'll instinctively know exactly what to say to make people with whom you'll be associating feel good about themselves and uplifted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you perform in response to the true "inner you," associates whose attention and acclaim you desire will react quite favorably to everything you put your mind and hand to today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Operating in the arena of human relationships will be your most prominent talent today, especially your ability to accept people from all walks of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is a good chance you could experience a rather fortunate turn of events where money is concerned today. Something very unusual could develop that may lead you to a small windfall.

Major changes are ahead for Pisces 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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Tenet must come clean with Congress, Sen. Kennedy says

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director George Tenet must come clean with Congress and explain why he waited until last month to "set the record straight" that Iraq posed no immediate threat to the United State in the months leading up to the war, a leading Senate Democrat said Friday.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., in remarks prepared for delivery, said Tenet must explain why he never corrected President Bush and others in the administration when they warned of a nuclear threat building in Iraq.

"Where was the CIA Director when the vice president was going nuclear about Saddam going nuclear?" said Kennedy in a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations. "Did Tenet fail to convince the policy-makers to cool their overheated rhetoric? Did he even try to convince them?"

A CIA spokesperson declined to comment.

In a speech last month, Tenet said Saddam Hussein's regime posed a danger, but that analysts had varying opinions about whether Iraq possessed chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. He said that information was passed on to the White House.

States eye banning gay marriages

By The Associated Press

Lawmakers in Wisconsin and Kansas pushed ahead Friday on efforts to amend their states' constitutions to ban gay marriage, and a similar measure died in Idaho.

The actions came two days after Utah's Legislature agreed to put its own anti-gay marriage amendment before voters, countering efforts elsewhere to legalize the partnerships, including nearly 3,600 same-sex marriages performed in San Francisco in the past three weeks.

The proposal approved by the Wisconsin Assembly 68-27 would prohibit same-sex marriages and civil unions. It now goes to the state Senate. More approval from lawmakers and voters would also be required for it to become law.

In Kansas, the House voted 88-36 for an amendment to ban gay marriages and the granting of benefits associated with marriage to other relationships. It would need a two-thirds vote in the Senate and majority of the vote in November to become part of the constitution.

The Idaho proposal failed on a 20-13 vote to come out of committee. Amendment opponents emphasized during the debate that the state had already passed a law in 1996 banning gay marriage.

Fourteen states are seeking this year to amend their constitutions to ban same-sex marriages. States in recent years have already acted broadly in opposition to the prospect of same-sex marriages, passing so-called Defense of Marriage laws in 38 states. And four have already amended their own constitutions to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

President Bush is supporting a movement to amend the U.S. Constitution, citing decisions by Massachusetts' top court that prohibiting same-sex marriages would violate that state's constitution. The court rulings cleared the way for full-fledged gay marriages by mid-May and sparked the parade of marriages in San Francisco.

Lawyers for San Francisco planned Friday to answer efforts by California's attorney general and gay marriage opponents to invalidate its same-sex marriages. The lawyers expected to tell the state Supreme Court that nothing in the state constitution requires local officials to obey laws they believe are unconstitutional.

County and local officials in liberal spots in Oregon, New Mexico and New York have followed suit, though Jason West, mayor of New Paltz, N.Y., said Friday he will postpone a second round of same-sex weddings that had been planned for Saturday so he can talk to state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer next week.

Spitzer issued an opinion this week saying New York does not allow same-sex marriages. Opponents of gay marriage have sought a court order to enjoin West from performing the ceremonies, though a judge has not yet ruled.

Wisconsin statutes already define marriage as a contract between a husband and a wife and do not recognize gay marriage. But backers feared a judge would overrule that.

"Amending our statutes is not going to address the problem," said Republican Rep. Mark Gundrum, the amendment's main author. "We need to have this in our state constitution or we are every bit as vulnerable to activists judges instituting same-sex marriage as they did in Massachusetts."

Democratic Rep. Tom Hebl said the amendment's 43 words were among the most spiteful ever put on paper.

"It's liberty and justice for all unless you're gay and lesbian," Hebl said.

The proposed amendment would have to pass both houses of the Legislature by simple majorities in consecutive two-year sessions and be approved by voters in a referendum.

Kansas already has a law, adopted in 1996, stating that marriage is valid only between one man and one woman. The proposed amendment would add a similar statement to the state constitution, along with the benefits prohibition.

In Utah, where a strong majority of the population belongs to the conservative Mormon church, legislators have sent Gov. Olene Walker a bill to outlaw gay marriage. Walker hasn't said whether she'll sign it.

SHS yearbook earns awards

The 2003 Tiger's Lair yearbook has been awarded an Award of Achievement (scone place) by the Interscholastic League Press Conference (ILPC), the journalism division of the University Interscholastic League (UIL).

Texas junior high and high schools, that are members of ILPC, submit their yearbooks and newspapers to the organization to be judged and critiqued by current or former journalism advisers.

"The staff has done a good job of producing a nice book for the students at Snyder High School ... good theme idea, some really good photos. Keep up the good work to try to make next year's book even better. Best wishes to a talented staff...," were some of the comments made by the judge.

The book rated "Distinguished Merit" in the areas of reader services and sports coverage.

Co-editors of the yearbook were Kasey Wemken and Amanda Flores. Section editors were Wemken, student life; Flores, sports; clubs/organizations Melissa Maguire; academics, Katie Haggard; Jessica Hines, people; Erika Tavarez, index, Ashley Jenkins, advertising, adviser was Diane Arnold.

Local student treks to wildlife facility

LEVELLAND — Zane Bedell of Snyder, wildlife management major, is among 17 wildlife management students and their faculty sponsors from South Plains College scheduled to trek to the Matador Wildlife Management area north of Paducah this weeken on an educational collecting trip.

"We will teach the students techniques for collecting small mammals, reptiles and amphibians and will release the majority of the animals," said David Etheredge, assistant professor of biology.

"One of the main objectives is simply to get out in the field, look and have a chance to see the wide variety of animals in the wild," he explained. He has a state collecting permit.

Students visited the area several times in 1998 as part of a project with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "This area is one of our favorites. It has changed a lot since then. We are excited about returning," he said.

Brooke Kubena is on dean's list

Brooke Kubena of Snyder was named to the dean's list at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy for the 2003 fall semester.

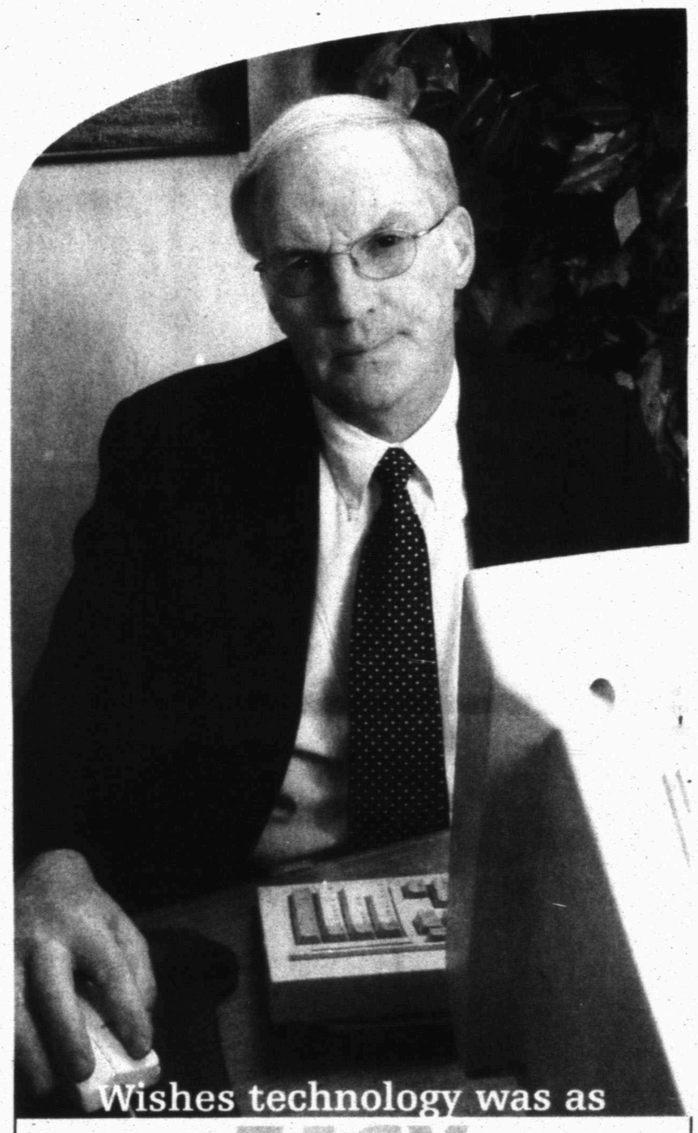
To qualify for the dean's list, students must carry a 94.5 accumulative average for the semester.

Entries sought for area poetry contest

Organizers of the third annual Forrest Park Poetry Festival set for May 14-15 in Lamesa, have issued a call for submissions for the annual literary contest.

Submission acceptance date for the Forrest Fest 2004 Poetry and Creative non-fiction writing contest opened March 1. Awards will be presented at the Forrest Fest 2004 in Forrest Park Community Center in Lamesa, on May 15. This year's categories are adult poetry, 1st place, $100; creative non-fiction, $25; spiritual poetry, $25; children's poetry, $25.

Poetry should not be over 32 lines. Creative non-fiction should be one-page, double spaced, type should not be less than 10 pt or more than 12 pt. Send submissions to Forrest Fest, C. Williams, 301 North 19th Street or to earthworman@pics.net. You may view guidelines and schedule for Forrest Fest at www.forestfest.com.



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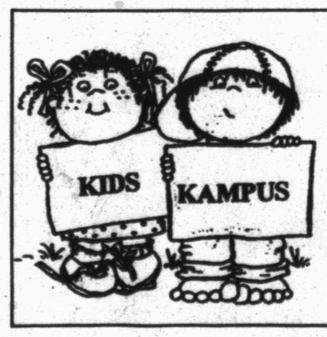
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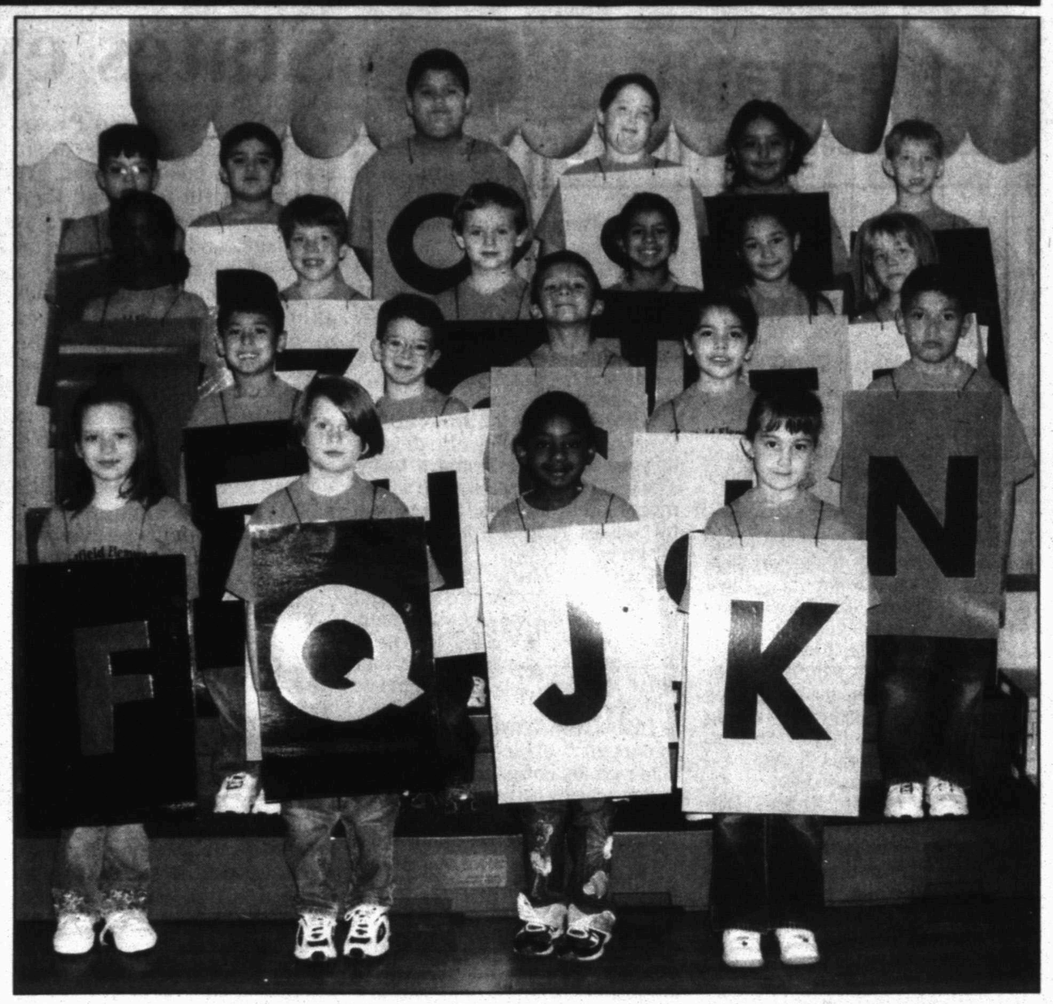


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Prosecutors, defense attorneys quiz jury panel

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Three potential jurors were eliminated Friday as jury selection resumed in the murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols.

Once the three are replaced, the pool will continue answering questions from lawyers trying to choose the 12 people who will decide Nichols' case. The three were removed for personal reasons or potential conflicts.

On Thursday, 42 prospective jurors were selected despite objections by the defense that the panel is stacked with people who support the death penalty.

Defense lawyer Brian Hermanson objected to Judge Steven Taylor's dismissal of a prospective juror who said she would not impose capital punishment.

Nichols is charged with 161 counts of first-degree murder for the Oklahoma City bombing. Besides death by lethal injection, he faces possible penalties of life in prison without parole and life with the possibility of parole.

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A-Z DOES IT — These Stanfield classes recently presented *A-Z Does It*, directed by Reba Bailey. Sheila Collier's students (top left photo) are back row from left, Shawnee Williams, Kelsi Pierce, Kelby Roemisch, Lane Carroll and Danny Gunderson; second row, Kegan Scifres, Deonica Vasquez, Kyle Delorea, Hillorie Earnest and Colter Smith; third row, Rowdy White, Alexis Morin, D'Vincent Allison, Kelsie Barrera, Rodney Martinez and Felicity Alarcon; and top row, Jasmin Martinez, Katrina Aviles, Dillon Clifton, Jonathan Garcia, Xavier Jaramillo and Ismael Serna. Kim Kruger's students (top right photo) are back row from left, LeAnn Hall, Amber Moon, Shanerica Pruitt, Kristin Kruger; second row, Tyson Hester, Josh Molter, Christian Garcia, Amy Magana and Brian Hernandez; third row, Jakiya Davis, Riley Arnold, Chance Rogers, Adrianna Hernandez, Gabrielle Munoz and Reagan Lee; top row, Joe Angel, Noel Villa, Jeremy Garza, Dakotah Neff, Kelsey Guerra and Justin Clifton. Aleta Long's students (bottom right photo) are from left top row, Sidney Whitaker, Zachary Haltom, Elisa Alcala, Chris Morin, David Garcia, Brittany Birkenfeld; third row, Miko Campos, Lane Wood, Nathan von Roeder, Miranda Flores and Morgan Gamble; second row, Sandy Leal, Cameron Archuleta, Jesse Jones, Joey Alvarez and O.T. Lane; bottom row, Christian Nakamura, Samantha Bloom, Stephanie Gomez and Jacob Ludwig. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Parents reunited with six-year-old daughter

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. (AP) — With hugs and kisses, the parents of a girl who was allegedly kidnapped as a newborn six years ago were reunited with the child, officials said Friday.

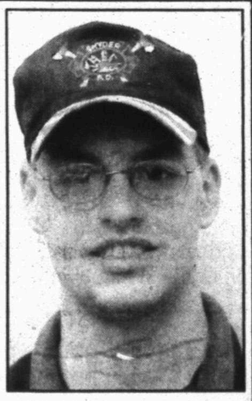
Luz Cuevas and Pedro Vera met the girl at a government office in New Jersey on Thursday, the same day a judge approved a plan to grant the parents custody, said Cuevas' lawyer, Andrew Micklin.

Philadelphia-area Rep. Angel Cruz, who represents the neighborhood where Cuevas lives and accompanied her to the reunion, said the mother was "thrilled" to meet the child she had named Delimar Vera.

"She said, 'She called me mommy and she accepts me,'" Cruz said.

Ben Poe

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Ben Poe was born in Abilene, TX and grew up in Palestine, TX. He graduated from Westwood High School in Palestine. Ben moved to Snyder in February 2002 after going to work for the City of Snyder as a fireman on February 25 of the same year. Ben and his wife Lora were married on June 14, 2003. Ben's hobbies include fishing and hunting. Ben was nominated for employee of the month because he works hard every day and he is eager and dedicated.

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Perry blames political foes for 'smear campaign'

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry is denying widespread rumors that he and his wife plan to divorce over his alleged infidelity and that he will resign from office, according to a published report Friday.

Perry told the Austin American-Statesman in a copyright story that political enemies are responsible for the "smear campaign."

The first-term Republican, who was elected in 2002, said Thursday he was forced to respond publicly because the "obvious, orchestrated effort" had reached critical mass, with rumors spread by e-mail and on Web sites.

Perry said the rumors "are not correct in any shape, form or fashion. These are irresponsible. They're salacious. They're hurtful to my family."

The governor's press staff has said it has fielded calls about the rumors for about two months. At the Governor's Mansion on Thursday, Perry's 54th birthday, he said he had decided to speak out on what he sees as a dangerous new political trend.

"I don't think a rumor can just get to critical mass by itself," Perry said. "I think you have to have a well thought-out, organized effort to disseminate that kind of information and keep it going day after day after day after day."

The governor's wife, Anita Perry, declined to comment after her husband's interview with the American-Statesman.

Perry said the rumors were heard by his son Griffin at Vanderbilt University and by his daughter Sydney, a local high school student. Perry's staff, in trying to track down the source of the rumors and who is helping to spread them, has found references on multiple Web sites.

The governor's staff, after weeks of declining to have Perry personally address the rumors, approached the newspaper this week and said Perry wanted to respond. In mid-February, he had referred questions about an interview on the topic to press secretary Kathy Walt. She said then that the governor would not respond to unsubstantiated rumors.

The governor declined to blame a specific source for initiating the rumors, but had harsh criticism for Texas Democratic Party Chairman Charles Soechting, who referred to them at a Feb. 24 political rally in Houston.

Soechting was one of several speakers before the arrival of then-presidential candidate John Edwards. Soechting referred to an event earlier that day in which a dozen people carrying signs such as "It's OK to be gay, guv" stood outside the Governor's Mansion and encouraged Perry to address rumors about his sexuality.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Soechting said. "I ask you to stay tuned. There's a lot of things happening in Texas. For those of you that know, there's a lot of stuff happening at the state Capitol. And you're going to be excited when you learn more and more about it. So I wish I could tell you more, but I think if you've got someone sitting next to you (who) knows what's going on, just get them to whisper it to you.

"How many of you all know? Raise your hands up. That's right. They had a rally up there in support of the governor today. Some of his friends said, 'Come out, Rick, and we'll support you.' Anyway, it's a good time for us," Soechting said.

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Chaidez Alicia
Clanton, Monica
Garcia, Natasha
Gault, Rachael (2)
Guardado, Michael (2)
Guerrero, Gina
Guerrero, Kristi
Huddleston, Arielle
Kerr, Jonathan
Luna, Raben (2)
McGlouthin, Tosha
Medrano, Samantha
Mehrafshan, Allen
Silva, Tony
Strickland, Jake
Tyrell, Taylor
Wall, Clint (2)

Most Improved
Aguirre, Jose
Alfaro, Benjamin
Almanza, Dilland
Benitez, Cassie
Benitez, Kayelyn
Essery, Shehala
Ferruzca, Jose
Garza, Cindy
Kenly, Jescia
Nolan, Kim
Pesina, Josh
Torres, Eva

Citizenship
Arizmendi, Samanasara
Buchanan, John
Chaidez, Alicia
Downing, Meagan
Evans, Becky
Huddleston, Arielle
Johnson, Jacob
Lopez, Toby
Luna, Raven
Martinez, Andie
May, Aryn
Moss, Chelsea
Redman, Micayla
Rodriguez, Crystal
Sanchez, Marissa
Verduzco, Jonathan
Walters, Alex

Primary Awards

Outstanding
Ballard, Alexis
Benitez, Shanendoah
Blevins, Caleb
Casarez, Ashley
Ervin, Eddie
Espinoza, Mikey
Garcia, Roy
Huggins, Kelsey
Huggins, Makenna
Leatherwood, Megan
Lindsey, Regan
Rocha, Anthony
Rub, Geraldine
Seyler, Marlena

Most Improved
Brazil, Michelle
Esparza, Julissa
Flores, Ali
Harrison, Tobias
Hernandez, Marissa
Northcutt, Matthew
Northcutt, Michael
Segura, Brianna
Silva, Marquise
Sosa, Alyssa
Sosa, Emily
Sutton, Jessica
Trevino, Raul
Westbrook, Gabi

Citizenship
Aparicio, Ana
Contreras, Maria
Goodger, Heather
Gutierrez, Noah
Hardy, Kaitlyn
Martinez, Jacob
Martinez, Miguel
Morin, Ricardo
Morris, Lacey
Olvera, Genaro
Simmons, Alichia
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Vaughan, Ryle
Welsh, Tessa

Kerry planning 20-city, $15M fund-raising tour in near future

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry is setting an ambitious $105 million goal for his effort to unseat President Bush and will soon start a 20-city fund-raising blitz aimed at scooping up at least $15 million by May.

If Kerry reaches his target, it would be a fund-raising high for the Democrats and roughly match the record $106 million that Bush raised for his primary campaign in 2000. Bush has already surpassed that total this year, collecting more than $155 million for his re-election bid.

"This is the first time a Democrat has had the chance to raise money after he's been the nominee or the perceived nominee," Louis Susman, Kerry's national finance chairman, said Thursday.

"It's a big hill to climb, but we think we can climb it," he added.

Kerry raised about $25 million last year and hopes to take in $80 million more this year before the party's convention in late July.

He can raise money through the spring and summer because he opted out of the public financing system and its $45 million spending cap for the primary season.

Kerry's fund-raising blitz starts March 29 with a two-day swing through California, national finance director Peter Maroney said. The campaign hopes to pick up $2.5 million on the trip.

The effort continues next month with events in Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Providence, R.I.; Boston, New York City; New Jersey; Pittsburgh; Philadelphia; Atlanta; Miami; New Orleans and Houston. Stops in St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland and Cincinnati are in the planning stages.

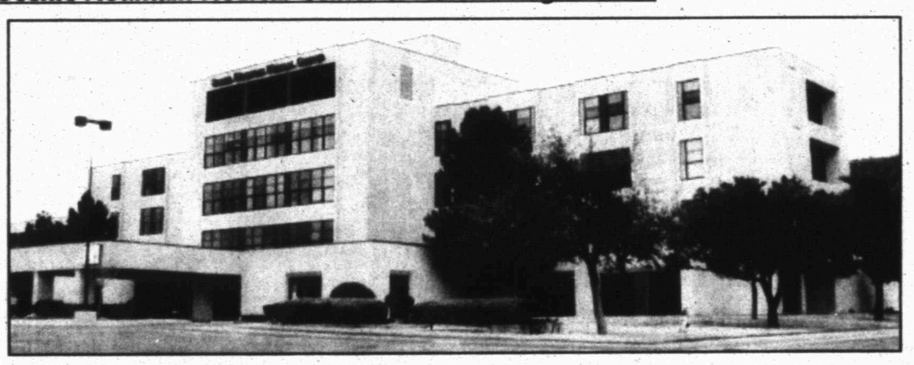
Most fund-raisers will be $1,000 to $2,000 per ticket, with those in the biggest cities expected to take in $1 million or more. Kerry will enlist help for events in smaller cities from surrogates such as his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, and former presidential hopefuls Dick Gephardt and Wesley Clark.

Kerry hopes to raise at least $15 million to $20 million through mail and telemarketing solicitations and millions on the Internet, for a total of at least $40 million in small-dollar donations overall.

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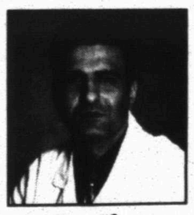
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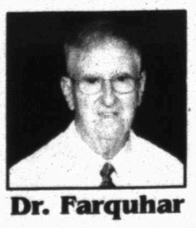
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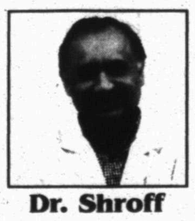





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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

These retired "cowpersons"—oh, the heck with political correctness — in truth, they are country guys who remember milking, branding, herding, feeding, trailering and cursing cows in great numbers.

These geezers meet every morning for two-bit coffee at the Wagon Wheel Café. They push two tables together, caring not if they "saucer and blow and spill a bit," 'cause the old checkered oil cloth table coverings have a few wipes left in them.

They hold forth through several re-fills, taking their leave after Marge (Yes, you can guess her nickname) clears her throat several times, wonders out loud if the lunch crowd might be early today, sprays air freshener all over their conversations or "shoos them out" with a stare that would take the paint off a tanker.

Anyway, the kibitzers love to start their days this way, each in a specific chair, chomping at the bit to discuss the issues of the world. All issues qualify. "Let the big ones stand up and the little ones bunch up. We'll mow 'em all down," one bellowed.

On this day, they were commiserating with the chicken folks, taking note that chicken flu in South Texas would play havoc with the poultry market.

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"The folks at Chick-Fil-A are a class act," one old farmer claimed. "Here a while back when one mad cow cost cattle people $10,000 a pop, those folks declared a moratorium on their billboard teases of bovines urging us to 'eat more chikin.'

Now us cow people need to send a sympathy card or something to the chicken folks, but that wouldn't make the news," he admitted.

"Why don't we send them a 55-gallon barrel of chicken soup? It's supposed to cure anything, and the gesture would be sucked up in the media winds," another offered. "Can't you just see mother hen, urging to get the sick chicks to eat chicken soup? "She'd force their little beaks open, saying, 'Eat it anyway. It's good for you, and besides, it was nobody we knew.'"

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That brings to mind additional reasons as to why the chicken crossed the road. Initially, it was simply to get to the other side. Add these: 1) To show armadillos that it can be done, and 2) Because the rest of the chickens in her flock are sneezing.

I digress. Shades of Rodgers and Hammerstein! When they gave us *Oklahoma!* more than 60 years ago, they maintained that the "Farmer and the Cowman" should be friends. Now, the cow and chicken folks are drawing closer together because of one mad cow and a few chickens with the flu.

Watch for these coffee-drinkers to make a media run with their chicken soup idea. Though they're at the age when their dreams are re-runs, they are not without passion, and they'll hand out specific media contacts for each geezer. (Mel Gibson is showing the world what passion can do.)

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On a personal note, I turn back the clock about a decade. I was president at Howard Payne University, and a guest speaker was to be S. Truett Cathey, founder of Chick-Fil-A. Upon his arrival, I invited him to our home for breakfast featuring my mom's made-from-scratch biscuits. He accepted.

My wife went into panic mode, straightening the house for the arrival of the man whose chicken empire is world-renowned. Mom moved briskly around the kitchen; she felt right at home around the oven.

Mr. Cathey put away three biscuits (but who's counting?), commenting that they were as good as any he had ever tasted.

Pushing back from the table, he presented Mom with some coupons for free chicken sandwiches. She demurred, but finally accepted. Wiping flour on her apron, she shook his hand and stuck the coupons in her pocket. "Now I want to be sure to see you when I get my sandwiches out at the mall," she said, "What shift do you work?"

He smiled; I changed the subject and Mom went on with her day.

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Interestingly (and most sentences starting with this word aren't), Mr. Cathey and his brother, Ben, opened Dwarf Grill in suburban Atlanta in 1946. It was a tiny eatery, open around the clock — except Sundays. One of them was always present on 12-hour shifts. Come Sundays, they were too pooped to pop, fry, boil or whatever, so they rested. The business prospered, and Truett persevered, despite losing his brother/partner in a 1949 plane crash.

In 1967, the first Chick-Fil-A opened in nearby Greenbriar Mall. From the beginning it, too, is idle on Sundays. So are the other 1,100 eateries.

Oh, it should be mentioned that Mr. Cathey, 83 this year, has kept a Sunday commitment for nigh on to 50 years. That's how long he's been a Sunday School teacher for teen-age boys in Jonesboro, Ga. The church is not far from the wildwood, and it's not brown.

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Letters to the Editor

Tax ceiling

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the commissioners court for their willingness to accept the wishes of the people of Scurry County, who voted 81 percent for Amendment 13 in the September '03 election.

I also would like to thank County Judge Rod Waller in the manner he conducted the meeting, pointing out that 730 people in Scurry County voted for the amendment and only 153 voted against. Having another election would cost the county, and since so many voted for the amendment, he felt that it would be best for the commissioners to approve the tax ceiling for the plus 65/disabled homestead.

We are now looking to the city council and WTC board to take the same action as the county commissioners did, without an election.

C.A. "Mac" McCown

Social Security

Dear Editor:

I am sure anyone who is long in the tooth can remember when the bureaucrats in Washington woke up to the fact that there were billions of dollars just setting and not being used. I am referring to the Social Security and pension funds.

As I remember it, the bureaucrats have always hidden deficits in the SS fund when they needed to make their budgets look acceptable and they have never hesitated to take whatever they wanted out of this fund for whatever they chose. This is downright theft and it is the same as taking money out of someone else's bank account.

They can take money out of this account and not have to answer to anyone as to what they use it for and they sure do not have to pay it back. They can use this fund the same way they use the general fund where they have their retirement fund. The states do the same thing.

They don't have to answer for the funds they take. General fund means free money. This is how all these bureaucrats draw the same salary for the rest of their lives whether they are in office or not, and their wives draw half as much.

In addition to this they continue to get raises and CLAs (cost of living adjustments). I have been aware of this all along but like everyone else I thought what can I do?

Well not much, but if the editor will help, I can at least get this off my chest.

Social Security was a system set up for the working class. They took money out of your check and you really didn't have anything to say about it. Now the bureaucrats have opened it up to people who have never paid into it and I have talked to some that are drawing more than I am and I have paid into it all my working life.

I had the maximum points required. I resent the government controlling the SS as it is a system set up for the working class and I do not think Washington should have any right to touch one dime of it without the people having a say in it, after all it was our money.

By "was" I am referring to Greenspan's announcement about Bush's spending has given us the largest deficit in history and we need to cut Social Security or it will be out of money in X number of years. The question I have for you Mr. Greenspan is "what the hell has the deficit got to do with my Social Security?"

If this is a problem why not move SS to the general fund where there is an unlimited supply of revenue? Before Washington started delving into the Social Security fund it was nearing the self supporting stage with interest on that so called "just setting and not being used" funds.

You want to help SS, pay back what you took from it.

Omer T. Pointer

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Snyder ISD	3
DCOS	2
Hermleigh ISD	1
Ira ISD	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
City of Snyder	1
WTC	0
Scurry County	0





Letter Policy

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length.

The newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

Following a long-standing policy and practice, Snyder Daily News does not publish letters pertaining to a candidate or issue once an election has been called.

Opinions in favor or in opposition to an issue or candidate may be published in paid political advertisements.

Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Thursday.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Hereford Brand

Gov. Perry's trip to the Bahamas

Kudos to Texas Gov. Rick Perry for finding a convenient way around open discussion of the most public topic facing our state by leaving the country.

Apparently, the Lone Star State isn't good enough for Gov. Perry, who spent the President's Day weekend in the Bahamas, where he held a retreat with big campaign donors, consultants and advisers to discuss public school finance.

The weekend in the tropical paradise for the governor and his wife, Anita, was paid for by his political donors. The contributors to the Perry campaign warchest also paid the way for his staff, until word got out and Gov. Perry's campaign picked up the staffers' tab.

The Perrys, along with the governor's political consultant Dave Carney and big Perry contributors John Nau, who has donated $75,000 to the governor's campaign, and James Leininger, who contributed $100,000, flew on a private jet to the secluded Abaco Islands, where The Associated Press reported they discussed public school finance.

By going to the tropical paradise on a private jet with big donors to discuss public policy, Gov. Perry couldn't blame Texans for thinking that money buys access to his office. Texans also can't be blamed for being suspicious of anything that Gov. Perry proposes, especially since Mr. Leininger is one of the state's leading advocates for school vouchers.

While in his tropical paradise, the governor's group was joined by Brooke Rollins of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think-tank, and anti-tax strategist Grover Norquist.

It is disturbing that Gov. Perry apparently sees nothing inappropriate in taking a free trip with some of the wealthiest individuals in the state to hold private discussions about public policy.

It speaks loudly to ordinary, working Texans that only the privileged have access to this governor.

If Gov. Perry wanted to go to a beach to talk about public school finance, he could have gone to South Padre Island and sat down to talk out in the open air with the people who have children in Texas public schools.

We think Texans deserve better from their governor. We won't hold our breaths.

Houston Chronicle

Haiti

After centuries of colonial and dictatorial oppression, Haiti desperately needs the stability of a working democracy. The removal or flight of its elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, cannot be viewed as a good omen.

Aristide was re-elected in 2000 in an election boycotted by an opposition resigned to fraud. Even before the latest rebellion, Haitians were not substantially better off as a result of Aristide's leadership. Under Aristide and sometimes because of him, factional violence was a feature of the landscape.

Even so, the Bush administration asked for trouble by siding with the armed rebels, some of whom are no more than thugs, and urging Aristide to pack it in.

Now the United States is vulnerable to Aristide's charges that U.S. troops forced him out at gunpoint.

Like Colombia, Haiti is a nation with a culture of violence and poverty for which there seems to be no remedy. Haiti is a prisoner of its tragic and terrible history. Because of their proximity, the United States and its armed forces are locked in the same cell.

Baytown Sun

Waco Girl Scouts troop

Crumbs are flyin' in the Baptist heartland, where a cookie boycott was launched to protest the Girl Scouts sponsorship of a sex education program for preteens.

The boycott came at the urging of a Christian radio station in Waco that criticized the Girl Scouts for what the radio ad campaign called a "cozy relationship" with the Planned Parenthood association.

That tenuous affiliation consisted of helping to promote an annual conference in Waco each summer that helps prepare fifth- through ninth-graders for adolescence.

After customers canceled cookie orders and parents withdrew their daughters from Scout troops, the Bluebonnet Council of Girl Scouts, which oversees troops in the Waco area, announced it would no longer help sponsor the half-day seminars.

Undoubtedly, the protesters are following a moral imperative in shielding children from what might hurt them: Dangers such as the seminar booklet with its chapters on homosexuality and masturbation and illustrations of a boy putting on a condom and people examining their naked bodies. Standard textbook examples of anatomy, likely familiar to most fifth-grade students.

In this attempt to protect their children, however, these parents could be exposing them to the far greater harm that results from ignorance. Although we may not approve, agree or like it, the reality is that teenagers and preteens are sexually active. More so today than ever before. A national study by the Centers for Disease Control revealed that 7 percent of youngsters have sex before the age of 13. The report also showed that adolescents and young adults are the age group at greatest risk for acquiring a sexually transmitted disease — 3 million each year.

Abstinence is the obvious choice to avoid becoming one of those statistics. But in the real world, sex education courses provide factual, accessible information about birth control, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections.

The Galveston County Daily News

Social Security benefits

This week, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan uttered aloud the words that have been in the back of everyone's mind for years: The government may have to cut Social Security benefits.

For years, there have been those who have said Social Security money is not secure, that the money invested in the program was not enough to cover the Baby Boomers. The government did nothing to remedy the problem.

Instead, ideas of investing in the stock market were tossed around.

Now, with recent tax cuts, the budget deficit is growing. There isn't enough money coming in to cover the money going out.

Everyone is always happy when taxes are cut, but Social Security is where Americans are going to really feel the hit.

Among Greenspan's suggestions for Social Security trims was a switch to an alternative measure of inflation for annual cost-of-living adjustments. Instead of relying on the Consumer Price Index, he suggested switching to a new chain-weighted CPI that gives lower inflation readings. That would mean smaller payment increases.

He also suggested tying the retirement age for full benefits to longer lifespans, with the age continuing to rise.

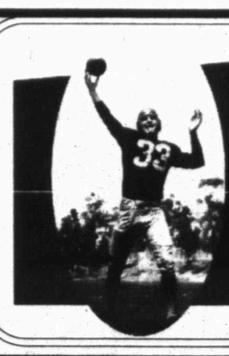
Greenspan said the country needed to face the fact that the government has promised more in entitlement benefits than it can afford to pay.

We suggest it's time to find a way to pay for the benefits that were promised.

There are too many Americans who are and will be solely reliant on Social Security benefits — those who have worked a lifetime with no pensions, no 401(k)s, no IRAs and no stock portfolios — and the government is now telling these people, who are mostly poor, that they have to work longer for less.

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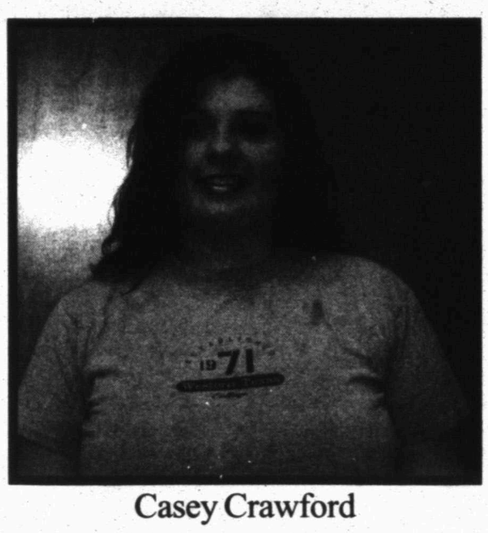


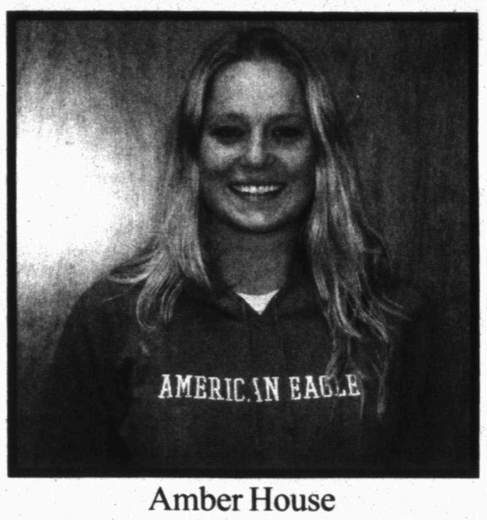
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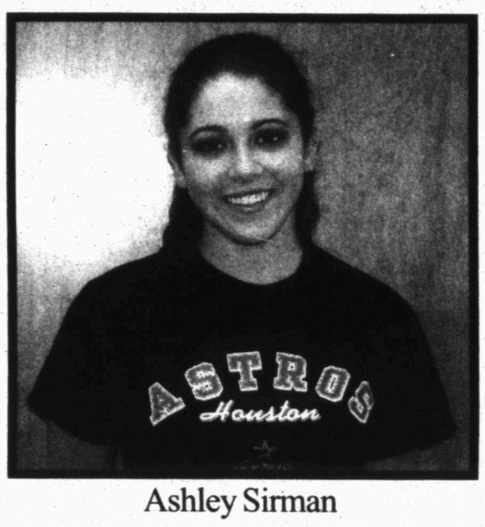
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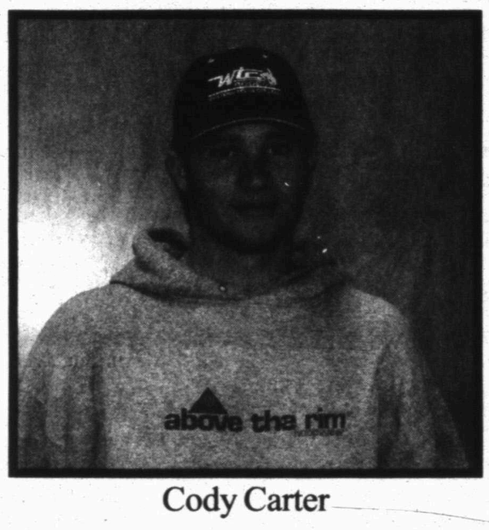
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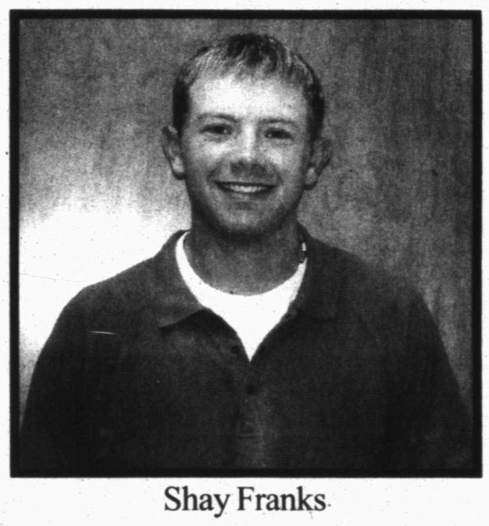

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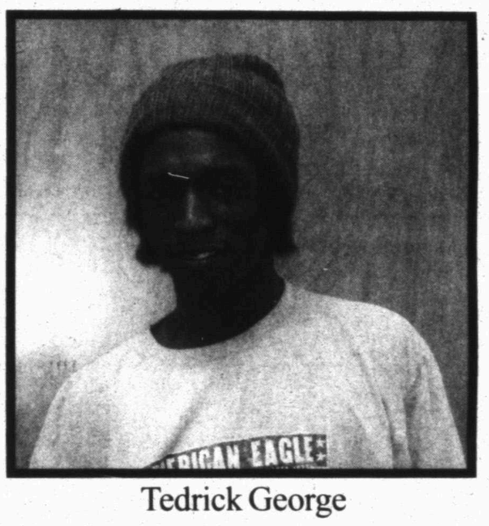

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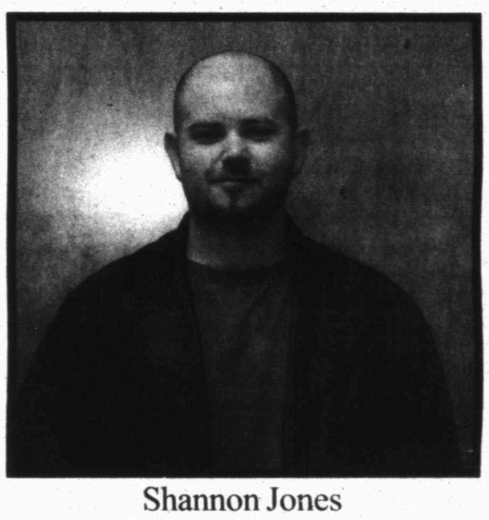

Ashley Sirman


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Cody Carter


Shay Franks


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Shannon Jones

Campus favorites were chosen last week at Western Texas College by student vote. Mr. and Ms. WTC for 2004 will be named from the group during the Spring Formal on Tuesday, April 13 in the WTC Student Center. Nominees are: Casey Crawford, Tuscola, TX; Amber House, Watauga, TX; Ashley Sirman, Sugar Land, TX; Kristi Sterling, Aspermont, TX; Cody Carter, Cove Creek, AZ; Shay Franks, Snyder, TX; Tedrick George, Lubbock, TX; and Shannon Jones; Hermleigh, TX

Virtual College of Texas available through WTC

by Ruth Richburg, Assistant Distance Learning Director

Are you an independent learner, able to manage your time and not procrastinate? Are you computer literate and a self-starter? If so, then you may be interested in the Virtual College of Texas available through Western Texas College.

The Virtual College of Texas (VCT) is a collaborative of Texas fifty community college districts and technical colleges.



Through VCT, students may take courses from colleges anywhere in Texas while getting support services from Western Texas College. WTC supports the student with a full slate of student services, including advisement and counseling, financial aid, and learning resources. WTC also awards credit for the course and transcripts the courses. The student registers at WTC and pays the regular tuition and fees, plus $25.00 for each course he/she takes.

The majority of the courses are Internet-based. For those students who find it difficult to attend classes because of work or home responsibilities, these courses are ideal.

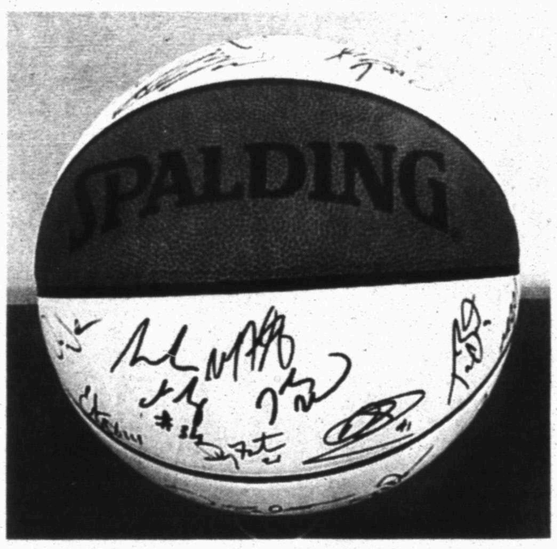
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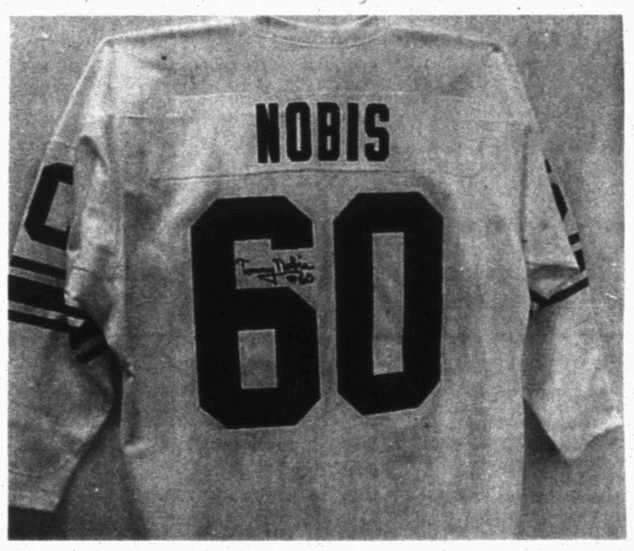
Also, courses are available that WTC does not currently offer such as Spanish, Italian, French.

WTC began participating in VCT in the spring 2001 semester. At that time, the college had 6 students enrolled in VCT courses. This spring 2004 semester, we had 71 students enrolled in classes that were taught from 19 different community colleges. WTC also began providing instruction through VCT during the spring 2001 semester. That semester, there was one student enrolled. This semester, there were 21 courses offered to a total of 247 students.

For those interested in seeing what VCT has to offer, go to www.vct.org and look at the possibilities! To reserve a space in one or more of the classes offered, contact Ruth Richburg at rrichburg@wtc.edu or call 325-573-8511, ext. 242.

Mavericks Basketball, Nobis Jersey included in Memorabilia Auction





In conjunction with "Sammy Baugh, Celebration of a Living Legend" WTC is hosting a Memorabilia Auction. A basketball signed by the current Dallas Mavericks and a Jersey signed by Tommy Nobis are just two in a list of items to be auctioned.

The others include: 30 Sammy Baugh signed photographs, Sammy Baugh signed jersey, Signed program from the 3rd Annual "Slingin" Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Tournament, Signed program from the 4th Annual "Slingin" Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Tournament, Texas Football magazine featuring a signed article about Sammy Baugh, Bob Uecker signed photograph, Signed brochure from the Ray Guy Kicking Academy, and a Football signed by Ray Guy and Sammy Baugh.

Additional items that will be added to the auction list once they are received include: an autographed football from Roger Staubach, a signed script from the West Wing series star Martin Sheen, Autographed NFL cards from All-Pro and Hall of Fame Los Angeles Ram offensive lineman Jackie Slater, Autographed jersey form Washington Redskin quarterback Patrick Ramsey, Autographed photograph from former Dallas Cowboy quarterback Don Meredith, Autographed items from the Cleveland Cavaliers, Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears, Peyton Manning and many others.

Pictures and descriptions of all auction items can be found by following the Sammy Baugh Celebration link on the WTC website www.wtc.edu.

There will be a silent auction held at the Scurry County Coliseum on March 20 from 2 to 5 pm. Admission to the Silent Auction is free. There will also be a live auction during the banquet, but you must reserve a seat for the banquet to attend this auction. Reservations for the "Sammy Baugh, Celebration of a Living Legend" can be made by calling 325.573.8511 ext. 220 or 240 or by emailing thecenter@wtc.edu.

Campus Happenings

March 8 -12	UIL Drama Festival	
March 9	Baseball Game	2 pm
	SGA Meeting	7 pm
	PTK Meeting	8 pm
	Movie Night	9 pm
March 11	WTC Lion's Club Executive Board	7 am
March 15-19	Spring Break	
March 20	Baseball Game	12 pm
	Sammy Baugh, Celebration of a Living Legend	

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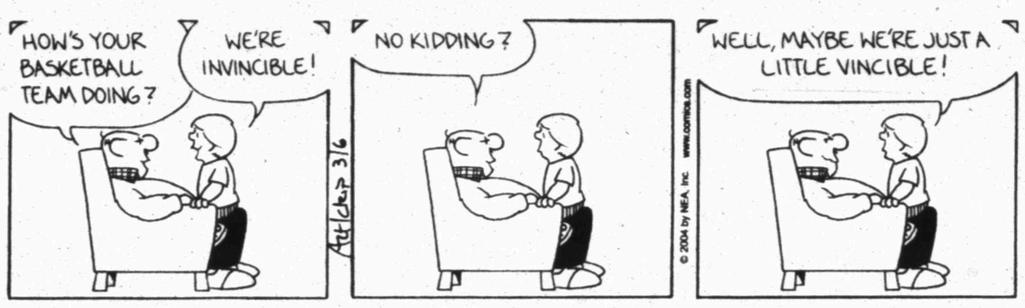
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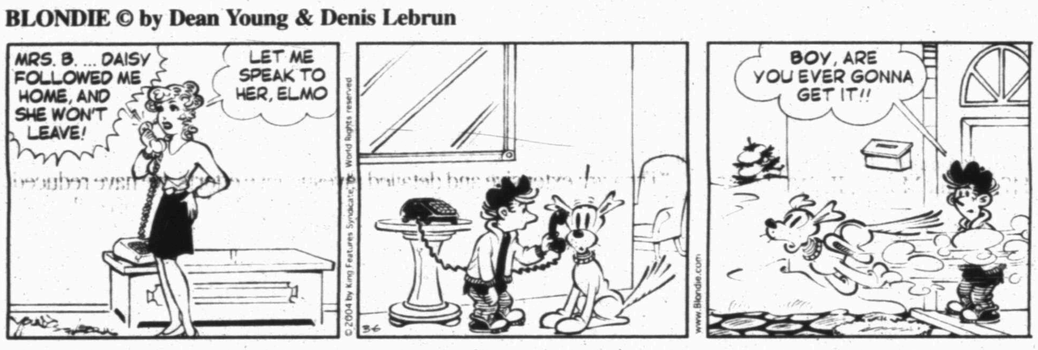
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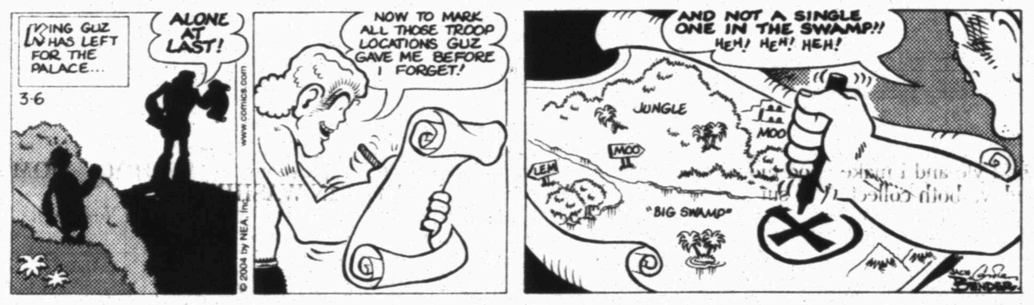
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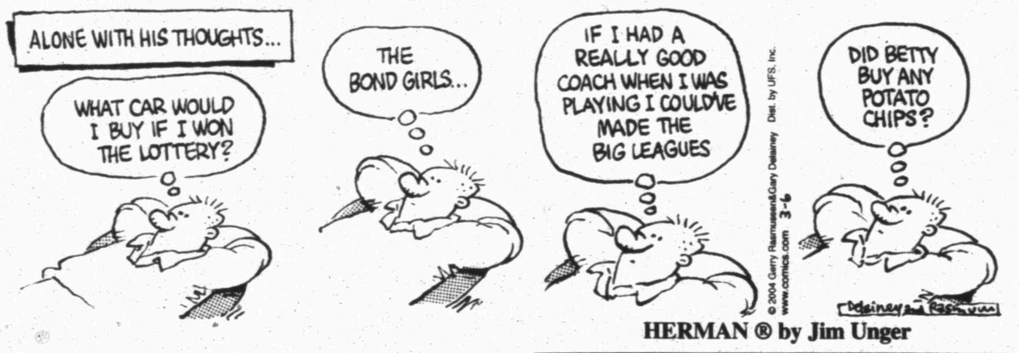
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"Old George has been with the company 38 years. Do I hear $300?"

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Big green parrot
4 Flying formation
7 Client mtg.
11 High mountain
12 Brick oven
13 Caboose's place
14 Pro vote
15 Klutzes
16 Depend on
17 Outspoken
19 Questionnaire
20 Yankovic and Molinaro
21 Miniature, as a dog
22 Zodiac scales
25 Verdict givers
28 Jacques' pal
29 Give the cold shoulder
31 Work on a quilt
33 — out (withdraw)
34 Gouda cousin
36 TV accessory
37 Finalized
40 Meaningless
42 Zip
43 Is no longer
44 Drop
46 Gold bar
49 Deep purple
50 Against
52 Cove
54 La senorita
55 Be overly fond
56 Tax shelter
57 Like redwoods
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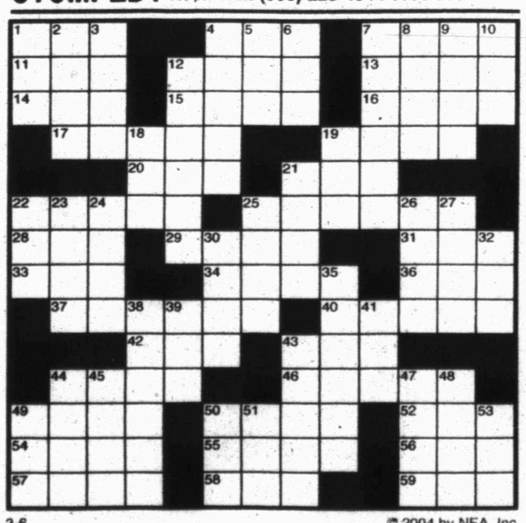
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman is reluctant to let longtime friend slip away

DEAR ABBY: Every time I ask my friend, "Sally," if she wants to hang out, she says she has something else to do. A few weeks ago, she said she had to go out. About an hour later, while walking around the block, I noticed her car was there. I knocked on the door. Sally said she was getting ready to leave and besides she was on the phone. Does it take an hour to get ready to go out? I don't think so.

Sally and I have been friends since we were 4. I don't want to lose an old friend, but I'm not sure she really is a friend anymore. If she is, why does she keep ditching me? Should I consider her a friend? **— DITCHED IN NEW YORK**

DEAR DITCHED: Consider her a friend, but a distant one. Not all friendships last forever. People change as they grow. Take the hint. Don't be a pest. Let her call you.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 14 years old. A lot of times when I am feeling really happy and I'm talking to friends on the Internet, all of a sudden I feel a wave of sadness. And I remember bad things, like when my best friend died when I was little. But then I'll feel happy again. I don't know why this happens all the time. What do you think? **— BUMMED OR NOT IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR BUMMED OR NOT: Mood swings can be hormonal, especially at your age. However, since you were concerned enough to write to me, your next step should be to discuss the mood swings with your parents so they can schedule an appointment for a medical evaluation. There is probably nothing to worry about, but you should hear it from your doctor.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Lyle," and I have a 14-month-old child together. My two children from an earlier relationship and Lyle's son make up our family of six. Lyle and I make good money and we both collect child support from previous partners.

What bothers me is Lyle won't let me see his paychecks or combine our joint incomes in any way. I've asked if we could pool our money. On a monthly basis, I earn more than he does, so I don't understand his reluctance.

I'm not a compulsive shopper. I've never told him to give me the money. We even set up a joint checking account for tax purposes, but he refuses to put money into it.

Abby, I feel like I'm just a roommate who shares expenses. We split the bills down to the last penny, and he shops for "his" children separately. He won't even agree to put our insurance policies together, and we're with the same company! His answer is, "I've always done it this way."

Am I wrong? I always thought married couples shared things. I'm at my breaking point. Please help. **— FEELING LIKE A ROOMMATE, NOT A WIFE**

DEAR FEELING LIKE A ROOMMATE: Nothing can be resolved until you and Lyle are able to communicate honestly. Marriage counseling could help to bring out the issues that need to be addressed. You feel "like a roommate" because you are being treated like one. Having been through one divorce, your husband may be afraid to commingle his assets with yours. (In other words, he may feel insecure about the durability of your marriage.) Since law is not my area of expertise, you would be wise to consult an attorney about how your husband's behavior could affect your future.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Todd," and I have been happily married for four years and together for six. We have a daughter (mine from a former marriage) and a beautiful little boy together. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Todd loves both children equally. Despite some tough financial times over the past two years, we are a happy family.

Our problem? Todd's mother. She's a negative, bitter woman who insists she "can't possibly" show our daughter the same love she shows our son. She sends affectionate notes to our son, none to our daughter. She shops at discount stores for our daughter and only the best shops for our son. She sent our son a beautiful handmade toy and our daughter a pencil — yes, a pencil!

Please understand this isn't about gifts or the amount she spends. It's about the obvious disparity. Even worse, she's always saying that Todd couldn't possibly love our daughter the way he does our son. Need I tell you the damage this has already done to our daughter?

We are at our wit's end. Todd is ready to just walk away from his mother. I know we can't change the way she feels, but are we wrong to insist that she not show it so openly to our daughter? Help. Please. **— READY TO WALK AWAY**

DEAR READY: You are not wrong. What you have described is emotional abuse on the part of your mother-in-law. Her blatant favoritism is heartless, deliberate and harmful to your children's relationship with each other — not to mention damaging your daughter's self-esteem. If she fails to comply, you are also justified in limiting or restricting her contact with them.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away two years ago and I still have many of her things. I'm afraid that she'll think I don't love her or respect her belongings if I don't keep everything.

My question is, do you think she'll understand that I don't have a lot of space in my house? Do you have any ideas about where I could put her things? Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions. **— WITHOUT MOM IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR WITHOUT: Your mother left her things to you because she wanted you to enjoy them. Of course she would understand if you cannot use them all. She didn't intend for them to be a burden but a blessing.

Since there are more things than you need or want, please consider sharing the rest with other relatives who can appreciate their sentimental value. If that's not possible, donate them to a charity — possibly one that raises money to fight the disease that took her. I can't think of a more worthwhile use for them than that.

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DEAR ABBY: My long-divorced father was befriended by a well-to-do family from another country that has lived in the United States for a few years. They invited him to accompany them on a four-week visit to their country. While there, they talked him into marrying (on paper only) one of their sisters so that her child could get a U.S. visa.

The child has now arrived in the U.S. My father thinks he did a wonderful thing. I think he was used. What do you think? **— CONCERNED IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR CONCERNED: I think your father committed immigration fraud. Please consult an immigration attorney on his behalf immediately. What I think is less important than what the INS will think if they get wind of his "good deed."

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

INHALANT FACTS

They're all over your house. They're in your child's school. In fact, you probably picked some up the last time you went to the grocery store. Educate yourself. Find out about inhalants before your children do.

PRODUCTS ABUSED AS INHALANTS

Volatile Solvents

Adhesives — model airplane glue, rubber cement and household glue.

Aerosols — spray paint, hairspray, air freshener, deodorant and fabric protector.

Solvents and gases — nail polish remover, paint thinner, type correction fluid and thinner, toxic markers, pure toluene, cigar lighter fluid, gasoline, carburetor cleaner and octane booster.

Cleaning agents: — dry cleaning fluid, spot remover and degreaser.

Food products — vegetable cooking spray, dessert topping spray (whipped cream) and whippets.

Gases — nitrous oxide, butane, propane, and helium.

Anesthetics

Anesthetic — nitrous oxide, ether and chloroform.

Nitrites (Nitrite room odorizers)

Amyl — "Poppers," "Snappers"

Butyl — "Rush," "Locker room," "Bolt," "Climax," also marketed in head shops as "video head cleaner." Nearly all used products produce effects similar to anesthetics, which slow down the body's function. Varying upon level of dosage, the user can experience slight stimulation, feeling of less inhibition or loss of consciousness. The user can also suffer from Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome. The user can die the first, 10th or 100th time he or she uses an inhalant.

There is a common link between inhalant use and problems in school — failing grades, chronic absences and general apathy.

Other signs include the following: Paint or stains on body or clothing; spots or sores around the mouth; red or runny eyes or nose chemical breath odor; drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance, nausea, loss of appetite anxiety, excitability and irritability.

Inhaling the fumes of products like nail polish & spray paint is so popular, nearly one in five kids has tried it by the eighth grade. And anytime these products are "huffed," they can kill. For information, call 1-800-269-4237, or ask your child. They may know more than they are telling.

Information provided from the NIPC website.

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.

Investigation discovers terrorist ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine people with ties to terrorist organizations were identified during a 14-month Coast Guard and FBI investigation into national security threats and document fraud among U.S. merchant ships, officials said Thursday.

The investigation also found thousands of cases of potential fraud and identified individuals working on ships who had arrest warrants pending against them.

"Through extensive and detailed investigative efforts, we have reduced vulnerabilities to terrorism by preventing the fraudulent use of credentials by those who seek to harm our nation and its citizens," said Admiral Thomas H. Collins, the Coast Guard commandant.

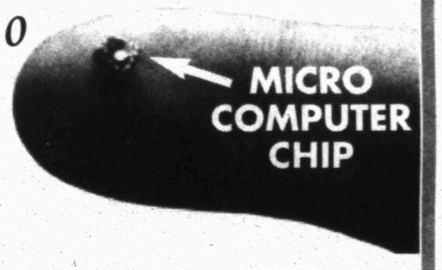


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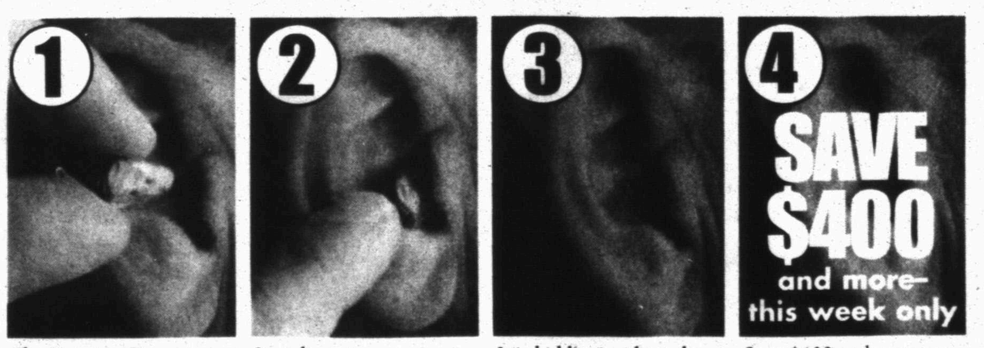
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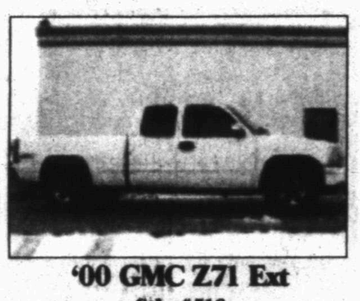
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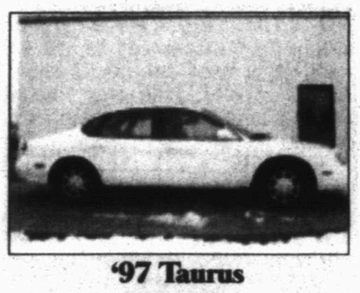
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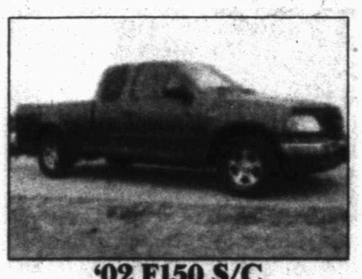
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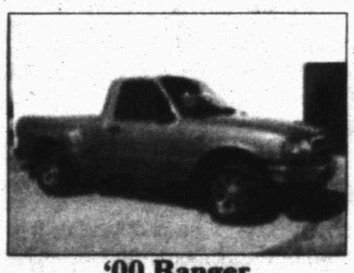
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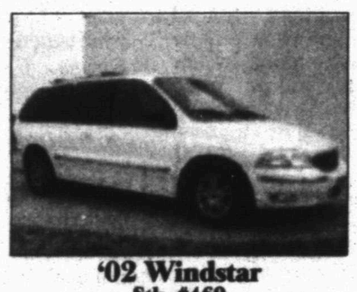
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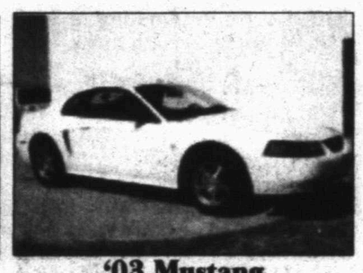
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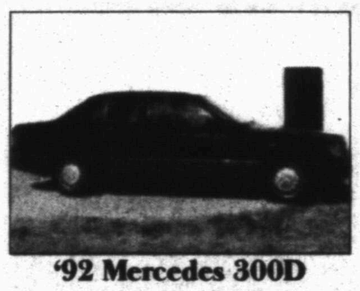
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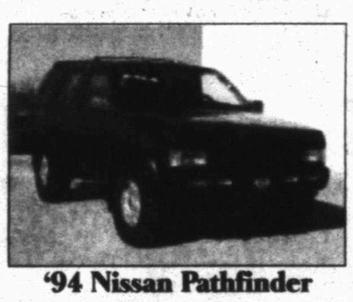
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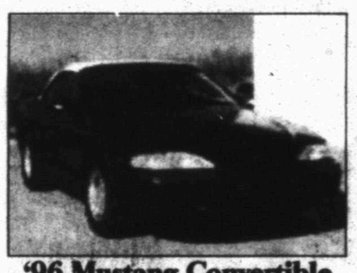
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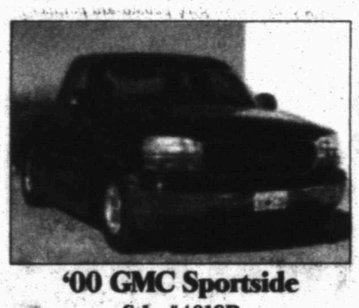
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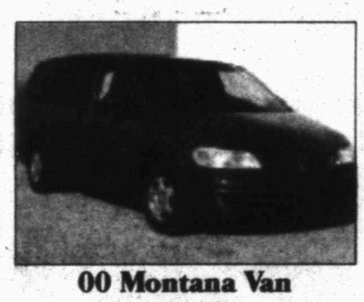
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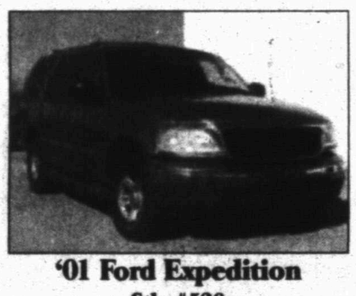
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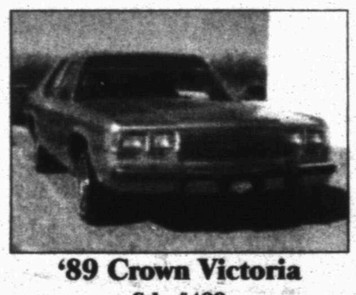
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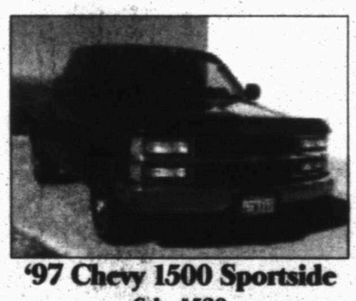
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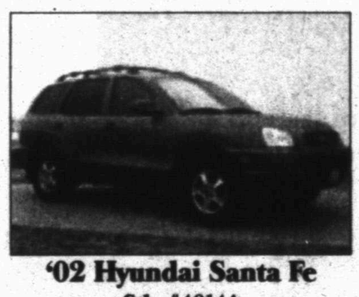
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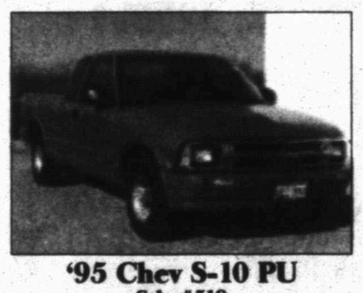
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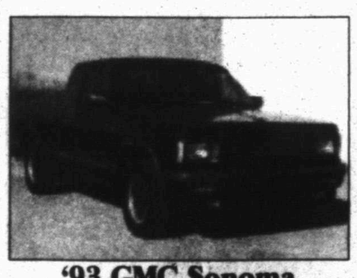
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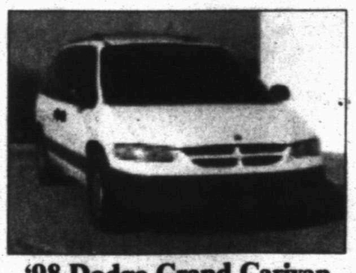
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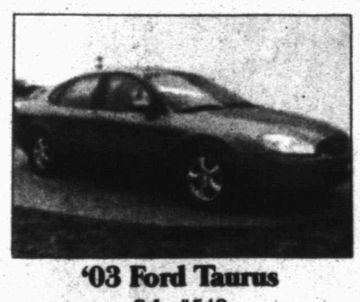
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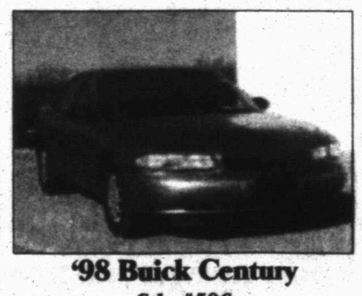
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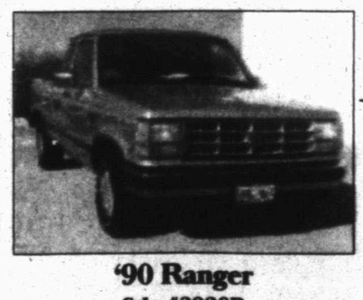
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