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Home of Mary Lou Rodriquez

Nov. 22, 1963...

When JFK was shot, I was...

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Those Scurry County citizens who were at least six or seven years old in 1963 will pause this weekend in thought and remembrance of the 40th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Kennedy, with his wife Jacqueline, had decided to make a campaign trip to Texas in November in an effort to raise southern support for his reelection campaign the following year.

Kennedy arrived at Dallas Love Field very early on Nov. 22. He attended a breakfast in Fort Worth, and was en route to a sold-out luncheon at the Dallas Trade Mart. The president was riding in a limousine with Jacqueline and then- Texas Governor John Connally and his wife, Nellie. The motorcade traveled through downtown Dallas past an estimated 200,000 people who greeted the motorcade.

At 12:30 p.m. the limousine carrying the Kennedy's and the Connally's turned off Houston St. onto Elm St. Seconds later, three shots rang out and President Kennedy slumped forward.

The President was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead about a half-hour later.

Like Sept. 11, many residents have burned into memory exactly where they were and what they were doing the moment they heard about the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Edna Anderson:



"I was here at work at the bank (Snyder National Bank). Someone saw it on TV and brought the news to us."

Janelle Orr: "I had two young sons, David and Darrell Calvert. I was standing at the ironing board ironing some clothes and watching TV when it came on the news.

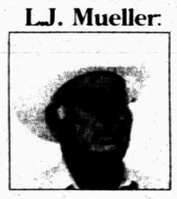


Tom Rowe:

"I was living in Texas City at the time. I was in my fifth grade science class. The principal came over the P.A. system to announce that the president had been shot. My teacher started to cry. A little while later the principal came back on and said that Kennedy had died. My teacher had to leave the room. It sort of scared me because my teacher was crying. I was too young to know the impact of what had just happened."



L.J. Mueller:



"I was working in the back print shop of the Snyder Daily News. That was back when it was over on 26th Street."

Mary Burton:

"I was in seventh grade at Lamar Junior High which is now Snyder Junior High. I was in Charles Anderson's speech class. They announced it on the speaker. It was such a shock and several people were teary-eyed. It's one of those things where you just sit in shock, but it leaves an impression for life."



Charles Meek:



"I was at Malstrom Air Force Base in Montana. I was cleaning out the barracks when a fellow came by and said 'They just killed Kennedy.' I though it was a joke."

Margie Green:



"I was standing in my kitchen in Kermit and I was holding my daughter, Melisa, and talking on the phone. I couldn't believe it. It was a total shock. I spent the rest of the time glued to the TV."

Ann Galyean:

"I was going to Denver City High School. The announcement was first made in PE class. About 30 minutes later, we'd had time to change classes and I was in home economics when the announcement was made that he had died. Our teacher had us join hands and we said a prayer."



Martin Latta:

"I was working as a cowboy in Ulysses, Kan. I was riding a horse just getting ready to rope a steer when the boss came by and said 'The president just got shot.'"



Sharon Latta:

"I was with Martin when it happened, but I wasn't on a horse."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Medicine has advanced so far that it's now almost impossible for them not to find something wrong with you."

Thanks to Plainview scribe Danny Andrews, we now have the answers to where some common expressions originated. Of course, believe 'em only if you wish.

In George Washington's time the only way of capturing a likeness was by drawing or painting.

One painting of Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms.

Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be in the pictured, but how many limbs were to be painted.

Hence the expression: "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

As incredible as it may sound, men and men once took baths only twice a year, in May and October.

Women kept their hair covered while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs.

The wigs couldn't be cleaned by washing. Instead, they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy. Hence the term, "big wig."

Today we often use the term to refer to someone who appears to be powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair.

Commonly, a long, wide board was folded down from the wall and used for dining. The head of the household always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor.

Once in a while, an invited male guest would be offered the lone chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge.

Sitting in the chair, one was called the "chairman."

Personal hygiene back then left much room for improvement. As a result, many had developed acne scars by adulthood.

The women would spread bee's wax over their face to smooth complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face, she was told "mind your own bee's wax."

Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, then the term, "crack a smile."

Also, when they sat too close to a fire, the wax would melt, resulting in the expression, "losing face."

And speaking of expressions, Snyder's Harold Yearwood said this sign in a business in Robert Lee:

"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours."

Beware of scams

Illegal activity not limited to large cities

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

An elderly woman walks into a bank, approaches the teller and says she wants to make a withdrawal.

Then she perks the teller's curiosity when the amount of money she asks for is unusually large. The teller finally makes the comment that she must be planning some serious shopping. The lady answers no, she is meeting with a representative of a lawyer's office at a fast-food restaurant for a business investment.



As the lady strolls away with her money, the concerned teller notifies police about the conversation.

Officers respond to the restaurant to find the lady sitting in a booth. The people from the "lawyer's office" do not show – apparently they spotted the police.

Where would a scam like this happen? Lubbock, or Dallas perhaps?

Try Snyder.

A scenario similar to this one took place recently.

Scam artists will target any town in any state. Any place where they can find a trusting person who will say yes.

In the old days, one might see a scam artist on a street corner placing some (sure to lose) bets with people on a game of Three-card Monte.

Today, the Internet has provided scam artists an entirely new avenue for taking advantage of people. So much information is available from online sources that it makes it simple to have some background information on the people who scam artists are approaching.

Scurry County senior citizens should be alert to phone, lottery or even repair scams.

Snyder police Sgt. Terry Luecke is aware of the reports of scam artists in the area and expressed concern for citizens who could be potential targets.

"My advice to people is never give out personal information over the phone unless you know for certain the person you are communicating with," he said.

"I don't want to scare people or make them feel paranoid, but just be sure who you are speaking to," said Sgt. Luecke.

Identity theft in numerous forms has also become a problem for many. Luecke offered advice on protecting oneself from that scam as well.

"Never give out your social security number to any one you don't know, especially over the phone. Some people have had phone calls saying that they've won a prize or some money. All the caller needs is a social security number. If you give that out, they can get all kinds of information on you," he said.

Carla Thompson, director of the Scurry County Senior Center agrees.

"I've had people come into the center telling me about telephone scams or being asked to send money for various donations. If we're ever notified of anything like that, we make sure the information is posted to warn people."

Thompson is especially concerned about the solicitation of charitable donations by mail.

"I know people feel obligated to send money to every charity that sends something in the mail. Some of them send many dollars to one organization or another. I urge people to keep their charitable donations local where they know for sure where the money is going."

According to the Texas Attorney General's office, a number of scams are being perpetrated specifically aimed at senior citizens.

Recently in Lubbock a woman was bilked out of $7,000 in cash and valuable rings in a scam called a "pigeon drop." The particular scam story may vary, but what stays the same is this: a large sum of money is supposedly found. The scammer suggests that the victim could have a share of the money. For some reason or another – to post a bond or a security – the victim must produce a sum of his or her own money usually to be held by a third person. The scammer and the third person pretend not to know each other, but are actually working together. Once the victim has produced the cash, the large amount of "unclaimed money" has disappeared.

Sgt. Luecke adds. "You should not have to pay for a prize or some money that has been won. It goes back to the old rule that if it's too good to be true, it probably isn't. Just use good judgment and be cautious."

Five days remain for early voting

With the Thanksgiving holidays coming up in the middle of the early voting period for the Dec. 6 hospital district election, only five days remain for citizens to vote early.

County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday so voters have only Monday through Wednesday this coming week to cast early ballots.

Following the holiday weekend, voters can cast ballots Dec. 1 and 2 when early voting ends.

More than 200 people cast early ballots so far, said county clerk Joan Bunch. "Friday was a busy day as there were a steady stream in the office."

The total for Friday was 78 ballots and the three-day total was 217.

Citizens may vote early during regular office hours at the county clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

In other matters related to Cogdell Memorial Hospital, a called "administration transition" committee meeting is set for 1 p.m. Monday in the hospital boardroom.

The committee, consisting of Terry Williams, Bo Robinson and Dr. Charles Church, will review proposals for the chief executive officer and chief financial officer for the hospital.

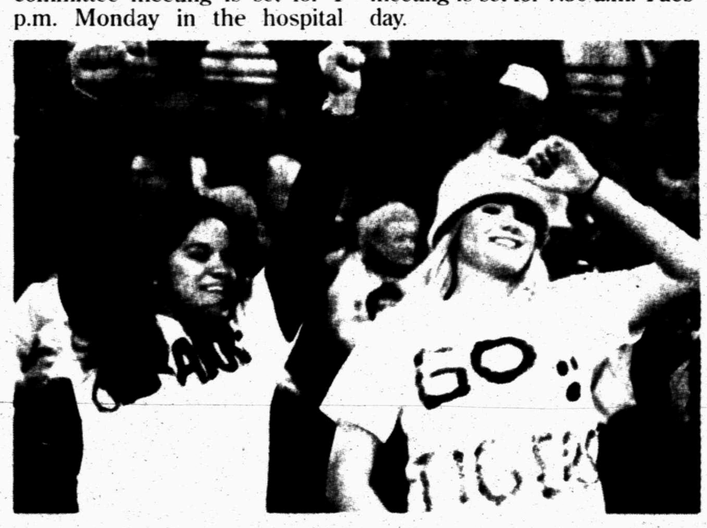
The CEO's position became open when Covenant Health System terminated the management agreement with the local hospital and then-CEO George Parsley left his post.

The financial officer's position became vacant when Jared Squires resigned last month and moved to the Covenant-owned Levelland hospital.

A hospital finance committee meeting at noon Monday in the boardroom will precede this meeting.

Jean Hataway of the accounting office will review the financial report, and acting administrator and director of nurses, Cheryl Chance, will update the committee on administrative items.

The regular monthly board meeting is set for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.



WAY TO GO TIGERS — Joshlyn Tovar, left, and Morgan Bilderback celebrate the Tigers' 18-7 win over Brownfield Friday night. The Tigers advance to play either Ft. Worth Everman or Abilene Wylie in UIL quarterfinal action. (SDN Staff Photo)



Service is Sunday

The annual community-wide Thanksgiving service is at 6 p.m. Sunday at East Side Church of Christ.

Tom Holcomb, minister of the church, will lead the service.

The public is invited.

ASK US

Q—How much money did KSNY raise for youngster's Christmas gifts during the Chuck Montana Foundation drive?
A—Over $4,000.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Joel Lollar...

...is the son of Roger and Doris Lollar. He has lived in Snyder for five years and attends Ira High School where he is a sophomore. Joel enjoys playing football, basketball and competing at the stock shows.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.
—Helen Keller

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Shiloh in concert

The Shiloh Quartet will be in concert at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th Street.

Crystal River in concert

Crystal River from Lubbock will be in concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited.

Thanksgiving dinner

The Thanksgiving dinner for retired teachers is set for noon Monday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Power of Influence," followed by "Keep the Marriage Bed Undefiled."

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

Genealogical Society to meet

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. The program is "Martin Preuitt Jr. and the Revolutionary Battle of King's Mountain." Visitors are welcome.

Deadline for Tiger's Lair

The deadline for senior dedications in the Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Monday, Dec. 1. A message of up to 35 words, a picture and $45 should be mailed to SHS Student Publications, 2901 37th. Call 574-6138 for more information.

Ira 2004 calendars

Ira's junior class is selling 2004 calendars featuring students from K-12. Cost is $10. Contact sponsors Vicki Flowers or Ron Baker at 573-2628 for orders. Deadline is Dec. 4 for Christmas delivery.

Sophomore family night out

Sophomore family night out will be Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Spanish Inn. You must present your coupon with your receipt. For more information, call Lynette Cooper at 573-1558.

G/T parents meeting

A meeting for parents of gifted and talented students will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the West Elementary auditorium.

Annual Christmas parade

Snyder's annual lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Line-up begins at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field. For parade entries call 573-3558 for more information. Santa will be at Towle Park from 4-6 p.m. the same day. Anyone interested in having a booth in the park may call 573-9811.

Child welfare board fundraiser

The Scurry County child welfare board is offering tickets for $1,000 worth of merchandise. A donation of $10 per ticket is requested for a drawing to be held Dec. 6. Tickets are available from any board member or by calling 573-7053 or 573-2376.

Ira School photos

The following Ira students will be photographed Tuesday, Dec. 2: K-11 retakes and new students. Also, class favorites 6-12; junior and high school basketball. Group pictures (and officers): Junior and high school FFA, FCA, NHS, Student Council. Envelopes for basketball pictures and retakes will be passed out on Monday, Dec. 1.

LVN testing dates

Testing dates at WTC for LVN ASSET will be 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

WTC spring pre-registration

Pre-registration at WTC continues through Dec. 12. Students should call or go by the counseling center to make an appointment. The number is 573-8511, ext. 313. Students who have not passed THEA (formerly TASP) and are in DRE, DMT and DEN classes must wait until grades are posted.

Extra cookbooks available

Extra Home for the Holidays cookbooks can be purchased at the Scurry County Extension Office for $5 each.

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbook

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbooks can still be ordered for $45 for the book only with additional options available for an extra costs. For more information, call 574-6138.

SJHS yearbooks

Snyder junior high Tiger Times yearbook is on sale through Tuesday in room 110. Cost is $16 or students may make an $8 deposit. No extra copies will be ordered.

2004 Bulldog annuals on sale

The 2004 Bulldog annuals are now on sale for $26 with your name on cover or $22 without. Sales will continue through Tuesday. Contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School to purchase a copy.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for persons facing difficulties – including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

WTC Lions Club raffle

WTC Lions Club is selling chances for two spring season passes for either baseball or softball. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. Tickets are available from any WTC Lions Club member. The drawing will be held Dec. 10.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.



Joshua Payne

Payne attending leadership event

WASHINGTON — Joshua Payne of Snyder, is participating in the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC), which began Tuesday and was to continue through Sunday.

NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Payne is one of 350 scholars from around the country at the conference. Payne, a senior at Snyder High School, is the son of Buddy and Patty Payne. He has also participated in UIL academic contests, the computer SWAT team and SHS' KTXS Academic Challenge Team.

Payne is a member of the National Honor Society and is ranked third in his class.

The theme of NYLC is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. This week, Payne interacts with key elected officials, political appointees and newsmakers in an exploration of the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

Payne is also participating in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations.

CYLC, founded in 1985, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization.

Panel supports moving patients from Waco VA

WASHINGTON (AP) — A panel studying the restructuring of veterans health care facilities said it supports moving psychiatric patients from the Waco veterans hospital and questioned the costs of keeping the facility open.

"The main factor here is the cost of the campus and the future cost," said Everett Alvarez Jr., chairman of 15-member panel that met over three days in Washington.

Veterans Affairs wants to shift services closer to where veterans live and modernize or close hospitals that have become costly to maintain. In August, VA recommended closing seven hospitals, including the one in Waco, but also proposed opening other facilities.

The 15-member panel, dubbed Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services, has been reviewing VA's plan and will submit recommendations next month to VA Secretary Anthony Principi. Principi plans to take up to 30 days to decide whether to accept the recommendations.

A bill finally approved Friday gives Congress 60 days to review any decisions by Principi to close a VA hospital. The measure must be signed into law by President Bush.

The VA recommended moving psychiatric and nursing home beds from the Waco hospital to the Olin E. Teague veterans hospital in Temple. It also proposed moving some psychiatric beds to Austin and contracting nursing home services in Waco. The VA hospital employs almost 800 people and has about 250 inpatient beds.

Waco officials, lawmakers and area veterans have fought the proposed closure, noting that $80 million has been invested over the past 10 years to renovate and modernize the hospital.

But panel members said the hospital is draining money from other veterans hospitals in Texas. Chad Colley, a panel member and former national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, said services should be moved from the Waco hospital.

"I'm really concerned we vacate," he said.

Alvarez said the panel is still waiting for a cost-benefit analysis, but that the proposals for the Waco hospital are a textbook example of what the VA and panel are trying to achieve.

"This proposal is being driven by the cost to maintain the campus at Waco," he said.

Panel member Richard McCormick, a physician and expert in mental health care, disagreed. He said the driving force is not economics, but good clinical care.

Moving inpatient psychiatric veterans to Temple would put them in a hospital that could provide more intensive medical treatment. Placing some in Austin puts them in a growing population center with little psychiatric treatment for veterans, McCormick said.

Panel members said they want to give local VA officials time to develop a plan on how to maintain services for nursing home veterans. Some nursing home care already is contracted out.

Two SHS graduates perform in concert

ABILENE — Kristina Mayer and Sarah Speegle of Snyder, members of the Hardin-Simmons University Band, participated in the School of Music's gala concert held on the HSU campus. The band is directed by Dr. Wayne Dorothy.

The Chorale, Concert Choir, HSU Band and Intercollegiate Orchestra presented selections from composers Aaron Copland, Felix Mendelssohn, and Cesar Franck.

The performance honored the donors who helped make possible the restoration of Caldwell Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus.



Bret McLendon

SHS graduate now in USAF

Bret Adam McClendon graduated from USAF basic training as a member of the 323 Training Squadron on Aug. 8 in San Antonio.

He then went to Sheppard AFB at Wichita Falls where he completed ammunition apprentice school with the 363 Training Squadron.

On Nov. 2, McClendon reported to his permanent duty station at Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Fla., where he is a member of the 325 Maintenance Squadron.

He is the son of Roy and Sheryl McClendon and a 2003 graduate of Snyder High School.

Dogs kill woman

HOUSTON (AP) — Dogs attacked and killed a woman whose body was found in a street by a neighbor alerted by loud barking.

Fannie Pearl Pharms was the victim of multiple bites in the mauling, according to autopsy results Friday by the Harris County medical examiner's office.

The body of Pharms, 58, was found before dawn Wednesday near her southeast Houston home. Police officers who responded to the neighbor's 911 call spotted three dogs nearby.

ATTENTION SCURRY COUNTY VOTERS

November 20,2003
Citizens of Scurry County

Think about how **YOU** will be accountable to your community before you vote for or against the hospital district!

It was stated in the meeting at Towle Park, on 11-18-03, that the district, if passed,could on the day of its confirmation, set the tax rate at 50 cents per hundred. This is correct. It is also correct that the county commissioners could raise the county tax rate yearly by the allowable rate to 80 cents instead of the 50.5 cents current if they so desired, and there would be nothing the citizens of Scurry county could do except to vote the commissioners out of office. If a hospital district is created by the voters of Scurry County, on December 6, the current hospital board will be the initial governing board, and I seriously doubt that any one of them would entertain the idea of a tax rate at or near the 50 cent level. Future hospital boards will be directly responsible to the citizens of Scurry County, as they will be responsible for electing them.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997, in which the Federal Government in Medicare, and the State in Medicaid, have cut every year the amount of money they reimburse health care givers, is the primary reason for our financial dilemma. In many cases, the hospital is only getting approximately 48 cents on the dollar that is being billed, and that equals 52 cents out of every dollar that we are unable to collect. In addition, the number of people who do not have insurance, do not qualify as indigent, and do not pay their bills creates a major problem for the hospital. 'At Cogdell, over 46 percent of the patients are on Medicare, 12 percent are on Medicaid: 15 percent are private pay (no insurance), 12 percent are commercial insurance, 10 percent BlueCross/BlueShield and the remaining 5 percent is other. Any available monies are absorbed rapidly, and maintenance on a 54 year old building also takes its toll as the hospital is responsible for maintaining the building.

Loss of funding from OB reimbursement (low income mothers) since 1998 is down over $817,000.00 . Out of $23,477,000.00 charged by the end of September, 2003, Medicare/Medicaid disallowed over $8,000,000. This is due to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Bad debt by the end of September, what insurance companies and patients did not pay, was over $1,900,000.00. This is where the money has gone. If these monies were available, the hospital would be in the black.

It was also mentioned that the hospital was broke and that no one would lend it any money. A responsible lender, knowing that a hospital had a tax base that was guaranteed by the voters, would be willing to lend a district money. The amount of money that will be coming in for the sole provider, that the hospital was just granted take care of the whole problem. The amount of money from the sole providership is based on the number of discharges of Medicare/Medicaid patients remaining stable, or should these numbers increase, the amount of money will increase. Likewise, should the numbers decrease, so will the reimbursement. A hospital district will allow the hospital to build a financial base to take care of lean times, emergencies, and to budget for new equipment, as necessity warrants.

If the district is passed, services such as labor and delivery, ICU, E.R. physicians, and home health will be assured. These are areas that lose money. Which one(s)do we eliminate? The district will also provide a stable base from which the hospital can grow and recruit new doctors in the future. A hospital with a stable financial base speaks to potential new business's that the community is serious about health care and the future of its citizens. It allows the hospital sound management by having a more direct administrative input. A vote for the hospital district involves the entire community in a positive healthcare package. Out of the 120-130 hospital districts across the state that are functioning well, with money in the bank, there are very few exceptions, and of those exceptions there are circumstances that cannot be mirrored in our community. We have an excellent base of physicians in our community, where many of these other communities did not. We have the potential for a sound facility with state of the art capabilities, and these other communities did not. Incidentally, it should be noted that physicians at Covenant Clinic have stated in a public letter that they would prefer a hospital district. Let's give them what they need in order to take better care of us.

If the district is not passed, the commissioners of Scurry County will have no choice but to raise the county taxes by the legal limit allowed over the next two to three years, until such time enough money is available to support the hospital. They have said publicly that no services will be cut, but the money has to come from somewhere. Either way you vote, your taxes will be going up. It is up to you to determine the most effective use of your tax dollars.

Remember, you get what you pay for or what you don't pay for.

Bill Harris C.R.N.A.
(Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist)
Concerned Citizen

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Friday's Lottery Numbers

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-31-10-2. Bonus Ball: 15.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $250,000.

Number matching four of four: 10. Prize: $1,686.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 54. Prize: $38.

Number matching three of four: 1,446. Prize: $19.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 861. Prize: $21.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,416. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,677. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $250,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 19-18-3-32-36.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $26,306.

Winning tickets sold in: Pinehurst, Mr. G's Bread & Butter, 32015 FM 149; Rendon, Rendon Chevron, 12201 Rendon Road.

Matching four of five: 146. Prize: $162.

Matching three of five: 4,697. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 50,674. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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Whatever happened to...

Dayla Church Merritt, a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School, lives in Lubbock where she is a banking officer at American State Bank.

During Dayla's active high school years, she was in the top ten of her class and in the National Honor Society, participated in UIL accounting and was a nominee for Miss SHS and homecoming queen. She played volleyball all four years.



Dayla Church
1991



Dayla Merritt
2003

Dayla earned her accounting degree from Texas Tech in 1994. She married Bert Merritt in 1990 and they lived in Tulsa, Okla., for eight years. Bert is now supervisor for NTS Construction in Lubbock. They have a son, Dylan, 5, and a daughter, Kyla, 2½.

Dayla is the daughter of Charles and Judy Church of Snyder.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550)

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Mother turns herself in on charges she dumped her baby in a trash container

HURST (AP) — A 24-year-old Texas Wesleyan student turned herself in to Hurst police Friday afternoon to face an attempted capital murder charge in the discarding of an infant.

Dana L. Wilson is accused of leaving her newborn son in a trash bin after putting him in a tied plastic bag. Her bail is $100,000.

The baby was listed in good condition Friday at Cook Children's Medical Center, said spokeswoman Susan Schoolfield.

The infant was found inside a garbage-filled plastic bag in a trash bin a week ago in the Fort Worth suburb of Hurst.

Veterinarian Lee Chenault and technician Katy Marquis of the Metroplex Animal Clinic found the baby. Child Protective Services will maintain custody of the newborn when the hospital releases him.

A tip led police to Wilson, Hurst police Sgt. Craig Teague said. No other suspects have been identified.

Teague said Wilson's arrest warrant was based on witness statements and evidence gathered in Wilson's home and car last week. He would not comment on that evidence.

A search warrant affidavit states Wilson and her mother, Delbra Wilson, went to the North Texas Women's Healthcare Associates in Euless on Tuesday. They told a doctor that Dana Wilson had given birth at home and put the child up for adoption at Cook Children's Medical Center.

Cook Children's officials said they had no evidence of Wilson leaving a baby with them.

Delbra Wilson once worked as a Tarrant County associate judge.

Senior Center News

Volunteers are asked to come to the center at 9:30 a.m. next Monday to help with decorating Christmas trees. We have three trees to assemble and decorate.

Party bridge will begin at 9:30 a.m. Dominoes, Skip-Bo, pool, and quilting are always available.

The Christmas dinner is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Dec. 17th. Pre-register by signing up at the center or call 573-4035.

The AARP will have its Christmas dinner at Martha Ann Woman's Club at 5:30 p.m. next Monday. Along with the meal, Western Texas College will perform *Christmas Tuna*.

Seniors may play eighty/eighty-eight at 10 a.m. and the Aubrey Wilson Country Western Band will perform at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

All seniors are encouraged to try swimnastics from 10-11 a.m. at the Western Texas College physical education building on Tuesday and Thursday.

Dec. 11th will be the last class for this semester. Also, the newly organized Senior Center Booster Club will meet in the conference room at the Senior Center. Seniors are invited to join this group. Annual dues are $10 per person. The objectives of the group include promoting fellowship and well being for senior citizens, provide two social activities a year for membership, support senior center projects when possible, host fundraisers as needed, and participate in community projects selected by a vote of the membership. They will meet at noon the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Join us Wednesday for Ladies Pool at 9 a.m. and bingo and Wassail from 10-11:45 a.m. Enjoy the noon meal and stay for pinochle at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. Newcomers are welcome at the center. Volunteers are available to teach or assist newcomers.

Thursday the fabric painting class will work in the bridge room. They are concentrating their efforts on making items for the craft booth for May Day 2004. They meet from 9-11:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will entertain the residents of Snyder Healthcare from 10-11 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 5, is the anniversary of the designing of blue jeans by Levi Strauss in 1880; so wear your jeans just for fun.

The Community Sing and the Country Western Dance have both been canceled for the month The Scurry County Senior Center is located at 2603 Avenue M and can be reached by caling 573-4035.

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Tech professor defends London stopover with plague samples

LUBBOCK (AP) — A professor accused of smuggling plague-causing bacteria testified Friday that he did not believe he was importing plague samples into England from Tanzania when he stayed overnight in London.

Thomas C. Butler, a renowned Texas Tech University plague researcher, faces 69 charges stemming from his work, including charges of lying to federal agents after his report of 30 stolen vials on Jan. 14. He later said he accidentally destroyed the vials, according to testimony.

Under cross-examination, Butler testified he was on his way back to the United States with the plague samples and had a layover in London. He met with a colleague who had told him earlier it was illegal to import plague samples into England.

Butler said he didn't think the stopover translated into importing them into England.

"I was transiting (them) in London," Butler testified. "I kept them as close to me as I could."

Butler said that after landing at London's Heathrow Airport, he retrieved the footlocker that contained the samples.

He said he and the colleague stopped on a street corner in London, opened the footlocker and replaced dry ice Butler had used to keep the serum samples cold while they were in the aircraft's luggage compartment on the flight from Tanzania.

From there, Butler said, he took the footlocker and went to a hotel near London's Gatwick Airport where he stayed the night before flying back to Dallas.

"I took every precaution to package it safely," Butler said. "I would never endanger passengers on an airplane."

Earlier Friday, Butler testified that he did not know he was committing a crime when he packaged samples of the potentially deadly bacteria and shipped them to Tanzania in a FedEx package.

Butler described how he packaged the samples and sent them to a doctor he had been working with in Tanzania. He said each vial had a watertight seal, and that they were placed in another plastic container with a watertight seal. Butler said there was nothing sneaky about the package he sent.

"I took this package to the FedEx office and filled it out in the presence of a FedEx employee," said Butler, 62, who made eye contact with jurors throughout his two days of testimony.

Butler said he did not tell the FedEx employee that there was plague-causing bacteria in the package.

He also said he did not read the small print at the bottom of the FedEx paperwork that he signed. It stated there were no dangerous goods inside the package.

On cross examination, prosecutor Bob Webster questioned Butler about discussions he had with FBI agents.

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Pd. by Bob Bell, Chairman for Citizens Against Hospital District Committee

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DISCOVERY SINGERS — Children in Discovery School at First United Methodist Church sang Thanksgiving songs Thursday before a luncheon at the church. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



GIVE THANKS — Stanfield students in Margie Martinez' and Laura Hamby's classes presented *Give Thanks*. Reba Bailey is the music director. Martinez' students (top photo) are bottom row from left, Oscar Villasana, Marianna Gutierrez, Victoria Quiros, Andee Leal, Beth Thurman and Jordan Rinehart; second row, Madeline Moreno, Cyrus Hernandez, Sierra Gutierrez, Adrian Aguilar, Gabriella Sanchez and Taylor Brumley; third row, Bethany Iglehart, Ashlee Maxfield, Cassandra Romero; Allison Claxton and Timothy Sifuentes; top row, Andrew Lopez, Brett Sorrells, Bobby Diaz and Dakota Sawyer. Hamby's students (bottom photo) are back row from left, Miccah Wesley, Xavier McGaha, April Belman and Victoria Jaramillo; third row, Carson Edmonds, Malinda Torres, Kyle Ward, Samantha Rodriguez, Braydin Moreland and Kolby Burleson; second row, Amber Morin, Ryan Houghton, Shyanne McBeth, Tanner Shifflett, Katelee Brock; front row, Blake Redman, Aileen Molinar, Leia Chester and Nicholas Sewell. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

DeLay subpoenaed in redistricting case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Democrats have subpoenaed House Majority Leader Tom DeLay as a witness in a lawsuit to overturn a congressional district map DeLay helped push through the Texas Legislature.

Democrats want to depose DeLay, R-Sugar Land, and Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, but are expecting the Texas Republican to fight the subpoena, said Tom Eisenhauer, an aide to Rep. Martin Frost, D-Arlington. Eisenhauer said DeLay should respond to the subpoena because he openly pushed for the new map.

"Tom Delay is happy to brag about his new map until he has to take an oath to tell the truth. What does he have to hide now?" Eisenhauer said. "He was the instigator, facilitator and author of the new map, that's why they want to depose him about it."

DeLay spokesman Stuart Roy said attorneys "would take appropriate action" in response to the subpoenas. He said a response would be filed Monday.

"Never before has a member of Congress been required to testify in a redistricting case," Roy said.

He pointed to a 2000 California redistricting case in which three of the state's congressional Democrats were subpoenaed. The Democrats got the subpoenas quashed.

Republicans redrew Texas' congressional map drawn by a federal court in 2001. The new map could give the GOP several new seats in the state's congressional delegation, now controlled by Democrats, 17-15. Democratic state lawmakers staged two boycotts of the Legislature to fight the map that passed after three special sessions.

Several lawsuits filed over the map have been consolidated into a single case before a federal court in East Texas. The case is scheduled to go to trial Dec. 11.

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401(k) Loans Can Be Costly to Your Future

If you work for a company that offers a 401(k), consider yourself fortunate. A 401(k) offers tax-deferred earnings growth, the ability to make pre-tax contributions and a variety of investment choices. Your 401(k) may also offer a loan feature — but you may want to think twice before using it.

At first glance, a 401(k) loan may sound appealing. After all, you're only borrowing from yourself, and you can make repayments gradually. Furthermore, the rate on most 401(k) loans is quite competitive. And you can usually borrow up to $50,000 or half the balance of your account, whichever is smaller. You typically have five years to repay your loan; if you've taken the money out to purchase a home, however, you may have up to 30 years.

So, given these inducements to taking out a 401(k) loan, you might be tempted to call up your employee benefits office if you're in need of cash. On the other hand, there are some major disadvantages to borrowing from your 401(k). Let's look at them:

•You'll use "after-tax" dollars to repay loan — Your 401(k) contributions are typically made with pre-tax dollars, resulting in a lower taxable income for you. But when you repay a 401(k) loan, you're using after-tax dollars, so you get no tax break. Also, those dollars will be taxed again when you eventually withdraw them for retirement. Consequently, you'll pay taxes two times on the money you use to pay back your loan - and this double taxation can greatly inflate the cost of borrowing from your 401(k).

•You must pay the loan back quickly upon leaving job — When you take out a 401(k) loan, you may plan on staying in your job for a long time. But things can change. You may find another career opportunity you want to pursue, or you may face a layoff. If you leave your job, voluntarily or involuntarily, you'll need to repay your 401(k) loan completely, usually within 60 days. If you can't, the balance will be considered a taxable distribution - and you may even have to pay a 10 percent penalty on it.

•You'll slow progress toward your retirement goals — Possibly the most important reason to avoid taking out a 401(k) loan is that such a loan can reduce the funds you'll eventually have for retirement. Any money you take out as a loan is money that does not have the opportunity to grow for you. While it's true that you will eventually pay the loan back, you will have, in effect, taken some money out of the market — possibly out of a bull market. Even worse, you could find it prohibitively expensive to both pay back your loan and add new dollars to your 401(k), causing you to temporarily cut back, or eliminate, your contributions.

Clearly, you've got some real issues to consider before borrowing from your 401(k). In fact, you may want to consider some alternatives. You can probably find a low-rate home equity loan, and your interest payments may be tax-deductible. (Keep in mind, though, that you are using your house as collateral.)

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Paper receipts required for voting machines

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — In a major victory for voting rights advocates, California's secretary of state announced Friday that all electronic voting machines in California must provide paper receipts by 2006.

Kevin Shelley also introduced stricter requirements for testing and auditing of the software used to record and tabulate votes in the nation's most-populous state.

And because California commands a sizable share of the market for voting machines, the move may prompt changes in equipment being adopted nationwide as local governments rush to modernize voting systems.

"I think this is going to be a tidal wave from California eastward — it's going to get a lot of attention and may change a lot of minds," said Stanford University computer science professor David Dill.

Shelley wrote in his nine-page document that he is requiring the receipts not because "voting systems are inherently insecure, they are not, but rather because people understandably feel more confident when they can verify that their votes are being recorded as intended."

Brenna Roberson

City Of Snyder
Employee of the Month
November 2003



Brenna Roberson was born and raised in Muleshoe, TX. She moved to Snyder 16 years ago to attend college at Western Texas College. Brenna's hobbies include yard work, Jet skiing and bingo. Brenna Roberson began working for the City of Snyder as a Meter Reader for the Utility Dept. on May 20, 2002. Brenna was nominated because she does a good job, works well with everybody and is always cheerful.



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IRA STUDENT COUNCIL — Ira High School's Student Council participates in several activities during the school year including maintaining a bulletin board, the canned food drive, Toys for Tots and Red Ribbon Week. Members also attend the district convention in March in Odessa. Tracy Dickerhoff is the sponsor. Officers include Jake Barnes, president; Jess Wall, vice-president; Amanda Calley, secretary; Lindsey Wilson, treasurer; and Cody Lomax, reporter. Students seated on the floor are from left, Phil Payne, Kate Wall, Roy Torres, Brandon Graves, Suzie Pendergrass, Alana Pulis, Stephan Kirk; next row, Joel Lollar, Erica Torres, Jake Barnes, Amanda Calley, Lindsey Wilson, Jess Wall, Cody Lomax, Adrian Padron, Franki Briseno and Lacie Thompson; next row, Wes Kellner, Alamda Cink, Shea Allen, Terryn Autry, Ashton Smith, Brittany Dickerhoff, Amber Sanchez, Jessica Odom, Sarah McCown, Brenda Torres, Amanda Alexander and Adrian Padron, next row, Bryce Westmoreland, Jared Bailey, Brandon Crane, Cody Appleton, Corbin Clements, Whitney Payne, Kelbi Pitner, Aryn Calley, Justin Taylor, Rusty Josey, Chad Nickerson, Kevin Graves, Chris Dobbs and Christopher Gutierrez, (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Schools use Internet to sell buildings they can't afford to keep

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The La Crosse School District in western Kansas tried to give away its former middle school to a charity. There were no takers.

So school board members — somewhat reluctantly — turned to the Internet auction site eBay. The board set a target price of $5,000 for the 43,000-square-foot building in the tiny town of McCracken, population about 200.

And then something unexpected happened. Between 22,000 and 23,000 people clicked on the eBay listing, and interested buyers traveled to the farming community from as far away as Louisiana and Wisconsin to tour the building.

On Thursday, the school board agreed to sell the former school for $45,000 to a Phoenix-based business that plans to relocate to McCracken and use the building as a warehouse distribution center.

The school district is one of at least four entities in Kansas to sell or post schools on eBay in recent months — sometimes in a last ditch effort to unload the properties.

"I didn't know what to expect," said La Crosse Superintendent Larry Jackson. "It really showed the power of the Internet. We had 70 plus bids."

Old schools, particularly those in small towns, can be difficult to sell because they often must undergo extensive renovations before they can be used for another purpose. Some are torn down, while others fall into disrepair.

But online, schools and cities can market to a broader audience, giving communities the chance to turn a former liability into a source of economic development.

"A school house, being a little bit more unusual type of real-estate, makes sense for eBay," said Chris Donlay, a spokesman for eBay. "If you advertised locally, you would only hit a few thousand people."

The city of Gaylord is credited with being the first in Kansas to sell a school using eBay.

The Smith Center School District sold the building to the city when the former school closed in the early 1990s because of a declining student population, said Jim Muck, a council member.

Lawyer wants Jackson to lose custody of kids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attorney who has clashed with Michael Jackson in the past is seeking a child-welfare probe of the pop star and urged authorities to take away custody of his three children because of the new sex abuse allegations.

Attorney Gloria Allred's demand came Friday, a day after Jackson posted $3 million bail in Santa Barbara and returned to Las Vegas, where he had been filming a music video.

While Jackson's whereabouts Saturday were unclear, fans planned to offer their support with candlelight vigils and rallies in cities around the world, including Los Angeles, New York, Rome and Budapest.

Jackson, meanwhile, was apparently planning to return to his Neverland Ranch in Santa Barbara County. His lawyer, Mark Geragos, told the Los Angeles Times he planned to meet with him there Saturday. He didn't say when.

Geragos had high praise for his client in his comments to the Times.

"Michael is one of the most brilliant, intelligent, strongest human beings I have ever had the pleasure of meeting," the lawyer said. "I couldn't be more impressed with him."

The Times, citing a source it didn't identify, said Jackson's accuser first reported the alleged molestation to a therapist, who in turn informed Santa Barbara County sheriff's officials last June. An arrest warrant alleges Jackson committed lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14.

Media reports have said the alleged victim is a 12- or 13-year-old cancer survivor who visited Jackson at Neverland, a storybook playland where the singer, who has befriended several cancer victims, was known to hold sleep-overs for children and share his bed with youngsters.

Allred briefly represented a 13-year-old boy involved in a molestation allegation against Jackson a decade ago. The case never led to criminal charges, but reportedly ended with Jackson, 45, paying a multimillion-dollar civil settlement.

At a news conference Friday, Allred said she has twice asked child-welfare officials to investigate Jackson.

She said she is concerned because of his statements about sleep-overs with children, the molestation allegations and an incident in which he dangled his baby son outside the window of a German hotel last year.

"I believe the children should be temporarily removed from Mr. Jackson's care and custody because of the history of Michael Jackson with children ... combined with present criminal allegations," she said.

Jackson spokesman Stuart Backerman had no comment on Allred's demand, but it was denounced by Brian Oxman, an attorney who has represented members of the Jackson family, although not Michael Jackson.

"It is outrageous that she should seek such media attention for her own aggrandizement. She is attacking Michael for her own benefit.



PRIMARY AWARDS — East primary students received the following awards for the second six weeks. Top row from left are academic recipients Jessica Ramirez and Chloee James, both kindergarten; and Tyler Mitchell and Brittany Rios, both first grade. Citizenship recipients are middle row from left, Serah Johnson and Nicholas Davis, both kindergarten; and Cassie Batchelor and Michael Campos, both first grade. Most-improved students are front row from left, Shanice Cobb and Tahnee Summers, both kindergarten; and Matthew Houghton and Dezaree Renshaw, both first grade. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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SPORTS

Advance to quarterfinals for 2nd time in history...

Tigers claw back to top Cubs

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The Tigers lived to play another week.

Snyder survived Brownfield's best punch Friday, erasing a 7-6 halftime lead with 12 fourth-quarter points, escaping the regional round with an 18-7 victory over the Cubs.

After a clutch 12-yard reception by Justin Boyd on fourth-and eight, Isaac Ramon capped a 31-yard drive, blasting in from 15-yards out to give Snyder its first lead, 12-6, since 1:23 of the first quarter. Snyder missed the field goal on the first touchdown, and was unable to convert either of its two-point attempts.

"I know we are a fourth-quarter team, but I got tired of waiting for that fourth quarter," Snyder head coach Chad Rogers said. "I'm pleased with the kids' effort and really proud of that fourth quarter."

Once again, the Tigers got off to a slow start, only to outlast a weary opponent and sprint to the finish in the final period.

The Tigers looked as if they would begin quickly, after linebacker Clayton Floyd recovered a Brownfield fumble on the Cubs' second play of the game. Floyd recovered another fumble in the fourth quarter.

But a pair of holding penalties killed the ensuing drive, forcing Snyder to punt for the second time in as many drives.

The Tigers were flagged for holding four times in the first 5½ minutes, and fumbled twice in the opening period.

The Tigers jumped on the board first despite the shaky first stanza. Boicy Martinez drilled Boyd with a 12-yard hitch pass, which Boyd lateraled to a streaking Ramon, who raced down the Brownfield sideline before being tripped up at the Cubs' 1-yard-line. The 69-yard play set up a 1-yard plunge from Brad English, for the 6-0 edge.

Brownfield responded with its only significant drive of the night, getting help from an inadvertent facemask penalty on the Tigers. Quarterback Andrew Sides hit his only two passes of the night on the drive, picking up 28 yards on third down with a pass to wide receiver Trent Sellers, then hitting Sellers on a 30-yard catch and run for the touchdown. The extra point gave Brownfield a 7-6 lead it would hold for the next 29:52 of the game.

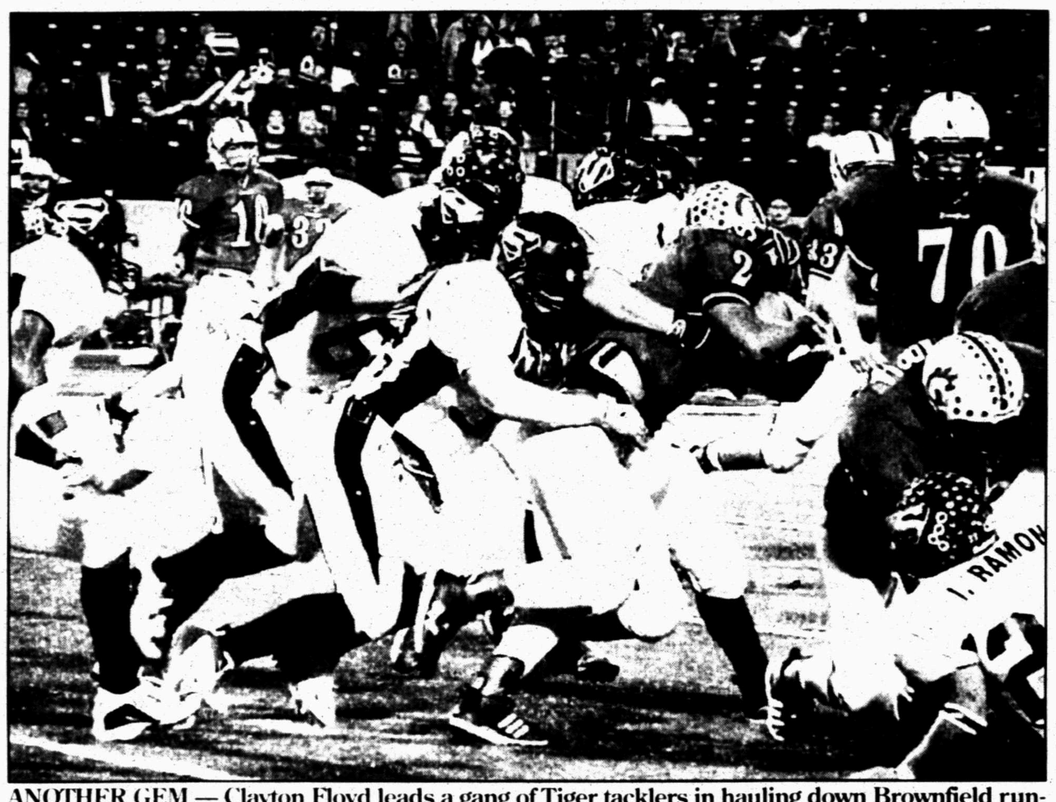
"Obviously, we didn't come ready in the first half, but you have to credit Brownfield —they came to play," Rogers said.

The Tigers defense, aside from the quick touchdown drive in the first quarter, was up to the challenge again, limiting the Cubs to 54 total yards in the first half, including -4 on the ground.

The Brownfield defense also was impressive, holding the Tigers to 140 total yards and just one score in the first half.

"They did some good things to put their players in good position, stacking seven, eight sometimes nine kids in the box," offensive line coach Roger White said. "It's not that we didn't play, they just took advantage of some things. Anytime you get to this point, you don't find weak sisters. Any Friday night, anyone can win."

Left tackle Sid Gutierrez said the Cubs matched the Tigers intensity at the point of attack.



ANOTHER GEM — Clayton Floyd leads a gang of Tiger tacklers in hauling down Brownfield running back Andrew Cruz. The Snyder defense carried the team to the third round by holding the Cubs to 63 total yards of offense in the 18-7 victory. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

"We were both coming off the ball," he said. "They wanted it as bad as we did."

The Tigers' second TD came after the team failed on a fourth-and-four from the Brownfield 8-yard line. The Tigers held and forced the errant punt — Brownfield's seventh of eight in the game — that landed out of bounds at the 31.

The Tigers gave up just 58 yards passing and five yards rushing, for a meager 63 total yards of offense.

"We felt like we could run some counters and get them with the option a little bit but we just couldn't get it done against them," Brownfield head coach Kevin Pittman said. "They play great defense."

Meanwhile, the Snyder offense got untracked in the late going, racking up 238 total yards of offense.

Brownfield then fumbled on its first play from scrimmage following Ramon's touchdown, and the Tigers took over at the Brownfield 16.

Five plays later, Martinez knifed through from the 2-yard line to cap the scoring and send the Tigers to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1990 and only the second time in school history.

So how long do the Tigers savor this one?

"Until 7:30 Monday morning," senior Demetrius Brandon said. "It's a new team to get ready for."

That team will either be Abilene Wylie or defending state champion Fort Worth Everman. The teams were set to battle at 1 p.m. Saturday at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood.

In other 3-3A games, Sweetwater edged Perryton, 28-27, to advance to the Division II regional round to play the winner of Vernon-Decatur, which were slated to go at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Merkel and Littlefield were to play at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Game Summary

Snyder	06	00	00	12	—18
Brownfield	07	00	00	00	—07

First Quarter

Snyder — Brad English 1-yard run (kick failed), 5:26.

Brownfield — Trent Sellers 30-yard pass from Andrew Sides (Noe Saenz kick), 1:22

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — Isaac Ramon 15-yard run (conversion failed), 7:30.

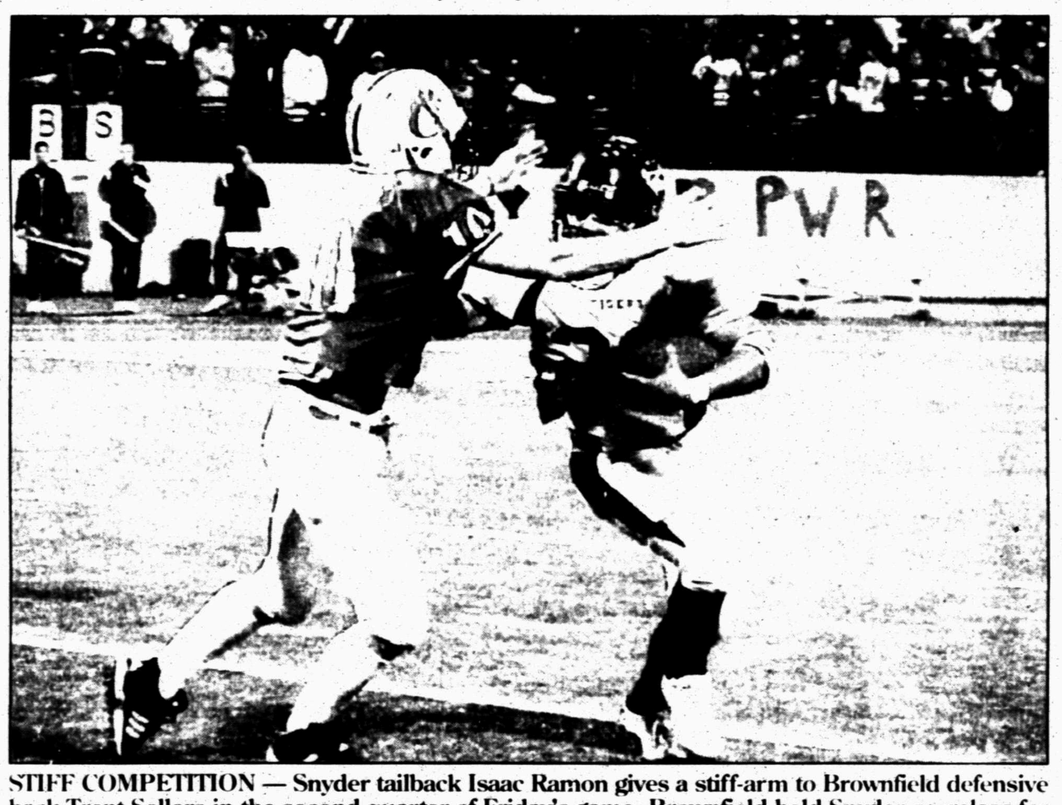
Snyder — Boicy Martinez 2-yard run (conversion failed), 4:20.

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First Downs	10	4
Rushes-yards	41-123	21-5
Passing yards	115	58
Comp-Att-Int	5-8-0	2-9-0
Punts	2-36.5	8-35.8
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties-yards	8-60	6-40

RUSHING — Snyder: Ramon, 14-53; Malcom Wells, 10-40; Martinez, 11-19; Chad Brown 4-10. **Brownfield:** Mason Becker, 11-18, Andrew Cruz, 6-14; Sides, 1-23; Sellers, 2-(-21); Tyree Wilkes, 1-(-8).

PASSING — Snyder: Martinez 5 of 8 for 115 yards. **Brownfield:** Sides 2 of 8 for 58 yards; Wilkes 0 for 1 for 0 yards..

RECEIVING — Snyder: Justin Boyd 2-24; Ramon 1-57; Wells 1-15; Brown 1-10; Marcus Villarreal 1-9. **Brownfield:** Sellers 2-58.



STIFF COMPETITION — Snyder tailback Isaac Ramon gives a stiff-arm to Brownfield defensive back Trent Sellers in the second quarter of Friday's game. Brownfield held Snyder scoreless for nearly 30 minutes, but the Tigers scored twice in the fourth quarter to claim a hard-fought, 18-7, win to advance to the quarterfinals against the winner of the Wylie-Everman game, which was scheduled for Saturday in Brownwood. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Dallas offense negating great defensive showings

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys aren't taking full advantage of having the NFL's top-ranked defense.

They've been shut out twice their last four games. They've gone six quarters without scoring a touchdown, the last coming in a 10-6 win.

"We've got to understand we're trying to do different things. We're searching for answers," quarterback Quincy Carter said Wednesday. "The bottom line is we're 7-3 and still in first place."

Not for much longer if they don't start moving the ball and scoring points again.

After averaging 25 points in each of the first six games, they Cowboys have scored just 31 points — total —the last four. They gained less than 300 yards three times the last month, and in a 400-yard performance against Washington had to overcome four first-half turnovers to win.

Things don't get much easier for the Cowboys on Sunday when they play Carolina (8-2), which has the NFC's best record and what Dallas coach Bill Parcells says is the best defensive front four in football -- better, the coach says, than Tampa Bay and New England. Those are the two teams that kept the Cowboys from scoring.

So what's Parcells got in mind for changing his team's offensive fortunes?

"You can't wholesale change a lot of things," Parcells said. "You don't have an inordinate number of options, so we just got to hope we can do better than we've been doing."

In Sunday night's 12-0 loss at New England, Parcells said his offense had 11 mental errors and four dropped balls. Along with five penalties, three turnovers and a sack.

Those kinds of problems are keeping the Cowboys from sustaining offensive drives, which is a big part of their plan. All of the losses came in the only games in which they didn't have at least a four-minute advantage in time of possession.

And maybe other teams are starting to figure out the Cowboys.

"Teams are scheming us well," Carter said. "We're not helping ourselves either. We've got to play better. That's obvious."

Parcells said Carter, the third-year quarterback who won the job during training camp, isn't the problem. He disagrees with the notion that Carter is digressing, even though he threw three interceptions last week while going over 200 yards passing for the first time in six games.

"I think Quincy will be fine if we can just get every everything, most everything else kind of in order for him," Parcells said. "Penalties, things like that. If we can do some of that better, I think we'll be OK."

The Cowboys also have to be more productive running the ball and receivers have to do a better job of catching it.

Troy Hambrick has two 100-yard games, but was held to 60 yards or less in seven other games and is averaging just 3.4 yards per carry. The top three receivers — Joey Galloway,

Sports Briefs

Volleybal banquet

The volleyball sports banquet has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Dec. 18.

Police find weapon in search of Green's home

WESTLAKE, Ohio (AP) — Police found a steak knife stuck in a kitchen cabinet and marijuana while searching the home of Cleveland Browns running back William Green, whose fiancee has been accused of stabbing him in the back.

Asia Gray, Green's girlfriend since high school and the mother of his two daughters, is charged with felonious assault and domestic violence. She pleaded innocent.

Cardinals dump Martinez on Devil Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals traded Tino Martinez to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on minor league pitcher Evan Rust and a player to be named.

Born in Tampa, Martinez was a star at the University of Tampa before starting his major league career.

Brewers president agrees to buy-out

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ulice Payne Jr.'s short reign as president of the Milwaukee Brewers ended when he agreed to a contract buyout.

The settlement followed a feud that escalated nearly two weeks ago when Payne criticized the team's plan to cut payroll 25 percent.

Prairie View A&M fires Whittington

PRAIRIE VIEW (AP) — Prairie View A&M fired first-year coach C.L. Whittington on Thursday after he led the Panthers to a 1-10 record.

Whittington, hired as the southeast Texas school's 21st coach in January, was dismissed immediately upon the recommendation of athletic director Charles McClelland.

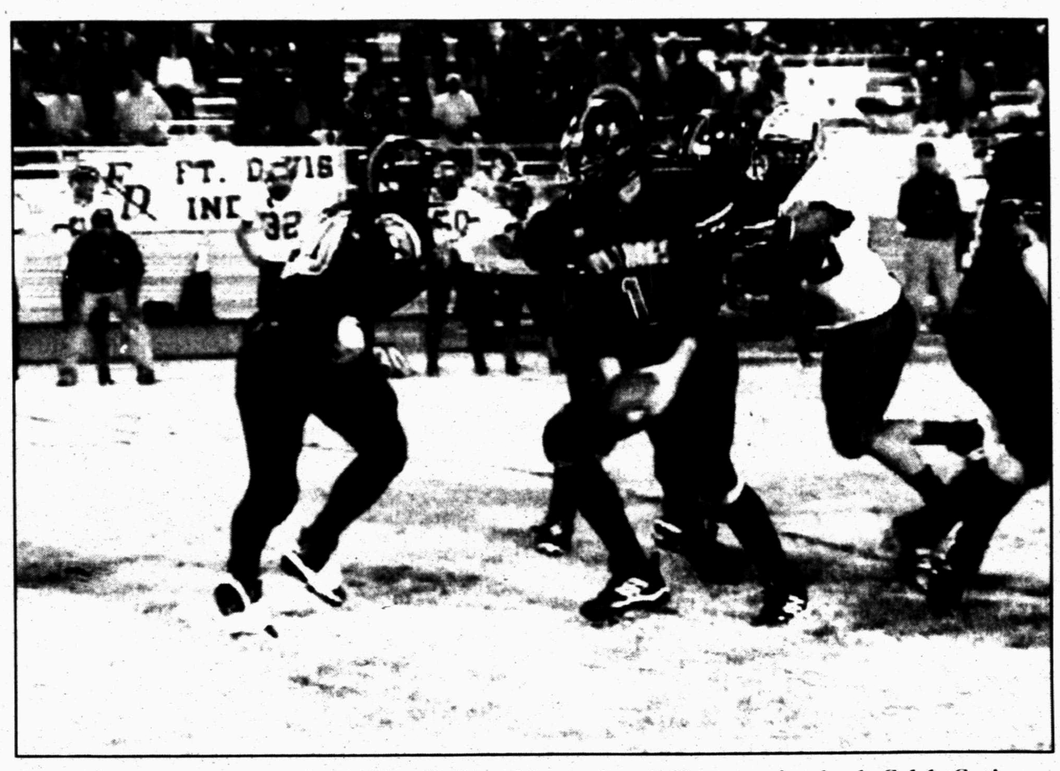
McClelland will handle football administration duties until a new coach is named.

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BOUNCED — Ira quarterback Wes Kellner fakes a handoff to running back Caleb Gutierrez during the team's regional game with Ft. Davis. The Indians overran the Bulldogs, 78-40, knocking Ira from the playoffs. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Indian attack thwarts Bulldogs' playoff run

KERMIT — The Ira Bulldogs' season ended in Kermit Friday, as the Ft. Davis Indians overwhelmed Ira for a 70-48 victory in the six-man regional game.

Ira head coach Toby Goodwin said his team played well, but made a few mistakes on which the fast Indians capitalized.

"I'm super proud of the kids. It was one of the best team efforts of the year," Goodwin said. "Offensively, we did a pretty good job, but made a few mistakes. Good teams make you make mistakes, and Davis is a great club."

Ft. Davis opened the scoring, and Jess Wall took the ensuing kick off 80-yards for a touchdown to knot the game early.

Wall carried 19 times for 157 yards, and also recorded nine stops on defense.

Wes Kellner threw 22 times, as the Bulldogs were forced to go to the air while trying to keep pace with the Ft. Davis offense.

"They run the spread, and they run it exceptionally well," Goodwin said. "They have several threats and they did a great job of putting us in a bind, and we couldn't capitalize."

Caleb Gutierrez led the Ira defense with 17 tackles and hauled in an interception. He rushed eight times for 44 yards and a score.

Kellner passed for 109 yards, 96 of them pulled in by Jake Barnes, who had seven receptions and three touchdowns.

Wall and Joel Lollar added nine tackles each for the Ira defense.

Goodwin said a few minor mistakes by the Bulldogs helped the Ft. Davis scoring effort, adding that the game was closer than the final tally.

"None of the mistakes cost us the game, but we needed to make some of those plays to give us an opportunity to keep up," he said. "It's always unfortunate to lose, but this club came a long way. I'm extremely proud of these kids. They came through a lot of adversity this season."

Pats not taking Texans lightly

HOUSTON (AP) — The New England Patriots need to look back one week to ward themselves against taking their trip to Houston lightly.

The first-place Patriots have won six straight and their 8-2 start ties the best in franchise history. But the Texans are coming off a close win against the Buffalo Bills, who shut out New England in the season opener.

"We realize that and I think they can feed off of that also. They did something we didn't," Patriots cornerback Ty Law said. "They're going to come out fired up and ready to play, just as well as our team. I think it'll turn out to be a better game than people think it might be."

The second-year Texans (4-6) beat Buffalo 12-10, giving them two wins in their last three games and matching the victory total from their inaugural season.

When they play the Patriots, the Texans will be unique in having faced the teams with the top records in the league — the Chiefs (9-1) and the Titans, Colts and Panthers (all 8-2). Houston beat the Panthers with Tony Banks subbing at quarterback, and he will start again Sunday as David Carr rests a sprained right shoulder.

The Texans have navigated that schedule with an injury-depleted defense that has been among the most vulnerable until some recent improvement.

"We're settling into basically what's going to be us for the rest of this year," said defensive coordinator Vic Fangio, who lost star nose tackle Seth Payne to a knee injury in Week 2 and essentially has been without Pro Bowl end Gary Walker all year.

Junior Ioane and Steve Martin, both unemployed when the Texans picked them up during the season, are filling in.

"We have a better feel for what they can and can't do," said Fangio, who also has resorted to some exotic defensive formations to mask deficiencies. "I think it helps the guys to get more (practice) in what we are doing."

Coach Dom Capers refuses to use injuries as an excuse, noting the Patriots' defense has thrived despite relying at times on backups and rookies to fill holes.

Tech defense shuts down UMass, 90-50

LUBBOCK (AP) — Devonne Giles said that the first thing he learned about Texas Tech coach Bob Knight was that he has to play good defense all the time.

That defense helped Texas Tech beat Massachusetts 90-50 Friday night in a preseason NIT quarterfinal round game.

"We got good defense in both halves," Knight said. "When you get away and you score and there gets to be a big margin between two teams, it's pretty easy for a team to get sloppy and give up points.

"And we made mistakes, this is a game of mistakes. And yet, in the end I think our defense had a continuity to it for the entire 40 minutes."

Tech's Andre Emmett scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half.

Texas Tech will face Utah in a semifinal game Wednesday in New York. Georgia Tech and top-ranked Connecticut will play in the other semifinal. The championship game is scheduled for next Friday.

The Minutemen's only lead came in the first two minutes before the Red Raiders seized control and raced to a 42-24 lead by the break.

Jarrius Jackson and Robert Thomaszek each scored 16 points and Giles added 11 for Texas Tech.

Rashaun Freeman scored 17 points and Stephane Lasme finished with 13 rebounds for Massachusetts.

Massachusetts was slowed by turnovers. The Minutemen committed 15 of their 28 turnovers in the first half.

With 11:45 left in the second half, Mookie Works blocked a shot and Jackson led the Raiders downcourt. Jackson lobbed a pass to Emmett for the dunk as Texas Tech extended its lead to 31 points.

Blazers win game, lose poise

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Trouble just seems to follow the Portland Trail Blazers.

In a game that ended in a scuffle with Portland forward Rasheed Wallace holding back Houston's Cuttino Mobley while Steve Francis yelled angrily, the Trail Blazers rallied in the second half Friday night and beat the Rockets 85-78.

According to Blazers guard Jeff McInnis, the Rockets were unhappy about some comments made by second-year forward Qyntel Woods after a pair of free throws by Portland with seconds remaining in the game.

"There were some words at the free-throw lines between Francis and Qyntel, but it was just trash-talking," McInnis said "That's basketball, you know?"

Added McInnis: "Qyntel just said after the free throw, 'Yeah, let's go get them out of here,' and Steve said, 'You won the game but don't get carried away."

The incident marred the Blazers' latest victory at home, where the team has lost only one of eight games.

Zach Randolph had 21 points and eight rebounds for the Blazers, while Damon Stoudamire had 23 points and seven assists.

The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for the Rockets, who were led by Yao Ming's 21 points and nine rebounds.

After the game Mobley was angrily shouting at Portland bench, but Wallace played peacemaker and held him back at midcourt. A referee spoke to Francis, who was also yelling the Blazers' way.

Mobley wouldn't comment except to say: "At the end of the game, I didn't see anything and I have nothing with Qyntel Woods."

Spurs ground Hawks, 114-75

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Stephen Jackson scored eight points in his return to San Antonio, but Tim Duncan had 20 of the Spurs' season-high 68 first-half points before finishing with 25 in San Antonio's 114-75 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Friday night.

"The Spurs came out and played hard," Jackson said of his former team. "We didn't come out with the intensity or focus we needed and they played like champions on each side of the ball."

Jackson was San Antonio's starting shooting guard last season, when the Spurs won the NBA championship.

U.S. leads Presidents Cup despite a struggling Tiger

GEORGE, South Africa (AP) — U.S. captain Jack Nicklaus pored over records of his players during the flight to South Africa for the Presidents Cup, and no doubt he came upon one glaring statistic about Tiger Woods.

The world's No. 1 player has a tough time in the easiest format.

Friday was no exception, as Woods lost for the ninth time in his last 10 better-ball matches. Worse yet, the final score (5 and 3) was his largest loss in team competition.

That didn't keep the Americans from seizing control of the Presidents Cup.

And by the end of the day, Woods showed he was the master of making important putts.

None was bigger than the 4-footer he faced in an alternate-shot match with Charles Howell III, the third straight time they've been paired together.

Woods had just missed a crucial putt from the same distance two holes earlier. Still smoldering was the bad loss in the morning.

The putt was good all the way for a 1-up victory over Retief Goosen and Tim Clark.

It capped a strong day for the United States, which won seven of 10 matches to build a 9 1/2-6 1/2 lead going into Saturday's six better-ball matches.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	7	6	.538	—
New Jersey	5	6	.455	1
Boston	5	7	.417	1
Washington	5	7	.417	1
New York	3	9	.250	3
Miami	3	10	.231	4
Orlando	1	12	.077	6
Central Division				
Indiana	10	2	.833	—
Detroit	9	4	.692	1
New Orleans	9	4	.692	1
Toronto	5	6	.455	4
Milwaukee	5	7	.417	5
Atlanta	4	9	.308	6
Chicago	4	9	.308	6
Cleveland	4	9	.308	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	8	4	.667	—
Houston	8	4	.667	—
Denver	7	5	.583	1
Minnesota	7	5	.583	1
San Antonio	8	6	.571	1
Memphis	6	5	.545	1
Utah	7	6	.538	1
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	10	3	.769	—
Sacramento	8	4	.667	1
Seattle	6	4	.600	2
Portland	7	5	.583	2
L.A. Clippers	4	4	.500	3
Phoenix	5	6	.455	4
Golden State	5	7	.417	4

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 87, Boston 85
Detroit 94, New York 55
Indiana 76, New Orleans 75
Minnesota 97, Cleveland 83
San Antonio 114, Atlanta 75
Utah 99, Milwaukee 90
Denver 108, Washington 87
Sacramento 122, Orlando 92
Memphis 98, Seattle 97
L.A. Lakers 101, Chicago 94
Portland 85, Houston 78
Golden State 101, Miami 91

Saturday's Games

Toronto at New Jersey, noon
Cleveland at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee at Toronto, noon
New Orleans at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
New England	8	2	0	.800	196	155
Miami	6	4	0	.600	177	147
Buffalo	4	6	0	.400	159	170
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	197	211
South						
Indianapolis	8	2	0	.800	292	202
Tennessee	8	2	0	.800	265	177
Houston	4	6	0	.400	174	254
Jacksonville	2	8	0	.200	175	241
North						
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	212	191
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	210	219
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	179	177
Pittsburgh	3	7	0	.300	190	247
West						
Kansas City	9	1	0	.900	306	174
Denver	6	4	0	.600	247	179
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	190	229
San Diego	2	8	0	.200	182	280
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	181	148
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	187	176
N.Y. Giants	4	6	0	.400	182	223
Washington	4	6	0	.400	193	232
South						
Carolina	8	2	0	.800	198	180
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	212	225
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	201	161
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	177	273
North						
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	269	233
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	264	223
Chicago	3	7	0	.300	172	234
Detroit	3	7	0	.300	166	242
West						
Seattle	7	3	0	.700	248	188
St. Louis	7	3	0	.700	269	202
San Francisco	5	5	0	.500	232	166
Arizona	3	7	0	.300	136	279

Sunday's Games

Carolina at Dallas, noon
Seattle at Baltimore, noon
New England at Houston, noon
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo, noon
San Francisco at Green Bay, noon
Detroit at Minnesota, noon
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon
New Orleans at Philadelphia, noon
St. Louis at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Tennessee at Atlanta, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 3:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Miami at Dallas, 3:05 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Philadelphia	11	2	4	1	27	57	34
New Jersey	11	3	4	0	26	46	30
N.Y. Islanders	9	7	2	0	20	57	44
N.Y. Rangers	6	7	4	2	18	47	50
Pittsburgh	4	10	3	1	12	34	66
Northeast Division							
Boston	11	2	3	3	28	54	41
Toronto	7	6	5	2	21	47	56
Buffalo	9	8	2	1	21	45	52
Ottawa	8	6	2	1	19	56	38
Montreal	8	10	1	1	18	40	46
Southeast Division							
Atlanta	10	7	3	1	24	64	59
Tampa Bay	10	2	2	1	23	45	28
Carolina	5	9	6	0	16	41	53
Florida	7	12	2	0	16	45	59
Washington	5	13	1	0	11	46	57
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
St. Louis	11	5	0	1	23	46	39
Detroit	10	8	2	0	22	60	50
Chicago	6	8	4	3	19	40	59
Nashville	8	9	1	0	17	46	50
Columbus	6	10	2	1	15	39	51
Northwest Division							
Vancouver	12	4	2	2	28	65	43
Colorado	12	5	1	1	26	62	47
Edmonton	10	7	2	0	22	58	55
Minnesota	8	9	3	0	19	47	46
Calgary	8	8	0	2	18	37	43
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	7	7	2	5	21	45	55
Los Angeles	9	7	1	1	20	48	41
Dallas	8	9	3	0	19	46	54
Phoenix	6	7	5	1	18	47	60
San Jose	4	6	8	2	18	50	54

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

Friday's Games

Atlanta 6, Florida 3
New Jersey 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Buffalo 5, Carolina 0
Dallas 3, Los Angeles 1
San Jose 5, Phoenix 0
Nashville 4, Anaheim 3, OT

Saturday's Games

Florida at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Montreal vs. Edmonton at Commonwealth Stadium, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at Atlanta, noon
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the estate of GEORGIA TEFERTILLER, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 20th day of November, 2003, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Carl Tefertiller, 2900 Denison Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

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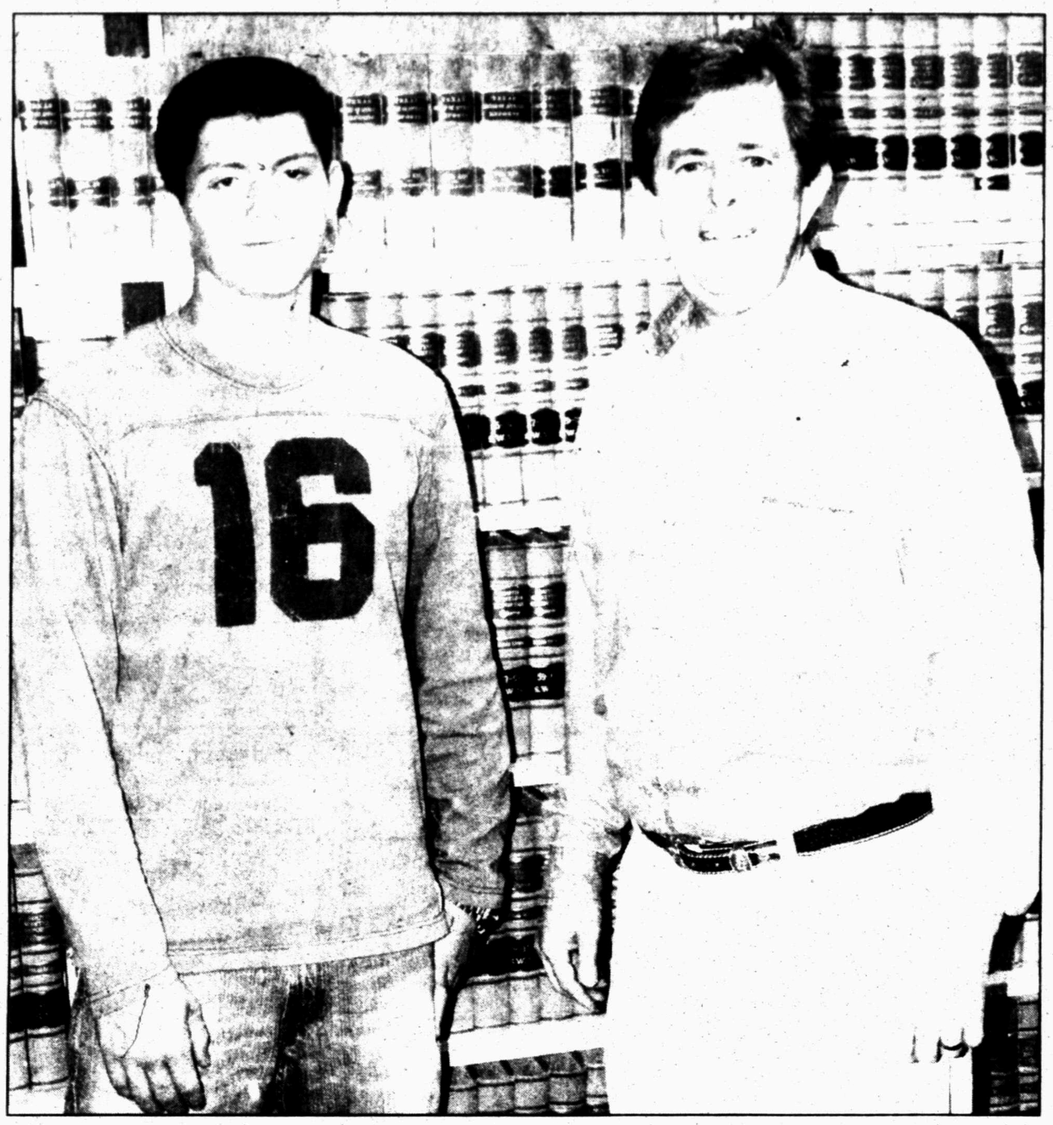
SAN ANGELO — State Representative Scott Campbell has selected Casey Reid Pierce, a junior at Snyder High School, as his nominee for the 2004 High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) program. Campbell has also nominated Michael William Thomas of Grape Creek High School as the first alternate.

Pierce is the son of David and Christy Waltz of Snyder and David Pierce of Bastrop.

The HAS Program began in 2000 and was developed exclusively for Texas High School juniors. It operates under a partnership between the State of Texas and NASA. Students participate in an interactive on-line distance education course during the school year and then spend one week in residence at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Nominated students take part in a variety of activities including interactive web-based activities, on-line mentoring, briefings and tours and field trips to Space Center Houston and the Challenger Center.

They also will complete a team project during the week-long summer residence experience. Participating students are rising juniors who have an interest in math, engineering or computer science and have committed to a one-year relationship with the Johnson Space Center.



SNYDER STUDENT NOMINATED — State Rep. Scott Campbell, right, has selected Casey Reid Pierce, a junior at Snyder High School, as his nominee to the 2004 High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) Program. (Contributed Photo)

Houston lobbyist said shot to death

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County medical examiner's office has identified the charred body found in the rubble of a burned home as that of Houston City Hall lobbyist Ross Allyn.

A spokesman for the medical examiner's office said dental records were used to make a positive ID because the body was burned beyond recognition.

An autopsy report released Friday said that Allyn, who was implicated and then cleared in a 1997 Houston City Council bribery scandal, had been shot in the back. Police said no weapons were found in the home.

The cause of the early Friday morning blaze is still under investigation.

Homicide Sgt. Wayne Wendel said he believes it was arson, while chief arson investigator Roy Paul said he believes it was an accident because there were no signs that accelerants had been used.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

A ripe subject for discussion

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Does a really sweet piece of fruit have more calories than one that's not so ripe or not so sweet? Thank you. — **D.T., no city or state given**

DEAR D.T.: Assuming that both are no longer on the tree and producing carbohydrates, there is no difference in the calories between ripe and unripe fruit. The perception of sweetness comes from the gradual breakdown of the complex carbohydrates into more simple sugars.

If you think about it, this fits in with the natural scheme of things. The plant creates seeds to survive, and it is in the interest of survival that the seeds not be separated from the plant until they are ready to grow. There is coordination between the maturity of the seed and the ripeness of the fruit, the completion being signaled by a change in color, flavor and aroma. The mature package is more likely to be grabbed or picked up and carried away to a new location. Many seeds are large so they are unlikely to be eaten, while others are small with hard outer coatings that allow them to pass through a digestive system and get deposited in a new location. The trip through a digestive system can actually help prime the seed for germination. Fascinating the way this works, isn't it?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: There have been a small number of studies conducted on the human body's response to microwaved foods vs. normally heated foods (directional energy). They tend to be similar in that they identify an unexpected immune response due to the recognition of unexpected proteins produced by the microwave heating process. After a casual Internet query using a search engine, I found a number of rehashings on this principle. Could you please comment? — **B.G., no city or state given**

Dear B.G.: There is some information on leaky microwave ovens having an adverse effect on the immune system of experimental animals within close proximity to the malfunctioning oven. It is important, however, to consider that microwaves dissipate rapidly as you move away from the source. No risk has been documented for properly sealed ovens, or for people who stand a few feet away from a leaky one. Aside from this, I am unaware of any information regarding microwaved food having a negative effect on the immune system.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have asked several of my colleagues what the headline "Cancer Forecast Puts Atkins Diet on Shelf" meant to them. So why not start a rumor that the Atkins diet causes cancer? I've been on this diet for 1-½ years. I am a Type 2 diabetic, and because of this diet my blood sugar has come down from 250 to 130, and I have not felt better in 20 years. This diet has taken enough hard knocks without a joker like you putting a headline that misleads the casual reader, those who do not read your column at all or those who just scan it quickly. People like you are unnecessary in journalism. One thing is for sure, your column will not ever be read again by one reader — me. — **R.M., no city or state given**

DEAR R.M.: I never said nor did I imply that the Atkins diet caused cancer. I responded to an individual who had precancerous polyps and was wondering whether an Atkins approach would be appropriate. I said it would not, and I briefly explained why. That was it. It's great that you have had some success by eliminating carbohydrates from your diet, but I question your reaction. I did not condemn the diet for all; in fact, in the past I have had positive things to say about it. I do not think it should be a first choice, but recognize that it can contribute to short-term losses for some. One other point: I do not write the headlines for these columns. That control ultimately rests with the newspaper in which the column appears. I hope you end up reading this, as I would be sorry to lose you as a reader.

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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A special thanks to Kent Wright and staff for a perfect service.
The Family of Opal Spikes

Thank You

The family of Ima Emerson extend their sincere appreciation for the support given during their time of sorrow.

Thank You

The family of Dee Lockhart would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, and memorials given to our family. Special thanks go to Rev. Larry White of Faith Baptist Church and Walter McCall of Odyssey Hospice for the lovely service and to the ladies of Faith Baptist Church for the wonderful meal they served to our family and friends.

Thanks goes to Cogdell Hospital and Odyssey Hospice nurses and staff for all the care and support they gave. Thanks also to Dr. Bid Cooper for the many years of medical care. But most of all, a great big "Thank You" goes to the staff of Snyder Oaks Center and Dr. Carl Dillaha for the last few months of care. You certainly made his last few months more bearable by all the love and attention you gave to him and to us.

Bobbie Lockhart
Kay, Michael, Chris, & Holly Goebel
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Two people are dead following standoff

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock man barricaded inside an apartment held police at bay for 15 hours before killing his ex-girlfriend and hostage and then himself, police said.

Jason Flowers, 24, died Friday night at University Medical Center in Lubbock while undergoing surgery. His ex-girlfriend Michelle King, 23, suffered multiple gunshot wounds and died on the way to the same hospital, police said.

The standoff began shortly after Flowers broke into King's apartment around 4:45 a.m. Friday and ended about 8 p.m., when Flowers agreed to surrender to police but instead began shooting.

"He told us he was going to move things away from the door so he could come out and surrender," said Lubbock Police Chief Claude Jones. "That's when multiple shots were heard inside the room."

A rescue vehicle with a battering ram was used by the SWAT team to enter the windowless bedroom. The police also used two flash-bang devices to create a diversion.

Once inside, police found Flowers lying on a bed pushed against the bedroom door. King had been shot several times.

Police said Flowers entered King's bedroom, where she and her new boyfriend were sleeping, and pointed a 9 mm gun at the couple.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT — East fourth graders earning academic achievement recognition for the second six weeks are top row from left, Alicyn Hernandez, Beto Arellano, Beto Jaimes and Heraclio Juarez; bottom row from left, Regan Head, Robby Luna, Hunter Cox and Slade Birkenfeld. Not pictured is Samantha Aviles. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS — East fourth graders receiving citizenship awards for the second six weeks are top row from left, Dominique Diaz, Mystery Thurman and Brady Williams; middle row, Timothy Iglehart, Matthew Martinez and Roseanna Silva; bottom row, Micah Henson, Ryanna Martinez and Andrea Rodriguez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Burger King to allow women to breast-feed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Burger King adopted a corporate policy Friday allowing women to breast-feed their babies in restaurants — a day before a threatened "nurse-in" at the fast-food chain's facilities.

The new policy says Burger King welcomes mothers who wish to breast-feed their children.

"We want to be a family friendly place," said Rob Doughty, vice president for strategic communications for Miami-based Burger King. "We want to be responsive to our customers, and didn't know this was a big issue. Unfortunately in Utah, it went directly to the press, and we didn't have a chance to take a look at it."

He said 20 states, including Utah, allow breast-feeding in public.

A furor erupted Nov. 8, when a customer at a suburban Salt Lake City franchise complained about a woman breast-feeding her baby. An employee then allegedly asked the nursing mother, Catherine Geary, to either go to the bathroom to breast-feed or leave.

Under the new policy, employees are told: "If a customer complains about a mother who is breast-feeding, kindly explain that breast-feeding is permitted in the restaurant and suggest to that customer that he or she relocate to another section of the restaurant."

"That's all we asked them for," Geary said Friday. "At least employees will be aware of how to handle a situation more discreetly."

Plans for a nurse-in at Burger Kings on Saturday have been circulated in an unsigned e-mail sent to members of La Leche League, an international group that promotes breast-feeding.

Doughty said Burger King's new policy had been in the works and wasn't timed to defuse the threatened protest.

On the Net:
Burger King: http://www.burgerking.com
La Leche League: http://www.lalecheleague.org/

Parents want sealed school district report released

DENVER (AP) — Relatives of the students killed at Columbine High School asked that the school district unseal its report on the 1999 massacre.

"We are never going to change the past, but we can change the future," said Randy Brown, who had alerted sheriff's officers to the violent rants of gunman Eric Harris in 1998 after his son was threatened.

Harris and Dylan Klebold killed a dozen students and a teacher before committing suicide.

Brown and others took their request to the school board late Thursday. Board president Jon DeStefano said he will get back to them.

"Locking up information that you have is not benefiting anyone at this point," said Dee Fleming, whose daughter, Kelly, was killed in the Columbine library.

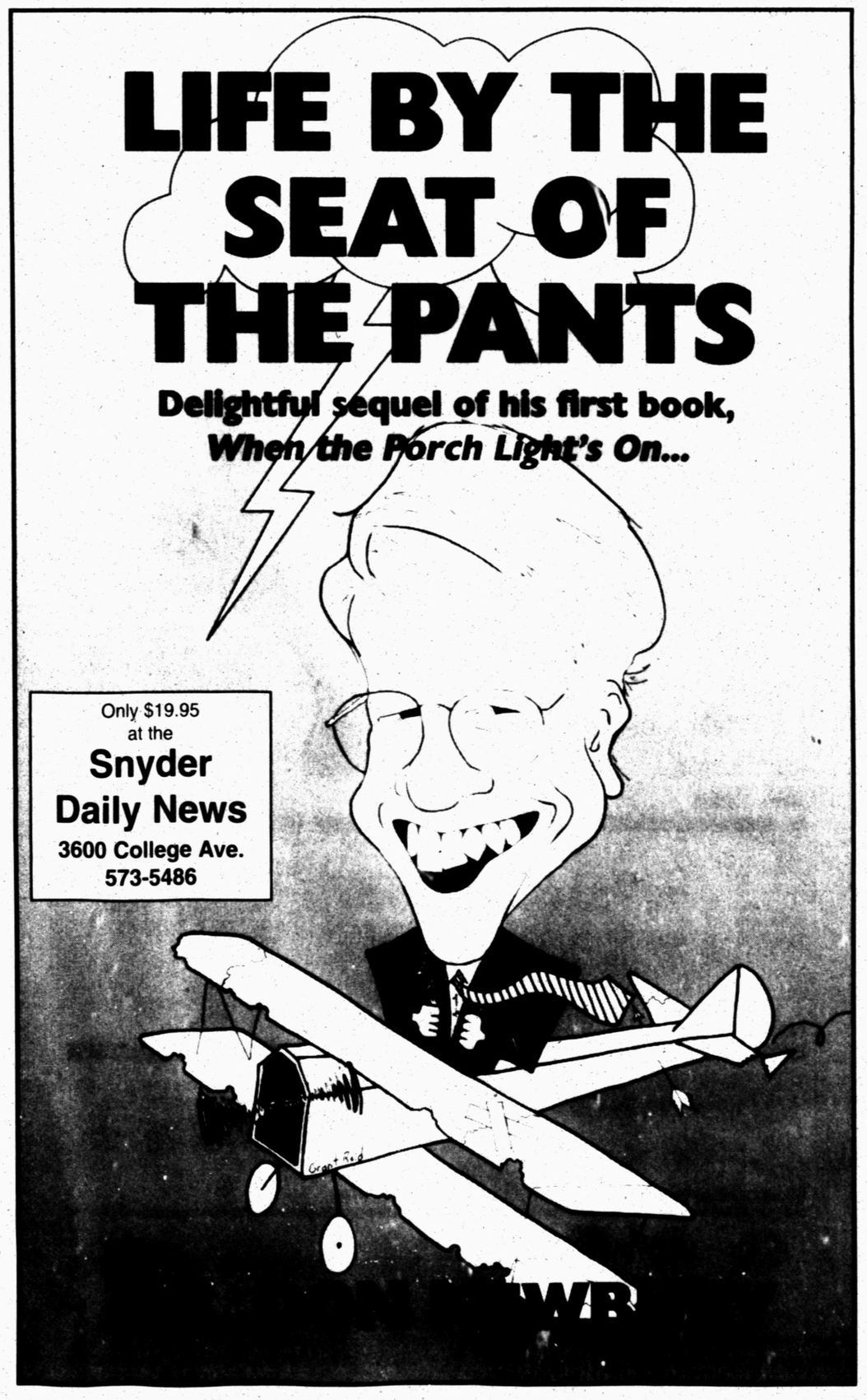
The report was compiled for school district attorneys as they prepared for lawsuits. The parents say the details could help prevent another tragedy by shedding light on any warning signs that were missed or ignored.

School district attorneys have refused to release the 200-page report, saying it is covered by the attorney-client privilege exception in state open-records laws.

One attorney, Bill Kowalski, has said the report includes interviews with about two dozen Columbine staff members, copies of sheriff's documents and school records for Harris and Klebold.

Jefferson County authorities have issued more than 25,000 pages of documents on the massacre. One document indicates a school official feared Harris was "on the edge of control" and a teacher was so disturbed by a violent essay Klebold wrote that she talked to his parents and a counselor about it.

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Car bombs strike at 2 police stations

KHAN BANI SAAD, Iraq (AP) — Attackers detonated explosive-packed vehicles at two police stations Saturday, killing at least 12 Iraqis and two suicide bombers. In Baghdad, a civilian cargo plane was forced to land with its wing ablaze, and a military source said it was hit by a shoulder-launched missile.

The plane, flown by the Belgium-based delivery company DHL, was trailing thick smoke and missing part of its wingtip as it made an emergency landing at Baghdad International Airport. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the plane with three crewmembers on board was struck by a SAM-7 surface-to-air missile.

Insurgents have used such shoulder-launched weapons to shoot down military helicopters in central Iraq. The military said it was still investigating the cause of the fire. In the past, planes have been targeted — but not hit — by rockets as they went in and out of Baghdad airport, a main hub for U.S. forces and humanitarian supplies, the military said.

After the attack, the only commercial airline serving Baghdad, Royal Jordanian, said it would suspend flights for three days but gave no reason.

The attacks on the police stations in Khan Bani Saad and Baqouba — about 12 miles apart — occurred within a half hour of each other and came after U.S. intelligence reports warning of an upsurge in attacks.



FINAL PERFORMANCES — Two performances remain for Western Texas College's *The Time of Your Life*: 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for senior citizens and students. Cast members pictured from left in front are Lacey Rowe, Caleb Durham, Jason Brumley and Ryan Ballard. In back are Chris Hensley and Rhealan Wagnon. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

House passes drug bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled House approved a bitterly contested Medicare prescription drug bill early Saturday in an epic struggle settled near dawn. The Senate began what was expected to be three days of debate.

President Bush, eager to sign the bill and promote it on the campaign trail, praised the action in a statement and in his radio address broadcast hours after the vote. "We're on the verge of success" of modernizing and strengthening Medicare," he said.

As the Senate began its debate, Bush appealed for final passage. "I urge all members of Congress to remember what is at stake, and to remember the promise we have made to America's seniors," he said.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., a conservative who said he would reluctantly vote for the legislation, led off the discussions by saying, "This is a historic day."

Hermleigh hires English teacher

Hermleigh trustees approved the hiring of an English teacher beginning with the spring semester when they met in a called session Thursday evening.

Eric Simpson, who will graduate from McMurry University in December, will take over the classes that were taught by Rebecca Ponder. She resigned her position last month.

Trustees also accepted the low bid from Wilson Motors for a truck for the ag department. The low bid was $23,656. In all, 16 other bids were received.

The board also approved the bid of RayCo Concrete of Snyder for the concrete slab for the new ag barn for an amount not to exceed $27,000.

Discussion on the new wind farm for Scurry County that will be located partly in the Hermleigh school district was tabled, according to Supt. Marvin Beaty. The item is expected to be on the Dec. 15 agenda.

Births

Alicia Marie Ortega was born to Charles and Christina D. Ortega of Snyder at 8:35 a.m. on Nov. 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Alicia weighed six pounds.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Ninfa DeLao of Snyder and Melecio and Alice Roybal of Clovis, N.M. Maternal grandparents are Antonio and Catarina Torres of Snyder.

Andrew Garcia and Vanessa Sarabia of Snyder announce the birth of their seven-pound, seven-ounce son, Deric Joel Garcia, at 12:19 p.m. on Nov. 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Pete and Angel Garcia of Sweetwater. Maternal grandparents are Ramiro and Delores Sarabia of Snyder.

Opponents block massive energy bill in U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of a massive energy bill on Friday blocked the Senate from taking a final vote and sending the measure to President Bush.

On a 57-40 vote, supporters failed by three votes to cut off debate on the legislation, which they said would increase and diversify energy production and provide farmers an economic boost by expanding use of corn-based ethanol.

They needed 60 votes under the Senate's rules to close debate on the bill and move on to a final vote. The House passed the legislation earlier this week.

Two arrests made Friday night, Saturday

• Arrest

Two arrests were made in Snyder Friday night and Saturday morning.

The first occurred at 7:20 p.m. Friday in the area of U.S. 84 and Ave. E. A 29-year-old woman was taken into custody on DPS warrants from Brownwood for speeding, expired driver license and failure to appear.

A second arrest came at 5:20 a.m. Saturdy. Officers took a 19-year-old male into custody from the 3500 block of El Paso for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• Theft

A caller reported at 12:39 p.m. Friday that a video camera had been taken from her residence in the 1700 block of Smith. The responding officer submitted an offense report for theft.

A person who said that some items had been taken out of his vehicle made a report at 2:40 p.m. Friday from United. He later contacted police at 3 p.m. to advise them that he had located his property.

• Criminal trespass

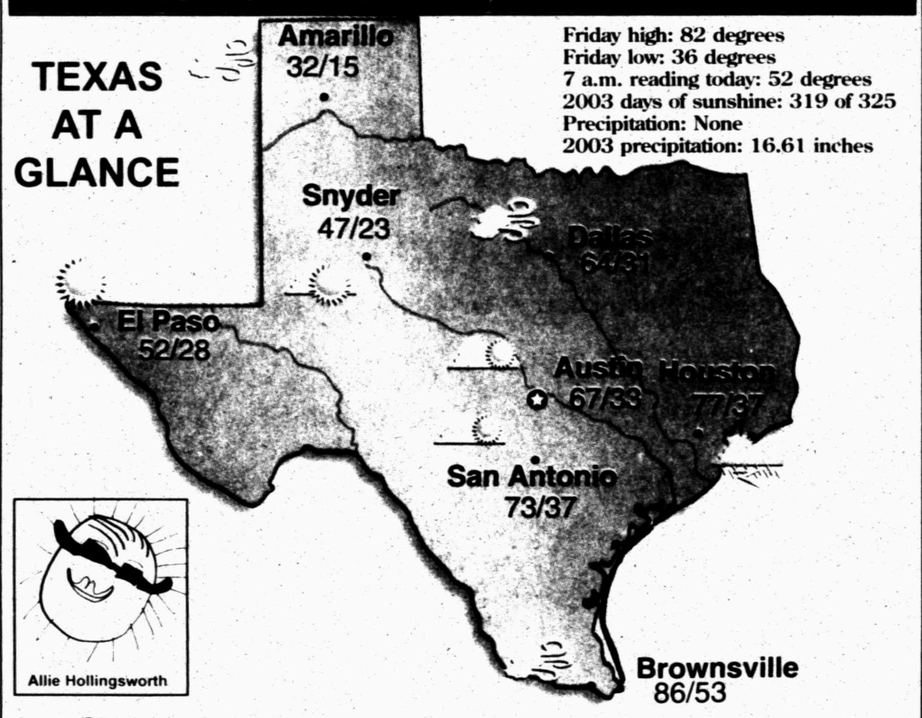
Officers responded to the 3700 block of Sunset at 12:23 p.m. Friday. A verbal criminal trespass warning was issued to two individuals who had been previously suspended from the high school to stay off the campus for the duration of their suspension. The two juveniles had been going to the school and were told not to return there.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 11/23	Mon 11/24	Tue 11/25
47/23	45/31	60/39
Sun and a few passing clouds. High 47F. Winds NNW at 15 to 25 mph.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:21 AM, Sunset 5:39 PM	Sunrise 7:22 AM, Sunset 5:39 PM	Sunrise 7:22 AM, Sunset 5:38 PM

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Friday high: 82 degrees
Friday low: 36 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 52 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 319 of 325
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	50	27	windy	El Paso	52	28	sunny	Midland	49	24	sunny
Amarillo	32	15	windy	Fort Stockton	55	29	sunny	Raymondville	86	48	mst sunny
Austin	67	33	pt sunny	Gainesville	55	26	windy	Rosenberg	76	37	t-storm
Beaumont	76	37	t-storm	Greenville	61	27	t-storm	San Antonio	73	37	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	53	windy	Houston	77	37	t-storm	San Marcos	69	33	windy
Brownwood	57	28	windy	Kingsville	83	44	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	62	28	t-storm
Corpus Christi	80	44	t-storm	Livingston	71	31	t-storm	Sweetwater	49	26	mst sunny
Corsicana	65	30	t-storm	Longview	66	30	t-storm	Tyler	66	30	t-storm
Dallas	64	31	windy	Lubbock	39	18	windy	Weatherford	56	26	windy
Del Rio	66	36	windy	Lufkin	70	32	t-storm	Wichita Falls	47	23	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	72	56	pt sunny	Houston	77	37	t-storm	Phoenix	61	41	sunny
Boston	49	41	pt sunny	Los Angeles	67	47	sunny	San Francisco	59	46	mst sunny
Chicago	60	29	rain	Miami	81	72	pt sunny	Seattle	43	38	mixed
Dallas	64	31	windy	Minneapolis	30	18	snow	St. Louis	61	27	mixed
Denver	20	10	mst sunny	New York	57	49	pt sunny	Washington, DC	65	52	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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Sun 11/23	Mon 11/24	Tue 11/25
Low	Low	Low

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

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Obituries

Mollie Arnold

1929-2003

Mollie Jo Arnold, longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, Nov. 21, in Kristi Lee Manor Nursing Home in Colorado City.

Funeral service for Mrs. Arnold, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. David Phillips, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Bethel Cemetery in Carthage under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.



Mollie Arnold

Born Oct. 3, 1929 in Gary, Texas, she married Tommy Ray Arnold on Jan. 22, 1954 in Gary. He preceded her in death as did her parents, J.R. (Jack) and Myrtle Atkerson; and an aunt, Mary Hollin King.

A homemaker, Mrs. Arnold was a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Joey and Diane Arnold of Snyder and Eric and Kim Arnold of Overton; a brother, Dan Atkerson of Tatum, Texas; five grandchildren, Jamie, Casey and Riley Arnold of Snyder and Justin and Kerry Arnold of Overton.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Edward Titus

1968-2003

CHANDLER, Okla. — Edward Lee "Eddie" Titus, son of Gale and Beth Titus of Snyder, died Thursday, Nov. 20, in Chandler.

Funeral service for Mr. Titus, 35, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Parks Brothers Funeral Chapel in Chandler. Burial is set for 1 p.m. Monday in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth. Services are under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Chandler.



Edward Titus

Born on Jan. 20, 1968 in Lexington Park, Md., he was a 1986 graduate of Snyder High School and married Jimmie Habenicht on June 3, 1995 in Fort Worth. A Baptist, Mr. Titus was manager of Golden Corral in Snyder and was currently district manager for the Golden Corral Restaurant Corporation. Mr. Titus was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Survivors also include his wife, Jimmie Titus of the home; one son, Issac Titus of Chandler; two daughters, Baylee Titus of Chandler and Nickie Titus of Pflugerville; a brother, Christopher Titus of Dallas; a sister and a brother-in-law, Stacy and Brandy Hickman of Saginaw; and a niece and nephew, Erin and Caden Hickman of Saginaw.

O.C. Stanley

1916-2003

DALLAS — O.C. Stanley, longtime Snyder resident, died Thursday, Nov. 20, at his home in Dallas.

Funeral service for Mr. Stanley, 87, is set for noon Wednesday in the Laurel Land Memorial Chapel with interment in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 12, 1916 in Wichita Falls, he served in the Navy Seabees in the South Pacific, including the Invasion of Okinawa in World War II and participated in the rebuilding of Pearl Harbor.



O.C. Stanley

Mr. Stanley was in the construction business in West Texas and in the Metroxplex and moved to Dallas from Snyder in 1981 where he was a member of the Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Vertie Lee Stanley of Dallas; a daughter, Constance Ashley of Dallas; two grandsons LCPL Jonathan Ashley of Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Matt and Trent Ashley of Dallas; two great-granddaughters, Kayla and Rhonda Ashley of Commerce.

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Oregon opens fourth condor breeding facility

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The California condor has returned to Oregon, almost a century after the largest bird native to North America disappeared from the Northwest.

The journals of Lewis and Clark recorded condor sightings along the Columbia River during their historic expedition in the early 1800s, but the last sighting of a condor in Oregon was 1904.

On Thursday, the Oregon Zoo officially opened the fourth condor breeding facility in the nation to help expand a condor population that had fallen to a desperate low of 22 birds in the wild just a decade ago.

"Their situation was more dire than the gorillas in Rwanda or the pandas in China," said Kim Westcott, spokeswoman for the Grand Canyon National Park Foundation, which raises money to support a similar recovery program in Arizona.

The bird once ranged from the Atlantic to Pacific coasts and was part of the cultural heritage of many American Indian tribes, said Elaine Leslie, a National Park Service biologist who supervises the Grand Canyon condor recovery project.

The bird had become known as the California condor because its population had shrunk to a handful of areas in that state, "but it had been just 'condor' for ages," Leslie said.

The condor is related to the vulture and feeds only on the remains of dead animals, serving an important role in the ecosystem.

SHS choir activities include concert, Madrigal dinners, and fundraiser

Junior high choir and sixth grade honor choir will perform in concert

Snyder ISD choir students are planning a special concert Sunday, Dec. 7, at Worsham Auditorium.

The Christmas Suite by Mark Brymer will be presented by the combined choirs of the high school, junior high and West Elementary honor choir members at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The $5 admission will also include a Christmas dessert buffet in the SHS student center. Tickets may be purchased from any high school or junior high school choir member.

Choir directors Ronda Haire, high school; Marci Dennis, junior high; and Judy Brown, West Elementary, invite the public to feast on a variety of holiday desserts while listening to Christmas music.

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Next up for the high school choir students will be the annual Madrigal dinners slated at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15-16 at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The Madrigal performances will be presented by the A Cappella Choir and SHS Choral Department.

Tickets cost $15 each and may be purchased by calling the high school office at 573-6301. Seated is limited so reservations need to be made as soon as possible.

The Annual Madrigal Dinners will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15-16 at the MAWC's Grand Hall.

The dinners will include:

•The procession of singers through the hall;



•The hoisting of a sparkling toast from the Wassail Bowl;

•The procession of litter bearers with the boar's head.

•The jousting of the knights;

•The quest of the jester and knights;

•The singing of the concert by the Royal Court.

Reservations can be made by calling 573-6301.

Or the remittance may be mailed to Madrigal tickets, SHS Choral Dept., 2901 37th Snyder, 79549 or bring to the high school office.

Tickets for performances are $15 per person. No refunds will be given for unused tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Dec. 9.

The door of the Grand Hall will open at 7 p.m. Dec. 15-16. Guests are requested to be seated before the opening processional, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Haire said, "The Madrigal Dinner will be a unique and exciting way to express to friends the memory of Christmas. We look forward to having you as our guest."

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In addition to the concert and Madrigal dinners, SHS choir students are also conducting their annual poinsettia sale.

The deadline to order a poinsettia is Dec. 1. Poinsettias cost $10 each and will be delivered on the first day of December.

Red, white and Jingle Bell (red with white specks) are available.

White trees placed in local stores

Fundraiser for American Cancer Society



DISPLAYED AT WTSB — Sheila McCormack is pictutred with the tree at West Texas State Bank. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

People may be wondering why there are white Christmas trees in businesses around Snyder.

"To put your mind at ease, you may be assured that Christmas is not coming early this year," said Terrisu Mann of the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society has placed small white trees in various businesses to begin raising money for the spring 2004 Relay for Life.

The trees are located at Western Texas College, West Texas State Bank, Higginbotham-Bartlett and Calvary Baptist Church.

For a recommended $1 donation, a person may honor a cancer survivor or remember a person who lost the battle with cancer. With a donation, a card will be placed on the tree with the person's name.

The proceeds will go toward the Relay for Life, and for the next few months, the trees will be moved to different businesses. Any business that would like a tree placed in their facility should call 573-1031.

Although the trees were first placed in businesses during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, they are not just for breast cancer victims. Citizens may honor other cancer victims during the next six months. In April, the trees will be removed from businesses and displayed at the spring Relay for Life.

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BREAKFAST
Monday
Biscuit and Sausage
Tuesday
Grilled Cheese

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Noodle Soup
Ham Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomato
Baked Apple
Tuesday
Chili Cheese Fries
Pickles Spears
Fritos
Frozen Fruit Cup
Wednesday and Thursday
Thanksgiving Holiday

Ira

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

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pancakes
Sausage
Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Wednesday
Thanksgiving Holidays

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Vegetable
Soup/Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Carrot Sticks & Ranch Dressing
Cake, Chocolate Icing
Tuesday
Pizza/Peanut Butter Sandwich
Salad
Peas
Fruit

Snyder

All meals are served with milk pouch and breakfast is served with a choice of juice, and cereal and toast.

BREAKFAST
All Schools
Monday
Biscuit & Gravy
Tuesday
Pancakes w/Syrup
Wednesday
Thanksgiving Holidays

LUNCH
Elementaries
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes
Salad Mix
Cowboy Apple Cobbler
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Hot Turkey Sub
Seasoned Green Beans
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Peaches

Junior High School
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Pepperoni Pizza
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mashed Potatoes
Carrots
Hot Rolls
Tuesday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hot Turkey Sub
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Seasoned Green Beans
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Peaches

High School
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mashed Potatoes
Salad Mix
Hot Rolls
Tuesday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hot Turkey Sub
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Seasoned Green Beans
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Peaches

Clark will speak to Genealogy Society

Virginia Clark will present a program at 7 p.m. Tuesday for members of the Genealogical Society in the children's room of the Scurry County Library.

Her topic will be the American Revolution. Virginia's ancestor, Martin Preuitt Jr., and his brother, Isaac, traveled 12 days to participate in the battle of Kings Mountain. This battle is considered one of the most important engagements in the South during the war.

Visitors are welcome.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-22-03
♠ K Q 2
♥ K Q J
♦ 6 2
♣ K 9 7 6 5

West
♠ A 6 5 3
♥ 6
♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ J 10 4 2

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

South
♠ J 10 9 8 4
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ A
♣ A Q 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	1 ♦
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003

Politicians bid and play competitively

By Phillip Alder

The annual bridge battle in London between the Houses of Commons and Lords was started 28 years ago by Rixi Markus. The event is run as rubber-duplicate. All four tables play the same deals, but with rubber-bridge scoring. This deal, from last spring, featured some good and bad bridge.

First, look only at the East hand. The dealer on your right opens one club. With the vulnerability in your favor, what would you do, if anything?

Every East overcalled one diamond. I do not like that bid. With only six high-card points, East should pre-empt with three (or four!) diamonds.

At three tables, North-South stopped in four spades after West had raised diamonds. One West, Lord Stamp, realized his partner must have few, if any, spades, and sacrificed in five diamonds. The defenders failed to play trumps quickly enough, so East escaped for one down doubled: minus 100.

At the other two tables, West judged very badly by doubling four spades. One South passed this out and won two overtricks for plus 1,190. Lord Caithness redoubled. When he also took 12 tricks, he scored plus 1,880.

The fourth auction is given in the diagram, with Lord Harrison (South) judging very well to bid the slam. After winning with his diamond ace, Harrison drove out the spade ace, ruffed the diamond continuation, drew trumps, and claimed for plus 1,430.

The Lords thus gained 2,020 on the board to win this battle, but they lost the war by 3,470. And now the running score stands at 14 wins apiece.

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FESTIVE HOLIDAY PARTY — Four county Extension agents hosted a *Home for the Holidays* fete at the First United Methodist Church Tuesday evening. It was hosted by Julie Neitsch from Garza County, Julie Smith from Borden County, Beth Dannheim from Scurry County, and Mary McMullen from Mitchell County. In the bottom photo, Ann Smartt, Virginia Clark and Burnell Hargrove enjoyed punch prior to dinner and a program. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Home for the Holidays held Tuesday at FUMC

The 7th annual *Home for the Holidays* multi-county program was held Tuesday evening in Wesley Hall at First United Methodist Church.

Hosting were County Extension Agents–Family and Consumer Sciences from four counties including Julie Smith, Borden County; Mary McMullen, Mitchell County; Julie Neitsch, Garza County; and Beth Dannheim, Scurry County.

Each agent prepared dishes to serve to the almost 100 guests. They each gave a short program on the food they had prepared, a craft idea, some helpful tips for preparing for the upcoming holidays and entertaining. Each guest received a "goody bag" and a recipe book, *Home for the Holidays* containing their recipes and many door prizes were distributed.

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.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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.

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge Friday at the Snyder Country Club and Monte West directed Tuesday.

Friday, Nov. 14
A Group

1. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbitt.
3. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.

B Group

1. Dorothy Rosson, Patsy Williams.
2. Margaret Dillaha, Margaret Presswood.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

1. Robbie Floyd, Pat Floyd.
2. Christine Stuard, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.

If the world is cold, make it your business to build fires.

—Horace Traubel

Fall seven times, stand up eight.

—Japanese proverb

Library News & Views

Sharon Sumruld, librarian

BOOK FEATURE

Price It Yourself, by Joe L. Rosson and Helaine Fendelman.

Information once held by a select group of professional appraisers is now available for all levels of collectors. With great wit and wisdom, the authors will help you identify, understand and determine the potential value of any type of antique or collectible.

Their book not only explores all the basic concepts and skills necessary to value an antique accurately, it is also filled with practice appraisals to help you to develop an "eye" for value.

NEW NON-FICTION

Locating Union & Confederate Records, by Nancy Morebeck.

The Origins of Everyday Things, by Joel Levy.

How to Maximize Your Child's Learning Ability, by Lauren Bradway.

Book Lover's Cookbook: Recipes Inspired by Celebrated Works of Literature, by Shaunda Wenger.

NEW FICTION

Blood Canticle, by Anne Rice.

Private Life of the Cat Who — Tales of Koko and Yumyum, by Lilian Jackson Braun.

By Sorrow's River, by Larry McMurtry.

Heat Shock, by Robert Greer.

The Scurry County Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays from Thursday through Sunday. We will be open again on Dec. 1.

We wish everyone a happy holiday.

LIBRARY HOURS:

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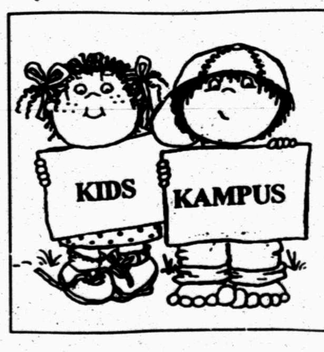
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Public Records

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Filed in District Court

Laura Menges, individually and as surviving spouse of Karl Menges, and next of friend of John, Clayton, Jacob and Victoria Menges, minors, vs. Patterson-UTI Drilling Co., suit to perpetuate evidence.

Gordon Gray vs. Star Dedmon, suit on note.

Deed Records

BHP Petroleum Inc. to Diamond M. Production Co., 14.98 acres in Sections 182, 183 and 197, all in Block 97, H&TC survey.

Veterans Land Bank of Texas to Jess Clyde Tolbert, 93.19 acres in the south part of Section 44, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Roxanne Kendrick to Mortgage Election Registration Systems Inc., Lot 7 in Block E of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Wanda R. Bennett to Ricky Phipps, the south one-half of Lot 4 in Block 20 of the Adams Addition.

Daniel T. and Harriet W. Massaro to Myrtle Pharris, the north 90 feet of Lot 3 in Block 18 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Dean Libby to the Estate of Anice Wallace, the south 76 feet of Lot 12 and the south 76 feet of the west one-half of Lot 11 in Block 35 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Regina Ellis Rhodes, independent executrix of the estate of Jackson P. Ellis, to Regina Ellis Rhodes, Lot 4 in Block 5 of The Highlands Addition.

Lanelle Collins Roberts to Vollie D. and Sharon Shipp, 151.7 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 445, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Earl W. Hardy Sr., Anneice Trujillo, Mae Jean Gonzalez, Marvin Ray Hardy and Charles William Hardy to Charles S. Hardy, three tracts of 30.4 acres, 1.0 acre and 10.23 acres out of Tract 49 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract four being 161.5 acres being all the southwest one-quarter of Section 267, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract five being the north 242.9 acres out of the east one-half of the west one-half of the south one-half of Section 116, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being 320 acres in the south one-half of Section 187, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract seven being 327.6 acres in the north one-half of Section 296, Block 97, H&YC survey; tract eight being 320.50 acres in the south one-half of Section 211, Block 97 H&TC survey; tract nine being the north one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract 10 being the south one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Lon E. Cox, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Walter E. Cox, to Freddie S. and Felicia C. Martinez, Lot 11 and the north 40 feet of Lot 12 and the east 24.7 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 12, all in Block 45 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

Anita M. Moffett, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Brian Moffett, to Scott S. Maxwell, 1.422 acres in Tract 47 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Richard Dupree to Freddie S. and Felicia C. Martinez, the west 25.5 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 12 in Block 45 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Mike and Melinda Merrill to Jerry Don and Kathy Greene, Lots 3-7 in Block 4 of the Glenn Huffman Addition.

Patsy Lynn Woolever Sitton and Markia Lynn Clark to Darwin and Debra Sizemore, Lot 15 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Wayne F. and Kathie Sue Bethel to Roy Max and Yolanda C. Bennett, Lot 17 in Block J of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Maxine Holt to Marshall Parham, Lot 7 in Block I of the Towle Place Addition.

M.P. Herring to Marshall Parham, Lot 1 and the west 6 feet of Lot 2 in Block 2, Section 2 of the Martin Addition.

'Smart growth' ideas might curb sprawl

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Activists trying to slow suburban sprawl in California see reason for hope in Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger — even if the guy does drive a Hummer and received $2.5 million in campaign contributions from real estate interests.

The Republican has been taking advice from a Los Angeles environmental group and has embraced many ideas of the "smart growth" movement, which favors mass transit, rebuilding cities and slowing development of farmland.

His Web site has pledged wholesale restoration of declining urban areas, criticized "fiscally unsustainable sprawl" and promised new incentives to clean up blighted or contaminated industrial sites and build homes on them.

The action hero-turned-governor has also named the chief of the group Environment Now, Terry Tamminen, to run California's Environmental Protection Agency. And he appointed a prominent Democratic critic of "dumb growth," Sunne Wright McPeak, as his secretary of business, housing and transportation.

Julie Spezia, director of the California Futures Network, which advocates smart growth, said she "was really encouraged" by Schwarzenegger's plans, because "those are all things we really care about."

This state of 36 million people swells with 600,000 newcomers yearly, mostly from births, but is widely known nationally as a laggard in growth management. The state has not approved a statewide growth plan in 25 years, and millions of California motorists endure marathon commutes between the suburbs and their jobs.

Some activists believe Schwarzenegger could follow in footsteps of other Republican governors in growth management, including New Jersey's Tom Kean, Utah's Mike Leavitt and Massachusetts' Mitt Romney.

That could put him in a delicate spot with powerful development companies that contributed generously to his campaign to recall Gov. Gray Davis. Five of Schwarzenegger's eight biggest contributions came from national builders, including $344,000 from A.G. Spanos Companies and $192,000 from William Lyon Homes.

However, many builders are optimistic about the new governor, who is an active real estate investor himself.

"The philosophy of Arnold Schwarzenegger is likely to be compatible with homebuilders in terms of getting hostile policies out of the way," said Tim Coyle, vice president of governmental affairs for the California Building Industry Association, a lobbyist group.

Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Karen Hanretty also offered assurances that "more regulation is not the answer to poor land-use planning." Instead, she said, "We need to invest in existing urban areas and remove current barriers to smart growth."

In another encouraging sign to the building industry, Schwarzenegger has come out against "urban growth boundaries" such as those established in Oregon and 32 California cities. An urban growth boundary is an imaginary fence around a community beyond which there can be no more development.

California Building Industry Association officials said Schwarzenegger can get more growth in existing cities by limiting builders' legal liability for building on blighted industrial sites and relaxing environmental laws often used by project opponents to stall builders into giving up.

On the Net:

Schwarzenegger Web site: http://www.joinarnold.com

California Building Industry Association: http://www.cbia.org

Environment Now: http://www.environmentnow.org

Date Book

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003

Today is the 326th day of 2003 and the 61st day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1906, S-O-S, which means Save Our Souls, became the official international distress signal at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin.

On this day in 1916, Jack London, author of "The Call of the Wild," died at the age of 40.

On this day in 1963, John F. Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, was killed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Eliot (1819-1880), novelist; Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970), French statesman; Rodney Dangerfield (1921-), comedian, is 82; Billie Jean King (1943-), tennis star, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, in a game with the Green Bay Packers, Jack Christiansen of the Detroit Lions returned two punts for two touchdowns.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Men who do things without being told draw the most wages." — Rodney Dangerfield

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Nov. 17) and new moon (Nov. 23)

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003

Today is the 327th day of 2003 and the 62nd day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1899, the first juke box in the United States was installed at the Palais Royal Hotel in San Francisco.

On this day in 1903, the governor of Colorado sent the state militia to crush the union of the Western Federation of Miners.

On this day in 1981, President Reagan signed off an on a highly secret directive that gave the Central Intelligence Agency $19 million and the power to recruit and support a 500-man force of Nicaraguan rebels to fight the Sandanistas. The rebels, who became known as the Contras, went on to lead a brutal campaign of torture and murder against civilians and leftists.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Pierce (1804-1869), U.S. President; Billy the Kid (William H. Bonney), (1859-1881), outlaw; Boris Karloff (1887-1969), actor; Jerry Bock (1928-), composer, is 75.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, in college football, the Houston Cougars defeated the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes, 100-6.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A Republic without parties is a complete anomaly. The histories of all popular governments show absurd is the idea of their attempting to exist without parties." — Franklin Pierce

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (Nov. 23)

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Some residents upset by state plan to lease water

VAN HORN (AP) — Hundreds of residents and local officials in drought-stricken far West Texas turned out Thursday to oppose a plan to pump water for commercial sale from state land in four counties.

The state's General Land Office is negotiating with Midland-based Rio Nuevo Ltd. for water leases on about 355,000 acres in Culberson, Hudspeth, Presidio and Jeff Davis counties, said land office policy director Trace Finley. Money from the leases would go into the Permanent School Fund of Texas, he said.

But many of the 400 or so people at the Far West Texas Water Planning Group's monthly meeting said they were unhappy about any such deals and that they have not been informed.

"I think it's the biggest flim-flam job I've ever heard of," said Fred Hoffman, who has been ranching in Van Horn for 15 years.

"The more you can tell us about what you're doing, the less likely you are to have a revolution in West Texas," said Tom Beard, chairman of the water group.

Land office officials assured people at the meeting that the water permits would still be issued locally and that the limited water supply wouldn't be threatened.

"We don't want to do anything that is going to wreck, to ruin, to leave waterless West Texas," said Bill Warnick, land office general council.

Finley said Rio Nuevo doesn't have any buyers for the water and that it would start pumping water for export a year or two after it starts drilling test wells.

Rio Nuevo has offered a bonus check to be deposited in the Permanent School Fund when a lease is signed, and many in the crowd shouted out "bribe" when Finley discussed it.

Several calls to Rio Nuevo's offices for comment were not returned Thursday.

Some at the meeting objected to the fact that the land office plans to sign a lease before scientific studies can determine whether water mining would harm local communities. Some said the plan puts too much responsibility on local water districts that have little legal experience or money. And of course, they worry about the drought.

"Right now, all our strategic plans show there is no water to send anywhere else," said Becky Brewster, a local water planning group member.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Widow's unfaithful past is best kept out of the present

DEAR ABBY: Please answer this quickly. There is no one else I can talk to. I am a devout Christian woman, prominent in my church and have an impeccable reputation. My late husband's family treats me with respect and generosity.

I was unhappy when "Henry" and I were married and I wanted to divorce him, but the man I was having an affair with at the time would not leave his wife for me. In spite of being devastated, I was also blessed because Harry died a short time later. I have been free now for 10 years.

I love my freedom and the relationship I have with Henry's family. But recently I have begun to wonder if I should confide in my brother-in-law, "Rick" (who is getting a divorce), that I was unhappy enough with his brother to have had affairs much of the time we were married. It might make Rick feel better about his own "mess" and possibly bring him closer to me.

Should I open my heart to him? He thinks of me as a sister. — **UNSURE IN CHARLESTON, S.C.**

DEAR UNSURE: Your brother-in-law thinks of you as a sister because he is under the impression that you were a faithful and loving wife to Henry. If you shatter that illusion, you will spoil the relationship you have enjoyed so long with your former in-laws.

Since you feel a compulsion to confess, confess to your spiritual adviser. Confession is good for the soul, but in your case it should be completely confidential.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old married woman with an adorable 8-year-old stepson, "Cody," who lives with his father and me. Cody's mother, "Heather," left five years ago. Shortly after that, I met and immediately fell in love with my ready-made family.

I cannot have children of my own. Heather's mistake of leaving her husband and child became my "miracle." I was willing to do anything to make my family work. There was so much hostility between my husband and Heather that they could barely converse without it becoming a yelling match.

Now, four years later, my husband, stepson and I have a civil relationship with Heather. Although Cody lives with us, his mother has him every other weekend. (We live in the same town.) Heather and I are both active in Cody's school activities, and we share the responsibility of taking him to doctor and dentist appointments (sometimes together). We have been applauded by Cody's teachers for being so supportive of our little boy.

Recently Heather has begun confiding in me about her personal problems. She has a good job, pays no child support, so I'm not sure why she's as broke as she claims. Listening to her money woes makes me extremely uncomfortable, but I'm afraid if I say so, it could cause conflict all over again. That's the last thing I want after trying so hard to get us all to be a family unit for Cody's sake.

My friends and family say that I'm letting my husband's ex-wife manipulate me, and I'm beginning to wonder if it's true. How should I handle it, Abby? — **STEPMOM WHO WANTS WHAT'S BEST FOR HER FAMILY**

DEAR STEPMOM: For the sake of your stepson, continue to allow his mother to vent. She's not asking you for money — and if she does, suggest to her as kindly as possible that a second job and credit counseling can help.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: My letter concerns a beautiful 17-year-old girl. She was the apple of her father's eye, one of my daughter's closest friends. She was popular and enjoyed sports. She had a bright future ahead of her.

She, her boyfriend and another couple opted for a nice dinner and a party instead of attending the homecoming dance. At some point during the evening, these kids made a tragic mistake — alcohol became a part of the "fun."

The police said alcohol, excessive speed and wet pavement led to the terrible crash. The car hit two trees at nearly 60 mph, and this lovely young girl died at the scene. Her boyfriend is paralyzed. The 18-year-old driver of the car died the following morning. They had dropped off another teenager just minutes before the crash. She didn't realize until morning that the ambulance she heard wail by her bedroom window was for her friends.

I wish every teen would see what I witnessed at the funeral — the grief-stricken father, the mother in shock, other family members numb with disbelief. Maybe it would save some lives. We as parents could offer little comfort to our devastated children. Half the high school was there, not a dry eye in the place. Many teens seemed on the verge of collapse.

This calamity is repeated every year in this country. It has to stop.

Teens: I BEG you. Please don't drink and drive or ride with anyone who has been drinking.

Parents: Promise your children that while you don't condone underage drinking, a safe ride home is just a phone call away — night or day. Assure them that this ride comes without lecture or punishment of any kind.

So many lives will never be the same. The grieving families will never fully recover. Please, Abby, print this letter as a warning. Life is fragile. Life is precious. Don't waste it — don't take chances. — **MOURNING IN THE U.S.A.**

DEAR MOURNING: My deepest sympathy to all of the families who were affected by this senseless tragedy.

Teens who do not drink credit their families as the biggest influence for making that intelligent choice. Youth whose parents discuss alcohol (and drug) use with them — regularly, knowledgeably and specifically — are less likely to engage in substance abuse than teens whose parents say little or nothing about the subject. Knowing your children's activities and friends, and the parents of their friends, is also important.

I urge every parent and other adult caregivers to ask the government's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information for a free copy of the booklet "Keeping Youth Drug Free." It can be obtained by calling toll-free: 1-800-729-6686. (It can also be read online at www.health.org.)

With more than 2,200 young people ages 16 to 20 dying in alcohol-related crashes every year, we must make a greater effort to prevent this waste of human life.

To my young readers: Please don't shrug this off. Make smart choices, because if you don't — it CAN happen to you.

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Today's chuckle

Berlin to introduce talking trash cans

BERLIN (AP) — Fed up with garbage-strewn streets? Berlin thinks it has found a solution — trash cans that say thank you.



Starting next spring, the German capital's trash service will build electronics into a handful of the city's 20,000 street-side wastebaskets that will allow them to speak or sing to the public, a spokesman said Thursday.

"We want to encourage people in a nice, funny way to throw their trash in the baskets and not on the street," said the official, Bernd Mueller. The talking trash cans — powered by solar cells — are meant to show that Berlin is "a modern city with high-tech services, and that it is also very cosmopolitan."

Making visitors feel at home, some of the baskets will be programmed to say "Thank you" or "Merci" instead of "Danke," Mueller said. The talking wastebaskets will be installed at heavily visited sites such as the Reichstag building and the central Friedrichstrasse train station.

Still, the garbage cans will be silent after dark.

"Some people might feel uncomfortable if these things said something to them at night," Mueller said.

Instead, lights around the opening of the basket will glow green.

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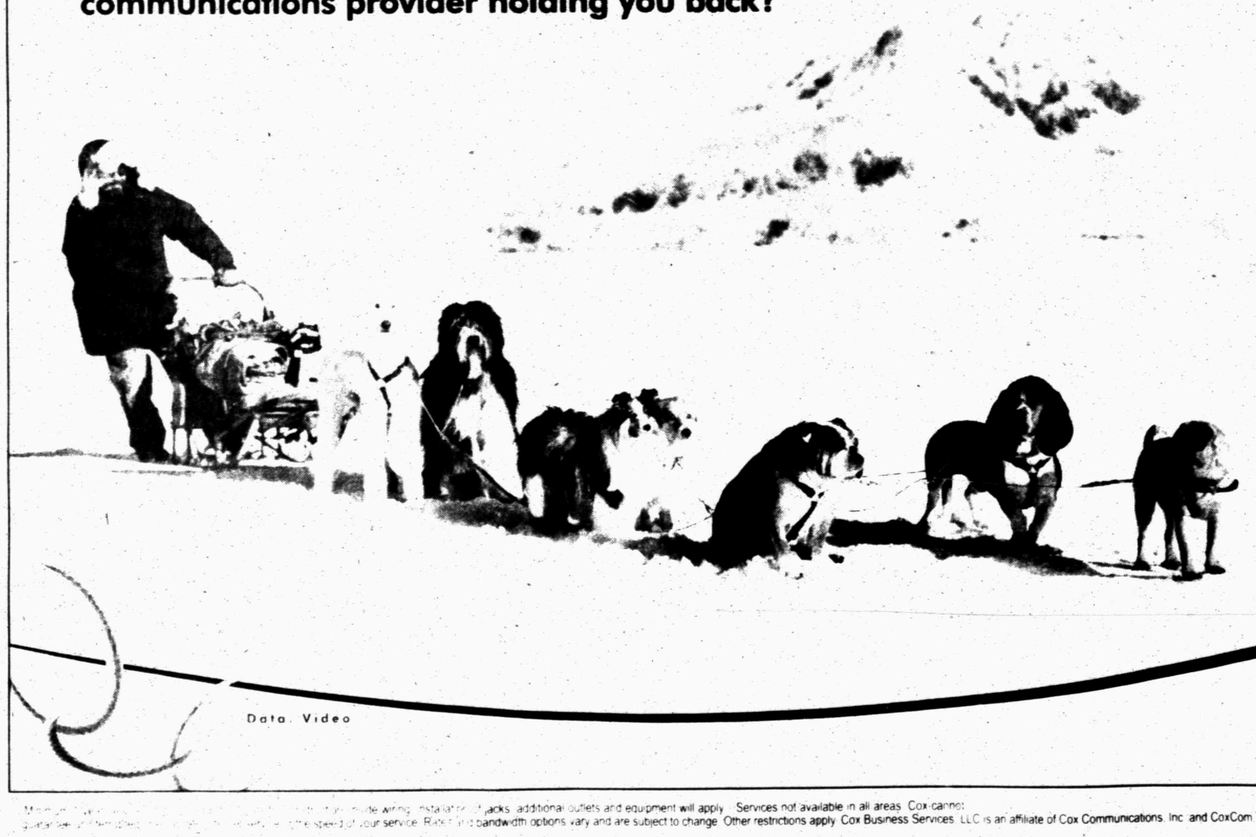
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Second suitor wants to buy Warner Music

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A second suitor has emerged with a bid to buy Warner Music Group from Time Warner Inc., the first bidder says.

"Time Warner has tonight informed us that they are now considering a possible proposal from another party as an alternative to our own firm offer," EMI Chairman Eric Nicoli said in a statement Thursday.

The statement didn't identify the second bidder for Warner Music Group, which is home to artists like Madonna, R.E.M. and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Time Warner had no comment.

Two entertainment industry sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said Time Warner is considering a $2.5 billion offer from former Universal Music head Edgar Bronfman Jr. and Hollywood billionaire Haim Saban.

Until the other offer emerged, it had appeared that EMI, the world's third-largest music company, was the front-runner to buy Warner Music.

EMI — the British company behind acts like Radiohead, Kylie Minogue and Norah Jones — has reportedly offered Time Warner about $1 billion in cash plus a stake of about 25 percent in a merged company for the recorded music division of Warner Music Group. EMI is not bidding on the separate music publishing division, but the Bronfman-Saban offer reportedly includes it.

Time Warner's board met Thursday to discuss both offers, sources said, but is giving the Bronfman-Saban group only a few days to show it can complete its bid before resuming negotiations with EMI.

A Bronfman representative declined to comment.

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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.

Stress & Substance Abuse.

Stress — What is It?

Stress is a term we all know and use often, but what does it really mean? It is hard to define because it means different things to different people. Stress is a normal reaction to life for people of all ages. It is caused by our body's instinct to protect itself from emotional or physical pressure or, in extreme situations, from danger.

Stressors differ for each of us. What is stressful for one person may or may not be stressful for another; each of us responds to stress in an entirely different way. How a person copes with stress — by reaching for a beer or cigarette or by heading to the gym — also plays an important role in the impact that stress will have on our bodies.

By using their own support systems, some people are able to cope effectively with the emotional and physical demands brought on by stressful and traumatic experiences.

However, individuals who experience prolonged reactions to stress that disrupt their daily functioning may benefit from consulting with a trained and experienced mental health professional.

The Body's Response to Stress

The stress response is mediated by a highly complex, integrated network that involves the central nervous system, the adrenal system, the immune system, and the cardiovascular system.

Stress activates adaptive responses. It releases the neurotransmitter norephinephrine, which is involved with memory. This may be why people remember stressful events more clearly than they do non-stressful situations.

Stress also increases the production of a hormone in the body known as corticotropin releasing factor (CRF). CRF is found throughout the brain and initiates our biological response to stressors.

During all negative experiences, certain regions of the brain show increased levels of CRF. Interestingly, almost all drugs of abuse have also been found to increase CRF levels, which suggests a neurobiological connection between stress and drug abuse.

Mild stress may cause changes that are useful. For example, stress can actually improve our attention and increase our capacity to store and integrate important and life-protecting information. But if stress is prolonged or chronic, those changes can become harmful.

Stress and Drug Abuse

Stressful events may influence profoundly the use of alcohol or other drugs. Stress is a major contributor to the initiation and continuation of addiction to alcohol or other drugs, as well as to relapse or a return to drug use after periods of abstinence.

Stress is one of the major factors known to cause relapse to smoking, even after prolonged periods of abstinence.

Children exposed to severe stress may be more vulnerable to drug use. A number of clinical and epidemiological studies show a strong association between psychosocial stressors early in life (e.g., parental loss, child abuse) and an increased risk for depression, anxiety, impulsive behavior, and substance abuse in adulthood.

Stress, Drugs, and Vulnerable Populations

Stressful experiences increase the vulnerability of an individual to relapse to drugs even after prolonged abstinence.

Individuals who have achieved abstinence from drugs must continue to sustain their abstinence – avoiding environmental triggers, recognizing their psychosocial and emotional triggers, and developing healthy behaviors to handle life's stresses.

A number of relapse prevention approaches have been developed to help clinicians address relapse. Treatment techniques that foster coping skills, problem-solving skills, and social support play a role in successful treatment.

Physicians should be aware of what medications their patients are taking but should not discourage the use of medical prescriptions to help alleviate stress. Some people may need medications for stress-related symptoms or for treatment of depression and anxiety.

What is PTSD?

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is an anxiety disorder that can develop in some people after exposure to a terrifying event or ordeal in which grave physical harm occurred or was threatened.

Generally, PTSD has been associated with the violence of modern combat. However, many people other than combat soldiers are susceptible. PTSD can result from many kinds of tragic incidents in which the patient was a witness, victim, or survivor, including violent or personal attacks, natural or human-caused disasters, or accidents.

Symptoms of PTSD can include re-experience of the trauma; emotional numbness; avoidance of people, places, and thoughts connected to the event; and arousal, which may include trouble sleeping, exaggerated startle response, and hypervigilance.

PTSD can occur in people of any age, including children and adolescents.

PTSD and Substance Abuse

An emerging body of research has documented a very strong association between PTSD and substance abuse. In most cases, substance use begins after the exposure to trauma and the development of PTSD, thus making PTSD a risk factor for drug abuse.

Early intervention to help children and adolescents who have suffered trauma from violence or a disaster is critical. Children who witness or are exposed to a traumatic event and are clinically diagnosed with PTSD have a greater likelihood for developing later drug and/or alcohol use disorders.

Of individuals with substance use disorders, 30 to 60 percent meet the criteria for comorbid PTSD.

Patients with substance abuse disorders tend to suffer from more severe PTSD symptoms than do PTSD patients without substance use disorders.

Helping Those Who Suffer from PTSD and Drug Abuse

Health care professionals must be alert to the fact that PTSD frequently co-occurs with depression, anxiety disorders, and alcohol or other substance abuse. Patients who are experiencing the symptoms of PTSD need support from physicians and health care providers.

The likelihood of treatment success increases when these concurrent disorders are appropriately identified and treated as well.

In some cases, medications such as the antidepressant sertraline (Zoloft™), have been shown to be helpful in treating patients who suffer from PTSD and substance use disorders.

Some reports suggest that successful detoxification of these comorbid patients will likely require inpatient admission to permit vigorous control of withdrawal and PTSD-related arousal symptoms.

Although there is no standardized, effective treatment developed for individuals with this disorder, studies show that patients who suffer from PTSD can improve with cognitive behavioral therapy, group therapy, or exposure therapy, in which the patient gradually and repeatedly relives the frightening experience under controlled conditions to help him or her work through the trauma.

Exposure therapy is thought to be one of the most effective ways to manage PTSD when it is conducted by a trained therapist. It has not yet been widely used with comorbid disorders, but recent studies suggest that some individuals with PTSD and comorbid cocaine addiction can be successfully treated with exposure therapy. Patients in a recent study who suffered from both disorders showed significant reductions in all PTSD symptoms and in overall cocaine use.

Finally, support from family and friends can play an important role in recovery.

Above information provided from the website of the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information 1-800-729-6686

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.

Conspiracy theories abound 40 years later

DALLAS (AP) — Forty years after John F. Kennedy's assassination, an overwhelming majority of Americans do not believe the official conclusion that a loser named Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed the president with a cheap mail-order rifle fired from the Texas School Book Depository.

Thousands of books, movies and Internet chatrooms have fueled dozens of conspiracy theories that it was a plot by the Mafia, the Cubans, the KGB, the CIA, even Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, and that other shots came from the grassy knoll or other spots around Dealey Plaza.

Despite four decades of technical improvements in forensics and film enhancement, the questions at the heart of the theories have changed little since Nov. 22, 1963: Who killed Kennedy as he rode in an open Lincoln convertible through downtown Dallas? How many shots were fired? Did Oswald have help?

Oswald, arrested shortly after the assassination, was silenced two days later when nightclub owner Jack Ruby gunned him down as police transferred him from a jail. Answering the question of who was behind the shooting was left to the government-appointed Warren Commission, which after a 10-month investigation concluded in 1964 that Oswald acted alone, firing from the book depository's sixth floor.

Today only 32 percent of American adults accept that finding, according to an ABC News poll. The poll, conducted earlier this month, found that 70 percent think the assassination was part of a broader plot; 51 percent believe there was a second gunman; and more than two-thirds believe there was a government cover-up.

In 1966, three years after Kennedy's death, 46 percent of people surveyed in a Harris poll believed the assassination was part of a broader plot. By 1983, that number had reached 80 percent in an ABC poll.

Some experts have suggested that the Vietnam War and Watergate deepened Americans' cynicism and eroded trust in government.

"Many people look at the Kennedy assassination as a turning point, when people started realizing and thinking and believing their government would lie to them and lie to them repeatedly," said Gary Mack, curator of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas.

Perhaps the most persistently questioned finding of the Warren Commission is the "magic bullet" theory.

The theory assumes that Oswald alone fired three shots and that one bullet zigzagged through both Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally. The bullet is said to have gone through Kennedy's throat, then into Connally, puncturing his lung, hitting his rib and wrist and then exiting relatively unscathed.

Some historians, forensic experts and conspiracy theorists do not buy it.

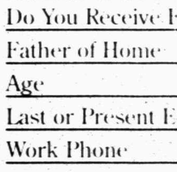
James Fetzer, author of "Assassination Science: Experts Speak Out on the Death of JFK," says the Kennedy X-rays and the film of the assassination by bystander Abraham Zapruder were fabricated and that there were actually six or so people firing at the president that day.

"The driver actually brought the limo to a halt to make sure Kennedy was hit enough times to be killed. The Secret Service set him up, and we have more than 15 indications of them doing that," Fetzer said. "The order of vehicles in the motorcade were wrong, that's perhaps the most telling. Nixon knew about it, too. J. Edgar Hoover and LBJ were involved as well, I'm sorry to say."

In 1967, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison asserted that the assassination was a CIA-led coup. Garrison's theories went to court — and eventually to Hollywood as Oliver Stone's 1991 movie "JFK" — but Clay Shaw, the alleged "evil genius" behind the assassination, was acquitted in less than an hour.

Technology has only solidified positions.

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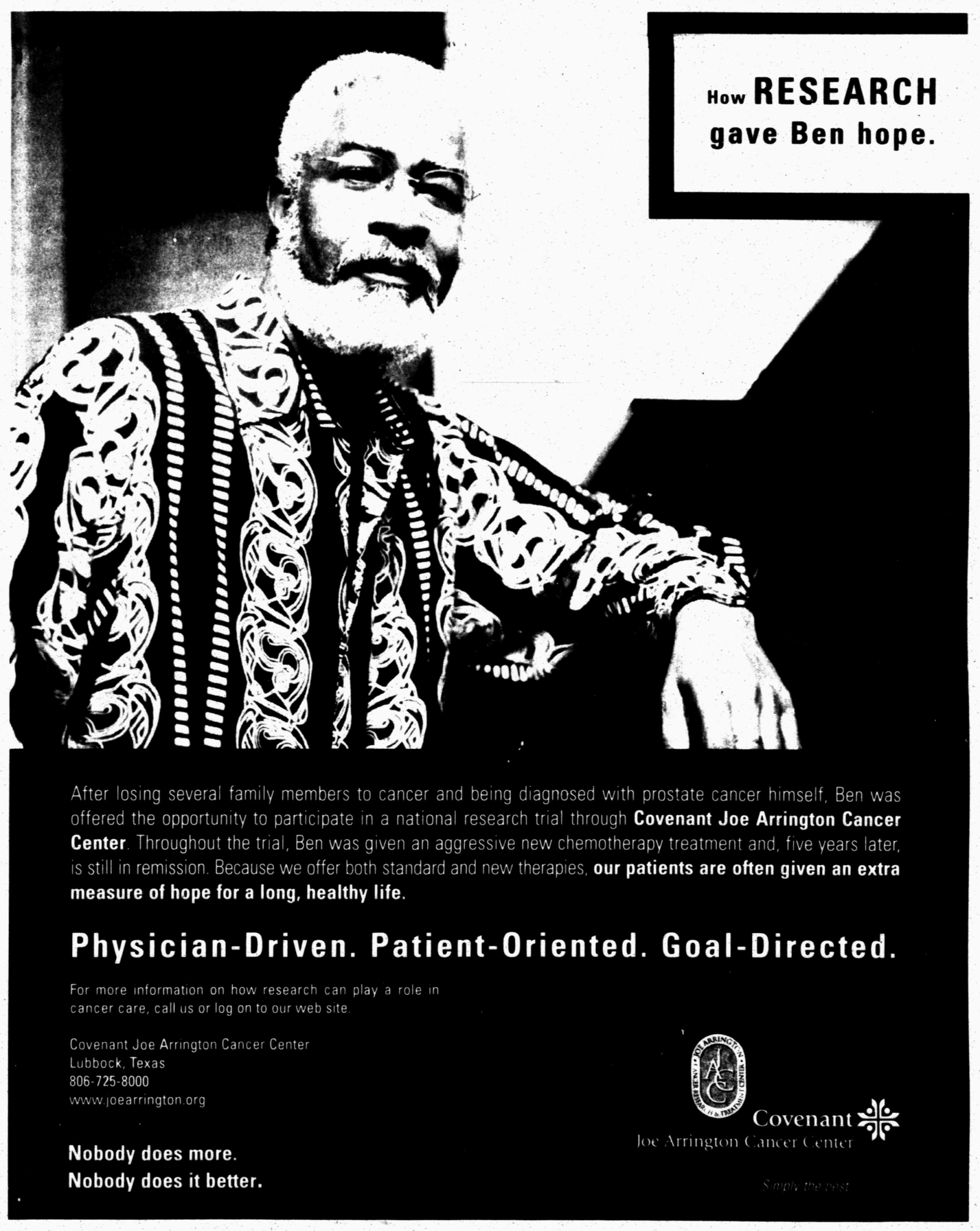
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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003

Opportunities for substantial strides could develop for you in several areas of your life in the year ahead. However, you must not get impatient if things start out slowly, because you'll need a clear head to develop them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Having your own way may be of utmost importance to you today, but it might not go over too big with those who have to deal with you, especially your family. You won't exactly be popular.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Chances are you're going to have to be quite adept and ingenious today in getting yourself out of tight scrapes, so be wise and don't get yourself into them in the first place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Try not to become involved today with friends financially or business-wise. It could be one of those days when money issues will bring out base traits in even the best relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Intimidation is one way to force others to comply with your aims today. However, if applied, the price you will pay won't be worth the results you can expect to receive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A goal can be reached today, but not necessarily on the first try. It may take a bit of learning the first time around to know how to regroup your forces and find the right route.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Life is full of give-and-take. However, sometimes we need to give without taking and take without giving, but accounts are balanced out in the long run. Today the former may be asked of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may be a bit too touchy and irritable today to take on a new project, so it might be wise to wait until another time to challenge yourself. Relax and watch the football games or a good movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There will be no help out there from Lady Luck today, so you'll have to rely solely on yourself for just about everything. Be self-sufficient and bank on your intellect and abilities to guide you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Regardless of how good your ideas are today, they will count for nothing if they are put into action through hollering or bullying. Don't lose your cool when things don't go as you'd like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless you are capable of compromising and meeting others halfway, your relationships with your spouse or loved ones could leave a lot to be desired today. Don't be obstinate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Too many interruptions can get you sidetracked onto irrelevant projects or issues today. If you have an important job that needs to get done, lay out a game plan and stick to it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This is not a good day for financial transactions or solving money issues, so if something expensive comes up or becomes an issue, don't allow yourself to get swallowed up in it.

Sagittarius, 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. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

Monday, Nov. 24, 2003

In the year ahead you may find a number of new ways to enhance your talents and skills. One major outlet could come through a change foisted upon you (which will turn out to be a blessing in disguise).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In challenging situations today, you are likely to get off to a slow start. If you don't allow things to overwhelm you, you can recover and actually end up being numbered among the winners.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Break clear of any negative companions who could put a pall over your plans today. You have what it takes to accomplish most anything you desire if you stay true to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's important to remain very businesslike in any commercial transaction you have today, especially if a close friend is involved. Let your knowledge and experience guide you through the deal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even though it may prove to be an inconvenience for you today to meet an obligation, honor your commitment. Chances are it will turn out to be very beneficial for you in the long run.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your judgment might be exceptionally keen today, but your modus operandi might be too fuzzy to get the best out of your keen mind. Formulate a plan of action early in the day and stick to it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Curiosity is good when it is used for bettering your mind, but it can kill the cat when poked into places it doesn't belong. If it gets the better of you today, know what you're doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Problems within the household can be solved today through compromise and a willingness to meet the other halfway. Stay calm and be the first to show family members how to give-and-take.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Listen carefully when getting instructions for a job that needs to be handled today or you could miss some critical information and get off on the wrong foot. Back-stepping could be a problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your power of persuasion can be very impressive today, but it still needs to be used judiciously. Don't waste time on bargaining for a position that you really don't want in the first place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although your judgment may be better than another's today, be careful how you go about stepping in and running the show. You could wound someone's feelings in the process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Two important self-interests can be advanced today, provided your methods don't step on the toes of others. You can be assertive, as long as you remain polite at all times.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Open your heart and your purse today if there is someone who deserves to be helped and is in dire need, but don't squander your resources on those who are merely takers.

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Tyler Pipe, state reach agreement on plant

By The Associated Press

About 500 laid-off Tyler Pipe workers came closer to returning to work Thursday as company officials signed a compliance agreement with Texas environmental regulators that allows the closed south plant to operate temporarily.

A similar agreement with officials at the Environmental Protection Agency is needed before the plant can operate legally.

Tyler Pipe agreed to install equipment over the next few years that will reduce the East Texas foundry's pollution emissions, said Paul Sarahan, director of the litigation division at the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

The agreement also sets up a process to review Tyler Pipe's operations and determine which equipment is authorized and which isn't. Some of the equipment was purchased in the 1980s, before Birmingham, Ala.-based McWane Inc. bought Tyler Pipe in 1995, and other equipment was purchased in the last few years, Sarahan said.

McWane spokesman Larry Sneed said he could not immediately comment on the agreement.

The state alleges that equipment had been installed in the south plant without the appropriate permit from the state, and as a result, pollution emissions were higher than they should have been, Sarahan said.

"We came to an agreement with them that if they take a bunch of different steps, they can legally operate the plant temporarily," said Andy Saenz, spokesman for TCEQ.

Tyler Pipe officials voluntarily shut down both plants last month over permitting issues. Officials reopened the north plant Oct. 21 but kept the south plant shut following a federal grand jury subpoena seeking records on operations and environmental procedures.

Agreement reached on topless photos

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Friends" star Jennifer Aniston has reached a $550,000 settlement with a man she accused of illegally distributing photographs of her sunbathing topless, her publicist said Thursday.

Aniston, 34, also settled a lawsuit in 2002 against two magazines that published the photos. Details of that settlement were confidential.

The photos appeared in European magazines before being circulated in 1999 in Celebrity Skin and High Society.

The settlement announced Thursday ended a suit accusing Francois Navarre of invasion of privacy, trespass and misappropriation of Aniston's name and likeness, her publicist said in a statement.

Aniston accepted Navarre's contention that he was not the trespasser who scaled the wall of her home to shoot the photos with a high-powered telephoto lens.

Aniston had claimed a photographer — described as a "stalkerazzi" in her lawsuit against the magazines — snapped photos of her "reclining topless in her back yard."

Publicist Stephen Huvane said Navarre apologized for transmitting the photographs to an Italian photo agent, who in turn sold the photos for publication in Italy.

Navarre has agreed to pay Aniston $100,000, and his insurance carrier will pay $450,000.

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The basic monetary unit of Colombia is the peso, and its chief fractional unit is the centavo.

Snyder High Students will provide their **Christmas Cheer project** again this season. This project, called **Students Helping Seniors** is in its 4th year. Juniors and seniors volunteer to put Christmas lights/decorations for the senior citizens in Snyder. This is a free service to this segment of our population. It gives the students a chance to spread a little Christmas cheer and allows the older population a chance to meet the great kids we have here in Snyder.

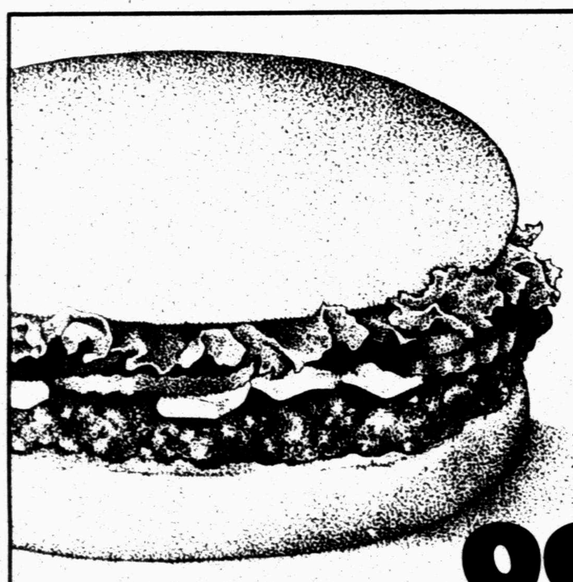
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The consequences of potassium overload

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife overloaded her body with potassium. Why is this mineral needed and what happens when an overload occurs?

DEAR READER: Potassium is a mineral vital for proper cell metabolism. It is plentiful in many foods, including meats and fruits; therefore, deficiencies are rare, except in patients who use prescribed diuretics (kidney stimulants) for hypertension or heart disease. These medicines may cause the body to excrete excessive amounts of potassium, leading to weakness and other symptoms, which are prevented by potassium supplements.

In such patients, overload doesn't appear, because healthy kidneys will simply excrete any excess. However, in the presence of renal disease — or in patients who take massive supplements — toxic amounts of potassium may saturate the body's cells. This unhealthy situation can be associated with dangerous, even life-threatening heart irregularities, rapid pulse and cardiac arrest.

Fortunately, potassium imbalances can be readily diagnosed by a simple and inexpensive blood test that should be periodically performed on any patients taking potassium supplements.

Your wife is, indeed, fortunate to have survived a potassium overload. She should work closely with her physician to make sure that no similar episode occurs in the future.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Vitamins and Minerals." 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: My 77-year-old husband has been diagnosed with polymyositis. What is this disease? Is there a cure?

DEAR READER: Polymyositis is an affliction of unknown cause, affecting women more than men, and usually occurring between the ages of 40 and 60.

It causes inflammation and degeneration of muscles — and, sometimes, skin as well — leading to weakness, joint pain and rash. Pneumonia, heart disorders and kidney failure have been reported.

Many authorities believe that polymyositis is an auto-immune disease, because it shares several characteristics with ailments such as lupus.

The diagnosis is made by biopsy. Cortisone and other steroids almost always provide marked relief of symptoms and prevent complications. The prognosis is favorable and long remissions, even recovery, are the rule.

Polymyositis has one peculiarity. It is associated with hidden malignancies in about 15 percent of cases. Therefore, as part of the diagnostic evaluation, physicians must search for unsuspected cancers, using blood tests and imaging studies.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Have there been any tests on the healing properties of aloe vera gel taken internally?

DEAR READER: Aloe vera gel, which is a plant extract, produces no health benefits when swallowed. I am not aware of any research studies that disagree with this view. Aloe, however, is extremely useful as a skin emollient.

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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do people need salt in their diets? Following my angioplasty, my doctor denied me salt as though it were a poison. Now, I never crave sweets, just salt. I think that the next time I go to my local hospital, I'll hide a saltshaker in my purse so I can satisfy my craving.

DEAR READER: Salt (sodium chloride) is vital for the normal functioning of living cells. Salt depletion, which may occur in people who perspire heavily and fail to replace lost salt, can be a medical emergency that causes fatigue, weakness, collapse and shock. Therefore, to remain healthy, all of us have to ingest salt in our diets. The problem centers around how much is enough. When salt is consumed by the normal human, some is used and the excess is excreted in urine and sweat. Salt balance — specifically the concentration of salt ions — is meticulously regulated by the body. When we are salt-depleted, more is retained. When salt stores are adequate, the excess is eliminated.

So much for the normal state of affairs.

Some diseases, notably heart disorders and hypertension, are associated with a malfunction of sodium regulation. Too much salt is retained in the body and it absorbs water, leading to fluid overload and a worsening of cardiac efficiency. Excess salt aggravates hypertension. Therefore, patients with these conditions should restrict their salt intakes. The degree of restriction depends on the extent and seriousness of the disorder.

Ordinarily, a balanced diet provides enough salt for normal metabolism. Unfortunately, we Americans "need" and love salty foods. (If you don't believe me, read the labels on TV dinners and processed foods.) Thus, the average citizen consumes far more salt than he or she requires.

As we age, this surfeit of sodium can cause health problems such as hypertension, or, at the very least, aggravate other medical afflictions, such as heart disorders, that are common in the elderly. For this reason, doctors often place their patients on low-salt diets. Again, the restriction depends on many factors, especially the severity of the underlying disease.

I've found that a really aggressive restriction (no salt at all) is virtually impossible for most people to accept. It's simply too limiting and food tastes too bland. Rather, my patients comply more readily with a partial restriction, such as: Don't add salt to food, even in the cooking; avoid salty foods, such as dill pickles, anchovies, frozen dinners, salted junk food and so forth; use a salt substitute (potassium chloride).

This seems to work in most cases. If fluid-overload persists, I usually prescribe a diuretic to compensate.

You required angioplasty, the use of a balloon device to crack open arteriosclerotic plaque that was presumably blocking one of your coronary arteries. This blockage may have caused some cardiac damage — even a heart attack — and your heart may not be functioning at peak efficiency. Therefore, your doctor has prudently advised you to limit dietary salt.

If you are having trouble following his proscription, I suggest that you discuss the issue with him. He may be willing to cut you some slack if you are prepared to alter your salt intake substantially. Or he may approve of the potassium chloride substitute that I mentioned.

I'd rather have you resolve this problem with him in a direct fashion, which certainly is preferable to carrying around all those contraband saltshakers in your purse; they could get awfully heavy and cause your heart to overwork.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Doctors have once again prescribed thyroid hormone supplements for me because of an underactive gland. However, the medicine causes insomnia, constipation and falling hair. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Insomnia can be a symptom of too much thyroid hormone, whereas constipation and hair loss are common in patients with underactive thyroid glands. Therefore, I'm a bit confused about this inconsistency.

Once you have been taking thyroid replacement medicine for about a month, you need a blood test to check whether you're receiving the proper dosage. Once this issue has been resolved and you're getting appropriate therapy, you will need to have blood tests only once or twice a year — and you should feel better.

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Justice Department probes ex-FBI agent

EL PASO (AP) — A former head FBI agent in El Paso is under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice for possible ethics violations, a newspaper reported.

The probe comes two weeks after Hardrick Crawford Jr. abruptly resigned as an FBI Special Agent-in-Charge on Nov. 7 amid complaints from Mexican officials.

The investigation is focused on Crawford's relationship with a Mexican racetrack owner Jose Maria Guardia and Crawford's wife's job as a consultant to Guardia, the El Paso Times reports in its Friday edition.

Apparently, there is some question about whether Crawford listed his wife's employment on federal disclosure forms as required by all federal employees.

Crawford's attorney, Mary Stillinger, defended Linda Crawford's employment and her husband's relationship with Guardia, saying both are legitimate.

She also said Hardrick Crawford disclosed his wife's employment and also reported her income on the couple's Internal Revenue Service forms.

"Mr. Crawford always acted appropriately and never used his office for personal gain," Stillinger said. "This is an unfortunate way for a man to end a long and exemplary career with the FBI, but we expect all this to ultimately be resolved in his favor."

Special Agent Art Werge, a spokesman for the FBI office in El Paso, declined to confirm or deny the investigation.

"It is common anytime that the inspector general receives any kind of allegation of any type of impropriety or irregularity, anything, particularly of a senior executive-level officer, that they pursue it," Werge said.

Guardia said Linda Crawford has worked for his Juarez racetrack company for about 16 months.

"She is one of our executive employees. She was hired as a consultant to help us bring more business to the racetrack," Guardia said. "Among other things, she was asked to help us reach out to prominent members of the black community in the United States."

Hardrick Crawford led's El Paso's FBI office for two years before he resigned. Before he left, he acknowledged to the newspaper that he has been criticized by some in Mexico for his friendships with Guardia, who counts Cuban leader Fidel Castro as a close friend, and Catholic Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez of Guadalajara, who oversees Vatican spending in Mexico.

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Questions and answers concerning the hospital district election

Q—What's the difference between a county hospital and a hospital district?

A—Both provide the same basic services. The main differences are in funding and in oversight. A county hospital receives tax support from Scurry County. A hospital district would have its own taxing authority. A county hospital board is appointed by the commissioners' court while a hospital district board is elected by registered voters in that district.

Q—Will my county taxes go down?

A—They could, but there is no guarantee. Next year, Scurry County has budgeted about 7 cents worth of tax rate for subsidy to Cogdell Hospital.

Q—What would be the tax rate of the hospital district?

A—The maximum tax rate called for in the election is 50 cents. However, supporters of the proposition estimate a first-year rate of 20 cents. The final decision will be up to the elected board.

Q—Who would manage the district until election of board members could occur?

A—The election calls for a temporary board composed of the present hospital board members plus one former board member. Current members are Carl Williams, Terry Williams, Dr. Charles Church, Bill Voss, Bo Robinson and Dink Foree. The former board member named in the election documents is J.B. Tate Jr. The election of board members would be the first weekend in May 2004.

Q—Can the rate increase or decrease?

A—Yes. Each year, the elected board of a hospital district would set a tax rate as do other taxing entities.

Q—What are some of the tax rates for area hospital districts?

A—Sweetwater is .20; Colorado City is .46; Garza County is .10; Andrews is .20; Fisher County is .59.

Q—If a district is voted in, can it be voted out?

A—Yes. The board may order the election, or if it receives a petition requesting an election that is signed by a number of residents of the district equal to at least 15 percent of the registered voters in the district.

Q—Can the maximum tax rate be raised?

A—Yes, but it must be through a citizen's vote.

Q—Can senior citizens over 65 have their hospital taxes frozen like school taxes?

A—No. The freezing of taxes is limited to school taxes in Scurry County.

Q—If a hospital district election is successful, when will the hospital receive its first tax money?

A—Tax statements are sent out in October, so it would be 2004 and 2004 taxes would be delinquent after Jan. 31, 2005.

Q—If successful in formation of the hospital district, where would the funds come from for operations until the first tax money is received.

A—Since all assets are transferred to the hospital district, it will have the cash in the bank and the accounts receivables from operations. If necessary, a district could borrow money for operations, pledging future revenues and future tax collections.

Q—Does a hospital district have the authority to borrow money?

A—Yes, by pledging future taxes or profits.

Q—Can a hospital district contract with another hospital for management services?

A—Yes, but that would be up to the board of directors.

Q—Who would set the salaries of the employees?

A—Technically the board by approving a budget each year.

Q—Would a hospital district have annual audits?

A—They are required by law.

Q—Are different services offered by a hospital district than what is offered by a county hospital?

A—Services offered are determined the same way – by demand and other factors determined by management and the hospital board.

Q—What are the operational advantages of a hospital district?

A—Only one layer of oversight. The hospital board would have the final authority, not the commissioners' court.

Q—Who is responsible for the long-term debt that financed the hospital remodeling?

A—All liabilities as well as assets are transferred to the new district.

Q—Would the county still have any responsibility for medical services?

A—No, the hospital district would assume responsibility for indigent care.

Q—I understand that a county hospital cannot not deny services or turn a patient away. What about a hospital district.

A—A hospital district operates under the same restrictions.

Q—Will there still be helicopter service to Snyder now that the hospital is not affiliated with Covenant?

A—Yes. There is no change in this service.

Q—If the district election fails, can the county increase taxes for more hospital support?

A—It has that ability. The county's maximum tax rate is 80 cents.

Q—Would hospital district directors be paid for their service?

A—No.

Q—How many of our local doctors are not employed by the Covenant Medical Group?

A—Three, Drs. Brice, Dillaha and Odal.

Q—If money has been so short for the hospital, why was money spent for remodeling?

A—It was believed to be a good decision at the time by the administration and the hospital board.

Q—What assurance do we have that the hospital will continue to operate if the district election fails?

A—All five members of the commissioners' court have pledged their support for the continuation of a hospital in Scurry County.

Q—How do I calculate the estimated taxes on my home?

A—Based on current values, slightly less than $1 billion, a 20-cent tax on a home valued at $100,000 would be approximately $200. On a $50,000 home, the tax would be approximately $100.

Letter to the Editor

Bless survivors

Dear Editor:

There are many things in life to be thankful for (I thank my God every time I remember you. Phil. 1:3) and Saturday night during the 2nd annual Survivor's Celebration and Style Show sponsored by Scurry Unit of American Cancer Society was no different. I do thank God for sparing their lives and for continuing to bless them as they learn to survive from where cancer has touched them and their families.

This year, like previous years, we chose to remember and rejoice in their fight for survival against this dreaded disease. It is always difficult to continue on with the same enthusiasm when you have lost special people. But continue we did! Thanks to a community that pulls together especially during trying times.

We have no idea until we are in all that life throws at us just how lucky we are that the spirit of giving and generosity lives on in Scurry County. All of our sponsors and volunteers donated their monetary gifts, their merchandise and their time in order that our event would be successful.

I could name all of you again, but this would be the longest letter-to-the-editor ever and you all know who you are. Thanks for your caring and thoughtful generosity, that is present in all that you do—not just ACS. Your names are on every sponsorship that Snyder ask and you always come through like the genuine givers that you are. We started the style show to honor our survivors and allow them to shine, even for a brief moment. Shine on survivors, fight your fight and know that you not only have the support of a society that backs you in all ways, but also a community that knows who you are and also wants to join the fight. Remember—we are all about the cure.

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Thanksgiving service

Dear Editor:

As citizens of earth, the United States, Texas, West Texas, Scurry County and Snyder, the blessings and freedom we enjoy are almost without number.

All too often, those blessings and freedoms are lost in the shuffle of day to day living. Also too often, the responsibilities that belong with blessings and freedoms are set aside, forgotten or ignored.

At this time of year we always pause to express our thanks to God for all of these blessings, freedoms and yes, responsibilities. We also reflect on the sacrifices made by our forefathers and those who came after them to assure all that we have today.

This year, we would also do well to think about opposition which has arisen to some of the ideals we hold to be essential to our beliefs. On 9-11-01, our way of life was attacked by terrorists from the other side of the world. Since then, a federal appeals court has ruled that the word "Under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance are unconstitutional.

Now, a federal judge has also ruled that our government may in no way acknowledge God. The words "in God we trust" and similar phrases could soon disappear from all public property.

Don't you agree that we have much more than thanks that need to be included in our prayers? Whoever considers themselves to be Christians, whether or not we attend any church, no matter what the sign says in front of the place where we worship, we each have the blessing, freedom, and responsibility to be in prayer about all that is happening in our world — before someone decides that Thanksgiving is unconstitutional, too.

Each year, on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving, the churches of Snyder combine for one Thanksgiving service. It is customary for the congregations to take turns hosting the service. This year, Sunday night, Nov. 23, 2003, the Snyder Thanksgiving service will be held at East Side Church of Christ.

For this one time each year, we try — for an hour or two – to forget the names we have given ourselves, and just go by the name Jesus gave us to begin with — Christians.

Won't you join us in this time of prayer and worship and fellowship?

Thank you,
James Whitefield

P.S. Those who predict such things say we will probably have about 400 people in attendance. I think it would be a blast to watch people scurrying around looking for seating for two or three times that many. Please come.



Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury



It is that time of year for college students. Just when they think they've mastered the art of "sleeping faster," they find themselves more prone to dream — and worse.

So it was for a Texas A&M student a few days back. On Friday, he broke the news to his folks that his academic standing was sliding from serious to critical.

Still, that night he toyed with the idea of going to Norman for the Aggie-Oklahoma University football game. A coin flip would decide — heads up and heads it was — so he gassed up his car for the early morning drive northward.

He hit the bed with little thought of the history test coming up Monday. Far more important, he decided, was being present to see if his Aggies could upset the number one team in the land. He could tell his grandchildren of this historic day.

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Dreams came soon, but were crowded out by nightmares. Were they prophetic or purely coincidental? Whatever, they were foreboding, seeming to foretell another day of infamy.

He dreamed of Sooners marching up and down the field, and their side of the scoreboard rolling ever upward like numbers on a runaway slot machine. When the score reached 77-0, he sprang from his bed, tanked up on coffee and headed for Norman.

A few hours later, he was in Oklahoma, ready for a record-setting day. Uggg! The game played out just the way it did in his dream. It was *Ground Hog Day* revisited, or, as Yogi Berra said, "de ja vu all over again."

He was dumb-struck, unable to think straight as he walked numbly to his car, his spirits so low he could have walked under a short-legged bathtub with a top hat on.

Red and white seemed everywhere across the acres of cars. He knew it would be a spell before he would reach the highway back to Texas. He turned on the radio, only to hear OU announcers laugh about this being the worst loss in Aggie history. Our freshman friend felt the sting from the other side of the gig.*

Angry at the radio heads, he changed stations — choosing an "all news/all the time" program. He was surprised to hear about Russia's consideration of a new law to forbid public display of affection, including kissing. "The Russians must not be scoring either," he reasoned.

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When students are unprepared for Monday tests, the fateful hour arrives in warp speed. And so it was that our Aggie flipped through history notes, figuring that he could "slide by" if the teacher — as was his custom — would ask "please discuss" questions. He could "discuss" with the best of them, often getting passing marks with mastery of generalities.

This test, however, was a one-question deal, and he felt humbled and befuddled as he read — and re-read — the question. "Please discuss the Boxer Rebellion of 1901." If furrowed brows are indicative of creative juices being called for a summit, our Aggie freshman gave it his best shot, answering:

"In the year of 1901, we have the first recorded reference to boxers, Chinese men's underwear of choice. They were economical and comfortable, and pretty soon, 99% of all men wore boxers.

The head of the dynasty that year had stock in a boxer factory, and it was making money hand over fist. But then, like most heads of state, greed set in. He decided to accumulate riches twice as fast by adding a hefty tax on boxer purchases. (After all, it was his dynasty.)

Chinese men revolted, however, and in a matter of days, bought only briefs. That's all I know about the boxer rebellion."

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All was not lost, however. The professor won the "you won't believe this one" contest in the faculty lounge and has yet another funny vignette for the book he's vowed to one day publish. Who knows? It may become a movie, and our friend who failed to study for the test — but witnessed upside down history in Norman — may get the starring role.

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*The whole weekend was lousy, our freshman admitted later — rotten to the corps. He didn't even flip the coin about the next game in Missouri.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

UT system tuition

Over the last 12 months, officials of the University of Texas System and the University of Texas at Austin told the Chronicle that they needed the flexibility to set tuition rates at each campus, rather than having tuition set by the Legislature. Tuition flexibility, they said, was needed less to increase overall revenues than to equalize teaching loads and encourage timely graduation.

In its regular session this spring, the Legislature allowed university regents to set tuition at their campuses, but legislators and the governor both slashed state funding for higher education and campus research. Now state universities are raising tuition to make up lost funds and balance their budgets.

The University of Houston raised its rate 12.3 percent. UT System regents are considering a proposal that would raise rates at some campuses as high as 29 percent over the next few semesters.

The universities make a good case that they need the money. Texas funds its institutions of higher education less generously per pupil than other populous states bidding for the same promising faculty members. Aging campus buildings need maintenance and repair. Student-teacher ratios should be lowered.

The New York Times reported that the bulk of federal aid to higher education goes to heavily endowed private colleges. Without clear reason, the government gives short shrift to the state universities that educate the bulk of the nation's students, aggravating the quality gap between the two categories.

Tuition pays a small percentage of the cost of higher education. If the state's share drops and enrollments rise, something must give. The Legislature decided it would be tuition, which it handed off to university regents.

UT-Austin deserves credit for its proposal to let students increase their course load to 15 semester hours or more without additional charge. Other proposals would offer discounts for maintaining grade-point average and paying tuition on time. These measures are designed to more graduates in less time, benefiting society and saving taxpayers money.

However, a 29 percent boost in the list price seems precipitous. The prospect has already closed the Texas Tomorrow Fund for prepaid tuition to new participants.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Police serving as border agents

Municipal police officers have enough on their crime-fighting agendas without having to serve as de facto Border Patrol agents.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what the CLEAR Act, under consideration in Congress, would ask them to do — and the bait for cities to swallow this idea is $2.6 billion in federal funds.

If the bill — with the cumbersome name "Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal Act" — becomes law, cities that choose to participate can have federal dollars for training local officers to become immigration enforcers. The very notion is contrary to all the effort put into community policing initiatives, designed to develop good will and trust among minority communities.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga., the bill's author, contends that the act simplifies immigration laws in their present form by making violations and penalties more uniform. He also proudly notes that it will make overstaying a visa a criminal offense, not a civil violation.

To date, the CLEAR Act has the ill-considered support of 111 co-sponsors, including nine Texas Republicans — Reps. Joe Barton and Michael Burgess among them. To her credit, Rep. Kay Granger has not signed on, and she deserves recognition for acting independently of her party.

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Thanksgiving Holiday

The Western Texas College campus will be closed November 26 - 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



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Jeff West of Johnson Controls puts the final touches on the renovated faculty dining room being renamed the Pruitt Community Room.

Faculty Dining Room named in honor of Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt

The faculty dining room at Western Texas College will carry a new name to honor a former faculty member.

At the November board meeting, Dr. Williams, president, announced that the dining room would be named in honor of Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt. It was announced that the name of the room would be the Pruitt Community Room. Elois Pruitt, Dr. Pruitt's widow, and Deborah Boyd, his daughter, were present to hear the announcement.

The room will be available to be rented out by the community. The first event scheduled is appropriate to its name. Kyle Pruitt, son of Dr. Pruitt, will be married to Jennifer Nipsch there on November 29, by his sister, Justice of the Peace, Deborah Boyd.

Dr. Pruitt was born in Waco, Texas, on February 1,1927. He was one of six children. His father passed away when he was seven years old and his mother moved all the family to a farm in Lindale, Texas, so that she could better provide for them.

After World War II began, three brothers and a sister were in the service. Not wanting to be left out, Franklin hitchhiked to Tyler every weekday in the summer of 1944 so that he could graduate midterm. His mother would not sign for him to go into the service until he completed high school. He entered the coast guard in January 1945 and in May, his mother walked across the stage to pick up his diploma.

After the war was over and he was discharged he went to Baylor University and received his BA degree with a major in history and a minor in journalism.

During the Korean Conflict, he again served his country but this time he was in the Navy.

He came to teach at Snyder High School in 1952. Besides being a history and journalism teacher, he was very involved in the sports program.



Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt

He received his Master of Education from East Texas State in 1955. Also in 1955, he married Elois McDow, who was a native of Snyder.

In 1974, Dr. Pruitt began teaching at Western Texas College in Snyder. He was a professor of history and government.

He received his Doctor of Education from Texas Tech University in 1978.

Dr. Pruitt was the recipient of the first student senate and Phi Theta Kappa award honoring the "Outstanding Campus Personality" at Western Texas College.

Dr. Pruitt and Elois have four children. Deborah Boyd who is married to Gaylon Boyd. They have four children: Samantha, Ben, Matt and April. Cecile Cheatham, married to Mark Cheatham, who has two daughters Laurie and Katie. Kyle Pruitt, and Kevin Pruitt with wife Christie and two boys Lucas and Noah.

Shortly before his retirement in 1988, Dr. Pruitt remarked to his wife that he never one day dreaded going to work. It was always a pleasure, even when he was running a temperature and was sick.

A close friend, Dr. Jim Palmer, Dean of Academic Instruction, recalls Dr. Pruitt's love of teaching. He would get to the door, lift his head and shake off the illness, for an hour or so, no student had a hint that he was not well.

His great love was teaching. An aunt offered to pay all his tuition, books, and support him while he was in college if he would choose another profession. He turned it down and never regretted that decision.

He loved history and could remember almost everything he read. At restaurants, where he and Elois ate, he would look at the bill and whatever the total was, he would translate it to a date and tell the cashier what happened in that year. Some were not impressed but an owner of a restaurant said after his death, "I will never have my history lesson again."

One professor at Western Texas College told his student, "If you have questions concerning anything in history, go ask Dr. Pruitt. He was there." After hearing him teach, you felt as if you were there.

Keeping It All In The Family

by Michelle Kuhl

One thing Western Texas College is known for is the variety of its students. This is evidenced by Sharon Gill and her relatives. Sharon Gill, a Western Texas College employee and student, has seven family members currently enrolled at WTC. Sharon said, "I don't get to see or talk to them much because we are all going different directions but sometimes they walk by my office on their way to class and wave." The family members range in age from eighteen to seventy one.

Sharon herself graduated from WTC in 1997 but continues to take classes to better her skills and is now enrolled in Joann Snider's Word Perfect class. She is also a PTK Alumni.

The senior family member that is enrolled in WTC is Jimmie Nan Tate. Ms. Tate is seventy one and graduated from Western Texas College in the Spring of 2003, but decided to continue her education by taking History and Biology this semester. She is Sharon's second cousin.

Shannon Jones is also Sharon's second cousin and is a full-time student at this time. His major is prelaw. He is a member of PTK and SGA.

Catalina Jones is Sharon's second cousin by marriage and Shannon's sister in-law and a full-time student. She is currently working on a certificate in business.

James Michael Hembree, also a second cousin, is a full-time student that is living in the dorms. Michael is involved in Drama and provides technical support for the ongoing drama production.

Sabrina McCauley, also a second cousin, is currently enrolled in the nursing program. She is an LVN working at a hospital in Lubbock and is working toward becoming an RN.

Shell Hembree, the youngest of the family members, is again a second cousin and also enrolled in the nursing program at WTC.

Just this week, Sharon found out that her first cousin and Shell's father, Johnny Hembree, was hired as night security. This just adds to the list of Sharon's family members affiliated with Western Texas College. One could say that Sharon Gill is keeping Western Texas College all in the family.

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WTC Reaches United Way Goal



Prizes drawn for particpation

Western Texas College met its goal of $6000 donated to United Way during the 2003 campaign. Money was generated by the Fall Festival held at WTC and by employee contributions.

A drawing was held on Friday, November 7 for incentive prizes Pictured is Jana Neal receiving a ceramic vase from Laura Ritchey. The vase was donated by WTC ceramics instructor, Shane Christensen.

Other winners were: Donna Billingsley-bath and body basket donated by Cutting Edge; Barbara Preston-two brisket wraps donated by Tammy Wesson; Jeanine Wilburn-two buffets donated by Dragon China; Zelma Irons-one tanning session from Sun Trax; N.C. Smith-one tanning session from Sun Trax; Ruth Richburg- one tanning session from Sun Trax; Ava Russell-one month membership from Tiger Fitness; Troy Lilly-one month unlimited tanning from Tiger Fitness; Randy Vernon-one facial or massage from Margaret's Day Spa and Carolyn Osborn-$100 cash. Carolyn Osborn donated back the $100 cash to complete the $6000 United Way goal.

The United way teams of Melanie Schwertner and Julie Fritz were rewarded with a pizza party for 100% participation in the campaign and team leaders were presented certificates of appreciation for their efforts and leadership. Team leaders were: Dave Hanes, Raul Alcala, Julie Fritz, Melanie Schwertner, J.R. Torrez, Lee Burke, and Vicky Rowland.

Getting to Know You

Dr. Jim Clifton: Dean of Students
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What led you to WTC: I took classes here many years ago and remembered a very kind and caring place. When teaching as an adjunct at Southwest Texas State, an instructor's position came open here at WTC. I enjoyed teaching so much I resigned as a Chief of Police and came here to be a teacher. Although many of the names and faces have changed over the years, there still exists a safe and comfortable environment for students to learn in. Even though I am no longer a member of the faculty, I am proud, and lucky, to daily contribute to our students' lives and our future as a society.

Where do you go from here: I'll continue to work with WTC as long as I can be of use, and seek to expand my own educational interests to see where they lead.

Most memorable moment: Ah, so many. I was a peace officer for fifteen years, and I continually pursue new adventures on my days off, so I could probably regale you with many moments that have been seared into my brain. Those memories pale in nature though, when compared to the moments when both of my sons were born.

Hardest decision I've ever made: A tough question for such a light hearted forum. I think I'll pass on this one.

Favorite Book and Favorite Author: Favorite book, probably "How We Think" by John Dewey, favorite author, probably Paul (originally Saul) of Tarsus, 5–67AD.

Favorite Movie: "Remember the Titans". I was in high school in Virginia when all of that was going on.

Favorite spare time activity: The world is a more interesting place when your face is in the breeze and you are holding onto the handlebars of a motorcycle. "Sunshine on chrome": the best way to enjoy a beautiful day.

Names of family members: My oldest son is Jonathan, who is 21 and a junior in college. My youngest son is Douglas, who is 18 and a senior in high school.

If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be: My father, who passed away in 1984. An hour with him would be worth a lifetime.

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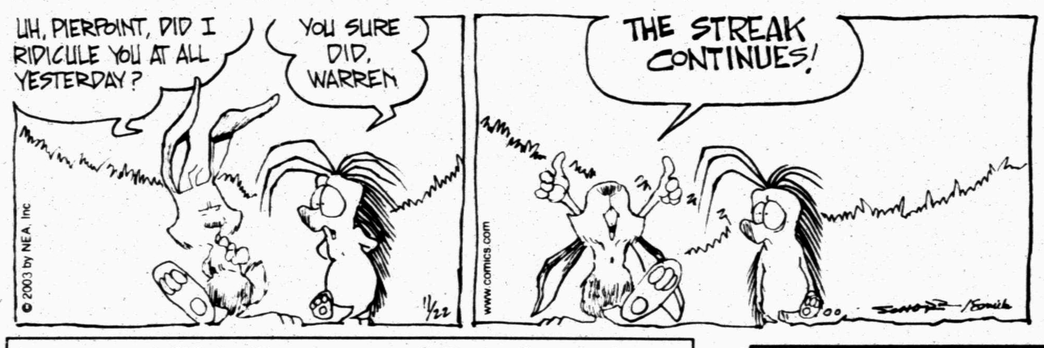
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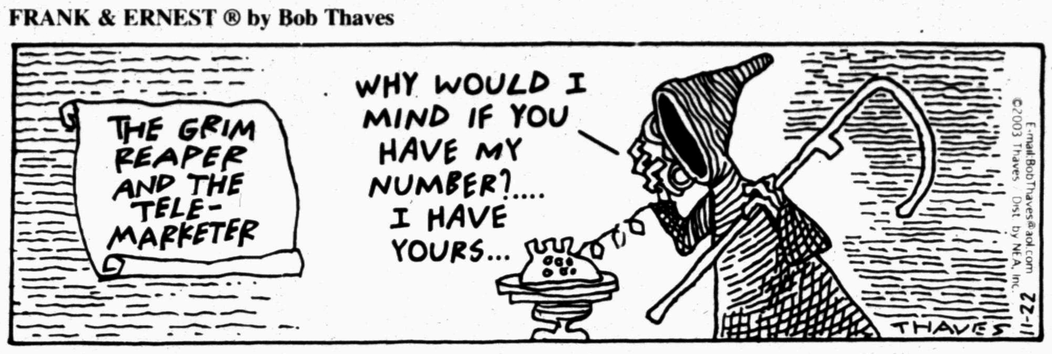
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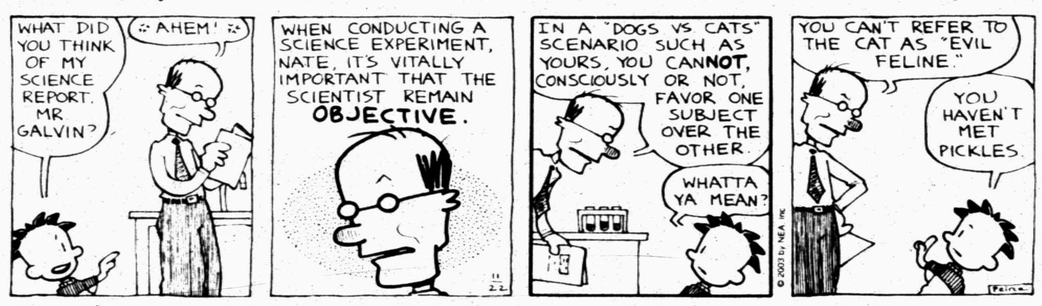
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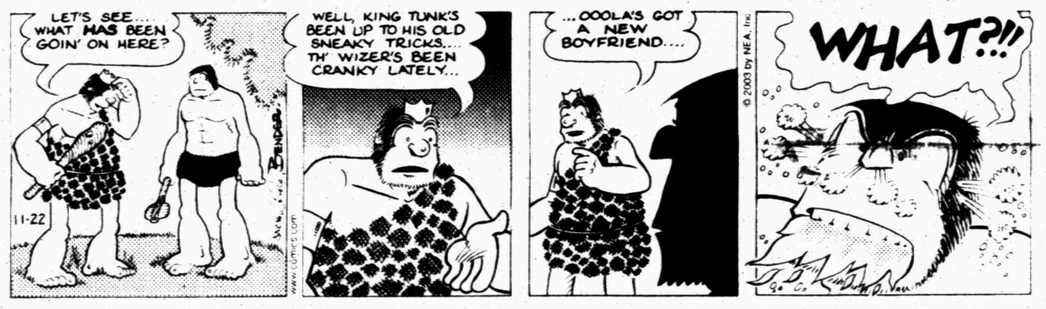
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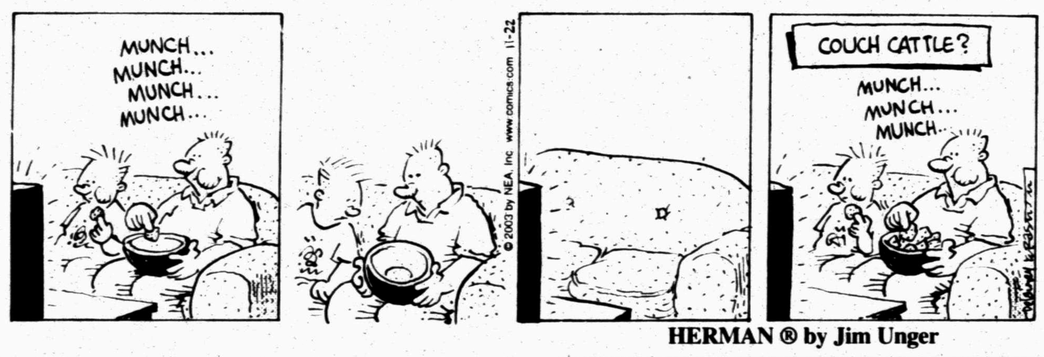
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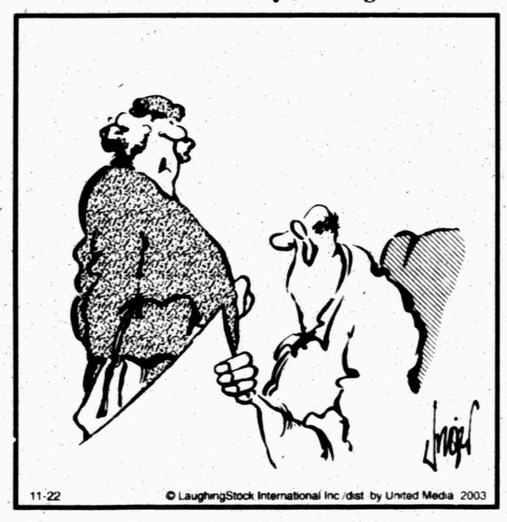
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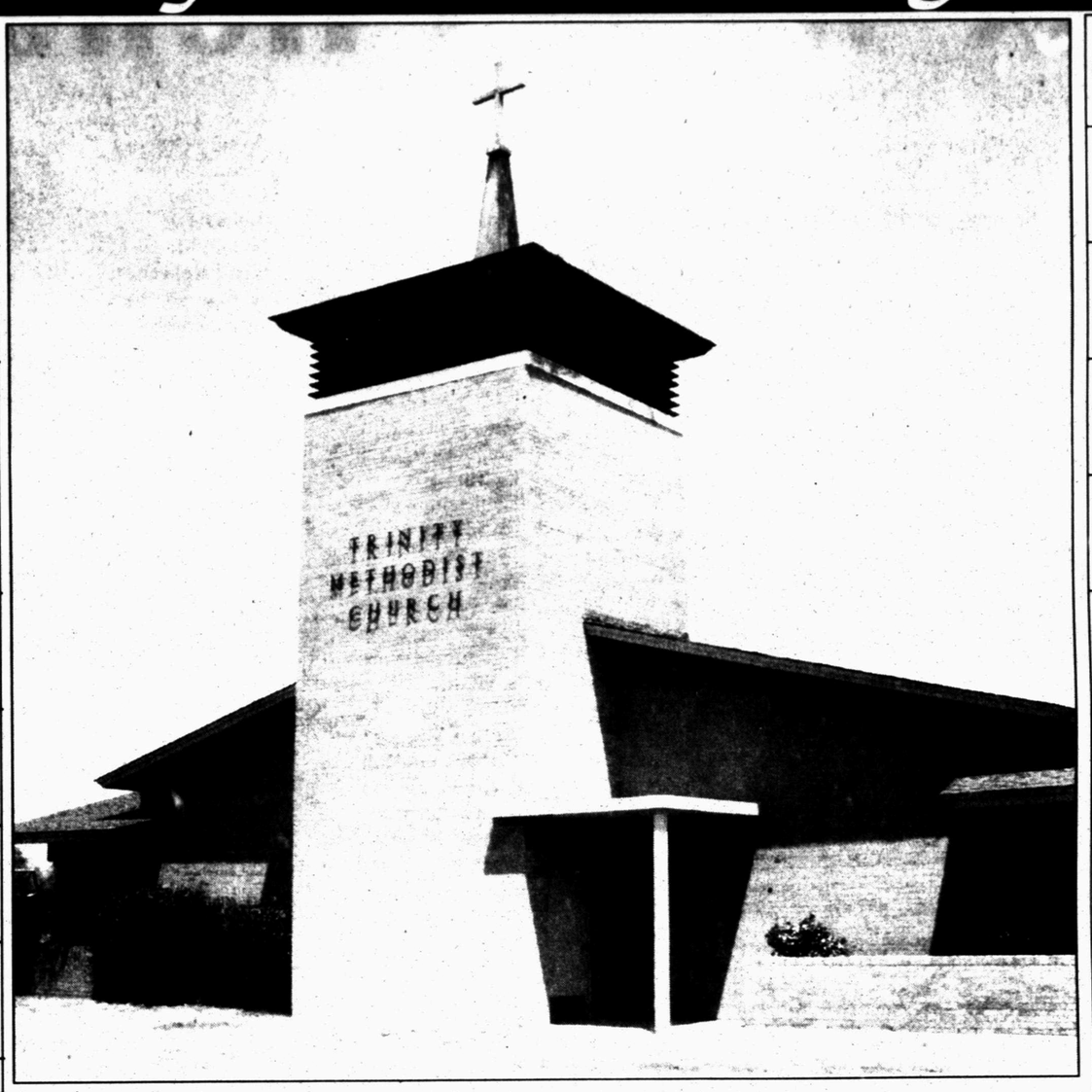
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Ornelas, Vanessa
Overton, Faith
Park, Rosaliana
Payne, Jacinda
Perry, Loran
Pollard, Courtney
Presley, Kaleb
Randolph, Dillon
Robbins, Shane
Roberts, Bryce
Rowe, Alyssa
Sanders, Kellie
Simpson, Kodee
Stephens, Will
Thompson, Robyn
Toland, Chase
Trout, Carlie
Wallace, Stephanie
Wickline, Hunter
Wright, Averey
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Arellano,Misael
Bernal, Alexis
Bowman, Zack
Cabrera, Alma
Carrillo, Dawn
Castillo, Sabrina
Chacon, Rebecca
Davis, Bridget
Dennis, Brandi
Duzan, Nolan
Duzan, Taylor
Ellis, McKinsey
Escobedo, Darren
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Garcia, Dariela
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Jaramillo, Jordan
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Rodriquez, Mike
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Sanchez, Aby
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Sosa, Mark
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Stewart, Jeffrey
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Taylor, Hayley
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Bernal, Sadee
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Stewart, Kaitlin
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Bounds, Curey
Brown, Riley
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Cearley, Mariah
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Diaz, M.J.
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Brandi Espinoza
Adrienne Gonzales-Keller
Tara Gordon
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Carrie Harlan
Alex Hook
Jessica Jones
Baylee Lewis
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Taylor Reed
Laura Reigh
Lindsey Reston
Tania Rodriguez
Makenna Scott
Joshua Stansell
Jeffrey Stewart
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Laura Tarter
Jordan Tippens
Blaire Toombs
Dyllan Vera
Gage Welsh
Kimberlin Willson
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Kanesha Anderson
Wesley Anderson
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Jansibel Hernandez
Liliana Hernandez
Abby Infante
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Ashleigh Jenkins
Baily Jones
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Barrera, Samantha
Chhuor, Victor
Clanton, Monica
Downing, Megan
Guardado, Michael
Guerrero, Gina
Guerrero, Kristi
Guzman, Valeri
Johnson, Jacob
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Luna, Raven
Meglouthin, Tosha
Mehrafshan, Allen
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A-B Honor Roll
Aguilar, Marcos
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Arellano, Larissa
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Browning, Amanda
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Sanchez, Roylee
Scott, Brance
Short, Kanaan
Silva, Ashley
Smith, Megan
Sosa, David
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Caleb Harrison
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Dwight Henkell
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Hope Fontenot
Tyler Goodwin
Morgan Jones
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Caleb Martin
Leslie Martini
Blair McCowen
Kurt Shafer
Jared Smith
Aaron Steelman
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Jared Cotton
Dillan Cullifer
Kaleb Derryberry
Rebecca Gunset
Brady Ledbetter
Josh Mayes
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Kolton Cox
Ryan Dennis
Taylor Hollingsworth
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Clay Johnson
Holly Juarez
Sarah Kellner
Jimmy Markworth
David Wooldridge

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Kyrstin Baker
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Issac Martin
Kellner Odom
Lupe Ornelas
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Spencer Williams
Kendall Benitez
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Jacob Beaty
Krystin House
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Carly Gill
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Garrett Gray
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Jacob Nachlinger
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Samantha Coronado
Kelton Garcia
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Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Dustin Dacus
Jaron Perry
Taylor Beaty
Shaye Williams
A-B Honor Roll
Ricky Garcia
Caroline Granados
Melanie Kariainen
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A-B Honor Roll
Marissa Davis
Casey Williamson
Rustin Webb
Maria Padilla

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Barrera
Alicia Culp
Brittany Kelley
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Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Samantha Berry
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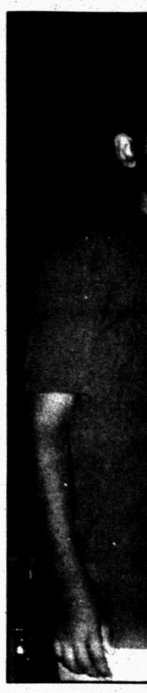
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SIXTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh sixth grade officers for 2003-2004 are from left, Melanie Kariainen, president; Caroline Granados, vice president; Taylor Beaty, treasurer; Dustin Dacus, parliamentarian; and Brailee Sanchez, secretary. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



SEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh seventh grade officers for 2003-2004 are from left, Jonathan Hernandez, treasurer; Julian Fuentes, secretary; Lauren Zamora, vice president; and K'Ana Garcia, president. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

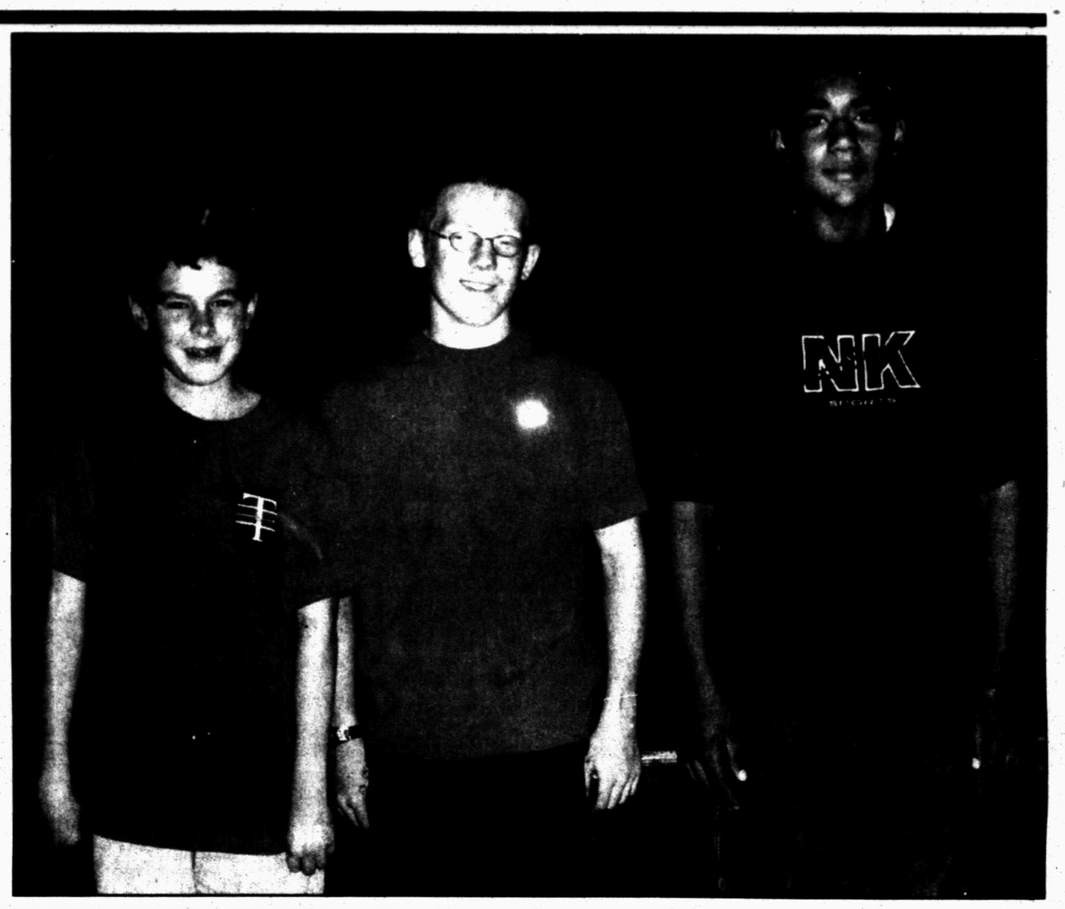
Johnny Carson's boyhood home is for sale

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — Owners of Johnny Carson's boyhood home are asking the city of Norfolk to buy it.

Jim Pruett of Brandon, S.D., said he and partner Rick Runge of Sioux Falls, S.D., were trying "to do a nice thing" when they bought the two-story, off-white house last spring. They remodeled it, and hoped to sell it for a profit.

"(But) we stand to lose a bunch of money," he said. "I failed with it." It had been reported earlier that the two men had paid $150,000 for the house in March.

Pruett said he and Runge had spent about $171,000 on remodeling and were willing to sell the house for $119,000.



EIGHTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh eighth grade officers for 2003-2004 are from left, Brett McClure, treasurer; Chris Peterson, secretary; and Derek Anderson, vice president. Not pictured: Scotty Arellano, president. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

DNA testing frees man after 16 years in prison

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A man behind bars for 16 years for an elderly neighbor's rape and murder was ordered released on bail Friday after new DNA evidence showed that body fluids from the crime scene were not his.

"He's just overjoyed," said David Foster, attorney for Barry J. Laughman.

Laughman was convicted in 1988 and was serving a life sentence in the slaying of a distant relative and neighbor, 85-year-old Edna Laughman. Last summer, The Patriot-News of Harrisburg said it tracked down the DNA samples from semen found at the scene, and that a new set of laboratory tests excluded Laughman as the source.

Friday's ruling by Adams County's president judge, John D. Kuhn, did not exonerate Laughman, who is seeking a new trial that would include the DNA evidence. A hearing on that petition had been set for Dec. 4, but was postponed indefinitely Friday.

Laughman was expected to be released Friday from the county prison on $30,000 bail. He will remain on house arrest under monitoring.

Prosecutor Paul Dean said Friday he wasn't making any statement about Laughman's guilt or innocence by requesting bail but believes it was justified considering the DNA tests.



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Abilene
Park Central, 4149 Southwest, 437-0800
Sweetwater
1418 Hailey St., 235-0300

Authorized Dealers

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Abilene
Wireless 4 U, Mall of Abilene, 691-9900
Colorado City
Lone Wolf Cellular, 728-8000

1 800 CELL ONE Business Customers, 1 877 566-3222 CellularOne.com

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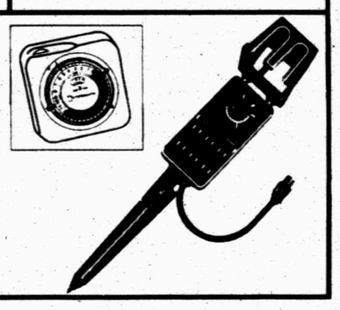
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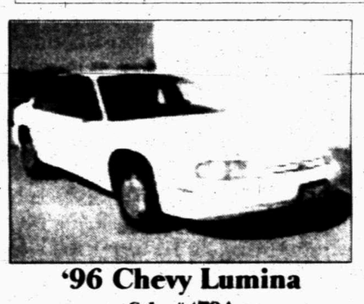
Super Cab for only

$299/mo.**

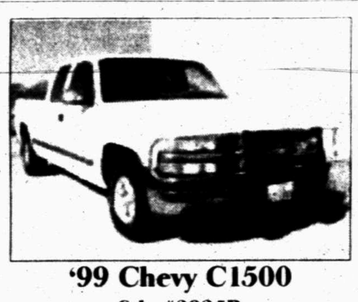


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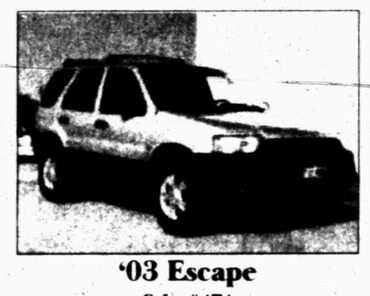
$39/mo RCO, 12k Miles annually, 10% down, 4% APR $1000 owner loyalty rebate assignment to dealer SP #23334



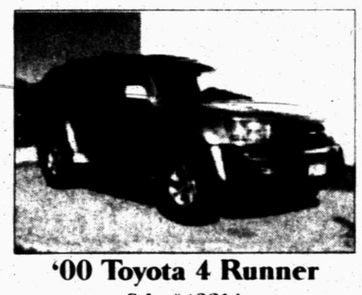
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Stk. #479A
$49/wkly
**$5,997



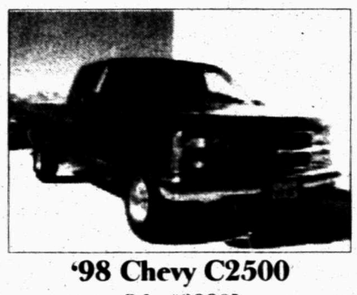
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$249/mo
***$9,997



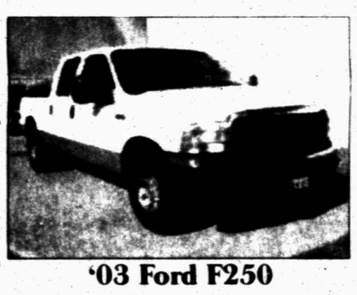
'03 Escape
Stk. #474
$316/mo
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'00 Toyota 4 Runner
Stk. #4321A
$389/mo
*$18,997



'98 Chevy C2500
Stk. #3990I
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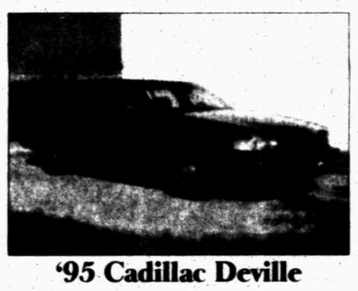
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Stk. #3884A
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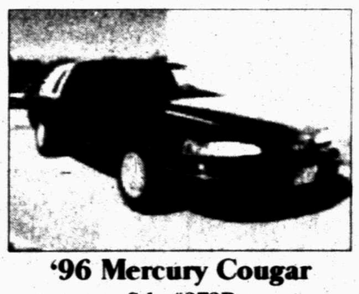
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Stk. #476
$389/mo
*$18,997



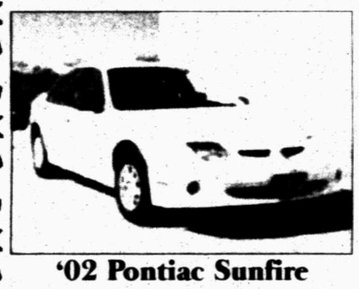
'02 Grand Prix
Stk. #483
$229/mo
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'95 Cadillac Deville
Stk. #356A
$59/wkly
**$6,997



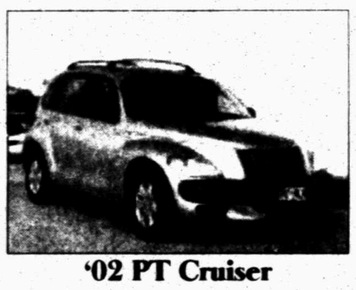
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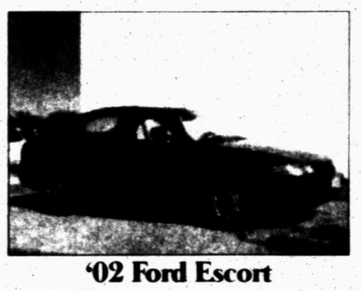
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Stk. #450
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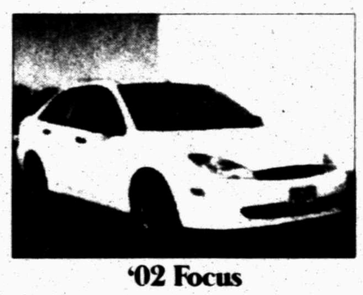
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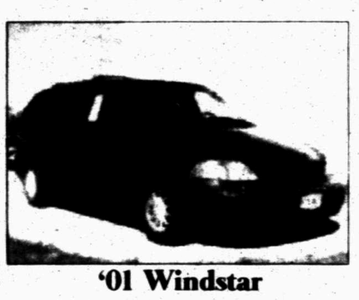
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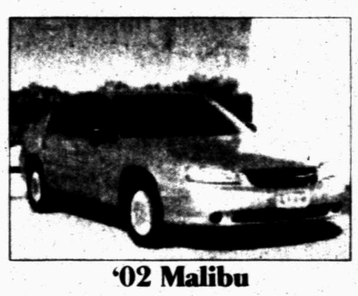
'02 Ford Escort
Stk. #447
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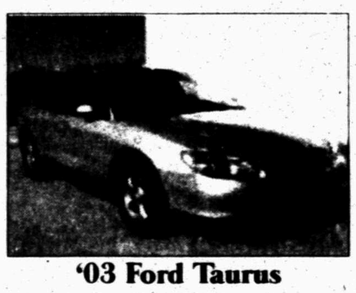
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Stk. #3928A
$159/mo
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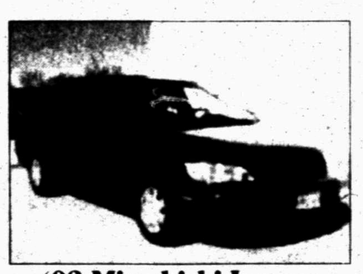
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Stk. #453A
$189/mo
*$9,997



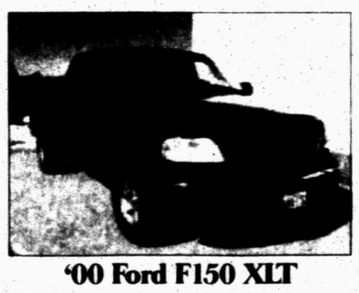
'02 Malibu
Stk. #461
$189/mo
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'03 Ford Taurus
Stk. #484
$229/mo
*$11,997



'02 Mitsubishi Lancer
Stk. #454
$169/mo
*$8,997



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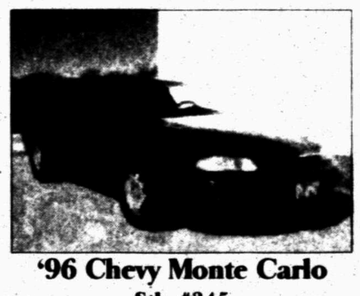
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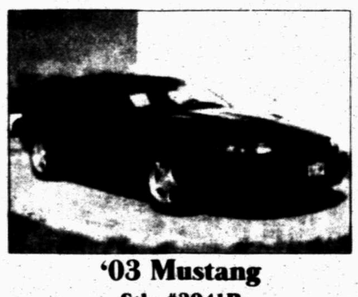
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