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Home of Demetris Brandon



WINNING ATTITUDE — Remington Bloom endured setbacks, but ended up with the Grand Champion hog at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. He is shown with David Frazier, Snyder FFA instructor. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Perseverance pays off at show

Remington Bloom shows top hog

Perseverance and fortitude paid off for Snyder Junior FFA member Remington Bloom, 11, at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show.

Remington's hog, a cross-breed, was awarded the Grand Championship at Thursday night's competition at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The honor came as a complete surprise to Remington and his parents, Kathy and John Bloom, due to some very definite setbacks during his preparation.

The death of three other hogs in Remington's herd forced him to enter a replacement hog in the competition. He believed he was fortunate even to be among the 295 hog entries, much less win the overall prize.

Remington's first hog died from a stroke, his second died during emergency surgery and the third died from unknown causes. The losses were a discouragement and left him wondering if would even be able to compete.

"It came as a total shock and I'm really happy," said Remington. "Three of my hogs that I had planned to show died. This one was a backup, I was very surprised."

Snyder FFA teacher David Frazier was pleased with Remington's accomplishment.

"It was an amazing win, considering what he had to go through. It was very emotional to see him win the championship. He was so happy."

The reserve champion hog was shown by K'Ana Garcia, 12, of Hermleigh FFA. She is the daughter of Lena Hodges and Mark Garcia.

The competition continues today with the lamb show, junior showmanship and senior showmanship, starting at 1 p.m. The goat show, junior and senior showmanship, along with the heifer and steer shows will follow.

The Premium Auction starts at 5 p.m. Saturday with a barbecue dinner catered by Kerry Clay. The awards presentation will start at 6 p.m. followed by the auction at 7 p.m.

Scurry County citizens are invited to attend the livestock show and sale. Individuals may purchase premium sale animals during the auction.

Bitter cold hits Eastern U.S.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The East woke up today to another day of bitter cold and blustery winds that made it feel as cold as 40 degrees below zero in some areas, icing roads, airplanes and rivers, and making outdoor exposure deadly.

At least six people have died, including a hiker found in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

In New York City, the low reached 1 degree overnight, matching the record for that day set in 1893, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Silva. The temperature was expected to rise to 18 later today, but with a wind chill still well below zero.

"Any exposed skin can freeze in less than 30 minutes," forecaster Scott Reynolds warned.

In Michigan, where 10 inches of snow north of Detroit made roads dangerous, the storm has claimed at least five lives, authorities said Thursday. Some victims died while clearing the snow; others were killed in storm-related crashes.

Farther east, a hiker was found dead in New Hampshire's White Mountains, where temperatures fell to minus 45 and the wind chill approached minus 100. Friends said the middle-aged man had been outdoors since Monday.

He was well-equipped, including a tent and a stove, but "in these extreme temperatures, it's not always going to cut it," said Fish and Game Department Lt. Robert Bryant.

Schools across the Northeast closed today with temperatures below zero and concerns about buses not starting in the cold and children being stranded at their stops. A weather observer in Saranac Lake, N.Y., recorded 16 degrees below zero at 6 a.m.

"I can't remember ever closing school for the temperature," said schools Superintendent Frederick Foresteire in Everett, Mass., where more than half of the 5,600 students walk to school each day.

In New York City, outreach teams from the Department of Homeless Services planned to bring homeless people in the city indoors, even against their will, if they were at risk of losing life.

Floyd Collins...

Scholarship named for former teacher

Family and friends of the late Floyd Collins have established the $50,000 Endowed Scholarship at Texas A&M University to recognize his 26-year contribution to agricultural education.

Collins, a graduate of Texas Tech University, died from lung cancer in 1998 at the age of 54. Although he and his wife, Chreyl, had no children, he was responsible for the guidance of many students as an agriculture teacher at Snyder High School, Jayton High School and Smithson Valley High School in New Braunfels.

Collins' sister, Ernestine Harrell, said the scholarship is a fitting tribute because it will support the two things her brother dedicated life's work to: education and kids.

"Floyd was a great ag teacher," she said. "He just had a way with kids. He would take kids who, in many cases, were considered troublemakers by other teachers and get them busy welding or working on other shop-type projects, and he would help them to excel."

In particular, Harrell said her brother encouraged team activities, such as meat and poultry judging and parliamentary procedure competitions.,

"Floyd was very interested in helping kids who didn't have money to be successful, too," she said. He took kids to state and nationals with judging teams every year he taught. He had lots of trophies and banners, but he never wanted any credit for himself. He always said it was about the kids."

With help from the Smithson Valley Ag Boosters Club, the kids proved his dedication was reciprocal, raising $15,000 in an April 2003 fundraiser that was combined with previous gifts to bring to the scholarship to $25,000. The amount had been matched by the Texas A&M University Bookstore to create a permanent $50,000 endowment fund.

"Floyd was just a special guy, and I'm glad we were able to complete his scholarship," Harrell said. "A lot of the recognition needs to go to Smithson Valley Ag Boosters Club, because it would not have been possible without them."

Texas A&M was chosen as the home of Collins' academic legacy because of his love for all things related to rangeland.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	**.91**
North of city	**1.0**
East of city	**1.0**
West of city	**1.0**
Lake Thomas	**.50**
Hermleigh	**.90**
NE of Hermleigh	**1.00**
Fluvanna	**1.00**
Polar	**.70**
Loyd Mountain	**.90**
Camp Springs	**1.00**
Dunn	**.75**
Ira	**.70**
Dermott	**.90**
Union	**1.00**
Gail	**.50**
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	**.80**
Sc. County (W)	**1.00**
Inadale	**.60**

Totals as reported by area residents for Thursday and Friday morning.



HEY, CAN YOU SHARE? — Amber Baker, Ira FFA, enjoys a breakfast burrito before preparing "Harvey" for the lamb show. Amber hopes to "get a bite" of the prizes from the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show underway at the coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren



It's still a new year, but this week we're going to talk about old stuff.

About the oldest thing I could think of was dinosaurs. The Internet reveals that dinosaurs lived from late in the Triassic period until the end of the Mesozoic period.

In plain English, that translates from about 225 million years ago to about 65 years ago.

Now that's old.

Another old thing that came to mind was the Roman Coliseum, or Colosseum to my old, or should I say former, Latin teacher, Edna White.

The building of the coliseum was started in 72 A.D. by Emperor Vespasian. Emperor Titus added a fourth tier to the structure and held a dedication ceremony in 80 A.D.

The original name of the structure was the Flavian Amphitheater, but it took on the name of "The Colosseum" after a large statue of Nero that used to stand beside it.

It's interesting to note that the seating in the coliseum was divided by classes – kinda' like in professional sports arenas these days.

The Imperial Court was in the lower tiers, behind them were the aristocratic families and the next set of seats were occupied by the commoners.

Women were seated at the very top tier.

I don't know how they know this, but it is reported that very few women attended events at the coliseum.

Maybe they were out working checking groceries, or something.

When the Roman Coliseum is mentioned, I normally think of gladiator fights. These were stopped in 438 A.D.

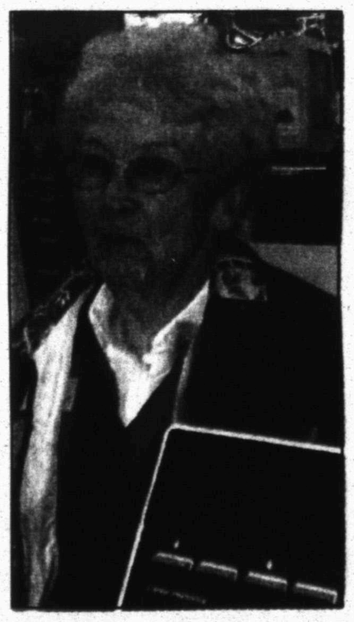
Anything associated with the coliseum is old.

And while we're on the subject, we might mention that Nancy Dennis is retiring from her job of checking groceries at United Supermarkets.

Today is her last day on the job and she'll probably take the plaque off the wall naming her the oldest checker United ever employed.

She says she's retiring to spend more time with her children and their families.

Word has it though that she has been seen at the site where they're going to build that casino and race track in Hobbs, N.M. – already picking out where she's going to sit in the video poker section.



Nancy Dennis

ASK US

Q—Where would a person call to find out details about performing in *Texas Legacies* at Palo Duro Canyon?

A—Call 806-655-2181, or visit www.epictexas.com.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Shirley Newman...

...has lived in Snyder for 23 years and is married to Donnie Newman and they have a son, Brad, who lives in Big Spring, and a daughter, Jennifer, who is a student at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls. Shirley also is the grandmother of Shelby, 10. She enjoys working in her yard and playing piano at Calvary Baptist Church.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Once a decision is reached, stop worrying and start working.

—William James

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Red, White and Blue Sunday

Maj. Michael Bob Starr will speak on his experiences as a pilot and Christian at the 10:45 a.m. service Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

AARP to meet

AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Scott Crenwelge, Scurry County parks recreation director, will speak.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God Has Spoken Through a Prophet Like Moses," followed by "Christ the Obedient Son."

LVN testing dates

LVN testing dates are Tuesday and Tuesday, Jan. 27. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

Gifted/talented parent meeting

A gifted and talented parent meeting for grades 6-12 will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Junior High School library.

United Way short of goal

United Way is selling tickets for a Super Bowl Prizes project, one for $2 or six for $10. Items include black leather chair-and-a-half, 19-inch TV, two large topping Pizza Hut pizzas. To purchase tickets or for more information call 207-1929, 573-5311, 207-1385 or 574-1931.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Krispie Kreme Doughnuts

Snyder Little Dribblers will be selling Krispie Kreme Doughnuts from 7 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Jan. 24. at Wal-Mart for $6 per dozen.

Marriage enhancement seminar

Snyder's First Church of the Nazarene is offering a marriage enhancement seminar, *Making Marriage Work*, from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 and 31. Call 573-5601 for more information.

Chili supper

Hermleigh senior class will hold a chili supper from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, in the Hermleigh cafeteria. Adult tickets are $5, and a child's plate is $3.

Concert at Word Is Life

"Moving into Worship," a concert in movement with Randall Bane, is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

What's up guidelines

Effective Feb. 1, items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION — Liffin Molter's third graders at Central read a special poem at a recent school board meeting and presented board members with a Payday candy bar. January is school board appreciation month in Texas. From left are Mrs. Molter, Carli Trout, Rebecca Chacon, Reid Pinson, Faith Overton, Alli Hollingsworth and Dillon Randolph. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Heart device helps man

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A new experimental heart device implanted in David Vensel's chest let him live through Christmas and play with his three great-grandchildren again.

Vensel, a retired Louisville police officer, is only the second person to go home after receiving the Arrow LionHeart, a heart-assist device that is fully implanted in the body.

"I'm just tickled to death that I'm here," said Vensel, who received the device Oct. 28 at Jewish Hospital. "There are people who don't get the opportunity to do what I did."

The device, which is made by Arrow International Inc. of Reading, Pa., takes over the workload for the left ventricle, pumping blood throughout the body. It is powered by an implanted battery, which is recharged by electromagnetic energy passing from a coil outside the body to another coil implanted beneath the skin, eliminating the need for cords or tubes.

Vensel, 69, returned home on Dec. 24 — just in time for a big family Christmas — and has had little trouble with the device since. He met with reporters Thursday at Jewish Hospital, and walked into a meeting room without assistance.

"I'm not as active as I'd like to be," said Vensel, a former Army paratrooper, who became ill after a severe heart attack.

Vensel is the 10th U.S. patient to receive the device, and the second to be able to leave the hospital. Eight other patients have died.

Dr. Laman Gray, one of the surgeons who implanted the device in Vensel, said the LionHeart shouldn't be directly compared to other heart devices, such as the AbioCor artificial heart, because each has different applications.

With the LionHeart, "you have to have a pretty normal right side of the heart. You can't say one is better than the other," Gray said.

The AbioCor, first implanted in a patient at Jewish Hospital in July 2001, was the first fully implantable replacement for the human heart. The grapefruit-sized device is intended for patients with end-stage heart failure who have a 70 percent chance of dying within a month.

Brain sandwiches still on menu, despite mad cow disease fears

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Fear of mad cow disease hasn't kept Cecelia Coan from eating her beloved deep-fried cow-brain sandwiches.

She's more concerned about cholesterol than suffering the brain-wasting disease found in a cow in Washington state last month.

"I think I'll have hardening of the arteries before I have mad cow disease," said Coan, picking up a brain sandwich to go during her lunch hour this week. "This is better than snail, better than sushi, better than a lot of different delicacies."

The brains, coated with egg, seasoning and flour, puff up when cooked. They are served hot, heaping outside the bun.

The sandwiches trace their heritage to a time when immigrants to southern Indiana wasted little after arriving from Germany and Holland. Some families have their own recipes passed down through generations.

Their time-honored delicacy now carries new dangers after a single cow was diagnosed with mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, at a dairy farm in south-central Washington state. The case, announced Dec. 23, was the first in the United States.

Since then, there's been little evidence of consumers turning away from beef, although humans risk developing a brain-wasting illness, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, if they eat contaminated beef products.

Mad cow disease won't scare this crowd, said Coan, 40, a bank teller who likes her brain sandwich served with mustard and pickled onions.

"You're going to die anyway. Either die happy or you die miserable. That's the German attitude, isn't it?" Coan said.

The delicacy is served at German-heritage restaurants such as the Hilltop Inn, a former stagecoach stop in this Ohio River city that opened in 1837. The sandwiches are also popular at events such as Evansville's fall festival, where vendors typically sell out early.

The sandwiches could become harder to find after the U.S. Department of Agriculture banned the selling of brains of cattle older than 30 months.



World Almanac

Friday, Jan. 16, 2004

Today is the 16th day of 2004 and the 26th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1920, the League of Nations held its first meeting.

In 1944, Dwight Eisenhower assumed supreme command of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe.

In 1979, the shah of Iran fled his homeland in the wake of revolution.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ethel Merman (1909-1984), Broadway star; Dizzy Dean (1911-1974), baseball pitcher; Marilyn Horne (1934-), opera singer, is 70; Kate Moss (1974-), model, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1972, the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Miami Dolphins, 24-3, in Super Bowl VI.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It ain't bragging if you really done it." — Dizzy Dean

TODAY"S FACT: Jan. 16 is National Nothing Day, an annual event created in 1973 by journalist Harold Pullman Coffin as an occasion when Americans can "just sit without celebrating, honoring or observing anything."

TODAY'S NUMBER: 7,485 — The number of performances in the run of "Cats" on Broadway (1982-2000).

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 15) and new moon (Jan. 21)

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Continental CEO to retire

HOUSTON (AP) — Gordon M. Bethune, the colorful and blunt CEO who helped restore Continental Airlines Inc.'s financial health over the past decade, plans to retire this year, according to published reports.

Bethune will leave the Houston-based airline at the end of the year, and be succeeded by president Larry Kellner on Jan. 1, the Houston Chronicle and The Wall Street Journal reported today, citing sources familiar with the situation.

The newspapers reported that the airlines' board also would be reduced from 14 to 10 members with David Bonderman, Pat Foley, Richard Pogue and William Price all leaving.

Bethune's early departure comes amid a rancorous dispute with Bonderman over corporate issues and the financier's investments in rival carriers, the Journal reported.

Continental officials did not return calls from The Associated Press late Thursday and early today. The nation's fifth-largest airline planned to announce the news today according to the papers' sources.

Last year, Continental Airlines' employee-shareholder members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters called for Bonderman's resignation because of his financial investments in other airlines. He is founder and president of Texas Pacific Group, which has been known to gain ownership of struggling airlines and lead turnarounds. Price also is a principal of Texas Pacific Group.

The Journal reported that Bonderman and Bethune have clashed over corporate issues almost since 1994, when Bonderman named Bethune to the post. Bethune has disagreed with Bonderman's involvement with America West and US Airways Group Inc.

Bethune, a former Boeing Co. executive, will celebrate a decade at Continental on Feb. 14 and is credited with steering Continental's turnaround after its second bankruptcy in 10 years.

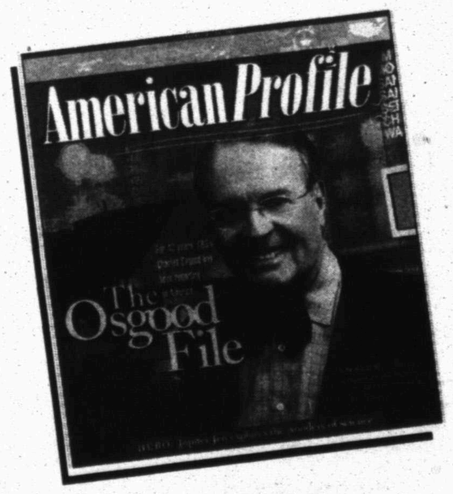
He had been scheduled to retire in August 2006, when he turns 65.

Kellner, 44, joined Continental in June 1995 as chief financial officer. He was credited with restructuring the company's debt and aircraft leases that year, when many considered the company at risk of going out of business.

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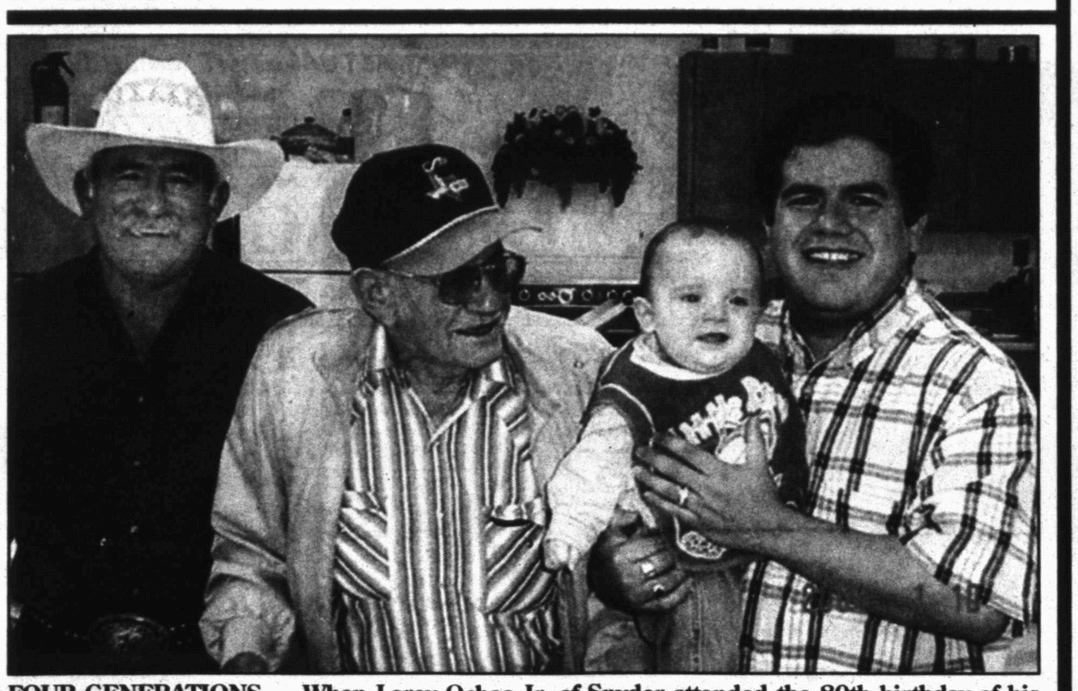
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FOUR GENERATIONS — When Leroy Ochoa Jr. of Snyder attended the 80th birthday of his grandfather in Ovalo last weekend four generations of the family got together for this picture. From left are Ochoa's father, Leroy Ochoa Sr., his grandfather, Alfredo Ochoa Sr., Ochoa's son, Camren Theresance Ochoa; and Ochoa Jr. (Contributed Photo)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Daughter hurts after hearing mom wish she had no kids

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl, and I know I am not wanted. One night I heard my mom talking to her new boyfriend about wishing she had no kids so she could do things without having to sneak around. I don't know what to do.

Is it my fault that she doesn't want me? Please help me, Abby. You help so many other people — please start with me. — **UNWANTED IN OTTUMWA, IOWA**

DEAR UNWANTED: None of this is your fault, and if your mother knew what you overheard, she would probably want her tongue amputated. I am sure she loves you very much. However, adults sometimes speak in "shorthand" — and what she MAY have been trying to communicate to her boyfriend was that, overwhelmed with parental responsibilities, she was longing for the relative freedom of her youth.

Clip this column. Show it to your mother and let her explain the specific details to you — after she apologizes, that is.

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DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a small town where I was sheltered from the real world. I am now in college and realize how much I don't know.

I recently encountered a situation I had no idea how to handle. My friend confessed to me that she's gay. Although I was surprised, I wasn't upset because I love her as a friend.

Unfortunately, at the moment she poured her heart out to me, I didn't know what to say. All I could muster was, "Ummm ... OK." Abby, I felt awful!

If something like this happens again, is there proper etiquette to use? I don't want to be insensitive. Coming out is difficult enough without having to figure out what the person you confided in is feeling. Your thoughts, please. — **OPEN-MINDED BUT CLUELESS**

DEAR OPEN-MINDED: There is no rule of etiquette for how to react when someone comes out to you. The best advice I can offer is to think with your heart and offer your support. Say, "Thank you for trusting me enough to tell me. It doesn't change the way I feel about you. You are my friend, and I love you." It's honest. It's clear. It's reassuring. And it's what the person needs to hear.

P.S. It's not too late to say that to your friend.

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DEAR ABBY: We live in the tidy beach city of Santa Monica, Calif. Just around the corner from us is a fast-food restaurant. The number of people who stop to eat in front of our house is astounding, but that's not what bothers me.

What upsets me is the number of folks who dump their trash on our lawn when they've finished eating. They are usually construction workers or parents with young children.

Since schools often read your column in class, perhaps the students could write in and give us an explanation of why this kind of littering is acceptable nowadays. — **WANTING AN EXPLANATION**

DEAR WANTING: We both know the reason — it's because they're too lazy to dispose of the trash in an appropriate way. In the tidy beach city of Santa Monica, and in many other cities, there are laws against littering. I suggest you inform the police about your problem. I'm sure they'll welcome the chance to gather some extra revenue for the city.

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Baylor collects $45.5 million in donations during year 2003

WACO (AP) — Despite a rocky year marked by the slaying of a student-athlete and the fracturing of faculty relations, Baylor University collected nearly $45.5 million in donations.

That was the fourth-largest amount ever given to the university in a single year, Baylor officials said. About 16,440 individuals, companies, foundations and organizations gave contributions in 2003, the third-largest number of donors in the school's history.

"I am deeply grateful to the legions of supporters who have financially undergirded the university this past year as we have made progress in realizing our 10-year vision to become one of the top universities in the country while maintaining and strengthening our Christian mission," President Robert Sloan said in a Thursday statement.

The donations were used to support student scholarships, academic programs, athletics and construction projects.

The university's endowment also grew to $662 million in 2003, the officials said.

"Baylor has obviously benefitted from the recent rebound in the stock market, but we also realized significant strengthening of our endowment this past year from contributions and from our investment policies and practices," said David Brooks, the university's vice president for finance and administration.

Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy was missing about six weeks before his body was found July 25 near a gravel pit southeast of Waco. An autopsy determined he had been shot twice in the head.

His friend and former teammate, Carlton Dotson, 21, has pleaded innocent to a murder charge. He remains jailed in Waco without bond after his arrest and extradition from his home state of Maryland. His trial is set to begin March 22.

Also last year, Sloan received harsh criticism from some faculty members and regents for his plan to make Baylor a top-tier research university while strengthening its Christian mission.

The Baylor Faculty Senate voted 26-6 in September to urge Sloan's ouster. But the university's Board of Regents voted 31-4 to let him keep his job.

Effort underway to save Saturn rocket

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — While President Bush is pointing America toward Mars, an Alabama museum is trying to save a nearly 40-year-old Saturn V moon rocket.

The state-owned U.S. Space and Rocket Center is home to the huge rocket, a tourist attraction that rests on its side in four pieces, unprotected from the weather.

But 30 years of constant exposure have taken their toll on the Saturn V, a test version that was fired at nearby Marshall Space Flight Center in the late 1960s.

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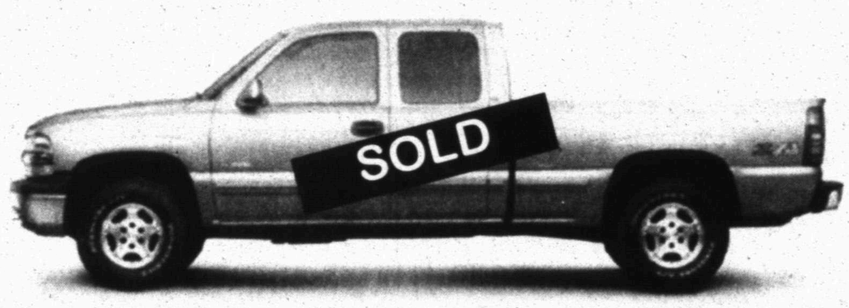
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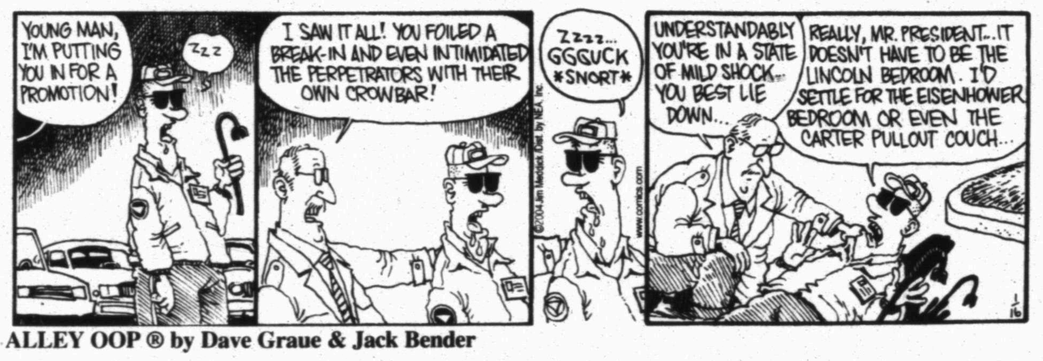
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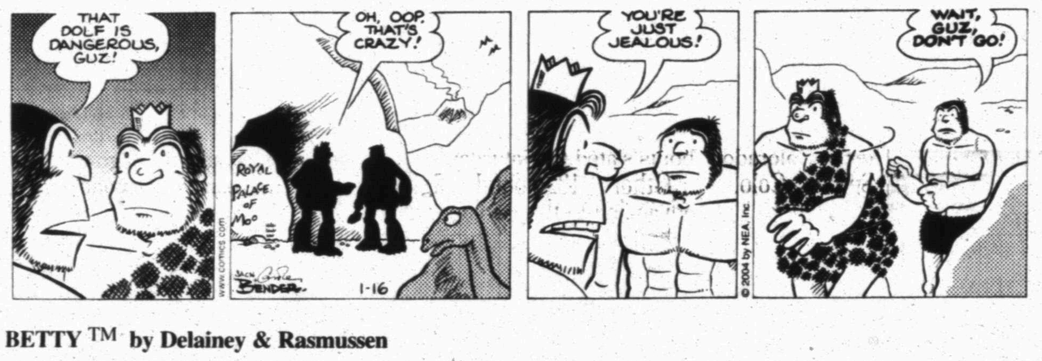
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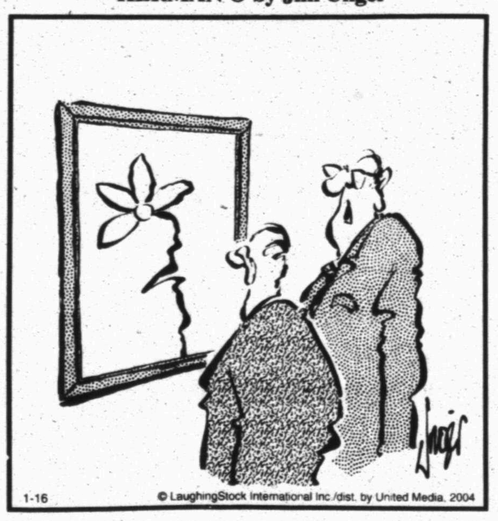
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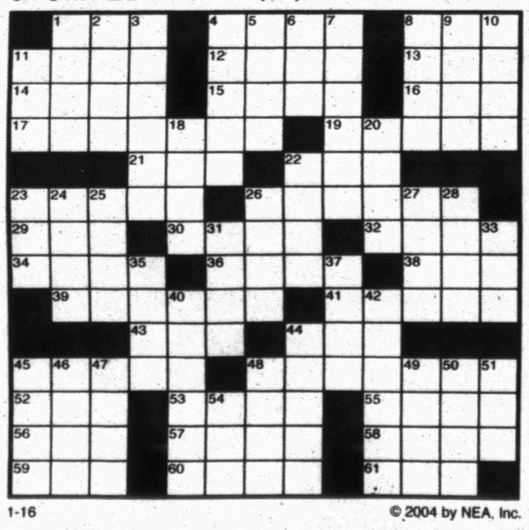
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Lady Tigers face major challenge in Sweetwater

The Lady Tigers face their stiffest test since the tournament schedule when they square off with the Lady Mustangs tonight.

Snyder (19-2, 2-0) is riding a 17-game winning streak, having last lost back in late November, while Sweetwater (20-2, 2-0) is on an 11-game run.

So something has definitely got to give.

The Lady Tigers got a taste of the challenge that awaits them in the district schedule Tuesday, when the team had to rally in the third-quarter for a 56-48 win over a scrappy Seminole team.

Sweetwater easily dispatched Merkel, 43-21, Tuesday.

Sweetwater and Snyder play different styles defensively, but are both aggressive and effective within their different philosophies. Both clubs also have a handful of scoring options to choose from.

The Lady Tigers got double-digit scoring from Erin Burleson, Sirena Medrano, Teddi Crenwelge and Jordan Stansell against Seminole.

Sweetwater got three treys from guard Dacy Ivy and 10 points from Dannie Owens in the paint against Merkel.

The Lady Mustangs put a premium on protecting the basketball, as the team had just eight turnovers against Merkel.

"They are going to be a very big challenge," Snyder head coach Mike Martin said. "They are a very good team, and they present match-up problems for us as far as size."

Sweetwater has three 5-10 post players, with Owens, Kelli Rainbolt and Tracy Cowin.

Martin said Sweetwater also gets good play from its guards.

"They have no weak spots," he stated.

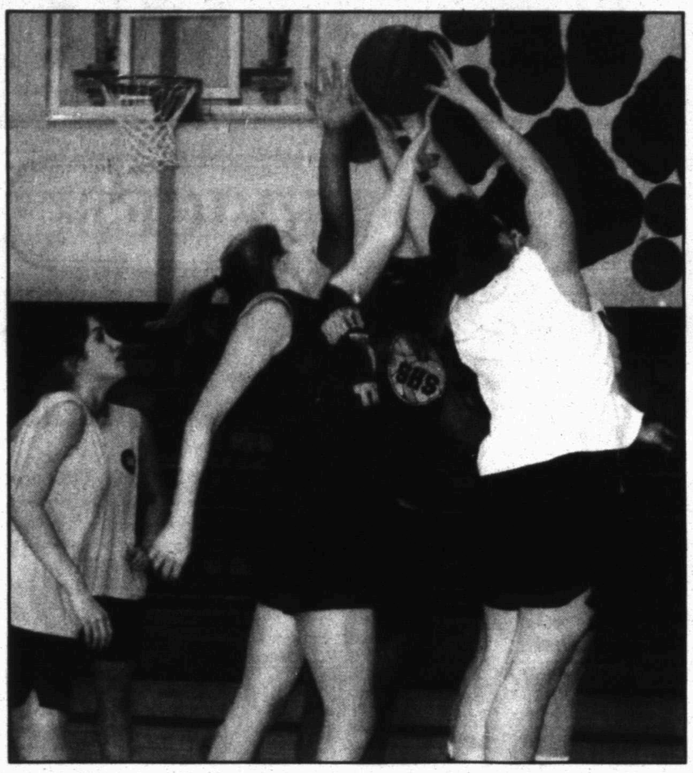
The Lady Tigers must be stay alert on defense, he said, because Sweetwater runs a patient offense, adding that the team needed to have a good night shooting the ball.

"We have to do a very good job of playing defense for several passes," he said. "We have to be effective offensively. If both teams play like they are capable of, it will come down to free throws."

Free throws have been the one area Snyder has struggled with this season, with inconsistent shooting from game to game. The Lady Tigers hit 63 percent from the line against Seminole, but connected at just a 48 percent rate in the district opener against Denver City.

"Hopefully we will step up tonight and make those," he said.

The teams will get underway at 6:30 p.m.



REBOUND DRILL — The Lady Tigers work hard on the boards during practice Thursday. The team will put its 17-game winning streak on the line against 20-2 Sweetwater tonight at Mustang Gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers kick off district schedule in Sweetwater

The Snyder Tigers open the district basketball schedule tonight at Sweetwater looking to put together a complete game against their District 3-3A rival.

"We need consistency — we know we have to play hard at all times," head coach Bud Birks said.

Tuesday's game against third-ranked Midland Greenwood gave a clear picture of what the Tigers need to do to compete in District 3-3A — maximum effort on every play.

The Tigers trailed by 21 at halftime before cutting the lead to seven in the second half.

"That game was a good example. We didn't always compete in the first half, and I was pleased with our effort in the second half," Birks said.

The Tigers (8-13) will face an aggressive Sweetwater club with multiple scoring options and a dynamic inside presence in Giles Montgomery.

Sweetwater (10-6) is a quick and aggressive club, especially on defense where they will mix in more zone, and will present a challenge when the Tigers are on offense.

"They have good guards and are very scrappy. They play hard and compete well," Birks said. "I have been impressed with them — they have gotten better and better."

The Mustangs get good inside play from post player Montgomery, a newcomer to the Sweetwater varsity team this season.

Kendall Carrillo and Seth Hatley will handle the ball-handling chores for the Mustangs. Carrillo will attack the lane, and Hatley is a good shooter from the perimeter.

Toby Forbes and Brendan Pittman also are starters.

The Tigers may be without post player Zack Garcia, who was checked out for an irregular heartbeat at halftime of the Greenwood game.

Birks said Garcia had an appointment scheduled with his family physician this morning, and would not play until he has medical clearance.

If Garcia is unavailable, Tucker Early will have to shoulder the load for Snyder in the post.

Birks said the Tigers must be focused against the Mustangs.

"If we play hard we can play with anyone in our district," he said.

Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Vasquez in semifinals

Anthony Vasquez reached the semifinals at the 2004 Everlast U.S. Championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Anthony Vasquez

Vasquez beat Rashad Ganaway of Little Rock, Ark., in the quarter finals by decision in the 132-pound weight class.

He won a decision in Wednesday's preliminary bout against Leonel Madrigal of Oxnard, Calif.

The semifinals were scheduled for today, with the championship bouts slated for Saturday.

Other 132-pound fighters advancing to the semifinals were Van Oscar Penovaroff of Wainae, Hawaii, Vicente Escobedo of Woodland, Calif., and David Rodela of Oxnard.

Rangers stick to offseason plans

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers stuck to their offseason plan. They didn't go after big-name free agents or spend a lot of money.

They remain committed to developing their young players, even if their additions include a 39-year-old starting pitcher, a 37-year-old setup man and a pair of 36-year-old outfielders.

"They were needs that we did not have with our young players," manager Buck Showalter said Thursday. "We didn't have people that were ready to do what they were capable of doing. You didn't see us sign a closer, go after a third baseman or a second baseman."

The primary additions were left-hander Kenny Rogers, who returns to Texas to fill a void in a rotation filled with young pitchers, reliever Jeff Nelson and right fielder Brian Jordan.

First baseman/designated hitter Brad Fullmer, outfielder David Dellucci and Eric Young, who will play infield and outfield, were also added.

"It may not be the splash and the bells and whistles that some people equate into successful acquisitions, but these were the type of players we were looking to add to our organization," Showalter said.

The Rangers are still in a rebuilding mode after four straight last-place finishes in the AL West, but the manager likes what has been done despite tight financial constraints.

With last-place finishes translating into big financial losses for the organization, owner Tom Hicks mandated a reduction of the more than $100 million payroll. Hicks said this week that the team has reached his goal of dropping the payroll to between $70 million and $75 million.

The six veteran free agents signed will make just more than $8 million combined this season. That's less than departed slugger Rafael Palmeiro made last year.

Palmeiro left and signed a $4.5 million deal with Baltimore this week. Two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez, hurt much of the last two seasons while making $24 million from the Rangers, signed a $4.5 million deal with Kansas City.

The only free agent that got more than a one-year deal from Texas was Rogers, who was drafted by the Rangers and spent 10 of his first 15 seasons with the team. His two-year contract is worth $6 million ($2.5 million this year and $3.5 million in 2005).

"We have been able to accomplish just about everything we said when we talked at the end of the year," general manager John Hart said. "We were going to provide as much opportunity for the young players ... we were going to cherry-pick the kind of guys we wanted."

Hart said the four position players added are a good fit.

There will still be plenty of opportunities for young outfielders Laynce Nix and Kevin Mench, assuming he's healthy after an injury-plagued year.

The Rangers also boast a talented young infield: AL MVP shortstop Alex Rodriguez, who is only 28, along with All-Star third baseman Hank Blalock.

OU QB transfers to Sam Houston

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Redshirt freshman quarterback Noah Allen has left Oklahoma and plans to transfer to Division I-AA Sam Houston State.

Allen, who was the Sooners' third-string quarterback in 2003, played in three games this season but logged no statistics.

"Noah leaves us in good standing," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said in a statement. "He is very much appreciated by our staff. We wish him the best and are certain that he'll do an excellent job at Sam Houston State."

Sports Briefs

Baseball/softball booster clubs

The baseball and softball booster clubs will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the film room.

Wie impressive at Sony Open

HONOLULU (AP) — Michelle Wie made three birdies in a respectable round of 2-over 72 that left her nine strokes behind the leader after one round at the Sony Open.

Wie, 14, is believed to be the youngest player ever on the PGA Tour. She's a ninth-grader at nearby Punahou School.

Carlos Franco led the field after shooting a 7-under 63.

Vermeil, Edwards sign two-year extensions

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Dick Vermeil signed a two-year contract extension to coach the Kansas City Chiefs. Terms of the new contract were not announced.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Jets coach Herman Edwards received a two-year contract extension despite finishing with the team's worst record since 1996.

Pujols, Halladay file for arbitration

AL Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay, 2001 NL Rookie of the Year Albert Pujols and New York Yankees second baseman Alfonso Soriano were among 65 players who filed for salary arbitration, the fewest to submit their names since 1999.

Houston pitchers Wade Miller, Roy Oswalt and Octavio Dotel also filed, as did Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood, Anaheim pitcher Jarrod Washburn and Florida pitchers Brad Penny and Carl Pavano.

Baseball plans to move Expos as soon as 2005

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Baseball owners again hope to pick the future home of the Montreal Expos by the All-Star break.

The Expos were bought by the other 29 major league teams before the 2002 season, and the commissioner's office originally hoped to relocate the team by 2003.

Following a two-day owners meeting Thursday, Expos president Tony Tavares said baseball's goal was to "hopefully have a decision by the All-Star game," echoing statements made last year at this time.

Commissioner Bud Selig expressed confidence the Expos would be relocated by the start of the 2005 season. He said remaining in Montreal wasn't an option.

"They've had a hard time finding local ownership once Charles Bronfman left in 1989. It's been a terrible struggle up there," Selig said. "I'd like to get the club sold. It would be one less thing for us and for me."

Baseball officials have spoken about the Expos with groups from Las Vegas; Monterrey, Mexico; Norfolk, Va.; Northern Virginia; Portland, Ore.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Washington, D.C. Last year, owners told the groups they wanted funding for a new ballpark in place before making a decision. It was unclear if baseball still holds to that.

"Whoever gets the team is going to have a ballpark situation structured," Selig said.

Ira cagers head to Klondike

The Ira cagers get back into district action tonight, when they travel to Klondike to battle the Cougars.

The Lady Bulldogs (6-10, 0-2) will try to secure their first win of the season when they tip-off at 6:30 p.m aginst the Lady Cougars (9-10, 1-1). The Ira girls were beaten by Dawson Tuesday, 57-43.

The Bulldogs (6-7, 1-1) won blew past Dawson Tuesday, 61-50, to claim their first win of the district schedule in their home opener. They will get underway with the Cougars (9-10, 2-0) at 8 p.m.

Correction

In Thursday's edition, it was reported that Hedley was the defending girls state champion in Class A Division II, which was incorrect.

It should have stated that Hedley was a state finalist. Priddy defeated Hedley in the finals, 57-54.

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New Jersey	21	11	10	1	53	100	81
N.Y. Rangers	18	16	6	4	46	120	116
N.Y. Islanders	20	19	4	1	45	125	115
Pittsburgh	11	26	5	3	30	86	161

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	24	10	8	3	59	127	108
Ottawa	23	11	7	3	56	143	90
Boston	20	11	10	4	54	110	106
Montreal	23	16	5	2	53	116	99
Buffalo	18	22	5	1	42	109	118

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	21	15	6	1	49	105	93
Atlanta	19	20	4	2	44	126	136
Florida	14	19	10	2	40	96	120
Carolina	14	19	9	2	39	80	104
Washington	13	26	5	1	32	109	141

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	13	4	2	60	150	104
St. Louis	24	13	5	1	54	113	104
Nashville	21	16	6	2	50	109	115
Chicago	11	23	7	5	34	95	135
Columbus	11	24	6	3	31	86	121

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	25	10	7	2	59	135	96
Vancouver	25	12	7	2	59	132	103
Calgary	22	14	4	3	51	101	89
Edmonton	18	19	7	1	44	112	118
Minnesota	15	17	13	0	43	98	97

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	19	11	11	4	53	110	98
Los Angeles	16	14	10	4	46	112	112
Phoenix	16	14	12	2	46	111	114
Dallas	19	19	8	0	46	91	103
Anaheim	13	20	7	5	38	91	117

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St. Louis 5, Columbus 3
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Colorado 4, Dallas 1
Edmonton 1, Anaheim 0
San Jose 3, Vancouver 1

Today's Games

Los Angeles at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

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New Jersey	21	16	.568	—
Boston	20	21	.488	3
Philadelphia	18	21	.462	4
New York	16	24	.400	6½
Miami	15	24	.385	7
Washington	10	27	.270	11
Orlando	9	30	.231	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	29	11	.725	—
Detroit	26	13	.667	2½
Milwaukee	22	17	.564	6½
New Orleans	22	17	.564	6½
Toronto	20	17	.541	7½
Chicago	12	27	.308	16½
Cleveland	12	27	.308	16½
Atlanta	11	29	.275	18

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	11	.703	—
San Antonio	26	13	.667	1
Dallas	22	16	.579	4½
Houston	22	16	.579	4½
Denver	23	17	.575	4½
Utah	21	17	.553	5½
Memphis	20	18	.526	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	27	9	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	24	11	.686	2½
Seattle	19	17	.528	8
L.A. Clippers	16	19	.457	10½
Portland	16	21	.432	11½
Golden State	16	22	.421	12
Phoenix	13	26	.333	15½

Thursday's Games

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Toronto 78, New Orleans 74, OT
Utah 97, Miami 85
Phoenix 105, Portland 96
Golden State 119, Cleveland 102

Today's Games

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Thirty percent of U.S. fatalities come from accidents and illness

By Robert Tanner
AP National Writer

The sorrow is the same. Sons and daughters, husbands and wives, have died while serving in Iraq, though not in battle. These lives were lost to car rollovers, drownings, heart attacks — the non-hostile deaths that make up nearly a third of U.S. casualties.

As the tally of all troop fatalities closes in on 500, the percentage of such deaths may seem high. But such casualties have always been part of war — and, in some cases, non-hostile fatalities have made up an even greater portion of total deaths.

U.S. fatalities in Iraq stood at 496 Thursday, with 343 killed in hostile action and 153 from non-hostile causes, the Defense Department said.

"To me, he will always be my hero," said Rosemarie Simmons, whose 33-year-old husband, Sgt. Leonard Simmons, died Aug. 6 — though she doesn't know definitively what happened and feels slightly estranged from the community around Kentucky's Fort Campbell.

Sgt. Nathaniel Hart Jr., a husband and father of two, was killed July 28 when his vehicle rolled over. The military, friends and neighbors all gave him the honor he deserved, said his sister, Valarie Lowry. "The fact that his life ended touched people more than how it ended," she said.

Non-hostile deaths are all those lost to a military operation in which the cause is "not directly attributable to hostile action or terrorist activity," according to Defense Department definitions. Many have been car crashes, though some troops have drowned in the Tigris River, collapsed during physical training, fallen ill or been shot.

In the Persian Gulf War in 1991, more than half of the 382 total in-theater deaths were non-hostile. In Vietnam, nearly a fifth of the 58,200 deaths were not from battle; in World War II, it was more than a quarter of the 405,399 deaths.

In the ongoing operations in Afghanistan, non-hostile deaths outnumber those in battle: 70 of the 100 fatalities have been from non-hostile causes.

In earlier wars, disease was the big danger, as in the Civil War, when more than half the Union deaths were not from battle or wounds. In modern, industrial wars of trucks, tanks and large numbers of troops, accidents are the worry.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

South's three-diamond re-bid is, as far as North's concerned, a game-try. Normally, South would have a hand that is too strong to pass out two spades, but too weak to jump to game. It primarily asks partner if he has help for this side suit. North, with two aces and only a doubleton diamond, was happy to accept the game-try. Here, though, South was thinking about slam, and when his partner expressed enthusiasm, South shot into six spades via Blackwood.

At most tables during a tournament on the French Riviera, declarer won trick one with dummy's club ace, played off his two top diamonds, then ruffed a diamond in the dummy. When the queen dropped, South drew trumps and conceded only one heart trick.

However, Jean-Christophe Quantin, when the diamond king was cashed at trick three, deceptively dropped his queen! Now South, thinking East was out of diamonds, ruffed a low diamond with dummy's spade ace. Then he played a trump to his king and cashed the spade queen. When West discarded, South had to lose a trick in each major. He probably also uttered an impolite French word.

The hard part is to think of this play in the first place. Try to get out of the habit of always following suit with your lowest card.

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Friday, Jan. 16, 2004

Make your luck with good play

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I gave a deal in which an unlikely lead-directing double luckily turned a probable minus 600 into plus 990 (duplicate scoring). In this deal, though, East made his luck at trick three with a great play. Do you see how he talked South into failing in six spades?

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AmEl Pw	31.31	31.05	31.15	+ .01
AndarkPtr	50.42	49.89	50.38	+ .33
ATMOS Egy	24.86	24.71	24.74	—.02
Aviall	16.10	16.02	16.05	—.01
BP PLC	47.53	47.26	47.32	—.93
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ColgatePal	51.50	51.18	51.35	+ .30
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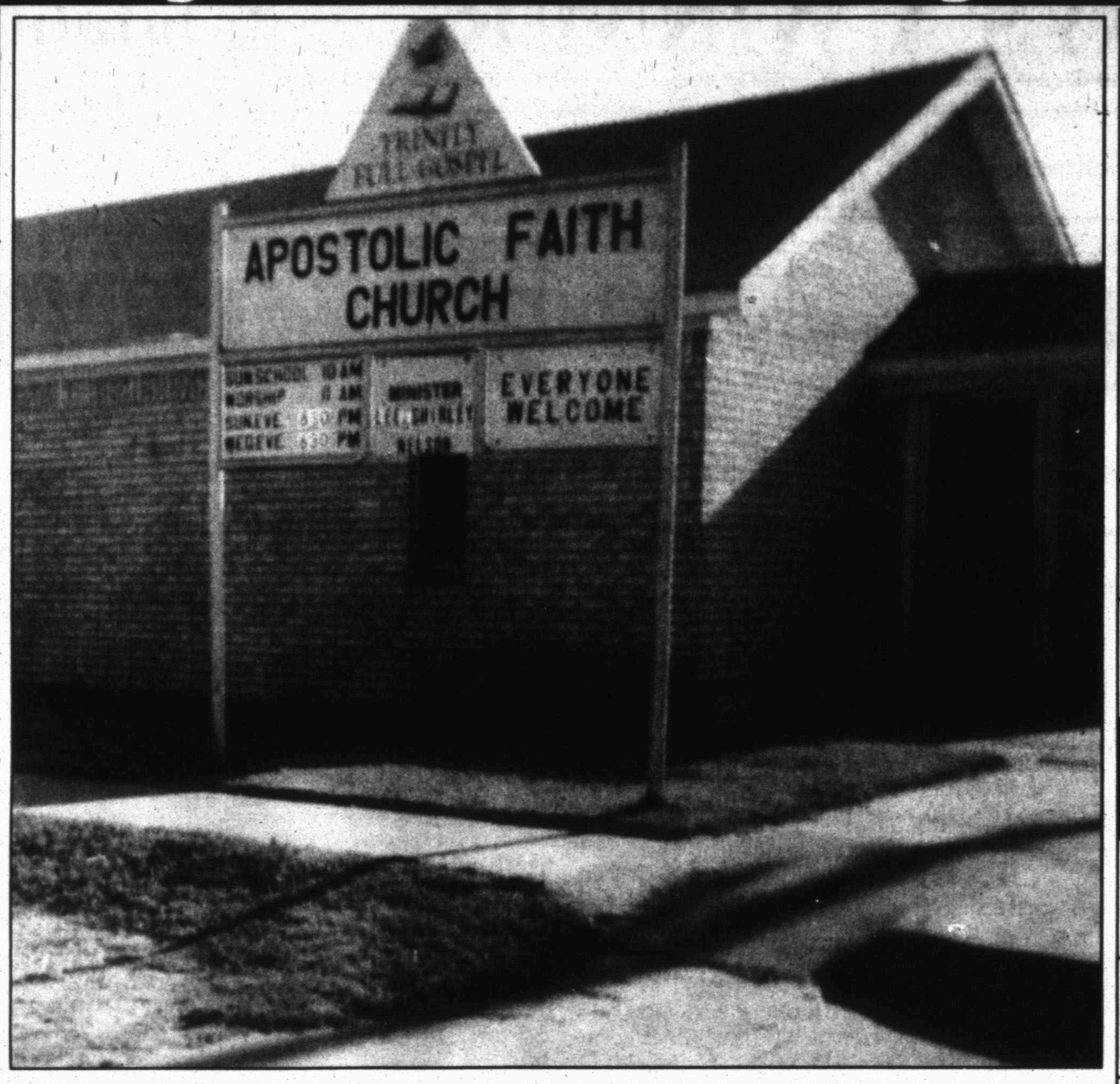
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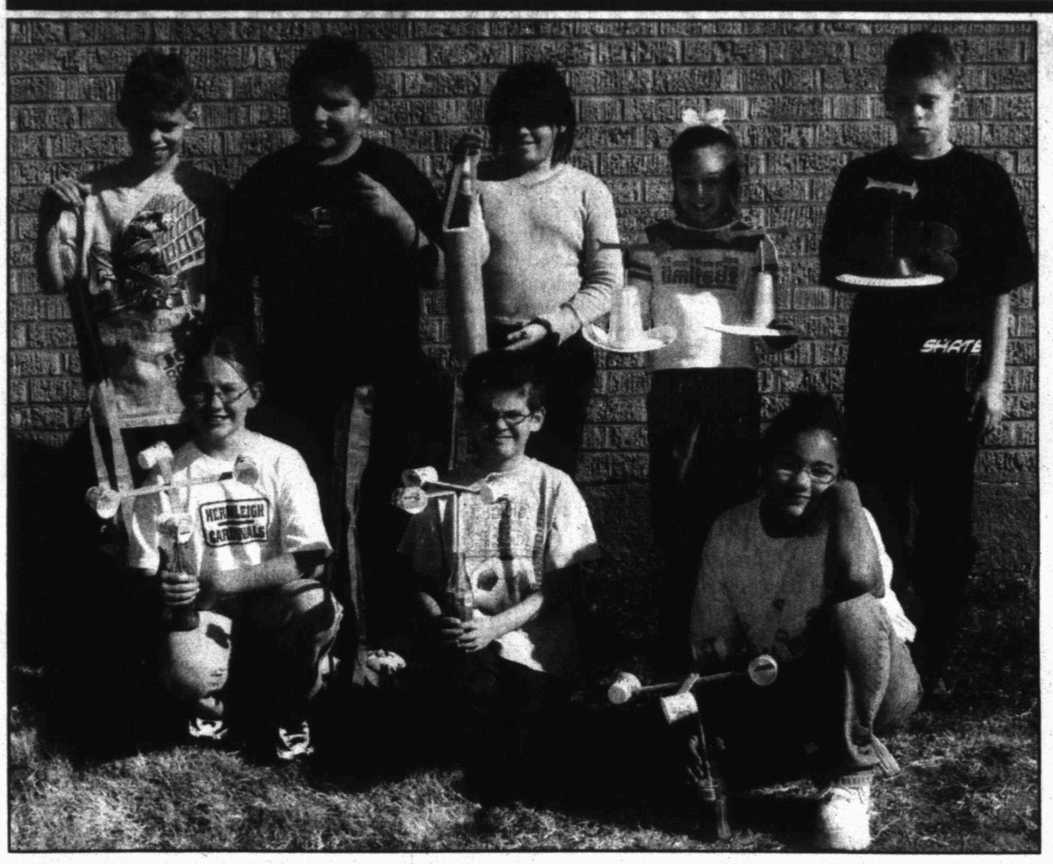
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SCIENCE PROJECTS — Hermleigh fourth grade students are pictured with their science projects. Back row left to right, Garrett Gray, Fabian Fuentes and Randi Sanchez, windsocks; Carly Gill and Gavin Gray, wind vanes. Front row from left are Delinda Dacus, Aaron Jernigan and Catie Anderson, anenometers. Susan Lee is not pictured. Joyce Lionberger is their science teacher. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Fewer 16-year-old drivers now involved in Wisconsin accidents

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — The number of crashes involving 16-year-old drivers and related fatalities dropped significantly in Wisconsin after the state placed new restrictions on beginning drivers, an Associated Press review found.

The trends, based on the first two full years the new graduated license law has been in effect, provide evidence that it is reducing the carnage caused by the most inexperienced drivers.

The law, which took effect in September 2000, is designed to make sure new drivers get more skills, not just a set of keys when they turn 16. They must have more supervised time behind the wheel, may not have multiple friends as passengers, and may not drive from midnight to 5 a.m. except for work or school.

The AP conducted a computer analysis of more than 1 million state Transportation Department accident reports.

It found that in 2002 and 2001, 16-year-old drivers had an average of 7,358 accidents investigated by police each year statewide, a 15 percent drop from the average total of 8,696 for drivers that age from 1996 through 2000.

Over the same two years, accidents with a 16-year-old driver at the wheel killed an average of 21 people across Wisconsin, counting either the drivers themselves or their passengers. That was a 16 percent drop compared with the previous five years, when on average there were 25 fatalities each year among young drivers and their passengers.

John Alley, a legislative liaison for the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles, said the AP's findings are hopeful, but statistically at least two more years of data are needed to be sure the new licensing requirements are working as advertised.

"We really like what we see. Everything is pointing toward this reducing crashes, but we really want a little more detail before we say it is a victory," he said.

Forty-six states have passed at least some graduated license regulations since 1996 when Florida became the first state to enact such a system, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, based in Arlington, Va.

Other states with laws similar to Wisconsin's have reported anywhere from a 10 percent to a 30 percent reduction in teen accidents, said Allan Williams, chief scientist for the group.

"It is progress but there is still a big problem," he said.

Tyler Vandenheuvel of Greenleaf, Wis., was 16 in February 2002 when he lost control of his car on a snow-covered road. It skidded into a ditch and crashed into a utility pole.

Vandenheuvel disliked the new restrictions placed on him as a beginning driver but followed them primarily because his parents supported them, he said.

"Did it make me a better driver? I don't know. Maybe," said Vandenheuvel, now a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The AP study found on average in 2002 and 2001, the number of 16-year-old drivers and their passengers who were severely hurt in crashes dropped 31 percent compared with the previous five years. The number who suffered minor injuries dropped 20 percent.

"Wow," said Dave Greening of Green Lake. "We are doing a better job of getting them ready to drive."

Greening was instrumental in pushing to get the new restrictions passed. His only son, 15-year-old Kristopher, died in a 1997 crash involving a 17-year-old driver.

Greening believes the new law saves at least eight lives a year, but he said he would like to see better enforcement.

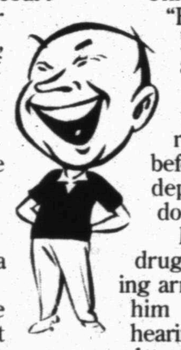
Samantha Allen of Fort Atkinson was 16 in April 2002 when she pulled out in front of another car, a crash that threw her head into the windshield, injuring her and a 17-year-old passenger.

Allen complied with the graduated license law that day, but that wasn't always the case, she said.

Today's chuckle

Teen flees after dropping marijuana bag

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A man going through a courthouse metal detector emptied his pockets, tossing a small bag of marijuana into the security tray.



When Clyde Lamar Pace II realized what he had done, he tried to flee. But he ran the wrong way from Polk County deputies into a locked revolving door.

"He threw in a baggie of marijuana without realizing it, and the person working the security post said, 'Hey, what is this?'" said Chief Deputy Bill Vaughn.

"He kind of gave that old I've-been-caught look, and the chase was on."

Pace, 18, first tried to retrace his steps, then ran through the building before he was stopped by deputies at the locked door.

Pace was arrested for drug possession and resisting arrest. The arrest caused him to miss a scheduled hearing on drug and driving charges filed after a traffic stop last month.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Magnetic therapy has not been proven effective

DEAR DR. GOTT: You have repeatedly condemned the use of magnet therapy. This is unfair. Please print a retraction.

DEAR READER: I try hard not to condemn the use of any alternative therapies, providing that the techniques have been scientifically tested. Such is not the case with magnetic therapy.

In a study involving more than 100 adults with foot pain, investigators at the Mayo Clinic reported no significant improvement from bipolar magnets when compared with sham magnets: 33 percent of patients experienced improvement in the non-magnetic group, compared to 35 percent in the magnetic group. This was reported in volume 290 of the Journal of the American Medical Association, 2003.

This study re-enforces the observation that many therapies are influenced by the placebo effect: If people believe that a form of treatment is effective, they will endorse it. Case in point, the 33 percent of patients who experienced improvement even though they were not treated with magnets.

I believe this study provides a valuable lesson. If more than 30 percent of people attest to the beneficial effects of a sham treatment, we must be more vigilant about what is really going on. While a 30 percent improvement from faux therapy is frightening enough for those of us who rely on scientific studies, it is downright immobilizing for those who don't. Are we to believe that cancer can be cured by diet or that other major health problems can be successfully brought under control by unproved methods?

Please, Mr. and Ms. Public, insist on accurate media reports and evidence-based medicine. Only in this way can you avoid being victimized by unscrupulous promoters.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son, 47, has an alcohol problem. He has been in and out of several rehab programs. Six months ago, he got out of prison after a 3-year sentence for DWI. He has started to drink again. What can we do?

DEAR READER: Some forms of alcohol and drug abuse are very resistant to treatment. As strange as it sounds, such patients do not respond to the obvious message that "you need help!" I would have thought that a 3-year stint behind bars would have been proof enough of a drinking problem, but apparently it wasn't.

Unfortunately, you and your family have little or no influence on this situation. Short of reporting his alcohol abuse to the appropriate authorities, you cannot "make" your son stop drinking; this is something he will have to decide when he is ready.

However, because of his driving-while-intoxicated citation, I urge you to notify the authorities that he has "fallen off the program." His behavior is a public threat and must be addressed. If your son refuses to obtain assistance with his problem, at the very least other people need to be protected from his irresponsible behavior. Make the call today.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Substance Abuse." 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.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004

In the year ahead, don't be too hasty about giving up old items, friends or means of doing something. In fact, the opposite should be applied: do what you can to strengthen or improve upon what you now have in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take care when conversing with others today, so that you don't talk without thinking and let the cat out of the bag concerning something that you promised to keep to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unless you are budget-conscious today, you may allow yourself to get involved in an outside activity that would end up costing you far more than you had expected and leave you broke.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You may be an extremely capable person, but even you have limitations. Before you accept an assignment, make certain you have the wherewithal to competently do the job.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Profit from your past experiences instead of repeating tactics today that previously proved to be unsuccessful. Unless you conceive of a more workable approach, failure will be repeated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today you may associate yourself with a person who has complicated your affairs in the past. It would be a mistake to get talked into entering into a new venture with this individual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be careful today not to make a serious decision based on flimsy information or hearsay. If you fail to take measures to gather pertinent facts, you'll be doing yourself a great disservice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unless a project you're working on has your full attention, a mishap could occur today, so don't allow yourself to slip into daydreaming, especially if you're involved with anything hazardous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's quite possible that you could meet someone today who will make a powerful first impression, but quickly fade with time. Hold off in developing any kind of a relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A potential problem could develop today in a family-related matter because of losing patience in coping with the issues involved. Suppress any agitation so you can better deal with things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Take the time to read all instructions before attempting to put something together or operate new equipment. It may not be one of your better days for guessing how things should be done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Make a list of necessary items before going shopping today or you could come home with bagfuls of useless items and an empty wallet. Be a disciplined shopper.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be far easier to pacify another by yielding to his or her pressure tactics today, but it wouldn't be wise. Do only what you know to be correct or you could be asking for trouble.

Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

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Pilot killed in crash

WEATHERFORD (AP)— A pilot died Thursday night when his single-engine airplane crashed on the east side of Weatherford, authorities said.

The pilot was the only person on the plane, which went down about 6:10 p.m south of Lake Weatherford, Texas Department of Public Safety senior operator Keith Turner said. The crash site was just north of Interstate 20.

The pilot had not been positively identified, and authorities had only tentative information about where he was headed.

The cause of the crash had not been determined, pending a Federal Aviation Authority investigation, Turner said. Weather conditions were cloudy and overcast with misty rain at the time of the crash.

FAA officials contacted DPS about 6:10 p.m. to report an aircraft had dropped of the radar. DPS officials located the craft about 7:25 p.m., Turner said.

There is a residential area near where the aircraft was found, but no one on the ground was injured, he said. No damage was reported.

"Some of the residents in the area did hear the aircraft," Turner said.



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Saddam holdouts urged to surrender

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)— The commander of U.S.-led coalition forces urged Saddam Hussein's loyalists today to lay down arms and "embrace the future" in a sovereign Iraq, saying they will otherwise end up either dead or in custody.

The U.S. military has reported considerable success in controlling the insurgency in central Iraq since Saddam's capture Dec. 13.

"We will be relentless in the pursuit of these targets," Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said at a news conference.

But the violence continued as a roadside bomb blew up today in Baghdad, killing one boy and injuring three others. The explosion occurred after U.S. soldiers approached a suspicious device to inspect it, but no American casualties were reported.

Two bombs found in the Defense Ministry were also being defused by U.S. troops today, Lt. Robert Cornetius said. Patients were evacuated from part of a hospital facing the ministry, said the hospital's deputy manager, Imad Tareq.

The U.S.-plan for transferring power to a sovereign Iraqi government through an appointed legislature was in trouble because of vehement opposition from Iraq's foremost Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, and his followers.

An aide to al-Sistani told Abu Dhabi television on Thursday that the cleric might issue a religious edict, or fatwa, declaring the U.S. plan illegitimate if his demand for direct elections are ignored.

The power transfer plan calls for a provisional legislature to be selected by 18 regional caucuses. The legislature would then choose a new, sovereign administration to take office by July 1.

An associate of al-Sistani's, Ali Abdel Hakim al-Safi, wrote a letter to President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, accusing the coalition of seeking to deny Iraqis their legitimate aspirations and giving U.S. elections priority over Iraqi interests.

Al-Safi wrote that the coalition should leave Iraq alone "in choosing its political organizations" or else the leaders will "create

The letter rejected the coalition's argument that early elections were not feasible.

Texas-based Army group to leave Iraq

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — As his troops prepare to leave Iraq, the commander of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division says his soldiers achieved more than expected but challenges remain — from battling insurgents to improving infrastructure and providing jobs.

The division, which arrived in April, is scheduled to leave Iraq in mid-March for neighboring Kuwait before returning home the next month. They will be replaced by the Germany-based 1st Infantry Division in the first troop rotation since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq last March.

"We are further along than I thought I would be," said Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, the commander of the 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Hood.

Odierno's troops cover a vast swath of Iraq, including the restive city of Baqouba, the former Iraqi dictator's hometown of Tikrit and the northern Kurdish-controlled city of Kirkuk.

Speaking to reporters, Odierno said he believes the United States would maintain a large troop presence in Iraq through 2004 and about half as many in 2005, depending on "internal and external factors and the development of the Iraqi army."

The 49-year-old West Point graduate said his forces have captured or killed most of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party loyalists and strangled their money and weapons sources. But threats remain from "nationalist" insurgents and terrorist groups like Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, he said.

Odierno said the Dec. 13 capture of Saddam and the detentions of other high-ranking Baath party members "has really had an effect on the former regime elements."

"I think al-Qaida and foreign fighters are trying to get involved in Iraq," Odierno said. "I think in the next six to eight months, they (will) start to really try to infiltrate the area."

The most immediate threat facing U.S. forces, however, could come from Iraqis.

"There are still people out there who just want to attack us because we are Westerners and we are in Iraq and we are Americans," he said. "So they will continue to attack us and I think that will go on for some time."

The arrest of Iraq's current most-wanted man, former vice President Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, could be the final blow for pro-Saddam loyalists.

"I think they are having a lot of trouble coordinating," Odierno said. "I think the will is no longer there in most cases. I think we have turned a corner with former regime elements."

He said that since April, U.S. forces have trained 2,000 Iraqi border guards, 5,000 Iraqi Civil Defense Corps soldiers and hired about 10,000 police.

His soldiers have established interim provincial governments and city councils and overseen the appointment of mayors in every town in their jurisdiction.

Votes needed for spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top senator is pressing colleagues to support a $373 billion bill financing most domestic agencies by reminding them of their home-state projects in the legislation as a showdown vote approaches.

A letter written by Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, underlines the rising pressures facing both sides as Tuesday's Senate vote nears.

"The subcommittees have tried to accommodate your priorities and concerns in this bill," read Stevens' three-paragraph letter, dated Jan. 6. "Attached you will find a list of projects that may be of particular interest to you."

Senators and aides refused to publicly discuss the letters, which did not explicitly threaten the projects. A letter to one senator had a nine-page attachment detailing nearly 300 projects, including one for $250,000 for local parks, said an aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Threats and rewards, unspoken and explicit, are common in Congress. But several congressional aides said that as subtle as the letter was, it is unusual to see such sentiments committed to writing.

The message of the letter was, "'Get on board if you want the projects funded,'" said Philip Klinkner, a political scientist at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., who has studied Congress.

Stevens' spokeswoman, Melanie Alvord, declined comment.

The House approved the legislation Dec. 8 shortly before Congress adjourned for the year. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., delayed his chamber's vote until Tuesday, when Congress returns from its winter recess, because of opposition from Democrats and some Republicans over overtime pay, media ownership rules and other issues.

The bill's Republican supporters will need 60 of the 100 Senate votes to prevent Democrats from delaying the legislation. Members of both parties say the GOP may well fall short.

Deputy investigates missing shop items

• ***Burglary***

Bill Faske requested a deputy at the Fuller "E" Ranch Thursday afternoon in reference to items missing from a shop. Scurry County Deputy Kevin Roemisch filed a report for Class A theft. The theft remains under investigation.

• ***Threats***

Officers were called to the 4400 block of Ave. U Thursday evening as a woman said other tenants in the apartment complex had been threatening her son. Those persons responded by saying the youth had been creating a noise disturbance. Officers advised the parties of the proper steps to take.

• ***Telephone harassment***

A woman employee of Snyder Healthcare Center told officers Thursday morning that another woman had been calling her at work and harassing her.

• ***Gas drive offs***

Officers were notified of gas drive offs Thursday from Town & Country North. One complaint listed the amount as $35.51, while the other report did not list the amount.

• ***Loose livestock***

Deputies responded to a report of several cattle out on Pleasant Hill Rd. The owner was notified and said he would have the fence repaired.

• ***Dogs at large***

Deputies were advised around noon Thursday that dogs were running at large in the vicinity of Pierce Ave.

• ***Fire department reports***

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire Thursday morning in the 800 block of 37th St. The vehicle is owned by CleDon Coffman of Rotan. The fire started in the engine compartment due to a suspected electrical short.

The fire department also responded to a report of sparks coming from a junction box outside a house owned by O'Neil McClain in the 900 block of 17th Street. The owner was advised to contact an electrician for repairs to the box that rain was getting into and causing the electricity to arc.

Obituaries

Charla Winsett

1914-2004

AMARILLO — Charla Mae Winsett, the aunt of Cherrie Toombs of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Graveside service for Mrs. Winsett, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Llano East Cemetery. Dr. Murray Gossett, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Born Dec. 8, 1914 in McLean, she was a graduate of West Texas State University and a longtime resident of Amarillo. She was a schoolteacher, a member of the Junior League, Amarillo County Club and First Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Laura and Charles Carpenter; two daughters, Ann Winsett and France Winsett; a sister, Gwynne Finley; and a nephew, Dr. Ewing Winsett.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Winsett of Amarillo; a brother, Dr. James Carpenter of Lubbock; and several other nieces and nephews.

Mr. Zuniga

1905-2004

LUBBOCK — Celedonio S. Zuniga, former minister of the Spanish Church of Christ in Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Funeral service for Mr. Zuniga, 99, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the South Plains Church of Christ with Pedro Avila Gonzales of Dimmitt officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born March 3, 1905, he retired after 52 years as a minister, also serving congregations in Kansas, El Paso, San Angelo, Carlsbad, N.M., Plainview and Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esperanza Zuniga; two daughters, Ramona Martinez and Lola Garcia; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include four sons, Henry and Ernest Zuniga of Roswell, N.M., Miguel Zuniga of Laredo and Richard Zuniga of Artesia; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

James Dennis

1932-2004

AMARILLO — James Dennis, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, in an Amarillo hospital.

Funeral service is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Park in Amarillo under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Mr. Dennis, 72, lived in Snyder in the 1960s and was a mechanic.

A brother, Bill Dennis, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Lou Alice Dennis of Amarillo; one son, Buddy Dennis of Amarillo; one sister, Jody Pitts of Amarillo and formerly of Snyder; a sister-in-law, Loraine Dennis of Snyder; a nephew Bubba Dennis of Snyder; two other nephews and a niece formerly of Snyder, Billy Dennis of Connecticut, Tracy Dennis of Lubbock and Tori Thompson of Coleman; and two granddaughters.

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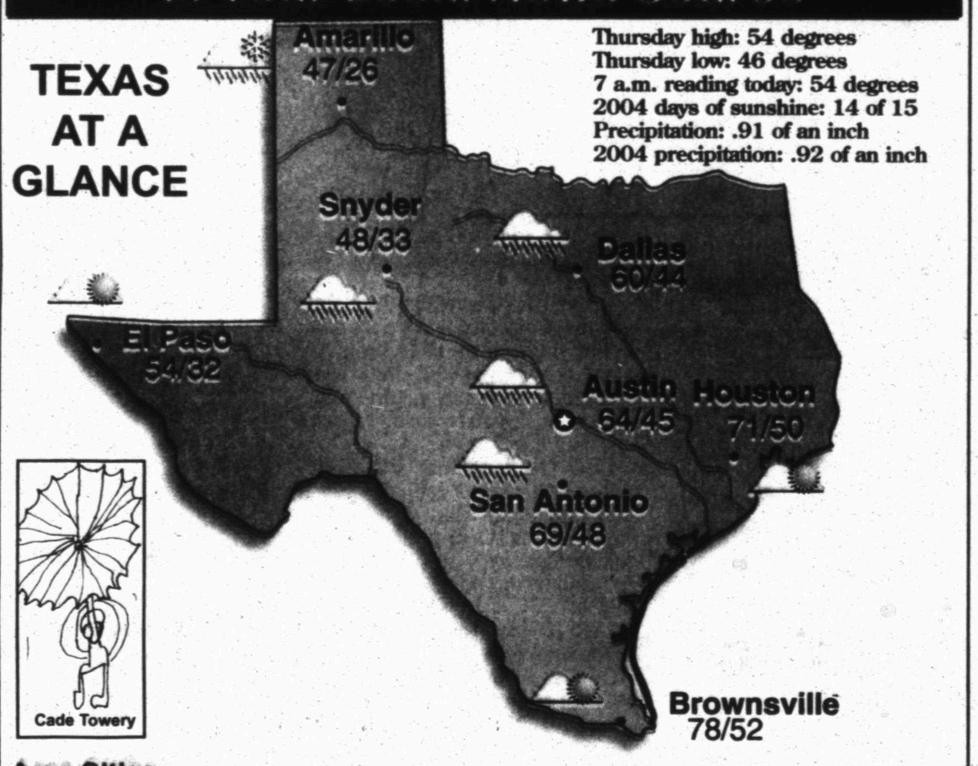
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Today's Weather

Local 3 Day Forecast

Sat 1/17	Sun 1/18	Mon 1/19
48/33	45/32	50/39
Overcast with rain showers at times. High 48F. Winds N at 15 to 25 mph.	Few showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:46 AM / Sunset 6:02 PM	Sunrise 7:45 AM / Sunset 6:03 PM	Sunrise 7:45 AM / Sunset 6:04 PM

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Thursday high: 54 degrees
Thursday low: 46 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 54 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 14 of 15
Precipitation: .91 of an inch
2004 precipitation: .92 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	51	38	rain	El Paso	54	32	pt sunny	Midland	52	33	rain
Amarillo	47	26	sn shower	Fort Stockton	53	36	pt sunny	Raymondville	77	48	pt sunny
Austin	64	45	rain	Gainesville	55	39	rain	Rosenberg	71	49	pt sunny
Beaumont	70	50	t-storm	Greenville	58	42	rain	San Antonio	69	48	rain
Brownsville	78	52	pt sunny	Houston	71	50	pt sunny	San Marcos	66	46	rain
Brownwood	57	41	rain	Kingsville	75	49	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	43	rain
Corpus Christi	72	50	pt sunny	Livingston	69	46	cloudy	Sweetwater	50	36	rain
Corsicana	61	45	rain	Longview	64	46	rain	Tyler	62	45	rain
Dallas	60	44	rain	Lubbock	50	28	rain	Weatherford	56	39	rain
Del Rio	66	44	pt sunny	Lufkin	70	48	t-storm	Wichita Falls	51	35	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	53	45	rain	Houston	71	50	pt sunny	Phoenix	69	44	sunny
Boston	32	17	windy	Los Angeles	71	50	sunny	San Francisco	59	48	pt sunny
Chicago	35	25	mixed	Miami	76	66	mst sunny	Seattle	51	43	rain
Dallas	60	44	rain	Minneapolis	29	3	pt sunny	St. Louis	45	28	rain
Denver	46	24	sunny	New York	33	26	mst sunny	Washington, DC	37	30	cloudy

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 15	Jan 21	Jan 29	Feb 6

UV Index

Sat 1/17	Sun 1/18	Mon 1/19
3	3	3
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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