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FAMOUS FOOD — Sweet Shop owner Jerry Hatfield reminisces to a TV cameraman on the 50th anniversary of his family's ownership of the popular Snyder eatery. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

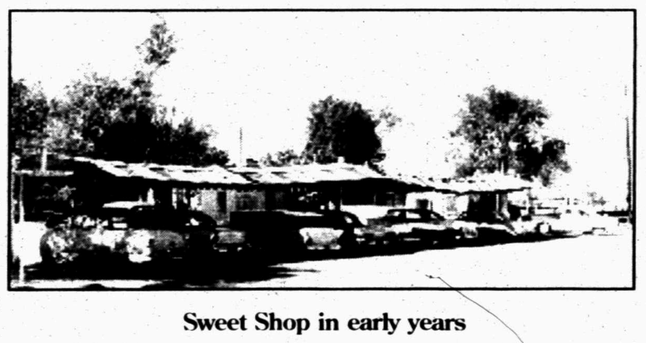
Sweet Shop celebrates 50 years in one family

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

Despite changes in the economy, eating and driving habits plus the arrival of fast-food chains, the Sweet Shop has prospered under the Hatfield family for 50 years.

The drive-in actually was founded by Mr. and Mrs. Sweet who came from Minnesota in 1950. But in 1954, Sweet had a heart attack and wanted to move back home and sold the business to Luther and Lema Hatfield on June 6, 1954.





Sweet Shop in early years

The Hatfields had sold their farm and had managed a Dairy Queen in Snyder for several months before acquiring the Sweet Shop.

Their son, Jerry, started working at the eatery when he was 15 and went into partnership with his parents in 1960. He bought the place outright from his parents in 1971 and has run it ever since, although not without family help.

"My mother continued working here until she was 89 years old," Jerry said.

He said he took a break from working there to go to college, but found college life was too slow after the hurried pace of the popular drive-in.

"There everything happened at such a slow pace, I like things a little faster," he said.

While there have been days where Hatfield thought about selling or closing, like when someone didn't show up for a shift and requiring him to work a double shift, he never seriously entertained the idea.

"People have offered to buy the place from time to time and I always turned them down."

The kind of traffic at the Sweet Shop has changed over the years, partially because of the change in population and partially because of the change in traffic.

"Kids used to circle around the square and then by here and up and a lot of them would stop. Now they usually stay up around College Avenue," he said.

While he doesn't have as many cars parked at the drive-in, the ones that do usually order food now.

"Back then the kids would park out there to visit and maybe get a Coke. Sometimes the lot would be filled and the grill would have one order," he recalled. "Now almost everyone who comes here gets food."

Hatfield said he would probably keep running the place for at least two to three more years before considering retirement. "There are other things I want to do and places I want to see."

Hatfield believes the Sweet Shop has flourished against the fast-food chains and others for two reasons.

"We only use fresh ingredients and meat, not frozen, and we offer good service. If somebody doesn't like something they can come and talk to the owner, me, and we'll try to fix it. We also make great food."

To celebrate the 50th anniversary there will be a get-together from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday.

Events are musical entertainment from Nashville recording artist Vince Hatfield, a nephew; a motorcycle rally, stories from the Sweet Shop past, a dance and hula-hoop contest and '50s music.

Mayor Francene Noah will read a proclamation, chamber manager Vicki Shroyer will present a plaque and there will be music from Cindy Nix and Bluff Creek Addition - and of course — Sweet Shop food and desserts.

Band, choir students reap state honors

The school year ended last week for most Snyder students, but high school choir and band members competed Monday at the state solo and ensemble contest at Texas State University in San Marcos. Both groups captured top awards.

Choir students earning a superior rating I on solos were junior Logan Martin and senior Rebecca Pavlovsky.

Students receiving an excellent II rating on solos were senior Molly Haire and juniors Ryan Ward, Stephanie Parmer and Michael Nelson.

A men's quartet composed of Michael Nelson, Logan Martin, Chris Smith and Cade Simpson received a superior I rating on the performance of *Rise Up, O Men of God.*

A women's quartet composed of Lacey Kincaid, Sarah Carpenter, Samantha Moyers and Rebecca Pavlovsky received an excellent II rating.

Twenty superior first division medals were awarded to band ensemble members and one superior medal was awarded to Sterling Millhollon for his classical guitar solo.

Clarinet choir performed *Rondo from Serenade No. 10* by Mozart. Members were Krista Chaidez, Hope Cole, Kim Cooper, Laura Culwell, Kim Henkell, Melissa Jerome, Katie Neves, Claire Morris and Felicia Guzman.

Brass quintet — Matthew Garza, Candice Gordon, Jason Hook, Brandi Russell and Aaron Lindsey — performed Sonata from *Die Bankelsangerlieder.*

The Earle of Oxford's Marche by Byrd was performed by the brass sextet composed of Candice Gordon, Brock Tyrrell, Jason Hook, Aaron Lindsey, Matthew Garza and Brandi Russell.

Local Republicans attending convention

Scurry County is represented by a delegation at the Texas Republican Party state convention underway today and Saturday in San Antonio.

Elected as delegates at the county convention were Drew Bullard, Doug Price, Anita Kornegay, Vicki Shroyer, Mary Lou Crawford, Gerald Crawford, Shirley Jones, Howard Limmer and Terry Williams.

Alternates elected were Stephen Pena, Ben Essery, Barbara McCormick, Junior McCormick, Greg McQuirk, Dana Cooley, Mike Hartman, Jana Young and Joan Bunch.

Pope tells Bush about Vatican's opposition to the war in Iraq

ROME (AP) — Pope John Paul II reminded President Bush today of the Vatican's opposition to the war in Iraq and said the world has been troubled by recent "deplorable events," an apparent reference to the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. troops.

Sitting alongside the president, the elderly pope, struggling to utter each word, called for a speedy return of the country's sovereignty and said the recent appointment of an interim Iraqi government was an "encouraging step."

"It is the evident desire of everyone that this situation now be normalized as quickly as possible with the active participation of the international community and, in particular, the United Nations organization, in order to ensure a speedy return of Iraq's sovereignty, in conditions of security for all its people," said the pope, who suffers from Parkinson's disease.

Under the watchful eye of police, tens of thousands of anti-war demonstrators marched through central Rome to protest Bush's visit, calling for the pull-out of Italian troops and waving rainbow flags that said "No to War" and "Not in my name, Mr. Bush." The protest drew 150,000 people, according to organizers. Police put the crowd at around 25,000.

"The war in Iraq was launched on the basis of mistaken assumptions and it's useless that Italy, with its little contingent, be there at America's side," said Luca Galassi, a 33-year-old protester.

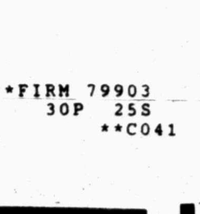
About 10,000 police were deployed for the president's visit. Manholes were sealed. Helicopters hovered overhead and the airspace above Rome was closed to private aircraft. Anyone entering St. Peter's Square was required to pass through metal detectors.

In a room at the Vatican that was adorned with ornate paintings, the president sat stoically as the pope, seated in front of a microphone, read his statement in a voice that was audible, but not easily understood. The hands of the 84-year-old pontiff trembled as he strained to address the president and first lady Laura Bush, slowly, often one word at a time.

"Mr. President, your visit to Rome takes place at a moment of great concern for the continuing situation of grave unrest in the Middle East, both in Iraq and in the Holy Land," the pope said.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN
by Wade Warren



And yet another case of small town governmental officials lying to taxpayers, or maybe not telling all that they should tell.

In the Austin suburb of Cedar Park, the city quit adding fluoride in its water supply about eight months ago and citizens there only found out about it about a week or so ago.

According to a story in the Austin American-Statesman, citizens were never informed of the action and water plant employees were told to lie that there even was a problem at the plant.

As a result, the water plant superintendent has resigned, and it appears the acting city manager also should take a hike as well.

When first contacted by the newspaper about the problem, the water sup said he was not aware of any problem.

"That's news to me," he was quoted in the newspaper.

He went on to say that he didn't personally manage the water plant and added that there were two managers between him and the problem.

But later in the day, he said that he had been aware of the problem and admitted that fluoride had not been added to the water system since a construction project had started in September.

Apparently the guy takes the acting part of his title real well.

A couple of workers at the plant said they had been ordered to lie about the fluoride.

Fluoride in the water is not a big health issue, but it is added because studies indicate it helps prevent tooth decay. It is also a primary ingredient in toothpaste.

Folks in Cedar Park can't get real upset about a few months lapse in fluoride not being added to their water. According to city records, there was no fluoride added for five years - from 1997 until 2002.

Fluoride or no fluoride in Cedar Park isn't the real issue.

As one woman said, "It means the city is not being honest with us citizens. What else are they not telling me?"

With this in mind, we have to appreciate the comments from Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland about the condition of this community's warning sirens.

Westmoreland put out a release when questioned about the condition of the sirens that simply said the city's tornado warning system is not functional.

We appreciate his honesty in giving the straight, simple facts that the system does not work and citizens should not be relying on it for any kind of warning during severe weather conditions.

Westmoreland said citizens should tune in to KSNY radio, area TV stations and Channel 39, the Weather Channel during severe weather outbreaks. Westmoreland also said the city, through an agreement with Cox Communications, has the capability to interrupt all Cable TV channels to broadcast emergency warnings from the city's emergency operation center at the fire department.

Let's hope the city makes the warning system its top priority.

It has done an excellent job in replacing water lines to provide a higher quality of water and stopping water line loss, but if we're all in Kansas walking Toto, it's not really going to matter much here.

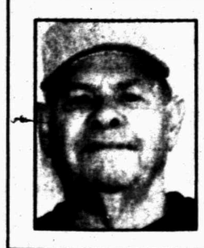
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ASK US

Q—The highway department is re-doing picnic areas around Anson. Are there any plans to update them in Scurry County?

A—Yes. By the end of summer, the one on U.S. 180 near the Fisher County line will be updated, and work has begun on the U.S 84 rest stop north of Snyder.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Jimmy Northcott...

...has lived in Snyder since 1963 and next week will have been married to Dorris for 57 years. They have two sons Jerry, who lives in Sonora and Steve, who lives in Andrews. A daughter, Kathy Hanson, lives in Bedford. They also have six grandchildren. Jimmy is retired from NT Industries and enjoys woodworking these days.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I want you to start a crusade in your life — to dare be your best.
—William Danforth

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ritz auditions

Auditions for the July Ritz Theatre production of *Harvey* will be at 6 p.m. today and Monday.

AARP garage sale

An AARP garage sale at 3209 Houston will be held until 6 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

SISD computer, ESL classes

SISD is offering free classes in basic computer skills and beginning ESL from 8 a.m. to noon in the Region XIV Service Center every Friday in June.

Call 574-6012 for more information.

Ira First Baptist concert

Contemporary Christian singer Steve Archer will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Ira First Baptist Church.

Silver tea

Martha Ann Woman's Club silver tea and business meeting will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday. All members are invited to attend.

Vacation Bible School

Ira Church of God will have Vacation Bible School from 6-8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for grades K-6. Call 573-5965 or 573-5638 for a ride.

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons at WTC will be held Monday through Thursday through June 17. There will be sessions for ages 3-5, 6-8 and 9-10. Cost is $25 per student. Call Lisa Christensen at 573-8697 for more information.

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.

What's up guidelines

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



PRINCIPAL AWARDS — Stanfield Elementary students who received the principal's award in May are from left top row, Cassandra Ramera, Kaitlyn Lord, Kolton Kubena, Priscilla DeLuna, D'Vincent Allison, Nick Perez, Mario Garcia and Dylan Kirby; second row, Dakota Neff, Chris Sands, Nolan von Roeder, Molly Earnest, Kaylee Brock, Julie Segura, Kandace Freeman and Luke Stephens; third row, Kassidy Rawls, Timothye Martin, Sarah Mushlaek, Zakary Rodriguez, Ryan Houghton, Samantha Bloom, Reagan Lee and Taylor Brumley; bottom row, Sydney Burns, Max Westlund, Hannah Camp, Daniel Sanchez, Brett Banks, Logan Presley and John Miller Robinson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Prosecutors try to establish time of death

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Laci Peterson's friends and family swarmed to her home the night she was reported missing, frantically scouring the neighborhood for clues as to what happened to the woman who was eight months pregnant.

The sad truth would come months later when the bodies of Laci Peterson and her fetus washed ashore along San Francisco Bay.

Her half-sister, Amy Rocha, spent part of Thursday testifying for the prosecution against Laci Peterson's husband, Scott, who is charged with the murders. She described the scene at the Petersons' home on the day Laci Peterson vanished — Christmas Eve 2002 — and discussed the first phone call she received from Scott Peterson at about 5:15 p.m.

"He was panicked," Rocha said.

She didn't recall much else from that evening, she said, mostly that "everybody was pretty frantic" and that a steady stream of police and friends arrived to begin the search.

"I just remember more people coming and there are a lot of police there," Rocha said. "The next thing I remember was going house to house with a picture of Laci."

Rocha is set to return to the witness stand Monday. Court is not in session today.

The questioning capped the first full day of testimony in the case that is expected to last up to six months.

In an attempt to establish when Laci Peterson died, prosecutors focused on the clothing she wore during the last day that anyone besides her husband reported seeing her alive.

Meanwhile, defense lawyers assailed what they characterize as a botched investigation that culminated in two murder charges against Scott Peterson.

Prosecutors claim Peterson killed his wife in their Modesto home on or around Christmas Eve morning 2002, then drove her body to San Francisco Bay and dumped it from his small boat. Lawyers for Peterson, who says he was fishing on the bay that day, speculate that someone else abducted his wife and then framed him after learning his alibi.

The remains of Laci Peterson and her fetus were badly decomposed when they washed ashore in April 2003, and authorities have not offered physical evidence to pinpoint exactly how or when they were killed.

As a result, Distaso spent much of Thursday talking about her clothing.

Peterson told police that his wife wore a white shirt and black stretch pants when he left for a solo fishing trip Christmas Eve morning. Prosecutors have said her remains were clad in khaki pants.

One climber dead, one injured

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Wash. (AP) — A firefighter who had climbed Mount Rainier more than two dozen times died Thursday after a fall high on the peak, the second death in roughly two weeks on one of the mountain's most dangerous routes.

The man's climbing partner was rescued by helicopter and flown to a hospital for treatment of a hand injury.

Jon Cahill, 40, a fire captain and father of four, fell 200 feet on Liberty Ridge, about 11,300 feet up the 14,410-foot peak.

Rescue climbers and an Oregon National Guard helicopter rushed to reach him, but by the time the helicopter arrived, he was dead, said Mount Rainier National Park spokesman Barry Fraissinet.

The Black Hawk helicopter picked up Cahill's partner, Mark H. Anderson, 33, and flew him to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, where he was in satisfactory condition.

The men, both firefighters and both trained as emergency medical technicians, had planned to reach the summit by midmorning Thursday. It was not immediately known what caused Cahill's fall.

Kimberly McDonald, a spokeswoman for the Auburn Fire Department, said Cahill had climbed Rainier 25 times. He was married with four children and had been with the department since 1989.

"He was like a family member to all of us," she said.



World Almanac

Friday, June 4, 2004

Today is the 156th day of 2004 and the 77th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1917, the first Pulitzer Prizes were awarded.

In 1972, black radical Angela Davis was cleared of murder, conspiracy and kidnapping charges in the 1970 murder of a white judge.

In 1989, a massive demonstration of pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square was brutally crushed by Chinese government troops and tanks.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Merrill (1919-), singer, is 85; Dennis Weaver (1924-), actor, is 81; Noah Wyle (1971-), actor, is 33; Horatio Sanz (1974-), actor/comedian, is 30; Angelina Jolie (1975-), actress, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1927, the United States won golf's first-ever Ryder Cup.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We have to talk about liberating minds as well as liberating society." — Angela Davis

TODAY'S FACT: The only U.S. president to win a Pulitzer Prize was John F. Kennedy for "Profiles in Courage" (1957).

TODAY'S NUMBER: 21 — The number of Pulitzer Prize categories.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 3) and last quarter (June 9)

events

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RESULTS

Thursday's Lottery Numbers

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-19-20-33.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $45,418.

Winning tickets sold in: BRENHAM.

Matching four of five: 136. Prize: $151.

Matching three of five: 4,166. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 43,243. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen's aggressive advances frighten friend of his mom's

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Sally" has a 14-year-old son I'll call Derek. He recently made sexual advances toward me. What frightened me was Derek's refusal to accept that I meant no when I refused and informed him that what he had in mind was immoral and illegal.

I threw the kid out of my house, called Sally, and asked her to keep her son away from me and my home. She refused to take me seriously.

The next day, I sent Sally a special delivery letter, repeating in writing how I felt about what Derek had done.

Abby, I understand that Derek is at an age when his hormones are raging, but his behavior was repulsive and offensive. I am afraid of him because he's bigger than I am — and because he's been seen around my house late at night, according to one of my neighbors.

I live alone. Is there something I should do to protect myself? Or should I just wait to see what happens? — **FRIGHTENED BY A 14-YEAR-OLD PREDATOR**

DEAR FRIGHTENED: If what your neighbor said is true, Sally's son has more problems than raging hormones. He also may be a Peeping Tom. Since peeping and prowling can escalate, the police should be notified. It appears that the boy needs help, and his mother is in denial. Do not procrastinate. You must protect yourself.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Roy," and I have been dating almost a year. We are both 21 but have known each other since we were 8. Lately, his mother has been making hurtful comments like, "Wow, you're not dressed like a slut today," or "How come you're always here when I come to see my son?"

I don't want to be disrespectful, but her comments are insulting. I don't dress like an extra in a music video. Having been brought up in a Christian home, and still living in one, I know the difference between cute clothes and trashy attire.

These comments from Ray's mother started when he and I began dating. I don't know if it's my clothes she hates, or if it's the fact that Roy and I are considering taking the next step.

It also bothers me that Roy doesn't say anything when his mother rips me to shreds. My mother told me to keep my distance from Roy's mom and make sure he knows how I feel about his silence.

Roy is a "mama's boy," so I don't expect him to say anything to his mother. I don't even expect him to understand how I feel. I just want to know the proper way to handle things the next time his mom criticizes me. — **THE GIRLFRIEND**

DEAR GIRLFRIEND: Roy's mother sees you as a threat. Her comments are intended to drive you away. Unless Roy speaks up, her behavior will escalate. If you continue to tolerate her behavior, Roy's mother will make your life hell. And if you marry him, she will rule the roost.

Explain to Roy how hurtful his mother's comments are. Tell him that you will no longer tolerate them, and the next time she insults you, you will say, "Roy how do YOU feel about the way your mother is talking to me? Do you agree with her?" Make it clear that if he fails to stand up for you and tell his mother that he expects you to be treated with respect, the relationship is over.

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Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Parents upset child molester released

DALLAS (AP) — Release of a former YMCA camp counselor who was voluntarily castrated while imprisoned for molesting 40 children has outraged parents of some victims of the attacks.

David Wayne Jones was freed Thursday after a judge threw out a new charge against him, that could have kept him in jail for the rest of his life.

Jones, 33, admitted to the crimes and in March became the second Texas inmate to be voluntarily castrated. He had been eligible for mandatory release after almost 13 years of a 15-year sentence. He was to be freed in March but was transferred from prison to the Dallas County jail because of the new, more serious charge of aggravated sexual assault.

However, Jones' attorney argued that prosecutors violated speedy trial laws by doing little to pursue the 2001 indictment until Jones was about to be freed.

District Judge John Nelms agreed.

"I believe the case basically fell into a black hole for 20 months," Nelms said, adding that the delay would make it nearly impossible for Jones to defend himself against an alleged incident some 15 years ago.

The mother of the alleged victim in the dismissed case said her son is taking some solace in that he may have been the impetus for Jones' surgical castration. But she said she is "devastated" that the case was dismissed.

"He does feel that there was some purpose to his case," she said.

Jones, who admitted to the 40 offenses at a Dallas YMCA in a 1991 plea deal, was expected to be transferred to a Dallas halfway house. Global positioning devices will monitor him under "super intensive supervision," the highest level, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Mike Viesca.

The mother of one of the children Jones molested said it is frustrating that the case was thrown out after the alleged victim was finally willing to come forward in the new case.

"It matters, and it still matters," she told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "To find a young man who is willing to come forward like that is unusual. It takes a lot of courage and character ... you just keep hoping they'll do something right."

Jones testified that the delay harmed his cause because he had put out of his mind names and details of events.

The judge said he didn't believe prosecutors deliberately dallied, but said their prejudice against Jones prevented them from pursuing the case as urgently as they should have.

Prosecutor Howard Blackmon, who testified Thursday that he had put off Jones' case because he was too busy with high-profile capital murder cases, said he is "extremely disappointed" and is considering appealing.

Jones' attorney Tom Pappas he hopes the judge's decision will allow victims to get on with their lives.

"I thought we had peace and closure way back then," Pappas said. "It's frustrating that we didn't. I don't know if we do now. It's my hope that we do."

Jones had accused prosecutors of trying to keep him behind bars because they are embarrassed about the "good" plea deal he got.

Lt. Bill Walsh, who led the police investigation and still oversees the department's child exploitation division, is satisfied with the case's resolution since no child had to testify and Jones' original prison sentence withstood appeals.

"In retrospect, we got the guy incarcerated and the kids didn't have to testify," Walsh told The Morning News in a recent interview. "I don't know that he got such a sweet deal — he did 13 years flat."

California jury awards rollover victim $369M

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A woman left paralyzed when her Ford Explorer rolled over won a $369 million verdict from Ford Motor Co. in one of the biggest personal-injury awards ever against an automaker.

Benetta Buell-Wilson was awarded $246 million in punitive damages Thursday, two days after the same San Diego County jury ordered Ford to pay compensatory damages of more than $122.6 million.

The verdict marked Ford's first loss after 11 victories in rollover lawsuits involving the Explorer, the nation's best-selling sport-utility vehicle.

The Dearborn, Mich.-based automaker plans to appeal.

The trial, which began March 15, involved a January 2002 interstate accident east of San Diego. Buell-Wilson, 49, swerved to avoid a metal object and lost control of her 1997 Explorer, which rolled 41/2 times.

Buell-Wilson, of San Diego, offered to knock $100 million off the damage award if Ford recalled millions of Explorers and corrected the design flaws that she says left her wheelchair-bound.

"I'm hoping they'll fix what's out there because I don't want what's happened to me to happen to anyone else," Buell-Wilson said.

In a statement, Ford insisted the Explorer was safe.

"Although the offer makes a great sound bite, it doesn't change the facts: The Explorer meets or exceeds all federal safety standards. There is no defect with the Explorer," spokeswoman Kathleen Vokes said.

Ford has sold more than 5 million Explorers since the vehicle was introduced in 1990, she said.

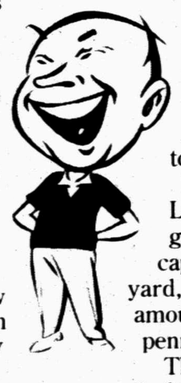
The award may be the largest personal-injury verdict against an automaker, said Robert Peck, president of the Center for Constitutional Litigation, a Washington, D.C., firm. Peck said he would not be surprised if Ford settled for a smaller amount.

Last year, a California appeals court cut a $290 million punitive-damage verdict to $23.7 million for a Ford Bronco rollover accident that killed three people in Stanislaus County.

Today's chuckle

Students collect a million pennies

RIVER HEIGHTS, Utah (AP) — Students at a Utah elementary school now know what one million looks like.



River Heights Elementary School has gathered a million pennies over eight years. Students started saving pennies in 1996 as part of a math project by fifth-grade teacher Dave Jorgensen.

He wanted to show students what a million of something actually looked like.

"That number is thrown around so much — a million people, a million dollars. It's such a common number," Jorgensen said. "But it's really a huge number."

Jorgensen first thought he would just build a box to hold all the pennies. But 1 million pennies weighs about three tons.

Plastics Resources, a Logan-based company, gave the school a box capable of holding a cubic yard, which is about the amount of space a million pennies would take up.

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Owner of tire shop is killed

FORT WORTH (AP) — A tire exploded, killing an automotive shop's owner as he was making repairs, authorities say.

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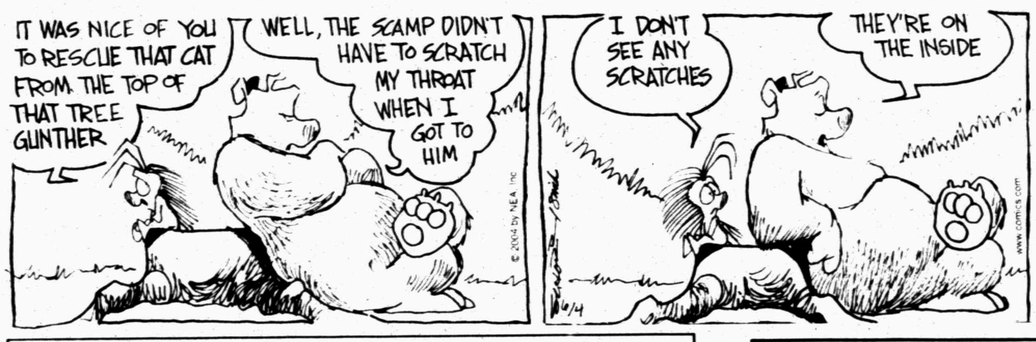
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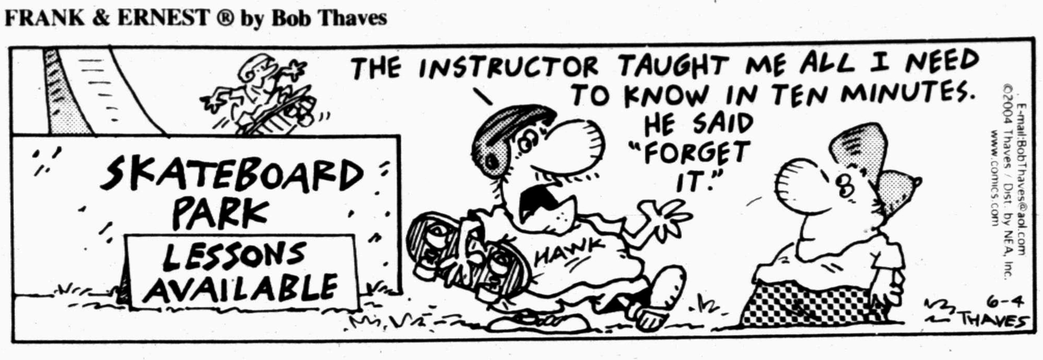
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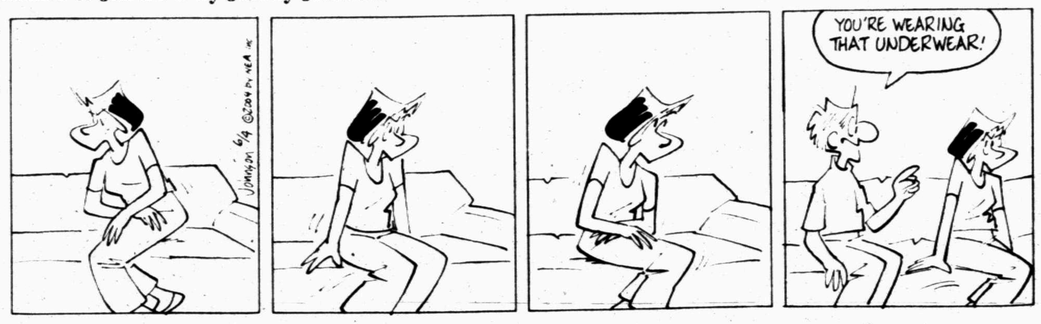
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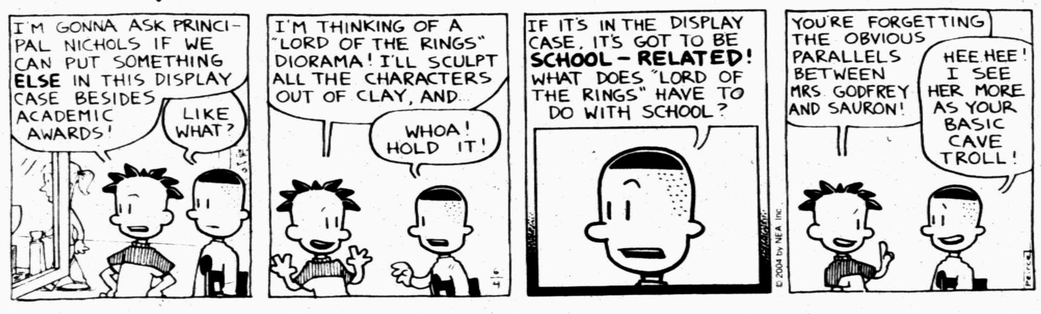
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Testaverde reunites with Parcells

IRVING (AP) — Vinny Testaverde wants another chance at age 40 to be a starting quarterback. His former coach is giving it to him.

Testaverde and Bill Parcells were reunited Thursday when the quarterback signed a one-year, $1 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

"The fire still burns within for me to be out on the field still playing. All I want is an opportunity," Testaverde said. "The opportunity to compete to be a starter excites me. I didn't have that opportunity in New York."

The Jets released Testaverde this week, ending a six-year run for his hometown team in an expected salary-cap move. His first two seasons there were with Parcells, but Testaverde had since become Chad Pennington's backup.

Testaverde's agent, Mike Azzarelli, said the quarterback could make as much as $5 million this season, based on playing time and performance.

Testaverde will get the chance to compete for the starting job. But the Cowboys didn't just give it to him.

Parcells has said Quincy Carter, the starter for most of the past three seasons and all 16 games last year, will go into training camp as the No. 1 quarterback. But the coach has always said that the best player will start.



Vinny Testaverde

Parcells didn't take part in Thursday's announcement, but Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said that would be the approach.

"We basically have an incumbent in Quincy, but we want to be better than we've been at quarterback, and competition creates that," Jones said. "Vinny came here to play. He came here to compete as a starter and he knows Bill well. He's knows that he's going to be given that kind of opportunity."

Testaverde will take part in the team's minicamp that begins Saturday. Besides pushing Carter, the Cowboys want him to be a mentor to Drew Henson, who quit professional baseball and returned to football this spring.

In 1998, Testaverde made the Pro Bowl and guided the Jets to the AFC title game in Parcells' first season. But Testaverde tore his Achilles' tendon in the first game of 1999, Parcells' last as a coach until taking over the Cowboys last season.

Testaverde said he didn't know the specifics of how he would be given a chance to compete for the starting job. That didn't concern him after talking to Parcells.

"I'm not too worried about how that's going to get done," he said. "Obviously, we have a relationship and I trust his word. I know he's going to play the guy that gives him the best chance to win."

The Heisman Trophy winner was the No. 1 overall pick by Tampa Bay in 1987. He stayed with the Buccaneers through 1992, then spent three seasons in Cleveland and two in Baltimore before going to New York in 1998.

The Jets' move had been expected since February, when Testaverde said he wouldn't take part in the team's offseason program and was considering retirement after 17 seasons.

Testaverde started just 11 games the past two seasons, losing the starting job to Pennington early in 2002. Testaverde went 2-5 as a starter last season after Pennington broke his wrist and, despite the losing record, became the ninth quarterback in NFL history to pass for more than 40,000 yards.

The Cowboys now have five quarterbacks, and Jones wouldn't say how or when that number would be cut down.

Chad Hutchinson, another former pro baseball player and the starter the second half of 2002, played this spring in NFL Europe. Tony Romo spent all of his rookie season on the roster without playing a down.

"Five quarterbacks are more than you can work with, so we'll have to look at that," Jones said. 'We will address that in the future."

Wharton, Lindale in 3A finals

AUSTIN (AP) — Staci Paul doubled in three runs in the top of the eighth inning to lead Wharton to a 4-1 win over Caldwell in UIL Class 3A semifinal action Thursday night. The team will play Region II champion Lindale for the state crown at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Lindale beat Region I champ Monahans, 4-2, this morning in the other semifinal game.

Casey Matzke threw a four-hit complete game and drove in the first run of the game with a sixth inning ground out for Wharton (25-7).

After Caldwell (29-3) tied the game in the bottom of the seventh, Wharton loaded the bases in the top of the eighth on a single by Hayley Miller and two Caldwell errors.

Paul delivered a rocket past the Caldwell second baseman into right field to clear the bases.

Matzke and Caldwell's Brandi Crnkovic dueled scoreless through five innings before Jami Lobpries led off the Wharton sixth inning with a drive down the left field line that rolled to the wall. Lobpries raced around for a standup triple.

Sports Briefs

Region I finals at Moffett

The Class 3A Region I championship series between Perryton and District 5 champ Graham is set for Moffett Field beginning with game one at 7:30 tonight. Game two will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday, with a third game, if necessary, slated for 30 minutes after the conclusion of game two.

API scholarship golf tournament

The annual API scholarship golf tournament will be held Saturday at Scurry County golf course. Format is four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50. Cost is $300 per team with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The first 24 paid teams will be accepted. For more information call Randy Glasscock at 575-6709.

Tiger moms

The Tiger football moms will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Moms of all Tiger athletes are invited.

Strength and conditioning camp

SHS football coaches will host a strength and conditioning camp beginning Monday at the field house. The camp is free and is open to all SHS students, and will run from Monday through Thursday for each of the next two weeks.

Sophomores through seniors will lift from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and freshmen will work from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Junior golf camp

SHS coaches Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox will host a junior golf camp June 15-18 at Sammy Baugh golf course at WTC.

Seven through 11-year-olds will receive instruction from 1-3 p.m. and 12 to 19-year-olds will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost is $75 and $50 for siblings and clubs will be available. Space is limited, so campers will be taken in order of registration. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information or to sign up.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Contact coach Rogers or coach Martinez at 574-6039 for more information.

Snyder doubles tournament

The Snyder tennis booster club will host a doubles tournament July 3. Events include open men's, women's and mixed doubles. Entry fee is $5 per person per event, and players may enter two events. To enter contact SHS tennis coach Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Smarty Jones becoming American icon

NEW YORK (AP) — Suddenly, Smarty Jones is being mentioned in the same breath as Secretariat and Seabiscuit.

Though they have little in common as far as on-track performance, all three have managed to do one thing the same way:

Arrive on the scene as delicious diversions just when America was desperate for good news to offset bad times.

Smarty Jones comes along amid turmoil in Iraq and as the nation sorts through the lingering effects of Sept. 11.

Secretariat took our minds off the Vietnam War, if only briefly, and the Watergate political scandal that brought down President Nixon.

Seabiscuit offered a bit of magic amid the heartbreak of the Depression.

Smarty Jones already has captured America's fancy with victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. One more win — in Saturday's Belmont Stakes — and he will forever be hailed as the smallish red chestnut who ended the longest drought between Triple Crown winners, 26 years.

The last longest stretch without a Triple winner was 25 years, and that ended when Big Red, as Secretariat was known, won the Belmont by an astonishing 31 lengths.

That was 31 years ago.

Like Secretariat, Smarty has graced the covers of national magazines. So far, he has won all eight of his races. One more and he will join Seattle Slew as the only undefeated Triple Crown champions.

One more and Smarty's horsey mien will be plastered in more places than Brad Pitt's face.

Smarty's trainer, John Servis, said his brilliant pupil is "giving everybody something to grasp onto."

"With everything in Iraq and Afghanistan and everything else going on, it's a bright light in the midst of a lot of dark stories," he said.

And so it was with Secretariat and Seabiscuit. By capturing the hearts of a nation at a time when folks hoped for something — anything — to cheer about, these champions provided a welcome respite.

"I am absolutely convinced that there's a relationship between the popularity of a horse and the period in which he comes along," said William Nack, author of "Secretariat: The Making of a Champion."

In 1973, Secretariat swept the Triple Crown with record times (the Preakness mark wasn't recorded due to a timing malfunction), while the Vietnam War was going badly and the Watergate hearings were under way.

"People would grimace at the front page and turn immediately to the sports section," Nack recalled. "The horse absolutely consumed this country for six weeks."

Seabiscuit never ran in a Triple Crown race, but his popularity was unmatched from 1936-40. He was most famous for winning a highly touted match race against Triple Crown winner War Admiral in 1938 at Pimlico.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	30	24	.556	—
Philadelphia	27	25	.519	2
Atlanta	27	26	.509	2½
New York	27	26	.509	2½
Montreal	17	35	.327	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	32	21	.604	—
St. Louis	30	23	.566	2
Houston	29	23	.558	2½
Chicago	27	25	.519	4½
Milwaukee	26	25	.510	5
Pittsburgh	23	27	.460	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	28	23	.549	—
San Diego	29	24	.547	—
San Francisco	26	27	.491	3
Arizona	21	33	.389	8½
Colorado	20	32	.385	8½

Thursday's Games

St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Mets 4, Florida 1
Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 4
Arizona 11, San Francisco 5

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Fogg 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Florida (Pavano 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 5-3), 6:10 p.m.
Montreal (Day 3-6) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 3-3), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Milton 6-1) at Atlanta (Smith 0-1), 6:35 p.m.
Houston (Miller 5-5) at St. Louis (Morris 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 6-2) at Colorado (Kennedy 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Santos 2-2) at San Diego (Tankersley 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 6-3) at Arizona (Fossum 0-3)

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	19	.635	—
Boston	31	22	.585	2
Baltimore	24	26	.480	8
Toronto	24	30	.444	10
Tampa Bay	20	32	.385	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	22	.569	—
Minnesota	28	25	.528	2
Detroit	24	29	.453	6
Cleveland	22	29	.431	7
Kansas City	19	32	.373	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	33	20	.623	—
Texas	29	22	.569	3
Oakland	29	23	.558	3
Seattle	19	33	.365	13

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 2
Kansas City 9, Detroit 6
Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 2
Anaheim 5, Cleveland 2
Oakland 2, Toronto 1, 11 innings

Today's Games

Texas (Rogers 8-2) at N.Y. Yankees (K.Brown 6-1), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (V.Zambrano 5-4) at Baltimore (Bedard 1-2), 6:35 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 4-3) at Minnesota (Lohse 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 4-3) at Kansas City (Gobble 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-2) at Seattle (Garcia 3-3), 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Ja.Davis 1-3) at Anaheim (Sele 4-0), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Towers 0-1) at Oakland (Harden 2-3), 9:05 p.m.

Umpire sent to prison in memorabilia scam

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A former Major League Baseball umpire was sentenced Thursday to four months in prison for his part in selling baseballs that he and a memorabilia dealer falsely claimed were used in historic games.

Those included the games where Cal Ripken Jr. tied and broke Lou Gehrig's record for playing in the most consecutive games.

Authorities had expected the umpire, Alan M. Clark, to avoid prison, but U.S. District Judge John W. Bissell said Clark held a position of trust and used it to commit fraud.

"This could not have happened without Mr. Clark," Bissell said. "He was the source of authenticity that allowed this to happen."

Clark, 56, an American League umpire from 1976 to 2001, also was ordered to repay $40,000, including $7,920 to a Texas man who paid that amount for one of the bogus balls.

Clark and co-defendant Richard Graessle Jr. admitted selling balls that they claimed had been used in other historic games, including Dwight Gooden's 1996 no-hitter for the New York Yankees; the sudden-death playoff between the Yankees and Boston Red Sox in October 1978; and Nolan Ryan's 300th career victory in 1990.

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Inquires concerning this change or any other cable-related issue can be made at Cox Communications, 2211 Ave. R, Snyder, TX 79549, or by phone at 325-573-3536.

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Beginning on July 7, 2004, Cox Communications will be updating their Music Choice channel lineup. Dropped from the lineup will be Americana. Two new channels added to the lineup will be R&B Hits, and '90's. The For Kids Only Channel will change its name and its format to Radio Disney. The following channels will be renamed to more accurately reflect their content: Progressive/Adult Alternative will be changed to Adult Alternative; New Wave will be renamed Retro-Active; Alternative Rock will change to Alternative; Power Rock will be renamed Arena Rock; Musica Latina will change to Musica Urbana; and Latin Love Songs will be renamed Pop Latino.
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Employment

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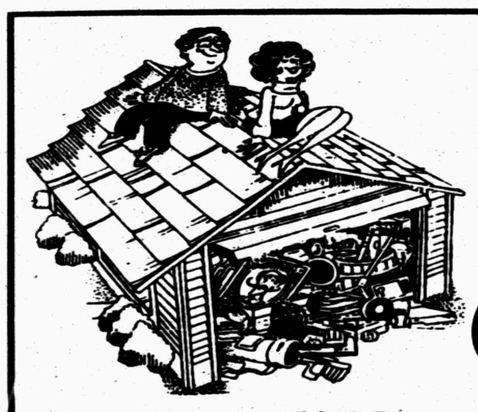
Garage Sales

4-FAMILY BACKYARD SALE 311 36th St. Saturday 8a.m. – Noon Clothes - baby to adult, Toddler bed, Crib bedding, Books, Movies, Lots of misc.

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GARAGE SALE 205 37th St. Saturday 8a.m. – ?? Dining table w/large hutch, Bunk beds, Some home interior, Lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE 2209 40th St. Saturday Only 8a.m. –?? Misc. items, Fishing equipment & lots more!

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GARAGE SALE 3615 41st St. Saturday 8:30a.m. – Noon Furniture, Futon cushion, Tools, & lots of goodies!

GARAGE SALE 4016 Eastridge Saturday 8a.m. – ?? Furniture, Clothing, Toys, & lots more!

GARAGE SALE 4021 Irving Saturday 8a.m. – Noon Dryer, Nordic Track, TV, Furniture & lots more!

GARAGE SALE 4500 Denison Saturday 8a.m. – ?? Sliding glass door, Kitchen sink, Clothes & lots of misc.

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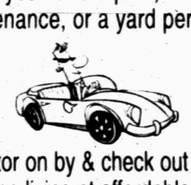
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CR 4105 - Hermleigh - 5 acres, mobile home, water well, shop $16T
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487 Alamo Dr. 3-2-2cp w/5 acres $99,750
3000 Beaumont 3-2-2.....$84.5T
4120 Kerrville 3-2-2.....$84.5T
Mobile 4-3-2 LA's, 4 A's....Reduced $81.5T
2702 34th Newly updated 3-2-2.....$70's
1749 Keller Ave. 3 bdrm, 1½ bath, 2 car garage, barn + 15 A's Red $79.9T
Hermleigh 3-2-2, acreage $78.5T
2217 40th 2-2-1, 2 living areas $62.5T
3200 Ave. D 3-2-2.....$49,100
1601 Hilltop Contract Pending $45T
2212 28th 2-2-2LA's-2.....$44.5T
2317 42nd 3-1 SOLD $37.5T
3726 Ave. U 3-1-1cp.....$29.5T
West 180 3-1-2 .....$31.5T
212 36th 3-1-1.....$28T
217 36th Place 2-1-1.....$28T
707 27th 2-1 .....$25T
1381 N. Ave. P 2-1, 4 lots $22.5T
Lamesa Hwy - Office, shop, small A's Call
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Court grants stay of execution

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An appeals court has blocked the scheduled execution of a convicted killer under the federal death penalty law, which has been rarely used since its restoration in 2001, the inmate's attorney said Thursday.

David Paul Hammer, convicted of killing a cellmate in a Pennsylvania penitentiary, was scheduled to be executed by injection Tuesday at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

But with the federal appeals court in Philadelphia issuing a stay, Hammer will challenge the death sentence in a trial court in Williamsport, Pa., his attorney said.

Only three federal prisoners, including Timothy McVeigh for the Oklahoma City bombing, have been executed since the restoration of the federal death penalty in 2001 after a 38-year suspension.

Hammer, 45, has vacillated over whether to fight execution, telling a U.S. district judge in January that he did not want to appeal. The judge agreed, allowing him to waive any appeals. Hammer later changed his mind.

In April, defense lawyer David A. Ruhnke argued before a three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that Hammer was being put to death only because the lower court judge happened to hear from him on a day he wanted to die.

Department of Justice lawyers said Hammer has been manipulating the system with frequent flip-flops. They wanted the appeals court to abide by his January declaration.

Hammer pleaded guilty in 1998 to the 1996 slaying of cellmate Andrew Marti at the Allenwood Federal Penitentiary outside Williamsport, and a jury sentenced him to death.

Hammer, a native of Oklahoma, was serving a sentence for escaping from an Oklahoma state prison in the early 1980s. He had 1,223 years remaining on a sentence in that state for crimes including kidnapping and attempted murder.

Ruhnke has said Hammer's confession on the day of the crime does not fit with the autopsy findings, and has suggested that Marti's strangulation death could have occurred accidentally during sex play.

Hammer, in his confession, said he killed Marti because Marti had shown him disrespect.

Hammer served time with McVeigh on death row at the Terre Haute prison before McVeigh's execution in 2001.

Attorneys for Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols had hoped to call Hammer as a defense witness at Nichols current trial in McAlester, Okla., because of Hammer's claims that McVeigh had told him the names of others allegedly involved in the plot.

The judge in Nichols' trial, however, restricted defense testimony on such conspiracy allegations.

The state jury convicted Nichols of 161 counts of first-degree murder on May 26. That case now is in the sentencing phase in which the jury must decide whether Nichols deserves the death penalty.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, June 5, 2004

Dare to be a dreamer in the year ahead, because dreams can become desires, desires can become ambitions and ambitions can become realities. The bigger your goals and the more optimistic you are, the larger the rewards will be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A positive imagination can produce remarkable results for you today. Regardless of the odds or circumstances, envision a successful outcome and proceed as if it is a fait accompli.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — What makes a joint venture in which you get involved today so promising is that the person you team up with will be totally in harmony with your thinking. It's someone you know well and like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Do not discount anyone else's suggestions for what to do today, even if at first blush it appears to be more of a charitable undertaking than a fun activity. It may be a heart-warming experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Set the example today by engaging in an objective that might benefit others more than you. When friends see what you're doing, they'll step forward and be carried along on your coattails.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Someone you meet socially today may inspire you to think differently about others in ways you'd never thought of. It will not only make you more popular, but more at peace with yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Chances are you'll be looking at things with greater understanding today and, as such, you'll be more easygoing about happenings that take place around you at this point in time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — What makes for a perfect day for you is to beautifully balance your life with just the right amount of attention to your work with plenty of time left for fun and games with your pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll mix and move about easily with others today, yet you won't waste precious time on small, unproductive chitchat. Keeping the right perspective on things sets the tone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — To begin with, you are a person with a great flair for the dramatics. Today, this trait will be much in evidence and you will use it to the fullest to make life happier for you and your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — By nature, you know better than most that one's ship can come in over calm waters, and today you won't let anybody or anything cause tidal waves that would close the docks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be called upon today to do something for others that will hold no direct benefit to you, except the satisfaction of a job well done. Your payoff will come in other ways.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Doing something using the same, successful method of another will work equally as well for you today. The author will feel flattered that you replicated his or her style.

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Indiana boy wins National Spelling Bee

WASHINGTON (AP) — David Tidmarsh has watched "Spellbound," the documentary about the National Spelling Bee, at least 10 times. This year, just as the movie's tagline says, he got the last word.

It was "autochthonous," meaning "indigenous," the word David spelled to win the 77th Scripps bee on Thursday, outdueling 264 rivals, including the second-place finalist who returned from a scary collapse on stage. David had come prepared — the word was on a practice list of about 10,000 he had compiled, and he had also studied a dictionary for months.

Asked by a television reporter whether his win had as good an ending as Hollywood could come up with, David, 14, said, "Even better."

David, a public school eighth-grader from South Bend, Ind., covered his face when he won, overwhelmed. Moments earlier, he had hidden himself behind his placard, then lowered it to show tears in his eyes, after nailing "gaminerie" to make the 15th and final round. The word means "wisecracking spirit."

He won the top-prize package of $12,000 and an engraved cup from the bee, plus another $5,000, encyclopedias, a $1,000 savings bond and a reference library from other sponsors. David attends Edison Intermediate Center in South Bend.

His path to victory went through words such as "arete," "sophrosyne," "sumpsimus" and "serpiginous."

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By Phillip Alder



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West
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♥ K Q 2
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q 3

East
♠ 8 6
♥ J 9 8 7 6 3
♦ 5 3
♣ 9 7 2

South
♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A 10
♦ K J 9 8
♣ 10 8 4

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Friday June 4, 2004

Thinking sometimes works well

By Phillip Alder

First, look only at the West hand. In first position, you open one spade. Lefty overcalls two clubs, your partner passes, and righty jumps to three no-trump. What would be your opening lead? Why?

The deal occurred during the Mixed Pairs Championship at the Spring Nationals in Reno, Nev.

Many players had a low spade onto the table without further ado, letting the declarers win 12 tricks. However, before doing that, Dr. George Rosenkranz, Mexico's top player for years, stopped to work out how many points partner rated to have. Here, assuming the bidding was normal, the opponents had a combined 25-28 points. That left 0-3 for East. Even if she had the spade king or diamond king, that probably would not be enough to defeat three no-trump, because declarer would have time to run for home.

Rosenkranz wondered about East's holding a less powerful but more useful card — the heart jack. If partner had jack-fifth or jack-sixth of hearts and declarer only ace-doubleton, maybe West could get in with the diamond ace before it was too late, then run the hearts. So, Dr. Rosenkranz led the heart king.

South could have taken his nine top tricks, but that would have resulted in a poor board. Hoping to salvage something from the wreckage, declarer won with his heart ace and tried to sneak through a diamond. But West, who had seen his partner's encouraging signal at trick one, zoomed in with the diamond ace, cashed the heart queen, and led a third heart. Two down gave East-West a complete top.

Picture the hidden hands before leading.

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MOVIES

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U.S. troops battle Shiite militants

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — American and Shiite militia forces agreed to withdraw from the holy cities of Najaf and Kufa and turn over security to Iraqi police, the governor of Najaf province said today.

The withdrawal was scheduled for later in the day, said Gov. Adnan al-Zurufi. His announcement came one day after aides to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr said they would begin removing their fighters from the cities, although there was no sign of any such movement by late afternoon.

Al-Sadr criticized the new Iraqi government and said he would accept "nothing less" than an elected leadership in Iraq.

Also today, unknown gunmen attacked a U.S. Army patrol on Palestine Street in Baghdad near the Shiite district of Sadr City, and the 1st Cavalry Division said four soldiers were wounded. It was unclear whether the attackers were al-Sadr's forces or Sunni Muslim insurgents.

A roadside bomb hit a civilian car on the highway north to Mosul in Tareimiya, 18 miles north of Baghdad. After the blast, unknown assailants approached the car and opened fire on the men inside.

Five men were killed in the attack, according to an Iraqi security officer, speaking on condition of anonymity. U.S. Army and Iraqi security forces were investigating the incident, the officer said.

The potential breakthrough calls for al-Sadr's militia and the Americans to remove their forces from the two cities, which contain some of the most sacred shrines in Shia Islam, al-Zurufi said. The Iraqi police will assume full responsibility for security in the two cities today evening.

"All fighting forces, the coalition forces and the al-Mahdi Army militia, should leave the two holy cities and not allow any of their elements to enter again," al-Zurufi said.

Tobacco...

GOP: White House open to paying farmers not to plant

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to a political outcry this election year, the Bush administration is reversing course and signaling support for a plan to pay farmers to stop growing tobacco.

The administration's position marks a switch from just a month ago, when President Bush said on the campaign trail in Ohio that he didn't think the system under which farmers grow and sell tobacco needed to be changed.

"He got a lot of heat," Kentucky Farm Bureau President Sam Moore said of Bush. "We were very disappointed that he made that statement."

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., quickly reminded voters that he supported a tobacco farmer buyout when it was briefly considered in 1998.

Thursday night, Kerry campaign spokesman Anthony Coley said: "The White House has stood in the way of a tobacco buyout for years and is continuing to do so. Farmers and their families need a president who will fight for them, not someone who likes to play election-year games and fails to do the work needed to make a buyout a reality."

Rep. Richard Burr, R-N.C., said in an interview that administration officials recently "communicated very clearly" a willingness to consider signing a tobacco buyout bill if it satisfies several conditions.

Burr, who is locked in a competitive race for the Senate, said the White House wanted a requirement that the buyout mark the end of the program and wanted the cost limited and offset so the plan does not worsen federal deficits.

The administration, Burr said, does not want the measure to give the Food and Drug Administration the power to regulate the tobacco industry. Competing bills in the House as well as the Senate make the buyout and FDA regulation conditional on each other.

Several other House Republicans, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also said the White House has made it clear it is willing to consider the legislation as long as its conditions are met

State GOP platform committee wants performing same-sex marriages a felony

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas Republican Party platform committee wants to add a provision in the document urging that it be made a felony for a government official to perform a same-sex wedding or issue a same-sex marriage license.

Proposed changes to the state platform will be debated by the full convention later this week.

The current platform opposes same-sex marriage, but the committee adopted a change that says officials who perform same-sex weddings should go to prison.

Log Cabin Republicans, a state and national organization of Republicans who support gay rights, opposes the penalties.

TAKING TO AIRWAVES

Log Cabin Republicans is airing a new Texas television advertising campaign to express its views supporting equality for gays and lesbians.

The advertisement aims to prevent discrimination from being written into the U.S. Constitution, the group said, announcing its ad as the Republican Party of Texas began its state convention in San Antonio.

RACE FOR THE CHAIR

Texas Republican Party chair Tina Benkiser of Houston and her rival for the job, Gina Parker of Waco, both addressed the state convention Thursday and urged delegates to support them. The election of the next chairman takes place today.

Scores of Parker's supporters fanned out around the convention meeting sites wearing "Parker's Posse" T-shirts and handing out campaign stickers.

"My boots are made for walking all over Democrats and for re-electing President George W. Bush," Parker told convention-goers.

Benkiser, who took over as leader of the state party last November when the previous chairman resigned, said she deserves election to a full two-year term because of her past party service and her vision for the party's growth. She called herself "a battle-tested warrior."

CONVENTION TITLES

State Sen. Jane Nelson, a Republican from Lewisville, has been tapped for the honorary role of "convention chairman."

Texas Republican Party chair Tina Benkiser also announced that David Dena of Fort Worth would serve as convention secretary and Derrill Swick of San Antonio would be sergeant-at-arms.

Three arrests reported here

• ***Arrests***

Police responded to a call from a child reporting a domestic disturbance in the 1400 block of 36th Street. Arrested at 2:28 p.m. Thursday for public intoxication was a 32-year-old male.

• DPS officers arrested a 33-year-old female on charges of failure to appear and Class C assault at 8:03 p.m. Thursday on U.S. 208.

A 47-year-old male was arrested at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop at 12:25 a.m. Friday on charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

• ***Assault***

An assault was reported in the 1300 block of Ave. T at 1:06 p.m. Thursday.

Police responded to the 2800 block of Ave. Y at 12:41 a.m. today and found two males that reportedly had been assaulted. They did not want to file a report.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Police responded to a call of a juvenile throwing water balloons at a vehicle in the 2200 block of 41st Street at 4:55 p.m. Thursday.

A report of damage to a garage door was made at 6:09 p.m. Thursday in the 2900 block of Gary Brewer Road.

• ***Motorist Assists***

Officers assisted five motorists during the last 24 hours.

Obituaries

Weldon Foreman

1931-2004

KERRVILLE — Weldon Levaughn Foreman, a former Snyder resident, died Thursday, June 3, at his home in Kerrville.

Funeral service for Mr. Foreman, 73, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. John Petty officiating. Interment will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Crews Cemetery in Runnels County. The Rev. Ferris Akins will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Kerrville Funeral Home.



Mr. Foreman

Born May 2, 1931 in Gustine, he married LaVonda Jenkins on Sept. 15, 1950 in Crews and served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1952-54.

Mr. Foreman was an employee of Chevron for 36 years and served as plant manager from 1989-1992.

He retired in 1992 and the family moved to Kerrville. A member of the Trinity Baptist Church, he was a volunteer Church Builder and a member of the Air Streamers RV Club.

Survivors include his wife, LaVonda Foreman of Kerrville; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenny and Dian Foreman of Elk City, Okla.; a brother, Bobby Wayne Foreman of Arlington; four sisters, Dean Tate of San Angelo, Ilene Canion of Haltom City, Joyce Yoes of Shelbyville, Tenn., and Twila Nowell of Abilene; four grandchildren, Jace Foreman, Kelsey Foreman, Elise Dean, all of Nevada, Mo., and Ty Foreman of Kerrville.

J.W. Arnold

1928-2004

ANDREWS — J.W. "Bud" Arnold, the father of Dusty Burney of Snyder, died Wednesday, June 2, at his home in Andrews.

Funeral service for Mr. Arnold, 76, was set for 2 p.m. today in the McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to follow in the Andrews West Cemetery.

Born April 25, 1928 in Silver, he moved to Andrews from Silver in 1953. He married Tommie McReynolds on June 9, 1966 in Andrews.

Mr. Arnold worked as a foreman for Andrews County and operated Bud's Services. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Pallie Arnold; a brother; and six sisters.

Survivors include two other sons, Terry Arnold of Midland and Larry Walls of Farmington, N.M.; a daughter, Jessie Moore of Greenville; a sister, Alta Hendrickson of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Stanley Nelms

1952-2004

AMARILLO — Stanley Nelms Sr., the brother of three Snyder residents, died Friday, May 28.

Funeral service for Mr. Nelms, 51, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Kingdom Way Ministries. Burial will follow in the Llano Cemetery.

He married Cynthia Ray on July 29, 1991 and was a member of Kingdom Way Ministries. Mr. Nelms moved from Plainview to Amarillo in 1991 and was a supervisor for Tyson Foods for the past 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Nelms of Amarillo; four sons, Bradley Nelms of Florida, Stanley Nelms, Franklin Nelms and Curtis Nelms, all of Amarillo; a daughter, Starla Nelms of Amarillo; four sisters, Eileene Johnson of Amarillo, Doris Rivers, Patricia Anderson and Sally Mae Jackson, all of Snyder; four brothers, Johnny Nelms of Goodman, Kan., James Nelms of Amarillo, Hurbert Thompson of Lubbock and Robert Nelms of California; and one grandson.

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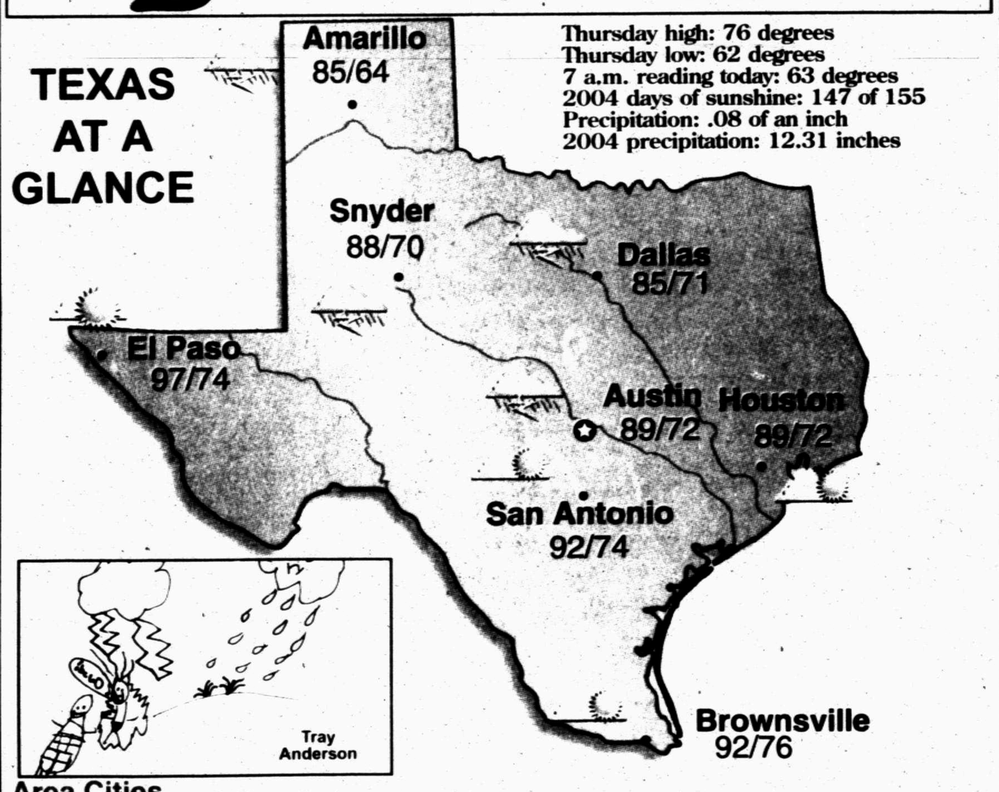
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 6/4	Sat 6/5	Sun 6/6
88/70	95/70	93/70
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High 88F.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:49 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:49 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:50 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Thursday high: 76 degrees
Thursday low: 62 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 63 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 147 of 155
Precipitation: .08 of an inch
2004 precipitation: 12.31 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	86	70	t-storm	El Paso	97	74	mst sunny	Midland	95	72	mst sunny
Amarillo	85	64	t-storm	Fort Stockton	95	70	sunny	Raymondville	93	74	pt sunny
Austin	89	72	t-storm	Gainesville	82	67	t-storm	Rosenberg	89	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	71	pt sunny	Greenville	84	68	t-storm	San Antonio	92	74	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	76	pt sunny	Houston	89	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	70	t-storm	Kingsville	92	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	89	76	pt sunny	Livingston	88	68	pt sunny	Sweetwater	88	71	t-storm
Corsicana	84	70	t-storm	Longview	85	67	cloudy	Tyler	85	68	pt sunny
Dallas	85	71	t-storm	Lubbock	90	68	t-storm	Weatherford	83	68	t-storm
Del Rio	94	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	87	69	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	83	67	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	64	cloudy	Houston	89	72	pt sunny	Phoenix	111	80	sunny
Boston	68	52	mst sunny	Los Angeles	83	65	sunny	San Francisco	78	56	windy
Chicago	69	52	mst sunny	Miami	86	78	t-storm	Seattle	76	56	pt sunny
Dallas	85	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	78	60	mst sunny	St. Louis	78	61	mst sunny
Denver	87	60	t-storm	New York	72	57	sunny	Washington, DC	77	61	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 17	Jun 25

UV Index

Fri 6/4	Sat 6/5	Sun 6/6
10	11	11
Very High	Extreme	Extreme

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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