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Football celebrities pass on accolades...

Slingin' Sammy Baugh honored at banquet

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Sammy Baugh was honored at a banquet Saturday night with a host of Texas football icons present to pay their respects to the rancher and NFL Hall of Fame quarterback at his 90th birthday party.

Western Texas College hosted the celebration, and produced a $10,000 check to the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club. Other proceeds from the event will go to help secure a matching grant to renovate the health and physical education building on the college campus.

WTC also named the campus golf course after Baugh.

The event brought out some of the most recognizable names in football history, with luminaries such as Grant Teaff, Don Maynard, Ray Guy, E.J. Holub, John David Crow, and Donny Anderson each saying a few words to the guest of honor.

Former University of Texas head coach Darrell Royal was in attendance, as was Texas Tech quarterback and Snyder graduate Sonny Cumbie.

"This was an opportunity to be around Sammy and all the things he represents," Cumbie said. "Seeing all these greats — these guys are where I'd like to be someday."

Teaff recounted playing golf with Baugh — whom Teaff recalls hitting the ball as he walked — in his turn at the podium.

"Sammy always stayed the same — humble, contrite, consistent and caring," Teaff, the executive director of the College Football Coaches Association, said. "Giving is what I think of when I think of Sammy Baugh."

Holub gave the honoree a solo rendition of "Happy Birthday to You" at the end of his remarks.

"He was such an incredible athlete he could do anything he wanted," Holub said. "He set the standard for NFL players."

Dykes praised Baugh's down-to-earth attitude as well as his athletic gifts.

"Sam was one of the most heralded football players," Dykes said. "He's also the neatest guy. What you see is what you get. He had so much to do with so many lives."

Dykes also thanked "the people of Snyder" for hosting the event.

Crow said Baugh was one of the reasons for the success of the league and the material wealth of its players.

"Thank you, Sam, for setting the pace," he said. "You helped me and my family have what we have today."

Maynard had the most emotional speech of the night, fighting back tears throughout his address.

Maynard, who was the first New York Titan, said he wanted to be where Baugh was.

"I knew he would throw the ball," Maynard remarked. "I owe it all to this man. It's great to be a part of this celebration."

Bob O'Day was credited with bringing the event together. He also gave the invocation, and took a few jabs for his tireless work in helping coordinate the event.

"I'd hate to see (O'Day's) phone bill," Crow told the audience.

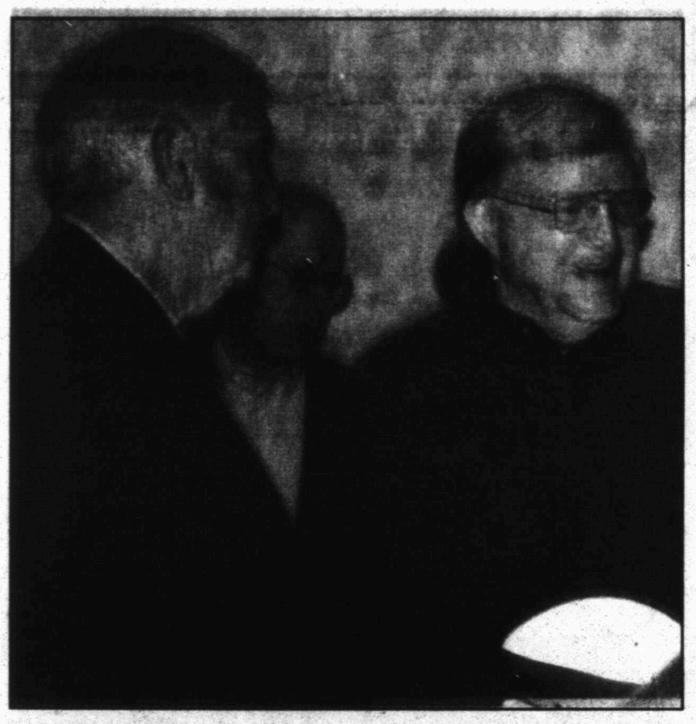
Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning gave a short message via video.

Athletic director Dave Hanes was the master of ceremonies, and WTC president Dr. Greg Williams concluded the party with words of praise for his faculty, which donned server garb and waited on tables at the coliseum.

"I'm overly impressed with our faculty, staff and administrators. They showed they are willing to do anything to help the college and the community," Williams said. "I appreciate Sammy offering his name and presence and giving the credibility to bring in the people we did."



SIGN HERE—Sammy Baugh was honored with a 90th birthday celebration Saturday in Snyder and was kept busy autographing sports momentoes for those in attendance. Among those here honoring Baugh were former University of Texas coach Darrell Royal and Texas A&M Heisman Trophy winner John David Crow. (SDN Staff Photos by Bobby Allen)



TOP COACHES — Former Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes, left, and Snyder native and former Baylor University football coach, Grant Teaff, attended the Sammy Baugh birthday party Saturday. Shown with the two coaches is Gerald Corkran of WTC. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

White House hitting back at former counterterrorism aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is disputing assertions by President Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator that the administration failed to recognize the risk of an attack by al-Qaida in the months leading up to Sept. 11, 2001.

National security deputies worked diligently between March and September 2001 to develop a strategy to attack the terror network, one that was completed and ready for Bush's approval a week before the suicide airliner hijackings, the White House said in a statement Sunday.

It said the president told national security adviser Condoleezza Rice early in his administration he was "'tired of swatting flies' and wanted to go on the offense against al-Qaida, rather than simply waiting to respond."

The point-by-point rebuttal confronts claims by Richard A. Clarke in a new book, "Against All Enemies," that is scathingly critical of administration actions.

Clarke wrote that Rice appeared never to have heard of al-Qaida until she was warned early in 2001 about the terrorist organization and that she "looked skeptical" about his warnings.

"Her facial expression gave me the impression that she had never heard the term before," Clarke said in the book, going on sale Monday.

Clarke said Rice appeared not to recognize post-Cold War security issues and effectively demoted him within the National Security Council staff. He retired last year after 30 years in government.

Rice echoed the administration's rebuttal in a guest column in Monday's Washington Post and addressed Clarke's characterization of her obliquely.

"Before Sept. 11, we closely monitored threats to our nation," she wrote. "President Bush revived the practice of meeting with the director of the CIA every day — meetings that I attended. And I personally met with (director) George Tenet regularly and frequently reviewed aspects of the counterterrorism effort."

Clarke, who is expected to testify Tuesday before a federal panel investigating the attacks, recounted his early meeting with Rice as support for his contention the administration failed to recognize the risk of an attack by al-Qaida.

He said that within one week of Bush's inauguration he "urgently" sought a meeting of senior Cabinet leaders to discuss "the imminent al-Qaida threat."

Three months later, in April 2001, Clarke met with deputy secretaries. During that meeting, he wrote, the Defense Department's Paul Wolfowitz told Clarke, "You give bin Laden too much credit," and he said Wolfowitz sought to steer the discussion to Iraq.

A spokesman for Wolfowitz, Charley Cooper, said Monday in a statement that the allegation that Wolfowitz dismissed the threat from al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden is false.

"He regarded al-Qaida as a major threat to U.S. security, the more so because of the state support it received from the Taliban and because of its possible links to Iraq, including Iraq's harboring of one of the 1993 World Trade Center bombers, Abdul Rahman Yasin, for nearly a decade," Cooper said.

The White House responded that the Bush administration kept Clarke as a holdover from the Clinton era because of its concerns over al-Qaida.

"He makes the charge that we were not focused enough on efforts to root out terrorism," Bush communications director Dan Bartlett said Sunday. "That's just categorically false."

Bartlett said Clarke's memo to Rice in January 2001 discussed recommendations to improve security at U.S. sites overseas, not inside the United States. "Each one of these, while important, wouldn't have impacted 9/11," he said.

Clarke harshly criticizes Bush personally in his book, saying his decision to invade Iraq generated broad anti-American sentiment among Arabs. He recounts that the president asked him directly almost immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks to find whether Iraq was involved in the suicide hijackings.

Medical helicopter crashes, kills four

PYOTE (AP) — A medical helicopter airlifting a baby suffering from respiratory distress crashed in poor weather, killing the infant, his mother, the pilot and a paramedic.

The Bell 407 helicopter, based at Odessa's Medical Center Hospital, was found early Sunday in a remote area of rural West Texas. It was headed from Big Bend Regional Hospital in Alpine to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

"At the time it was raining and lightening and thundering," said Kathleen Bartlett, a communications operator for Texas Department of Public Safety in Pecos.

The dead were identified as Medical Center Hospital CareStar pilot Mickey Price, 46, of Dumas; hospital paramedic Paul Lujan, 32, of Odessa; Ana Lillia Urias, 20, and 3-month-old Pedro Urias Modesto, both of Mexico.

Medical Center Hospital registered nurse Ronald Stephens, 35, of Midland, survived the crash and was taken to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Bicyclist injured Saturday evening

A bicyclist was injured Saturday evening at the intersection of 37th Street and Avenue M.

Jose Suarez, 53, 2900 Ave. G, was riding a bicycle on 37th Street at 5:58 when his bicycle and a 1981 van driven by Jose Rodriguez Guerrero, 37, of 2609 W. 23rd Street, collided.

Guerrero was attempting to make a turn onto 37th Street from Ave. M when the mishap occurred.

Suarez was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was treated and later released.

Guerrero was not injured.

ASK US

Q—Is the juvenile detention center in Littlefield closed down?

A—The facility has been closed since August, but has re-opened recently to house inmates from Wyoming.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Kate Owens...

...has been a resident of Snyder for 33 years. Her husband is Dudley Owens and they have two daughters, Billie Hibbitt of Snyder and Brenda Kuss of Hermleigh, two grandchildren and one great grandchild. Hobbies are sewing and painting.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Genius borrows nobly.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. today is "The Mission of the Messiah," followed by "the Church as the Kingdom of Christ."

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.

Relay for Life meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life meeting for all volunteers, team captains and participants from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at Stanfield Elementary School's Cafeteria. For more information, call 573-1031 or 1-800-227-2345.

Inhalant abuse and our children

All parents and teachers interested in learning about inhalants and possible prevention of abuse are asked to attend a 7 p.m. Tuesday meeting at Snyder Junior High School.

Free income tax help

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

What's up guidelines

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

Cocaine-addicted baby given back to mom

DALLAS (AP) — A mother who admitted using cocaine the day she gave birth has regained custody of her baby after a judge cited a law designed to prevent American Indian children against being removed from their homes.

"This case concerns me because we had a very serious removal," state District Judge John L. Sholden said before ruling Friday. "It pains me I have no other choice."

Most mothers of cocaine-addicted babies would face termination of their parental rights, but the 18-year-old Alaska native was reunited with the infant. The child had been taken by social workers six months ago, shortly after its birth in September, when they discovered the child tested positive for drugs.

The federal Indian Child Welfare Act makes it tougher to remove American Indian children from their homes even when neglect and abuse may be obvious.

Demonstrators in Crawford protest war

CRAWFORD (AP) — As locals watched from porches and flatbed pickup trucks, about 800 peace activists from across the state marched through President Bush's hometown Saturday on the anniversary of the war in Iraq.

Hoisting signs that read "Drop Bush, not bombs" and "I don't have to like Bush to love my country," protesters marched more than two miles through town, along highways and chanted.

"One, two, three, four, kick the liar out the door," was among the chants.

Presidential candidate Ralph Nader criticized the Bush administration over the war in Iraq, calling for the president's impeachment. Some at the rally feared his presence would politicize a rally intended to focus on peace.

Abbe Delozier, media coordinator for the event, said she was appalled that Nader attended.

"I feel he used this event," Delozier said. "To me, that's an insult to our men and women out there serving that he politicized this solemn day."

Demonstrators from Denton, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and other cities camped out in parks, some carrying American flags and signs, some blowing bubbles and wearing buttons.

Shannon Sharrock, a 28-year-old West Point graduate and former Army helicopter pilot whose husband serves in Iraq, said soldiers are dying fighting a war based on Bush's lies.

"He got support based on fear," she said. "The war in Iraq has nothing to do with terrorism."

Sharrock, who lives in Temple, said when the other soldiers find out the truth about the war, she believes they will want to leave the military.

"I think we're on the verge of breaking our military," she said. "I think we are going to see a mass exodus.."

During the parade, John Taylor, a 28-year-old Air Force veteran who lives in Crawford, was stuck at an intersection in his white, Ford pickup as the paraders went by chanting about peace and holding up effigies of Bush.

"If they'd leave, it would be nice," said Taylor who was so disgusted by the demonstrators that he propped his cowboy hat above his steering wheel to block his view.

"I don't want to look at them," he said.

He said he believes Bush is a good man and the United States should have invaded Iraq a long time ago.

Vietnam veteran David Collins, 54, representing Veterans for Peace, said he believes the war is illegal and reminiscent of Vietnam.

"It is, as was my war in Vietnam, a war based on lies," he said.

Collins said the soldiers will become disillusioned with the government once they realize the basis of them going was false.

As demonstrators flashed peace signs from a bus, Russell Ritchey supported Bush by blaring patriotic music from his minivan and held up four fingers.

"Four more in '04," his young son yelled from nearby.

Ritchey was competing in a chili cook-off near Crawford when he saw the demonstrators and set up a makeshift pro-Bush rally with his wife and three children.



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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 37-24-22-28-30.

Bonus Ball: 38.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: $6,774.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 13. Prize: $1,891.

Number matching four of five: 481. Prize: $109.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 438. Prize: $107.

Number matching three of five: 18,535. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,231. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 24,329. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $13,000,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 28-35-7-15-6.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $20,004.

Matching four of five: 142. Prize: $127

Matching three of five: 4,411. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 42,338. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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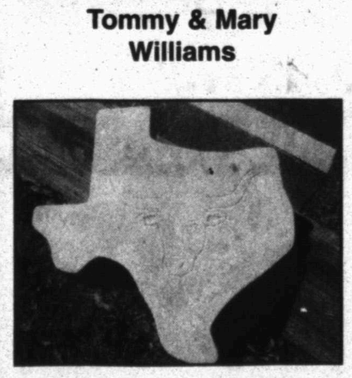
Spotlight



Tommy & Mary Williams

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PRESENT PROGRAM — Speakers at the Region XIV Service Center satellite office recently presented a program on two different grants that can help people from the sixth grade through 27 years to attend college. Standing in back from left are Louis Gonzales, WTC Upward Bound; Julia Lewis, WTC Talent Search; and Laura Marquez, WTC Upward Bound. Others pictured are Dixie Haggard, SISD director of special programs; Karen Williams, SHS transition coordinator; Mary Ann Juarez, SISD community and school liaison; Esther Clarady, West PPCD; Rebecca Johnson, SHS BCIS. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Carbon dioxide buildup said accelerating in atmosphere

MAUNA LOA OBSERVATORY, Hawaii (AP) — Carbon dioxide, the gas largely blamed for global warming, has reached record-high levels in the atmosphere after growing at an accelerated pace in the past year, say scientists monitoring the sky from this 2-mile-high station atop a Hawaiian volcano.

The reason for the faster buildup of the most important "greenhouse gas" will require further analysis, the U.S. government experts say.

"But the big picture is that CO2 is continuing to go up," said Russell Schnell, deputy director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's climate monitoring laboratory in Boulder, Colo., which operates the Mauna Loa Observatory on the island of Hawaii.

Carbon dioxide, mostly from burning of coal, gasoline and other fossil fuels, traps heat that otherwise would radiate into space. Global temperatures increased by about 1 degree Fahrenheit (0.6 degrees Celsius) during the 20th century, and international panels of scientists sponsored by world governments have concluded that most of the warming probably was due to greenhouse gases.

The climatologists forecast continued temperature rises that will disrupt the climate, cause seas to rise and lead to other unpredictable consequences — unpredictable in part because of uncertainties in computer modeling of future climate.

Before the industrial age and extensive use of fossil fuels, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere stood at about 280 parts per million, scientists have determined.

Average readings at the 11,141-foot Mauna Loa Observatory, where carbon dioxide density peaks each northern winter, hovered around 379 parts per million on Friday, compared with about 376 a year ago.

That year-to-year increase of about 3 parts per million is considerably higher than the average annual increase of 1.8 parts per million over the past decade, and markedly more accelerated than the 1-part-per-million annual increase recorded a half-century ago, when observations were first made here.

Two Borden County students win debate title for second year

Two Borden County students swept the state UIL Class A debate championships held March 16 at the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Sue Jane Mayes, a 1974 graduate of Snyder High School who now teaches at Borden County, has coached winners Billy Roper and John Wilson for the last three years.

Roper and Wilson won the same division at state UIL competition last year.

"Debate is one event that started back in August. The tournaments began in September and the boys spent numerous weekends traveling lots of miles and that was after Friday night football," said Mayes.

Roper and Wilson won four rounds of debate on Monday to advance to the elimination rounds on Tuesday. The pair went undefeated throughout the competition against a total of 54 teams.

"They qualified to attend the state finals in March and they were ready," said Mayes. "They were really being noticed because they had won last year. Other teams had gotten better, but the boys had worked hard to improve too, so they were very competitive. All the work paid off and we're very proud that they've taken the title for a second time."

Billy Roper is the son of William and Juna Roper of Gail, and John Wilson is the son of Tim and Carol Wilson also of Gail.

Borden County's other debate team of Tyler Wallace and Kyle Pinkerton finished Monday's rounds with a 2-2 record.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Classmates flirting style is verging on harassment

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and a little confused. I go to a school where "flirting" involves touching. Even when the girls say stop, the boys don't.

One guy has grabbed me several times. I like him, but I'm afraid he's going to do worse things to me. Please help me. I feel weird talking about this to anyone. But I need to know what flirting really means. — **EMBARRASSED IN CAMDEN, ARK.**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Flirting is letting someone that you're interested in know it. It can be a smile, a greeting, a lingering glance, or a touch on the hand, the arm or the shoulder. It does not involve grabbing or overtly sexual touching.

I'm sorry you feel uncomfortable discussing it. Someone should tell the school administration about what's happening so the difference between flirting and sexual harassment can be explained to the entire student body before things get "out of hand."

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DEAR ABBY: As the owner of a tanning salon, I feel compelled to reply to the wife who said her husband's visit to a tanning salon was a sign of cheating.

The other clues you listed were more relevant. At our salon, only about 15 percent of our customers are male. Most clients tan for the good look a tan gives, or in preparation for a beach or cruise vacation — or even just for the relaxation. — **BRETT RICH, MARYVILLE, TENN.**

DEAR BRETT: No one meant to "dis" an entire industry or imply that the fact someone visits a tanning salon is conclusive proof that he or she is cheating. When someone is cheating, the warning signs usually appear in multiples — and that is where the checklist comes in handy.

P.S. The first "warning sign" is usually a person's intuition that something is wrong. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Your list of 29 things to look for if you suspect your partner of cheating was incomplete. You forgot No. 30, the final one: "If your partner tries to hide the list from you." — **ED IN LAKELAND, FLA.**

DEAR ED: Ah, yes ... it's a truism that people who are secretive usually have a lot to hide.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement about something and would like you to settle it. When I'm home alone, he sneaks into the house and tiptoes up behind me. He has even done it while I'm in the shower, suddenly appearing out of nowhere.

When I tell him this frightens me, he says I am overly nervous. I say it's not a matter of being nervous. I was raised to be courteous and announce my presence. I think my husband's behavior is selfish, rude, and shows a lack of manners. Who is right? — **KRISTA IN JACKSONVILLE**

DEAR KRISTA: You are. His behavior is also childish and a touch sadistic.

P.S. Lock the bathroom door when you take a shower, and hang a string of little bells or chimes on the front and back doors of your house. That should solve the problem.

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Earth's atmosphere is 78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen and 1 percent argon.

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The last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence was Charles Carroll of Maryland. He died in 1832 at the age of 95.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-22-04
♠ 7 2
♥ A Q J 3
♦ Q J 10 7 6
♣ 6 5

West
♠ J 9 8 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 4 3 2
♣ A 10 8 2

East
♠ Q 10 6
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ A
♣ Q J 9 4

South
♠ A K 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ K 9 8 5
♣ K 7 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Monday, March 22, 2004

The exception that proves the rule

By Phillip Alder

Last week, I gave examples of declarer playing the second-lowest spot-card or honor-card from his hand, not the lowest. However, there are a couple of occasions when that is wrong, and I will highlight them today and tomorrow.

You are sitting South, the declarer in three no-trump. West leads his fourth-highest spade, and East puts up the queen. How would you plan the play?

Before discussing that, though, if your opponents do not signal, or watch the cards closely, or analyze, you can afford to play (almost) anything you like! Against good players, however, it is important to know when to "break" the second-lowest rule, to avoid giving away vital snippets of information.

You have six top tricks: two spades and four hearts. You can establish four more winners in diamonds. Fine, but there is a danger. If East holds the diamond ace and can shift with effect to a high club, they might take one diamond and four clubs.

You must try to persuade East to continue spades. (If West has the diamond ace, your club king is safe from attack.) The key is to win the first trick with the spade king, not the ace. Then, East, when in with the diamond ace, will almost certainly return the spade 10. He will hope his partner started with five or six spades headed by the ace-jack or ace-nine.

If you win trick one with the spade ace, though, East is much more likely to shift to the club queen. He will assume that if you had only the spade ace, you would have made a holdup play at trick one.

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World Almanac

Monday, March 22, 2004

Today is the 82nd day of 2004 and the third day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1871, Gov. William Holden of North Carolina became the first state governor removed from office due to impeachment.

In 1941, Washington State's Grand Coulee Dam began generating electricity.

In 1945, the Arab League was formed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marcel Marceau (1923-), mime, is 81; Stephen Sondheim (1930-), composer, is 74; William Shatner (1931-), actor, is 73; Orrin Hatch (1934-), U.S. senator, is 70; George Benson (1943-), jazz musician, is 61; Andrew Lloyd Webber (1948-), composer, is 56; Bob Costas (1952-), sportscaster/TV host, is 52; Reese Witherspoon (1976-), actress, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1894, the Montreal AAA defeated the Ottawa Generals 3-1 in the first Stanley Cup playoff game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I prefer neurotic people. I like to hear rumblings beneath the surface." — Stephen Sondheim

TODAY'S FACT: From 1890 to 2002, the median age at first marriage for women in the United States rose 3.3 years, to 25.3; for men, it increased by 0.8 years, to 26.9.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 754 — height, in feet, of the tallest dam in the United States — the Oroville in California.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 20) and first quarter (March 28)

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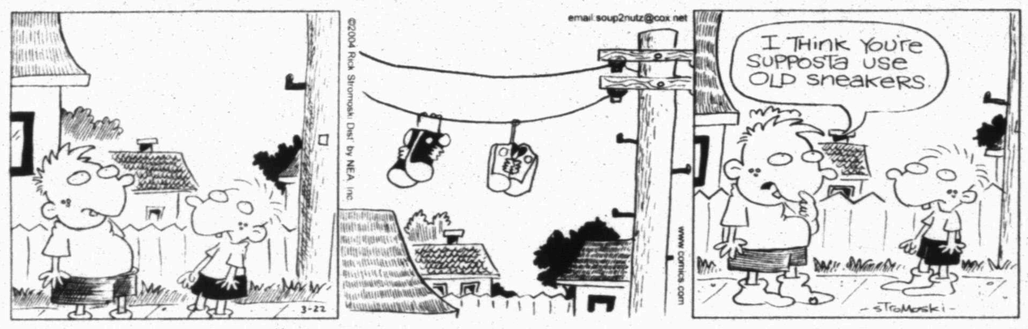
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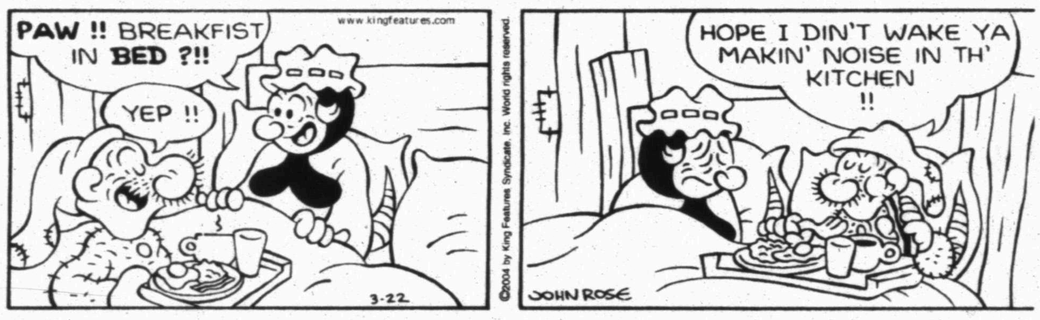
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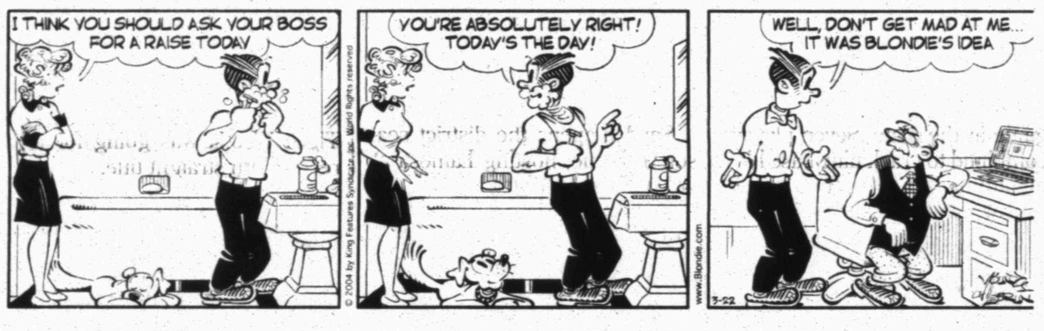
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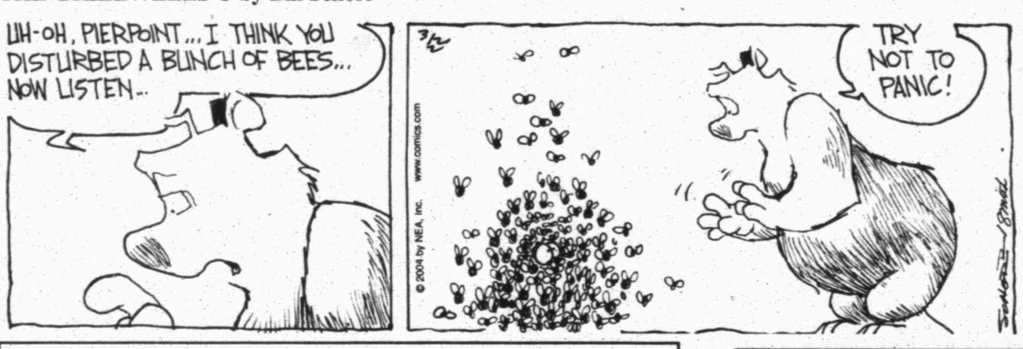
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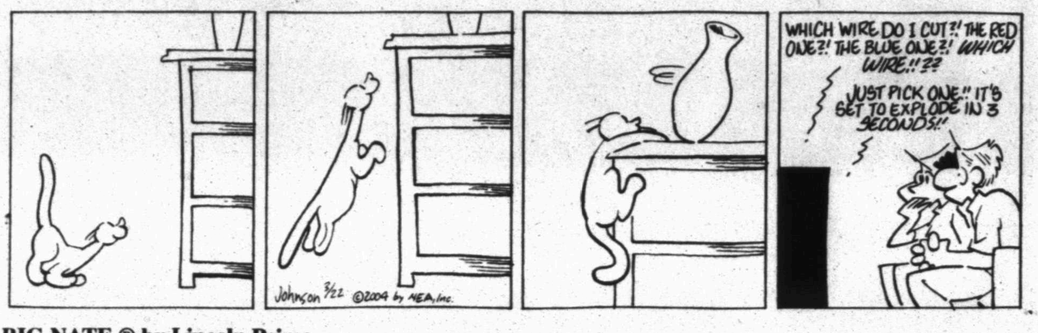
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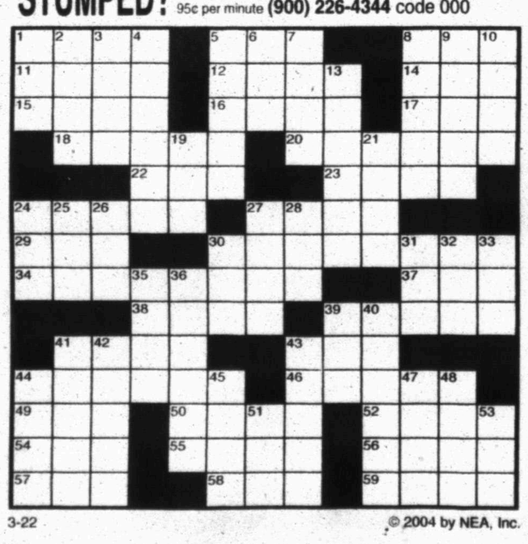
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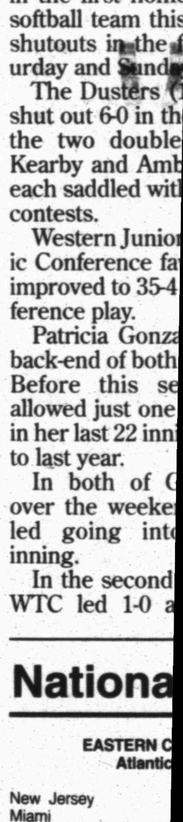
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Madness begins: Top-seed Kentucky bounced

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The NCAA tournament's top seed got sent back to its ol' Kentucky home.

Mo Finley made a 17-foot jumper with 12.2 seconds left and ninth-seeded Alabama-Birmingham stunned the Wildcats 76-75 Sunday in the second round of the St. Louis Regional.

Kentucky's Gerald Fitch missed a 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left, and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the horn.

The Blazers (22-9) advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1982 with their second big upset of Kentucky in the NCAA tournament. UAB's win came almost exactly 23 years to the day that the Blazers beat Kentucky in the second round in 1981.

For the second straight year, Kentucky (27-5) came up short in its quest for an eighth NCAA title as the tourney's favorite. The Wildcats were the second No. 1 seed to be dispatched this weekend, following Stanford, which got beat by Alabama on Saturday.

Mo Finley scored 17 points, and Donell Taylor and Gabe Kennedy had 13 apiece for the Blazers, who advanced to play fourth-seeded Kansas on Friday at Edward Jones Dome.

Gerald Fitch led Kentucky with 17 points.

Kansas 78, Pacific 63

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Wayne Simien had 18 points and 12 rebounds and Kansas overcame a slow start to beat Pacific.

Kansas (23-8), which has made two straight Final Fours, is in the round of 16 for the fourth consecutive year.

Guillaume Yango had 22 points for Pacific (25-8), which had won 16 straight games.

Georgia Tech 57, Boston College 54

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jarrett Jack scored four points in the final minute, including a key steal and dunk with less than six seconds left to lift Georgia Tech.

The third-seeded Yellow Jackets advanced to the semifinals of the St. Louis Regional to face 10th-seeded Nevada on Friday at Edward Jones Dome.

Jack finished with eight points, six rebounds and six assists. B.J. Elder led the Yellow Jackets (25-9) with 18 points.

Jared Dudley had 13 points for Boston College (24-10).

East Rutherford Regional
Oklahoma St. 70, Memphis 53

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Joey Graham scored 21 points — all but one of those coming in the first half — for Oklahoma State.

The second-seeded Cowboys (29-3) will meet third-seeded Pittsburgh on Thursday at Continental Airlines Arena.

Oklahoma State led 41-19 after a first half in which it shot 68 percent (17-for-23) and outrebounded the Tigers (22-8) 17-6. Antonio Burks and led Memphis with 21 points.

Pittsburgh 59, Wisconsin 55

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Carl Krauser scored 16 points, and Julius Page added 12 to lead Pittsburgh (31-4).

Pittsburgh shot 36 percent to the Badgers' 35 percent, and it was anybody's game until the closing seconds when the Panthers made all the crucial plays.

Devin Harris scored 21 points for the Badgers (25-7), but none after his 3-pointer gave Wisconsin a 40-37 lead.

Atlanta Regional
Xavier 89, Mississippi St. 74

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Lionel Chalmers scored a career-high 31 points, and Dedrick Finn added 22, helping seventh-seeded Xavier upset second-seeded Mississippi State.

Xavier (25-10), which has won 15 of 16 games after a 10-9 start, advanced beyond the second round for the first time since 1990. The Musketeers will face third-seeded Texas on Friday at the Georgia Dome.

Mississippi State (26-4) shot 36 percent and lost control of the game after building a 23-13 lead. Xavier finished the half with a 21-10 run, with Chalmers scoring 12 points in that stretch.

Shane Power led Mississippi State with 16 points.

Illinois 92, Cincinnati 68

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Deron Williams hit his first seven attempts, setting the tone for a can't-miss attack, and fifth-seeded Illinois rolled past Cincinnati.

Williams matched his career high with 31 points, going 10-of-13 from the field, and Illinois (26-6) shot a season-high 63.6 percent. The Big Ten regular-season champion will play top-seeded Duke on Friday at the Georgia Dome.

Phoenix Regional
Vanderbilt 75, N. Carolina St. 73

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Matt Freije scored 31 points, and Corey Smith's three-point play with 21.2 seconds remaining lifted sixth-seeded Vanderbilt past North Carolina State.

Vanderbilt (23-9) trailed by 11 with 4:20 left, but Freije scored 11 points from there to lead the comeback.

The Commodores will play second-seeded Connecticut on Thursday at America West Arena.

Chad Campbell claims Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — For a guy who grew up with jeans and pickup trucks in the oil fields of West Texas, Chad Campbell never looked so comfortable wearing the navy blue blazer given to the winner of the Bay Hill Invitational.

"Probably one of the best-fitting jackets I've got," he said.

It fit so perfectly, in fact, that some might have suspected Campbell was measured for it long before he staged an amazing turnaround Sunday, going from a four-shot deficit to a six-shot victory over the final 11 holes.

Tournament host Arnold Palmer certainly saw it coming.

"Chad Campbell is about as strong as I've seen out here lately," Palmer said after playing the first two rounds with him, strong words considering Tiger Woods was going for a record fifth straight title.



HOME OPENER — Western Texas College softball player Shelley Fisk swings at a pitch during the first game of a four-game set with fifth-ranked Midland College. Midland swept the series over the weekend. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Midland sweeps Dusters

Fifth-ranked Midland College swept the Western Texas College Dusters over the weekend in the first home series for the softball team this year, claiming shutouts in the first games Saturday and Sunday.

The Dusters (19-18, 4-8) were shut out 6-0 in the first games of the two doubleheaders. Eryn Kearby and Amber House were each saddled with a loss in those contests.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference favorites Midland improved to 35-4 and 15-1 in conference play.

Patricia Gonzales pitched the back-end of both doubleheaders. Before this series, she had allowed just one run to Midland in her last 22 innings dating back to last year.

In both of Gonzales' starts over the weekend, the Dusters led going into the seventh inning.

In the second game Saturday, WTC led 1-0 after six, before Midland's Mailei Hilva smashed a bases-loaded triple.

The Dusters were beaten 3-2 Sunday in the series finale.

"We led going into the seventh in the second and fourth games, we just couldn't finish them off," said head coach Rodney McNeill. "We had opportunities to put them away, by driving in some runs. We're right there, we just have to figure out a way to finish. We took ourselves out of it with some small things, and if we can eliminate those we can beat them."

McNeill said it was good to finally play at home.

"The girls get tired of traveling — it wears you out," he said, adding that field was in good shape for the series.

The Dusters will travel to Odessa Wednesday, then will have six straight home dates — 12 games in all — beginning Saturday against Odessa, which has been outscored by Midland by 14 and 16 runs earlier this season.

Tigers rout Pampa in finale

The Tigers finished off the Burkburnett varsity baseball tournament on a high note Saturday, blowing out 4A Pampa, 8-0, to go 3-1 in the tourney.

Despite winning on a tiebreaker against Midwest City, Okla., Friday, the Tigers were left out of the championship game in favor of Midwest City, which did not lose a game outright.

Lubbock Cooper beat Midwest City to win the championship.

"We're not upset," head coach Charles Bollinger said. "We played the toughest competition out there and had a real good weekend."

Bollinger said the team was sound defensively throughout the tourney.

"We turned about five double plays," he said. "Our defense is looking really good."

Blake Grimmett got the start against Pampa, going five innings and allowing no runs on five hits while striking out five.

The game was halted after five because of an eight-run mercy rule in place for the tournament.

The Tigers also had a solid game at the plate. Seven players combined to crack nine base hits, including multiple hit games from Grimmett, Bradley Price and Nathan Hernandez.

Grimmett had a double and a single and two RBIs, and Price collected a pair of RBIs off two singles.

Hernandez, filling in for Grimmett at second, was 2-for-3 with a pair of singles, while Hadley Hirt, Alex Neal, Eric Martinez and Marcus Villarreal each slapped a single.

Snyder (10-2) travels to Lubbock Tuesday to take on the Cooper Pirates at 6:30 p.m. in the final tune-up before district starts Friday.

Snyder opens the district season at home, hosting Lamesa at 7:30 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Cashion team cashes in

Former National Football League referee Red Cashion and his team won the Sammy Baugh Birthday Celebrity golf tournament on Saturday with a 56.

Cashion and his team, including Lyn Watwood, Turner Watwood and Jim Erwin were three strokes ahead of Don Maynard's second place group.

Maynard, Charles Hankson, Jeff Smith and Jerry Williams fired a 59.

Cotton Davidson, Ken Lawrence, Monroe Lawrence and Bryan Anderson were third with a 60.

John David Crow teamed up with Bob O'Day, Mike O'Day and Bill Philen for a fourth-place 62.

Bobby Joe Conrad's team, including David Holt, Milton Ham and Bruce Baugh was fifth with a 63, while Dave Parks, Randy Weaver, Jay Weaver and Sonny Cumbie were sixth with a 65.

Lynn Watwood of Lakewood, Colo., was closest to the pin at 8-2 on hole one, while former WTC golfer Ken Lawrence had the longest drive at 330 yards.

WTC falls to Trinidad

After winning the first two games against Trinidad Friday, the Westerners were stunned by Trinidad Saturday, 15-3.

"It's the first time we've played five in a row, and it's tough to play five games in three days," Western Texas College head coach Billy Hefflinger said. "It was good for us, because that's the schedule we will have in the conference tournament."

Hefflinger said he wanted the team to go at least 3-5 last week, and they responded by claiming the first three-game winning streak in program history.

"It was a good week," he said. "It was the first time we've won a series, and in two days, we won as many games as we had all year. If we can stay on a high note, I think we can play well and be successful."

Tyler Trout, Shay Franks, Derek David and Casey Mund all struggled against the Trinidad lineup.

David was 2-for-4 with a double, Tanyon Reeves collected two hits and a stolen base while Josh Heiney also recorded a pair of base knocks.

The Westerners (7-23, 2-10) will host Ranger Junior College at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	41	28	.594	—
Miami	33	37	.471	8½
New York	32	38	.457	9½
Boston	31	40	.437	11
Philadelphia	28	42	.400	13½
Washington	22	47	.319	19
Orlando	19	53	.264	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	50	19	.725	—
x-Detroit	46	25	.648	5
New Orleans	36	34	.514	14½
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	16
Cleveland	31	38	.449	19
Toronto	30	39	.435	20
Atlanta	22	48	.314	28½
Chicago	20	49	.290	30

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	48	22	.686	—
San Antonio	46	24	.657	2
Dallas	44	25	.638	3½
Memphis	43	26	.623	4½
Houston	39	29	.574	8
Utah	36	34	.514	12
Denver	36	35	.507	12½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	51	19	.729	—
L.A. Lakers	47	23	.671	4
Portland	35	34	.507	15½
Seattle	32	38	.457	19
Golden State	29	40	.420	21½
L.A. Clippers	27	43	.386	24
Phoenix	23	47	.329	28

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Golden State 96, L.A. Clippers 85
Miami 101, Washington 81
Detroit 96, Cleveland 76
Minnesota 98, Denver 77
Toronto 121, New Orleans 120, OT
Sacramento 100, Houston 95
Seattle 84, Orlando 67
L.A. Lakers 104, Milwaukee 103, OT

Today's Games

Chicago at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TUESDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Lubbock Cooper, 6:30 p.m.
WTC vs. Ranger JC, 1 p.m.
SHS JV at Lubbock Cooper, 4 p.m.
Softball: SHS varsity vs. Merkel, 5 p.m.
SHS JV vs. Merkel, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball: SHS JV at Sweetwater Tournament
WTC vs. Otero JC, noon
Track: SJHS at Seminole
Rodeo: WTC at Odessa

FRIDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity vs. Lamesa, district opener, 7:30 p.m.
SHS JV at Sweetwater Tournament
WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, noon
Softball: SHS varsity at Denver City, 5 p.m.
SHS JV at Denver City, 7 p.m.
Tennis: SHS at Brownwood Tournament
Track: SHS varsity and JV at Levelland
Rodeo: WTC at Odessa

SATURDAY

Baseball: SHS JV at Sweetwater Tournament
WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, noon
Softball: WTC vs. Midland College, DH, 1 p.m.
SHS varsity at Lubbock Monterey, 1 p.m.
Tennis: SHS at Brownwood Tournament
Rodeo: WTC at Odessa

Sports Briefs

SGSA meeting

The Snyder Girls' Softball Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank.

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball program will kick off the second annual Baseball Buddies program this Saturday.

High school players will provide instruction for kids between 11 a.m. and noon free of charge at Lewis Field for the next three Saturdays.

Sorenstam claims Safeway International

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam survived hot, windy conditions in the desert to win the Safeway International in her first LPGA Tour start of the year.

Sorenstam punctuated her 49th career LPGA Tour triumph by rolling in a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-5, 508-yard 18th. She finished with a 2-under 70 for an 18-under 270 total and a four- stroke victory over Cristie Kerr (71).

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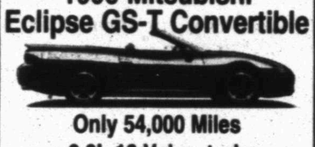
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NOTICE OF RATE REVIEW, RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that Cap Rock Energy Corporation ("Cap Rock") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective March 30, 2004, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending September 30, 2003, the increase requested over adjusted test year revenues is $10,202,700 or 14.45%. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Cap Rock.

On October 24, 2003, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed a petition to inquire into the reasonableness of the rates being charged by Cap Rock. That proceeding has been designated as Docket No. 28813. Although Staff contends that some of Cap Rock's rates are too high, the inquiry could reveal that rates for some customer classes or some service areas need to be increased. Therefore, the Staff inquiry could result in increased or decreased rates for some customers. Affected persons may intervene in this proceeding, as detailed below, to address the rates being charged by Cap Rock.

In response to the Staff inquiry, on February 24, 2004, Cap Rock filed a rate filing package and a request to increase its rates in Docket No. 28813. Additionally, Cap Rock stated that it intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service. Cap Rock intends to charge uniform system-wide rates to customers in each of Cap Rock's divisions. As a result, the McCulloch Division will no longer have separate tariffs after September 1, 2004.

The specific rates that Cap Rock proposes to charge, the proposed tariff revisions, and a copy of the rate filing package may be reviewed during normal business hours at Cap Rock's offices at (1) 500 West Wall Street, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701 (Cap Rock's Headquarters); (2) 1400 W. Business Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas 79782 (the Stanton Division); (3) 1825 South Highway 208, Colorado City, Texas 79512 (the Lone Wolf Division); (4) Highway 69 South, Celeste, Texas 75423 (the Hunt-Collin Division); and (5) 326 E. U.S. Highway 190, Brady, Texas 76825 (the McCulloch Division). Additionally, copies may be viewed at the Commission's offices in Austin, Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 and should reference the specific Docket No. involved. Docket No. 28813 will address whether Cap Rock's current rates are reasonable; whether they should be revised; and whether Cap Rock's proposed tariff changes should be approved or modified. Further information about this proceeding may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 936-7120, or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and-speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. **The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is April 9, 2004,** 45 days after the date Cap Rock's statement of intent was filed with the Commission.

Opening statements delayed in Nichols's trial

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Opening arguments in the state murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols were delayed today because of a problem with the jury.

Two of the jurors and an alternate juror are distant cousins of George Burnett, an assistant district attorney with the Oklahoma County district attorney's office. The office is prosecuting the case, but Burnett is not personally involved in the trial.

Judge Steven Taylor was considering this morning whether to dismiss the three jurors. The prosecutors office notified the judge about their jurors' relationship to Burnett after jury selection ended March 11 with the seating of 12 jurors and six alternates.

It was not immediately explained in court why the links didn't come up during jury selection or how prosecutors learned of them later.

Opening statements had been scheduled to get under way at 9 a.m. today.

The trial for Nichols, who is already serving a life sentence on federal changes, is expected to take four to six months.

Prosecutors have lined up more than 400 witnesses to testify against Nichols, who is charged in Oklahoma with 161 counts of first-degree murder.

Nichols, 48, was already convicted for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The state charges are for the other 160 victims and one victim's fetus.

Prosecutors allege that Nichols helped bomber Timothy McVeigh plan and execute the April 19, 1995, bombing. Defense attorneys claim Nichols was set up by unknown coconspirators.

Some of those directly affected by the bombing differ on whether the trial is necessary.

"The last nine years, I've just put my life on hold. Almost everything I do, it has something to do with the bombing," said Jannie Coverdale, who lost two grandsons in the blast. "If Terry Nichols does not get the death penalty, we might as well abolish the death penalty in this country."

Others oppose the trial because of its cost and the fact that Nichols is already serving life in prison. The case already has cost the state about $3.4 million, not including prosecution expenses and security costs.

"We think it's a waste of money, a waste of time. This is a black mark on our justice system," said Jim Denny, whose two children were injured in the explosion.

Bud Welch, a death penalty opponent whose daughter, 23-year-old Julie Marie Welch, was killed, said the trial "has nothing to do with the healing process."

"Family members are being victimized again," he said.

The jury was seated after nine days of questioning about whether they could be fair and impartial, and could consider sentencing Nichols to death if he is convicted.

Other penalties include life in prison without parole or life with the possibility of parole.

Nichols was at his home in Herington, Kan., the day the bomb went off. Prosecutors allege that Nichols worked with McVeigh to prepare the 4,000-pound bomb and helped McVeigh pack it inside a Ryder truck.

Prosecutors say Nichols robbed Arkansas gun dealer Roger Moore in November 1994 to help finance the bomb plot. Defense attorneys suggest the robbery was committed by members of a gang of white supremacist bank robbers who may have helped McVeigh.

Authorities say the bombing was a plot to avenge the 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas. The bombing happened on the raid's second anniversary.

McVeigh was executed in 2001.

Nichols' state trial was moved to McAlester, about 130 miles from Oklahoma City, because of pretrial publicity. A handful of survivors and victims' family members came for jury selection, and more were expected when testimony begins.

Seventeen booked into county jail over weekend

Arrests

Seventeen people were booked into the Scurry County Jail over the weekend.

Five people were taken into custody in the 3100 block of Gary Brewer Rd. at 6:57 a.m. Saturday. Deputies arrested two 19-year-old males, two 18-year-old males and one 17-year-old male for public intoxication.

At 7:56 p.m. Saturday a 34-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of 36th Place on a warrant for theft by check.

Three subjects were taken into custody on Hwy. 180 near Union at 11:51 p.m. Saturday. A 25-year-old woman was arrested for misdemeanor DWI. Additionally a 28-year-old man and a 26-year-old man were charged with public intoxication.

At 1:09 a.m. Sunday a 38-year-old man was arrested on 29th St. and Ave. E charged with misdemeanor DWI.

At 4:16 a.m. Sunday, two subjects were taken into custody in the 2900 block of Ave. J. A 19-year-old man was arrested on warrants for expired vehicle inspection sticker, expired motor vehicle registration and two counts of failure to appear. A 19-year-old woman was arrested on warrants for expired vehicle registration and failure to appear.

A 27-year-old man was booked into jail here Sunday afternoon after being arrested in Mitchell County on Scurry County warrants for two counts of public intoxication and failure to appear.

Two subjects were arrested at 28th St. and Ave. E at 10:30 p.m. Saturday. A 51-year-old man was charged with public intoxication and a 19-year-old male was charged with misdemeanor DWI.

A caller reported a possible assault at a residence in Hermleigh at 11 p.m. Sunday. Deputies arrested a 21-year-old man charging him with Class C assault, family violence.

At 11:11 p.m. Sunday a 51-year-old man was arrested on Hwy. 84 near the city limits for misdemeanor DWI and open container.

Assault

A caller at a home on Ave. Q contacted officers at 9:36 a.m. Saturday to report an assault that had occurred earlier at that location.

At 8:59 p.m. Saturday a caller reported a fight between two men in the 3000 block of Ave. L. Officers responded and one of the subjects agreed to leave the residence.

A fight was reported at the Union Community Center at 11:25 p.m. Saturday. Deputies made contact with the calling party who did have a head injury and was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A fight was reported at midnight Saturday in the 3100 block of 39th St. The caller reported eight to 10 subjects in the yard and that another subject was being dragged. Several officers responded and located an injured subject who was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

At 1:04 a.m. Sunday a fight was reported in the 100 block of College Ave. Officers arrived to find that all involved had left the scene.

A caller in the 1100 block of 26th St. reported at 2:40 a.m. Sunday that she had been assaulted by another subject and wanted to speak with an officer at the Law Enforcement Center.

Burglary

At 4:38 p.m. Saturday a caller reported to police that several storage rooms at 24th St. and Ave. L had been broken into and an undetermined number of items had been stolen. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

Officer requested

A caller at Ave. E and 25th St. requested an officer at 5:23 p.m. Saturday to serve a criminal trespass warning on a subject. An officer did make contact and served the warning.

Criminal mischief

A resident in the 2600 block of El Paso contacted police at 12:50 p.m. Saturday reporting some damage that had been done to a mailbox.

At 7:53 a.m. a resident in the 2700 block of 35th St. reported someone had thrown eggs at his company vehicle.

At 2:45 p.m. Saturday a resident in the 1900 block of 42nd reported that a glass window had been broken out in a travel trailer.

A caller reported at 10:17 p.m. Saturday that someone had thrown eggs at her residence in the 2600 block of 33rd St.

At 9:45 a.m. Sunday a resident in the 1200 block of 19th St. reported that someone had thrown eggs at her car.

A resident in the 2800 block of 47th St. reported at 5:19 p.m. that someone had thrown eggs at his pickup parked at that location.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Allsup's reported a gas drive off Saturday in the amount of $15 worth of gas.

At 11:58 a.m. Sunday a clerk at Plaza Truck Stop reported the theft of $32.73 worth of gas.

Gennifer Flowers plans appeal of lawsuit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Gennifer Flowers plans to appeal the dismissal of her lawsuit against two former advisers to Bill Clinton, saying the judge in the case did not fairly consider it.

"I may just run a little picket line outside the courthouse, because I'm not going to be treated that way," Flowers told The Times-Picayune of New Orleans.

U.S. District Judge Philip M. Pro ruled March 8, saying there was no "clear and convincing evidence" that James Carville and George Stephanopoulos acted with malice when they suggested the audiotapes Flowers used to try to prove she and Clinton had an affair had been doctored.

Her lawsuit sought unspecified punitive and compensatory damages. It was filed for her in 1999 by Judicial Watch, a conservative Washington public-interest group.

A lawyer for Carville has said the case was frivolous and politically motivated.

The dispute dates to the 1992 presidential campaign, when Flowers said she had a 12-year affair with the Arkansas governor.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Hand washing in the bathroom

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your recent column, in which you disparaged the practice of hand washing after urinating, was a severe disservice to the public. What degree do you claim to hold, you quack? Or are you just senile?

What about the presence of infectious microorganisms, formites and viruses in a hospital setting? How does a no-hand-washing policy address the fecal-oral route? Get real. The role hand washing plays in preventing the spread of infectious diseases is well-documented. I hope that your next restaurant meal is prepared and served by someone who has heeded your advice.

DEAR READER: Now, now, let's not get personal.

If you will again read my column you will discover that I was referring to urination by a healthy, normal person in a public restroom. I did not address the issue of food service personnel, healthcare workers, high-risk situations, or people with genital/urinary tract infections. For obvious reasons, in such instances, repeated hand washing (irrespective of urination) is a mandatory health practice and should be a must.

Let me again state the obvious: a normal person is not going to infect his or her environment with life-threatening microorganisms that are somehow transferred from the genital area during the act of expelling urine. Such infectious agents are simply just not present, as they are on money, doorknobs and other common sources that we touch every day. You are probably more likely to transfer these germs by shaking hands with a stranger, covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze, or biting your nails.

In short, I stand by my position and believe that it is medically sound and responsible. It makes more sense to me to wash your hands before urinating, not after. And, again, my view does not include people in high-risk situations, such as food-handling and health-care settings.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've always had high blood pressure, under treatment, for years. I happened to mention to a friend that I consume about three mugs of decaffeinated coffee a day. He replied that if I cut out the decaffeinated beverage, my blood pressure would drop. I did and it did. Why? I was always led to believe that it was caffeine that elevated blood pressure. What's in my brew that aggravated my hypertension?

DEAR READER: I don't know. The traditional thinking has been that caffeine worsens hypertension but decaffeinated beverages do not. Your response is unusual and I cannot explain it.

However, you can't argue with success. If avoiding decaffeinated drinks brought your pressure down, stay the course. There must be something in the brew that is not healthful for you.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." 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 mention the title.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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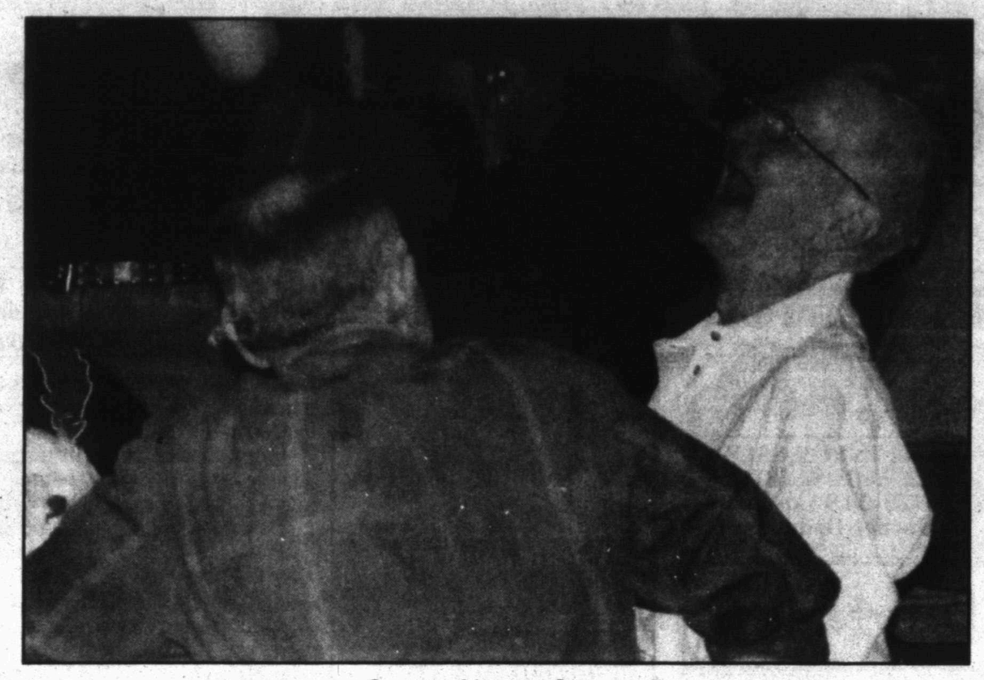
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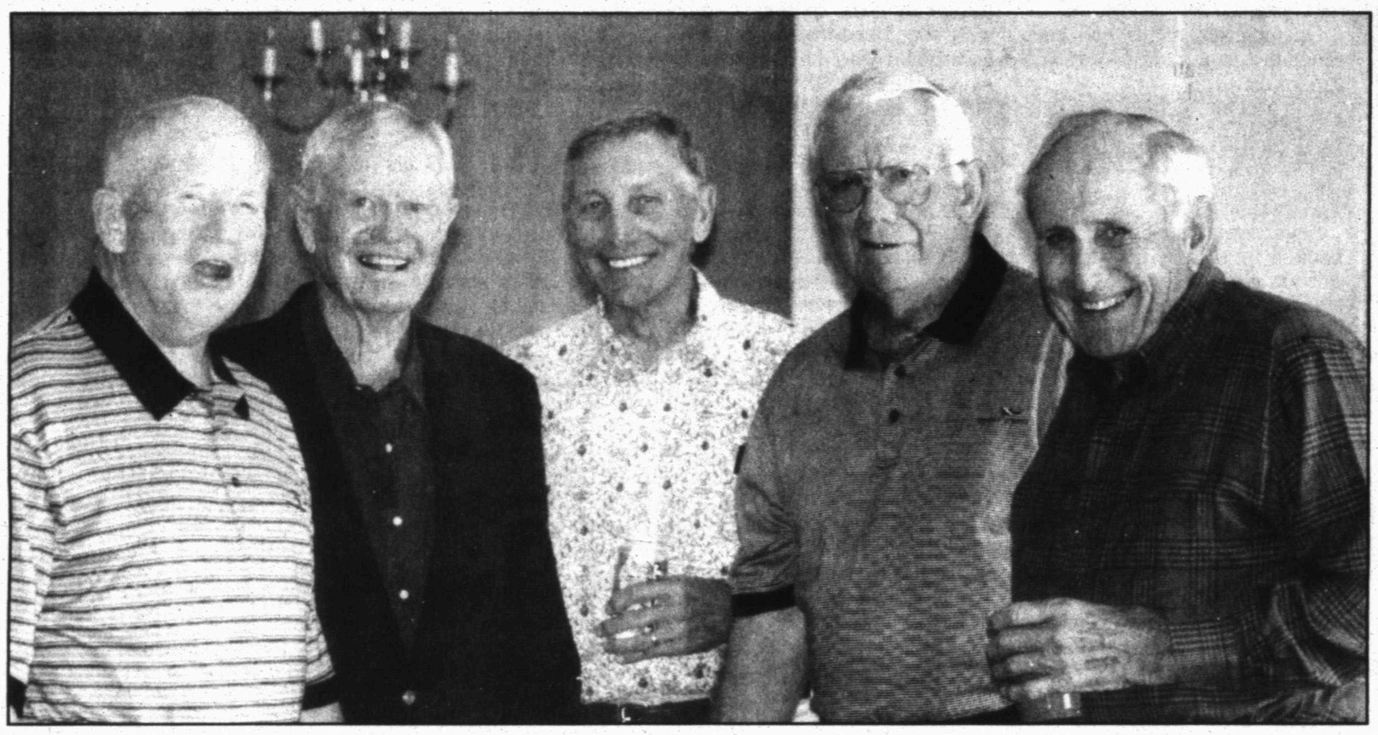
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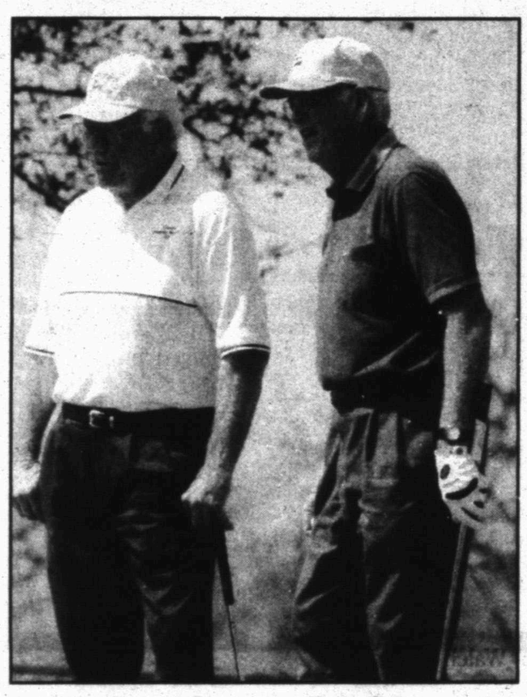
Sammy Baugh's 90th Birthday Celebration



Guest of honor Sammy Baugh enjoys a laugh

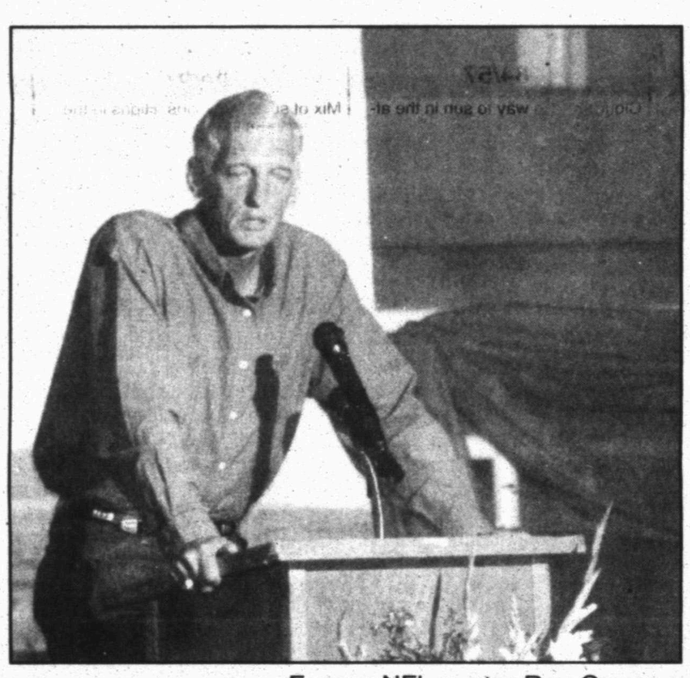


From left, Red Cashion, Darrell Royal, Bobby Joe Conrad, John David Crow, & Cotton Davidson



John David Crow and Bob O'Day at the celebrity golf tournament

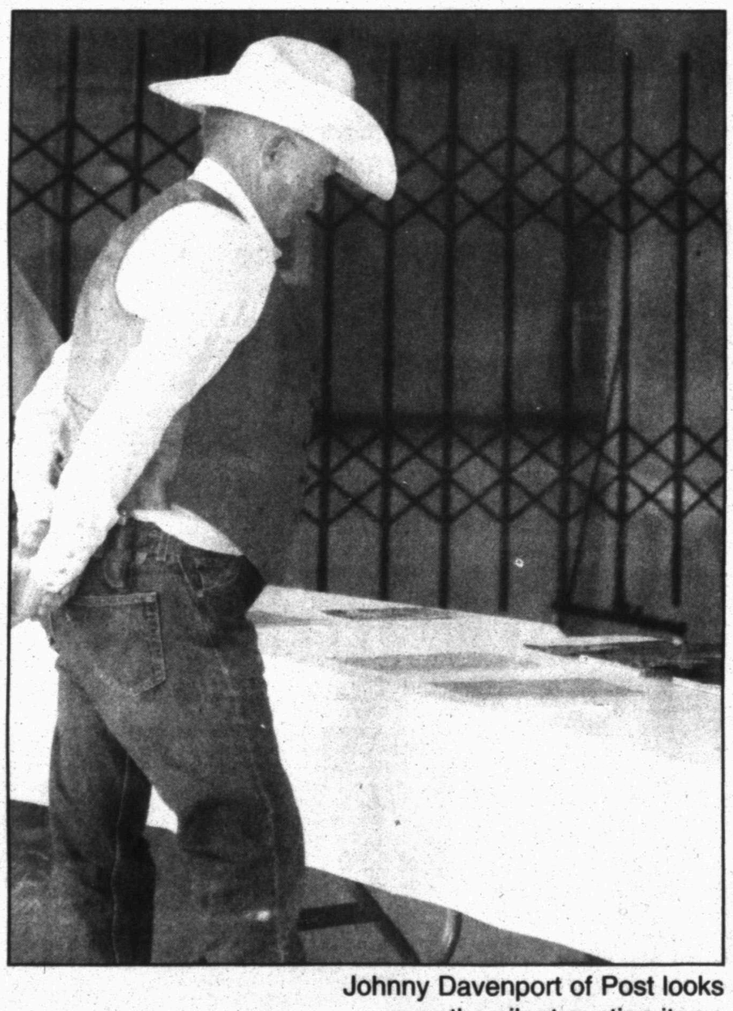
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Former NFL punter Ray Guy



Payton Manning delivers Sammy a Happy Birthday via video



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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Violence continues to rock Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb blew up near a U.S. Air Force base north of the capital today, killing two Iraqi civilians and wounding 25 others, an Iraqi security official said. The U.S. military said a bomb killed a U.S. soldier and an Iraqi interpreter in Baghdad.

Two explosions today in the southern city of Basra wounded 13 British soldiers, but none of the wounds was life-threatening, British Defense Ministry officials said in London.

In Helsinki, the Finnish Foreign Ministry said two Finnish businessmen were shot and killed in Baghdad today. They were part of a nine-person Finnish technological delegation visiting the Iraqi capital, ministry spokesman Markus Lyra said.

"The men were on their way to the Ministry of Electricity to make business contacts as part of a larger group," Lyra said. He did not identify the victims.

The men were killed near a highway underpass in west Baghdad, according to Iraqis at the scene. Their Iraqi driver was unhurt. The assailants fled, and there were no reports of arrests.

Four more arrested in Madrid bombings

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spanish police have arrested four more suspects in the Madrid terror bombings, bringing the total in custody to 14, court officials said on today.

The arrests were made Sunday night or early today, the National Court officials said, refusing further details.

Three of the four suspects were arrested in the Madrid district Lavapies, a multiethnic neighborhood where top suspect Jamal Zougam ran a cell phone shop. The fourth suspect was picked up in Getafe, a suburb of Spain's capital, the officials said.

The arrests bring to 14 the number of people in custody on suspicion of having a role in the March 11 railway bombings, which killed 202 people and left more than 1,800 wounded.

Five suspects arrested last week were to appear in the National Court this evening for questioning, court officials said.

Word of the arrests came as senior European intelligence officials gathered in the Spanish capital to discuss the Madrid bombings and address fears the Continent might become the next front in the war against terror.

The meeting of officials from Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain was part of a flurry of European Union activity triggered by the rail attacks.

EU heads of state and government are to hold a special summit this week in Brussels to review a series of proposals including appointment of an anti-terrorism coordinator, establishment of a European terrorism database, mandatory national identity cards, and increased security at train stations, airports and other vulnerable targets.

The 10 bombs that ripped through the Madrid commuter rail network were Spain's worst terrorist attack ever.

Suspicion in Madrid has focused on an alleged Morocco-based terror cell suspected of links to al-Qaida and on al-Qaida itself.

Of the 10 suspects detained before today, a judge jailed three on charges of multiple counts of murder while the investigation continued. Among them was lead suspect Zougam of Morocco, who has been linked by court documents to members of an al-Qaida cell in Spain. Police have also traced a cell phone found attached to an unexploded bomb to the shop he ran in Lavapies. The bombs that ripped through the trains are believed to have used cell phones as detonators.

Two Indians were also jailed on charges of collaborating with a terrorist organization.

The five suspects being brought before the court today have not yet been charged. They were arrested Thursday and include Mohamed El Hadi Chedadi, the brother of Said Chedadi, an alleged al-Qaida operative arrested in 2001.

Births

Roxanne Fuentez and Mark Guzman announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Guzman, at 4:12 p.m. on March 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Alyssa weighed five pounds, 14½ ounces.

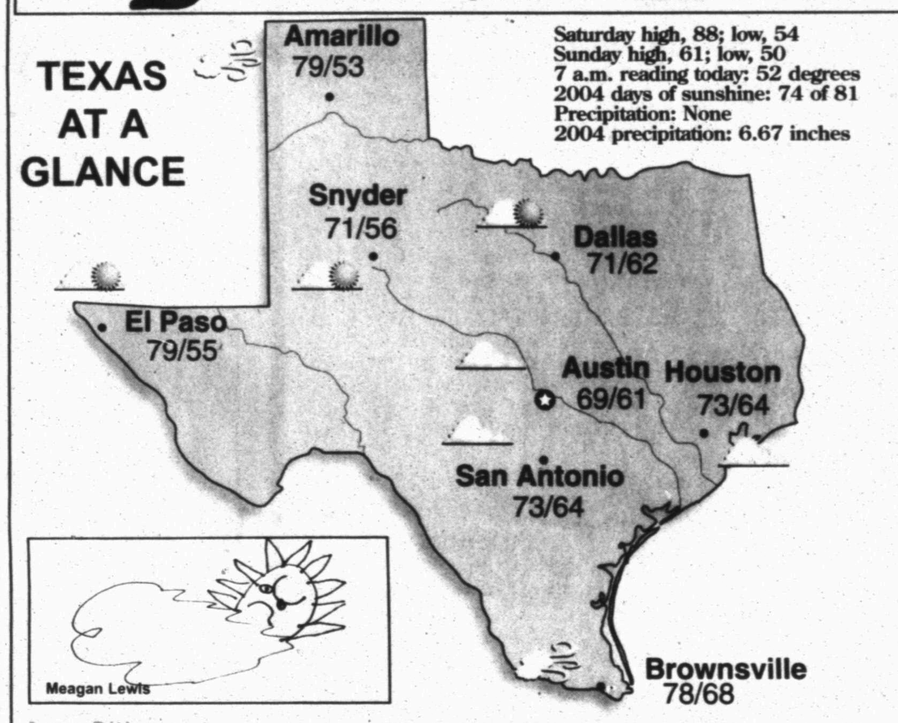
Paternal grandparents are Jesse Guzman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Maria Lopez of Snyder. Maternal grandmother is Jessica Fuentez of Weatherford and great-grandparents are Rosa and Joaquin Alarcon of Snyder.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 3/23	Wed 3/24	Thu 3/25
71/56	84/57	83/57
Cloudy skies early will become partly cloudy later in the day. High 71F.	Clouds giving way to sun in the afternoon.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 6:43 AM Sunset 6:58 PM	Sunrise 6:42 AM Sunset 6:59 PM	Sunrise 6:40 AM Sunset 6:59 PM

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Saturday high, 88; low, 54
Sunday high, 61; low, 50
7 a.m. reading today: 52 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 74 of 81
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 6.67 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	60	windy	El Paso	79	55	pt sunny	Midland	73	57	windy
Amarillo	79	53	windy	Fort Stockton	75	56	pt sunny	Raymondville	78	66	cloudy
Austin	69	61	cloudy	Gainesville	70	58	pt sunny	Rosenberg	73	63	cloudy
Beaumont	72	62	cloudy	Greenville	70	58	pt sunny	San Antonio	73	64	cloudy
Brownsville	78	68	windy	Houston	73	64	cloudy	San Marcos	70	62	cloudy
Brownwood	73	60	cloudy	Kingsville	77	66	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	70	57	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	74	67	cloudy	Livingston	73	58	cloudy	Sweetwater	72	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	71	60	pt sunny	Longview	72	57	pt sunny	Tyler	72	58	pt sunny
Dallas	71	62	pt sunny	Lubbock	75	54	windy	Weatherford	71	58	cloudy
Del Rio	73	63	t-storm	Lufkin	73	59	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	74	59	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	37	sunny	Houston	73	64	cloudy	Phoenix	92	62	pt sunny
Boston	41	32	sunny	Los Angeles	70	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	66	49	windy
Chicago	48	43	rain	Miami	73	67	windy	Seattle	60	47	pt sunny
Dallas	71	62	pt sunny	Minneapolis	53	38	pt sunny	St. Louis	61	51	rain
Denver	72	48	pt sunny	New York	45	36	sunny	Washington, DC	50	36	sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 20	Mar 28	Apr 5	Apr 12

UV Index

Tue 3/23	Wed 3/24	Thu 3/25
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Moderate	High	High

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

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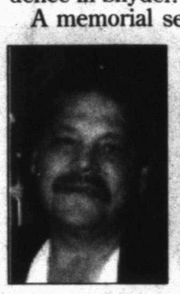
Obituaries

Tim Klein

1959-2004

Timothy Paul Klein, 45, died Friday, March 19, at his residence in Snyder.

A memorial service is set 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Chapel under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home. The Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, will officiate.


Tim Klein

Born March 12, 1959 in Moorehead, Minn., he married Janie Brown on March 9, 1994 in Snyder. He played football and graduated from high school in New England, N.D. He worked as a permit agent for Grant Energy until 1998.

Family visitation is set for 7-8 this evening at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Janie Klein of Snyder; a daughter, LaKrisha Kosler of Snyder; a son, Bradley George of Snyder; his mother and father, Jeanne and Bob Walch of Lake Elsinore, Calif.; a sister, Diane Klein of Williston, N.D.; three brothers and a sister-in-law, James Klein of Williston, Chuck Klein of Lake Elsinore and Bobby and Lynn Klein of New England; two granddaughters, Hannah Kosler and Kaylee Kosler, both of Snyder; four nephews and nieces, Shawn, Mason, Crystal and Audrey, all of Lake Elsinore.

Charlie Morrow

1918-2004

Service is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Charlie Morrow, 86, of Snyder. The Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Masonic burial rites will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.


Mr. Morrow

Mr. Morrow died Friday, March 19, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.

Born on Jan. 16, 1918 in Paint Rock, he married Betty Kimsey McPherson on Sept. 29, 1946 in Sweetwater. Mr. Morrow, an engineer for the State Highway Department for 40 years, was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hermleigh Masonic Lodge 987, Scottish Rite, and he had served with the Corp of Engineers in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Morrow of Snyder; two daughters, Marsha Lynn Simpson of Arlington and Alice Marjann Morrow of Snyder; a sister, Jewel Riley of Clovis, N.M.; and four grandchildren, Charles Curtis Gardner of Dallas, Heath Allen Gardner of Midland, Michael Kelley McPherson of Lubbock and Samantha Doss of Arlington.

Family visitation will be held from 5-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Alfonso DeLuna

1964-2004

Alfonso DeLuna of Snyder died March 19, in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Service for Mr. DeLuna, 39, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ, will officiate.


Mr. De Luna

Born April 30, 1964 in Lawton, Okla., he married Leticia Diaz on Sept. 21, 1990 in Escondido, Calif. Sgt. DeLuna was in the U.S. Marines for 12 years and had served time in Iraq. He was a truck driver for Patterson-UTI Drilling.

Mr. DeLuna lived in California 20 years before moving to Snyder in 2000.

He was a good son, husband and father and enjoyed helping others. He taught his three children to be honest, respectful and to have responsibility and live in the Word of God.

He enjoyed watching and supporting his children in their activities. Working out-of-town much of the time, he would get his wife to record their activities so he would not miss anything they did.

Survivors include his wife, Leticia DeLuna of Snyder; a son, Richard Alfonso DeLuna of the home; two daughters, Selene Dominguez and Priscilla DeLuna, both of the home; his father, Alfonso DeLuna of Wichita Falls; his mother, Carmen DeLuna of Wichita Falls; three brothers, Sonny and Tommy DeLuna, both of Wichita Falls, and Randy Gaitan of Florence, Texas; and one sister, Renee Howery of Wichita Falls.

Family visitation will be from 7-8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Mary Bradshaw

1926-2004

SAN ANGELO — Mary Jane Bradshaw, 77, of San Angelo died Friday, March 19, in her home. Funeral service was to be held at 2 p.m. today at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Shiell officiating. Interment was to follow in Fairmount Cemetery.

Mrs. Bradshaw was born on May 27, 1926 in Rosboro, Ark., to S.H. and Eva Jerusha Bankston Adams. She is survived by her husband, Neal Bradshaw; two daughters, Sherri Watson and husband Joe M. Watson, Terri Ann Parker and husband Gary Parker, both of Alto, N.M.; a sister, Norma Thompson of Snyder; a brother, Jack Adams of Ferriday, La.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.


Mrs. Bradshaw

Mary Jane Bradshaw was a very active and successful businesswoman. She was an avid golfer, fisherman and hunter. She was a member of the Bentwood and San Angelo Country Club Golf Association. She owned rental properties, a convenience store and a restaurant. Mary Jane was a very generous and loving person and will be greatly missed.

Contributions may be made to Vista Care Hospice Foundation in honor of the loving care they provided Mary Jane during her illness.

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Mr. Armstrong

1919-2004

Emerson Lee Armstrong of Snyder died Sunday, March 21, at Snyder Health Care Center.

A memorial service for Mr. Armstrong, 84, will be held at 2 p.m. on April 1 in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Armstrong's cremaines will be buried in the Stewartsville Cemetery.

Born on Nov. 23, 1919 in Stewartsville, Mo., he married Marie Belcher on July 3, 1942 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Active in the Snyder Senior Center and the Food Cupboard, Mr. Armstrong was a retired pilot for the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Community of Christ in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mona Capparel.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Armstrong of Snyder; one daughter, Joan Weber of Denver, Colo.; one son, Bill Armstrong of Lamoni, Iowa; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Nell Schrader

1929-2004

VICTORIA — Nell Young Schrader, former Snyder resident, died Saturday, March 20.

Graveside service for Mrs. Schrader, 74, is set for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Victoria.

Mrs. Schrader was born on May 5, 1929 in Crosbyton to O.W. and Hazel Young. She owned Lady Nell Tours, Shoreline Group Travel, for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death was her husband of nearly 50 years, E.W. Schrader, who was president of Snyder National Bank during 1970-1974.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Schrader of San Antonio and Eric and Denise Schrader of Fort Worth; three sisters, Barbara Wilson of Bedford, Dixie Fromberg of Blusston and Joanna George of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Seaside Funeral Home Chapel from 6-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Research Center or the First Baptist Church.

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Families still spending thousands on body armor

By The Associated Press

Months after the military began scrambling to equip soldiers serving without body armor in Iraq, many of those now being deployed are opting to buy their own rather than trust military reassurances they will have the gear by the time their boots hit the battlefield.

Some body armor distributors have received a steady stream of inquiries from soldiers and families asking about purchasing the gear, which can cost as much as several thousand dollars. Many want it before leaving for Iraq, regardless of the military advising them not to rely on equipment from third-party suppliers.

"In war, as we've learned through all our history, who gets killed and who doesn't is just happenstance," said Dan Britt of Hamilton, Ohio, a father who paid about $1,400 for body armor that included a groin and neck protector. "But if I can raise the odds, then I'll feel better."

Britt heard last week that his son, a medic stationed in Kuwait with orders to move soon into Baghdad, finally received last week the armor he bought. Britt said it is reassuring that his son has protective armor, even if he had to pay for it.

Last October, an Associated Press analysis found that more than 80 percent of the soldiers serving in Iraq did not have ceramic plated body armor, which can stop bullets fired from assault rifles and shrapnel.

Now, one year after the war in Iraq began, the military says the shortage is gone and that soldiers who do not have armor now soon will. But families are still buying. The possibility of soldiers arriving in Iraq without routinely issued body armor has left some thinking it is better to be prepared.

"What we hear from soldiers is that they are told that they are going to get body armor just before they leave or just after they get there. But they don't want to take a chance," said Nick Taylor, owner of Bulletproofme.com, an online distributor of body armor in Austin, Texas.

Inquiries rise and fall with the rate of deployments, fueled by stories passed between families of units falling under attack as little as a day after being issued body armor. Whether they are true, such stories are prompting families to think about buying body armor, Taylor said.

Nancy Durst recently learned that her husband, a soldier with an Army reserve unit from Maine serving in Iraq, spent four months without body armor. She would have bought armor for her husband had vests not been cycled into his unit.

Even if her husband now has body armor, Durst said she was angry he was without it at any time, and she encourages anyone to buy the armor. Her husband also has told her that reservists serving in Iraq have not been given the same equipment as active duty soldiers.

"They're so sick of being treated as second-class soldiers," she said.

A bill being considered in Congress would reimburse families who spent thousands on body armor before the Army asked for increased production to bridge the gap between soldiers who had armor and those that did not.

And military officials say if there is any shortage of body armor in Iraq, it will be gone soon. Those that need the armor most are already certain to have it, said Army spokesman Maj. Gary Tallman, and families should not be buying any.

"What we have told family members who have contacted us is that the army cannot attest to the safety or the level of protection of body armor purchased rather than issued for a soldier," Tallman said. "We have put the word out."

Whether the purchase is redoubling military efforts and essentially wasting money on body armor the Army will soon be providing, some lawmakers say families never should have had to consider buying body armor.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who serves on the Armed Services subcommittee, said she knows soldiers who the military told to buy the body armor before leaving, rather than risk arriving with nothing but their shirts.

"We lagged far behind in making sure that our soldiers who are performing very difficult and dangerous missions had protective equipment," she said.

The Defense Department says it has contracted with one manufacturer for its armor. Point Blank Body Armor, which produces the Interceptor brand, has all but stopped selling to the public.

But that has not curbed families from making a purchase. Other companies, including Reliance Armor in Cincinnati, which makes armored vests for soldiers and police, has nearly doubled in size as a result of the shortage.

"We're getting people locally who are deployed National Guard and parents, specifically, coming in and buying," said Don Budke, the company's vice president of sales. "The military people don't want to advertise the fact that there are people doing this on their own."

Jack Palance still does pushups at age 84

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — At age 84, Jack Palance still likes to show he can do a set of push-ups.

In town to be honored at the Festival of the West, Palance dropped to the ground before a small group in a hotel lobby, recalling the one-armed push-ups he did at age 71 during his 1991 Oscar acceptance speech for "City Slickers."

Palance, whose trademark grimace and gravelly voice helped earn him roles in such Westerns as "Shane" and "City Slickers," was being honored Saturday with the Cowboy Spirit Award.

Palance was also showing off a softer side, offering autographs for copies of his new book of poetry and prose, "The Forest of Love." The former coal miner, boxer and World War II pilot said he draws from his life for his poems but doesn't really consider himself a poet.

Reflecting on his career, Palance said he was always focused on getting his next job.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Powerful new contacts you could make in the year ahead will be in positions to give your work or career a tremendous boost. The person who is apt to be the luckiest for you may be born under the sign of Virgo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Think in terms of being helpful wherever you can and being of service to all you encounter today. Good deeds will be recognized, appreciated and rewarded in larger measure than usual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Because you're not apt to make situations more serious than they are, matters that are placed in your hands will run quite smoothly for you today. Your smile makes you a winner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You won't have to be out on the town where the action is in order to enjoy yourself today. Once your work is out of the way, spending time at home with loved ones is all you'll need.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Whether it is mingling with a sizeable crowd or promoting a big deal, anything that smacks of largeness could turn out to be extremely fortunate for you today. Don't think in small terms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may get a tremendous opportunity today to enlarge upon something good that you already have going for you. Watch for ways that could enhance your position.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Something far removed from your present interests could be stirring and will become of great interest to you when you learn about it, possibly today. The benefits to you will be outstanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Get involved with others today whenever possible and feasible, because conditions look exceptionally promising for you at this time concerning any joint venture or shared interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Under no circumstances should you cast yourself in a loner's role today. In order to be at your best, you'll require joyful companions, or spending time with your special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll be at your best today in fulfilling career or work-related objectives. If there is anything on your agenda that is especially important, be sure to work on it now while the odds favor you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you appreciate beautiful belongings, you're not apt to be particularly interested in things of a material nature today. Your real joy will come from love and good friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You may have to deal with a changeable situation today that was not supposed to be on your plate, but your clever mind will easily handle the matter and calmly avert any adversity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although early indicators may signal tough things to be dealt with today, Lady Luck has other plans for you. She will quickly back you up and let you get on with what you enjoy.

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Chevron will drill the No. 5515 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 25, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Energen Resources will drill the No. 1073 Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 42, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 3502 North Westbrook field unit, four miles north of Westbrook. The re-completion project is planned for a depth of 3,100 feet, and drill site is in Section 11, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 214 Guitar in the Varel and Would Have field, six miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned depth is 5,999 feet, and location is in Section 14. Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 210-10 Guitar in the Varel and Would Have field, six miles northwest of Big Spring. Contracted for a depth of 5,999 feet, location is in Section 10, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 814 Guitar in the Varel and Would Have field, six miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned depth is 5,999 feet, and location is in Section 14, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 111-11 Guitar in the Varel and Would Have field six miles northwest of Big Spring. Also planned for 5,999 feet, location is in Section 14, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

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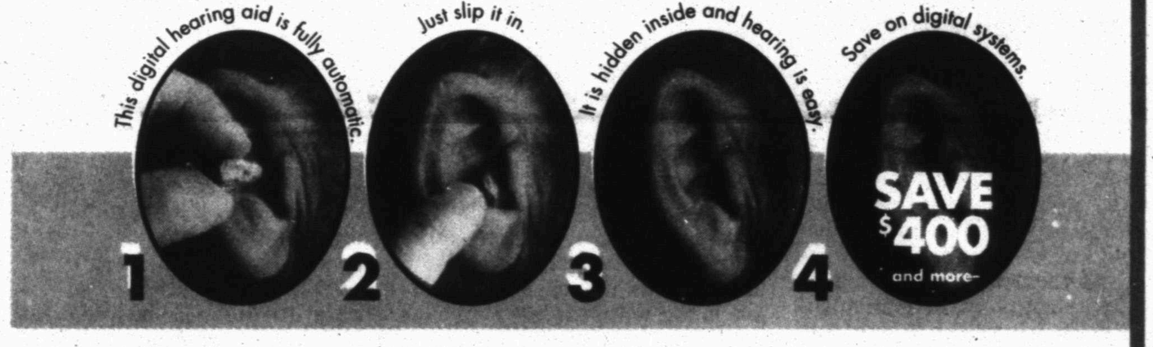


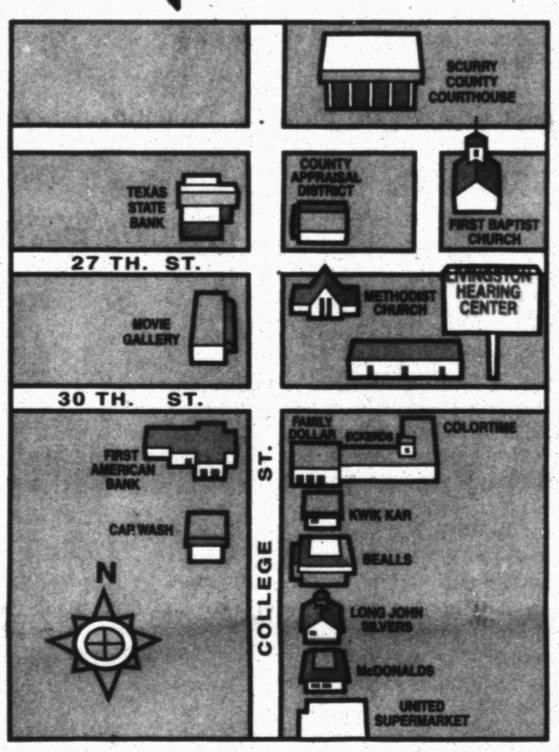
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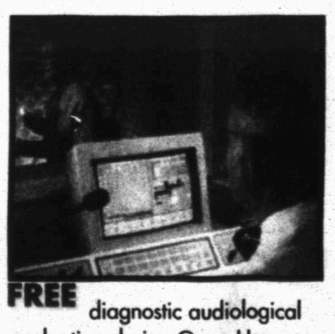
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