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WTC board to look at budget cuts

Western Texas College trustees will hear ideas for cutting up to $250,000 from the budget when it convenes at noon Wednesday for its regular monthly meeting.

The seven-percent cuts were ordered for all state-funded agencies last month by the governor's office to help alleviate an almost $10 billion state budget shortfall.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, will outline for the board areas where savings can be found.

Dr. Williams said travel and equipment purchases would be cut, but the majority of the money will come from the college's contingency fund.

"We are lucky that we have this contingency money so we can weather this storm," he said. "It's unfortunate that we have to use it like this, instead of helping our students or adding it to our reserves."

The information will be offered for discussion only because it is not an action item on the agenda.

New business includes the likely approval of transfer of tax abatement to UCO Spinning LP from Lorber Industries.

Four years remain on the original abatement agreement.

The board also will consider an interagency agreement with Scurry County and revisions to the school calendar.

Bids for dirt work at the sports complex will be considered, as will a small class report.

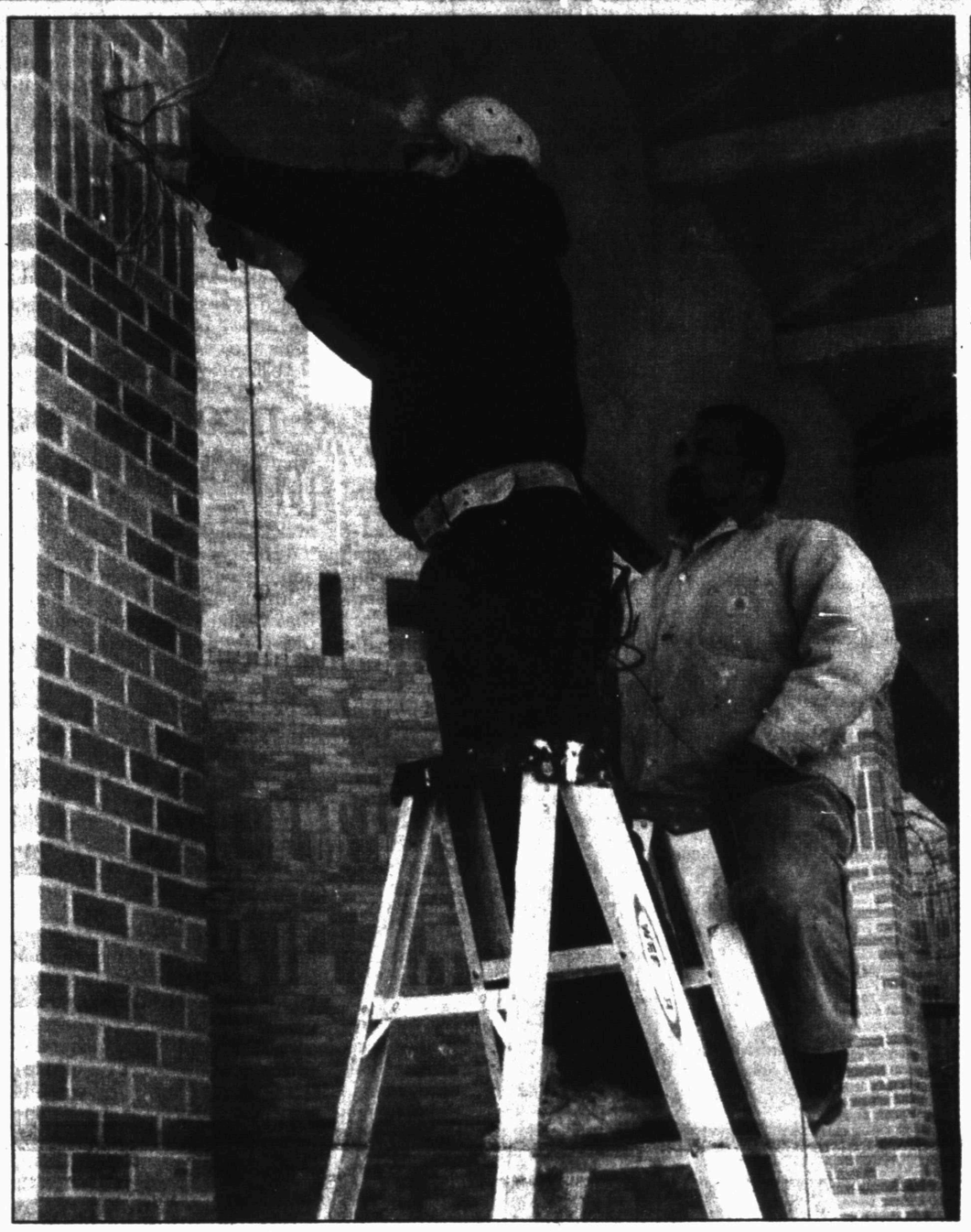
Other items for discussion include a report on enrollment and an education report.

A memo concerning workforce development at WTC and another from the TDCJ Institutional Division will be presented.

Dr. Williams said both memos are in praise of Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education.

Information on the February calendar and on LVN graduation will be discussed and the president's report also will be heard.

The meeting will be held in the faculty dining room on campus.



GETTING CLOSER — Nat Galvan (left) and Rico Valdez of Bryant Electric in San Angelo worked this morning on wiring for canopy lighting at the emergency room entrance at Cogdell Hospital. The renovations are winding down and the addition is to open in March. (SDN Staff Photo)

Debris still sought in East Texas woods

LUFKIN (AP) — Searchers expect to continue looking for scattered debris of the space shuttle Columbia in the woods of East Texas for several more weeks, a federal official said today.

"I think it's indicative that we're in the for long haul," said Bob Miller, a U.S. Forest Service spokesman.

Later this week crews are expected to arrive and take over command from local officials, Miller said. He did not know what federal or state agencies would be arriving.

Searchers have been poring over the thick forests — turning up thousands of bits of debris — since the shuttle broke apart over the Texas sky Feb. 1.

Officials also hope to begin replacing National Guard members who have been helping in searches with fire crews. Miller said he expects to have 30 to 40 20-person fire crews, compared to the four such crews searching now. The crews will come from the southeast United States.

Miller said searchers have identified 14,000 debris sites in Sabine County, 950 of which have been documented by satellite positioning.

Truck driver in Covenant intensive care

One of the truck drivers involved in a fatal three-vehicle accident late Saturday night on U.S. 84 is in stable condition in Covenant Medical Center's intensive care unit in Lubbock.

DPS trooper Terry Snyder said Jeffrey Mueller of Cambridge, Ill., was the driver of one of three vehicles involved in the accident at Dermott.

Killed were Linda Rae Lindly, 55, of Balch Springs and Jutta Jones, 45, of Grand Prairie.

Also injured was Donald J. Dean of Houston, Mo. Dean was treated and released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Snyder said Dean was the driver of a milk transport truck that overturned and its tank-trailer ended up blocking both westbound lanes of the highway.

Lindly, driving a U-Haul box van, apparently tried to avoid the tank-trailer in the roadway as her vehicle rounded a curve and headed into the median only to strike the tractor.

Both victims were killed instantly upon impact with the trailer.

Mueller's vehicle, also a truck-tractor and hauling hay, struck the initial wreckage as he too tried to avoid the tank in the road.

DPS, TDCJ hope to dodge cuts

From staff and wire reports

Senate Criminal Justice Committee chairman John Whitmore said Monday that he would ask Gov. Perry to exempt the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from budget cuts as lawmakers deal with a $9.9 billion projected budget shortfall through 2005.

"I believe public safety is probably the No. 1 responsibility of state government," said Whitmire, D-Houston.

Price Daniel Unit warden Wilhelmenia Howard said she had not received any mandates concerning budget cuts.

"We realize safety is one of our top priorities," said Warden Howard.

State agencies have been asked to slash seven percent of their budgets in order to save $700 million this fiscal year.

"We've been told that correctional officers will continue to be hired, and just to watch our unit's budget," said Warden Howard.

"Actually, this is a good time to be hired as a correctional officer, and so if anyone wants a new career, contact our unit," said Warden Howard.

Currently, the Price Daniel Unit is 10 officers short.

"There are schools going on now so we expect to be at full strength soon," she said.

TDCJ Executive Director Gary Johnson said Monday that cutting the $5 billion prison system budget by $172 million this fiscal year, and another $560 million for the next two years could jeopardize inmate medical care and rehabilitation programs for sex, drug and alcohol offenders.

Junell approved by Senate for judicial nomination

The U.S. Senate on Monday unanimously approved the federal judicial nomination of Rob Junell of San Angelo for the Western District of Texas.

Junell is the former Texas House appropriations committee chairman.

President Bush formally nominated him for the post last year and the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the nomination last week.

Junell, originally from El Paso, is a San Angelo attorney.

He served seven terms in the Texas House of Representatives. An Army veteran, Junell is a graduate of Texas Tech University and its law school.

Once sworn-in, Junell is expected to be based in Midland. He replaces Judge Royal Ferguson who will move to San Antonio to replace the late Judge Hipolito Garcia.

Al-Jazeera will air bin Laden message

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell told a Senate panel today that what appears to be a new statement from Osama bin Laden shows why the world needs to be concerned about Iraqi ties to terrorism.

Powell said he read a transcript of "what bin Laden — or who we believe to be bin Laden" will be saying on the Al-Jazeera Arab satellite station later today, "where once again he speaks to the people of Iraq and talks about their struggle and how he is in partnership with Iraq."

"This nexus between terrorists and states that are developing weapons of mass destruction can no longer be looked away from and ignored," Powell told the Senate Budget Committee.

But Al-Jazeera chief editor Ibrahim Hilal told The Associated Press his station has no such tape.

It was Powell's second appearance before the Senate since his presentation to the U.N. Security Council last week. At that time, he detailed his indictment of Iraq as a stockpiler of weapons.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Make plans for a happy Valentine's Day."

Valentine's Day is approaching, and we're glad to be of the age when dating means telling ole what's-her-name what time to expect us home with dinner in a sack.

For those who can remember, first dates were always stressful.

A late night talk show host recently went into his audience to find out the most embarrassing first date that a woman ever had.

There was a clear-cut winner.

It was midwinter — snowing and bitterly cold — and the guy had taken her on a day-trip skiing to Lake Arrowhead. The outing was fun but relatively uneventful until the couple headed home late that afternoon.

They were driving back down the mountain when she gradually began to realize that she should not have had that extra latte.

They were about an hour away from anywhere with a rest room and in the middle of nowhere. Her companion suggested she try to hold on, which she did for a while.

Unfortunately, because of the heavy snow and slow going, there came a point where she told him that he had better stop and let her go beside the road.

They stopped and she quickly crawled out beside the car. Unfortunately in the deep snow, she didn't have good footing, so she let her rear rest against the back fender to steady herself.

Her companion, a real gentlemen stood on the side of the car watching for traffic and looked the other way. All she could think about was the relief she felt despite the embarrassing situation.

Upon finishing, she soon became aware of another sensation. As she bent to pull up her pants, the young lady discovered her bottom was firmly glued against the car's fender.

Thoughts of tongues frozen to pump handles immediately came to mind as she attempted to disengage her flesh from the icy metal. It was apparent that she had a brand new problem due to the extreme cold.

Horrified by her plight and yet aware of the humor she finally answered her date's concerns about what was taking so long with a reply that indeed, she was freezing and required assistance.

He came around the car as she tried to cover herself with her sweater and then as she looked imploringly into his eyes, he burst out laughing. She, too, got the giggles and when they finally managed to compose themselves they assessed her dilemma.

Obviously, as hysterical as the situation was, they also were faced with a real problem. Both agreed it would take something warm to free her chilly cheeks from the grip of the icy metal. Thinking about what had gotten her into the predicament in the first place, he rushed back to the car to see if any warm coffee remained in the cup.

There was just enough liquid left to free her from the precarious situation.

A second date had to be less eventful.

And for us older types, you may want to consider something a little more bland.

For example, married couples may "Drive thru and Renew" at the mall in Abilene.

A licensed minister will be on hand to lead married couples in a short renewal of their wedding vows, from the comfort of their own car.

Weather forecast calls for sunny and clear.

ASK US

Q—Thursday afternoon, what was the limo followed by two black suburbans being led by a police car?

A—A funeral escort.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Christina Flores...

...has lived in Snyder all her life and has worked as a clerk for the Department of Human Services for five years. Her parents, Adolfo and Julia Flores, also live in Snyder. She stays busy after work raising two daughters, Miranda, a first grader, and Alyssa, who attends pre-kindergarten. Her hobbies include scrapbooking and she plans to have scrapbooks for her daughters when they graduate.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The awards and championships are great, but the journey is what I'll remember.

—Hakeem Olajuwon

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Relay captains to meet

Team captains for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in the teachers' lounge at Stanfield Elementary.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the home of M. J. Merritt, 2301 40th St. An AARP training session will be from 10-11:30 a.m. All AARP members are invited. A pizza lunch will follow.

Apostolic Faith special services

The Apostolic Faith Church is holding special services at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday with Mark Palmer from Anchorage as guest speaker. The public is invited to attend the meetings at 2510 25th St. For additional information, call 573-8115.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

2003 Ira annuals available

The 2003 Ira Bulldog annuals may be purchased until Monday. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact the school to purchase one.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Hermleigh Masonic meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday for its monthly stated meeting with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Knowing What We Must Do," followed by "Proper Parent-Child Relationship."

Hospice memorial service

A memorial service for families who lost someone during 2002 will be held at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. next Tuesday in the Colonial Hill library. The topic will be financial management for caregivers. For more information, call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377.

Annual enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8875, will hold its fourth annual enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23 at West Elementary, 3601 El Paso. Adult tickets are $5.

Snyder Oaks family council

The family council of Snyder Oaks Care Center will meet from 6:30-7:30 Thursday, Feb. 27. The meeting is for resident's family members for a program presented by Brenda Elkins of the Area Agency of Aging.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elms, Shumard Oak, Sand Plums, Russian Olive, Honeylocust, Green Ash, American Honeysuckle, Desert Willow and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Clooney depicted 1960s Germany in film

BERLIN (AP) — George Clooney said he toed the line between fact and fiction while filming the life of TV producer and self-proclaimed CIA hit man Chuck Barris, but admitted to a few liberties in the depiction of his setting — 1960s Berlin.

Clooney was in the German capital Monday to present his directorial debut, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," one of 22 films competing for the top Golden Bear award at the Berlin Film Festival.

The film follows "Gong Show" creator Barris, played by Sam Rockwell, through the Cold War city as he sneaks into the communist East through a tunnel under the Berlin Wall — and discusses undercover operations in a bar staffed by dirndl-clad waitresses carrying weighty steins of beer.

"We decided to create this image of 1960's Germany as the Americans see it, so we put in every stereotype we had," Clooney said at a news conference. "Someone would say, 'That's more Vienna,' but we would use it anyway."

Bill allows silent minute in public schools

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, filed a bill allowing for a moment of silence in public schools.

The bill mirrors legislation by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, that would allow for students to use the moment anyway they chose, including for prayer.

The bill is scheduled to be taken up by the Senate Education Committee today.

The legislation comes after the issue was a hot topic during last fall's gubernatorial campaign.

Gov. Rick Perry drew criticism from some after saying he favored school prayer despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling banning it.

Then, the high court rejected a challenge to a Virginia law that makes a minute of silence mandatory for that state's public school students. The Virginia law specifically lists prayer as one silent activity they might choose.

PERRY PROFFER

Gov. Rick Perry is set to deliver his State of the State address to lawmakers today. Perry is expected to expound on his recent familiar themes of education, economic security and fiscal responsibility.

The speech comes as legislators begin the tough task of dealing with the state's $9.9 billion budget shortfall.

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

The Texas Senate delayed taking up a bill that would force homeowners insurance companies to turn over to state regulators the premiums they charge, rates they will charge in the future and the data used to determine the rates.

Some senators had questions about immunity and confidentiality issues raised in the bill.

Under the legislation, the state insurance department will compile a report summarizing the information received and distribute it to state officials as they work on reforming the insurance market this legislation session.

WATCHFUL EYES

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners is to blame in part for high medical malpractice premiums, according to a consumer watchdog group on Austin.

Public Citizen released a study indicating that "repeat offender" doctors are responsible for the bulk of malpractice payments, and are not being disciplined by the medical examiners board.

Jon Opelt, Houston director of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, called the Public Citizen report self-serving.

AUTO INSURANCE

State Sen. Teel Bivins wants to see better compliance with Texas' mandatory auto insurance law.

The Republican from Amarillo filed legislaiton that would have the Texas Department of Transportation send letters to randomly selected owners of registered vehicles requiring them to provide proof of auto insurance or an alternative form of financial responsibility.

If the owner did not respond in 30 days, a warning notice would be sent. Failure to replay within 45 days would result in the suspension of the owner's vehicle registration.

The owner would have to pay a $100 reinstatement fee and submit proof of insruance to re-establish registration.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I'll let them defend their intelligence, but let me help them a little bit." — Tony Fabelo, executive director of the Criminal Justice Policy Council, responding to a question about why the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is proposing cutting inmate rehabilitation programs to save money.

Coastal Bend professor denied visa to stay in U.S.

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi professor who has lived and worked in the United States for nearly 20 years is fighting in federal court to prevent his deportation to his native Colombia.

Professor Jose Giraldo has had to hire an attorney in advance of his scheduled hearing Thursday to determine if he can remain in this country with his wife and their two sons.

Giraldo last month was denied a visa renewal by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. His family faces deportation unless his he uses a 30-day period to appeal the decision.

The math professor has applied and received six visas since 1984. That's when he got his first student visa to earn his master's degree.

Giraldo was stunned when he his latest visa application was turned down and is fearful about the possible outcome of his appeal. He said he's not sure what has changed to make him ineligible for the visa, but suspects the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks might have played a role.

"There's a lot of concern about security," he said today.

Immigration officials contend that Giraldo meets only one of the eight criteria required for the visa for which he was applying.

Giraldo said the other possibility for denial is a clause he agreed to in his first student visa application that he never fulfilled.

In 1984, upon receiving his first student visa, Giraldo agreed to return to Colombia for two years after earning his master's degree.

He and his family returned home in 1986 to a country in violent political upheaval. Family members were held hostage by a political faction for seven hours.

"There is nothing to guarantee that my family won't be in danger again," he said.

Believing his family faced continued threats, Giraldo vowed to return to the United States. He applied for and was granted another student visa to pursue his doctorate. Since then, he has applied for and been granted four more visas.

More than 275 fellow professors and students have shown their support by signing a petition that will be sent to U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz Jr., D-Corpus Christi. Giraldo hopes Ortiz can help with his residency status.

"I've been very sure that my qualifications, and contributions, my work, would enable me to become a permanent resident," Giraldo. "That was our plan. That's our dream."

Gender teams promote nudity

NEW YORK (AP) — How's this for a selling point? "Survivor" host Jeff Probst says splitting contestants into separate teams for men and women had the unexpected benefit of promoting nudity.

CBS won't be able to show it, of course, when the sixth edition of "Survivor," from the Amazon, debuts Thursday. But a little sexiness never hurt.

"With all the women together, there's no modesty," Probst said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Male contestants were immediately cocky when they heard of the arrangement, Probst said

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Date Book

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003

Today is the 42nd day of 2003 and the 52nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1937, General Motors recognized the United Auto Workers Union as a collective bargaining unit following a 44-day sit-down strike at GM's Flint, Mich., factories. Workers commemorate the day every year by wearing white shirts to work in a show of pride for the workers and their struggles for respect.

On this day in 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Joseph Stalin signed an agreement in Yalta concerning the war against Germany and what to do with Germany at war's end.

On this day in 1990, Nelson Mandela was released from a South African jail after being held for more than 27 years in response to his efforts to end apartheid. His charges included sabotage and conspiracy to overthrow the government.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lydia Maria Child (1802-1880), writer; Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931), inventor; Jeb Bush (1953-), politician, is 50; Sheryl Crow (1962-), musician, is 41; Jennifer Aniston (1969-), actress, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Peggy Fleming won the Olympic figure skating gold medal in Grenoble, France.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Non-violence leads to the highest ethics, which is the goal of all evolution. Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages." — Thomas Edison

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 9) and full moon (Feb. 16).

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Future built on past

NEW YORK (AP) — Is there a future in fashion's past?

That's the question Time magazine put to Valentino and Russell Simmons for a new commemorative publication, "Time Style & Design," being distributed to select subscribers of Time and InStyle and at New York Fashion Week this week.

Valentino, the designer best known for his glamorous gowns, says the future is built on lessons of the past.

April is National Poetry month.

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Melody Appleton

Appleton becomes Klassy Kids owner

Melody Appleton is the new owner of Klassy Kids located at 1912 37th Street.

Melody moved to Snyder from Roby six months ago with her husband, Sammy, who works for Trans Tex Tool; her stepson, Coby, who is 17 and a student at Ira High School; and two daughters, Ricia, 16, a sophomore at Snyder High School; and Tara, 10, a fourth grader at East Elementary.

She assumed ownership on Feb. 1 and is restocking with new merchandise. She will be able to outfit newborns through high school teens. Prom dresses are beginning to arrive.

She will eventually have accessories including purses and jewelry and now has sale items and good prices on new items. She is excited about her new store and invites everyone to come by to shop or just get acquainted.

SHOWER HELD FOR BRIDE-ELECT — Bonnie Carroll, bride-elect of Justin Norred, was given a personal shower Thursday in the Education Department of Cogdell Memorial Hospital on Feb. 6. Bonnie and Justin will marry Friday. From left standing with the honoree, second from left, are LaVerne Holloway, Stella Hayes and Johnnie Pyburn, friends from the Church of God. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; tour of Farmer's Design Group; hostesses, Linda Greene and Margaret Roach; leaving MAWC at 3:45 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on W. 37th St.; program, LaVerne Lee; hostess, Ann Walton; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; for more information, call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Georgia governor wants to cut the fat

ATLANTA (AP) — The new Georgia governor is ready to do something about government fat.

Gov. Sonny Perdue launched a weight-loss program at the Capitol on Monday, pledging to give up his favorite Snickers bars and adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Weigh-ins were optional, but Perdue bellied up to the scales after joking, "I want y'all to know I actually have two 10-pound ankle weights on me today."

The Republican governor, who is 5 feet 11 inches, tipped the scales at 228.5 pounds.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-11-03
♠ K 8 7 5 3
♥ J 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 7 6 3 2

West
♠ 6
♥ A 8 7
♦ Q 8 7 5 3 2
♣ Q 10 4

East
♠ J 9
♥ 10 6
♦ A K J 6 4
♣ A K J 9

South
♠ A Q 10 4 2
♥ K Q 5 2
♦ 10 9
♣ 8 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 5

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003

Do assets count at the beginning?

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned Alan Truscott's assets method of hand evaluation. If you have a singleton, count one asset. If you have a void, count two assets. For each five-card or longer suit you hold, count one asset.

Truscott recommends counting all assets when deciding on your opening bid. To open one of a suit, you need at least 10 high-card points and 13 total points (HCP plus assets). My preference is not to include shortage points until a fit is found, and I still believe suit quality and rebid problems are critical when you are contemplating a minimum one-of-a-suit opening bid. But assets may work for you.

In this deal, the asset method tells you to pass that South hand because it counts to only 12 points (11 HCP and one asset). However, I think South should open. He has a good suit and an easy two-heart rebid.

Next, look at the North hand. Your partner opens one spade, and your right-hand opponent passes. What would you respond?

You started with four high-card points and three assets. Now, though, you know that your side has at least a 10-card spade fit. Tripling your assets gives you a total of 13 points — you are worth game. You should make a pre-emptive jump to four spades.

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East should act (his side is cold for five diamonds), but North's bid made it tough.

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World Thinking Day celebrated

On Feb. 22, West Texas Council Girl Scouts of all ages will think about nearly 10 million other girls similar to them but living oceans away to celebrate their international friendships during World Thinking Day 2003.

World Thinking Day, which began in 1926, focuses on international connections among girls. On this day, Girl Scouts nationwide will learn about different languages, sample international foods, and celebrate at international festivals and bazaars.

"This year, especially, it's important to embrace and celebrate the differences among our international friends," said Shirley Olson, executive director of WTGSC. "By encouraging girls to think globally today, we are helping to develop tomorrow's decision makers and world leaders."

In honor of World Thinking Day, communities are encouraged to reflect on the importance of building international connections among youth and consider supporting the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

This fund, created in memory of the founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, helps to extend Girl Scouting to girls worldwide, enables girls to travel abroad, and supports international friendships through community service projects.

Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of more than 3.8 million girls and adults. Now in its 90th year, GSUSA continues to help cultivate values, social conscience, and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults.

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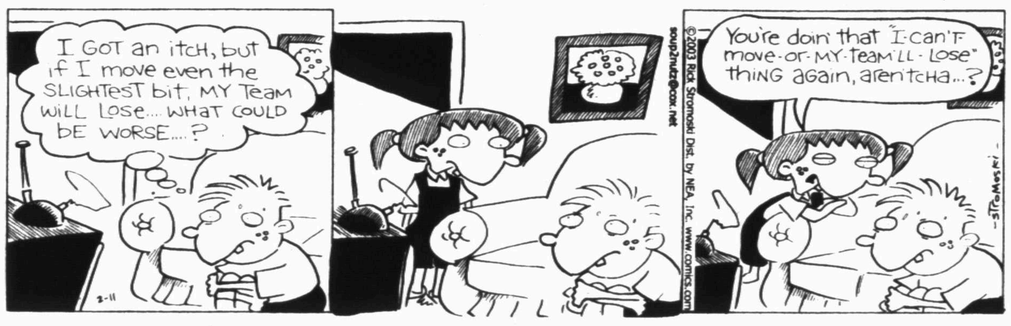

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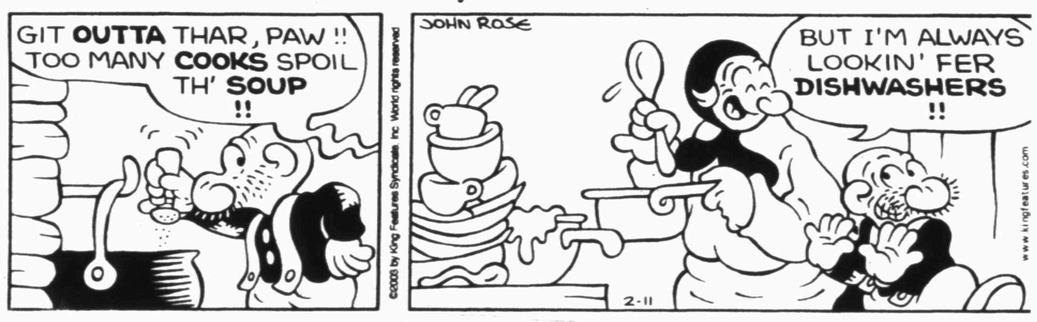

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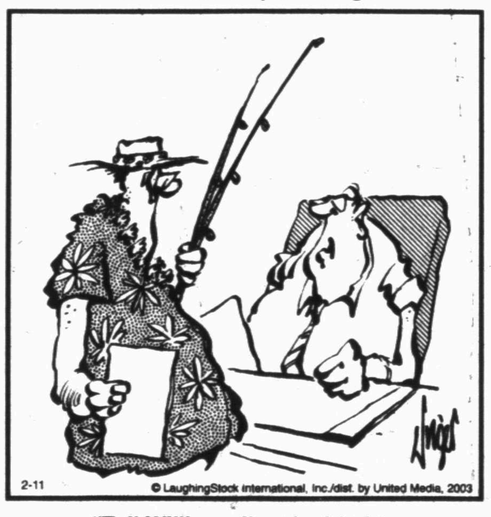

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34 "— too late now!"
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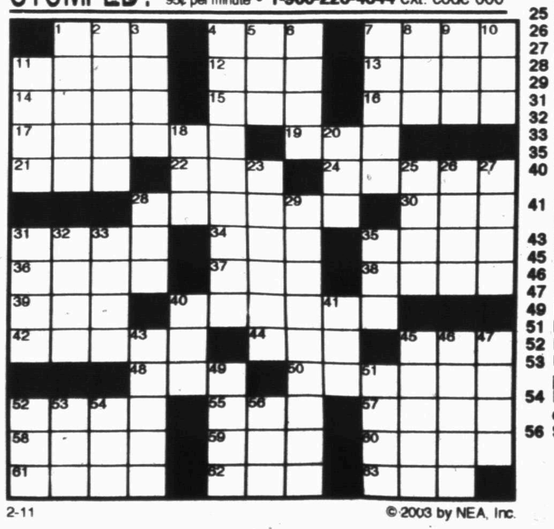

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"HOW CAN YOU TELL THE GOOD GUYS FROM THE BAD GUYS?"

SPORTS

Begin season today...

Lady Tigers eager to take the field

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Lady Tigers are ready to get on the diamond, and not just for practice.

Cold and damp weather — real and forecast — forced the cancellation of all the scrimmage games on the team's schedule.

"The girls are really excited about the season," head coach Shelly Hayes said. "They are getting tired of canceling. The last few practices have been indoors and they are itching to get on the field."

The Lady Tigers open their preseason schedule this evening, with a 6:30 tilt at 5A Lubbock Monterey, and Hayes said she will use the pre-district contests to get the right combination of players on the field.

She said Snyder will field a team of versatile players this season, many of whom are capable of playing multiple positions skillfully. She added that the emphasis on the pre-district schedule will be finding the proper mix and getting solid outings.

"Of course, you want a winning record," she said. "But preseason is not what gets you to the playoffs. We are playing tougher teams in preseason to get ready for district."

The most obvious strength of the squad is defense, with every infield position, save first base, manned by a returning starter.

Valerie Hernandez returns at second base, and Shelley Fisk will once again anchor the infield at shortstop.

Hayes said Missy Vasquez and Dara Chambers will split time at the hot corner, as Chambers is just getting into practice following the basketball season.

"Dara will probably work her way in," Hayes said. "And we will use both of them in the outfield also."

Chaelyn Robinson will catch, a duty Hayes said is most comfortable for her. Robinson has been catching since her freshman season, but Hayes said she had to use her in centerfield last year.

"She did a good job (in center), but she is more comfortable behind the plate. She has been there before," she said.

Meagan Fletcher, who handled the position on the junior varsity squad last season, holds down first base. Rachel Clinton and Kelsi Johnson will be used to give Fletcher an occasional break.

Hayes said the outfield is a "big toss up" right now, with several players rotating at the three positions.

Johnson, Chambers and Clinton will all get playing time in left, and Clinton's twin sister Laura will captain the outfield from center.

Vasquez could also see time in center.

Clinton and Paula Fritz are being evaluated in right field, with backup catcher Heather Zajicek also a potential outfielder.

Offensively, the club has some power, with Robinson and Fisk capable of delivering the long ball. Hayes said Hernandez also has untapped power, hitting her only home run last season to dead center.

But Hayes said the team would take advantage of its most abundant asset — speed — using more "small ball" techniques this year to manufacture runs.

"We will try to use our speed more," she said. "We will probably utilize slap hitting and bunting more than we have in the past."

The first pitch will be at 6:30, following the JV game at 4:30 p.m.

Pitching will be an asset for the club, as well, with all three pitchers returning.

Ashley Martinez brings a repertoire of pitches, including a fastball, curve, drop ball and a good change –up.

Martinez does not throw as hard as her rotation mates, but has excellent location, especially on her fastball.

Johnson has a solid fastball and nice offspeed pitch that keeps hitters off-balance.

Jacque Alvarez is the power pitcher of the rotation, and Hayes said she is working on a change-up and making progress with the pitch.

The Lady Tigers will play in the Mineral Wells tournament Thursday through Saturday, and will not open at home until Feb. 27 when they host the Snyder Tournament.

GAME ON — Snyder softball coach Shelly Hayes, center, gives instructions to Missy Vasquez at third base, while Heather Zajicek waits for the ball. The team opens its season today in Lubbock (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC home opener today at Moffett

The road weary Western Texas College Westerners get their first taste of home cooking today when they take on McMurry in a doubleheader at Moffett Field at 2 p.m.

WTC (1-6) has played all seven of its contests on the road this year.

Their sole win came against Lubbock Christian Feb. 4. Snyder native Shay Franks got the win.

PERFECT SEASON — Players on the 16-0 7th grade Gold team are front, from left, Tyler McCormack, Colton Brewster and Allen Jones. Middle, from left, are Ryan Claxton, Dustin Murdock and Brent Bollinger. Back, from left, are Cody Burney, Lance Day, Blaine Knipe and Brooks Gafford. (Contributed Phtoto)

7th Gold goes undefeated

After rolling through the Lamesa tournament last weekend, the seventh-grade Gold cagers had one more hurdle to jump to complete a perfect season.

And with a 53-26 trouncing of Denver City last night, the team is the only undefeated squad in junior high history.

"If there is another undefeated team, we can't find any record of it," said coach Reagan Key. "These kids are a special group. They have basketball savvy, and in close games their competitive side shown through."

The competitive side was evident in the semifinal game at the Lamesa tourney against Big Spring. After stomping Lubbock Trinity by 40 points in the previous tilt, the Gold team found itself locked in a 22-22 joust with Big Spring after three quarters.

"I challenged them and told them this would tell what they were made of," Key said.

The team responded to the challenge, outscoring the jr. high Steers, 20-4, in the fourth to reach the finals, where it crushed Andrews, 53-26.

"These kids know how to win," Key said. "The whole program is proud of them."

The Black squad concluded a dynamite season of its own, rolling over Denver City, 37-16 to finish 14-2 on the year.

Travis Hatfield led the way with 11 points, while Josh Ornales banked in eight.

Chad Franks posted six and Clayton West added four.

Kaden Billingsley, Craig Robertson, Luke Robertson and James Simmons each scored two in the victory.

"We're very proud of them," said coach Brock Rumfield.

Tigers finish season tonight at Seminole

The Snyder Tigers will close out the regular hoops season tonight in Seminole in a rematch against the Indians.

The Tigers (12-18, 3-6) claimed the first tilt Jan. 28, 51-42, getting 17 points from Josh Mendoza and 12 from shooting guard Lee Scott.

The Indians (10-19, 4-5) can sew up third place with a victory and a Denver City loss.

Denver City will travel to Lamesa to take on the winless Golden Tors, and undefeated district champion Merkel will head to Sweetwater to challenge the 7-2 Mustangs, who have already claimed a playoff berth.

Black team wins last two to claim fifth in Snyder tourney

The eighth grade Black squad claimed fifth place in the Snyder tourney after a pair of victories on the final day.

The team squeaked past the White team from Denver City, 36-30.

Stetson Kincheole dropped in 12 points, while Michael Martinez connected for eight in the win.

Cody Reed posted seven.

The then pounded Denver City-s Red team, 56-31, with four players reaching double figures in the contest.

Brandon Robbins and Reed led all scorers with 12 points apiece, and Kincheole and Kyle Sanchez recorded 10 each.

Martinez added nine for the jr. Tigers.

Despite nine points from both Tyler Driggers and Ryan Mitchell, the eighth grade boys Gold team dropped a close decision to Andrews, 42-38 at the Snyder tourney.

Syd Wiggins, Jamie Arnold and Matthew Schoolcraft helped keep the game close with five points each.

The team also fell to Trinity, 56-41. Wiggins led the team with nine, and Mitchell contributed eight.

Tyler Driggers and Ricky Sanchez added four each.

The Snyder White squad closed out the tournament, falling to Denver City Red, 69-14.

Blake Clifton knocked in five, Greg Bryant canned four and Chase Medina put in three.

The Black team dropped a close tilt to Denver City, 34-33, to close out the season.

Reed netted 10 points and Robbins canned six.

The Gold squad was upended Monday, 42-23, getting six points from Ryan Mitchell and four from Donald Jeffery in defeat.

Lady Coyotes at coliseum tonight

Scurry County Coliseum will play host to two Region I girls playoff basketball games tonight, beginning at 6:30.

District 7 champion Borden County (25-5) will take on District 8 runner-up Aspermont (19-10) in the first tilt.

The Lady Coyotes had only one blemish on their district record, a 47-45 overtime loss at home to Ira on Jan. 17.

Ira head coach Brent Parr said Borden County is a complete team, with post player Bobbie Kempf providing a strong inside presence for the club.

The team is potent from all areas of the court, with Mikah Hensley a threat from the perimeter and Patty Rodriguez a penetrating guard.

"They have a lot of seniors and a lot of experience," Parr said of Borden County, which made it to the state semifinals last year. He said the team is battled-tested after a rugged district schedule.

"Our district is pretty tough," he said.

Aspermont will attempt to counter Borden County with a perimeter game, as they do not match up well against Kempf on the inside.

District 8 winner Rule (20-8) will square off against District 7 runner-up Klondike (17-9) in the second game. Tip off for that contest is slated for 8.

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Spy telescopes and early warning radar could help shuttle inquiry

By The Associated Press

Though they were designed to spy on enemy satellites and detect incoming nuclear missiles, a network of powerful Air Force telescopes and radar stations could help investigators determine what caused the space shuttle Columbia to disintegrate.

NASA officials said Monday that they have asked the Air Force Space Command to review all data that might contain information about the shuttle's last flight. The effort has already uncovered an observation made by ground-based radar suggesting that an object may have hit or broken off the shuttle on day two of its 16-day mission.

"We're looking at all the events on the shuttle during that period," assistant deputy administrator Mike Kostelnik said Monday.

He said NASA engineers are trying to determine if the shuttle's own sensors detected something unusual or if the crew noticed anything odd at the time of the radar observation.

Last week, NASA officials displayed a grainy photograph of Columbia during re-entry, showing the left wing apparently deformed and perhaps trailing debris.

The picture was taken by a research telescope at the Starfire Optical Range, an observatory in New Mexico that is operated by the Air Force Research Laboratory. The telescopes there are part of a worldwide network of optical and radar sensors that the Air Force uses both to watch for incoming missiles and monitor satellites and other orbiting objects.

"Even as we speak they're still gathering information," Lt. Col. Andy Roake, a spokesman for the Air Force Space Command, said Monday in an interview.

Constructed during the Cold War, Space Command radar stations in Florida, Greenland, the United Kingdom and several other locations create a kind of skyward fence around the United States, watching for incoming ballistic missiles. Those radar and several others also track about 10,000 pieces of space debris that could threaten U.S. satellites, including NASA's space station and the shuttle.

Space Command radar routinely tracks used rockets, obsolete satellites and other "space junk" as it re-enters the atmosphere. In March 2001 the command followed the Soviet Mir space station as it burned up over the South Pacific.

The radar do not follow the shuttle or any other object specifically. That means engineers have to go back to data collected during Columbia's flight and pull out specific scans that would have included the orbiter, Roake said.

The Air Force telescopes in New Mexico were specifically designed to take detailed pictures of foreign spy satellites flying overhead. With a mirror 3.5 meters in diameter, the largest of the telescopes can make out an object a foot across at a distance of 600 miles.

Theoretically, a telescope of that power could spot a single missing tile on the bottom of the space shuttle as it streaked toward its Florida landing strip. The poor quality of the photo NASA displayed last week has led some experts to suggest that better photographs of Columbia's final moments are being withheld for security reasons.

Dogs barely out number cats in U.S. households, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here's the truth about cats and dogs: Canines rule in American households, though just barely.

About 36 percent of homes with pets have a dog, while 32 percent of such homes have cats. Feline fanatics can take heart with this statistic: your pet sees the vet less often.

Those are just two examples from hundreds of pages of facts and figures about America found in the new Statistical Abstract of the United States, being released Tuesday by the Census Bureau.

The nearly 1,000 pages in the 122nd edition are light on words but heavy on numbers detailing life for Americans.

"We got all kinds of tidbits in here," said Glenn King, director of the staff that assembles the abstract. "It's America in numbers."

Here are some of them:

—The average cell phone call in 2001 lasted just under three minutes, and the average monthly bill ran $47.37.

—In 2000, 44 percent of adults did volunteer work, contributing an average of 15 hours per month.

—U.S. residents spent over $38 billion on lottery tickets in 2001, with about $2 of every $5 going toward instant scratch-off games.

—Cat owners are slightly more likely to have more than one pet roaming the home. Dogs, meanwhile, are more likely to visit the animal doctor — 85 percent of dog households took the pet to the vet in 2001, compared with 67 percent of cat homes.

—Nearly one in 20 pet-owning homes had a bird, and one in 50 owned a horse. Households that made at least $55,000 a year were more likely to have a dog, cat or horse, while homes that made less than $20,000 were more likely to have a bird.

—The larger the family, the more likely it was to own a pet, no matter what the animal.

The government puts together the fat fact book each year, compiling statistics collected by the Census Bureau as well as from private sources. For instance, the American Veterinary Medical Association supplied the data on pets.

It's not all fun and games, of course. This year's compendium includes a summary of recently released data from the 2000 census, covering income, education and poverty.

One section covers solely crime and law enforcement statistics. Another covers politics and voting data. Page 238 shows that Republican George Bush received about 1,000 more votes for president than Democrat Al Gore in Florida in the 2000 election, according to statistics rounded off to the nearest thousand. (The final, certified tally showed Bush won by 537 votes.)

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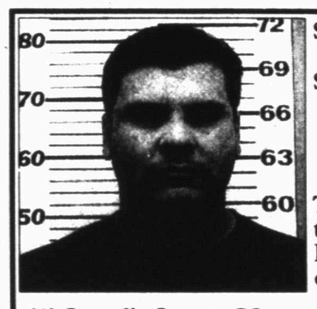

SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
February 10, 2003

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Locadio Luera, 28 years of age, male, 1607 13th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.
(1) Locadio Luera, Un hombre, 28 anos de edad, 1607 13th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Asalto Sexual". La victima era nina, quince anos de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

Notice to the Public

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (Board) hereby provides notice of the availability of the annual strategic and operational plan modification. The Board is responsible for the planning, oversight and implementation of workforce development programs throughout the nineteen area, which includes the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton. The Board's Integrated Plan Modification for program year 2003 and fiscal year 2004 will be submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission no later than March 21, 2003. At a minimum the Integrated Plan Modification will include changes to the following sections: Section I – Strategic Plan, Section III and IV – General Operations, Section V – Appendices. Workforce programs and services covered in this strategic plan and operational plan modification include: TANF Choices, Food Stamp Employment and Training, Wagener-Peyser Employment Services, Welfare-to-Work, Project Re-Integration of Offenders, Workforce Investment Act, Rapid Response Services, Rural Expansion Services, Services to Veterans, assistance to recipients of Unemployment Insurance, Child Care and the Federal Trade Act program. A draft of the Board's strategic and operational Plan Modification for the plan year of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 is available for public comment beginning Wednesday, February 12, 2003 through close of business on Thursday, March 13, 2003. The general public may access a summary of changes and the current plan document on the Board's website at www.workforcesystem.org, or interested parties may review a copy of the document at the Board's offices located at the following address:

West Central Texas Workforce Development Board
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Comments must be submitted in writing to the above address, faxed to 915-795-4300 or sent via e-mail to maryr@workforcesystem.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2003. All comments will be submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission and incorporated as part of the Board's Plan Modification. The Plan Modification will also be discussed at a public meeting of the Board on Wednesday, February 19, 2003 at noon at the above address. Comments regarding the Plan Modification will also be accepted at that meeting. Additional information may be obtained by calling Mary Ross, Executive Director, at 915-795-4200.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	3.25	3.00	3.23	+ .17
AOL TimeWrn	10.64	10.35	10.59	+ .23
AT&T Corp rs	18.10	17.85	17.97	+ .09
Albertsons	20.10	19.78	19.90	—.10
Alltel	44.06	43.57	43.86	—.29
AmEl Pw	20.80	20.50	20.71	—.09
AndarkPtr	44.97	44.41	44.55	
ATMOS Egy	21.65	21.45	21.51	+ .01
Avaall	7.45	7.19	7.20	—.16
BP PLC	38.53	38.27	38.48	+ .52
BakerHughes	32.19	31.86	31.98	+ .29
Bank of Amer	69.17	68.21	68.86	+ .65
BellSouth	23.33	22.75	22.94	—.38
BurlNoSFe	25.92	25.60	25.88	+ .08
Caterpillar	43.35	42.81	43.32	+ .74
CenterPoint	6.25	6.18	6.21	+ .03
ChevronTex	65.44	64.87	65.34	+ .40
Citigroup	33.41	32.85	32.97	+ .08
CocaCola	40.11	39.48	39.54	—.52
ColgatePal	51.86	51.27	51.35	—.15
CmclMetals s	14.40	14.10	14.36	+ .16
ConocoPhill	49.30	48.95	49.22	+ .41
Cooper Inds	37.71	37.11	37.69	+ .39
DaimlrChry	30.35	30.01	30.29	+ .77
DeltaAirl	9.69	9.47	9.54	+ .16
Dillards Inc	15.15	14.87	15.00	+ .14
DowChem	28.50	28.16	28.38	—.05
DuPont	37.22	36.88	37.03	+ .08
EastmanChem	33.34	32.97	33.25	+ .05
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PNM Rescs	20.45	20.11	20.21	—.20
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SearsRoeb	23.19	22.40	22.91	+ .03
SherwinW	27.01	26.51	26.64	+ .02
SouthernCo	29.08	28.80	28.86	—.14
SwstAirl	13.04	12.91	13.04	+ .20
SprintFON	12.50	12.32	12.40	+ .10
SprintPCS	4.09	3.98	4.01	+ .01
Sunoco Inc	34.02	33.66	33.92	+ .47
TXU Corp	16.65	16.45	16.45	—.15
TempleInland	43.02	42.25	42.65	+ .15
TexInd	21.48	21.32	21.47	+ .12
TexasInst	15.57	15.15	15.55	+ .50
Textron	38.89	38.55	38.81	+ .42
TrinityInds	16.98	16.76	16.98	+ .14
TylerTech	4.08	3.96	4.08	+ .10
UnionPacif	56.30	55.78	56.19	—.07
USSteel	12.90	12.50	12.67	+ .51
UnitedTech	64.25	63.50	63.78	—.20
Unocal	27.42	27.17	27.30	+ .09
VerizonComm	37.41	36.77	37.08	—.26
WalMart	47.49	47.07	47.49	+ .47
WellsFargo	46.50	45.83	46.27	+ .45
WstnGasRs	33.99	33.30	33.41	—.09
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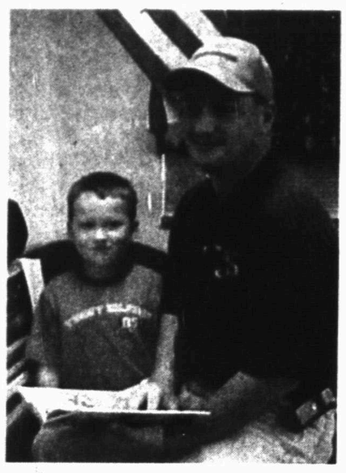

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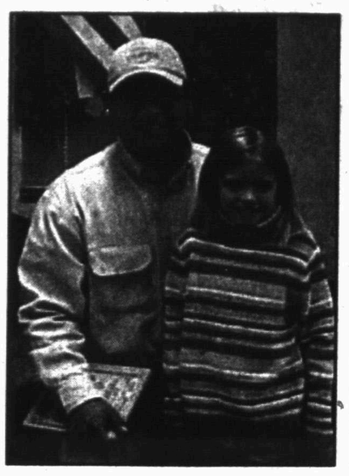

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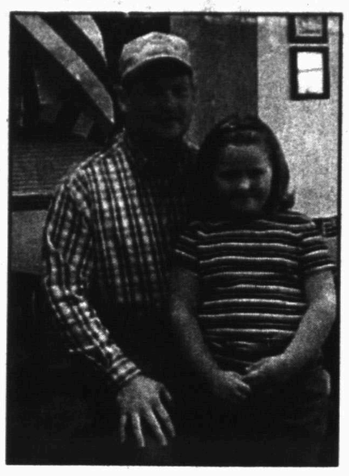

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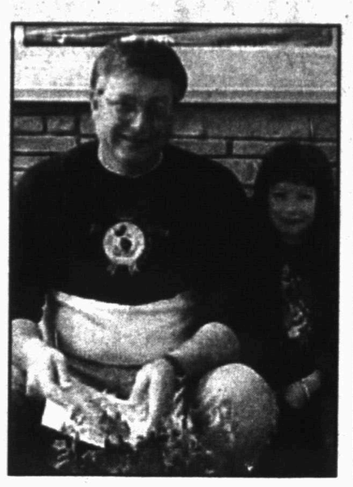

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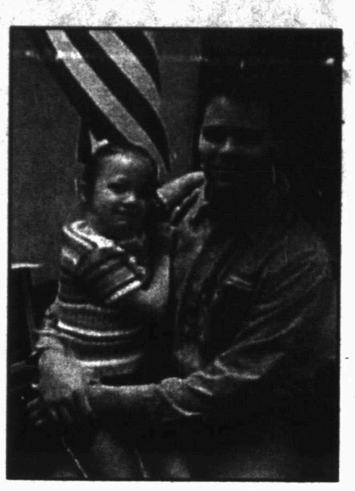

Cory and Lexi Chester

Microsoft opponents file new antitrust complaint in Europe

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — A coalition of computer, telephone and Internet companies announced a new offensive in their battle against Microsoft Corp., accusing it of violating European antitrust law with its new Windows XP.

The Washington-based Computer & Communications Association said Monday it filed a formal, confidential complaint Jan. 31 with the European Commission, which enforces EU competition laws.

Microsoft spokespeople in Brussels and the company's European headquarters in Paris had no immediate comment.

A Commission spokeswoman said the new complaint would be examined, but would not affect the investigation that has been underway for more than three years into Microsoft, which officials hope to wrap up in the coming months.

"I do not expect it will be delaying our conclusion of the ongoing complaint," said EU spokeswoman Amelia Torres. Competition Commissioner Mario Monti said in December he expects to close the case in the "first part" of 2003.

Torres refused to elaborate, but sources said the commission staff have yet to present their draft recommendation to Monti, who then plans to submit it to a newly created "devil's advocate" panel for review.

Microsoft, which has made no bones about its desire to settle the case, also has yet to make its final presentation.

In that case, EU investigators accuse Microsoft of abusing its dominance of the market for PC operating systems — its ubiquitous Windows software — to muscle its way into related markets for media and server software.

Majority would OK Iraq attack with some U.S. allies

By The Associated Press

More than half of Americans support military action against Iraq without the support of the United Nations, as long as the United States has allies in the effort, a new poll shows.

The ABC News-Washington Post poll showed that 66 percent support military action to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, but that dropped to 50 percent if the United Nations opposes the action.

But a clear majority, 57 percent, said they support military action against Iraq if some allies support it, even if the United Nations doesn't.

More than six in 10, 63 percent, now say that the Bush administration has presented enough evidence to justify force. But the public still expresses a preference for building a broad alliance, 59 percent, to acting quickly without international support, 37 percent.

Nearly six in 10 in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, 59 percent, said President Bush has a clear and well-thought-out policy on Iraq. Last fall, people were evenly split on that question.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Overprotective father may be shielding his abuse

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Caught in the Middle," the mother of 15-year-old "Becky," that she needs to step in for her daughter's sake. The girl's overprotective father has gone off the deep end.

I was also raised by hyperprotective parents. When I was finally allowed to spread my wings, I went a little crazy. I wanted to catch up with my friends and see what I had been missing. The result was I became a mother at 18. **— SMALL TOWN IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR S.T.: When I published that letter, the roof caved in. I received more than a thousand letters and e-mails. **Read on** for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: The only time I was let out of the house was to go to school. I wasn't allowed to have friends call me or even attend my own senior prom. The one time a boy did call, I got the silent treatment from my stepdad for a week. I finally joined the Army to get away. I had my first date when I was 18.

The only difference between "Becky" and me is my stepfather was physically, emotionally and sexually abusing me. I am now 43 and have never married. I have a hard time trusting men. I can't stress enough how detrimental this situation can be for a young person. I'm living proof. **— TRYING TO TRUST AGAIN**

DEAR TRYING: Thank you for an important letter. I'm sorry to say that at least one-third of those who wrote to comment on that letter had stories similar to yours.

DEAR ABBY: I spent several years in law enforcement and had the opportunity to investigate cases of incest among family members. One of the signs we noted, time and time again, was extreme "overprotectiveness" by the fathers who had abused their daughters. (Their motive was jealousy and paranoia that the child might reveal to their friends what was happening at home.) It might be advisable for that mother to look deeper into this. **— CONCERNED IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CONCERNED: I agree.

DEAR ABBY: I am a physician specializing in women's health and see many women who were sexually abused in childhood — unfortunately by their own fathers. I am concerned that Becky is being abused, and now that she has reached sexual maturity, he is making sure no one finds out. The type of jealousy described by "Caught in the Middle" can be typical of these distorted, evil relationships. Please contact that girl's mother and express my concern. This is urgent. **— CONCERNED PHYSICIAN IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR CONCERNED PHYSICIAN: The woman was afraid to give her name or address. I hope she sees this column.

DEAR ABBY: The same thing happened to me! I was young, sad, lonely, desperate and afraid. My father said if I told, no one would believe me. I considered suicide. I was 17 when he died, and I was finally able to tell Mom. She was devastated, but she believed me.

I have been in counseling for three years. Many women in my support group tell the same story. Becky will need counseling even if her father is NOT sexually abusing her. **— CORNELL, WIS., READER**

DEAR READER: That may be true. The father may also need professional counseling even if he's not an abuser. In the words of C. Knight Aldrich, M.D., professor emeritus of psychiatry and family medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine: "One should not think that only fathers who are sexually abusing their daughters are overprotective. Sometimes overly conscientious parents are, too. The problem is, if parents are too rigid, their worst fears can turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy."

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Court rules inmate can be executed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In the latest bizarre turn in a nearly 25-year-old death row case, a federal appeals court ruled that a mentally ill inmate can be put to death even though he would be too insane to qualify for execution without his medication.

A sharply divided 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals lifted a stay of execution Monday for Charles Singleton, saying his medically induced sanity makes him eligible for the death penalty.

Singleton's defense argued that the Arkansas inmate was in a precarious situation: taking anti-psychotic medication was in his interest — but not if the resulting sanity puts him on the path to the death chamber.

Six of the 11 judges on the St. Louis-based panel said that because Singleton prefers to be medicated, and because Arkansas has an interest in having sane inmates, the side-effect of sanity should not affect his fate.

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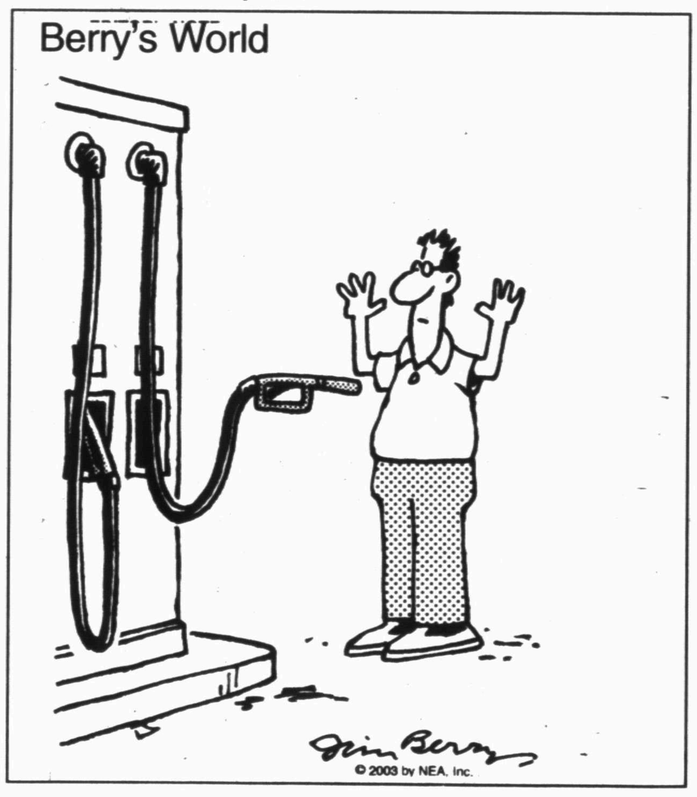

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Children who lost parents on Sept. 11 are struggling more now than last year

NEW YORK (AP) — Waiting for the medical examiner to identify his father's remains has made the second year tougher than the first, a 12-year-old boy tells the other children in his Sept. 11 grief support group.

"The first year you didn't know what was happening — you just felt so empty. The second year you talk about them more," said the boy with wire-rimmed glasses. "It took me a while to realize that he wasn't coming home."

Since the first bereavement camps for youngsters who lost relatives in the Sept. 11 attack began about a year ago, counselors have seen common emotions emerge among the children — and say they are suffering more in the second year.

"They're in a lot more pain than they were a year ago, when there was such numbness and a sense of living in a fish bowl," said camp founder Lynne Hughes, who lost her mother at age 9 and father at age 12. "Now they realize their parents are not coming back."

At the same time, Hughes said, more families are ready for the experience offered by the Richmond, Va.-based Comfort Zone Camp, which has held nine camps for Sept. 11 kids in the past year, with more scheduled in the coming months. A day-long session at a high school in Queens that drew 17 children last year had more than twice that this year.

The camps are intended to provide an escape for the grieving children. Counselors lead them in songs, games and crafts in addition to the serious discussion groups.

Children whose parents' remains have not been identified struggle particularly with their feelings. The topic comes up often in discussion groups; several youngsters solemnly raised their hands at a camp recently when asked how many of their parents were still unidentified. The remains of barely more than half of the 2,792 victims have been matched.

A 10-year-old girl who lost her father told a discussion group that she has a recurring nightmare where she sees the firefighter "suffering, getting knocked over and not being able to breathe," she said. The girl said she frequently wakes up scared and writes letters to her dad in a notebook stowed next to her bed.

The precise number of children who lost a parent in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks is not known, but the bond firm Cantor Fitzgerald alone estimates its 658 victims left 1,300 children. At the Fire Department, which lost 343 people, more than 600 children were left without a parent. The Comfort Zone Camp estimates the total at about 6,000 children.

For the past 17 months, they have set empty places at the table for important family meals, blown out candles on birthdays their parents didn't reach, left Christmas gifts at the trade center site, paged through photographs countless times, wanting desperately not to forget.

Most of them can describe in chilling detail how they were told the devastating news, but the days and months after that are a blur.

"The first year we were in a fog. We finally came out of the cloud and we're dealing with reality," said Patty Phelan, mother of four children who attended the Queens session.

One of her children didn't cry at all during the first year, and now little things will set him off, Phelan said. When her seventh-grader's teacher called her to discuss his mischievous behavior recently, she was relieved to hear he was doing anything at all, after months of staring out his classroom window.

Dr. Cynthia Pfeffer, professor of psychiatry and director of Weill Medical College of Cornell University's Childhood Bereavement Program, began a study of about 25 Sept. 11 children last May. She also has found that children are grieving more directly now that the first year is over and there are fewer distractions.

Elizabeth Gardner, who brought her two children to the Queens camp again this year, said it has been difficult to learn how to juggle the day-to-day schedule on her own and still leave time to focus on her children's grief.

"Last year we had people doing things for us, people taking the kids out, events that we went to," Gardner said. "This year people have backed off, and we have to get on and make our own life."

Today's chuckle

Man invisions unusual gateway

BARSTOW, Calif. (AP) — Greece has the Parthenon. This Mojave Desert town may get the Carthenon.

That's what artist Curtis Zaxxr Llewellyn calls his design for a 40-foot-tall gateway. The project would use junked cars, crushed into cubes and assembled into five columns. Topping them would be an aluminum sign sporting tailfins resembling those of a 1959 Cadillac.

Wayne Soppeland, who heads the economic development committee of the local Chamber of Commerce, said he envisions the sculpture as "something that the people could be proud of and identify with."

He also says it's a fitting concept considering historic Route 66 ran through town.

Llewellyn, who designs such art for a living, got into the picture last year when he stopped at a local motel during a business trip.

"I heard about their plans," Llewellyn said. "I love working with these small towns in the middle of nowhere."

Animal cruelty investigation underway

NEW CHAPEL HILL (AP) — After seven horses were found starving in an East Texas pasture, law officers have begun an animal cruelty investigation.

One horse had died and another had to be euthanized after the discovery was made over the weekend at the pasture, located off Texas 64 East.

A Tyler veterinarian determined that the euthanized mare had stood little chance of recovery.

The five surviving horses are in the custody of Smith County officials, with oversight by Dr. Steve Wilson, a veterinarian operating Glenwood Animal Hospital.

Smith County sheriff's detective Gory Loveday, who contacted the horses' owner on Monday, will collect information about events leading up to the discovery two days earlier.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

More on the 'no flour, no sugar' diet

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have successfully tried your "no flour, no sugar" diet, but I have a question. I am a regular runner. What do I eat in place of carbohydrates? I currently consume ground whole wheat bread (no "flour" on the label), whole-wheat pasta, brown rice and potatoes. Does my necessary fiber come from fruits and vegetables?

DEAR READER: Yes, it does.

Although I am somewhat surprised that your whole wheat bread and pasta contain no flour, I'll respect your observation that the word "flour" doesn't appear on their labels. (Ordinarily, my diet excludes bread and pasta.) However, my rule is that if the words "flour," "sugar" or "corn syrup" (commercial sweetener) do not appear on the label, the food is OK to consume. Under the usual circumstances, people can obtain enough carbs from alternative foods; rice, for example, is a good source.

If you wish to lose weight, continue running and dieting. This combination is universally successful.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Weight Loss" which includes my "no flour, no sugar" diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle an argument between my friend and me. She says you aren't clean if you don't douche, especially if you're sexually active. I maintain that douching creates more problems than it solves, unless the treatment is recommended by a doctor. Which of us gets the gold star?

DEAR READER: You do.

The female reproductive tract is usually clean, even after sexual relations. (Semen is ordinarily free of infection.) Therefore, regular douching is not necessary for good health.

Obviously, this is a generic answer. Individual circumstances may prove exceptions to the rule.

Despite the non-necessity of douching, many women feel more comfortable using the technique — or, as an alternative, a bidet — and that's OK. But as a general rule, gynecologists do not encourage douching, in contrast to the recommendations that were accepted a generation ago.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After six months of living in our weekend country home, I developed diarrhea, stomach cramps and swelling of my eyelids. A neighbor suggested that my symptoms could reflect an allergy to the well water. Therefore, my husband (who suffered temporary symptoms) and I purchased bottled water. This eased my symptoms considerably, but I still have occasional stomach problems. I use tap water for toothbrushing, fruit rinsing and bathing. Where do I go from here?

DEAR READER: The combination of (continuing) abdominal cramps and diarrhea suggest that the well water you are using in your weekend home could be contaminated. Rather than fuss around with bottled water and imaginary scenarios, you need to have an immediate analysis of your water. This should include a bacterial count, as well as the traditional analysis for lime, lead and other contaminants. I predict that your well water is contaminated by E. Coli, a common type of bacterium that leaches into wells from ground water and bovine herds. This is treatable and should return your weekend house to a much more pleasant environment.

If your well water is contaminated, you will continue to have gastrointestinal symptoms if you use it — even for tooth-brushing or fruit washing.

Call the town sanitary engineer and have him perform the necessary analysis. In the meantime, use your well water for bathing only.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003

In the year ahead there could be some unexpected but welcome changes in your social life. You won't forsake your old pals, but the new conditions will enlarge your circle of acquaintances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Social involvements today that possess elements of friendly competition might be especially appealing to you. Take advantage of an invitation that pits your skills up against another's.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you get a hunch about something, follow your instinct today pertaining to the outcome of events; it's likely to be extremely accurate and guide you correctly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Call and make plans to get together today with a friend who has been on your mind lately. Spur-of-the-moment situations will turn out to be the most fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A condition could unexpectedly develop today that may benefit you either financially or careerwise if you take advantage of it. Jump at the opportunity, because it will be good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — To curb your restless attitude today, get yourself involved in some type of creative outlet. You're apt to find yourself irritable if you don't do something to challenge your imagination.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You can come out the winner today if, when involved in a commercial enterprise, you don't expose your cards all at one time. Hang on to your aces until you're ready to close the deal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is one of those times when it might be wise to sound out a problem with a respected friend whose suggestions are generally helpful. She or he might have a surprising solution to offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't be hesitant to try a new method or fresh approach today to solving an old problem. It can be resolved through resourceful means.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Something new that you learn today can be used quite nicely to help improve a relationship that has been faltering a bit. The window of opportunity will be narrow, however, so do it now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You could have a few unexpected interruptions in your routine today, but they shouldn't bother you or interfere with anything important. In fact, they'll turn out to be fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Even though you might have your mind set on doing something a certain way today, don't discount any bright alternatives that pop into your head. One of them could be far better than what you had planned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take advantage of a favorable trend you may now find yourself in when it comes to your financial or material interests. Something unexpected, but good, could happen in this area today.

Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions by mailing $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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$10 million endowment given to museum

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A philanthropist has given a $10 million endowment to the museum named in his honor.

Oscar Boonshoft, a retired engineer, made the donation to the Boonshoft Museum of Natural History in November, but museum officials didn't announce the gift until last week.

"We're overwhelmed by Oscar's generosity," said Mark Meister, director of the Dayton Society of Natural History, which governs the Boonshoft. "It tells us that Oscar is very pleased with what the museum is doing."

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Looking for Faith

The gospel records tell us a great deal about Jesus. One thing we learn from them is that Jesus was always looking for faith and was always pleased when he found it. Matthew 8 tells us of one time when a Roman centurion, an officer in the Roman army, came to Jesus with a request. He asked Jesus to come and heal his servant. Jesus was willing to honor this unselfish request, but the centurion stopped him from coming to his house. He said:

Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go," and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this and he does it."

Matthew 8: 8,9

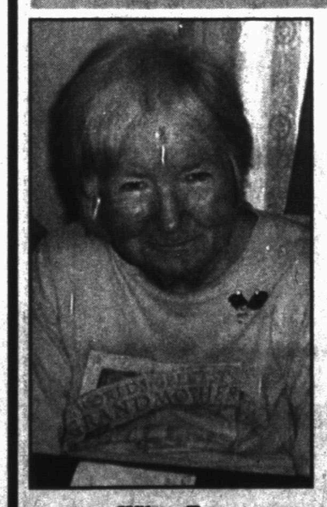
The centurion recognized that Jesus had the same authority over sickness that he, the centurion, had over his men. Jesus was astonished when he heard the words of the centurion and said to those following him:

"I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." Matthew 8:10

Jesus still looks for faith on the earth today. It is not always certain that he will find it. But where he does find it, he always rejoices. What does he find when he looks at us?

Dale Huff

Snyder Oaks Corner



Wilma Tarr

Wilma Tarr has been a resident of Snyder Oaks for over seven years.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

FBI, CIA: al-Qaida still threat to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The al-Qaida terrorist network remains a "resourceful, merciless" foe dedicated to committing more attacks against the United States and its interests around the world, the head of the FBI told Congress today.

In a joint appearance before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Robert Mueller and CIA Director George J. Tenet painted a chilling portrait of a fanatical enemy that seeks to use chemical, biological and radiological weapons against Americans and might target lightly guarded places such as shopping malls or universities.

"The network is extensive and adaptable," Tenet said. "It will take years of determined effort to unravel this and other terrorist networks and stamp them out."

The testimony came 17 months to the day since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in Washington, New York and Pennsylvania that are blamed on al-Qaida, led by Osama bin Laden. More than 3,000 people died in those attacks.

The appearance by Mueller and Tenet also coincided with a recent upgrading of the national terrorist threat level from "elevated" to "high." Tenet said intelligence points to attacks that could occur this week, possibly using a "dirty bomb" that spews out radiological material.

Even though al-Qaida's refuge in Afghanistan has been disrupted, Tenet said the group continues to have a presence there, as well as in Pakistan, Iran and Iraq. Al-Qaida, he said, "is living in the expectation of resuming the offensive."

There have been many successes in the war on terror, Tenet and Mueller said. More than 3,000 suspected terrorists or sympathizers have been detained and the number of countries involved in the apprehensions is now 100, Tenet said. Equally important is the "trove of information" the United States has gleaned from these captives, he said.

In this country, Mueller said, the FBI suspects there are "several hundred" Muslim extremists that focus mainly on fund-raising, recruitment and training. But he said the greatest threat to Americans at home are "al-Qaida cells in the United States that we have not identified."

Some of these cells, he added, have probably been in the United States since well before Sept. 11.

"The enemies we face are resourceful, merciless and fanatically committed to inflicting massive damage on our homeland, which they regard as a bastion of evil," Mueller said.

NASA: Wing fragment came from left side of Columbia

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A wing fragment that may be the most significant piece of Columbia debris found since the space shuttle's disintegration came from the space shuttle's troubled left side, NASA determined.

The finding is important to the shuttle investigation because many of the problems before the spacecraft broke up involved the left wing.

NASA will begin testing a mock-up of the shuttle wing, Scott Hubbard, a member of the team investigating the accident, said today. The analysis, to be conducted in high-speed wind tunnels, will look at four possible patterns of damage and how the wing's temperature and stability would be affected under each.

"If a big chunk of tile is missing, then what?" Hubbard said.

The newly identified fragment includes a 2-foot piece of carbon-composite panel, a dense material that covered the leading edge of the wing, and a 11/2-foot piece of the wing itself.

Officials took until Monday to say definitively that it had been part of Columbia's left wing and to clarify where it was found. Engineers are not yet certain where the piece fits.

NASA originally said the piece of heat-resistant panel was found west of Fort Worth. On Monday, the agency said satellite coordinates indicated it had actually been found near Corsicana, 66 miles southeast of Fort Worth.

The left wing has been a focus of the investigation. Barely a minute after liftoff on Jan. 16, a piece of insulating foam from Columbia's external fuel tank broke off and slammed into the wing. NASA concluded during the mission that the foam had not caused serious damage, but it is still a central part of the investigation.

The Feb. 1 accident killed all seven astronauts aboard.

On today, the three men aboard the international space station spoke publicly for the first time about the Columbia accident. The three have grieved the loss of their colleagues.

United employee reports shoplifter

•Theft

A United employee reported a shoplifter fleeing from the store at 1 p.m. Monday.

Officers contacted a 38-year-old man, but he refused to give a statement and he was issued a citation for theft. An offense report for theft also was submitted.

•Vandalism

A woman at Snyder High School reported vandalism to a vehicle parked at the school. No report was made, but a close patrol was requested for a residence in the 1200 block of 26th Street.

Target Corp...

Valentine cards are pulled because of one word, 'Jihad'

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Target Corp. pulled boxes of Valentine's Day cards from its shelves after one contained the word "Jihad" and a parent interpreted the message as a veiled terrorist threat.

A spokesman for the retail chain said Monday the company was removing "I Spy" box sets of Valentine's Day trading cards from its stores after a parent in Pittsburgh contacted the store and law enforcement.

Among several other items, the card contained the word "Jihad" and the message, "It's Time to Be Mine." The FBI said it was looking into the origin of the card.

"Jihad" refers to the Islamic concept of the struggle to do good. In particular situations, that can include the waging of holy war, and extremist Muslims often employ the term with that meaning.

The publisher, Scholastic Inc. in New York City, said any association with terrorism was unintended. The company said it regretted causing any distress.

Aimee Spengler Dolan, a spokeswoman for the publisher, said the card in question was a portion of a photo and riddle from "I Spy School Days," published in 1995.

"Jihad" was the name of a child in a class the author visited, the publisher said. Scholastic said it changed the name in subsequent reprints of the book to Jared in 2001 but that the valentines used original artwork.

Nick Poillucci, 37, said he purchased the set at a Target on Saturday for his 3-year-old daughter to give out in her preschool class. He said he noticed the word "Jihad" upon opening the box at home.

Hood is promoted

J. Matthew Hood has recently earned the rank of Tech. Sgt. with the USAF. His pinning ceremony was held at Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

Hood, a structural tech, has served in the USAF for 14½ years. He enlisted in Lubbock in 1988 and has served all over the U.S. and in many foreign countries.

Throughout his career, Hood has received several commendations for meritorious service.

Hood is the son of Tommy and Pat and is currently en route to the Persian Gulf Region. His brother, Joe Hood, lives in Big Spring.

Obituaries

John Book

1929-2003

John B. Book, retired assistant plant superintendent at the Fuller Gas Plant, died Monday, Feb. 10, in Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg after a sudden illness.

Services for Mr. Book, 73, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 15, 1929 in Fairfield, Ill., he married Norma Maricle on July 24, 1949 in Fairfield.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Book of Snyder; two daughters, Dee Ann Carroll of Lubbock and Jo Book of San Antonio; a son, Terry Book of San Antonio; two brothers, George Book of Kingsland and Jim Book of Batavia, Ill.; three sisters, Katie Black, Martha Phillips and Shirley Bell, all of Fairfield; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Cora Baker

1916-2003

Cora Lee Baker, 86, died Sunday, Feb. 9, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Baker will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the New Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. Raymond Dunkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

She was born May 29, 1916 in Fort Worth. She did housecleaning and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. She had lived in Snyder since 1960 and was preceded in death by her husband.

She was survived by many friends.

Merle Turner

1913-2003

Merle Bullard Turner of Snyder died Sunday, Feb. 9, in Mountain View Lodge in Big Spring.

Graveside service for Mrs. Turner, 89, was set for 10 a.m. today in Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Tim Dunn officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 22, 1913 in Newland, Tex., she was a longtime resident of Abilene before moving to Snyder in 1998. A Baptist, she had been employed at the Abilene State School.

She is survived by one sister, Florine Merritt of Snyder; one brother, Fred Bullard of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews, including Jane Hammond and husband Bill of Big Spring and Dwaine Merritt and his wife Belinda of Snyder.

Marvin Boulware

1917-2003

CORSICANA — Marvin Harvey Boulware, a former resident of Scurry County, died Friday, Feb. 8, in Beaumont.

Funeral service for Mr. Boulware, 85, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ken Goode officiating. Burial was to follow in the Dresden Cemetery.

Born Feb. 22, 1917 in Comanche, he was reared in the Corsicana area and lived in Fluvanna for 40 years. He was a farmer and worked for E.D. Walton Construction Co. for several years. He had been a resident of Beaumont the past nine years.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Boulware of Beaumont; three sons, Larry Boulware and wife Tanya of Snyder, Harvey Boulware and wife Janie of Mexia and Danny Boulware of Beaumont; a daughter and son-in-law, Lavetta and Wayne Sturdivant of Beaumont; a sister, Hazel Farmer of Lindale; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Frank Hunt

1908-2003

CHILLICOTHE — Frank Hunt, the father of Nell Allen of Snyder, died Monday, Feb. 10, in Quanah.

Funeral service for Mr. Hunt, 94, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Wallace Clay and David Hartwig officiating. Burial will follow in the Chillicothe Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Hunt was a retired employee of Hardeman County.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Hunt of Chillicothe; a son, Gerald Hunt of Mustang, Okla.; three other daughters, Dorene Morris of Abilene, Phlorene Tidmore of Keller and Jo Stone of Chillicothe; a brother, Dewey Hunt of Canyon; two sisters, Lois Sanderson and Lucille Harris, both of Sulphur Springs; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church in Chillicothe.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 2/12	Thu 2/13	Fri 2/14
60/44	61/41	67/36
A mix of clouds and sun in the morning followed by cloudy skies during the .	Showers possible. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Showers early. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 7:30 AM, Sunset 6:26 PM	Sunrise 7:29 AM, Sunset 6:27 PM	Sunrise 7:28 AM, Sunset 6:28 PM

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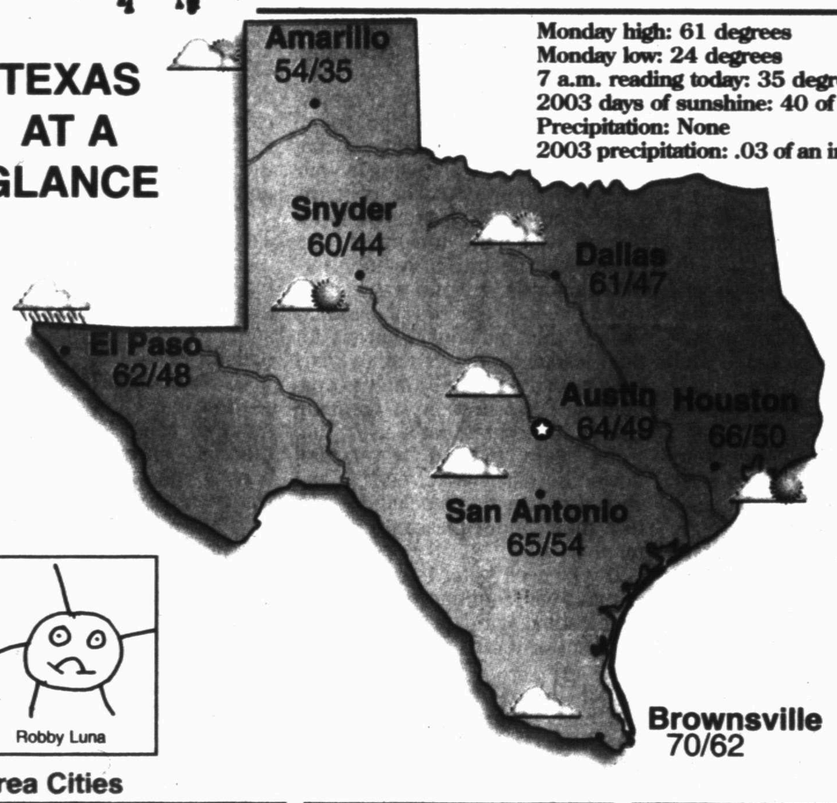
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Monday high: 61 degrees
Monday low: 24 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 35 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 40 of 42
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .03 of an inch



Robby Luna

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	61	49	cloudy	El Paso	62	48	rain	Midland	63	51	cloudy
Amarillo	54	35	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	65	50	cloudy	Raymondville	71	57	cloudy
Austin	64	49	cloudy	Gainesville	57	39	pt sunny	Rosenberg	67	49	cloudy
Beaumont	66	47	cloudy	Greenville	58	40	pt sunny	San Antonio	65	54	cloudy
Brownsville	70	62	cloudy	Houston	66	50	cloudy	San Marcos	65	50	cloudy
Brownwood	65	47	cloudy	Kingsville	70	56	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	59	41	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	67	57	cloudy	Livingston	65	45	pt sunny	Sweetwater	62	47	cloudy
Corsicana	63	45	pt sunny	Longview	63	41	pt sunny	Tyler	64	46	pt sunny
Dallas	61	47	pt sunny	Lubbock	59	42	cloudy	Weatherford	59	40	pt sunny
Del Rio	68	58	cloudy	Lufkin	65	47	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	57	41	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	27	pt sunny	Houston	66	50	cloudy	Phoenix	70	56	rain
Boston	30	7	sn shower	Los Angeles	65	54	rain	San Francisco	58	52	rain
Chicago	21	9	mst sunny	Miami	77	57	pt sunny	Seattle	54	38	pt sunny
Dallas	61	47	pt sunny	Minneapolis	15	2	mst sunny	St. Louis	41	26	mst sunny
Denver	50	26	pt sunny	New York	32	12	flurries	Washington, DC	40	20	windy

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23	Mar 3

UV Index

Wed 2/12	Thu 2/13	Fri 2/14
Low	Minimal	Low

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

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