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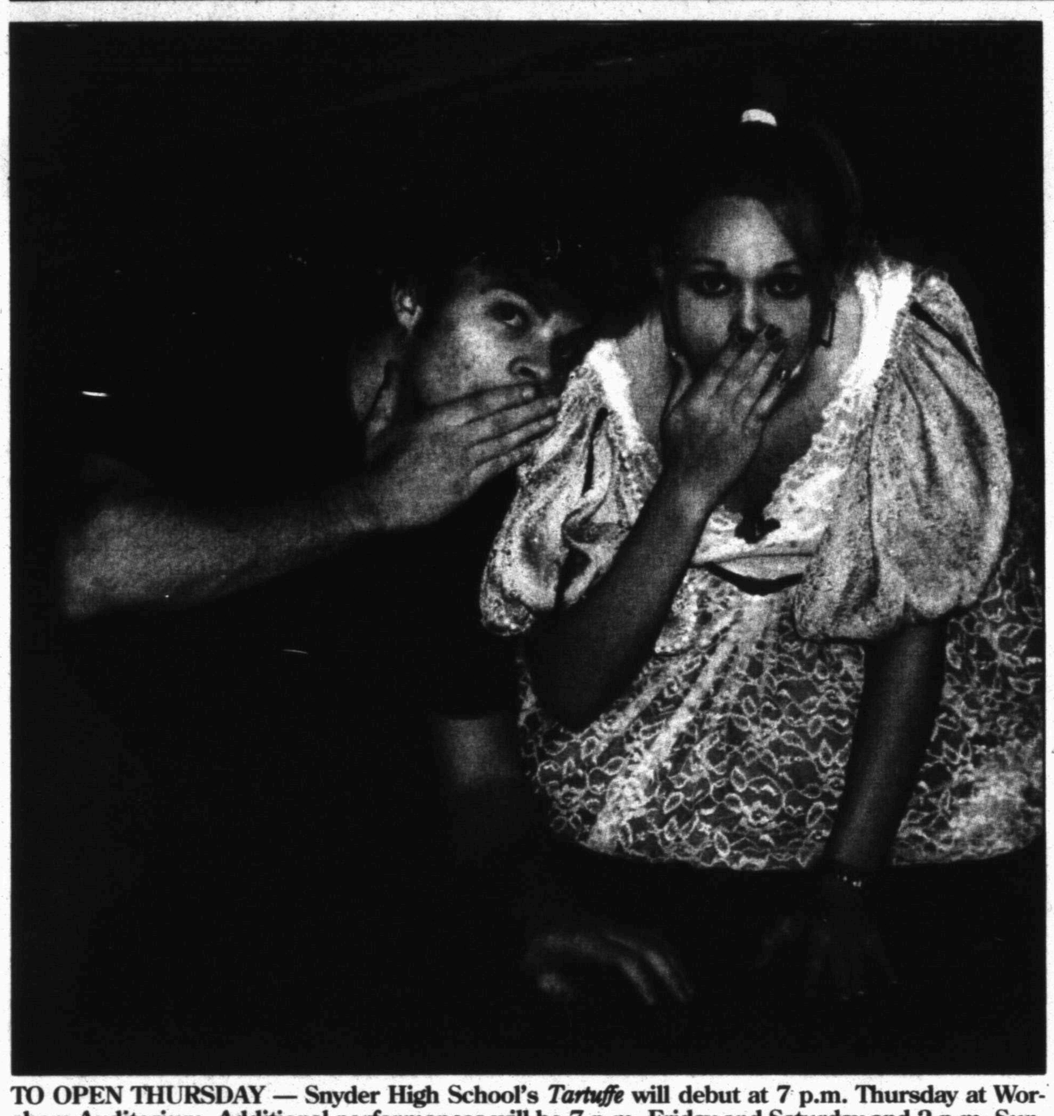


TO OPEN THURSDAY — Snyder High School's *Tartuffe* will debut at 7 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium. Additional performances will be 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students. In this scene characters played by Coleman Welch and Lacee Early are embarrassed because they were caught kissing under the table. Michael McQuerry is the director. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Coronation is Tuesday

Mr. and Miss SHS to be recognized, along with class favorites and sweethearts

Snyder High School will hold its annual coronation ceremonies beginning at 8:30 Tuesday morning in the Worsham Auditorium.

The highlight is the announcement of Mr. and Miss SHS, and the recognition of numerous sweethearts and class favorites.

Nominees for Mr. SHS are Blake Grimmett, Boicy Martinez, Sterling Millhollon, Bradley Price and Lee Scott.

Miss SHS nominees are Ashlye Amox, Erin Burleson, Kelby Drum, Kelsi Johnson and Misha Wofford.

Freshman class favorites are Whitley Fulford and Corbin Smith. Temi Thompson and Steven Martinez will be presented as sophomore favorites.

Samantha Moyers and Israel Torrez are junior favorites and Kelsi Johnson and Clayton Floyd are senior class favorites.

SISD spelling bee...

Top spellers to compete

Eight spellers will vie for the top position in the Snyder ISD Spelling Bee slated 9 a.m. Tuesday at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre.

Spellers will consist of the first and second place winners in campus bees held at East, Northeast, West and Snyder Junior High School.

Tyson Sullenger and Ashleigh Falcon will represent East Elementary. Sullenger, the son of Greg and Brenda Sullenger, won East's bee. Falcon, the runner-up, is the daughter of Terry and Teresa Falcon.

Northeast Elementary's top spellers are Nicole Molter and Stevie Dauphin.

Molter, who won first place in the campus bee, is the daughter of Mike and Liffin Molter. Runner-up Dauphin is the son of J.B. Cline and Amber Lyle.

Monica Clanton and Jonathan Kerr will represent West Elementary. Clanton won first place in the campus bee and is the daughter of Monte and Anne Clanton. Kerr is the runner-up. He is the son of Thomas and Carol Kerr.

Two eighth graders won the junior high bee. First-place winner J.W. Wesson is the son of Jay and Tammy Wesson. Runner-up James Simmons is the son of Celissa and James Simmons.

For the SISD bee, Dr. Edward Barkowsky will be the dictionary and recording judge. Rebekah Thornton will pronounce the words. Judges will be Carolyn Osborn, Ruth Richburg and Julie Sentell.

The regional bee will take place March 6 in Lubbock.

Bush denies sending U.S. to war under false pretenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush denied he marched America into war under false pretenses and said the U.S.-led invasion was necessary because Saddam Hussein could have developed a nuclear weapon.

"I don't think America can stand by and hope for the best," the president said. Bush suggested Saddam may have destroyed or spirited out of the country the banned weapons the Bush administration cited as a main rationale for the war.

"I expected to find the weapons," Bush said in an Oval Office interview broadcast Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Sitting behind this desk, making a very difficult decision of war and peace, I based my decision on the best intelligence possible," the president said. The interview was taped Saturday.

Bush also was asked about the fugitive Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks whom the president had pledged to get "dead or alive."

"I have no idea whether we will capture or bring him to justice," Bush said.

The interview, his first on a Sunday talk show since taking office, came as the president's approval rating has dipped to 47 percent, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll taken in early February; that compares with 56 percent just a month ago.

The appearance followed weeks of criticism from Democrats over the failure so far to find Iraq's cache of weapons.

"They could have been destroyed during the war," Bush said, speculating about reasons the reports might have been wrong. "Saddam and his henchmen could have destroyed them as we entered into Iraq. They could be hidden. They could have been transported to another country, and we'll find out."

The president said he retained confidence in CIA Director George Tenet. Bush shook his head from side to side when asked if Tenet's job was in jeopardy. "No, not at all, not at all," Bush said.

Bush pledged to cooperate with a commission he set up last week to examine prewar intelligence lapses and defended its March 2005 reporting date, which is four months after the White House election.

"There is going to be ample time for the American people to assess ... whether or not I made the right decision in removing Saddam Hussein from power," Bush said.

Democrats in Congress and on the campaign trail said Sunday they wanted to see the findings before the election, if possible.

"What we've got here is a president who simply doesn't want to be held accountable," presidential hopeful Wesley Clark told CNN's "Late Edition."

Bush did not directly respond to election-year allegations that his administration exaggerated intelligence, but made clear that the United States considered the Iraqi president a dictator who brutalized and killed his own people.

"I strongly believe that inaction in Iraq would have emboldened Saddam Hussein," Bush said. "He could have developed a nuclear weapon over time — I'm not saying immediately, but over time. ... We would have been in a position of blackmail. In other words, you can't rely upon a madman."

Also on the foreign policy front, Bush said "diplomacy is just beginning" with North Korea. The United States and its allies are seeking to persuade the communist nation to abandon its nuclear weapons programs. "We are making good progress," Bush said.

Golf course naming on WTC agenda

Naming of the Western Texas College golf course will be among the items on the agenda when the WTC board convenes at 7 p.m. tonight.

The board also is set to approve the naming of the WTC golf course in honor of NFL legend Sammy Baugh.

The board also will review investment management guidelines, to decide if any changes in the police are necessary.

In other business, the trustees will consider the approval of the small class report and the call the trustee election for May 15.

Additionally, the board will hear the distant learning-education report from Britt Canada, and information on art completion and the drama production.

Investigators get description of possible highway sniper

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Witness descriptions of a gunman and his vehicle after a pair of highway sniper shootings are the most detailed yet in the series of attacks south of Columbus, authorities said.

A van and a Mercedes car were hit minutes apart Sunday and witness descriptions of the apparent gunman on one overpass and a vehicle parked on another have offered investigators potential leads.

Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin stopped short of linking the two latest cases to the serial gunfire. However, he said that based on initial evidence they seem consistent with the 21 shootings since May on or around Interstate 270. One person has been killed.

Douglas Berry, the driver of the Mercedes, described the gunman as a middle-aged white male, with a medium build. Another motorist called 911 Sunday, reporting a black sports car on an overpass.

"We've had some vague issues in the past, but this is by far probably the best," Martin said.

No injuries were reported in Sunday's shootings, which happened about 11:30 a.m. on Interstate 71 in Jeffersonville, about 40 miles southwest of Columbus and about 25 miles from any linked shootings.

Berry, 51, of Mansfield, said he was driving north on I-71 when he noticed a car pull to a stop on an overpass. "I saw him park his car, get out of it, walk to the rail and take his shot," Berry told The Columbus Dispatch. "It sounded like a boom, a blast."

There was no comment from the van driver, identified in a sheriff's report as Cheryl Shreyer of Baltimore, in central Ohio. No one answered the door at her home today and she did not return calls seeking comment Sunday night.

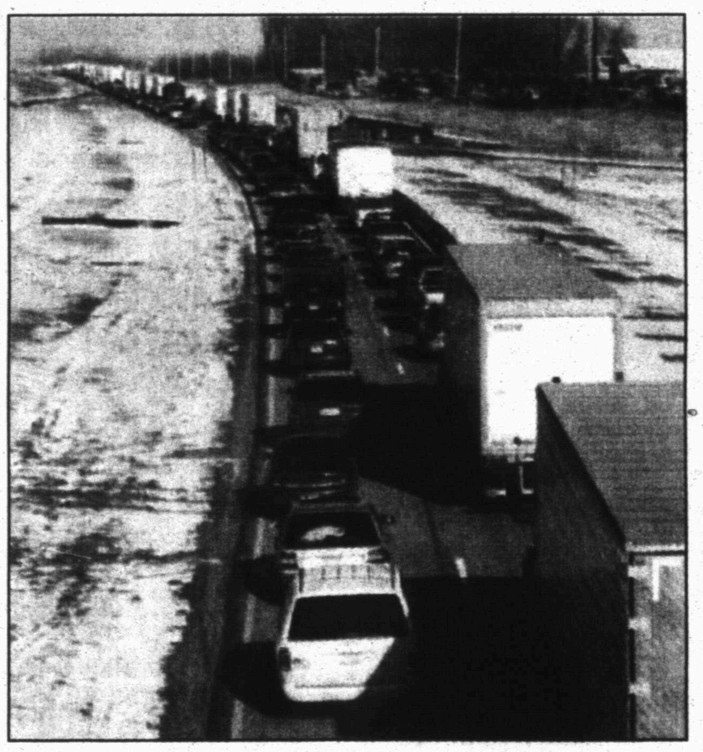
Both vehicles were struck in the hood on the driver's side, Martin said. At the rest stop about a mile from the shootings, a bullet hole was visible in the hood of the Mercedes, about six inches from its windshield.

A lane of I-71 northbound was closed for part of the afternoon as officers searched the area.

A driver on Interstate 71 called the Fayette County Sheriff's emergency dispatcher Sunday and reported seeing a person standing next to a black car on an overpass, according to a recording released to the media.

"I don't know. It looks like he just got out of the vehicle," the caller said.

"It looks like a black sports car," the caller later added.



BACKED UP — Traffic backed up for miles on Interstate 71 in Ohio after two vehicles were shot at on the highway Sunday. A van and Mercedes were fired upon separately in what appears to be yet another incident in a series of 21 sniper shootings along Interstate 270 south of Columbus. (AP Photo)

Hermleigh trustees to meet tonight

Hermleigh ISD's school board will meet in regular session this evening at 7 o'clock in the high school library.

The trustees will formally set the school board election for May 15. The terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins are expiring.

In other business this evening, trustees will consider the annual extension of school principal Clarence Spieker's contract, and review the district's policy concerning the hiring and retention of "at will" employees.

Supt. Marvin Beaty will give an athletic department update, as well as reporting on various construction projects on the campus.

ASK US

Q—How does one go file a formal complaint against a dispatcher at the sheriff's office?

A—Sheriff Darren Jackson advises to write a letter or make an appointment to meet with him and discuss the problem.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Don Johnson...

...has lived in Snyder for 54 of his 56 years. He is married to Wanda Johnson and their children are Larry Johnson and Janelle Davis. Don's favorite hobbies are doing woodcrafts and refurbishing old photos using his computer.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes.
—Washington Irving

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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 "Witness of the Resurrection," followed by "Take Heed What You Hear."

AA meeting

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

Ira school pictures

Ira school casual and friendship proofs, with or without orders, need to be turned in no later than Tuesday. Envelopes to order a class group picture are also due Tuesday.

Relay for Life team rally

The Relay for Life team rally will be 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Stanfield cafeteria. All interested in participating in the 2004 event are invited to attend and receive important team information.

Antique tractor club meeting

The Scurry County antique tractor club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Jack's Roadboaring on the Colorado City Highway.

Stanfield parent council

Stanfield parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the teacher's lounge in the front hallway.

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.

Voters oust eight municipal officials

By The Associated Press

Texas voters in separate recall elections succeeded in ousting five council members, a mayor and two city commissioners over the weekend.

Five of seven Haltom City councilmen were voted out of office in Saturday's recall election. Residents and the three remaining elected officials said it's now time to start healing political wounds. All the ousted council members had voted to fire City Manager Richard Torres in October.

In Kingsville, residents turned out in record numbers to recall the mayor and two commissioners. City officials do not know when an election to fill the three vacancies will take place.

The Haltom City attorney was expected at tonight's council meeting to issue a legal opinion on whether the five recalled councilmen will be required to step down immediately.

"It's been sort of a mini-war here in Haltom City," resident Bill Lanford, who serves as chairman of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and had considered running for City Council in May, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"There's not much bloodshed yet, but a lot of hurt feelings. We really need to move beyond that."

Voters overwhelmingly demanded the removal of council members David Averitt, Trae Fowler, Tracy Henderson, Bob Hurley and John Williams.

The recall would leave only two council members, Diane Bransom and Jim Sutton, as well as Mayor Calvin White.

"I am convinced good things are ahead for us, but the progress will be slow," White said. "It's not going to happen overnight."

Williams said the recall effort was destructive.

"The election is just a reflection of the city and the direction it wants to go — a standstill," he said. "This wasn't about the city. This was just about personalities. They got mad and retaliated."

Some voters said the recall election was a waste of taxpayers' money.

"I think it's the dumbest thing I ever heard," said Carolyn Smith, 61, as she walked out of the polling place. "They could have waited until May."

All the recalled councilmen except Henderson faced re-election May 15. They can run again, except for Williams, who is barred from re-election this year because of term limits. About 68 percent of voters supported recall in an election that drew 12 percent of registered voters.

Kingsville City Manager Carlos Yerena and Assistant City Manager Corando Garza said that 2,016 people voted to recall Mayor Phil Esquivel Jr., with 1,608 people voting against his recall. The vote to recall Mayor Pro Tem Horacio "Hoss" Castillo was 2,154 for and 1,453 against. Recall of City Commissioner Arturo Pecos was supported by 2,108 voters, with 1,495 voting against the move.

For primary...

Farm workers endorse Doggett

PHARR (AP) — Democratic U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Austin on Saturday got the endorsement of the United Farm Workers, a force in the Rio Grande Valley known for getting thousands of mostly poor, Spanish-speaking voters to the polls.

The farm workers endorsed him for the newly redrawn 25th congressional district over Democratic primary contender Leticia Hinojosa, a state district judge from McAllen.

Doggett and his wife, Libby, donned red UFW T-shirts and pledged support to the UFW platform.

"Why is it a woman who works all day picking vegetables, with calluses on her hands, can't get her children good medical care, but one who sits all day and the only calluses they have is on their rear end, can get the best medical care in the world?" said Doggett, who has represented the 10th district since 1994.

Libby Doggett, who grew up in El Paso, addressed the room in Spanish, saying "Lloyd Doggett has been working to be your spokesman. ... He will work hard for the people."

Saturday's endorsement was the latest in a series of key local endorsements lost by Hinojosa, but she said she isn't discouraged.

"I think the general membership will support me, the rank and file," she said. "I think they're getting pressure from the nationals. I've always gone to the people for their support, I've always won two-to-one and I've never sought political endorsements."

Recent Doggett endorsements include the Rio Grande Valley Teachers Association and the mayors of McAllen, Pharr, Palmhurst and Hidalgo.

"The UFW had been in the past for Leticia Hinojosa, but at this point of the game Doggett was the best candidate," said Ester Salinas, a UFW member from Mission. "We felt that he was going to help us in every area that we're concerned about."

About 300 UFW delegates from area towns, churches, and immigrant advocacy groups cheered Doggett on as part of their annual rally to endorse a slate of candidates. Each delegate represented a chunk of hometown votes, Salinas said.

Antonio Carrisales, a 54-year-old bricklayer from Donna, said the UFW liked Doggett's record.

"The support for Doggett isn't just local, it's everywhere with the United Farm Workers of America and all the union is supporting the congressman," he said.

Democrats compare the new district, approved by the Republican-led Legislature in October after a lengthy partisan battle, to a "fajita strip" or "bacon strip." It stretches narrowly from the border to Austin, and Democrats say it was created to dilute their power in the Valley.

Today's chuckle

This time thieves only steal kitchen sink

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Thieves have been known to steal everything from construction sites but the kitchen sink.

On Wednesday, that changed.

Police said burglars took only a stainless steel sink with chrome faucet and the attached garbage disposal from a house under construction on the city's east side.

"I can retire now," quipped police Lt. Ray Rexroat.

Steve Staub, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Greater Des Moines said construction sites are being looted harder and more often, fueled in part by a building boom and the high cost of materials.

He said thieves have stolen washers and dryers, furnaces, faucets, fixtures, even doors and windows.

"They are stealing everything, including the kitchen sink. It's a very prevalent problem," said Staub.

Forty-one construction burglaries were reported in Des Moines in the last eight months of 2003.

"There are so many subcontractors on a job, it's hard knowing who is supposed to be there, sometimes," Staub said. "Some of these people pull in during the middle of the day, load up and just drive away."

Accidental pollution from energy plants add to smog

HOUSTON (AP) — Eighty percent of all pollution released accidentally into Houston's air last year came from just a dozen plants, according to a Houston Chronicle review of state data.

Topping the list, the review showed, was Exxon Mobil's Baytown refinery with 1.6 million pounds released during unexpected power failures, lightning strikes, equipment malfunctions and other "upsets."

The highest number of events in the region and state was BP's Texas City facility, reporting 104.

Down the street from the BP plant in Texas City, resident Juan Gallegos said most accidents occur at night, and company officials often make excuses.

"If you call, they give you the runaround," he told the Chronicle.

"They will tell you it's under control or blame another plant."

During the accidental releases by 121 facilities in the Houston region, 7.6 million pounds of pollution was released into the air From Feb. 1 to Dec. 31, 2003. All the plants together averaged 8.8 upsets, but the dozen with the most such releases averaged 41.

The 12 plants are among the nation's largest chemical plants and refineries. Besides Exxon Mobil and BP, the other facilities responsible for the most emissions from upsets are Dow, Lyondell-Citgo, Shell, Williams, ConocoPhillips, Valero Refining and Equistar Chemicals, according to the newspaper.

"The number of upset conditions reported by our facilities in 2003 is unacceptable to our company, and it does not reflect the level of our commitment to operate these facilities in a safe and environmentally responsible manner," said David Harpole, a spokesman for Equistar, with ethylene plants in Alvin and Channelview on the list.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said that controlling upsets will be essential to the state meeting a 2007 deadline to meet federal air quality standards for smog.

"They contribute to the overall air quality picture," said Brad Toups, an air program manager with the agency, which put an Emissions Events Database online for the first time on Jan. 31, 2003. Houston's air quality has been among the country's worst, formerly surpassing Los Angeles as the smoggiest nationwide.

The agency ruled in nine cases in the Houston area last year that an upset was not an accident and could have been avoided. They included Dow's chemical plant in Freeport, where 230,000 pounds of ethylene leaked from a valve for 34 hours before personnel noticed. The incident accounted for a fifth of the million pounds of pollution the facility emitted last year during accidents.

"Upset emissions are a serious matter," said David Winder, a spokesman for Dow Texas Operations. "We are continuously reviewing and improving our procedures to prevent them."

Such pollution, criticized by environmentalists, is above and beyond the millions of pounds of chemicals the state allows plants to release into the air each year.

"If we have an event of any significance, we will typically see the TCEQ," said Jerry Barnhill, the health, safety and environmental manager for the Lyondell-Citgo refinery in Houston.

Opportunity takes microscopic images of bedrock outcropping

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA scientists hope microscopic images taken by the Opportunity rover of a bedrock outcropping on the surface of Mars will help answer questions about the planet's history.

The rover was preparing to test the makeup of the outcropping after snapping the images on Sunday. The images may shed light on the geologic history of the region and what the environment was like when the outcropping was formed, said Jim Erickson, deputy mission manager.

Opportunity discovered the outcropping, which is about 50 feet long and a foot high, within days of its Jan. 24 landing. It was the first bedrock outcropping seen on any Mars mission.

The microscopic images and other tests could bring scientists closer to answering whether water — a key condition for life — ever existed on Mars.

Also Sunday, scientists studied data that Opportunity's twin rover, Spirit, gathered by drilling into a rock. A tool using diamond particles as an abrasive cut 2.7 millimeters deep into a tiny area of a sharply angled rock dubbed Adirondack.

It was the first rock to be drilled by either of the two rovers on the mission.

On the Net:
Rover Mission:
http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov
Rock tool: http://www.honeybeerobotics.com/rat.html

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
5-7-15-40-42
Bonus Ball: 10
Match plus bonus ball: 0, $0.
Match 5 numbers: 3, $9,279.
Match 4 numbers plus bonus ball: 13, $1,943.
Match 4 numbers: 498, $109.
Match three numbers plus bonus ball: 449, $107.
Match three numbers: 19,790, $5.
Match two plus bonus ball: 6,039, $5.
Match one number plus bonus ball: 26, 418, $3.
Estimated jackpot: $5 million
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-14-22-23-24.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Winning tickets sold in El Paso and Red Rock.
Matching four of five: 138. Prize: $138.
Matching three of five: 4,942. Prize: $9.
Matching two of five: 45,456. Prize: $2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 1-4-0
(Night) 1-6-0

World Almanac

Monday, Feb. 9, 2004

Today is the 40th day of 2004 and the 50th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1942, Congress instituted daylight-saving time.

In 1950, Sen. Joseph McCarthy accused the U.S. State Department of communist infiltration.

In 1964, the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, launching rock music's "British invasion."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Henry Harrison (1773-1841), U.S. president; Ronald Colman (1891-1958), actor; Brendan Behan (1923-1964), playwright; Roger Mudd (1928-), broadcaster, is 76; Joe Pesci (1943-), actor, is 61; Mia Farrow (1945-), actress, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1920, major league baseball outlawed the spitball and other "freak deliveries."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have never seen a situation so dismal that a policeman couldn't make it worse." — Brendan Behan

TODAY'S FACT: Some 45.3 percent of all U.S. TV-owning households tuned in to see the Beatles debut in America on "The Ed Sullivan Show," the highest-rated TV telecast up to then, the 25th highest as of now.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 250 — The length in feet of Henry Ford's first assembly line.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 6) and last quarter (Feb. 13)

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Let the buyer beware when choosing credit counseling

DEAR ABBY: I read your sound advice to "Addicted to Spending," the woman who racked up thousands of dollars in credit card debt. She said she couldn't sleep at night for fear her husband would divorce her when he found out. You were right that a credit counseling agency can provide valuable assistance, but she needs to be careful which one she selects.

The Internal Revenue Service oversees many credit counseling agencies because they are tax-exempt. We have received an increasing number of complaints that some of these agencies charge high fees, offer poor repayment plans, and provide little in the way of education and counseling.

We have stepped up our audits of credit counseling agencies and, where warranted, will revoke their tax exemption.

In addition, we have issued a consumer alert with the Federal Trade Commission and state regulators, warning consumers to check carefully before signing up with a particular program. A few tips:

(1) Beware of high fees or "voluntary" contributions.

(2) Carefully read any written statements before you sign, and make sure your creditors will work with the agency you want.

(3) Watch carefully the claims made in TV ads. **— MARK W. EVERSON, COMMISSIONER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**

DEAR COMMISSIONER EVERSON: I know my tax dollars are being well spent when the highest collection officer in the land reaches out to help people with money troubles. Everyone has heard the phrase, "Let the buyer beware." ("Caveat emptor.") However, it is especially discouraging to think that people who are vulnerable and trying to move their lives in a positive direction would be victimized by predators.

No doubt many readers will thank you for the warning. (Readers, you can find the IRS commissioner's alert by visiting the Web site: www.irs.gov/newsroom.)

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married for more than 20 years. My wife and I have been friends with a certain couple, "Claude and Maude," for 15 years. On New Year's Eve we all went out to dinner and a few drinks. I was the designated driver, so I did not drink. When we returned home, all three, my wife, Claude and Maude, proceeded to get trashed to the max.

Maude got sick and passed out; my wife went to bed. Claude and I sat up and watched the ball drop and a couple of other programs. I fell asleep about 1:30 a.m. and assumed that Claude would, too. Around 2:00 a.m., I got out of my chair and walked to my bedroom. Claude was sitting on the bed next to my wife, putting his pants on. My wife was passed out, so I don't know what happened. It has bothered me so much since then that I can't sleep and don't know what to do. If ever there was a reason for me to become violent, that was it, but I kept my cool.

The next morning, my wife could remember nothing at all. What do you think I should do? **— OUTRAGED IN HOLLYWOOD, MD**

DEAR OUTRAGED: In view of the fact that a 15-year friendship is at stake, talk to Claude. It's possible that he was so loaded that he didn't know where he was, and nothing happened.

The best advice I can offer now is that Claude, Maude and your wife should all do something about their drinking. Let this serve as a wake-up call.

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

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

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Soldier's mom comforts others

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Patti Frist was the strong one. In her close-knit soldier family support group, she was the leader, a comforter with the answers.

She helped family members and soldiers fill out insurance forms and other paperwork. Under her leadership, the group raised money with car washes and T-shirt sales to send hand-held fans to the soldiers in the summer and 400 pounds of nuts at Christmas.

So group members naturally grieved when Frist's son, Spc. Luke Frist, was fatally burned in Iraq. They had come to love the good-natured 20-year-old and his death left them all feeling vulnerable.

And, again, Patti Frist, 47, consoled them.

"I don't know how she's done it. I don't know how she's a big enough person to do it, but she does," said Brenda Clawson, 53, whose daughter, Spc. Amanda Matthys, is also in the Lafayette-based 209th Quartermaster Company, an Army reserve unit.

Luke Frist sustained burns over 95 percent of his body when the fuel truck he was driving exploded during a roadside ambush attack. His parents met him at a hospital in Germany, and then flew with him to San Antonio, where he died on Jan. 5 at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Soon after, Clawson found herself on the receiving end of a hug from Patti Frist instead of the other way around. Frist's concern about the morale of the soldiers made her take on the role of comforter again.

"She said to tell Amanda, Luke was in Heaven, he wasn't in any more pain, that he was fine. It gives you comfort, but it still makes you cry," said Clawson, of West Point. "You don't know how much that means to the soldiers over there."

Patti Frist, a school teacher, and her husband Dennis Frist, 49, whom she describes as her backup leader in the group, also have soothed a steady flow of soldiers home on leave.

One soldier spent the night at their house in rural West Lafayette, about 65 miles northwest of Indianapolis, and made a DVD movie for them with footage of Luke joking around at a base camp in Iraq.

"They felt guilty for losing Luke. No way did we want them to have that guilt," Dennis Frist said.

At the family's farmhouse built in the early 1900s, a wreath draped with a flag from Luke Frist's funeral hangs on the wall. It was a gift from the family readiness group.

The Frists ask few questions of the visiting soldiers.

"We let them talk, and they tell us stories about what Luke did," Patti Frist said.

She brushes off talk about her strength among family readiness group members. She said it was her selfish desire to know what was going on that led her to take over the group leadership in fall 2002.

"She's just like your best friend, your sister, your mother wrapped up into one," said Brenda Rasmussen, 52, whose son is in Iraq. "I don't know how she can be strong after this and pull herself up, but if anybody can do it, Patti will. She's just that type of lady."

Rasmussen said Dennis Frist, an incinerator operator at Eli Lilly and Co., also is a rock. "How would you, as a man, how would you go on without your only son? I don't know how any man can be strong after losing his son, but it's a really strong family," Rasmussen said. "I know they'll still try to help everybody with their problems."

Patti Frist plans to continue to lead the family support group: "It seems kind of silly to quit now."

Rancher's body to be exhumed in lawsuit to deterime paternity

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has ordered a South Texas rancher's body exhumed in a lawsuit to determine paternity and a related claim to the 400,000-acre ranch.

The remains of John G. Kenedy Jr., scion of one of the region's most fabled and wealthy pioneer families, must be exhumed by Feb. 28, according to State District Judge Guy Herman in Austin.

The order came in a lawsuit filed by Dr. Ray Fernandez, now the Nueces County medical examiner, and his mother, Ann Fernandez, claiming that the man in the grave was her father.

Kenedy had no known heirs when he died in 1948 and was believed to be sterile. His childless sister, Sarita Kenedy East, died 13 years later, apparently ending the family line, and triggering a legal free-for-all over the enormous estate.

Herman's Jan. 29 exhumation order followed two years of complex litigation in which Fernandez's lawyers presented circumstantial and genetic evidence to support claims of a clandestine parentage. They argued that Kenedy had at least one child with his young maid, Maria Rowland Saenz, and successfully concealed it from almost everyone.

The exhumation order was fought by two large nonprofit organizations that have controlled the Kenedy fortune since the deaths decades ago of Sarita and John's widow, Elena.

An Alice attorney representing the John G. Kenedy Jr. Charitable Trust said the lawsuit runs contrary to decades of court rulings and settled estates, and if successful, would harm numerous Catholic charities.

"In plain English, this is an attempt to overturn over 50 years of cases heard by the courts and of titles that have been established. It would have a devastating effect on the beneficiaries of the trusts," Buster Adami said.

Herman referred in his order to results of genetic tests done on Kenedy family members both living and long dead, that suggest Ann Fernandez, now 78 and mentally incompetent, is a Kenedy relative.

"The court does find that there is a paternity allegation supported by evidence submitted by both sides which constitutes a necessity or compelling reason for exhumation," Herman wrote.

Lawyers for the trust and the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation challenged the order. Together, the organizations control assets valued at between $500 million and $1 billion, most derived from the 400,000 acres of La Parra Ranch.

Archbishop Patrick Flores of San Antonio and other prominent Catholics sit on the boards of the nonprofits, which each year donate more than $15 million, mostly to Catholic causes in Texas.

The ranch, larger than Rhode Island and dominating the affairs of the thinly populated county that has the Kenedy family name, was founded by Mifflin Kenedy in the late 19th century.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-09-04
♠ A 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ 9 7 4

West
♠ 10 9 7 6
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 7 5 2
♣ A K Q

East
♠ Q J
♥ J 7 4 3
♦ 6 4 3
♣ J 8 5 2

South
♠ K 8 4
♥ A K Q 10 9
♦ A K
♣ 10 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Monday, Feb. 9, 2004

After a raise to the two-level

By Phillip Alder

You open one of a suit, and partner raises your suit to the two-level — what has he told you?

He should have 6-9 points and, if you opened in a minor, at least five-card support (although he might have only four, especially if you bid one diamond). Also, he should not have a four-card major, because, as you know, we much prefer to play in either a major-suit game or three no-trump than in five of a minor. If you opened in a major, he will have at least three-card support. Given that, how should you, the opener, react?

First, add your points to partner's. If that makes it clear that game is impossible, you (almost always) pass. If game is a certainty, you (probably) bid it immediately. And if game is still a possibility, you keep the auction going.

On this deal, you (South) open one heart and partner bids two hearts. With 19 high-card points, you jump straight to four hearts. West cashes three top clubs, then shifts to a spade. How would you continue?

When partner raises, you expect game to be on, but slam to be impossible.

There is a third-round spade loser, but yours may be discarded on dummy's third diamond. However, first, you must be careful to retain a dummy entry by winning trick four in hand. Then, you draw two rounds of trumps. After West discards, you unblock the ace and king of diamonds, cross to dummy with a spade, discard your last spade on the diamond queen, finesse the heart 10, draw East's final trump, and claim.

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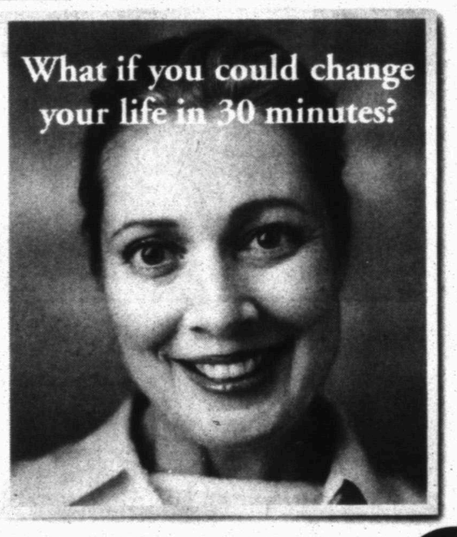

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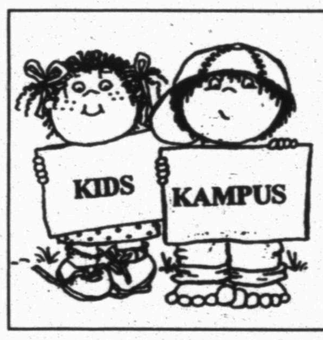

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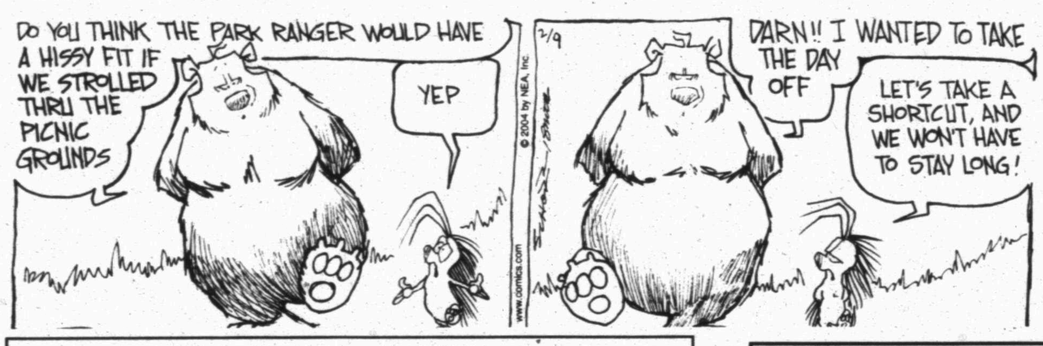

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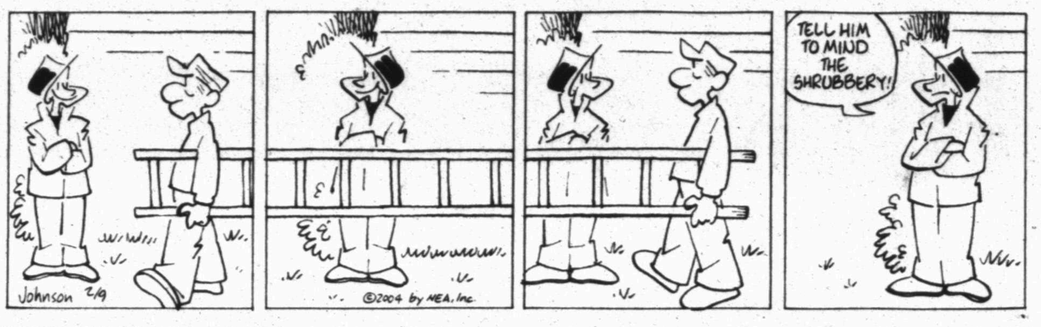

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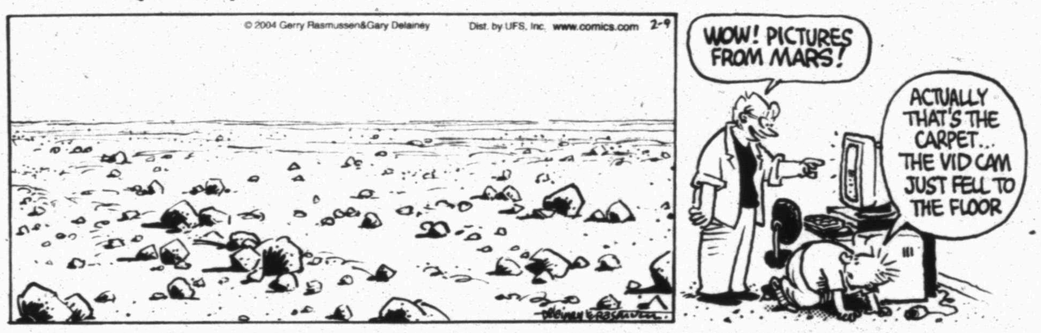

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ACROSS

1 Likely
4 Froze over
8 Shock
11 Fast-moving object
13 Slangy turndown
14 Night flier
15 Pretty
16 Bakery buy
17 Prefix for "new"
18 Makeup mishap
20 Take a breather
21 Nutritious grain
22 Task
24 Bridle parts
27 Cote sound
30 Otherwise
31 Twitch
32 Compilation
34 "Most Wanted" org.
35 Lapel ornaments
36 Hi-tech junk mail
37 Scale
39 Like many attics
40 Forbid
41 Junk food buy
42 Grassy spot
45 Roll-call list
49 Map dir.
50 Sweetheart
53 Yen
54 Goal
55 Do a fall chore
56 Unskilled laborer
57 Plea at sea
58 Spoken
59 Fast plane

DOWN

1 Fundamentals
2 Tiny Tim's pudding
3 "Swan Lake" costume
4 Bay
5 Murmur
6 Clean water org.
7 Phone trio
8 District
9 Bowls over
10 Scheme
12 Modernized
19 Invisible substance
20 Baseball stat
22 Bumps against
23 Sturdy tree
24 TKO official
25 Island near Corsica
26 Osiris's sib
27 Flex
28 Nods off
29 Pesky insect
31 Hex
33 Poet — Lowell
35 Canadian prov.
36 Puts in a nutshell (2 wds.)
38 News network
39 Batman and Robin
41 Thin porridge
42 Dregs
43 Caesar's year
44 Unites
46 Very, to Pierre
47 Teamwork obstacles
48 Budget item
50 Slangy pal
51 Flair for music
52 Police-blotter info

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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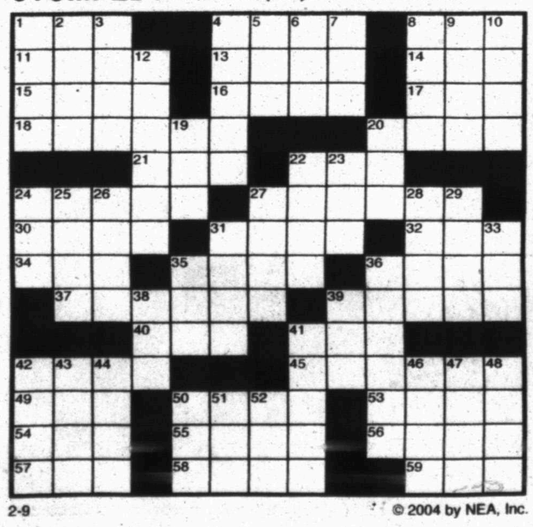

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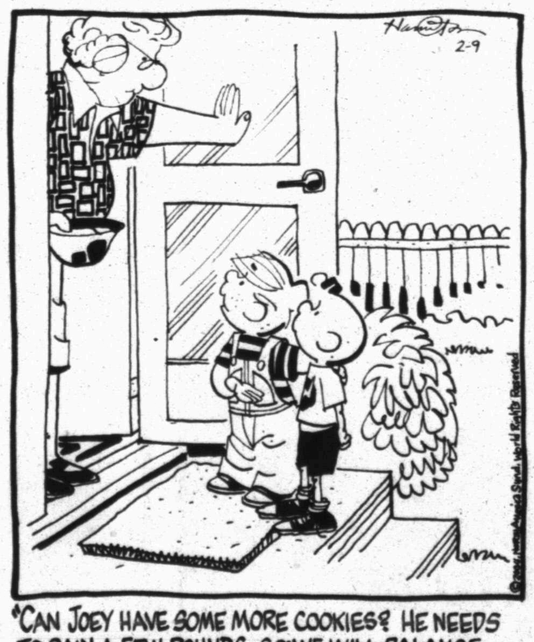

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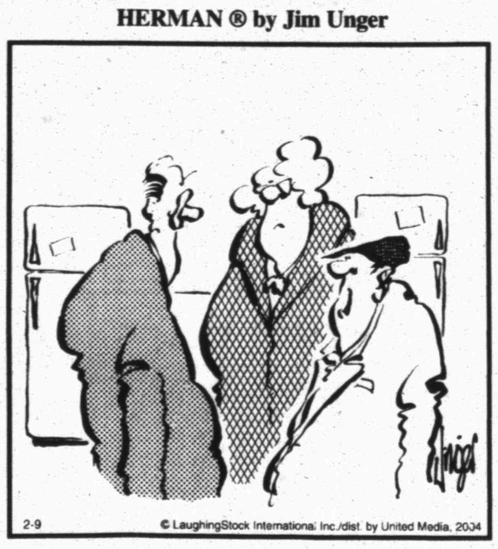

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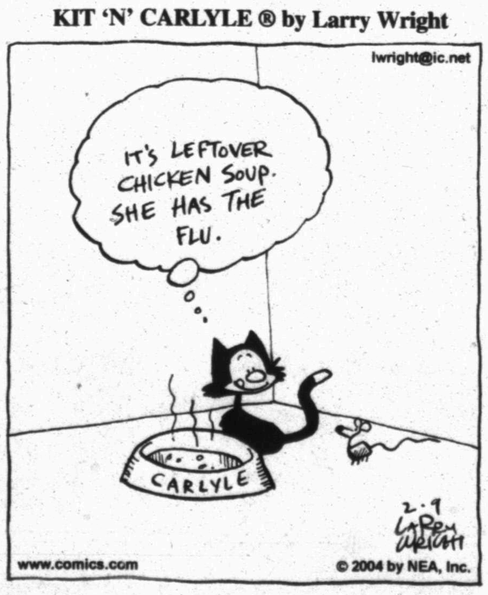

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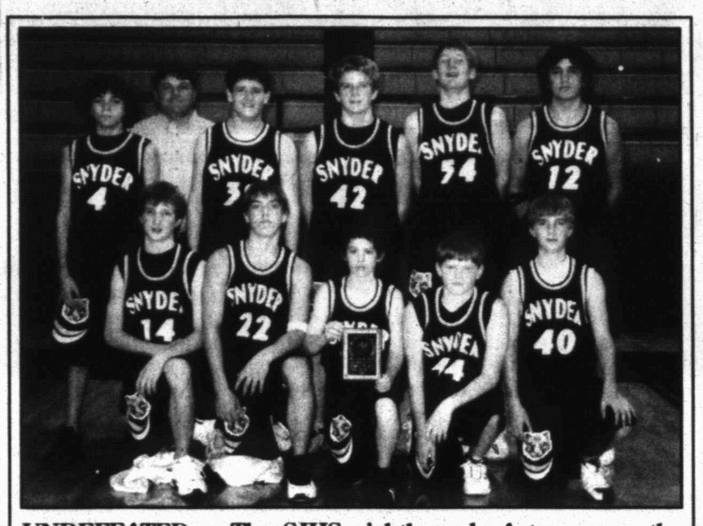

UNDEFEATED — The SJHS eighth-grade A team won the Lamesa Tournament over the weekend, running their record to 15-0. The team is, front from left, Dustin Murdock, Ryan Claxton, Colton Brewster, Travis Hatfield, Kaden Billingsley, back from left, Brent Bollinger, coach Charles Bollinger, Brooks Gafford, Lance Day, Allen Jones and Blaine Knipe. (Contributed Photo)

SJHS boys blow by field at Lamesa Tournament

The eighth-grade boys A team used a thrilling opening game and a pair of dominant efforts to win the Lamesa Tournament and improve to 15-0 on the season.

Brooks Gafford was the hero of the first game, draining a pair of threes with under 20 seconds left to send the opener against Andrews to overtime.

With the Tigers trailing by six, Gafford drained his first three with 17 seconds on the clock, then tied it up at the buzzer on a long trey. The team went on to secure a 47-44 win in overtime.

Gafford finished with 11 points in the first game, and Lance Day led all players with 12.

Brent Bollinger and Ryan Claxton each pumped in 10. And Blaine Knipe and Dustin Murdock added two each.

Bollinger drained 15 in the second game, as the junior high Tigers rolled over Big Spring, 56-22.

Murdock and Claxton recorded nine and eight points, respectively, while Day and Gafford cashed in with seven each.

Knipe contributed six, Travis Hatfield canned three and Allen Jones hit a free throw.

In the championship game, the team drilled five from behind the arc and spread the ball around the court in hammering Midland Christian, 42-24.

Gafford led the way with 12, Claxton cashed in for eight, and Knipe drained seven.

Murdock had seven, Bollinger hit for five and Lance Day ended the game with four points.

The junior high clubs will head to Sweetwater tonight, with games getting underway at 5.

WTC coach not concerned with early-season struggles

The Westerners were swept in a pair of doubleheaders over the weekend, falling victim to the long ball against New Mexico Junior College.

"We knew they were a good team and an established program," head coach Billy Hefflinger said. "We would have liked to come out with a win, but I'm not overly concerned — we knew these first eight games would be difficult."

The Westerners dropped the first game, 17-3, as NMJC hammered four home runs.

The offense got clicking in the second game, an 18-11 loss, before dropping the third 12-1.

Cameron Young pitched a solid game in the last tilt, but a three-run bomb and a solo homer completed the sweep for NMJC, 5-3.

Hefflinger said Young pitched well, while Eric Brown continued to help offensively, collecting six hits over the weekend to push his on-base percentage up near .800.

"Once we hit conference, we need to be rolling. We are getting better and better each game," Hefflinger said. "We have yet to have one or more of our big guys have a multi-hit game, and that won't continue."

The Westerners will head to Abilene Tuesday for a 1 p.m. tilt with Ranger JC, before returning home Friday and Saturday for a three-game series with New Mexico Military Institute.

Seventh Gold tops Andrews

The seventh-grade A team topped Andrews, 39-37, over the weekend at the Lamesa tournament, after falling to Midland Christian, 43-26.

Jesse Conner had 15 points, four boards and three steals against the junior high Mustangs, and Tony Perales added eight points and six rebounds.

Jared Cave and Gage West each canned six points, while Riley Davis collected eight rebounds and hit for two points.

Greg Williams contributed two points and three boards.

Midland Christian upended the junior Tigers despite 12 points and eight rebounds from Perales and 10 points and seven boards from Davis.

Jesse Conner pulled down five rebounds, Williams collected three and Clint McFatridge hauled in a pair.

Kaycee Young and Gage West connected for two points apiece.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	29	20	.592	—
New York	25	27	.481	5½
Boston	23	29	.442	7½
Miami	21	31	.404	9½
Philadelphia	21	31	.404	9½
Washington	16	33	.327	13
Orlando	13	40	.245	18

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	38	14	.731	—
Detroit	33	19	.635	5
Milwaukee	27	23	.540	10
New Orleans	27	24	.529	10½
Toronto	24	25	.490	12½
Cleveland	19	32	.373	18½
Atlanta	17	35	.327	21
Chicago	14	37	.275	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	15	.700	—
San Antonio	34	18	.654	2
Dallas	32	18	.640	3
Houston	29	21	.580	6
Memphis	29	21	.580	6
Denver	29	23	.558	7
Utah	25	26	.490	10½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	35	13	.729	—
L.A. Lakers	30	18	.625	5
Portland	24	25	.490	11½
Seattle	24	26	.480	12
L.A. Clippers	22	27	.449	13½
Golden State	21	28	.429	14½
Phoenix	18	35	.340	19½

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers 98, Orlando 96
Indiana 97, Miami 91
Portland 95, Seattle 85
Memphis 99, Minnesota 98
Sacramento 115, Denver 92
New York 110, L.A. Clippers 104
New Jersey 99, Philadelphia 87
Toronto 84, Golden State 81, OT

Today's Games

Boston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Golfers take second in Snyder

The Snyder varsity boys golfers got off to a sound start for the spring over the weekend, taking second place in the Snyder Tournament with a 630.

Snyder fell 14 strokes shy of tournament winner Lubbock Monterey, which shot a tournament-best 303 in the second round.

The Tigers topped 4A rivals Frenship and Andrews, which finished in third and fourth, respectively.

"It went pretty good," head coach Ricky Hunter said. "We played 16 holes really good, and two that we didn't play so well."

Hunter said the team's collective struggles on holes two and three prevented them from getting closer to the target score of 300.

Still, Hunter was pleased with the effort and results.

"This early in the season, I'm not disappointed at all with second place in that field."

Alan Gray carded a 148 in the tournament to give him the second place medal. Tyler Darden of Monterey claimed the first-place medal.

The Snyder JV came in second in Division II, firing a team total 665, 23 strokes shy of first-place Midland Lee. Blake Seal, who fired an 81-77 158, earned the second-place medal, two strokes behind Midland Lee's Brian Schener.

The boys next will tee-off at Horseshoe Bay for a two-day tournament starting Friday.

Snyder Invitational Golf Tournament
Feb. 6-7
Scurry County Golf Course
Final Results

DIVISION I
Team Totals

1) Monterey — 313-303 616; 2) **Snyder — 316-314 630**; 3) Frenship: 323-322 645; 4) Andrews — 315-332 547; 5) Wylie — 323-338 661; 6) Slaton — 340-325 666; 7) Seminole — 331-342 673; 8) Sweetwater — 353-346 699; 9) Lubbock High — 372-363 735; 10) Denver City — 392-380 772.

Snyder Individual

Snyder — Alan Gray 73-75 148; Jay Weaver — 79-79 153; Jake Cottrell — 80-84 164; Wyl Wiggins — 84-88 172; Tanner Bloom — 88-81 169.

DIVISION II

Snyder II: Blake Seale: 81-77-158; Cole Roberts: 81-78-159; Syd Wiggins: 84-81-165; Matt Schoolcraft: 96-90-184; John Whitworth: 95-90-185; Team totals: 341-324-665.

Snyder III: Ryne Trout: 93-102-195; Seth Cooper: 89-89-178; Jordan Payne: 92-95-187; Kade Krueger: 97-102-199; Adrian Sosa: 102-115-217; Team totals: 371-388-759.

Team Totals

Midland Lee — 324-314 638; Permian II — 354-344 698; Sweetwater II — 366-362 728; Roosevelt — 409-399 808; Lake View— 428-401 829.

Girls place 4th

The Snyder varsity girls golf team took fourth in the 5A Division in San Angelo over the weekend, carding a two-day score of 709.

The girls shot 351 in the opening round and a 358 on the second day.

Brooke Jackson led the way with an 87-80 167. Cami Trout fired an 86-93 179, while Christie Williams also shot a 179, with rounds of 87 and 92.

Ashley Luecke and Shannon Mangis both carded a 186. Luecke had rounds of 91 and 95, while Mangis stroked a 93 on both days.

After an open date this week, the team will swing back into action Feb. 20 at the Snyder Girls Tournament.

Worker killed on track at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A paraplegic who wanted to pursue his love of racing. A worker trying to do his job in the middle of the track. A tragic Daytona accident that's sure to spur debate about yellow flags and disabled drivers.

A 44-year-old worker was killed Sunday by a car going more than 100 mph, struck down while picking up debris during a preliminary race for next weekend's Daytona 500.

The driver, Ray Paprota, is the first known paraplegic to race in a national stock car series. He controlled his car with levers, buttons and knobs located on or around the steering wheel.

"I'm sure they're going to point the finger at him," said Wally Leatherwood, a fellow driver in the IPOWER Dash 150.

Roy H. Weaver III, who worked at Daytona International Speedway for seven years, was in the middle of turn two picking up debris during a caution period when he was killed, track spokesman David Talley said.

Paprota, who hasn't had use of his legs since a 1984 auto accident, was trying to catch the main pack of cars after a two-car crash at the opposite end of the track brought out a yellow flag.

Most of Paprota's colleagues rallied around him, saying the mishap could have happened to any of them.

"A procedure needs to be developed that would slow the cars down when track workers are physically on the track," Leatherwood said. "It's sad that it takes something like this to get their attention."

He questioned whether workers should be allowed on to the track while cars are running — even at slower speeds under yellow. And, as apparently happened in this case, drivers are allowed to speed up to get back in line behind the safety car after coming out of the pits.

"The guy went on the racetrack to do his job and he was killed," Leatherwood said. "They shouldn't be on the track unless they're 100 percent sure there's no danger."

Jeff Tillman, who was running behind Paprota, said the accident occurred at the most vulnerable spot on the track. Weaver was standing in the middle of the track and flipped over Paprota's car after being struck.

"It's blind in there," Tillman said. "You have maybe 200 yards of visibility at 120 mph."

The race was red-flagged for about 1½ hours, finally running to the finish under the lights after police investigated the scene and took pictures of Paprota's car in the garage.

Paprota was loaded into a wheelchair-accessible van and left the track without discussing the accident with reporters.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I can't say anything."

In the past, the 41-year-old New Jersey native spoke of the satisfaction he got from racing.

Bulldogs clinch playoff spot in rout over Sands

The Ira Bulldogs earned a trip to the postseason Friday, racing out to a 29-point lead in cruising to a 70-52 victory over Sands.

Ira (12-8, 7-2) was up 40-15 at halftime, and blew it open in the third, outscoring Sands 20-6.

Jake Barnes and Bryan Proctor dominated inside, with Barnes putting in a game-high 23 and Proctor collecting 17.

"Jake is going to get his and Bryan really took it to the basket hard," head coach Randy Jones said. "He's playing a lot better and getting to know us better."

Sands made a late surge in the fourth, as Jones used that period to work on things the team will need to use come playoff time.

"We were trying to work on running time off the clock and slowing the game down," he said. "We worked on some stuff we are going to need for the playoffs."

Jones said the win was a major relief for the Bulldogs, who close out the season Tuesday against Borden County.

"This was a huge win. It was big for us to clinch, so we won't have to worry about it at a place like Borden County."

Corbin Clements canned nine, Jess Wall popped in eight, while Wes Kellner was held to seven points after getting into foul trouble.

Joel Lollar added four and Phillip Payne connected for two for the Bulldogs, who tackle the Coyotes at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the final regular season contest.

The Bulldogs will match-up with Aspermont on Feb. 24 in Post for the bi-district round, with tip-off tentatively set for 7:30 p.m.

MVP Bulger throws four TDs in Pro Bowl shootout

HONOLULU (AP) — Although Chad Johnson caught a 90-yard touchdown pass on the first play of his first Pro Bowl, the Cincinnati Bengals' brash receiver had a feeling even more spectacular feats were in store.

When the NFL's best are playing for nothing but pride and a millionaire's pittance in prize money, they still hate to lose.

"The other guys told me ahead of time, once the fourth quarter gets here, it's going to be competitive," said Johnson, who finished with five catches for 156 yards.

The veterans were correct. By the time the NFC wrapped up a 55-52 victory on Sunday, Johnson's catch was a mere footnote in the highest-scoring Pro Bowl in history — one that was dominated by newcomers who weren't interested in a laid-back Hawaiian vacation.

MVP Marc Bulger threw a Pro Bowl-record four TD passes, and Detroit's Dre' Bly returned an interception 32 yards for the go-ahead score with 4:50 to play during the NFC's rally from an 18-point deficit in the final 13 minutes. Peyton Manning set a handful of offensive records, while Bulger masterminded a phenomenal comeback.

"It's going to be tough to match, if I make it back in the future," said Bulger, who didn't play until the second half.

The next wave of NFL talent crashed ashore in Honolulu during a thrilling game that featured everything from a 42-point fourth quarter to a pivotal miss on a 51-yard field-goal attempt by the once-perfect Mike Vanderjagt.

When the drama finally ended along with the game, several of the 41 new guys at the league's all-star game had great stories to tell — and the NFC members had $35,000 apiece. First-timers accounted for nearly half of the 86 players in uniform, and they scored 70 points.

Rookies — including Bulger, Bly and Shaun Alexander — figured in nearly every remarkable development in a frenetically entertaining game.

Lady Dusters improve in another tough tournament

The Western Texas College softball team again squared off with some of the top teams in the country, improving in several areas while going 2-6 in the Galveston Tournament last weekend.

After committing numerous mistakes in the El Paso Tournament, the Lady Dusters shored up their glove work, head coach Rodney McNeil said.

"(In El Paso) we had about 40 errors in five games, and you can't expect to compete when you do that," he said. "We played a lot better, but we still need to perform in pressure situations."

The Dusters (4-9) played host Galveston twice, winning the first game 4-0 before falling in the rematch, 3-1.

Patricia Gonzales allowed just three hits against Texarkana, but the Dusters stranded 10 base runners in a 1-0 extra-inning loss.

"We're hitting the ball hard, just right at them," McNeil said.

The team was blown out by San Jacinto, 11-1, before topping Grayson, 6-5.

The Dusters then fell in a heartbreaker to Bossier (La.) Community College, 2-1, giving up a lead-off walk and a bunt before a passed ball allowed the winning run to score.

McNeil said the level of competition would help them prepare for the conference schedule.

"All the teams we've played are comparable to the teams in our conference," he said.

The Dusters will participate in the Midland College Tournament Friday and Saturday.

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High game: Harold Kornegay, scratch, 228; Charley Johnson, handicap, 630.

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Snyder Lanes	9	7
Snyder Iron&Metal	8	8
JB's	5	11
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Timely Finance	5	11
Phantom Team	0	16

High series: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 613; Michelle Nachlinger, 560; **Handicap:** Mark Thompson, 679, Michelle Nachlinger, 671.
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Echoes of Vietnam in presidential campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — They were two years apart, these two Yale boys, these sons of privilege, and so the moment of truth came first for John Kerry, later for George W. Bush. Each faced the same life-changing question as did so many others of their generation: what to do about Vietnam.

Kerry, part of the class of 1966, signed on with the Navy late in 1965, then had months to ponder his decision before actually enlisting after graduation. The war, his decision, his doubts, all hung over him as he spoke at commencement the following June.

"What was an excess of isolationism has become an excess of interventionism," he told fellow students. He had to know his life was set on a course for Vietnam.

For Bush, a member of the class of 1968, his last year in college seemed to signal the end of a time of innocence.

"The gravity of history was beginning to descend in a horrifying and disruptive way," he wrote in his 1999 biography. "By the time the ball dropped in Times Square to welcome 1968, the situation in Vietnam had escalated from a conflict to a raging war. Every night the newscast included a body count."

Bush debated his options over Christmas break back home in Houston, took a pilot aptitude test after he got back to school in January, and chose the National Guard. He would fly fighter jets like his father. He had to know the odds of going to Vietnam were low.

Nearly 40 years later, the choices made by these two young men are reverberating through the presidential campaign as part of a larger debate over patriotism, leadership, duty, character. Each man is defined in part by the path he chose.

"We are all hostage to decisions we made in the past," said Douglas Brinkley, a history professor at the University of New Orleans who has written a book about Kerry's war years. "The bottom line is Kerry went and Bush didn't and it's an uncomfortable fact for a president" who has so eagerly wrapped himself in the flag as commander in chief.

Yet Brinkley said the two-year age difference between Kerry and Bush is an important backdrop to the courses they set.

In 1965, when Kerry decided to enlist, students "still saw the world in black and white," Brinkley said, and "not serving wasn't really an option" for the son of a foreign service officer. "His big decision was which branch of the military to join," said Brinkley. "Did he want to go to Vietnam? No. But how could he live with himself if he finagled his way out of his duty?"

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By the time Bush joined the guard in 1968, Brinkley said, the horrors of Vietnam were playing out nightly on television and sentiment against the war was hardening. "By 1968, smart kids weren't going. It became OK not to go. ... So Bush looked for a way not to go," he said.

"If he had been the class of '66, it may have been different for George W. Bush."

Bush spoke about his decision to serve in the National Guard in an interview Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," saying, "I put in my time, proudly so. I would be careful to not denigrate the Guard. It's fine to go after me, which I expect the other side will do. I wouldn't denigrate service to the Guard, though."

Wesley Clark, a retired four-star general, is part of the campaign debate over military service, too, as he tries to keep his Democratic presidential campaign alive.

Clark, who viewed the military as a path of opportunity for a bright, middle-class kid from Arkansas, graduated first in his class at West Point in 1966, then headed off to Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship. He wrapped up his studies there in two years rather than three so he could get to Vietnam quicker, and came home with a Silver Star for heroism.

Clark still has scars on his shoulder, hip and leg, and his right index finger was shortened by a bullet during a firefight with the Viet Cong.

Lately, the campaign discussion has repeatedly turned to the candidates' military histories, with all sides faulting the others for exploiting the issue.

"It's almost like an inverted time warp," said Stanley Renshon, a political scientist and psychoanalyst at the City University of New York. "The point of it is that, 'I'm a war hero and you're not.' And the implication is that because you're a war hero, that gives you a special standing to talk about war and strategy. But it doesn't follow."

Hardly a speech goes by in which Kerry, a decorated war hero, does not invoke Vietnam and its legacy. Vietnam buddies travel with his campaign entourage and appear in his ads. At an emotional appearance just before Kerry's huge victory in the Iowa caucuses, he was reunited with a serviceman whose life he had saved as the skipper of a river patrol boat.

Kerry was awarded the Bronze Star for that rescue, less than a month after earning a Silver Star for beaching his boat and jumping ashore to chase down and kill a guerrilla who had a rocket launcher pointed at the Americans. After being awarded three Purple Hearts for minor injuries, Kerry's request for reassignment stateside six months early was granted.

His campaign mantra, "Bring it on," evokes the same never-back-down approach he had evinced in battle.

"The entire heart and soul of John Kerry's personna is Vietnam," said Brinkley. "What happened to him is so seared into his being that it's almost like rings in an old redwood tree."

Kerry's fierce criticism of the war upon his return to America did not sit well with some veterans, and still doesn't.

As an anti-war leader, he asserted in testimony to Congress that U.S. soldiers had "raped, cut off ears, cut off heads ... randomly shot at civilians ... poisoned food stocks" and committed other atrocities he later acknowledged he did not witness.

Bush, for his part, harked back to his fighter-pilot training last year when he climbed into a flight suit and flew in a Navy jet to land on an aircraft carrier off the California coast. He emerged from the plane with the swagger of a top-gun pilot, cradling his helmet under his arm, and shouted, "Yes I flew it!" to those on deck.

Now, he is facing a new round of questions about his guard service on issues that first came up during the 2000 campaign.

Inspectors target contaminated sorghum

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Mexican agricultural officials trying to stop tainted sorghum seeds from crossing out of Texas say more than 20 percent of the crop is contaminated.

Farmers south of the border need the sorghum, one of two cereal grasses mainly cultivated for stock feed in Mexico. But they fear losing their crops to the disease.

Ergot is found often during inspections in Brownsville where Mexican authorities look over the product before it crosses to Mexico through the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates, said Juan Enrique Campos, head of inspections for Senasica-Sagarpa in Matamoros.

"Ergot can destroy harvests if it appears before sorghum flowers bloom," Leon de los Santos, an agricultural inspector with Senasica-Sagarpa, an agricultural government agency in Matamoros, told The Brownsville Herald.

Ergot is a disease that affects the production of the seeds, if pollen production is poor, according to the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association. The group said the disease was found in Texas in 1997. In Brazil, an epidemic of ergot in 1995 covered 300,000 square miles in a week.

Officials say that's why inspections in Brownsville are vital before the seeds are exported to Mexico. Trucks bring the seeds to Brownsville, where Mexican officials inspect them for contamination.

"In order to enter the country, the sorghum must have a limit of (ergot) fungus contamination, which usually is about five little seeds for each kilogram of sorghum," said Campos. "Most of the (good) sorghum imported through here stays in Tamaulipas or goes to Guadalajara."

Contaminated sorghum stays in the United States.

"I assume it's returned to the distributors or producers," said de los Santos.

Campos said that before the sorghum is moved into Mexican territory, his agency inspects it in Brownsville, where the Mexican government has several sites to inspect an array of products, including agricultural products. Veterans International Bridge is the only route used in Brownsville, because it is the only one approved by the Mexican government.

The government began to inspect sorghum closely four years ago.

"We trust our government to stop any contaminated sorghum that could pose a danger to our production and livelihood," said Jose Antonio Perez, a sorghum farmer in Matamoros.

He said Tamaulipas produces its own sorghum, with about two million tons produced yearly for about 5,000 sorghum farmers in the Matamoros area.

Campos said the high season for sorghum imports begins in November and lasts through February. Importers with contaminated sorghum are not fined, he said.

"It's something normal to find contaminated sorghum," Campos said, adding that most of the sorghum imported through here is Texas grown.

Wife of 9-11 pilot fulfills his dream of F-16 trip

BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AP) — Jason Dahl's 25th birthday wasn't a good one. He reached an age limit that closed the door on one of his dreams — becoming an Air Force pilot and flying an F-16 fighter jet.

Sandy Dahl fulfilled that dream Sunday in memory of her husband, who died Sept. 11, 2001, when the commercial jet he was co-piloting was hijacked and crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania. United Flight 93 was the only plane of the four hijacked that terrorists were unable to crash into a target.

Dahl didn't just fly an F-16 Sunday — she took the controls while airborne and guided the jet in rolls, banks and even a loop.

"He would be flat-out jealous," Dahl said after her 45-minute flight, hosted by the Colorado Air National Guard. "This is what he always wanted to do. He loved speed."

Lt. Col. Mike Loh of the 140th Operations Support Flight took Dahl on the flight from this base just east of Denver. They flew southwest into the mountains, eyeing Pikes Peak and the Royal Gorge, and did the maneuvers that Jason Dahl had always wanted to do.

Sandy Dahl was able to spot her old house in Ken Caryl Ranch that she shared with Jason, as well as a spot they once vacationed.

Dahl called the joy ride a step in the healing process. She took several pictures of her husband with her on the flight, as well as an ace-of-spades playing card she found in his jacket after he died.

"It brought tears to my eyes. I was very happy," she said, standing in a military flight suit in front of the jet.

"She knew Jason was up there," said Jennifer Blackford, Sandy Dahl's daughter and Jason Dahl's stepdaughter.

Also on board the flight was a flag Sandy Dahl received from Shanksville, Pa., firefighters, who were the first people to reach the crash site. The American flag-based piece had the flight number circled in stars. Printed over the stripes was the phrase "Our Nation Will Eternally Honor the Heroes of Flight 93."

Museum reception set Friday 3-5 p.m.

An appreciation reception to honor Billy and the late Carole Haynes will be held at the Scurry County Museum from 3-5 p.m. Friday.

In the fall of 2002, the Haynes took a brochure about a traveling photographic exhibit to the museum, and they offered to sponsor it.

The exhibit about New Deal art photographs will remain on display through Feb. 25.

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Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	16.25	16.05	16.11	+.06
AT&T Corp	19.57	19.37	19.46	—.01
Albertsons	23.52	23.02	23.05	—.47
Alltel	50.18	49.93	50.18	—.06
AmEl Pw	32.99	32.69	32.74	—.27
AndarkPtr	50.29	49.85	50.16	+.06
ATMOS Egy	25.30	25.12	25.12	—.12
Aviall	15.50	15.28	15.30	—.14
BP PLC	48.00	47.61	47.98	+.38
BakerHughes	35.30	34.40	35.15	+.32
Bank of Amer	82.67	82.31	82.31	—.45
BellSouth	29.80	29.52	29.65	—.16
BurlNoSFe	32.73	32.53	32.55	—.25
Caterpillar	78.68	77.52	78.00	—.50
CenterPoint	10.19	10.08	10.15	+.04
ChevronTex	85.70	85.31	85.35	—.07
Citigroup	50.00	49.05	49.11	—.20
CocaCola	51.74	51.10	51.72	+.73
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ConocoPhill	66.18	65.78	65.92	—.11
Cooper Inds	56.76	56.16	56.25	—.41
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Grammys play it straight, cast somber note over awards show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Grammys? More like the Grimmys.

With a bunch of dead winners, a Best New Artist band that has already split up and an uptight atmosphere created by the Janet Jackson uproar, the music industry's biggest awards night bordered on the downbeat.

Even Madonna, who last year famously locked lips with Britney Spears on MTV, played it straight Sunday. She refused to comment on the Jackson incident while walking the carpet and stuck to the script while introducing a performance by Sting.

The usually scantily clad Christina Aguilera sang her winning song "Beautiful" dressed in an outfit better suited for a stock analyst than a pop diva. She changed outfits before accepting her trophy for best female pop vocalist, clutching the straps of her low-cut dress to her chest.

She said she wanted to avoid provoking the kind of ire Jackson absorbed after the Super Bowl halftime stunt in which Justin Timberlake ripped off part of her top.

"We were making sure that everything was intact and whatnot after that drama. But I was good. I kept everything in place," she told reporters backstage.

Otherwise, the singer whose last album "Stripped" featured the bump-and-grind sexy song "Dirrty" said she was sick of hearing about the incident.

The evening's sober feeling was reinforced by a tribute to The Beatles and the 40th anniversary of their introduction to America on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr — the only surviving band members — supplied only prerecorded greetings, while the widows of George Harrison and John Lennon were at the Staples Center event in person.

Sean Lennon, who was 5 when his father was slain by a crazed fan, told reporters he was grateful for all the archive footage of his famous parent.

The night did have its upbeat moments. OutKast's hip-hoppy jive won three trophies: best urban-alternative performance for "Hey Ya!" and best rap album and overall Album of the Year for "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below." It was the first rap album to win most of the awards in top categories.

The late Johnny Cash and director Mark Romanek won for best short form music video for the haunting song "Hurt." Cash's wife, June Carter Cash, who died a few months before he did last year, won best traditional folk album for the posthumous release "Wildwood Flower" and best female country vocal performance for "Keep on the Sunny Side."

Their rendition of "Hey Ya!" with the University of Southern California marching band was one of the more rousing performances of the night, along with a loud, wacky and tacky tribute to everything funky by George Clinton and his gang of musical pranksters.

Beyonce was the belle of the ball, opening the show with a performance alongside Prince, and going on to tie a record for female artists with her five awards. "Crazy in Love" won two trophies — for best R&B song and best rap/sung collaboration. Her boyfriend, Jay-Z, won two awards for collaborating on that hit.

Beyonce also won best female R&B performance and best contemporary R&B album for "Dangerously in Love" and best R&B performance by a duo or group for a song with Luther Vandross.

Vandross, recovering from a stroke, won for best song, best R&B album and best male R&B performance for "Dance With My Father" and best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocals for "The Closer I Get to You," a remake with Beyonce.

It was the evening's most sentimental victory — the R&B crooner's first win in a major category in his more than 20-year career. He was unable to attend but sent a videotaped message, his first public remarks since his April 2003 stroke.

"I wish I could be with you there tonight. I want to thank everyone for your love and support," said a weak-looking Vandross. "And remember, when I say goodbye it's never for long, because" — and he sang a line from one of his many hits — "I believe in the power of love!"

The dark-rock band Evanescence won best new artist, but guitarist Ben Moody — who founded the group with singer Amy Lee — has already left the group.

Meanwhile, several posthumous winners collected honors.

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Rock singer Warren Zevon, who rushed to complete his final album, "The Wind," before his September death from lung cancer, won his first two Grammy Awards, one for contemporary folk album. He also was honored for "Disorder in the House," a duet with Bruce Springsteen, which won for rock performance by a duo or group with vocal.

Meanwhile, CBS and Jackson offered conflicting reports about why she was not at the show, which was televised on a five-minute delay to avoid anything like the Super Bowl incident.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004

A couple of your heart's desires have excellent chances of being fulfilled in the year ahead. The greater your investment of patience, optimism and hope has been, the greater your chances will be for realizing your dreams.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You're in an unusually good cycle for making new friends or winning over those who have been a bit standoffish. Go out of your way today to get to know people whose friendship you'd like to cultivate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Any consideration or generosity you display today toward those with whom you have dealings will be returned to you many times over. The seeds you sow now will yield a large harvest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Give those who are important to you their own way today. Nothing is more satisfying than watching them enjoy themselves from such a simple gesture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you want to make this a very fulfilling day for yourself, devote as much time and effort as possible to performing labors of love that bring heartfelt joy to those with whom you share your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When socializing today, should you notice that the activity is beginning to lag a bit, take things into your own hands and do what it takes to pep things up. You're a natural M.C.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Fortunate are those who get invited to your place today. You'll make everyone feel at ease and, when it's time to bid them adieu, they'll go home with pleasant memories of your hospitality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is a good day to make up for neglecting individuals you like a great deal but haven't been in touch with lately. Hearing from you will not only make their day, it'll do wonders for you as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A profitable situation that has been right under you nose all the time may mysteriously surface today. Be ready to respond to it both wisely and quickly in order to get the most out of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Matters that are close to your heart have excellent chances for success today, provided you take charge of them yourself. Don't entrust anything that important to anyone but yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The best way to get past dealing with difficult people today is to handle important affairs with kindness and gentle measures. Even the most problematic people will respond to these tactics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Just be yourself and your winning ways will add warmth and luster to any group you encounter today. You'll evoke a positive reaction from all those you come into contact with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It could be one of those days where you can win the support of others from important causes you believe in. Even those who don't normally back you up will have a hard time being holdouts.

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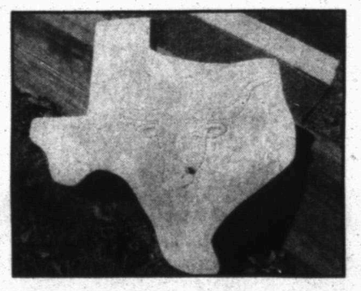

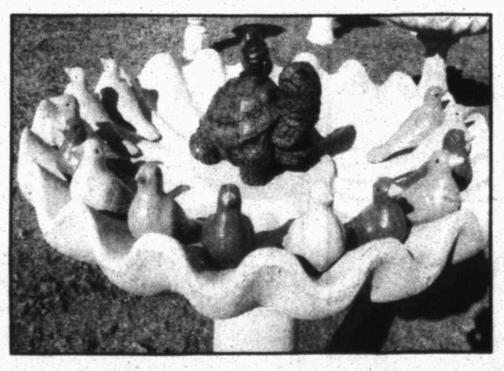

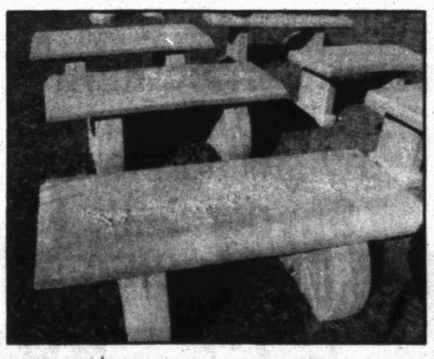

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U.S. Army to be more sensitive to Islam

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military will be more sensitive to Islam and intrude less into Baghdad's neighborhoods when a new Army division takes control of the Iraqi capital on April 15, Army commanders said today.

The new force, the 1st Cavalry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas, will occupy a larger swath of territory than the current unit, the Army's Germany-based 1st Armored Division.

It will bring fewer soldiers, fewer tanks and fewer armored vehicles. It plans to spend far less time in the bustling city, remaining instead in eight bases — most of which sit beyond the city limits.

"We'll be much more mobile and less obtrusive in these communities," 1st Cavalry Division's Col. Mike Formica told a press gathering.

The division also intends to display a rudimentary knowledge of Arabic language and customs, Formica said. Officers and sergeants are undergoing "cultural sensitivity training" in Jordan and at Fort Hood before arriving in Baghdad, Formica said.

Many Iraqis complain that American soldiers have been culturally clubfooted in occupation so far, showing little knowledge of or sensitivity to Iraqi and Islamic traditions ... Some commanders believe this has turned many Iraqis against the Americans and helped fuel the insurgency.

Incoming Marines plan to live within Iraqi communities when they take over an insurgent-filled area west of Baghdad from the 82nd Airborne Division.

"We will arrive culturally aware of the Arab culture and Islamic traditions," said Formica, who commands the 1st Cavalry's 3,000-member 3rd Brigade, which reached Baghdad from Kuwait last week. Formica's brigade is based near Baghdad International Airport.

The unit's soldiers — who have already taken part in raids and combat operations — can be recognized around Baghdad by their distinctive horse head shoulder patch. No 1st Cavalry soldiers had been injured or killed in combat as of this morning, Formica said.

But a 1st Armored deputy commander, Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, warned that the incoming division still faces a "very complex insurgency." The adjustments to the division's occupation style are based on guerrilla tactics, said Hertling, whose division has controlled the Iraqi capital since May.

Instead of the 1st Armored's street-chewing tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles — of limited use in urban guerrilla warfare — the 1st Cavalry will rely on smaller armored Humvees, which offer protection from ambush without blocking traffic.

"We've changed things based on what the enemy is doing," Hertling said. "We worked with the 1st Cav and the Department of the Army to design the right force. They'll be much better prepared to deal with the changing operations than a combat force that arrived last May."

The Texas-based division has spent the past year studying 1st Armored's experiences in Baghdad, and training itself for "stability operations" rather than the high-intensity conflict the 1st Armored prepared for, Formica said. Incoming troops spent four months training for urban combat, the colonel said.

"We've gone from an armored brigade to a motorized brigade with soldiers who understand how to do operations inside an urban environment," Formica said.

The 1st Cavalry Division will occupy a larger swath of Iraq, stretching beyond the sprawling city of Baghdad to encompass the farmland and outlying towns to the north and west, including the Taji air base, about 20 miles north of Baghdad.

The larger zone will be held with far fewer soldiers. The 1st Cavalry will command a 25,000 to 30,000-member occupation force made up of the division's 18,000 soldiers, along with Military Police, engineers and a reserve unit.

At its peak, the 1st Armored Division and troop contingents under its command numbered 37,000, Hertling said.

Iraqi police and civil defense corps are expected to take over an expanding amount of the capital's policing duties. Hertling said Baghdad's police force, which currently counts 9,000 officers, will be fully staffed with 19,000 officers when 1st Cavalry's yearlong stint ends.

Hertling said 1st Armored is also in discussions with Iraq's Ministry of Transportation to turn over Baghdad International Airport to civilian control. No date has been set for opening the airport to commercial traffic. The airport has been plagued by rebels using shoulder-fired missiles to hit departing aircraft.

Long-lost photos recapture life in 1939-1940

EL PASO (AP) — When Luis Lujan died last year, his family took some comfort in a strange coincidence. In that day's newspaper, they noticed a photograph of Lujan's parents taken during their 1940 wedding.

"We recognized it right away," said Josie Montes, a cousin who was raised by Lujan's parents. "... We were amazed. It felt like we were all together again."

The photo appeared in the El Paso Times as part of an effort to learn more about the people featured in 200 long-lost photographs and 50,000 negatives.

A construction crew in the mid-1990s stumbled across old cardboard boxes containing the images while remodeling a building that once housed a popular photography studio run by the Casasola family.

The photos, which had little identifying information, eventually found their way to the C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department at the University of Texas at El Paso. The special collections library decided to run the photographs in newspapers in El Paso and across the border in Juarez, Mexico, as well as show them at public places in the region in hopes of reconnecting the images with the stories behind them.

"It's such a great slice of what the population was like back then," said Claudia Rivers, head of the UTEP's special collections department. "These are the stories that didn't get told, the ordinary people who didn't get into the history books."

So far, about 60 people have been identified since publication of the photos began in late 2002. The El Paso Times usually runs one photo a week in its "Living" section.

Elsie Partridge, now in her seventies, was one of those identified. Her friends recognized her in a Times photo as the bright-eyed 7-year-old posing with her three sisters. The 1939 portrait shows the girls in their finest clothes, with four rows of curls atop their heads.

The friends called Partridge, who still lives in El Paso, and she confirmed it was her.

"I was kind of, I guess, the one who was outspoken," said Partridge, who remembers disliking the curls. "I said, 'I'm not having my picture taken with them; they look ridiculous.' I looked just as ridiculous."

Partridge has other Casasola pictures commemorating weddings and communions.

"We just always went to Casasola," Partridge said. "I think everybody went to Casasola."

Alfonso Casasola, a Mexican immigrant, set up the El Paso studio in 1921. He was helped by his cousin Augustin Casasola, who operated a well-regarded studio in Mexico City that produced some of the best-known images of the Mexican Revolution.

"That was part of the draw, and also the glamorous poses," Rivers said. "They often heavily retouched the photographs and people looked beautiful."

Hundreds of thousands of photographs were taken at the studio, which was run by Casasola's wife, Emma Flores Casasola, after his death in 1948. The couple's daughter closed the business in 1992, and the building remained empty until the workers began the remodeling a few years later.

In the studio's heyday, married couples stopped by on their way to receptions. Babies beamed. Graduates posed proudly. Debutantes radiated a youthful glow.

In most older photos, however, the glow wasn't entirely natural. Thanks to artfully applied paint, orange cheeks and ruby lips made photos pop with a nearly three-dimensional quality.

Casasola liked to have women's hands in the photos, supporting a chin or cupping a cheek. He developed a technique of scratching eyelashes into the negative's emulsion to provide a star burst effect that foreshadowed the look of false eyelashes.

The studio was next door to the Colon Theater, so Mexican movie stars and Tejano musicians would drop by for promotional photos.

Stars are rare in the forgotten collection, although a youthful Ricardo Montalban is featured in one shot. He's pausing during a dinner to talk to a small group of attentive people on a nearby couch.

The studio was within walking distance of an international bridge linking El Paso with Mexico, so passport pictures and identification photos for bracero workers also are in the collection.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Multiple myeloma treatable

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with light-chain disease. What can you tell me about this condition?

DEAR READER: Multiple myeloma is a form of cancer. It affects certain blood cells called plasma cells, which ordinarily produce proteins that are used by the immune system to fight disease. These proteins are classified as "light chains" or "heavy chains."

If plasma cells are cancerous and grow too abundantly (as is the case with multiple myeloma), they manufacture an excess of either light-chain or heavy-chain substances that can be measured in the blood and, sometimes, in the urine, confirming the diagnosis.

Light-chain and heavy-chain diseases cause damage to normal tissues, notably bone, lymph glands and kidneys, leading to bone pain, glandular swelling, kidney failure, anemia, fatigue, weakness, bleeding problems and susceptibility to infections.

With treatment (chemotherapy with or without radiation), more than 60 percent of patients will improve. Many will be able to lead normal, productive lives.

Untreated light-chain disease is a serious medical disorder with an unfavorable prognosis. In my opinion, patients with this condition should be under the care of hematologists/oncologists.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." 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 address the subject of water on the knee or "housemaid's knee." I seriously bumped my knee several months ago. While I didn't break the skin, my knee joint filled with fluid. It's been aspirated twice, but my internist isn't willing to do it again.

DEAR READER: Traumatic bursitis, sometimes called "housemaid's knee," is a common and harmless affliction that may appear after relatively pedestrian injuries, such as those caused by prolonged kneeling.

The knee then becomes stiff, sore and swollen, because of an accumulation of fluid within the joint ("water on the knee").

Removing the fluid usually gives immediate relief of symptoms, but the improvement may be short-lived: the fluid often reappears. To avoid repeated withdrawals of fluid, orthopedic surgeons frequently inject small quantities of cortisone into the joint. Nonetheless, the symptoms of traumatic bursitis will recur unless the patient discontinues the offending activity.

Because your knee continues to swell with fluid, I suggest that you see an orthopedic specialist. He may, as I mentioned, inject cortisone. Or he may choose to order an MRI scan to make sure that the joint's cartilage lining hasn't been torn or wrinkled, a situation that requires arthroscopic surgery for repair. Or the specialist may simply tell you to be patient and avoid further injury.

In my experience, most cases of uncomplicated bursitis resolve spontaneously with time. The condition is not a hazard to health, so aggressive therapy is not ordinarily warranted.

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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Borden County

Pure Resources will drill the No. 96 Reinecke in the Reinecke field, 10 miles northwest of Vincent. The re-completion project is planned for a depth of 6,700 feet, and location is in Section 44, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Walsh & Watts Inc. will drill the No. 11-C Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,950 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Energen Resources will drill the No. 547 Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 40, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 2718-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles southwest of Colorado City. Also planned for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 40, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 875 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Contracted for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 876-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. The venture is planned for 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 878-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 877 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Also contracted for 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No.1079-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in section41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 1078-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of C-City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 1082-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of C-City. Scheduled for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 879 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 1320 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles southwest of C-City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 40, Block 30, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 1319 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles southwest of C-City. Also set for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 40, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No.1077 Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Objective is a depth of 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen will drill the No. 2411-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

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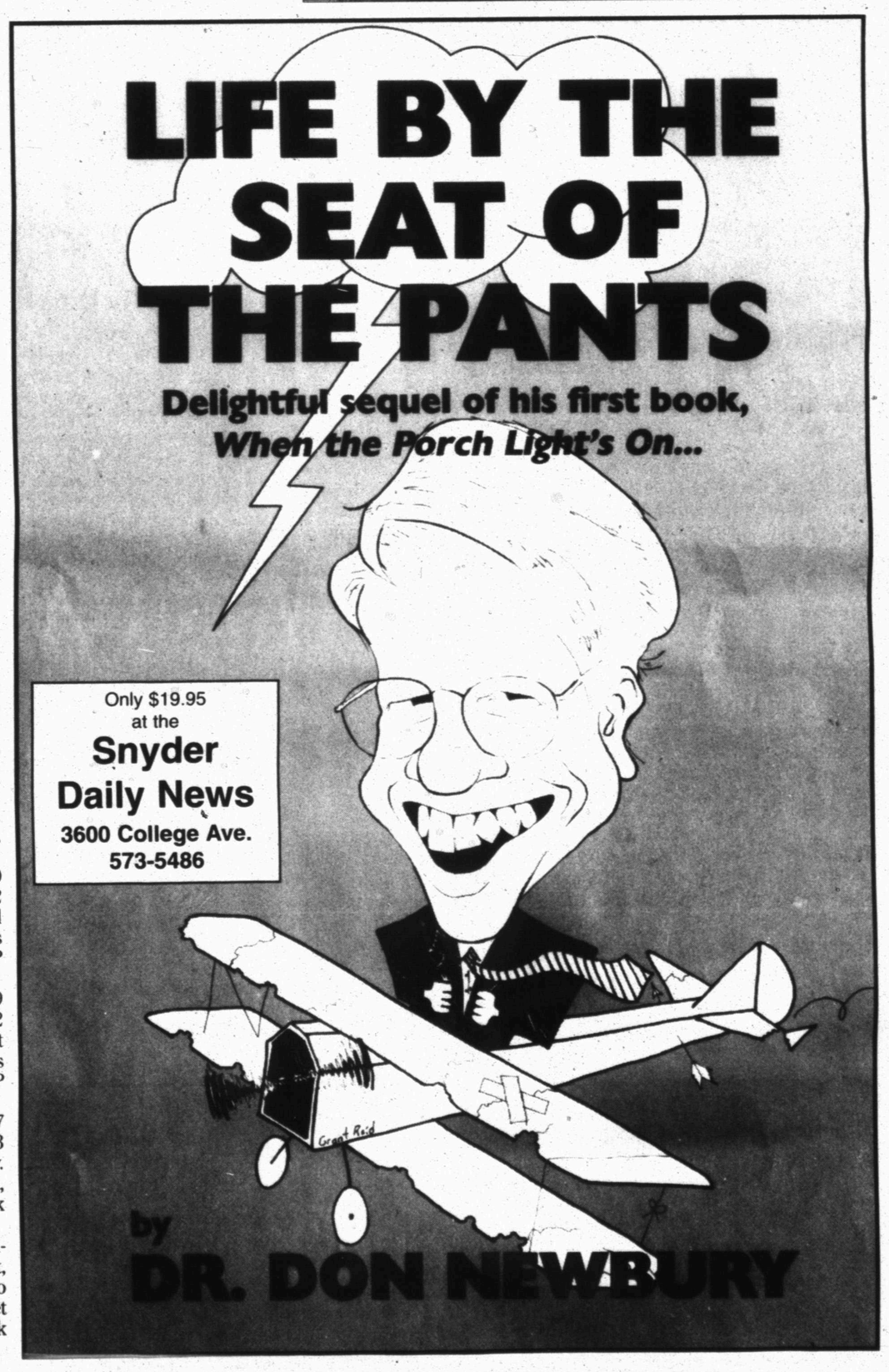

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Seven people arrested over weekend

Arrests

Seven arrests were made in Scurry County over the weekend.

DPS troopers arrested Clarence Connon, 41, of Amarillo at 4 p.m. Saturday on U.S. 84 near the Snyder city limits for felony DWI.

Rumaldo Martinez, 37, of Killeen was taken into custody in the 800 block of 29th St. at 4:58 a.m. Sunday charged with felony burglary of a building.

Officers arrested a 30-year-old man at 10:23 a.m. Saturday in the 2200 block of Ave. M on two Scurry County warrants for theft by check.

At 4 p.m. Saturday, deputies arrested a 69-year-old man on U.S. 84 near Hermleigh for public intoxication.

A 33-year-old man was arrested at 1:22 a.m. Sunday at 29th St. and Ave. C charged with misdemeanor DWI.

A caller requested an officer at United Supermarket at 5:22 p.m. Sunday which led to the arrest of a 51-year-old woman for shoplifting.

At 1:54 this morning, a 36-year-old woman was taken into custody at U.S. 84 and Ave. E charged with misdemeanor DWI.

Burglary

A report of an alarm at Northeast Elementary at 4:15 a.m. Sunday led to the discovery of a broken window and a burglary. A TV set was reported missing.

A burglary of a home at 1245 Ave. R was reported at 2:23 p.m. Saturday.

At 11:57 p.m. Saturday, a caller reported her home at 3714 Noble Dr. had been broken into and an unknown amount of money had been taken. She also reported seeing two or three subjects with a flashlight walking up and down the alley.

Theft

At 1:40 p.m. Saturday a caller from a residence at 2804 Ave. H reported the theft of a pit bulldog.

Fire

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a kitchen fire at 5120 W FM 1606 at 4:06 a.m. today. The blaze had been extinguished before their arrival.

Disturbance

A caller reported hearing a disturbance in an apartment in the 4400 block of Ave. U at 5:14 p.m. Sunday. Officers contacted a person who said that there had been a verbal argument earlier.

Criminal mischief

A caller from La Posada Apartments reported at 6:50 a.m. Saturday that someone had tampered with the steering column of his vehicle during the night, apparently attempting to steal it.

An officer was requested at a residence in the 4500 block of Ave. U at 12 p.m. Saturday reporting some juveniles damaging a window by shooting a BB gun. The juveniles were located and arrangements were made with the parents to repair the window.

At 10:05 p.m. Sunday a caller reported the passenger side window of a vehicle had been broken out while parked in the 400 block of 32nd St.

Officer requested

A caller reported a missing vehicle at 9 p.m. Saturday from the 1200 block of 26th St. The caller said she thought she knew who had taken the car and later notified police that she had located the vehicle at a residence on 25th St.

At 10:32 p.m. Saturday a caller contacted police from the 3000 block of 40th St. reporting someone knocking on his door and running off. He reported the lights of his neighbor's pickup were also on and they were out of town.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Snyder One Stop reported a gas theft in the amount of $12.20 at 5:59 p.m. Saturday.

A gas drive-off was reported at 10:03 a.m. Sunday from West-T-Go in the amount of $14.09.

Second outbreak possible

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A Thai health official said today authorities should prepare for the possibility of a second outbreak of bird flu. Vietnam reported the region's 19th fatality from the virus that has ravaged poultry farms across Asia.

The World Health Organization, meanwhile, said China may already have human cases of bird flu, although the country hasn't reported any. It said while the government has been sharing information about known outbreaks, it might not be aware of everything happening in the country.

"WHO feels it is conceivable that there may be human cases, given the extent of the outbreaks in poultry," said Dr. Henk Bekedam, the agency's Beijing representative.

The comments come after a weekend report on state television said China has "not yet discovered any cases of humans catching the disease."

Malaysia, which has so far kept free of the disease and restricted poultry imports from affected countries, also cleared a 40-year-old pet-store owner and bird breeder of fears he caught the virus. He was quarantined on Saturday.

Edwards and Clark lament job losses on campaign trail

By the Associated Press

Democratic presidential candidates John Edwards and Wesley Clark lamented the loss of American jobs today as they campaigned for Southern primary votes and tried to ignore front-runner John Kerry's rout in three weekend caucuses.

Edwards and Clark, the two Southerners left in the nomination race, hoped to make inroads with voters in Tennessee and Virginia, which offer 151 pledged delegates in primaries Tuesday. Losses there could imperil the future of their campaigns, especially if Kerry adds to his daunting record of 10 wins in 12 contests for delegates.

Today in tiny Morrison, Tenn., Edwards met privately with Carrier Corp. factory workers who found out last week that the plant was closing, eliminating 1,300 jobs. He said after the meeting at barbecue restaurant near the plant that the workers deserve to have a president "who understands, who knows what their lives are like" and that President Bush is out of touch.

"The president we have now does not understand what these folks are going through. He does not understand what is going on in the lives of most Americans," Edwards said.

Clark told supporters today in Union City, Tenn., that jobs were his top issue.

"People are struggling in this country, and I think it's a moral outrage," Clark said. Calling himself the Democrat uniquely qualified to improve the economy, he said, "I'm strong enough and I'm tough enough to make things happen, and I've proved it on the battlefield."

Neither Edwards nor Clark — nor one-time front-runner Howard Dean — could match Kerry's advantage in Maine, which held its caucuses Sunday with 24 delegates at stake.

Kerry outpaced Dean by a nearly 2-to-1 margin in the state, with Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio a distant third. Dean and Kucinich had made 11th-hour appeals to Maine voters. The win there came after Kerry's triumphs in Michigan and Washington state a day earlier.

Snyder resident injured in wreck

Snyder resident Johnnie Stansell, 21, was injured in a two-vehicle accident around 2 p.m. Saturday on FM 1585 in Lubbock County.

Mrs. Stansell is in Covenant Hospital in the intensive care unit. Her condition was listed as stable this morning.

Also injured in the accident was her husband, Aaron. He was treated and released from Covenant.

Obituaries

Marie Stanfield

1926-2004

Reva Marie Stanfield of Snyder died Friday, Feb. 6, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Services for Mrs. Stanfield, 77, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 10, 1926 in Saline County, Mo., to William and Mary LaRose, she married Robert Lee "Bob" Stanfield on Aug. 20, 1948. They resided in Marshall, Mo., prior to making their home in Snyder where they were partners with John and Evelyn Thomas in the Chrysler Plymouth Dodge and Honda motorcycle dealership.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; one sister, Wilma Bryan; and two brothers, Warren and Paul LaRose.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Stanfield of Snyder; two sons, Bruce Stanfield of Snyder and Terry Stanfield of Houston; one stepdaughter, Sherry Twyman of Prairie Village, Kan.; one sister, Evelyn Thomas of Marshall, Mo. And formerly of Snyder; two brothers, Ralph LaRose of Independence, Mo., and Bill LaRose of Prairie Village, Kan.; two grandsons, Christopher and Jeffrey Stanfield, both of Snyder; one granddaughter, Terra Stanfield Seidel of Crawfordsville, Ind.; one stepgrandson, Matt Twyman, one step great-grandson, Luke Twyman, both of Des Peres, Mo.; and one step granddaughter, Emily Twyman of Prairie Village, Kan.

Fay Beights

1942-2004

SWEETWATER — Fay Nell Beights, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 7, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Beights, 61, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Orvel Brantley officiating. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery.

Born March 12, 1942 in Flatonia, Mrs. Beights was a graduate of Colorado City High School in 1961. The same year on Oct. 6 she married Frank Beights in Cuthbert.

She earned an associate's degree in business management from Western Texas College and worked for Sweetwater Electric until her retirement in 1997. She lived in Sweetwater from 1964 to 1969 when she moved to Snyder and then returned to Sweetwater in 1993. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by a son, Frankie Sanford Beights in 1982; her father, R.B. Treadway in 1985; and by her mother, Mary Spence Treadway in 2001.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Beights of Sweetwater; five brothers, Chester Treadway of Rush Springs, Okla., Bill Treadway of Roscoe, Kenneth Treadway of Medford, Ore., O.D. Treadway of Avery, and R.B. Treadway of White City, Ore.

Ed Booker

1951-2004

MIDLAND — Edward Arnold Booker, a former student at Western Texas College, died Thursday, Feb. 5, at his home in Midland.

A memorial service for Mr. Booker, 53, was held Saturday at the North A Street Church of Christ in Midland. Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickel and Welch Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 2, 1952 in Midland to Mary Frances and Earl Booker, he attended schools in Midland before earning an associate of arts degree from Western Texas College. He then earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Houston. He was employed with the Texas Railroad Commission.

Mr. Booker was a certified ombudsman for the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging and taught computer classes at the Ideal Family Center. He returned to Midland in 1997 and was a member of the North A Street Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother Earl D. Booker Jr.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Booker of Midland; a son, Robert Lathan of Lubbock and a daughter LaVinya Coleman of Dallas; two sisters, Patricia Holt and Sandra Brumbaugh; a brother, Brian Booker; and one granddaughter.

Thelma Northcutt

1917-2004

LEVELLAND — Thelma Northcutt, the mother of Gary Northcutt of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 6, at Covenant Hospital in Levelland.

Funeral service for Mrs. Northcutt, 86, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Church of the Nazarene with the Revs. Malcolm Bolger, Michael Pigg and Mike Davis officiating. Burial was to follow in the City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Born June 4, 1917 in Fannin County. She married the Rev. Claude Northcutt on Dec. 24, 1938 in Durant, Okla.

Mrs. Northcutt moved from Hereford to Levelland in 1959 and retired after 20 years working in the food service department at Levelland Junior High. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Levelland.

Survivors include another son, Wayne Northcutt of Levelland; two daughters, Carol Ruthardt of Morton and Beth Young of Bethany, Okla.; a sister, Faye Northcutt of Temple; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 2/10	Wed 2/11	Thu 2/12
45/32	47/26	41/23
Cloudy skies. High around 45F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.	Morning showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	Mix of rain and snow showers. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 20s.
Sunrise 7:32 AM / Sunset 6:24 PM	Sunrise 7:31 AM / Sunset 6:25 PM	Sunrise 7:30 AM / Sunset 6:26 PM

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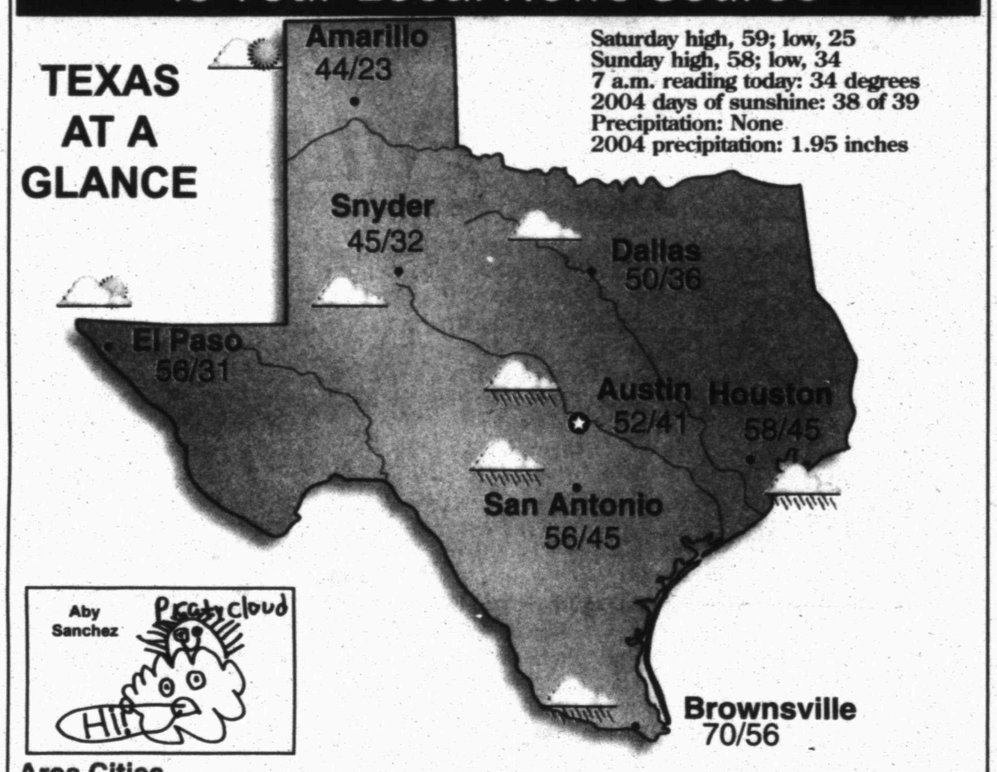
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Saturday high, 59; low, 25
Sunday high, 58; low, 34
7 a.m. reading today: 34 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 38 of 39
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 1.95 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	48	35	cloudy	El Paso	56	31	cloudy	Midland	46	33	rain
Amarillo	44	23	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	49	35	rain	Raymondville	68	52	rain
Austin	52	41	rain	Gainesville	48	31	cloudy	Rosenberg	56	45	rain
Beaumont	58	44	rain	Greenville	48	32	cloudy	San Antonio	56	45	rain
Brownsville	70	56	rain	Houston	58	45	rain	San Marcos	53	42	rain
Brownwood	51	36	rain	Kingsville	65	50	rain	Sulphur Springs	49	33	cloudy
Corpus Christi	62	50	rain	Livingston	56	39	rain	Sweetwater	47	35	cloudy
Corsicana	50	37	rain	Longview	53	37	cloudy	Tyler	51	36	rain
Dallas	50	36	cloudy	Lubbock	45	25	cloudy	Weatherford	49	32	cloudy
Del Rio	57	45	rain	Lufkin	55	39	rain	Wichita Falls	50	33	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	37	rain	Houston	58	45	rain	Phoenix	65	41	mst sunny
Boston	44	29	pt sunny	Los Angeles	75	49	sunny	San Francisco	65	43	sunny
Chicago	26	10	cloudy	Miami	80	70	pt sunny	Seattle	52	35	pt sunny
Dallas	50	36	cloudy	Minneapolis	19	9	pt sunny	St. Louis	34	21	pt sunny
Denver	36	17	pt sunny	New York	45	31	pt sunny	Washington, DC	48	31	cloudy

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 28

UV Index

Tue 2/10	Wed 2/11	Thu 2/12
4 Low	4 Low	4 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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