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Shuttle explodes over Dallas

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia broke apart in flames over Texas on Saturday, killing all seven astronauts just 16 minutes before they were supposed to glide to ground in Florida.

"It's gone," said a senior U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official said debris from the shuttle, spread across Texas and apparently some other states, had been positively identified. Though there was no official word from NASA, this official said there was no hope for either the shuttle or its crew.

Six Americans and the first Israeli astronaut were on board.

At Kennedy Space Center, the U.S. flag next to the countdown clock was lowered to half-staff. NASA officials wouldn't confirm that the crew was dead but said President Bush would be making an announcement.

Administration officials said there was no immediate indication of terrorism. A senior U.S. official said no threat was made and the shuttle was out of range of a surface-to-air missile.

Columbia had been expected to land in Florida at 9:16 a.m.

At 9 a.m., Mission Control lost all data and contact with the crew. At the same time, residents in eastern Texas reported hearing "a big bang."

Television footage showed a bright light over Texas followed by smoke plumes streaking diagonally through the sky. Debris appeared to break off into separate balls of light as it continued downward. NASA declared an emergency after losing contact and sent search teams to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Residents of Nacogdoches said they found bits of metal strewn across the city. Dentist Jeff Hancock said a metal bracket about a foot long crashed through his office roof.

"It's all over Nacogdoches," said barber shop owner James Milford. "There are several little pieces, some parts of machinery ... there's been a lot of pieces about 3 feet wide."

Two hours after the shuttle had been expected to land, the giant screen at the front of Mission Control showed a map of the Southwest United States and what should have been Columbia's flight path.

The crew of NASA's shuttle Columbia before takeoff.

Dispatchers at the Scurry County Sheriff's office received a teletype from the DPS warning citizens to avoid any debris located and to immediately contact local officials.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe was meeting with the astronauts' families, who had been waiting at Kennedy Space Center for the shuttle's landing, spokeswoman Melissa Motichek said.

"A contingency for the space shuttle has been declared," Mission Control somberly repeated over and over as no word or any data came from Columbia.

It was the 113th flight in the shuttle program's 22 years and the 28th flight for Columbia, NASA oldest shuttle.

In 42 years of U.S. human space flight, there had never been an accident during the descent to Earth or landing. On Jan. 28, 1986, space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff.

The shuttle is essentially a glider during the hour-long decent from orbit and is covered by about 20,000 thermal tiles to protect against temperatures as high as 3,000 degrees.

On Jan. 16, after Columbia lifted off, a piece of insulating foam on its external fuel tank came off and was believed to have hit the left wing of the shuttle. Leroy Cain, the flight director, assured reporters Friday that engineers had concluded that any damage to the wing was considered minor and posed no safety hazard.

The shuttle was at an altitude of about 233,000 feet over north-central Texas at 9 a.m., traveling at 12,500 mph, when Mission Control lost all contact.

Gary Hunziker in Plano said he saw the shuttle flying overhead. "I could see two bright objects flying off each side of it," he told The AP. "I just assumed they were chase jets."

"The barn started shaking and we ran out and started looking around," said Benjamin Laster of Kemp. "I saw a puff of vapor and smoke and saw big chunk of material fall."

SACROC hits 16,000 barrels per day

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Shortly before Kinder Morgan arrived in Scurry County three years ago, the storied SACROC unit was all but played out.

Since that time, however, the company has pumped millions of cubic feet of CO_2 into the ground and millions of dollars into the local economy — and the investment is paying dividends for both the company and the community.

Kinder Morgan is involved in a two-year expansion project at the SACROC unit, which pumps millions of cubic feet of CO_2 into the ground daily.

Pete Hagist, SACROC unit superintendent, called Kinder Morgan's relationship with Scurry County "a wonderful marriage" and said the project is going well.

"As anybody who has driven down FM 1611 in the last year can plainly see, we are in the midst of a two-year ramp up program that will have the unit's production up quite a bit higher than it is today," he said.

And even today's production is much higher than what it was a decade ago, when Pennzoil took over operations of the unit from Chevron and initiated a turn around plan.

Hagist said at the time, the field was within 12 months of running out of economic life and shutting down. The plan worked and production had quadrupled by 1995 and was able to level out instead of continuing downward.

Since that time, Devon Energy and then Kinder Morgan has taken over operation of the unit and production continues to increase steadily after a low of 7,000 barrels per day.

The Canyon Reef formation is currently producing an average of 16,000 barrels of oil per day, but Hagist said his company has set a goal for the field of more than three times its current amount — 50,000 barrels daily.

A 16-inch pipeline is under construction from Denver City to Snyder, which will carry enough CO_2 for injection to help Kinder Morgan reach its lofty goal.

The construction that can be witnessed at the SACROC unit is the installation of six new compressors that will inject the larger mass of CO_2 into the formation.

The new pipeline and compressors — two 8,000 horsepower and four 5,000 horsepower units — will inject 120 million cubic feet of CO_2 per day.

With the pipeline and other construction at the SACROC unit, the company is investing $210 million in Scurry County this year. That's a third of Kinder Morgan's operating budget, Hagist said.

"We are heavily committed to Scurry County and Snyder and the SACROC unit," he said. "This is a 20-year program and we are going to make it work for everyone."

The company hopes to generate 200 million barrels of oil over the next 20 years.

Kinder Morgan is investing an average of $21 million per month in the county, Hagist said, and added that the SACROC unit and the Canyon Reef formation are more profitable than any deep-water projects.

"This is an absolute world-class project right here in our own backyard," he said.

When construction and installation is complete, the SACROC unit will be home to 33 compressors at work 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

The gas, mined in southeast Colorado and piped to West Texas, is injected into the formation to lower the viscosity — or thickness — of the oil, making it easier to draw it from the ground.

Kinder Morgan employs almost 80 people at its Snyder offices, but with contractors in town for construction, Hagist said the company sustains well over 100 jobs in the community.

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PROGRESS IN MOTION — The SACROC unit northwest of Snyder has been a hotbed of activity in recent months as Kinder Morgan CO_2 Company undertakes considerable construction and expansion in preparation to increase the unit's production. A 16-inch CO_2 pipeline also is under construction from Denver City to Snyder, which will help the company reach its goal of producing up to 50,000 barrels of oil per day, as compared to numbers as low 7,000 barrels a day just eight years ago. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mayor looking for DCOS appointee

Just like the Marines, Mayor Francene Noah is looking for a few good men, or for that matter, women.

Actually, she's just looking for one person to fill a vacant spot on the Development Corporation of Snyder (DCOS) board of directors.

And don't be surprised if she does appoint a woman to fill a position on the board that has been vacant since October.

"I would like a female on that board," said the mayor. "There's certainly no prejudice, but I think a female gives a different slant on things."

"We need someone in there that will grow with the board, who is willing to stay on it, and even contribute after their terms are over," said Noah.

She added that she has two or three people in mind and even threw out their names to the present board.

The mayor has the responsibility for making the appointment, but it has to have the approval of the city council.

Qualifications to be a member of the board include meeting at least one of the following qualifications: serve, or have served as the chief executive officer of a company; serve, or have served in a position of executive management of a company; serve, or have served in a leadership capacity; or, have experience equivalent to any of the above qualifications.

The by-laws of the DCOS also state the city council shall consider an individual's experience, accomplishments and educational background in appointing members to the board to ensure that the interests and concerns of all segments of the community are considered.

"I would appreciate anyone offering a suggestion of a person that might meet these qualifications," Noah said.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "No need to fret about the unknown of a new year, just be thankful you made it past the last."

The only person who fails to break a resolution is the one who never made one.

Now that the first month of 2003 is history, you can forget all those promises made and start living it up.

The number one resolution in America is to trim down – and most of us need to do just that.

Just recently, Houston again was named the Fat City of the U.S. We guess those folks in Houston like chicken fried steak and cream gravy as much as we West Texans.

Now the experts are saying that obesity is going to be the next major health threat of kids. Experts have been on the tube saying that kids eat too much junk food, watch TV excessively and don't get sufficient exercise.

One doc said that at least 50 percent of today's youth are 30 pounds or more overweight and that adult illnesses – such as high blood pressure – are starting to show up in kids.

What really caught our attention was that a burger and fries contained enough calories to last 1½ days for the average teen.

That must mean a burger and fries offer sufficient calories to last at least a week for those of us with slower metabolism.

We still plan to trim down and do a little exercise, but it's not a resolution 'cause we have never been able to meet the expectations.

If we were to resolve to abstain from chocolate, then what could we give ole what's-her-name for Valentine's Day?

If you suggested jewelry, that would violate a pledge to be more frugal.

Dinner and a movie you say? That's just another reason to overeat – and buying movie popcorn is not being thrifty.

All this worry about trying to improve lifestyle just causes more stress – and the doc says that stress is just as bad as being too heavy.

And exercise causes the foot to hurt, adding more stress…

Oh what the heck…pass the nachos!

If you really want to lose weight, there are only three things that must be avoided – breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Or as Doctor Mac used to say: "If it tastes good, spit it out."

ASK US

Q—What are the contact numbers for District 72 Representative Scott Campbell?

A—Rep. Campbell can be reached in Austin at 512-463-0331 or in San Angelo at 915-657-0197.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Patsy Groves...

...is a teller at American State Bank and has called Snyder home for 13 years. Her husband, Leonard, is a crop insurance adjuster and a native of Snyder. They have two children, Jeff Groves and Patti Park, both of Rotan and four grandkids. Patsy loves music and playing the piano and she is organist at First United Methodist Church. She also loves any time spent with her grandkids.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A well-adjusted person is one who makes the same mistake twice without getting nervous.

—Jane Heard

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider six cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

United Way directors

United Way directors will meet at noon Monday at the United Way offices. Directors will approve allocations for participating agencies at the meeting.

Central Elementary parent course

Central Elementary will offer "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" course beginning Monday. The course will be from 5:30-8 p.m. each evening. Interested parents may pick up a registration form at the Central Elementary office. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

VFW Auxiliary meeting

The VFW Auxiliary Post No. 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home.

Support groups

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

Tiger's Lair Yearbook deadline

The deadline for orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Monday. Balances will have to be paid in full at that time and orders are taken at Snyder High School. Cost is $50 each, with additional options available. Call 574-6138.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Prophecy's Role in the Church," followed by "The Gospel of Your Salvation."

Stanfield parent council

The Stanfield parent council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the teacher's lounge in the front hallway. The upcoming book fair will be discussed. All parents are invited to attend.

Snyder FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS ag building. Officers will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Bass Club

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Kinder Morgan office on East Hwy. 180.

FBC services televised

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

Senior water aerobics

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

Senior FFA student reception

Wilson Motors will host a reception for senior FFA students from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the dealership for the signing of scholarship applications. Parents are invited to attend.

GED pre-registration and testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday at the GED testing center at Western Texas College, building 7B. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday. For more information about the GED test call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

FBC support groups

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

Relay for Life cookbooks

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

Relay for Life teams needed

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

SHS booster club fundraiser

The SHS drama booster club is collecting old cell phones and used printer cartridges for recycling. Drop off at the sheriff's office. For more information, call Jan Scott at 573-8027.

2003 Ira annuals available

The 2003 Ira Bulldog annuals may be purchased until Feb. 17. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact the school to purchase one.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Choir trip planned

SHS choirs are also planning a trip to Boston on Easter weekend, April 17-21. There are six available positions for anyone who wants to make the trip. For more information, call Ronda Haire, choir director, at 573-6301.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Feds turn up heat in Martha Stewart case

NEW YORK (AP) — An intensified probe into Martha Stewart's alleged insider-trading has renewed speculation that the domestic diva could eventually face criminal charges.

Federal prosecutors have been reinterviewing witnesses and meeting with Stewart's lawyers, say sources close to the case.

After months in which the case seemed to wind down, it now seems more likely that Stewart could eventually face such criminal charges as insider trading or obstruction of justice.

The Securities and Exchange Commission already has signaled that it will file a civil complaint that could cost Stewart heavy fines and her job as chief executive of her company.

The 61-year-old chairwoman and CEO of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. came under suspicion after selling 3,928 ImClone Inc. shares worth about $228,000 on Dec. 27, 2001. The day after she sold her stock, the Food and Drug Administration announced it would not review the biotech company's application for a promising cancer drug, Erbitux. The stock plummeted on the bad news.

Investigators suspect that Stewart received a tip from her friend ImClone founder Samuel Waksal and that members of his family were unloading their own stock as well.

Stewart, through her lawyers, has denied any wrongdoing.

Waksal is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty last year to fraud and insider trading. He faces up to 65 years in prison but could get far less under sentencing guidelines.

The SEC notified Stewart in September that it had enough evidence to file civil charges against her. But when the commission delayed taking action, and the U.S. attorney's office appeared to hit a lull in its criminal investigation, it seemed Stewart might steer clear of legal difficulties.

Prosecutors have refused to comment on the yearlong probe.

But the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that investigators are reinterviewing key figures in the case, including staff at Merrill Lynch, where Stewart's broker worked before he was fired.

EAST BEE WINNERS — Shawn Burns won East Elementary's spelling bee Friday morning. The runner-up is Ana Cabrera. Both will compete in the Snyder ISD Spelling Bee Thursday at Western Texas College. Shawn is the son of Belinda Toland. Ana is the daughter of Steven and Martha Cabrera. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

WTC team competes

Western Texas College's meats judging team competed Jan. 20 at the National Western Contest in Greeley and Denver, Colo.

A total of 19 teams and 137 contestants competed on Jan. 20.

Nathan Shrode of Colorado City was second in beef judging. Sam Schiwart of Robert Lee placed sixth in yield grading and lamb judging.

Casey Mund of Wall garnered seventh place in pork judging.

Zach Wylie of Colorado City came in eighth in quality grading and 10th in lamb judging.

Sarah McLaughlin of Alamogordo, N.M. was ninth in placings.

The team's next competition is at the Southwestern Contest in Fort Worth on Sunday.

Senior Center News

Volunteers with the free tax-aide program will be at the center at 2603 Avenue M each Wednesday, beginning this Wednesday, 9-noon and 1-3 p.m. The volunteers have yearly training in all the new regulations regarding tax returns. The tax aide program is available for senior citizens and people of any age with low or moderate incomes. Service is available on a first come first serve basis. We are not equipped to E-file.

When you come please bring the following: a copy of last year's return; social security cards, including all dependents; all W-2 wage-earner's forms; all 1099 miscellaneous income forms; social security year total reports; dependents birth dates; any other records that may pertain to your specific situation.

The schedule for computer courses at the center is now available. There are six courses scheduled: Introductions to Computers Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13 — 9-12 a.m.; Introduction to Windows Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20 — 2-4 p.m.;

Also, Basic Internet Feb. 10, 12, 17, 19 — 9-12 a.m.; Microsoft Office Feb. 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 — 2-4 p.m.; Advanced Windows Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 — 9-12 a.m; Advanced Internet Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 —9-12 a.m.

We need six to eight students per class in order for the class to be held. All classes are $25 each. Senior citizens may register with Valerie at the center.

Valentine Day will soon be here, so seniors are asked to make nominations for the senior center king and queen. Those making nominations, nominees, and voters must be sixty years of age or older and a resident of Scurry County. Voting is scheduled for February 12th & 13th 10 a.m. — noon. Talk to Valerie about nominations. The Valentine Program and recognition of the 2003 King & Queen is scheduled for February 14th.

MONDAY

Seniors may participate in bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m. Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m.. The exercise class is a 20-30 minute program of flexing and stretching. Eighty-eight begins at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

Swimnastics at Western Texas College is 10-11 a.m. The class and parking are free. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Aubrey Wilson Band will perform in the dining room at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon in the conference room. The advanced bridge class will meet at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies are invited to join us for pool at 9 a.m. Join Juanita for daily exercise at 11 a.m. Afternoon activities include pinochle, line dancing, and clogging. Pinochle and line dancing begin at 1 p.m. Clogging immediately follows.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. They meet in the bridge room. Swimnastics at WTC is 10-11 a.m. in the physical education building. The Sunshine Choir will entertain the residents of Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Exercise at the center at 11.

FRIDAY

At 9:30 a.m. seniors may have their blood pressure checked, participate in bridge, play dominoes, quilt, and/or visit and have a cup of coffee. Eighty-eight games begin at 10 a.m., daily exercise at 11 a.m., and a sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m. Beginner bridge lessons begin at 1 p.m. in the bridge room for seniors that have registered. Anyone interested in bridge lessons is encouraged to phone the center and register for future lessons.

SATURDAY

The community sing begins at 6 p.m. Volunteers provide the entertainment.

Senior Menu

Monday

Chicken pot pie, Harvard beets, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookie

Tuesday

Braised ham, scalloped potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, banana pudding

Wednesday

Beef stroganoff, whole kernel corn, green beans, heavenly delight salad, sugar cookie

Thursday

Barbecue on a bun, pickles/onions/peppers, pinto beans, potato salad, fruited gelatin

Friday

Fried fish, parslied potatoes, buttered carrots, macaroni salad, apple cutie pie.

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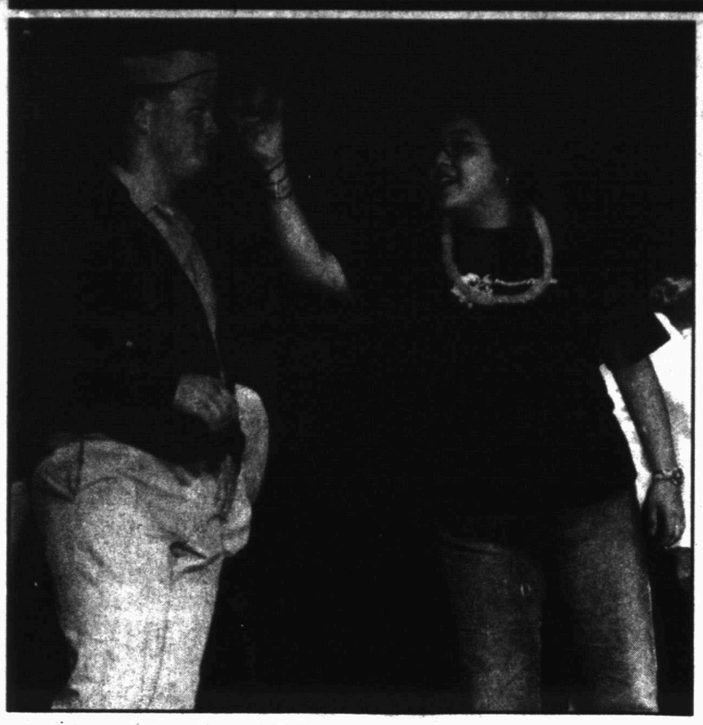

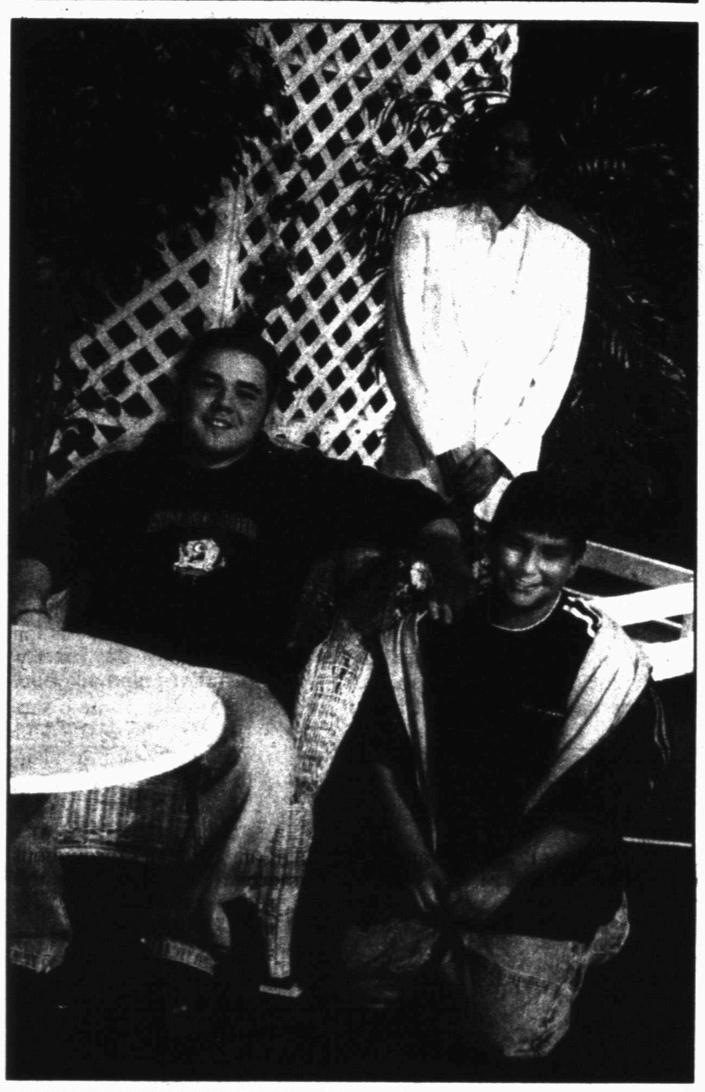

FINAL PERFORMANCES — Only three performances remain for Snyder High School drama and choral departments' presentation of *South Pacific*. Evening times for Saturday and Sunday are 7:30 p.m. A 2 p.m. showing is set Sunday. Logan Martin and Marcie Rodriguez share a scene in the top photo. Students rehearsing in the bottom photo from left are Bobby Sands, Albert Rocha and Zeke Mariana. Reserve seating is $8, student tickets are $5 and adult tickets are $6. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SW hopes to fly penguins again

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines is seeking the government's OK to bring back its popular SeaWorld penguin tours, in which two of the flightless birds are put on jets to promote the amusement park as a summer destination.

The promotion was shut down after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2000.

A few security concerns must be addressed before the Dallas-based carrier can resurrect the promotion.

Will the penguins be subject to the same security searches as other passengers: stepping through metal detectors and even being wanded by federal screeners.

"One of the things that they mentioned was, 'Would it be possible that we would be able to wand the animals?'" Melanie Jones, creative manager for Southwest, was quoted in Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Ed Martelle, spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration, said: "That's a real question."

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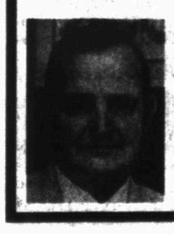

Ernie Sears
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Program presented at SHS

The Family and Consumer Sciences classes at Snyder High School recently heard a presentation on education in creative and applied arts.

Mrs. Jenny Shoemaker of the Art Institute spoke to students in the classes of Mrs. Carolyn Limmer and Mrs. Carolyn Derouen.

Mrs. Shoemaker presented information on the culinary arts, fashion design, interior design and fashion marketing.

Students were shown video and slides with actual footage of students working on a variety of projects

Two guardsmen held on hate crime charges

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — Two National Guardsmen who served as peacekeepers in the Middle East appeared in court Friday on charges they were involved in a racist attack on a motel owner and the beating of a homeless man.

A third Oregon guardsman involved in the attack on the motel owner and linked to attacks on three homeless men shot and killed himself early Thursday after running away from the motel, police said.

The two others told investigators they were "on a mission" to clean up Medford, said police Lt. Mike Moran.

Police said Andrew Patterson, 23, and Aaron St. James, 25, waited in a car in the parking lot while Chad Ritchie, 21, went into the office and assaulted the owner. Moran said the three targeted the man, who is from India, mistakenly believing he was an Arab.

When police got to the motel, officers found Patterson and St. James waiting in a car. Ritchie's body was discovered in the parking lot of a nearby restaurant.

Investigators also said they've linked the three to an attack on a homeless man the same night.

Patterson was charged with assault in the motel attack and the beating of two homeless men. He was held Friday on $300,000 bail. St. James was charged in the motel attack and one of the beatings and held on $100,000 bail.

They did not enter a plea during Friday's brief court hearing.

Ritchie and Patterson were demoted to the rank of private.

Lewis graduates

WICHITA FALLS — Midwestern State University had 352 graduates who were candidates for degrees during the fall.

Julia Lewis of Snyder received a bachelor of applied arts and sciences.

GUEST SPEAKER — Mrs. Jenny Shoemaker, second from right, recently presented a program for Snyder High School's family and consumer sciences classes. Students pictured are front row far right, Heather Martin; back row, Wendy Proffitt, Jeffrey Martinez, Alverto Perez and Teddy Vasquez; front row, Holly Lee, Ashlee McQuinty, Rosanna Gonzales, Jessica Rodriguez, Alicia Wagner and Lety Marquez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Confidential records to be released

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Former President Clinton has waived his right to restrict access to most records of confidential advice during his administration, opening the path for historians to more quickly study key decisions in the Clinton White House.

However, Clinton will not waive attorney-client privilege over personal issues such as Whitewater and the Monica Lewinsky-Paula Jones investigations.

The records to be released include exchanges among top advisers, staff counsel given directly to Clinton and advice from non-staff members regarding domestic policy and appointments. Clinton would like the records released before his presidential library opens at Little Rock next year.

"I believe that the more information we can make available to scholars, historians and the general public, the better informed people will be about the formulation of public policy and the decision-making process at the White House," Clinton said in response to written questions from The Associated Press.

Under the Presidential Records Act, which took effect in 1981, former presidents can withhold the release of records for at least five years and up to 12 years under certain criteria — sometimes even longer if the documents are a matter of national security. Former Presidents Reagan and Bush have withheld most of their confidential advice documents under the 12-year exemption.

Before 1981, records were the property of outgoing presidents — except Nixon, whose materials were seized by the government following the Watergate scandal.

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One graduates and one on Dean's List

ABILENE — One Snyder student has graduated from McMurry University and another has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester.

Sherry Ann Faulkenberry graduates with a bachelor of arts in sociology.

Kayla Phillips is listed on the Dean's List.

To be eligible, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

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SACROC unit benefits Snyder

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City Manager John Gayle said the company's contribution to the local economy is immeasurable.

"There is no question in my mind that Kinder Morgan is a wonderful addition to Snyder and to Scurry County," he said. "There are many other communities in Texas that are facing economic problems and decreased sales taxes that Snyder will not suffer. We are extremely fortunate to have them here."

Gayle said the company's long-term commitment to the area will save "a lot of consternation" for all taxing districts in the county for years to come.

Another benefit of the SACROC unit — the largest of its kind in the world — is the attention it draws to Snyder from other companies all over the world.

"I understand that executives from other countries are making their way to Snyder to tour the facility and see the work that is being done," Gayle said. "That is very positive for this community as well."

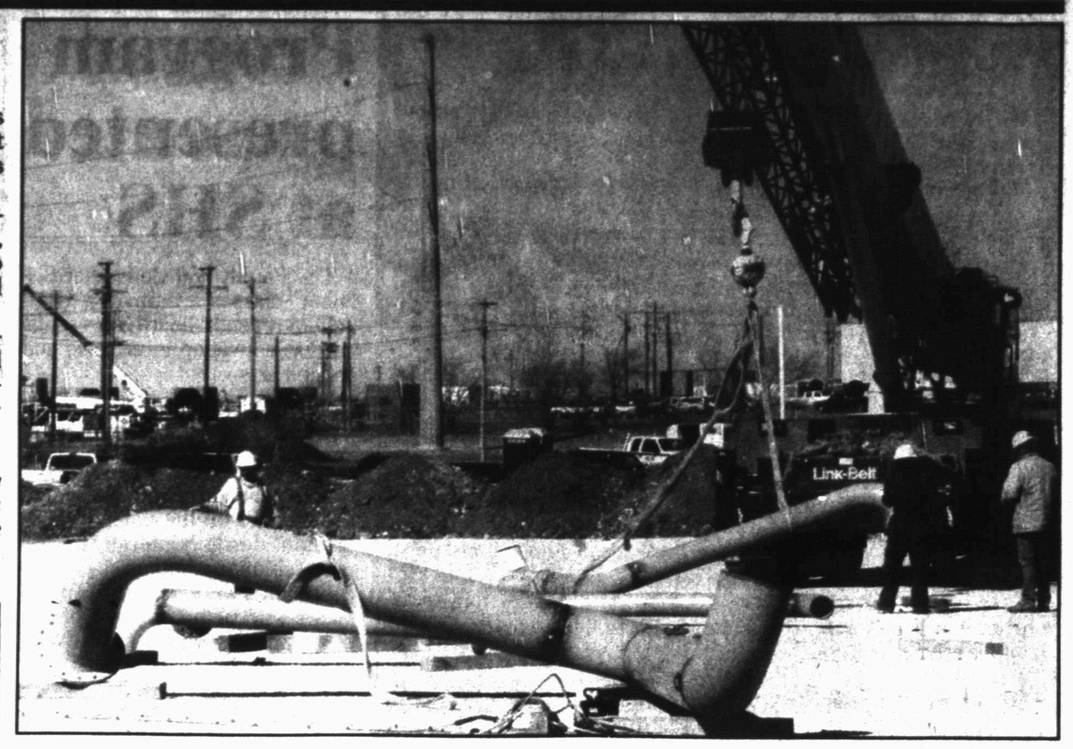
Kinder Morgan was founded by company president Rich Kinder, a former Enron president, who left that now-defunct company.

"Mr. Kinder had the belief that the key to success in this industry is hard assets," Hagist said. "And now everyone knows he was right."

At its inception, Kinder Morgan was valued at $80 million, but has grown since that time to its current value of an estimated $15 billion.

The company's local construction also is a boon for local business, from motels to restaurants as well as oilfield service contractors.

Next weekend's edition of the Snyder Daily News will have a look at the project's impact on the local economy.



HEAVY PIPES — Large cranes are utilized at the SACROC construction site to handle pipes that weigh thousands of pounds. The pipes are X-rayed before installation to check the quality of the welds. (SDN Staff Photo)

GOING UP — Some of the most visible construction at the SACROC unit on FM 1611 are the large roof structures which house the new compressors being installed. Two 8,000 horsepower and four 5,000 horsepower compressors are scheduled to start this year. (SDN Staff Photo)

PEOPLE EVERYWHERE — Dozens of construction workers stay busy every day at the SACROC unit. Work crews are from as far away as Houston, but local contractors also are benefitting from the increased activity at the site. (SDN Staff Photo)

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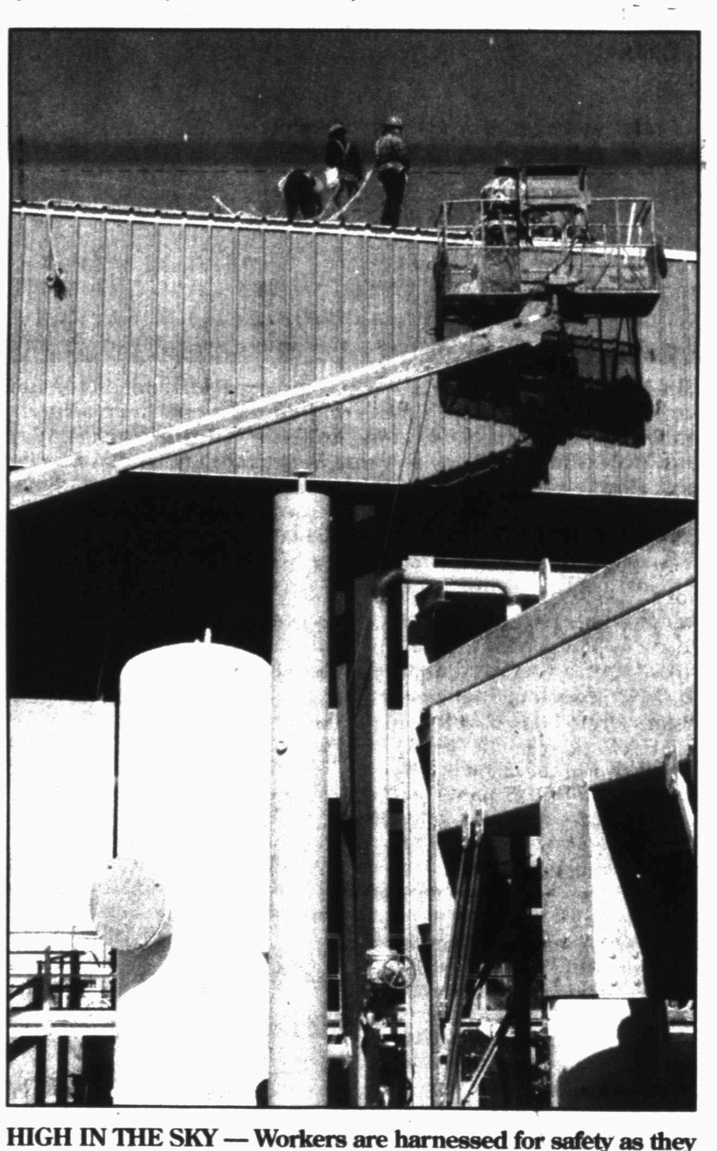
COMPUTER BANK — Kinder Morgan employee Juan Ramos works in one of the control rooms at the SACROC unit. The computers monitor every aspect of the unit. (SDN Staff Photo)



HIGH IN THE SKY — Workers are harnessed for safety as they work on the roof of the large structures going up at the SACROC unit. (SDN Staff Photo)

Financial Focus

Pay Off Mortgage Early - Or Invest More for Retirement?

As mortgage rates have tumbled to levels not seen in decades, millions of Americans have rushed to refinance their homes. Generally speaking, this is probably a good idea; if you can lower your rate, you'll have more disposable income each month. And if you invest this money, you'll really be putting your mortgage savings to good use. But what if you don't want to simply refinance a 30-year mortgage? What if you want to replace your 30-year loan with one carrying a shorter term, such as 15 years? Is this a good move?

It might be - but not necessarily from a financial point of view.

The question of switching from a 30-year mortgage to a 15-year one involves both financial and emotional issues - and, as such, there is no easy answer. Let's look at the points to consider on both sides.

For many people, changing from 30-year to 15-year is simply intuitive: It just feels better to have a mortgage paid off sooner, rather than later. For most of us, a life without house payments sounds pretty good. And if you're already in your mid-forties to mid-fifties, you may be especially keen on having your mortgage paid off as you enter your retirement years.

Furthermore, you can save many thousands of dollars in interest by paying off your mortgage early.

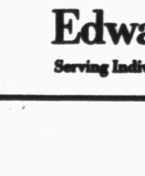
Clearly, you've got some intriguing reasons to go from a 30-year mortgage to a 15-year one. However, you can find some equally compelling factors for not making the switch. For example, it may be great to save all those thousands of dollars in interest payments - but, at the same time, all that interest was tax deductible. In fact, mortgage interest payments are the single biggest deduction that most people will ever have. So, once you've paid off your mortgage, you may need to find new ways to save money on taxes.

Also, every extra dollar you devote to paying off a mortgage early is a dollar you won't be able to invest. Of course, there's no guarantee on what type of investment return you might get from the money you might have put toward a mortgage. And yet, if you put these funds into a well-diversified portfolio containing high-quality investments, you could speed up your progress toward some of your important long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Building up your investments also may provide you with more financial protection than paying off your mortgage early. If you encounter a severe setback - disability, job loss, etc. - you can always fall back on your investments until you regain your financial footing. But if the bulk of your assets are tied to your house, you might be forced to refinance or look at other options, such as a home equity loan or line of credit. These aren't necessarily bad choices - your home equity loan or credit line may be tax-deductible, and the interest rate may well be quite competitive. On the other hand, you have to be sure you can afford the payments on these types of loans, because you're essentially using your house as collateral.

So, there you have it: some sound reasons to pay off a mortgage early, and some sound reasons to keep paying on a longer-term mortgage and invest the difference. There's no one "right" decision - but there's a decision that's right for you. Take the time to find it.

A Good Thing Just Got Better



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Investment Representatives Tim Riggan and Trent Driggers are pleased to announce that Edward Jones is now serving the investors of the Snyder area from another convenient location.

Trent joined Tim's office 24 months ago. Working together, they have continued to provide clients the exceptional level of service expected from Edward Jones, while extending those services to new investors in the Snyder area as well.

Due to the successful growth of their business, they are pleased to announce the opening of another Edward Jones office. Trent Driggers is located at 3203 College Ave. He is anxious to continue the tradition of service established by Tim. Together, they look forward to serving the investment needs of the Snyder area well into the future.

If Edward Jones can be of service to you, please feel free to contact Tim or Trent.

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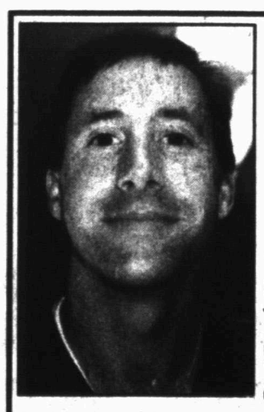

David Nicholson
City Of Snyder
Employee of the Month
January 2003

David Nicholson was born and raised in Snyder. He graduated from Texas Tech University, moved to Dallas and sold Telecommunication equipment & worked in the Hotel Industry while there. David moved back to Snyder 2 years ago. He came to work for the City of Snyder on June 4, 2001 as a Clerk in the Utility Department. David was nominated because he is very good at his job, always cheerful and fun to work with. David's hobbies include hunting, fishing, all sports, & golf.

Whatever happened to...

Melinda Leigh Masters Maninger, a 1979 Snyder High School graduate, is an educator in the Weatherford Christian School in Weatherford.

Melinda is the daughter of William and Irene Masters of Snyder.

Melinda Masters
1979

Melinda Maninger
2003

During high school, she was active in the band, president of the National Honor Society and participated in UIL. Melinda was band sweetheart and Miss SHS her senior year and valedictorian of her graduating class.

After graduation she attended Lubbock Christian College, graduating magna cum laude in 1982.

She married Bob Maninger of Ponca City, Okla. She and her husband worked in a mission field in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, for 2½ years before moving to Weatherford. Her husband is teaching at North Texas State University and completing his PhD.

They have two children, Laura, 14, a eighth grader at Southwest Christian in Fort Worth, and Clayton, 11, a sixth grader at Weatherford Christian School.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

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Current picture?

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No junk food for welfare recipients

ST. PAUL (AP) — The governor's plan to make Minnesota's welfare program the first in the country to ban recipients from so-called junk food such as potato chips and candy bars is leaving some with a sour taste.

Welfare-rights advocate Trishalla Bell said she's insulted. She said the proposal feeds into myths and stereotypes about people who receive food support.

"Junk food is not something you can afford to buy when your food stamps need to last you the entire month," she said.

David Strom, legislative director of the Taxpayers League of Minnesota, supports the idea.

"In the same way we encourage people to go to school and get a job, for those people who don't know that eating frozen pizza isn't an ideal diet, we should say, look, we're not going to pay for this," he said.

Gene Grabowski of the Grocery Manufacturers of America said the group opposed a similar proposal for the District of Columbia. He said plans there and in other states failed once policy makers discovered the difficulties in sorting the grocery aisle between acceptable and unacceptable foods.

Janine Laird, policy director for Hunger Solutions, which represents the Minnesota food banks, said the plan seems un-Republican.

"This is so contrary to the Republican notion of allowing people personal freedoms," she said. "For heaven's sake, can't we keep government out of our cupboards?"

Bill Terry wins subscription

Bill Terry, 212 Birch St., is the January winner of a free subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who subscribe or renew for six months or more.

Graham has heart surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Graham of Florida underwent heart surgery Friday and is expected to take a month to recuperate before deciding whether to seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

Capitol physician Dr. John Eisold, Graham's attending doctor, said the "uncomplicated procedure" went well and the senator was in stable condition in the cardiac intensive care unit at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

The 66-year-old Graham "is resting comfortably," Eisold said. "We anticipate a full recovery."

During the operation, the doctors replaced the aortic valve, which controls blood flow from the heart's left ventricle into the aorta, the main artery carrying oxygen-rich blood through the body.

The surgery was performed by Dr. Alan Speir of Annandale, Va. Speir replaced Graham's aortic valve with a heart valve from a cow. Doctors had planned to give him an artificial valve, but changed their approach and used a "bioprosthesis" because a mechanical valve would have required him to take blood-thinning medication for the rest of his life, Graham aides said.

Graham, the former head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, has been an outspoken critic of White House policy on terrorism and made known late last year that he was considering joining the already-crowded field of Democrats seeking to challenge President Bush in the 2004 presidential elections.

But a week ago, Graham said he had undergone medical tests in preparation for announcing his presidential run and learned of his heart condition. He said he would reassess his presidential bid after recovering from the surgery.

Eisold said the senator is expected to remain in the hospital for four to five days and then convalesce at home for up to 10 days. He should be able to resume light duties by the end of February.

Big Country contributes to fire stations

Big Country Electric Cooperative has contributed a total of $1,100 to area volunteer fire departments as part of a statewide initiative by Touchstone Energy.

Touchstone Energy cooperatives are making $14,000 in donations to volunteer fire departments.

"Rural fire volunteers should be commended for what they do so fearlessly and generously to keep our community safe each day," said Jerry Stapp, general manager of Big County Electric Cooperative. "If we can help make their jobs a little easier or safer, we are delighted to do so. After all, many of the volunteers are co-op employees or members."

More than 550 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 39 states deliver electric power and energy solutions to more than 17 million customers every day. There are 20 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in Texas.

Big Country Cooperative serves more than 5,300 member-consumers in 12 counties.

HERMLEIGH BETA CLUB — Hermleigh Beta Club attended a state convention Jan. 10-11 in Dallas. Front row from left, Terrel Culp, president; Alana Culp, Dustin Williamson and Samantha Berry; middle row, Valerie West, Shae Rinehart and Johnathon McClure; back row, Christy Garcia, Justin Williamson, vice-president; Danni Webb and Misty McClure, secretary. Justin Williamson ran for state vice president. Several students also entered contests including Samantha Berry, spelling; Shae Rinehart, creative writing; Dustin Williamson, history; Danni Webb, English; and Johnathon McClure, math. Terrel Culp and Alana Culp sang in the talent contest. Mary Spieker is the sponsor. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

States would have vast power to shape Medicaid programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — States would get vast new authority to shape their health care programs for the poor under a Bush administration proposal that immediately drew barbs from Democrats.

Any state that chooses to participate would get a pot of money to provide health care to some of their neediest residents and would have sweeping new authority to cut or increase benefits, add or drop patients.

The program would have to be approved by Congress, where Democrats vowed to fight it. In the mid-1990s, Republicans tried to overhaul Medicaid, ending the automatic guarantee of health benefits for the poor. This proposal, while less sweeping, has some of the same elements.

Administration officials trumpet the initiative as an opportunity for states under extreme financial pressures to creatively remake their programs, trim back benefits without cutting them altogether and free up money to expand coverage to others.

"If I were still a governor, I would jump — I would absolutely jump — at an option like this," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, who was Wisconsin governor, said Friday.

As an enticement, participating states would get extra federal money over the next several years — though their payments would be reduced down the line to make up for it. President Bush is proposing an extra $3.25 billion next year and $12.7 billion over seven years. Federal spending would drop by equal measure in the following three years. At that point, Bush will no longer be president and many of today's governors will be out of office, too.

States would be required to maintain a certain level of spending with their own money.

Medicaid provides health insurance to about 42 million poor, disabled and elderly Americans. The administration's proposal would have no impact on the poorest Americans, whom states are required to serve.

Other people are added to Medicaid at states' discretion, including children and pregnant women with incomes just above the poverty line — and they would be subject to cuts under the Bush plan. Further, states provide many optional benefits — notably prescription drugs, dental and vision care and some services for the elderly — and these could be limited under the proposed program.

If states want to do that today, they need to get special permission from Washington — a hoop that would be eliminated under the new plan.

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SPORTS

COUNT IT — Josh Mendoza watches his first quarter shot fall after being fouled on the play. The Tigers gave an inspired effort to stay alive in the playoff chase by beating Lamesa, 54-51. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers alive in playoff chase, top Tors on last-second shot

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

LAMESA — The Tigers are not going quietly.

After Lamesa guard Channing Wesson tied the game at 51 with :06 left in the game, Snyder point guard T.J. Jones nailed a runner in the lane as time ran out to give the Tigers a 54-51 victory Friday night.

"We wanted that situation," said head coach Bud Birks. "We wanted him to catch it on the run, and he was to attack."

Birks said the idea was for Jones to penetrate the lane, and take a shot.

"Either way, he was going to draw the foul," Birks said. "T.J. has a good mind — he knows how much time is on the clock and where the basket is."

Needing a win to fortify their playoff chances, the Tigers (12-16, 3-4) played one of their most inspired games of the year in overcoming a dogged Lamesa team.

"This gives us a legitimate chance (at the postseason)," Birks said. "It wasn't pretty, but it was a big win."

Snyder opened the game with an 11-0 run, and it looked as if Lamesa would be buried under the hot shooting of the Tigers.

Josh Mendoza was a force early, scoring seven in the first quarter, before foul trouble relegated him to the bench for most of the second half.

But the Golden Tors (10-17, 0-7) went on a run of their own, outscoring Snyder 15-5 the rest of the period to trail, 16-15, at the end of the first quarter.

"Lamesa fought their tails off," said Birks. "Coach (Eugene) Brown does a great job."

The Tiger defense stepped forward in the second quarter, holding Lamesa to six points — two field goals and a free throw — in the period.

The period was marked by good hustle from both teams, and good shooting from the Tigers.

Logan Hill and Colby Driggers had the hot hands, with Driggers connecting for six of his 14 points in the stanza.

Hill notched four, and was tenacious on the boards.

Snyder finished the half by reeling off a 7-1 run.

The third quarter saw the teams play to a stalemate, with Lee Scott nailing two three-pointers and a 10-foot jumper to post eight of his 12 points.

The Tigers entered the fourth quarter with a 37-31 lead, but the advantage evaporated as Lamesa turned up its intensity.

The Golden Tors pulled to within 43-40 when Scott plucked a steal from Channing and laid it in to push the lead back to five.

Hill grabbed two rebounds in a row and drew a foul inside, connecting on both free throw attempts to make it 47-43.

Jones and Driggers drew fouls on consecutive possessions for Lamesa, who turned the ball over on the following two possessions as well.

Channing then took over for the Golden Tors, knocking in 12 of his game-high 16 points.

Snyder kept a two-point edge as time ran down on free throws by Marcus Villarreal and Driggers, but Lamesa stayed within striking range for Channing's game-tying three, before Jones finally finished it.

The win gives Snyder a boost in the postseason hunt, as Seminole was upended by Merkel, 74-68, and Denver City stopped Sweetwater, 62-57.

The Tigers will host first-place Merkel, which is undefeated in district, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

The JV Tigers fell for the fourth straight game, 40-36, at Lamesa, and coach Zack Williams was not pleased with the team's preparation.

"We're not getting ready to play," he said. "We need to practice better. We are losing winnable games."

In three of the four defeats, the junior Tigers led or were tied at halftime, and fell to a Lamesa squad that they whipped by 30 earlier in the season.

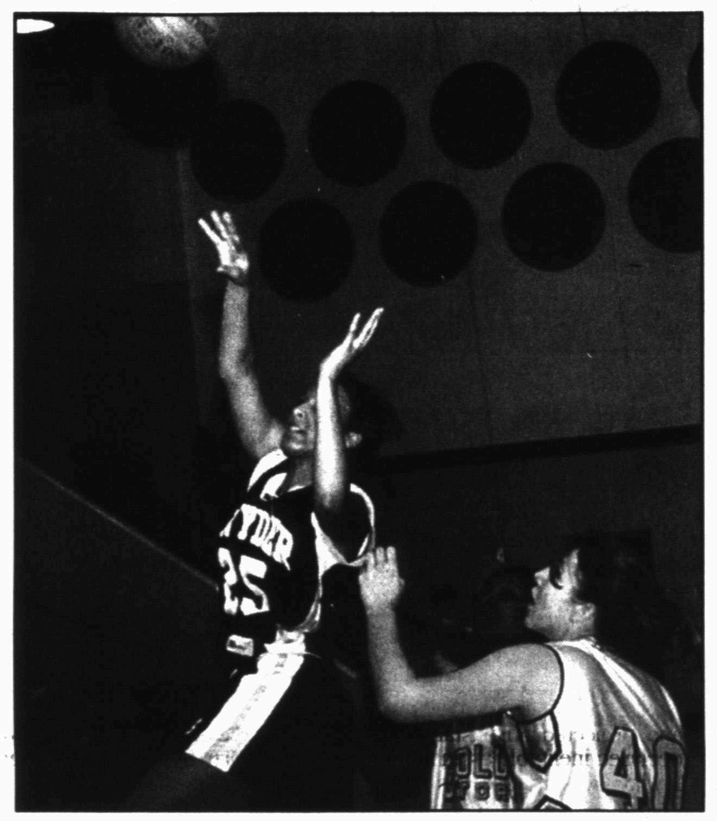
The JV will play at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon against Merkel JV.

Snyder	16	11	11	16—54
Lamesa	15	6	10	20—51

Snyder — McGaha 0 0-0 0, Hill 3 5-5 11, Jones 1 4-8 6, Driggers 5 3-4 14, Villarreal 1 2-2 4, Williams 0 0-0 0, Scott 5 0-0 12, Mendoza 3 1-1 7, Early 0 0-0 0. **Totals 18 15-20 54.**

Lamesa — Hill 1 0-0 2, Kilgore 3 1-2 8, Wesson 6 2-3 16, Salinas 0 0-2 0, Sambrano 2 0-0 5, Miers 3 1-3 7, Matlock 3 5-5 13. **Totals 18 9-15 51.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Scott 2, Driggers), Lamesa 6 (Matlock 2, Wesson 2, Kilgore, Sambrano).



VALIANT EFFORT — Zipporah Peoples hits a runner in the lane in the third quarter Friday at Lamesa. The Lady Tigers were knocked out of the playoffs in the 49-35 loss. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs take two games at Sands

SANDS — The Ira Lady Bulldogs are doing all they can to make a final playoff push.

Ira got 17 points from Kali Clements and used a smothering defense to blank Sands in the final quarter of a 34-31 victory Friday.

The win puts Ira (18-10, 6-3) in a dead heat with Klondike, which was upended by district champion Borden County.

Though Klondike holds the tiebreaker, the Lady Bulldogs can secure a postseason spot with a win against Borden County Tuesday and a Klondike loss.

Tip off for Borden County will be at 6:30 p.m in the final home tilt for Ira.

The Bulldogs are finishing the season on a positive note, whipping Sands, 51-41, behind 18 points from senior guard Eric Dickerhoff.

Jake Barnes posted 17 points in the paint, as the team (14-11, 5-4) assured itself of a winning overall record.

The Bulldogs close their season down at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Ira against Borden County.

Snyder eliminated from playoffs

LAMESA — A victory would make things interesting, and a loss would end their playoff hopes.

And the one problem that has haunted the Lady Tigers all season reared its head at the most inopportune time.

The Lady Tigers missed 14 free throw attempts — including nine in the decisive fourth quarter — in losing to Lamesa, 45-39, eliminating them from the postseason, and giving the Lady Golden Tors the district championship.

"We struggled shooting the ball," head coach Mike Martin said. "We had every chance, but we were bad on our free throws."

The Lady Tigers (18-11, 3-6) trailed 31-27 entering the fourth quarter.

A field goal by Zipporah Peoples, who led the girls with 14 points, and a converted free throw by Erin Burleson tied the game at 31-31 with just over five minutes left in the contest.

Lamesa (17-11, 8-1) stretched the lead to 37-31, before a turnaround jumper by Peoples made it a four-point game.

Snyder would never regain the lead, and a season that started with 10 consecutive wins ended with Lamesa celebrating a district crown over the vanquished Lady Tigers.

Neither team could generate much offense in the tilt, with the teams playing to an 8-6 stalemate in the first quarter.

The teams went scoreless through the first three minutes of the second stanza, until Burleson swished a jumper to tie the game at 8 all.

Following a Lamesa field goal, Peoples was fouled and converted the first one, and freshman Sequoya Powell pulled in the missed second shot and put it back to give Snyder an 11-10 advantage.

Peoples hit a turnaround after a Lamesa turnover, and Burleson grabbed a steal on Lamesa's next possession. Fouled on the layup attempt, Burleson made the first free throw to give Snyder a 16-10 lead, which the Lady Golden Tors whittled to 16-14 at halftime.

Lamesa began to execute offensively in the second half, Heather Meador knocking in three field goals in the quarter, as Lamesa posted 17 in the period, giving the team a 31-27 lead after three periods.

Lamesa ended the third quarter with a 14-8 run.

The fourth quarter was even, as both teams ratcheted up the intensity level, especially on the defensive side, as Snyder swiped five steals in the period.

Tempers flared down the stretch, as several critical calls went in Lamesa's favor.

Trailing by seven with 1:15 left, Martin was slapped with a technical foul, and Meador put in one of the attempts, giving Lamesa and eight-point edge and the ball.

Snyder spectators Will Davis and Brent Schneider were ejected from the arena by the Lamesa administration with :30 left in the contest.

The Lady Tigers rallied, with Peoples and Powell hitting five free-throw attempts to close the gap to 42-39, but too little time remained for Snyder to get any closer.

The Lady Golden Tors hit three more free throws with just seconds left to claim the victory.

Snyder will close out its season at home Tuesday evening, when they face The Lady Badgers from Merkel at 6:30.

The JV girls got a buzzer-beater of their own Friday night, as Brianna Burk hit a jump shot to catapult the squad to a 39-37 victory.

Burk connected for 24 points in the contest, and coach Todd Pollard said the team did a good job of feeding Burk the ball, which paid off at the buzzer.

"We got the ball inside to her, and she outhustled (Lamesa) for the rebound," he said. "We struggled early, but we played hard the whole game."

Dominique Braziel recorded eight points. Ricia Gordan canned four and Kayla Guerrero hit a free throw to round out the scoring.

The JV girls also will close out their season Tuesday, with a 5 p.m. tilt against Merkel at the junior high gym.

Snyder	6	10	11	12—39
Lamesa	8	6	17	14—45

Snyder — Burleson 2 2-4 7, Putnam 0 1-2 1, Lollar 0 0-0 0, Peoples 5 4-13 14, Chambers 0 0-0 0, Medrano 1 2-2 4, Powell 3 7-10 13. **Totals 11 16-31 39.**

Seminole — Haus 4 1-2 10, Bunton 0 1-3 1, Meador 6 4-5 17, Hunter 1 2-4 5, Castro 3 0-0 6, Bairrington 1 0-2 2, Barrow 10-0 2, Reeves 1 0-0 2. **Totals 17 8-16 45.**

Three-point goals: Lamesa 3 (House, Hunter, Meador), Snyder (Burleson). Fouled out — none.

Sports briefs

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet Wednesday in the film room at 7: 30 p.m.

WTC basketball tournament

The Western Texas College Student Government Association will host an Outsiders Basketball Tournament Feb. 28 and March 1 at the WTC Gym. The entry fee is $100 per team, and there is a limit of 10 players per team. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 26. For more information or to sign up, call Kendra at 573-8511 ext. 674 or Casey at 573-8511 ext. 509.

Astros extend Biggio to 2004

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Biggio is getting $4 million more in guaranteed money as he prepares to move from second base to the outfield.

The Gold Glove second baseman and the Houston Astros agreed to a one-year contract extension through 2004.

Comisky Park renamed

CHICAGO (AP) — For 93 years, the Chicago White Sox played their home games at Comiskey Park. Now, in a sign of the times, the team announced it will be known as U.S. Cellular Field.

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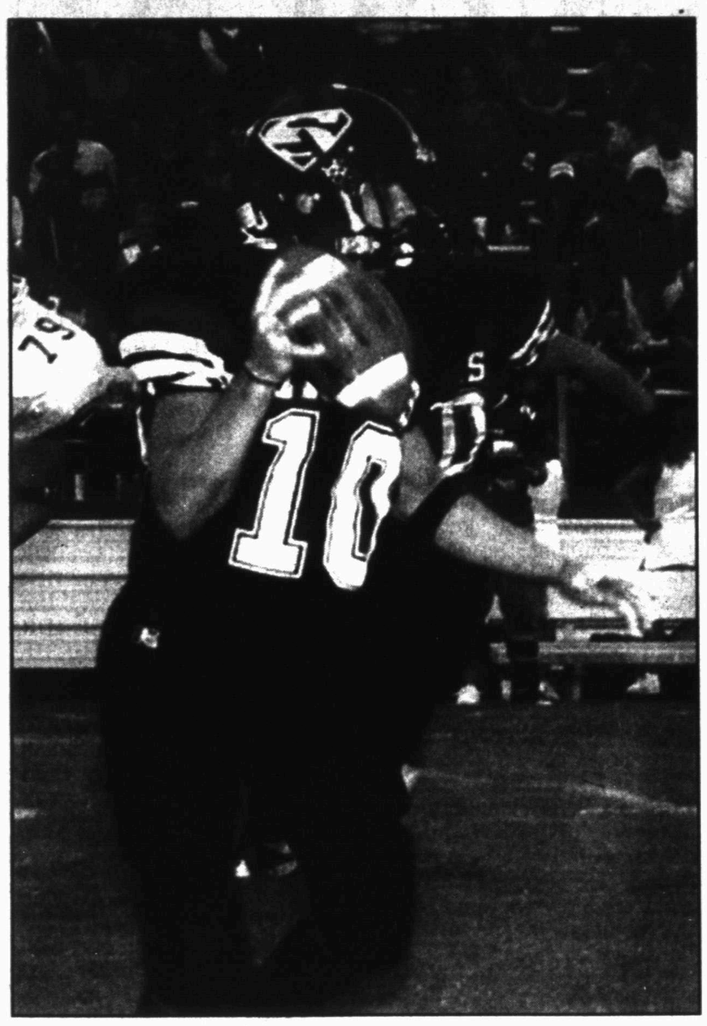


SCHOLAR ATHLETE — Snyder senior T.J. Jones was named the State Farm Texas high school student athlete for academic and athletic achievement. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jones named Texas player of the week

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Snyder senior T.J. Jones is no stranger to athletic honors. Named to the 3-3A All-District team and honored as the offensive MVP of the 2002 district champion Tigers, the standout point guard now has an academic accolade to add to his trophy case.

Jones was named the State Farm Texas High School student athlete of the week, and his achievements will be featured in a segment on Fox Sports Southwest next week.

Jones, quarterback, point guard and track team standout, has a 3.8 GPA, and juggles academics, athletics and a part-time job as a server at The Shack.

Jones said he has plenty of time between all those activities to enjoy himself.

"I try to do all of my home work in class," he said.

Jones' mom, Von Dale Henry, said Jones has always been a focused and exceptional student — even before he started school.

"He was reading before he got into kindergarten," she said. She said Jones is naturally intelligent, but credits the work of teachers in his formative school years for where he is academically.

"The great elementary teachers in Snyder set the foundation," she said.

Henry also credits head football coach and athletic director Chad Rogers with pushing T.J. to the next level in his athletic endeavors.

"Coach Rogers challenged him and made him the athlete that he is," she said.

Rogers said Jones didn't get where he is by accident.

"T.J. has worked extremely hard," he said. "It's nice for him to receive an award of this stature, that honors both athletics and academics. I'm very impressed with him."

Rogers also said Jones would be missed as the pilot of the wishbone offense.

"We have some big shoes to fill at quarterback," he said.

While unflappable on the gridiron and on the hardwood, Jones admits to being a little edgy when the Fox Sports camera crews showed up on campus after lunch last Thursday.

"I was nervous about being on TV," he said. "I didn't know I was getting (the award)."

Jones' coaches offer nothing but praise when evaluating him as an athlete and student.

"T.J. is one of the nicest kids," said head basketball coach Bud Birks. "He is a competitor, he's unselfish and he always plays hard."

Birks said that Jones has taken it upon himself to become a vocal leader for the basketball team.

"There couldn't be a more deserving kid than T.J.," he said.

"They are great coaches," Jones said of Birks and Rogers. "They teach you a lot outside of sports."

Henry said that T.J. has not yet committed to a university, but she hopes he will choose Angelo State to begin his education. Henry said Jones has been focused on going into orthodontics for the past two years.

The program will air Feb. 9 on Fox Sports Southwest at 11: 30 p.m., and will be repeated Feb. 10.

Future bright for Lady Cards

HERMLEIGH — The Lady Cardinals showed the home crowd a glimmer of hope for the future Friday.

Without starting senior point guard Reecie Sauceda, the Lady Cardinals matched the Westbrook girls shot for shot in the first half, before falling, 57-43, in the final home game of the season.

The teams left the court at halftime tied at 20, and head coach Rebecca Ponder said the mindset of the team leads her to believe that the coming years will be fruitful for girls basketball in Hermleigh.

"I am so proud of them," she said. "They have the right attitude to be a great team."

The improvement of the team was evident from the free throw line, where Hermleigh drained 10 of 14 attempts to shore up an area that had been its undoing in earlier games this season.

She said the girls rallied together in Sauceda's absence, with senior Misty McClure playing her final home game of the season.

Alana Culp scored 18 for the Lady Cards, and McClure knocked in 10.

Brittainy Jones added six and Danni Webb drained four.

The Lady Cardinals notched three wins on the season, which is three more than the team had in the last two years combined.

"I am not satisfied with the amount of games we won this year, but I know that is going to change next year," Ponder said. With 12 cagers in track and field, Ponder said the girls will work hard on their conditioning in the offseason.

"We are going to work hard to be a more competitive team," she said. "We have to get stronger mentally and physically."

The Hermleigh girls close out the season Tuesday evening at Highland at 6:30.

Prep phenom ruled ineligible

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James accepted two trendy sports jerseys, and now has to accept the punishment: he isn't allowed to wear his high school uniform again.

The nation's top prep player — and projected NBA star — was declared ineligible as an amateur Friday by state officials for getting free "throwback" jerseys.

The decision by Ohio High School Athletic Association commissioner Clair Muscaro came four days after James, the 6-foot-8 phenom from Akron's St. Vincent-St. Mary, was cleared for accepting a $50,000 sports utility vehicle from his mother.

The ruling Friday came with the swiftness of one of James' thundering dunks.

Last weekend, James was given two retro sports jerseys — valued at $845 — for free from a clothing store, the OHSAA said. The jerseys were replicas of those worn by former Chicago Bears running back Gale Sayers and Washington Bullets center Wes Unseld.

Muscaro's ruling, following a 24-hour inquiry, means St. Vincent-St. Mary must forfeit Sunday's win over Akron Buchtel. The Fighting Irish (13-1), ranked No. 1 by USA Today, have five games left in the season, plus state playoff games.

Cards give solid effort in loss

HERMLEIGH — Hermleigh hasn't had any problems finishing games this season.

It's the first quarter that has done most of the damage.

The Cardinals scored 30 points in the final stanza Friday to offset the three they scored in the opener in a 73-52 loss to the Westbrook Wildcats.

"It was one of our best efforts of the year," head coach Don Jones said. "We did some things that worked better for us. We just can't seem to hit shots in the first quarter."

Hermleigh trailed 39-11 at the end of the first half, but outscored Westbrook, 41-34 over the final 16 minutes.

"Once our shots fell, we started to get more confidence," Jones said. "They played hard all night and had a good time."

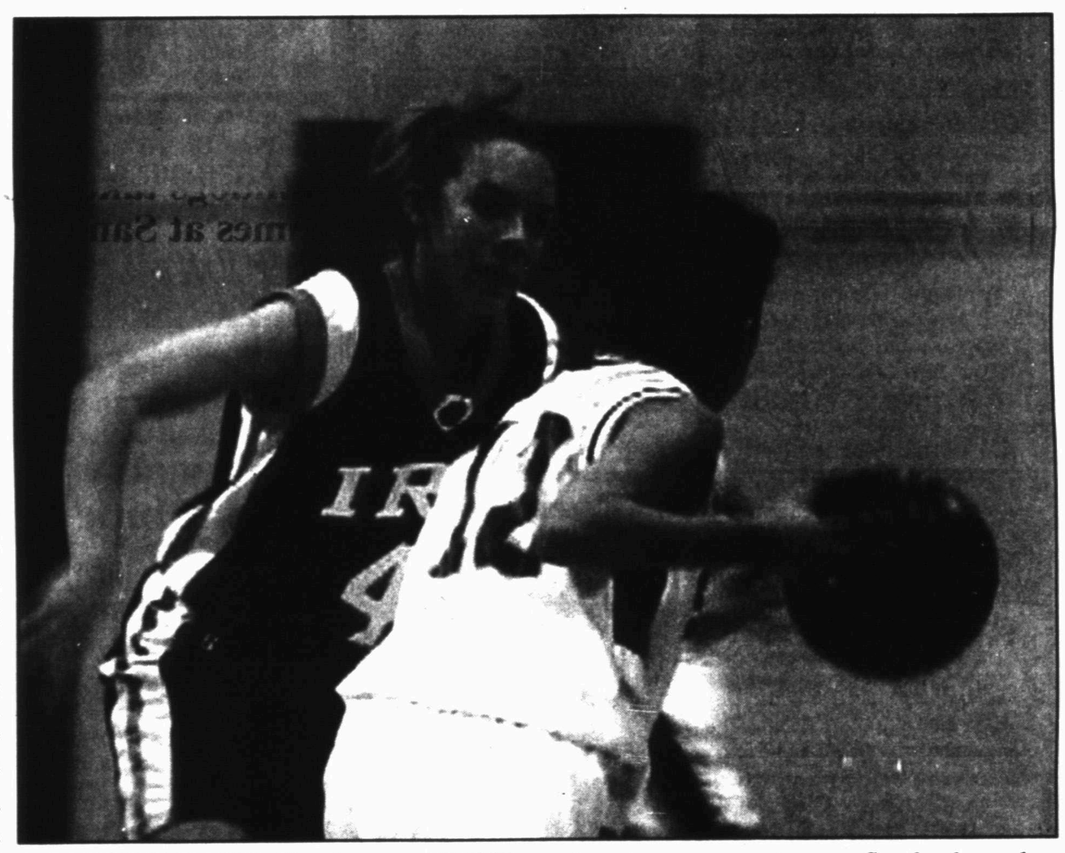
Hermleigh's low number were evident Friday, as Jones only dressed five players for the tilt. But given that he only had five players, everyone got on the scoreboard.

Robby Anderson led the Cardinals with 18 points, and Terrel Culp knocked in 14.

Jonathan McClure posted 13, Justin Kelley pumped in four and Justin Williamson added three to finish the scoring.

"It was an excellent game for the final home game of the season," Jones said.

The team will close out its season Tuesday at Highland.



DEFENSIVE INTENSITY — Ira guard Kali Clements puts man pressure on a Sands player during Friday night's contest. The Lady Bulldogs kept their postseason hopes alive with a 34-31 triumph at Sands. Ira closes out the regular season Tuesday against Borden County. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Boys District 3-3A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Merkel	26	2	7	0
Sweetwater	13	11	5	2
Snyder	12	16	3	4
Denver City	20	9	3	4
Seminole	9	18	3	4
Lamesa	10	17	0	7

Girls District 3-3A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lamesa	17	11	8	1
Sweetwater	25	6	6	3
Merkel	13	14	6	3
Snyder	18	11	3	6
Denver City	13	14	3	6
Seminole	12	17	1	8

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	32	14	.696	—
Boston	26	20	.565	6
Philadelphia	25	22	.532	7½
Orlando	24	24	.500	9
Washington	22	25	.468	10½
New York	20	25	.444	11½
Miami	16	30	.348	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	33	14	.702	—
Detroit	30	15	.667	2
New Orleans	24	23	.511	9
Milwaukee	23	22	.511	9
Atlanta	18	29	.383	15
Chicago	17	29	.370	15½
Toronto	12	34	.261	20½
Cleveland	9	38	.191	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	36	9	.800	—
San Antonio	30	16	.652	6½
Utah	28	18	.609	8½
Minnesota	27	20	.574	10
Houston	25	20	.556	11
Memphis	13	32	.289	23
Denver	10	35	.222	26

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	33	15	.688	—
Portland	29	16	.644	2½
Phoenix	27	21	.563	6
L.A. Lakers	21	23	.477	10
Seattle	20	24	.455	11
Golden State	20	25	.444	11½
L.A. Clippers	17	29	.370	15

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 104, Miami 99
Toronto 102, Indiana 90
New Jersey 89, New Orleans 72
Detroit 118, Boston 66
Atlanta 96, Cleveland 91
New York 108, Memphis 102
San Antonio 109, Orlando 108
Houston 121, Minnesota 101
Utah 102, Golden State 94
Portland 107, Chicago 94
Phoenix 98, L.A. Clippers 92
L.A. Lakers 124, Sacramento 113

Saturday's Games

Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Portland at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 1:30 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
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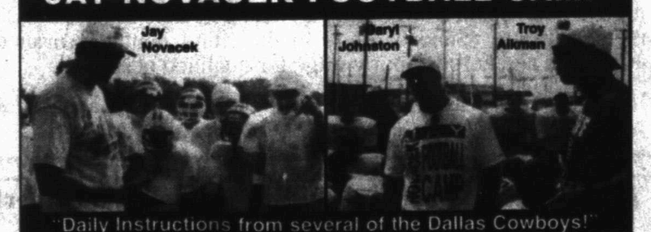

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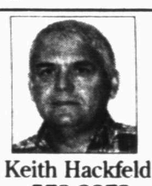

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2703 College ..... Call
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2309 25th ..... Call
1801 22nd Reduced Comm. 7 offices/yd
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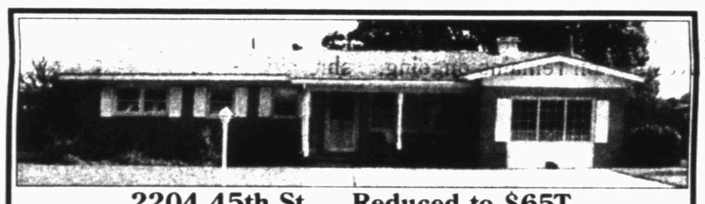

2204 45th St. Reduced to $65T
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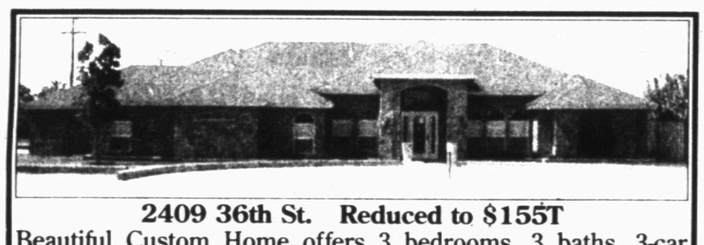

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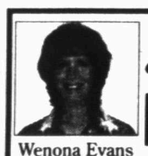

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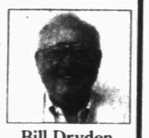

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211 37th 3-2-2 .....$88T	**West 180** 3-1-2 .....$31.5T
4000 Jacksboro 3-2-2 .....$87.5T	**W. Hwy 180** 3-2, 1 acre $30T
4105 Jacksboro 3-2-2 .....$85T	**2307 28th** 2-1-shop $25T
2950 Gary Brewer Rd 3-2½-1-shop $79.5T	**New! 2105 42nd** 3-1 .....$23T
3004 Beaumont 3-2 liv-2-2 ..$79.5T	**501 35th** 2-1 Nice! $22.5T
3309 Ave U 3-2-2 .....$79.5T	**New! 3010 40th** 3-1 .....$20T
2510 Towle Park 3-2-2cp ...$79T	**McBeth Pecan Farm** House with
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2200 30th 3-2½-2, 2 LA's Red. $75T	**E. 180** Lots avail. w/mobile hook-ups
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2203 43rd 3-2-1 .....$45T	**600 37th** Large Comm. Bldg ...Call
2108 41st 4-2 living-1 .....$45T	**3607 College** - Lg Comm. Bldg Call
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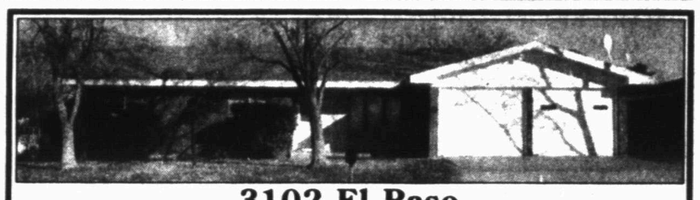

3102 El Paso
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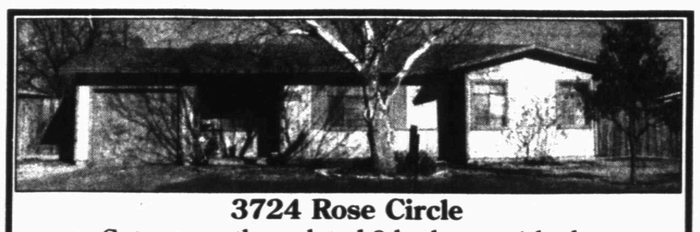

3724 Rose Circle
Cute, recently updated 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage home. Call and come take a look today!

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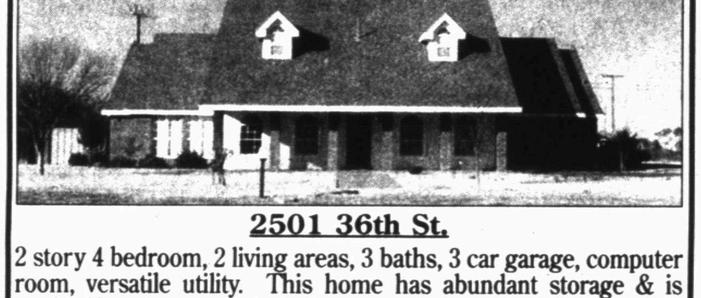

2501 36th St.
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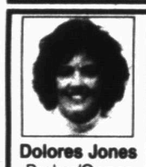

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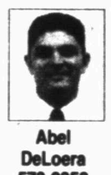

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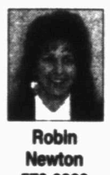

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207 36th 3-1¾-cp, CH/A, fenced, real cute $32.5T
2310 Sunset - Clean & Cute - 2-1 ...$28T
2611 48th - Extra Nice! 3-2½-2, office, formal living area/den, FP .....$100's
Wonderful Plan - 2601 35th 3-2½ -2, formal living & dining, patio .....$100's
3409 Apple - So [Contract Pending] lot $40's
3605 41st Close to Park! 3-2-2, formal liv., den $90's
3718 Sunset 3-1[SOLD].....$40's
5603 Cedar Creek - Buy of the Century Call
2601 35th - Great Floor Plan - 3-2½-2, Cabana w/hot tub, metal fence .....$100's
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3002 37th - Motivated Seller 2-1, rear cp $40's
2108 42nd 3-1-1 .....$30's
Hermleigh 3 bedroom house w/3 apartments $89T

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2105 42nd - Cute 3-1 .....$20's
1508 Preston Trail - Quality & Design 3-2-2LA's Double fireplace tile floors .Call
2510 Towel Park Rd. 3-2 ..Reduced $79T
513 34th Updated 2-1, Great rental prop. $20T
One of a kind! Custom, 2605 33rd ...Call
3403 Irving - A Steal! 4-2, 2 LA's ...$50's
2274 McMullan - Mobile home site, has well $5T
1815 Garden Lane - Four lots, shop with loading arean and income property $10T
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2476 Uvalde 3-2, brick ....Reduced $30's
New Listing Close in, 4-3, 3 acres ...$68T
S. 208- Custom 2-2, barn, shop w/10 A's Must See!
Reduced - Hermleigh - Good 80 acre farm 20 plus buildings, 3-3½-2 .....Call

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COMMERCIAL

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5109 College Comm. Lot 2 acres ...$90's
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Paula & Angel Estrada & family
Rosendo Sanchez & family

LEGAL NOTICES

CASE NUMBER: 179920

Publication on Adoption
(Known Legal & Natural Father)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

ALLEN MICHAEL SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Allen Michael Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Allen Michael Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is June 11, 1996. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with John S. Somerset, whose name and address is shown below), and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-0068.

Done this 10th day of January, 2003.

Alan L. King, Judge of Probate

John S. Somerset
Sudderth & Somerset
5385 1st Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35212

CASE NUMBER: 179921

Publication on Adoption
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

JONATHAN KEITH SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Jonathan Keith Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Jonathan Keith Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is November 21, 1997. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

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CASE NUMBER: 179922

Publication on Adoption
(Known Legal & Natural Father)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

ASHLEY JO SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Ashley Jo Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Ashley Jo Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is May 30, 1999. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with John S. Somerset, whose name and address is shown below), and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-0068.

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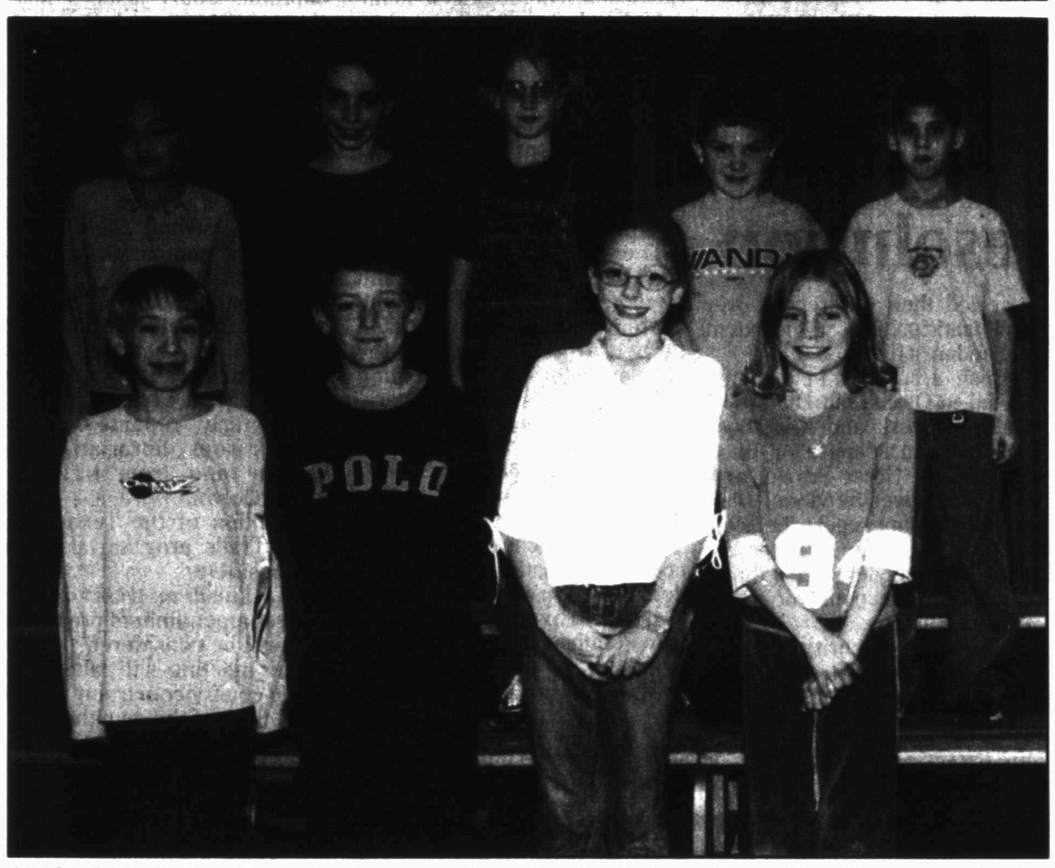

A HONOR ROLL — These students were named to the A Honor Roll at East Elementary for the fall semester. Students in the top photo are top row from left, Kanesha Anderson, Heather Crawford, Kailey Glenn, Baylee Lewis, Karissa Medina, Chad Pechacek, Leslie Rosas, Makenna Scott and Eric Overton, Collin Parsons, Alexandria Hook and Carrie Harlan; middle row, Brook Bollinger, Krysha Burleson, William Davis, Megan Williamson, Ariel Villazana, Jordan Tippens, Taylor Reed, Brandi Espionoza, Bryson Elliott and Ashton Burton; bottom row, Caedra Robbins, Audriana Rascon, Kaitlin Horton, Ally Cooper, Dakota Carroll, Shawn Burns, Ana Cabrera, Tiffany Stack, Kaylee Lord, Tania Rodriguez and Jessica Jones. Students in the bottom photo back row from left, Melisa Chhuor, Kirstie Leuck, Laura Reigh, Jeffrey Stewart and Isaac White. Front row from left are Logan Tabor, Anthony Taylor, Marcie Phillips and Emma Nunley. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

East Elementary

These East Elementary students were named to the A-B Honor Roll for the fall semester:

Kimberlin Wilson, Bridget Garcia, Geovanny Facio, Chance Young, Anthony Thurmond, Angela Hernandez, Sarah Cearly, Richard De Luna, Annie Ezell, Michaela Jones, Brittany Miller, Liliana Hernandez, Jansibel Hernandez, Justin Gonzales, Michael Garza, Jacoree Brooks, Tyler Wilkinson, Lupe Garza, Kassidy Henderson, Daniella Jacquez, Ashleigh Jenkins, Naomi Lara, Lindzey Larrea, Lieren Tindol, Dylan Early, Jimmey Bliss.

Others include Wesley Anderson, Erica Chaidez, Taran Clemmons, Fransisco Fonseca, Brock Loftis, Donnie Medrano, Nick Morin, Skylar Morris, Michael Realsola, Brandon Scott, Joshua Stansell, Chelsea Alarcon, Stevie Dauphin, J'Dee Early, Shade Roemisch, Kaitlin Bass, Brandon Elam, Ricky Esquibel, Kelton Garcia, Brianne Perry, Zac Smith, Dyllan Vera, Alex Alcala, Colten Clark, Lucero Espinoza, Sabrina Moss, Leslie Quinonez, Megan Quintana.

And, Jonathan Castaneda, D.J. Clayton, Adrienne Gonzales-Keller, Shawndon McVey, Priscilla Molinar, Scott Smith, Alex Torrez, Michelle Flores, Alex Jaramillo, Skylar Jones, Rudy Perez, Lindsey Reston, Jami Robbins, Riley Spill, Chris Ward, Tanya Ramirez, Angel Guerrero, Xalee Northcutt.

Also, Brayden Culwell, Jose Estrada, Kaden McCarter, Briana Rose, Sam Blythe, Sydney Glass, Jessica Ibarra, Myrka Abby Infante, Antonia Medina, Skye Moffett, Roy Mojica, Roman Romero, Blake Sescil, Garrett Snyder, Robert Velasquez, Brooke Woode, C.J. Casas, Tara Gordon, Amanda Gutierrez, Vanessa Martinez, Jene'e Payne, Jordan Rodriguez and Savannah Valdez.

Gryder completes six-months at sea

Navy Seaman Nicholas A. Gryder, son of Guy O. Gryder of Snyder, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood, home ported in San Diego.

Gryder was one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet sailors and Marines abroad the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group and USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group.

During the deployment, Gryder's ship visited ports in Singapore, Bahrain, Seychelles, Australia, Guam and Hawaii where the crew had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Gryder is a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School and joined the Navy in July 2001.

Couple suspected in house fire

HOUSTON (AP) — When their residence in the northwest Houston suburb of Klein was destroyed by fire at 4 a.m. on the first Saturday in December, Nicholas and Tracey Gatlin were out of town. They were gambling in Louisiana, they told police.

Officials initially investigated it as a racially motivated hate crime; racial slurs were found spray painted on the outside walls of the home.

But the investigation took a different turn, and the couple made their first court appearance Friday on charges of arson and insurance fraud. A prosecutor said they planned an elaborate insurance scam that made them appear to be the target of a hate crime.

State District Judge Belinda Hill kept bail at $50,000 on each charge for Nicholas Gatlin, 30, who has a prior criminal record including theft and drug convictions. She kept the bail of Tracey Gatlin, 30, at $30,000 on the arson charge and reduced her bail on the insurance fraud charge to $15,000.

Prosecutor Cary Hart told the judge that the fire was intentional and "an inside job." All of the doors to the house were locked. There was no television or VCR among the charred remains, and several items, including children's clothin, were missing from the house.

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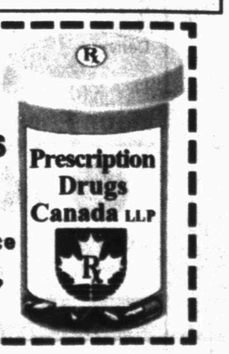

Relay work underway but more volunteers needed for the event

Numerous committees are organizing the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Scurry County, and volunteers are still needed for event will be held at Tiger Stadium April 25 - 26.

An activity chairperson, responsible for planting and implementing games for both children and adults, is still being sought. This individual also will secure local groups to demonstrate activities such as specialty dancing, Tae Kwon Do or clogging.

The activities chair will work closely with entertainment chair Malcolm Crawford and co-chair, Kinney Robinson. The American Cancer Society provides a full packet of ideas, including game suggestions and instructions. People interested in chairing the activities committee or being on the committee should call Terrisu Mann at 573-1031 or 574-6170.

The accounting chairperson is Sheila McCormack and her co-chair is Gaynel Cline. This group is also in need of help on the night of the event. They are responsible for organizing, counting and keeping track of team money, and all other funds. Anyone who wants to help with this should call McCormack at 573-2843 or 573-5441.

The silent auction and the live auction are a big part of the relay, and that committee is also in need of help. Betty House is the chairperson, and Wanda Falls and Janie Romine are assisting. This committee will be calling on businesses and individuals for item donations for the auctions. They will also be responsible for setting up the auction items in advance of the relay and moving the items to the auction site on the day of the event. To help, call Betty House at 573-0654.

The others involved in planning the annual fundraiser are Terrisu Mann, event chair, with co-chair Carole Haynes; team recruitment, Margaret Presswood; team captain coordinator, Anne Everett, with co-chair Gabby Pace; underwriting chair, Mark Cypert, with co-chair, Terrie Powell; sponsorship chair, Ginny Griffith, with co-chair, Wendy Barnett; registration chair, Viki Moyers, with co-chairs Kat Higgins and Anita Peavy; survivorship chair, Janet Wesson with co-chair, Bonnie Hodge; Luminaria chair, Helen Mock, with co-chair, Carolyn Derouen and cancer control chair, Doylene Gilliland, with co-chairs Jo Schooler and Becky Craig.

Billy Haynes is the logistics chair, in charge of the physical preparations and upkeep of the relay area. Carl Mock and John Hollingsworth assist him. Wendy Barnett is the marketing director and publicity chair, and she also serves on the advocacy committee with Mann, Haynes, Gilliland, McCormack and Karen Kittles.

The advocacy committee is in place to make the public aware of what individuals can do to make a difference in legislation regarding the funding of cancer research, prevention and detection.

Karen Kittles is the food chairperson, and she will be signing up volunteers to work in the refreshment distribution area. She will also solicit donations of refreshment items to keep the walkers fueled during the 17-hour event. To help with this effort, call 573-8504.

A new area this year will be set up for "Relay Rockers." This is for people who wish to participate in the relay but are not able to walk the track. The area will be set up with rocking chairs and participants will rock, rather than walk. John Hardin is in charge. To participate in relay rocking, call 573-4974.

"Each year, we reach more people with information on cancer education, prevention and cancer control. We also have been fortunate to raise large amounts of money for research. This year, we plan to make more money, teach more people, and have more fun," said Mann.

Three charged in illegal visa scam

By The Associated Press

Three Mexican citizens who work in the U.S. consulate in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, have been charged with running an illegal visa-selling scheme, the U.S. Attorney's office in Houston announced Friday.

Sergio Genaro Ochoa Alarcon, 31, Benjamin Antonio Ayala Morales, 34, and Ramon Alberto Torres Galvan, 34, were arrested and charged late Thursday with conspiracy to commit visa fraud, said Michael Shelby, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas.

The arrests were as part of a seven-month investigation by the State and Justice departments that led to Wednesday's closure of the Nuevo Laredo consulate's visa section. That investigation remains ongoing, said Nancy Herrera, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office.

Herrera said the three men worked as visa clerks at the busy consulate, which issued more than 100,000 visas last year. She would not say how many visas may have been distributed in the alleged scheme.

The complaints allege that Ochoa and Ayala would meet with prospective visa applicants outside the consulate. They would "offer to provide them with a visa for a price, generally $1,500," Herrera said.

Torres is accused of collecting money from a visa broker in exchange for improperly arranging for visas to be issued, Herrera said. Torres allegedly shared money with co-conspirators unnamed in the complaint, she said.

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$307 billion budget deficit projected

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will send Congress a $2.2 trillion budget for 2004 that projects record federal deficits and proposes a long-range plan to push military spending beyond $500 billion, officials say.

Bush's fiscal blueprint will estimate this year's deficit at $307 billion, with the 2004 shortfall dipping only to $304 billion, said congressional and administration officials speaking on condition of anonymity. Until now, the historic high was $290 billion in 1992, when Bush's father was president.

After four straight annual surpluses under President Clinton, the revived red ink is already adding friction to this year's budget battle.

Democrats blame Bush-backed tax cuts and say war with Iraq and other problems could drive actual shortfalls even higher; White House officials and congressional Republicans play down the numbers and say the weak economy and fight against terror must be confronted first.

"They're underestimating the seriousness of it," said Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, senior Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee.

Conrad argued that deficits will be mounting just as the government should be shoring up Social Security and Medicare for the retirement of baby boomers beginning in a few years.

Without revealing the precise numbers before, administration officials have said for weeks that deficits of this size are manageable because the U.S. economy will surpass $10.5 trillion this year.

According to administration figures, the projected shortfalls would equal 2.8 percent of the economy this year and 2.7 percent in 2004.

Bush would welcome 2nd U.N. resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday he would welcome a second U.N. resolution on Iraq but only if it led to the prompt disarming of Saddam Hussein. Pushing more forcefully for the measure, British Prime Minister Tony Blair called confronting Iraq "a test of the international community."

Both leaders dismissed Iraq's offer to host U.N. weapons inspectors before their next interim report. Bush called the invitation a charade meant to "string the inspectors along."

Showing little patience for the Iraqi leader or for allies trying to slow his pace toward war, Bush said, "Any attempt to drag this process out for months will be resisted by the United States."

Buffeted by criticism both at home and abroad, the staunch allies met for three hours in Bush's private White House quarters to review their plans for diplomacy and war — and to turn up pressure on Saddam.

Standing side by side outside the ornate Blue Room, a chandelier sparkling in the television lights, the leaders conducted a news conference without revealing any deadlines for war or new strategies for curbing stiff international resistance to their views.

"This issue will come to a head in a matter of weeks," Bush said.

"Time is running out," echoed Blair.

But the brief public exchange revealed their differences over diplomatic tactics and the extent of Saddam's threat.

Bush accused Iraq of being linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network and said those ties "portend a danger for America and for Great Britain, anybody who loves freedom." Blair notably did not repeat the accusation, though he said terrorist networks in general are a threat to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

The U.N. Security Council voted 15-0 last fall to demand that Saddam rid Iraq of some weapons.

Man arrested for motion to revoke probation

Arrests

A 44-year-old man was taken into custody at 7:40 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of 37th Street for motion to revoke probation.

Break in

Joyce Harrell reported someone had broken into her daughter's residence at 1201 29th Street and it was possibly burglarized. Two officers were dispatched and advised nothing appeared to be missing from the home. A close patrol was initiated.

Theft

Connie Huddleston reported the theft of her mailbox from 5174 FM 1607 Friday night. A report for Class C theft was filed.

Criminal mischief

Ray Morin reported windows being broken out of his vehicle in the 1100 block of N. Ave. L and officers advised that an offense report for Class B criminal mischief would be submitted.

Criminal trespass

A woman in the 800 block of 27th Street requested a criminal trespass warning be served on her ex-husband to keep him away from her residence.

Fight reported

9-1-1 dispatchers were alerted to a fight at 9 p.m. behind Snyder Lanes, but officers were unable to locate a disturbance. A close patrol was maintained.

Noise complaint

A woman in the 100 block of 37th Street complained of loud music from a neighboring apartment at 9:30 p.m. Friday. Officers contacted a subject who had already lowered the volume and he was advised of the complaint.

Fed judges get raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has agreed to give federal judges the same cost-of-living increase that virtually every other federal employee received earlier this month. The action followed some urging from Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

The Senate agreed to give the judges a 3.1 percent pay raise late Thursday night. The House had agreed to the COLA increase earlier in the month.

President Bush is expected to sign the bill.

The law requires that Congress authorize raises in the salaries of federal judges. Rehnquist late last year called on lawmakers to increase judges' salaries, saying the quality of the courts will suffer if there continues to be a significant difference between what lawyers can earn at private law firms and as judges.

With the increases, which are retroactive through the beginning of January, U.S. District Court judges will make $154,700; U.S. Appeals Court judges will make $164,000; Supreme Court justices will make $190,100; and Rehnquist as Supreme Court chief justice will make $198,600.

Before the raises, federal trial judges made $150,000, appeals court judges made $159,000, Supreme Court justices made about $184,000 and Rehnquist earned $192,600.

Lorber bankruptcy on county's agenda

Scurry County commissioners' court will consider the bankruptcy order of Lorber Industries when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court also will review tax abatement guidelines and is expected to transfer the abatement agreement from Lorber to UCO Textiles, the new operator of the spinning mill in Snyder's industrial park.

The court also will open and consider bids for gravel and asphalt for 2003.

Other agenda items include information from Melissa Miller regarding Cielo Windpower, the company planning a wind farm in Borden County.

The court also will consider crack sealing at the county airport and will hear an update from Parks and Recreation director Scott Crenwelge.

Quarterly reports will be heard from librarian Janie Romine and from treasurer Nelda Colvin.

Adoption of the Texas Heritage Trails program also will be considered.

Any line-item transfers and budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The meeting will take place in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Births

Brittany Michelle Smith was born to Samantha Smith of Snyder at 5:58 p.m. on Jan. 31 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Brittany weighed six pounds, eight ounces.

Grandparents are Spencer and Joy Smith of Hermleigh.

Obituaries

Charles Jones

1925-2003

Charles Everette Jones, retired Snyder pharmacist, died Friday, Jan. 31, at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Jones, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Mike Hinton, minister, and Dr. George Cooper of San Angelo will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Charles Jones

Born Aug. 18, 1925 in Slaton, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving from 1943-46. He married Glenna Igo on March 28, 1948 in Morton.

Mr. Jones, a pharmacist for 53 years, graduated from the University of Texas in 1949 and moved to Snyder from Morton in 1968 where he was owner of Morton Drug. In Snyder he was owner of Munden Pharmacy.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Jones was active in the youth and adult Sunday school programs for many years.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna Jones of Snyder; three sons, Charles E. Jones Jr. of Norman, Okla., Joe Dan Jones of Snyder and Terry Lee Jones of Kenya, Africa; a daughter, Charlotte Mann of Arlington; a brother, W.A. Jones of Lubbock; a sister, Janelle Shepherd of Refugio; and 16 grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Sunday at Bell-Cypert-Seale.

Friends are contributing to the International Mission Fund at First Baptist Church, 1701 27th in Snyder.

Opal Minton

1913-2003

Opal Inez Minton, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, Feb. 1, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Minton, 90, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Opal Minton

Born Jan. 8, 1913 in Snyder, she married Robert Louie Minton on Dec. 24, 1931 in Snyder. He died in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanie Fambro of Snyder; three sons, Bob Minton of Tucson, Ariz., Frank Minton of Crockett and Thomas Minton of Sweetwater; two sisters, Hazel Berry of Abilene and Bonnie Crenshaw of Snyder; a brother, Donald J. Jones of Longview; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Marion Holt

1925-2003

ABILENE — Marion Holt, a former Snyder resident, died Friday, Jan. 31, in Hendrick Hospice Care in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Holt, 77, was set for 4 p.m. Saturday in St. Paul United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Chappell officiating. Interment was to follow in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 22, 1925 in Ryan, Okla., she married Dan Holt on May 13, 1943 in Big Spring. Mrs. Holt, a homemaker, moved to Abilene 14 years ago, returned to Snyder and moved back to Abilene five years ago. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Survivors also include her husband, Dan Holt of Abilene; a daughter, Lynda Taylor of Staunton, Va.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Donna Holt of Snyder; two brothers, Carl Russell of Lubbock and Phillip Russell of Colorado City; six grandchildren, Alan Holt, Kevin Holt, David Taylor, Amy Glover, Daniel Taylor and Joel Taylor; and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Hendrick Hospice Care or a favorite charity.

Charles Park

1947-2003

APTOS, Calif. -- Charles Barton Park, son of Jo Ashley of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, at his residence in Aptos.

A memorial service for Mr. Park, 55, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Aptos.

Born on Feb. 16, 1947 in Dallas, he moved to Snyder at age 2 and graduated from Snyder High School in 1965.

He was preceded in death by his father, Woody Park.

Survivors also include his wife, Vibeke von der Hude of the home; a son, Jacob Park of the home; two brothers, Paul Park and his wife Sandy of Ruidoso, N.M., and Barry Park of Baytown; one nephew, Dylan Park of Houston; and his stepfather, Carl Ashley of Snyder.

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75/43	42/22	56/35
Partly cloudy skies. High near 75F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 20s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
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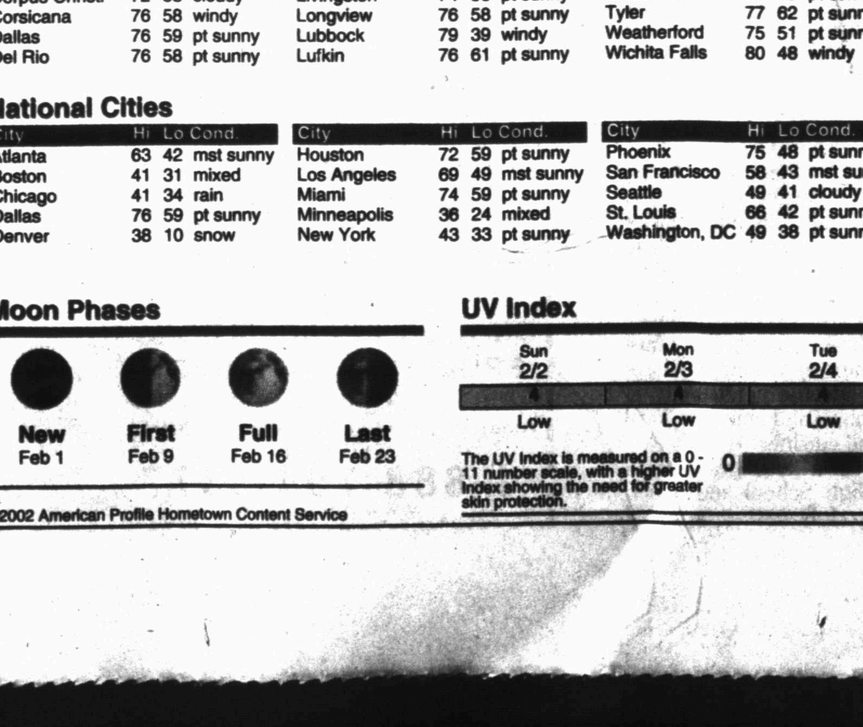

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2003 precipitation: .02 of an inch

Rosanna Silva

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	76	51	windy	El Paso	75	42	windy	Midland	79	48	mst sunny
Amarillo	74	31	windy	Fort Stockton	80	48	mst sunny	Raymondville	77	57	windy
Austin	73	55	pt sunny	Gainesville	73	50	pt sunny	Rosenberg	72	58	pt sunny
Beaumont	71	57	pt sunny	Greenville	73	53	pt sunny	San Antonio	75	56	pt sunny
Brownsville	79	63	windy	Houston	72	59	pt sunny	San Marcos	75	56	pt sunny
Brownwood	77	52	pt sunny	Kingsville	76	57	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	74	55	windy
Corpus Christi	72	58	cloudy	Livingston	74	56	pt sunny	Sweetwater	76	48	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	58	windy	Longview	76	58	pt sunny	Tyler	77	62	pt sunny
Dallas	76	59	pt sunny	Lubbock	79	39	windy	Weatherford	75	51	pt sunny
Del Rio	76	58	pt sunny	Lufkin	76	61	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	80	48	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	42	mst sunny	Houston	72	59	pt sunny	Phoenix	75	48	pt sunny
Boston	41	31	mixed	Los Angeles	69	49	mst sunny	San Francisco	58	43	mst sunny
Chicago	41	34	rain	Miami	74	59	pt sunny	Seattle	49	41	cloudy
Dallas	76	59	pt sunny	Minneapolis	36	24	mixed	St. Louis	66	42	pt sunny
Denver	38	10	snow	New York	43	33	pt sunny	Washington, DC	49	38	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 1	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23

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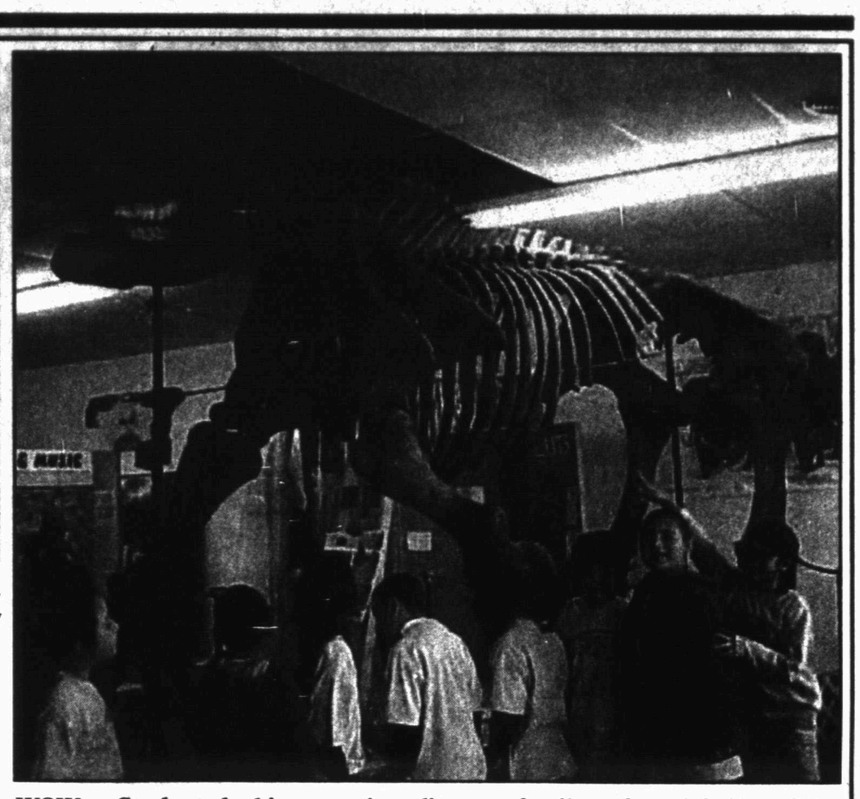
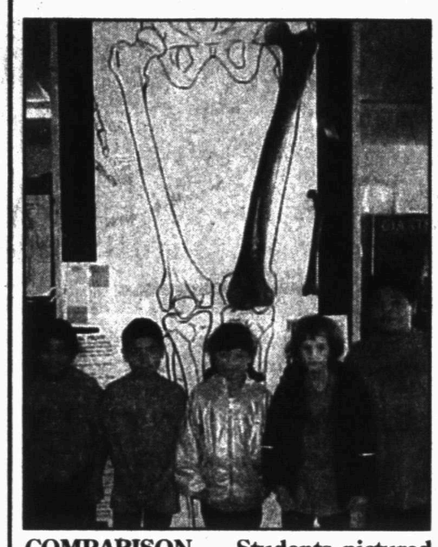
BIG JAW — These students were awed by this fossil of a dinosaur jaw. From left are Joseph Hernandez, Julietta Hernandez, Miseal Arellano, Servando Gonzales and Janelle Espinozal.

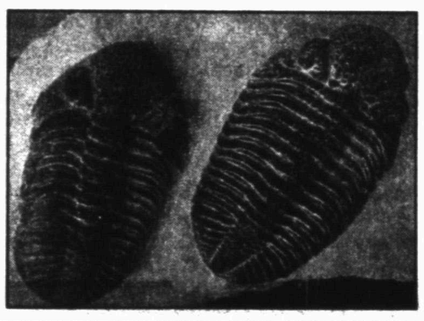
THIS BIG — Joe Taylor, fossil expert and museum curator, shows Carolyn Martin and some of her students how big the fossil he is describing is. (Contributed Photo)



WOW — Students looking at a giant dinosaur fossil are from left Alma Cabrera, Gerardo Robles, Julietta Hernandez, Aby Sanchez, Jennifer Facio, Ector Gonzales, Joseph Hernandez and Janelle Espinoza.



COMPARISON — Students pictured with this fossil of a human bone are from left Malinda Martinez, David Garcia, Alexzandra Luevana, Crystal Simmons, Fabian Gutierrez.



Stanfield students visit the past via museum of fossils

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Stanfield Elementary second graders toured Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in Crosbyton last week. The visit coincided with the students' two-week study of dinosaurs and fossils.

The Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum is a privately run educational facility that presents instruction into the diversity of past life on the earth.

The facility displays a rich assemblage of fossils from local deposits in Crosbyton and surrounding counties, in other states and other countries.

Joe Taylor, fossil expert and museum curator, recently opened the museum to display his large collection.

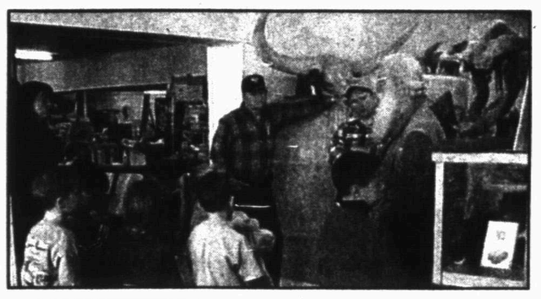
The new museum presents facts that go against the prevailing views about the early earth and the question of origins.

Sudden death by sudden burial is one of the themes of Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum. According to a brochure, Taylor believes there was a worldwide flood. "It is what gave us most of our fossils," Taylor said.

Exhibits students saw include The Hell Creek Triceratops, world's most famous mastodon, the largest fossil mold, bones of a tiny three-toed horse, bones of strange crocodiles, largest hadrosaur, the largest bison skull, eight-feet wide; casts of dinosaur tracks and human-like footprints and strange insects.

Students learned how fossil molds and casts are made.

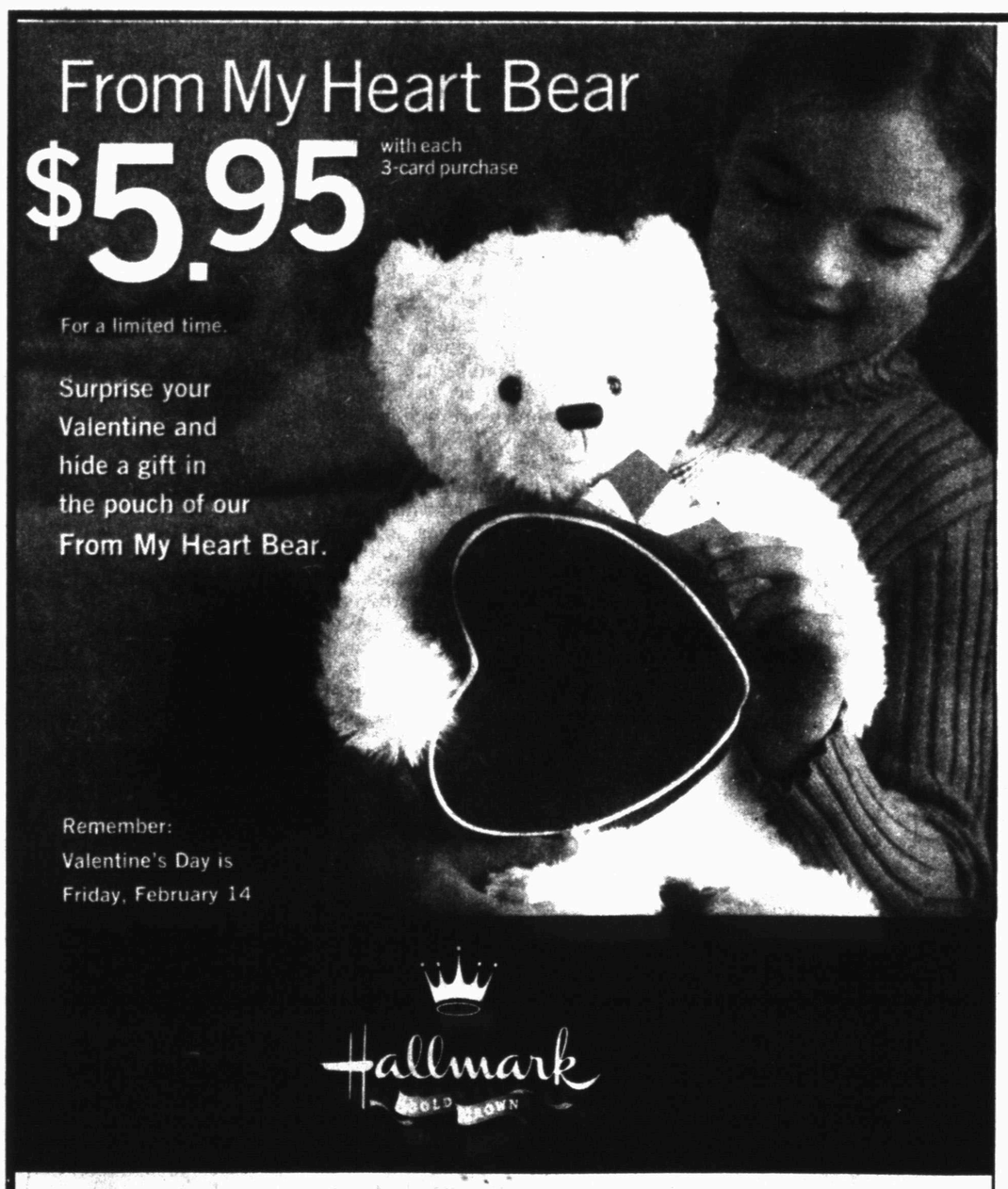
Teachers whose classes participated are Suzanne Doolittle, Elvira Gonzales, Delana Grant, Neoma Harlin, Aleta Long, Carolyn Martin, Margie Martinez, Sherry Patterson, Theresa Stephens and Carolyn Torres.



MORE FOSSILS — Joe Taylor tells the visitors about the fossils in his museum.

HUGE FOSSIL — Students pictured with the mammoth fossil are from left, Kelly Jones, Austin Morris, Priscilla Casarez, Averey Wright and Reid Pinson.

Photos courtesy of Stanfield



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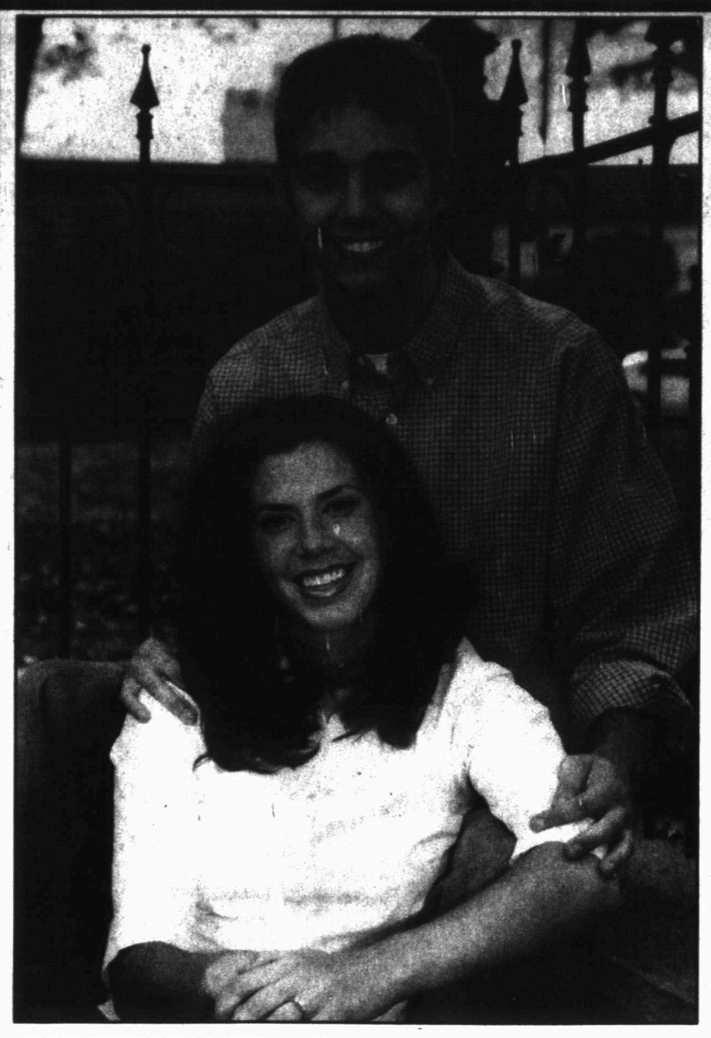
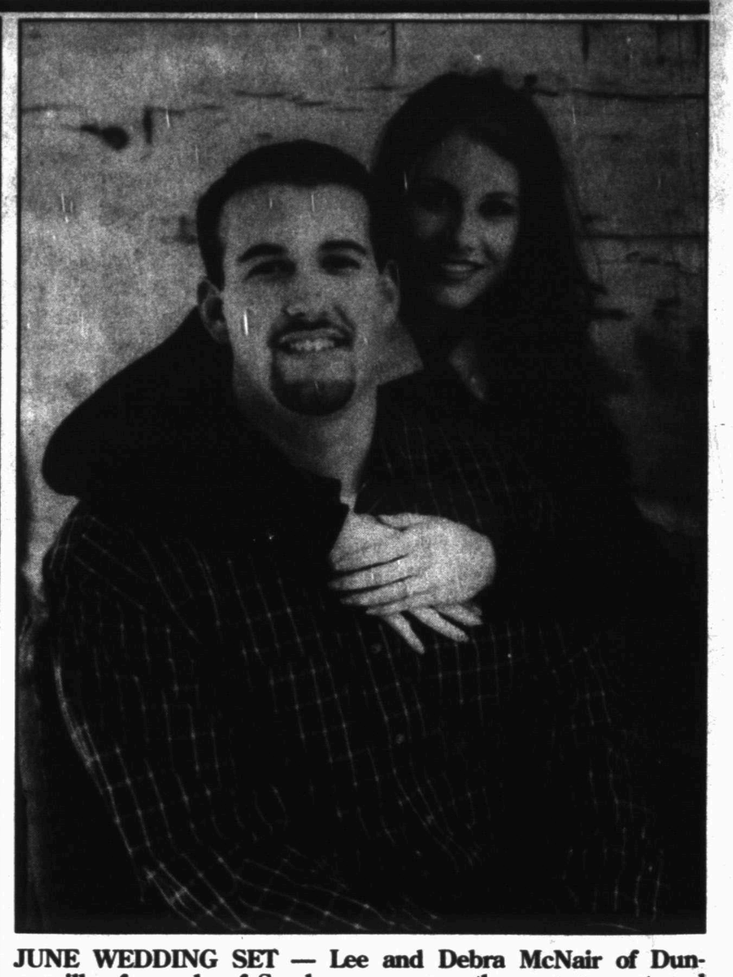
WEDDING PLANNED IN MARCH — Steve and Kathy Swan of Monahans and Elizabeth Casey of Pyote announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Amber Nicole and Dallas Wayne. Amber is a 2002 graduate of Monahans High School and is employed with Dr. Jack L. Lewright Jr., D.D.S. in San Angelo and will continue her education in the dental field. Dallas is a 1998 graduate of MHS and a 2000 graduate of Southwest School of Electronics in Austin, he is currently employed with Verizon in San Angelo. Amber is the granddaughter of Keith and Rosy Hunter of Snyder, Weldon and Connie Swan of Anton, and great-granddaughter of Nina Hunter of Snyder. Dallas is the grandson of Ruth Smith of Monahans and Crystel Casey of Brownfield. Dallas is the son of the late Buddy Casey. (Contributed Photo)



APRIL WEDDING SET — Christina May of Denver, Colo., and Brett Gibson of Snyder announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Christina is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe May of Denver, Colo., and Brett is the son of Pam Gibson of Snyder and Dr. Neil Gibson of Stamford. The wedding will be held at 5 p.m., April 5 in Waco where the couple reside. (Contributed Photo)



JUNE WEDDING SET — Lee and Debra McNair of Duncanville, formerly of Snyder, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Ann McNair, to William Brandon Jones. He is the son of Hannah Jones of McKinney and Billy Jones of Pineville, La. A 5 p.m. wedding ceremony is set for June 14 in the First Baptist Church in Duncanville. (Contributed Photo)

Ruby Hall marks 100th birthday

Ruby Lee Hall will celebrate her 100th birthday with a come-and-go reception from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Her grandchildren and other family members will host the event.

Ruby Walker was born Feb. 10, 1903 in Georgia to Edward and Mary Elizabeth Walker. She married Jesse Hall on Nov. 26, 1921 in Dawson. He died in 1969.

Ruby Lee Hall

Their daughter, Mildred, and her husband, Bernice Harless are deceased. Mrs. Hall has three grandchildren, Linda and Andy Frost of Hobbs, N.M., and Helen Harless of Statesville, N.C.; Bernie and Susan Harless of Houston; seven great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hall has lived in Scurry County 70 years and is a member of the First Baptist Church.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Scurry County Library; "Landscape Design" by Patsy Huckabee, master gardner, master flower show judge, emeritus; 4 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Class; 2619 College; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; call 573-2850 for more information.

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

SUNDAY

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

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The Scurry County Library is constantly reviewing and ordering new books, and removing old books and ordering replacements. Many people think the new book miraculously appears on the shelf, while others realize there are many procedures before the book can appear on a shelf.

For those of you who wonder why you have to wait longer than you wish for a book, please understand the procedure for ordering and processing books.

The library receives four library magazines a month. The library director gleans two of the magazines from cover to cover, looking at 150-plus book reviews in each. Two of the other magazines are scanned for reviews of books on subjects that might be needed for a special time, such as breast cancer awareness month or a special holiday.

These same magazines give reviews of forthcoming books, so the library staff is able to order books for delivery as soon as they are published. Those books chosen for the Scurry County Library are highlighted and ordered.

Sometimes a citizen has a request for a book that they have heard is very worthwhile. The library director tries to find reviews of the book, and if it is a favorable review, the book is usually ordered. Once ordered, the children's librarian enters the order into the computer, and she designates any books that have already been put on reserve by those eager readers awaiting a favorite author's new book.

Once the book comes in, the children's librarian checks to make sure the invoice is correct, and she loads the information sent by the seller into the computer. Sometimes the cataloging on the book must be changed to meet our specific collection.

Some books require cataloging, and only two staff members have the training to do this. The children's librarian also changes the book status from an "ordered" status to a "main collection" status, and she then designates any book that already has a reserve on it.

A library page then looks through each book, checking to see that all the pages are there, and that there are no defects in the book. She breaks in the book so that it will last longer, and then covers the book, stamps it, and puts an appropriate new book sticker on the spine. The book is then shelved in the new books section, unless it has a reserve on it.

In that case, the lucky patron is called and told that the new book by his favorite author has arrived. So, as you can see, there is a lot of reading involved in choosing the book, and there is a lot of work in getting the book from the boxes to you.

So next time, when you are anxious about the time it is taking for you to get the book, remember the process. We want you to be happy, and we work as fast as we can getting the quality books to you.

If you have not been to the Scurry County Library lately, come by and check out one of our new books. The library staff thinks you will be pleasantly surprised by the nice selection. See you soon at the Scurry County Library.

Births

Wil and Michelle Hardin of Fallbrook, Calif., announce the birth of their daughter, Ivy Paige Hardin, at 3:32 p.m. on Jan. 18 in Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, Calif. She weighed six pounds, 15 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Rhonda Hardin of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Johnny and Carmen Torres of Union City, N.J.

Find a jury anywhere

PRESTON, Minn. (AP) — Everybody into the jury pool.

With a drug trial ready to start and not enough potential jurors on hand, the judge told Sheriff Jim Connolly: Find them where you can.

Connolly nabbed his first two right in the courthouse, as Fillmore County Board Chairman Marc Prestby stood in plain view, talking with a friend and thinking about having lunch.

"We both kind of laughed about it and thought he was joking," Prestby said Tuesday. "Then the judge himself came by and thanked us for volunteering."

To collar his next four, Connolly had only to visit the Victory Cafe across the street. "You finish your lunch and be at the courthouse by 1 o'clock," he told them.

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By Phillip A

North
♠ A
♥ K
♦ 7
♣ J

West
♠ 9 6
♥ 2
♦ K J 6 5 3
♣ A K Q 7 4

South
♠ 5
♥ A
♦ A
♣ —

Dealer: No
Vulnerable

South	West
2 ♥	2 NT
6 ♥	Pass

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Friday, Jan.

Making the whatever t

By Phillip

British author wrote, "In univer lectual circles, guarantee themse — or, which is ju unpopularity — by ated rather th learned."

If you get great you guarantee you leave everyone w that you are lea game.

How would you contract? Against leads the club ace.

West's two-no- showed at least 5 suits. After No hearts and East clubs, South bid w he could make. M contemplated a g knew that the br bad and that his a monds was poorly

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TATUM-WALL ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED— Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tatum of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Riley Ann Tatum, to Russell Heath Wall, son of Bobby Wall and Teresa Wall, both of Snyder, and the late Becky Wall. An afternoon wedding is set for June 14. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

School Menus

Snyder

Breakfast is served with juice and all meals are served with milk.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
Monday
Donut Holes
Tuesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Wednesday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Thursday
Pigs in a Blanket
Friday
Sausage Topped Muffin

OTHER SCHOOLS
Monday
Donut or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Biscuits w/Gravy or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken BLT on a Bun or
Patty Melt
Buffalo Fries
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Chilled Pears
Tuesday
Salisbury Steak or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Texas Toast
Wednesday
Burrito Grande or
Crispy Beef Taco
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Ice Cream
Thursday
Sloppy Joe on a Bun or
Picnic Wrap
Potato Salad
Black-eyed Peas
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Meatball Sub Sandwich or
Chicken Quesadilla
Buffalo French Fries
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Rosy Applesauce

Hermleigh

Milk is served with each meal and juice is served with breakfast.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwich
Tuesday
Oatmeal
Toast
Wednesday
Dry Cereal
Toast
Thursday
French Toast Sticks
Ham
Friday
Breakfast Burrito

LUNCH
Monday
Pancakes
Sausage
Tater Tots
Baked Apples
Tuesday
Chili Cheese Fries
Pickle Spears
Fritos
Pears
Wednesday
Roast Beef/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Bean/Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Peaches
Thursday
Fried Fish
Cole Slaw
Potato Wedges
Hush Puppies
Blond Brownies
Friday
Barbecue on a Bun
Pickles/Onions
Potato Chips
Banana Pudding

LITTLE BEAUTY QUEEN — Three-year-old Brittany Cheyenne Barbee of Mineral Wells is current reigning National Over-all World of Babies' queen contest. Brittany represented Mineral Wells in the Texas State Pageant winning over-all sweepstakes and qualifying for the national pageant in Oklahoma City. She also won her age division in most photogenic, sweepstakes, over-all portfolio and over-all World of Babies title. Brittany's parents are Chuck and Kelli Barbee of Mineral Wells, formerly of Ira. Her grandparents are Bob and Carolyn Barbee and her great-grandmother is Nora Lee Clark, all of Ira. (Contributed Photo)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 01-31-03	
	♠ A K J 4 3	
	♥ K Q 10	
	♦ 7 4 2	
	♣ J 3	
West		**East**
♠ 9 6		♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ 2		♥ 4
♦ K J 6 5 3		♦ 10 8
♣ A K Q 7 4		♣ 10 9 8 6 5 2
	South	
	♠ 5 2	
	♥ A J 9 8 7 6 5 3	
	♦ A Q 9	
	♣ —	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♣ A

Friday, Jan. 31, 2003

Making the slam whatever the layout

By Phillip Alder

British author A.N. Wilson wrote, "In universities and intellectual circles, academics can guarantee themselves popularity — or, which is just as satisfying, unpopularity — by being opinionated rather than by being learned."

If you get great bridge results, you guarantee your popularity and leave everyone with the opinion that you are learned about the game.

How would you handle today's contract? Against six hearts, West leads the club ace.

West's two-no-trump overcall showed at least 5-5 in the unbid suits. After North supported hearts and East jumped to five clubs, South bid what he thought he could make. Momentarily, he contemplated a grand slam, but knew that the breaks would be bad and that his ace-queen of diamonds was poorly placed.

The opponents' bidding is irrelevant. Although it helps you to place the cards here, you can guarantee 12 tricks whatever the layout.

After ruffing the club, play a trump to dummy (everyone follows, but if the hearts were 2-0, you would draw a second round), ruff the last club, play off dummy's ace-king of spades, and lead a low diamond from the dummy, covering East's card. Here, your diamond nine loses to West's jack. What does he do now?

If West returns a diamond, it is into your ace-queen tenace. If he plays a club, you ruff in the dummy and discard the diamond queen from hand. Finally, in the unlikely event that West can exit with a spade, it establishes a spade winner in the dummy on which you discard the diamond queen.

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Bridge Scores

Monte West directed bridge both days at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Jan. 24
A group
1. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
2. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.
3. Linda West, Monte West.
4. Peggy Hardin, Christine Stuard.

B Group
1. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
2. Peggy Hardin, Christine Stuard.
3. LaVerne Hood, Margaret Dillaha.
4. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.

Tuesday, Jan. 28
A Group
1. Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison.
2. John Gibson, Betty Gibson.
3. Jerry Burchell, Delores LeVier.
4. Margaret Dillaha, Nonnie Ward.

B Group
1. John Gibson, Betty Gibson.
2. Jerry Burchell, Delores LeVier.
3. Margaret Dillaha, Nonnie Ward.
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TxDOT employees receive awards for safety at banquet

ABILENE — The Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district held its annual Safety Awards Banquet recently at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

This banquet is held annually to recognize the district employees' outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries.

Fourteen Scurry County maintenance section employees were recognized for combined totals of 103 years as safe operators and 35 years of no injury and the 11 Snyder area office employees compiled totals of 81 years as safe operators and 33 years of no injury.

Members of the Scurry County maintenance section receiving awards were: Jimmy Hale, Danny Bedell, Walter Cave, David Clarady, Eric Roberson, Justin White, Davie Wittie, John Stokes, Fred Sanchez, Joel Nesmith, Jack Talley, area office maintenance manager; Paz Elizondo, section supervisor; Dennis Reynolds and Kevin Rivers.

Taking home awards from the Snyder area office were: Paul Bishop, Steward Chapman, Joe Dan Jones, Michael Merrick, Mike Molter, Snyder area engineer; Cheryl Jones, Jerry Beard, Clay Belcher, Norma Thompson, Bradley Pylant and Joel McCright.

SAFETY AWARDS — Scurry County maintenance section employees who were honored for their safety records at the annual Safety Awards Banquet held in Abilene were from the front row left, Emily Guynes, office manager; Van Hale, office manager; Ronda White and David Wittie. Back row from the left are Kevin Rivers, Dennis Reynolds, Justin White, John Stokes, Paz Elizondo, section supervisor, Danny Bedell, David Clarady and Walt Cave. Not pictured but receiving recognition were Eric Roberson, Fred Sanchez, Joel Nesmith and Jack Talley, area office maintenance manager. Guynes and Ronda White were not eligible for awards (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

FDA approves unique new psoriasis treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A unique drug that targets renegade immune cells to control hard-to-treat psoriasis won Food and Drug Administration approval Friday, offering a long-awaited new option to patients covered in the itchy skin disease.

Called Amevive, the drug has been eagerly awaited by physicians because it works differently than the many other psoriasis treatments on the market.

Amevive has not yet been compared to any other treatments so there's no way to know if it will prove a better option for patients, the FDA cautioned.

About 1.5 million Americans have moderate to severe psoriasis. While it's not yet curable, many are searching for new options to control the stubborn disease that can cover much of the skin in red, scaly, itchy patches. Particularly severe forms also can cause a type of arthritis.

Amevive, which comes in intravenous and intramuscular injection forms, will begin selling Monday, said maker Biogen Inc. It will cost $7,000 to $10,000 for a 12-week course of treatment; each weekly dose is given in a doctor's office.

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White House cyber security adviser to resign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard A. Clarke, the top cybersecurity adviser to President Bush, is confirming plans to resign from the White House, and he raised an ominous warning to colleagues about the destructive effects of future attacks on the Internet.

Clarke, in an e-mail sent overnight Thursday to colleagues, cited damage from the weekend's infection that struck hundreds of thousands of computers worldwide, slowing e-mail and Web surfing and even shutting down some banking systems. He called the attacking software "a dumb worm that was easily and cheaply made."

"More sophisticated attacks against known vulnerabilities in cyberspace could be devastating," Clarke wrote. "As long as we have vulnerabilities in cyberspace and as long as America has enemies, we are at risk of the two coming together to severely damage our great country."

A spokeswoman confirmed Clarke's e-mail as authentic. It was forwarded by the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center to operators of Internet early-warning centers.

The Associated Press, citing people familiar with Clarke's plans, reported his decision to resign on Jan. 24. Clarke has spent 11 years in the White House across three administrations, and he was the president's counterterrorism coordinator at the time of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Clarke has focused most recently on preventing disruptions to important computer networks from Internet attacks, compiling recommendations to improve security into a "National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace."

In a separate e-mailed document, sent to others, Clarke disclosed that Bush has formally signed the strategy for approval and that it would be released publicly "sometime in the next few weeks."

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups, devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we as a community can work together to create a safe and drug-free environment for our children.

ARE YOU STILL RESOLVED?

The newness of 2003 is slowly wearing off as its second month begins. It is becoming less of a habit to write '02 on checks, and the bombardment of "best deal of the New Year" commercials is waning. The word "resolution" is also slowly diminishing from most vocabularies, stored safely until late December.

It has now been a month since the column that stated "February 1 must be as significant as January 1" was published. The date has arrived, and the questions arise. How are those resolutions? Are you still resolved to lose the weight, the cigarettes, the alcohol, the bad relationship? Or did the weariness of the past 30 days beat down your determination?

You can always begin anew. Reevaluate your list. Have you made any progress, or have you slipped farther into despair? Has it been two steps forward and three steps back? No matter. January 1 holds no magic, so simply resolve yourself again to establishing healthy habits, to improving your mind, body, and soul, or to losing that thing which hinders you.

It is important to remember to be realistic. Make sure that your goals are not hopelessly unattainable. Having unrealistic expectations only sets you up for failure, which in turn can lead to additional burdens like depression, anxiety or other serious medical problems. It is also important to remember that there are resources out there to help you. Don't be afraid to ask for help whether it is seeking a doctor's or a walking buddy's assistance in losing weight, a patch to quit smoking or a rehab program to quit drinking or using drugs. Help is out there.

With a fresh 12 months ahead of you on New Year's Day, all things seem possible. Don't be discouraged because you now only have 11 fresh months ahead of you. If you are making the progress you want, congratulate yourself, reward yourself even. If your resolve went out with the holiday leftovers, don't dismay. We live one day at a time, so resolve today to be good to yourself.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Stanfield

Stanfield students who had perfect attendance for the third six weeks are Justin Clifton, Cyrus Hernandez, Amber Moon, Makayla Moore, Tanner Shifflett, Joel Torres, Latysha Richardson, Kacie Baker, Sabrina Castillo, Darren Escobedo, Allie Hollingsworth, Daniella Vasquez, Penny Holdren, Riley Jenkins, Kodee Villegas, Randall Alarcon, Caitlyn Cunningham, Madison Edmonds, Patrick Haggard, Ryan Martinez, Alexis Proulx, Cassidy Rawls and Brandon Stansell.

Others are Lance Scott, Blaine Proctor, Vanessa Ornelas, Johnny Mendoza, Jake Freeman, Anthony Castillo, Mekayla Duzan, Kimberly Hagins, Meagan Lewis, Hayden Meek, Alex Steelman, Martin Torres, T.J. Vilas, Matthew Wilson, Zachery Digby, Jashea Flores, Kandyce Freeman, Tim Martin, Daniel Miller, Xavier Vasquez and Riley Arnold.

And, Leia Chester, Lucas Harrell, Bethany Iglehart, Kristin Kruger, Madison Shaw, Shawnee Williams, Christopher Brasher, Fabian Gutierrez, Faith Overton, Crystle Simmons, Robby Alba, Manuel Medrano, Christian Perez, Bryce Roberts, Beth Thurman, Stephanie Wallace, Jaysen Butler, Ryan Dennis, Canaan Eubanks, Georgette Gunderson, Zachery Harris, Kelly Jones, Krystin House, Dillon Randolph, Valerie Rodriguez, Ivana Valadez and Mallorie Warren.

Others are Averey Wright, Ashlie Moon, Austin Morris, Logan Perry, Zach Bowman, Dawn Carrillo, Loran Perry, Crystal Sandoval, Aaron Tate, Hayley Taylor, Daphny Torres, Julietta Hernandez, Ector Gonzales, Orlando Murillo, Jacqueline Rubio, Sonia Cabrera, Alma Cabrera, Misael Arellano and Janell Espinoza.

Also, Aby Sanchez, Adrian Gutierrez, Chase Scott, Hannah Smith, Collin Wagner, Dillon Clifton, Danny Gunderson, Nolan Duzan, Ethan Head, Joe Iglehart, Luis Silva, Martin Flores, Austin Forbes, Matthew Gomez, Stephanie Hart, Ray Newton, Sabrina Salinas and Chevy Wagner.

Miami police use spikes to stop truck

MIAMI (AP) — Dozens of heavily armed police officers surrounded what appeared to be a hijacked mail truck after a 90-minute slow-speed chase through the city's streets Friday.

Television station WFOR-TV reported that an armed man was holding a female mail carrier during the pursuit, but police refused to confirm the report. A television helicopter shot showed two guns in a mail bin on the passenger's seat.

The truck, traveling at about the speed limit, periodically stopped near bystanders along the road, and someone inside the truck apparently spoke to them before taking off again.

Police interviewed the bystanders and blocked traffic during the chase, but allowed the truck to continue while officers followed. Officers eventually stopped the truck by placing spikes in the road to blow out its tires.

The truck remained surrounded 30 minutes later. It wasn't clear how many people were inside.

During the chase, 48 Miami-Dade County schools were locked down as a precaution in case the truck headed their way.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

No holiday cheer for wife left out of gift exchange

DEAR ABBY: I had hoped last Christmas would be different, but it turned out to be the same as every other Christmas for the past 14 years. My husband and I always go to his parents' for Christmas dinner, followed by the exchange of gifts. In all the years I've been married to their son, my in-laws have never once included me in the gift exchange.

When we started our family, they were good about giving a gift to each grandchild — and always to my husband — but never to me. Trust me, Abby, it's not the gift I care about, it's the fact that they go through this routine in my husband's presence and he never says one word about it.

How should I handle it next year? If I speak up, it could cause a family feud, and dissension between my husband and me. Must I simply resign myself to the fact that this is the way it is? Please tell me what you think. — **EXTREMELY REJECTED IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR EXTREMELY REJECTED: For your in-laws to exclude you at Christmas is cruel, insensitive and rude. For your husband to let this go on year after year and say nothing is spineless.

Tell him that unless you can be assured that you'll be treated with the respect you deserve next Christmas, it will be your last with his family — and you and the children will make other plans.

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DEAR ABBY: My 88-year-old mother has vascular dementia, but is still able to live in her own home with 24-hour caregivers. Recently, Mom's sister, "Velda," visited her and asked the caregiver on duty to bring her a silver pitcher from Mother's dining room. Velda told the caregiver, "No one needs to know," and took it.

Of course, the caregiver promptly reported the incident to me, and I picked up the phone and confronted Aunt Velda. At first she denied taking the pitcher — then she said it had originally belonged to their deceased brother. Then she accused ME of wanting it for myself and ended the conversation by sarcastically saying she thought Mother seemed "fine" to her — and hung up on me!

What makes this so aggravating is it isn't the first time this has happened. One of my brothers says to forget it. The other is ready to file theft charges. What is the appropriate action, Abby? — **DEVOTED DAUGHTER IN HOUSTON**

DEAR DEVOTED DAUGHTER: You are fortunate that your mother's caregiver reported the theft promptly. Instead of filing charges, instruct the caregiver to call you or your brothers the next time "Aunt Velda" shows up at the door.

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DEAR ABBY: In a few minutes, I have to start getting dressed. I haven't worn a suit since I buried my older brother last year. In one hour, I'll bury my lovely wife. I'm so glad my son could fly in. I need him so much at this time.

Abby, please urge your women readers to get that Pap smear now. Tell the guys to take them. Don't let them put it off. Cancer is a monster. Just ask anyone who has seen it up close. — **WES IN PHOENIX**

DEAR WES: Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Your message is sobering and certainly worth space in my column.

Readers, cancer is often treatable — if it is caught early. The screening tests that exist today are effective only if they're performed. Please don't gamble with your health by postponing them. (And I'm not just talking about Pap tests!)

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DEAR ABBY: I am a loyal wife who does not take divorce lightly, but I'm thinking about leaving my husband, "Joe." He is very hard on my 12-year-old daughter from a previous marriage, "Natalie."

Joe is very strict in disciplining her, to the point of being unreasonable. It has become so bad that Natalie says she hates him and wants to leave him. My two older children, who no longer live with us, feel the same way about Joe. Even my "strict" father is unhappy with the way Joe treats Natalie.

If I honestly thought he loved my daughter and was acting out of love, I might feel differently. However, he has made it clear he dislikes ALL my children — with a long list of "reasons."

I told Joe my children are my No. 1 priority, and if anyone in my life is a variable, it's him. He finally admitted he's jealous of Natalie and the time we spend together.

As unhappy as I am with Joe's behavior, I'm afraid if I give in to Natalie's request that I leave him, she may try to manipulate me in other ways. Please help me find a solution. — **MISSISSIPPI WIFE AND MOM**

DEAR WIFE AND MOM: For your husband to take out his jealousy and resentment of your parental duties on your daughter is deplorable. While I don't think that a 12-year-old should dictate with whom a parent spends his or her life, in this case, your daughter may have a point.

However, before you make any decisions, I urge you, Joe and Natalie to get family counseling to see if his jealousy can be worked out. If it can't, then a separation until your daughter is 18 may be in order.

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DEAR ABBY: For the past nine months, I have been secretly married to a man of whom my family does not approve. I have been able to keep them in the dark because I am a student and live in another state. I'm 33 years old, Abby, and, knowing the problems it will cause, I need some tips on how to tell my family. Help! — **NOT A CHILD IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR NOT A CHILD: I agree that at 33, you are not a child; you are an adult who has made an important decision. While it would be nice if your family approved of your choice of life partners, one of the basic premises of marriage is that you are forming a family unit of your own. Call your parents and relatives and share the "good news" with them. How they react will be their problem. Please don't continue to make it yours.

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DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, a reader shared a humorous experience about her smoke alarm going off. She regarded it as a "sign" from her deceased father that he was OK.

My beloved husband, Frank, was blind from diabetes when he died. He had owned a "talking watch." Since it had been such an important part of his daily life, it was on his wrist for the funeral — with the voice and alarm turned off.

The minister who officiated at Frank's service began "preaching" instead of fondly remembering my late husband's life, and right smack in the middle of the sermon, somehow my husband's watch alarm went off! Later someone said, "Yep, that was Frank. He was letting the preacher know it was time to quit!" — **SUSAN, COLEMAN, MICH.**

DEAR SUSAN: Let's just say it took a miracle to turn a wristwatch into a "stop" watch.

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Disney earnings decline despite stronger TV, theme park figures

LOS ANGELES (AP) — First-quarter profits plummeted 42 percent at The Walt Disney Co. despite a revenue rise pegged to stronger performance at its ABC Television network and increased attendance at its theme parks.

Disney reported net income in the first quarter ended Dec. 31 of $256 million, or 13 cents per share, compared with net income of $438 million, or 21 cents, in the same quarter last year.

The results were released after the markets closed Thursday. Shares of Disney fell 71 cents to close at $16.35 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Revenue in the most recent quarter grew 6 percent to $7.47 billion, compared with $7.02 billion in the same quarter last year.

"Our most recent quarter's results, especially the strength of the Disney parks in the face of continued economic softness, are further evidence of the soundness of our strategic plan," Disney chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner said in a statement.

Attendance and per capita spending at Disney's domestic theme parks rose during the past year, contributing to a 20 percent jump in operating income, to $225 million.

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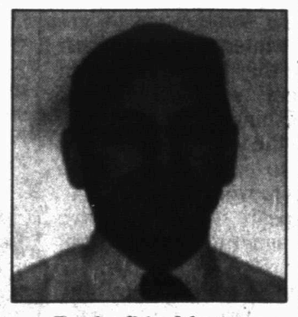

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Jain DeJesus Martinez and Juanita Moran, both of Snyder.

Jerry Lee Bledsoe of Snyder and Kendra Lynn Shannon of Dimmitt.

Amando Jujano Zamora and Maria Magdalena Robertson, both of Channelview.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Bennie Anderson, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Encarion Arrelano, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Riley Jack Brewster Jr., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Jack Burrell, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. S.S. Chavez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. James Davis, individually and dba J.D. Minerals, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Carl Rex Houston, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Stanley and Gloria Peppers, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Snyder Land and Investments, et al, delinquent tax suit.

G&W Trucking Inc. vs. United Operating, suit on sworn account.

Action in District Court

Maggie Yruegas vs. Bell Dairy Products Inc., Gandy's Dairies Inc., Bell Gandy's, Bell Dairy, Dean Foods and Joe Ramos, take nothing judgment.

Cyrus Posey vs. Norman Mayes, take nothing judgment.

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Charles A. King, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Dan Cotton, independent executor of the estate of I.R. Smith Jr., to Mildred Jean Smith Hopkins, Sharon Sue Smith West and William Robert Smith, Lot 2 and the north 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 29 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Dan Cotton, independent executor of the estate of I.R. Smith Jr., to Mildred Jean Smith Hopkins, Sharon Sue Smith West and William Robert Smith, tract one being the north 48 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 515, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 80 acres in the southeast part of the south one-half of Section 538, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Chon Rodriguez III, independent executor of the estate of Dorothy Harris Rodriguez, to Raul Rosales Rodriguez, Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Darlene Harrison to Willis Hiram Harrison, Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Ronald C. Chandler to Regina G. Ward, Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Park Place Addition.

Richard B. Stall, executor of the estate of T.L. Stall, to Ted J. Winzeler, tract one being the northeast one-quarter of Section 49, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 140 acres out of the northwest part of Section 93, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Mary Jane Martinez, Lot 19 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Terry Lynn Keller to Jerry Don and Kathy Byrd Greene, the south one-half of Lot 2 in Block 34 of the Blankenship Addition.

Rebecca L. Corbell Kirkland to Frederic Carreon, Lot 2 in Block 11 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 of the Replat of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition.

George P. Scifres to Shirley R. Scifres, Lot 9 in Block 6 of the Park Place Addition.

Elizabeth A. Remey to Ascencio Luna, tract one being 0.50-acre tract in the northwest part of the northeast one-quarter of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 0.50-acre tract in the northwest part of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Humberto and Irma G. Sanchez, the north 60 feet of Lots 1 and 11-12 in Block 36 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

Fagan Inc. to Mike L. Herrington, 100.2 acres in Section 11, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Patsy Fay Eaker to Mildred Jean Smith Hopkins and Sharon Sue Smith West, Lot 2 and the north 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 29 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Rabul and Delia Maldonado to Ramon and Maria Barrego, tract one being the south 45 feet of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 53 of the Wilmeth Addition; tract two being the north 95 feet of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 53 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Betty Cantrell to Vernon Keith, Lots 13-18 in Block 117 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Carolyn Murphy Derouen, independent executrix of the estate of Martin Sims Murphy, to Evelyn Grimes Murphy, tract one being the east one-half of Section 30, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the northwest one-quarter of Section 191, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being the south one-half of Section 190, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Robert Dale Turnbo to Delda Ann Turnbo, 1.0 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 100, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Wayward sailor gets rescued again

DANA POINT, Calif. (AP) — A man who was rescued from his crippled sailboat off Central America last year was plucked to safety from his new sailboat this week.

A Coast Guard cutter found Richard Van Pham on Wednesday 20 miles west of Orange County in Southern California. The 62-year-old sailor had no communications or navigation equipment, Coast Guard spokesman Lance Jones said Thursday.

"He was lost and disoriented," Jones said. "He told us he left Long Beach three days ago and was in the process of trying to make his way back."

When the Navy rescued Pham last September nearly 300 miles southwest of Costa Rica, he told them the mast and motor on his boat had been destroyed by a storm and he'd spent three months adrift, surviving by collecting rainwater in a bucket and roasting seabirds on a small grill.

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Letters to the editor

Sad news

Dear Editor:

My name is Veronica Rivera Vasquez.

I am in the United States Navy, and I am from Snyder.

I heard about Desiree, and am very sad to hear about her, and her three children.

She was a good person, had a funny personality, and I am more than sure she will be missed. I would just like to send my condolences to her family and let them know she and her children are in my prayers.

Thank you,
FR Vasquez USN.

Thanks for veterans

Dear Editor:

This is a letter I received from my granddaughter, Kelsi Johnson. Her English III H-5th teacher gave her students the assignment to write to a veteran of World War II to thank us for what we did to keep America free.

When I read this letter it made tears come to this old man's eyes to think they would remember us for something that happened some 62 years ago. It sure makes a man feel good to be remembered.

There's not many of us old codgers around anymore.

Selby Johnson

Grandpa,

I would like to take some time out of our busy schedules and tell you that I appreciate your bravery and strength for our country.

I can't even fathom what you went through day after day. I am so grateful that you fought for our country so that we are free today and the United States we live in is safe.

I admire you for what you have accomplished for your lifetime and the person you are today.

I'm thankful for all the veterans who risked their lives to defend our country. I know that World War II was really hard for you and it still is today but I just wanted to tell you that you are very appreciated. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

I love you,
Kelsi Johnson

Tax filing help

Dear Editor:

Each year the income tax regulations get more complicated. It is getting easier to leave out information and harder to avoid errors yet many people will risk making a mistake in order to avoid having to pay a professional tax preparer. The IRS would very much like to keep errors to a minimum so they are now encouraging the Free Tax Aide Program.

The Tax Aide counselors are volunteers who go to a yearly training school to refresh and update their knowledge and who must pass an extensive test prepared by the IRS before they are certified. They are qualified to handle most tax returns but if they do not feel comfortable doing yours they will suggest you go to a professional tax consultant.

Tax Aide started out as a service by AARP only for the elderly. It worked out so well that it was expanded to help low-income people of any age and will now even help people with moderate incomes.

Free Tax Aide service in Snyder is done in an office provided by the Senior Citizen Center at 2603 Ave. M., hours will be every Wednesday starting Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 12 and 1-3 p.m. Since there is no way of knowing how long the individual consultations will take, you ordinarily cannot make appointments for a definite time. Just come on down.

You may have to wait your turn, however, this year there will be a helper in the office most of the time so things should move more quickly.

All information is kept confidential. We are not allowed to keep any copies or records. When you come please bring the following.

A copy of last year's return;

Social Security cards, including all dependents;

All W-2 wage-earner's forms;

All 1099 miscellaneous income forms;

Social Security year — total reports;

Dependents birth dates;

Any other records or papers that may be needed.

If you are a person who likes to do their own tax return bring it by and we will be glad to double check it for you however, we are not equipped to E-file it for you.

Bernhard Bartels

Not enough coverage

Dear Editor:

As president of the Hermleigh Booster Club, I am concerned about the amount of coverage, or maybe I should say "lack of coverage," your newspaper is giving our athletic programs at Hermleigh.

I was contacted by your advertising staff about the booster club purchasing an ad in the 2003 basketball edition. We did purchase an ad, which we normally do. Hermleigh ISD also purchased an ad. I didn't see an ad in the edition purchased by either Snyder or Ira schools, nor by their booster clubs, yet both of these schools received more coverage than Hermleigh.

Many of the ads purchased by businesses listed all three schools in their ads, which proves to me that they support all the teams in our county.

Hermleigh residents buy your paper and support businesses in Scurry County and we believe that we deserve the same amount of coverage as the other area schools.

I hope that I haven't made this sound like a money issue. That's not my intention at all. I believe it's an issue of whether or not you have a "winning" team and I think that our students are being led to believe that if you're not a winner, then you are less important than the others.

As many people know, we are presently struggling with low enrollment at Hermleigh. Because of this, our athletic programs have suffered tremendously. That does not change the fact that we have some of the brightest and most talented students in the country enrolled at Hermleigh ISD.

When they see that their team or game received less coverage than the other local schools, it makes them feel as if they are less important. This could not be further from the truth, we teach or children that you have to be a good loser in order to be a good winner.

We tell them that they did a good job and that their day is coming. We try to instill in them that winning isn't everything. Yet when the local newspaper doesn't give them the same courtesy afforded to other students, they being to question their efforts. Our students sometimes play a sport that they don't necessarily like just so there will be enough for a team. They are dedicated to their school and take pride in the fact that they do their best academically and in athletics.

I want our students to know that no one could be more proud of them than we the parents and supporters or Hermleigh ISD. We look to the future with great hopes and dreams for our school and for our community. We believe in the students at Hermleigh and thank them for their hard work and dedication to whatever endeavor they undertake.

Plese take more of an interest in our students and give them the coverage in your paper that they deserve.

Sincerely,
Julie K. Culp

Thanks for feature

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our thanks to the Snyder Daily News for featuring East Elementary's murals in last weekend's paper. They are truly an example of community collaboration.

We would like to thank WTC, Ben Sum and his students for providing their immense talents.

We would particularly like to thank our students, their parents and the community for participating in the fall fundraiser for our AR program. Without them, the murals would not have been possible.

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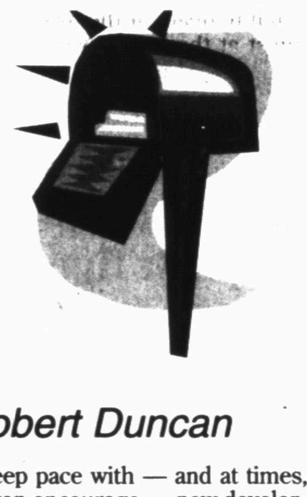

Water remains priority by Sen. Robert Duncan

There is an old saying about being a Texan: you know you're from Texas when you stop expecting the sight of a bridge to mean water is near. There was a time we could laugh at that one, but the reality facing Texas and its water needs make that line seem like a solemn prediction instead of a trite expression.

After a dry spell hit the Texas economy for $4 billion in 1996, we found several deficiencies in our state's water planning. Thee was no drought plan, we practiced little conservation, and no viable statewide water plan existe4d. During that fateful year, 80 percent of the recommended water resources had already been developed, and yet our states' population was predicted to double by the year 2030.

Unless changes were made, Texas' major urban areas would be 15 percent short of daily water needs and a loss of $40 billion could be expected in the state economy. Most new water sources take up to 25 years to develop, and Texas had little time to waste.

In 1997 and 2001, we passed Senate Bill 1 and 2 — the most comprehensive reforms to water management and planning in Texas was designed to drive local participation, control and buy-in to the regional water planning process. The impact has been clear: people now talk about natural resources and communities understand water is a priority.

Securing Texas' water supply, improving its infrastructure and promoting its conservation are among the issues demanding the strictest attention from lawmakers. A heightened emphasis on water issues — increased public participation, education and awareness — now flows throughout the state.

Within the next 50 years, almost 900 Texas cities will have to either reduce their demand for water or develop new sources of it. We must balance the water needs of rural and urban areas and follow the planning process we created. Rural and urban Texas have a reciprocal relationship in which the success of one benefits the other.

Rural Texas will be forced to reckon with depleted groundwater resources and an increase of those resources by urban areas. At the current rate of usage, parts of West Texas could fall short of irrigation needs by an estimated 856,000 acre-feet pr year. That would reverberate across the state's economy through the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars.

If the water needs of our urban neighbors are met through investment in strategies such as conservation, reuse, desalination and brush control, the pressure on groundwater in aquifers could be relieved.

It is vital that groundwater conservation districts continue to provide local control of groundwater, and it is of equal importance that these districts be supported and funded locally.

Texans have to stick together and think both progressively and pragmatically about water issues. To provide more public input and attention to water issues, we created the Texas Water Advisory Council, a 13-member group of legislators, elected officials, agency leaders and public members. This council, which I am honored to chair, guides state water policy initiative and is developing recommendations for the Legislature.

Water is a multifaceted issue, and several of its levels will arise during this session, including conservation, desalination, reuse, infrastructure improvement, marketing, environmental and in-stream flows, condemnation of surface water rights, border water disputes, long-term financing strategies to help communities pay for water projects, and protection of our state's rives.

Water will be a salient concern for this and every future Legislature. Texas regulations, laws, and institutions must evolve to keep pace with — and at times, even encourage — new development in technology. Texans must increase their understanding of the complex issues involved in maintaining our natural resources so they may continue to sustain the state and its economies.

Among the most precious of our resources, water is critical to all of Texas. Our state has policy challenges ahead, and overcoming them will require diplomatic resolve, judicious policies, and responsive institutions. Water is like blood, not oil. This resource sustains more than livelihoods — it maintains life.

Guest Column by Rix Quinn

Things to think about after the holidays

Many folks claim that after a hectic December, the next two months can be snoozers. So here's something to ponder: What is Santa Claus doing now?

Maybe he sleeps all month, or plans a cruise with his old lady (in his case, a real, real old lady).

How about those reindeer? Ever wonder what they do? Me neither.

Donner, Blitzen, Comet and other first stringers have enough seniority to draw vacation pay.

I've heard that the substitutes — Delbert, Elmore, Hubert, Fester — often get called at the last minute to fill in for the main guys. This is called "passing the buck."

Idle thoughts fill the mind of Post-Holiday Man, and make him long for cold-weather diversions.

This leads him to do crazy things, like jump naked into a frozen lake and call it a sport. Or even worse, he will go out to an icy pond, dig a hole, and try to catch frozen fish, which already come packaged at the grocery.

Here are some ways to get over the winter whines. I can't guarantee they work, but I plan to test them…soon as I get back from ice fishing.

1. "If all the world were playing holidays, to sport would be as tedious as to work." —

Shakespeare reminds us we must toil again to pay off credit cards.

2. "Spring is right around the corner." — Yeah, right. That's what they told Columbus about the New World. But on the plus side, he discovered the Bahamas.

3. "Begin anew." – This new year gives you plenty of time to re-invent yourself. Last year one of my lazy friends did just that, and succeeded brilliantly.

He rents himself to self-help groups as a "bad example."

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	1
Hermleigh ISD	1
DCOS	1
Scurry County	0
Ira ISD	0
City of Snyder	0
WTC	0
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NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Bye-catches on the Internet sea

By- Joe Klock, Sr

In the commercial fishing industry, untargeted species that get trapped in nets are routinely discarded, and trawling equipment is designed to minimize this "bye-catch" problem.

On the Internet, however, the bye-catch comes in the form of "spam" and pop-up commercials, against which there are few defensive strategies, short of computercide.

In fact, the "trash fish" population in the vast waters of Dotcomland is growing at a rate comparable to political campaign expenditures and snail-mail offers of new credit cards.

"Signing on" these days means facing a phalanx of falderal including, but not limited to:

- Sure-fire methods of earning megabucks from the comfort of your lounge chair.
- A smorgasbord of smut, usually offered by nymphomaniacal nubiles.
- Offers to rearrange or expand indebtedness at almost charitable interest rates.
- Promises of enhanced masculinity and extended boudoir performance.
- Jokes (mostly bad), ranging in hue from pretty-in-pink to deep indigo and pure nausea.
- Politically skewed viewpoints, often myopic, unfocused, cockeyed, or all of the above.

None of these, though are as potentially hazardous to one's cyberpeace of mind as the ominous ****WARNINGS**** that appear with gut-wrenching impact, all of them touted as having the authenticity of a biblical passage or an "ex cathedra" papal pronouncement.

Among those of us who regard computers as second only to our snack foods as critical components of survival, those ****WARNINGS**** are the scariest experiences this side of oncological procedures, since they seldom trumpet trivial ailments.

Rather, they almost always threaten the total evisceration of one's hard drive memory - a precipitous attack of technological Alzheimer's Disease, after the onset of which your computer's highest and best use is as a doorstop.

****WARNINGS**** are typically forwarded by well-meaning people to whom the ****WARNINGS**** were sent by other well-meaning people, following their receipt by still other....well, you get the idea.

Most often, the bad news is preceded by several paragraphs listing those who were previously warned and thereby added to the expanding warren of warnees.

What all the well-meaning people in this chain of wolf-crying have in common is that, typically, they haven't a clue as to the expertise, if any, at the base of the spring from which floweth these doomsday dogmas, but they pass them along as gospel truths. The good news is that in almost all cases, the so-called "killer viruses" are as preventable as the human scourge of getting stiff in the joints - i.e., just stay out of the joints. (A little touch of humor there to lighten things up!)

Truth to tell, almost all of the ****WARNINGS**** are about hazards that can either be intercepted by standard anti-virus programs (don't stay home without one!), or are flat-out hoaxes.

The very last step to take after receiving a ****WARNING**** is to pass it along to your entire mailing list; it's much the same as sneezing in a crowded elevator, and will make you just as socially acceptable.

When encountering a ****WARNING****, you should first dab dry your sweaty forehead and, perhaps belt down a shot of Maalox to quell the unrest in your Southern Hemisphere. Then go to your favorite search engine (www.google.com is ours) and enter "Virus Hoaxes" for a smorgasbord of known false alarm directories.

At one or more of these first-aid stations, you'll probably find the ****WARNING**** listed as phony baloney - or, if not, remedial instructions for handling it.

One really frightening non-computer-oriented ****WARNING**** we checked out recently involved the "Two-Striped Telamonia Spider," which reportedly stowed away on flights from India, and migrated to the underside of American toilet seats. There, they butt-bit restaurant patrons, who subsequently joined the Desert Choir after intensive suffering. That sobering information was attributed to a Florida-based University, which resolutely denies any connection with the hoax.

Our research department confirmed the existence of a Two-Striped Telamonia spider (Telamonia dimidiata), but found no evidence that it has even visited the USA, much less used our rest room facilities.

Furthermore, we uncovered the fact that the same threat had earlier been attributed to the South American Blush Spider (Arachnius gluteus), which doesn't exist at all.

However, the impact of this ****WARNING**** has been so powerful that it is pointed to by some behavioral scientists as the reason why male humans - traditionally protective of their female counterparts - thoughtfully leave the seat up when departing unisex bathrooms.

Okay, so I made up that last part, but it wouldn't hurt to peek under the lid next time you're in a public W.C.; if you neglect to do so and get spider-bitten, don't say I didn't ****WARN**** you! Joe Klock, Sr. is a freelance writer in Key Largo, FL. E-mail joeklock@aol.com.

Houston Chronicle

Death penalty inquiry

The majority of Texans support the death penalty. But no reasonable person would support executing the innocent. That is why there is room in this state's death penalty debate to discuss changes to the death penalty. That is why Gov. Rick Perry's apparent willingness to dismiss certain proposed changes to how the death penalty is prosecuted in Texas is so baffling.

Even in Texas, which carries out about one-third of the nation's executions and where around 450 inmates sit on death row, there is room for talking about giving jurors the option of sentencing certain murderers, say, the mentally retarded or youthful killers, to life without parole as an option to the death penalty.

Married couple could lead troops in Iraq

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — They met during military flight training, were married a year later, and during their 16 years together, rose through the Army ranks while raising a daughter.

Lt. Col. Laura Richardson flies Black Hawk helicopters. Her husband, Lt. Col. Jim Richardson, flies Apaches.

Nothing special, the couple insists.

"It's not new to us," Laura Richardson says.

But the Richardsons may soon make Army history.

If deployed to Iraq, the couple would be the first husband and wife to command battalions in the same brigade task force. Laura Richardson commands the 5th Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division's Aviation Brigade; her husband commands the brigade's 3rd Battalion.

Teamwork has been the key to both their personal relationship and while they fly together on Army missions, the Richardsons say.

They are preparing now, if deployment orders come, to apply the same teamwork in the Persian Gulf.

"He tells what he knows, and I tell him what I know," says Laura Richardson, 39, standing outside a flight simulator at Fort Campbell.

"It works," says Jim Richardson, 42. "We pick up on each other's strengths and weaknesses."

The 101st, based at Fort Campbell on the Tennessee border, is a rapid-deployment division trained to go anywhere in the world in 36 hours. Shots fired from a 101st Apache helicopter started the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The Richardsons — she is a native of Denver, he of Myrtle Beach, S.C., — met in a hallway at Fort Rucker, Ala. She was there for flight training. He was taking an advanced flying course. They married about a year later on Nov. 25, 1987.

Their 14-year-old daughter, Lauren, was born while they were stationed in South Korea during the first 41/2 years of their marriage.

During their entire 16 year marriage, the Richardsons have only been separated for two six-month stints. The first was while she was an aide to then-Vice President Al Gore. The second was when he flew Apaches in Afghanistan, returning in August.

"The Army has really done a fabulous job of keeping us together," Jim Richardson says.

If the two deploy, Lauren, a varsity basketball player, will go live with Laura's parents in Denver. Over the years, the two have prepared her for the possibility that both her parents could go to war.

"I think she's a little nervous about it, but she's a pretty independent, flexible-type kid," Laura Richardson says.

Both say they do not worry about the other deploying, partly because they have confidence in the training they have received.

"I'm not really concerned because she has 350 soldiers to take care of her," Jim Richardson says.

While Jim Richardson commanded troops in Afghanistan, Laura led a group at home made up of family members on the homefront.

Laura Richardson says it was during that time she learned the importance of getting information back home as quickly as possible. She said she saw how much each family member worried at any news report about a helicopter crash or other incident.

She also says her leadership as both a wife and officer helped some family members who thought the military might not have been giving them all the information available.

"I think it added some credibility actually that may not have been there before," Laura Richardson says.

She says as a woman in the Army she's never faced discrimination, that the commanders she's had over the years — all men — were fair.

The couple says the novelty of their unique Army relationship is lost on them — and it still surprises them how much attention they have garnered recently because of the possibility of their command positions in Iraq.

After all, they've been at it for years.

"We've done it since we've been in the Army," Laura Richardson says.

First steps taken to change Lotto game

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Lottery officials on Friday moved a step closer to making it harder to win a Lotto jackpot in an effort to boost bounties and lathargic ticket sales.

The Texas Lottery Commission gave preliminary approval to changing the rules for the Lotto jackpot by adding more balls to the mix to lengthen the odds of winning.

Under the new rules, players would select five numbers from 1 to 44 and a bonus number from another set of 44 numbers.

Similar changes, adopted 21/2 years ago, have failed to revitalize dropping Lotto sales. Officials have blamed that failure in part on the fact that players are winning more than was anticipated at the relatively low levels of $4 million and $6 million.

"Our experience has been that more people play when the jackpot is larger," said C. Thomas Clowe, chairman of the three-member lottery commission.

In the current game, a player draws six numbers from a pool of 54. If all six numbers match those randomly picked in the twice-weekly drawing, the player collects the jackpot that starts at $4 million and increases each time no one wins. The odds of hitting the jackpot are estimated at 25.8 million-to-1.

The estimated odds of winning under the new rules are 47 million-to-1.

"The sole intent of this is to create a game people probably are not going to win so that people will spend their money and people will lose their money over and over again," said Dawn Nettles, a Garland resident who publishes a newsletter for lotto players.

"This is not fair," Nettles told the commission during its meeting Friday. "It is ya'll's responsibility to protect the people of Texas, not rob them."

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Date Book

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003

Today is the 32nd day of 2003 and the 42nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1960, four black students staged a sit-in at a Woolworths white-only counter. The four young men entered the store, sat down and ordered coffee. After being refused service, they remained seated. Following their lead, similar protests were staged elsewhere in the country.

On this day in 1974, "Good Times" made its television debut.

On this day in 1982, "Late Night with David Letterman" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hattie Wyatt Caraway (1878-1950), U.S. legislator; John Ford (1895-1973), director; Clark Gable (1901-1960), actor; Langston Hughes (1902-1967), poet and writer; Pauley Shore (1970-), actor, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Vince Lombardi resigned as head coach of the Green Bay Packers after winning five NFL championship titles and two Super Bowls in his nine seasons with the team.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I swear to the Lord, / I still can't see, / Why Democracy means, / Everybody but me." — Langston Hughes

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (Feb. 1).

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003

Today is the 33rd day of 2003 and the 43rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1887, Groundhog Day's weather predictions in Punxsutawney, Pa., first began.

On this day in 1943, German troops surrendered at Stalingrad, Russia.

On this day in 1950, "What's My Line?" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Joyce (1882-1941), writer; William Rose Benet (1886-1950), poet; Elaine Stritch (1925-), actress, is 78; Stan Getz (1927-1991), jazz saxophonist.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson became the first to be elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Better pass boldly into that other world, in the full glory of some passion, than fade and wither dismally with age." — James Joyce

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 1) and first quarter (Feb. 10).

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Teen baby-sitter rescues boy from dog attack in Navasota

NAVASOTA (AP) — A dog mauled a 6-year-old Grimes County boy, nearly ripping his ear off before the boy's 13-year-old baby-sitter grabbed the dog by the collar and punched it in the face.

Family members said the attack happened as Caleb Orlando was walking to the porch of a neighbor's house.

The neighbor's Rottweiler-pit bull-mix dog broke free from a horse chain in the neighbor's yard, said Gerry Nobles, Caleb's grandmother.

Baby-sitter Keri Crawford was inside the neighbor's house when she heard the kindergartner scream and saw the dog attacking.

"'Save Caleb!' That's all I was thinking about," the 5-foot-3 teen said.

She said she yelled at the dog, it stopped, released the boy's head and looked up at her. The 100-pound dog then resumed attacking the boy.

Crawford said she jerked the dog by the collar and punched him in the face until he began to yelp. She then held the dog to the side to allow Caleb to move out the dog's reach. Then, she walked the boy back to his grandparents house.

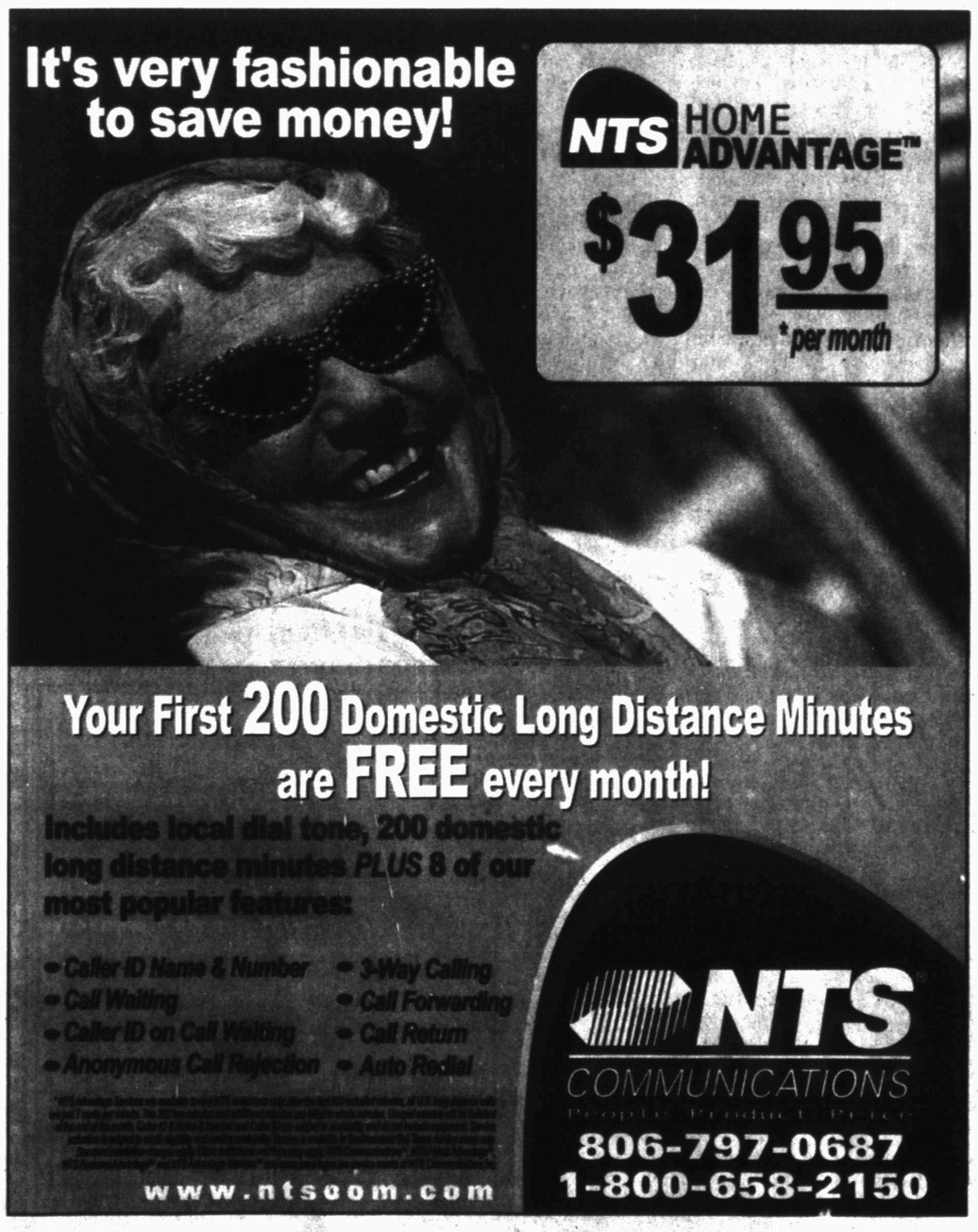
"If the little girl hadn't done what she did, the doctors were telling me that the dog probably would have killed him," Caleb's grandmother said.

The boy was recovering Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Health Center, where he received more than 125 stitches around his head.

The dog was taken Thursday by Navasota animal control and put to death at the owner's request at the Beard-Navasota Veterinary Hospital, Grimes County Sheriff's Lt. Greg Eakens said.

Eakens said the district attorney's office will not file charges against the owners because the dog had no history of similar attacks and was fenced on its owner's property when the attack occurred.

"They had no idea that the dog had a temper like that," Eakens said.



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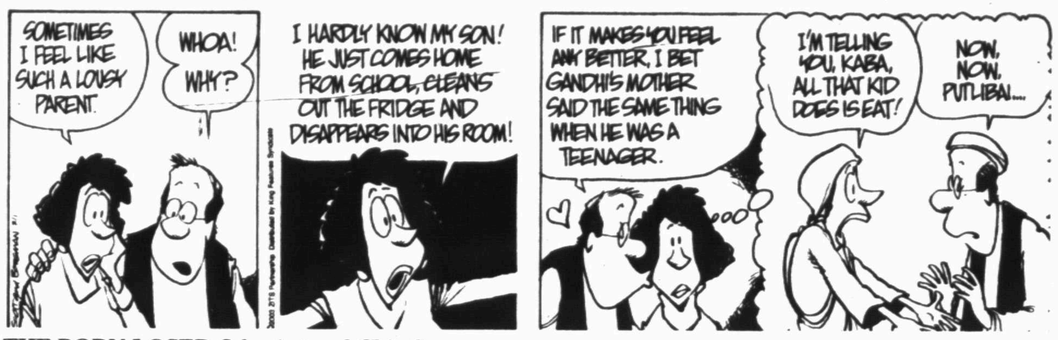

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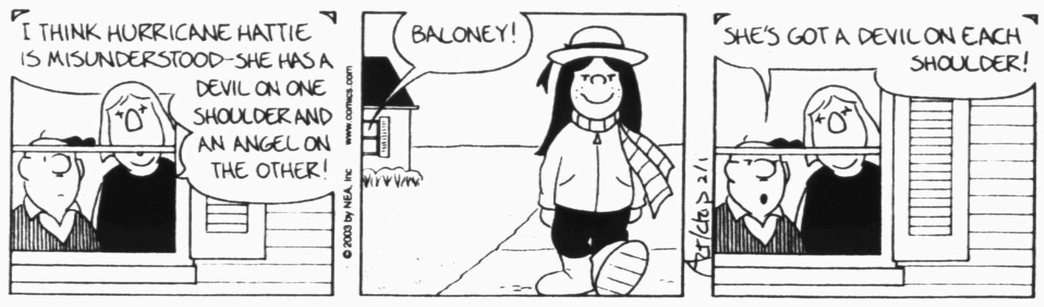

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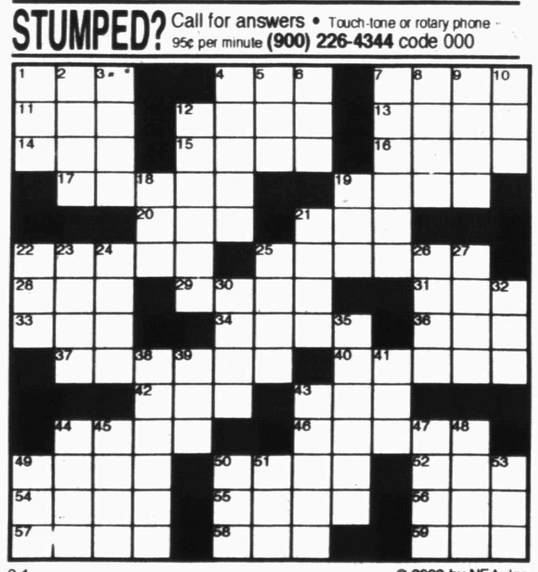

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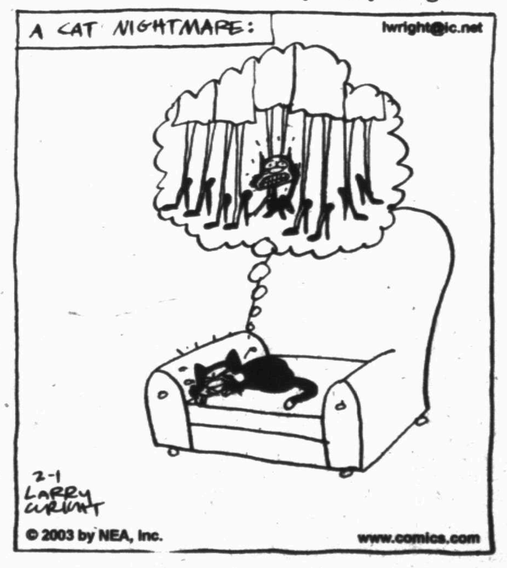

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003

Through two separate projects that appeared to be only mildly promising you could begin to reap substantial gains in the year ahead, due in part to an associate who will come on board and make things happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Someone you may least expect has been saying nice things about you to others. Today you may learn this person's identity and be quite flattered by who it is.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There is a strong possibility you could derive some type of peripheral benefits today from a rather unusual source. Up until now it could even have been cloaked in secrecy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you want to have a relaxing or fulfilling day, select companions whose thinking and interests closely parallel yours, especially if what you want to do is a spur-of-the-moment activity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're a person who can provide the missing link today that would prove extremely helpful to someone close to you who is unable to find his or her own answers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The steadiest hands on the helm today involving an important personal relationship will be yours, so take control early. This person won't mind once he or she sees how well you manage things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today doesn't have to be devoted only to fun and games. It's also an excellent time to take care of a delicate matter that needs attention and some sober but considerate reflection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A shift in conditions makes it possible today to strengthen bonds and relationships with those who are important to you. Show everyone how much they mean to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Chances are you're not apt to be too happy today with simply resting on your laurels around the house. You're more likely to be satisfied by improving or mending something that needs fixing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Although you could be in a communicative mood today, it won't be for idle chatter. You're more likely to want to make contact with someone with whom you can talk things over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your determination is equal to any challenge with which you may be faced at this time, and today you'll take advantage of that grit to get your teeth into something important to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Through an old-fashioned talk with a close friend today, you could learn some information that you've been curious about yet unable to acquire through the normal channels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone who has had your best interests at heart for some time may take you into his or her confidence today and share some info that could prove financially rewarding for you.

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Monday, Feb. 3, 2003

There is a strong chance that you could find yourself far more enterprising and fearless in the year ahead than you've been in the past. This new enterprising on your part can be quite productive, provided you don't let boldness exceed judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Should you and a close friend hold opposing positions over an issue about which you feel strongly, hold your tongue and change the subject should it arise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If your way of doing something conflicts with someone in authority today, don't take him or her on, because you can't win. This person has the clout that holds the final word.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If something another person is talking about doesn't directly involve you, keep your opinions to yourself. People in general could have short fuses today and be intolerant of suggestions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone who is sneaky and has an ax to grind may attempt to put obstacles in your path today. When you're on to him or her, keep it to yourself and do not give this person any satisfaction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Pay heed to your better judgment today and do not yield to the urgings of a clever manipulator. If you keep your guard up, anyone of this ilk will not be able to use you to his or her ends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be careful to whom you take a prized possession to be repaired today. Selecting the wrong service provider could cause more damage to the item than it originally had.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Take care that you don't find yourself overly possessive today of one with whom you're emotionally involved. Instead of protecting your interest, you'll put it in peril.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Attempt to see your mate's points of view concerning a family problem that could become an issue today. Unless there is a meeting of the minds, there will be a clashing of the wills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You've heard the old saying, "If you don't have something nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all." If you don't heed this, your listeners will judge you with disdain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's great to be enthusiastic about things, but don't carry it so far today that you override all objectivity, especially when involved in a financial matter. A poor choice can be costly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Place courtesy and decorum foremost in your mind today so that you don't unwittingly treat anyone in a manner that you'd resent if the roles were reversed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Should an arrogant acquaintance make deprecatory comments directed at you today, let this person know immediately that you are not a candidate for putdowns.

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Mild concussions can be serious

PITTSBURGH (AP) — High school athletes who suffer the mildest of concussions — in which obvious symptoms disappear within 15 minutes — often have memory problems and other latent difficulties days after the injury, according to a new study.

The study from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Sports Medicine Concussion Program shows that coaches and doctors should be cautious in deciding when an athlete can return to a game after a concussion, said researcher Mark Lovell, a neuropsychologist and director of the concussion program.

Now, coaches and trainers often allow an athlete to return to the game or to practice if the obvious symptoms of a concussion, such as disorientation and uncoordinated hand-eye movements, disappear within 15 minutes of the injury.

"Because on-the-field symptoms disappear within a few minutes and the athlete reports he or she is fine and appears to the sports medicine team to be fine, mild concussions often are unrecognized, overlooked or considered a trivial injury," said Dr. Michael Collins, a neuropsychologist and the assistant director of the concussion program.

The study published in the February edition of the Journal of Neurosurgery evaluated 64 male and female high school athletes who sustained mild concussions.

Researchers evaluated the players on the field. Then, using a computer program that administers a battery of memory and reaction tests, researchers evaluated the athletes at periods of 36 hours, four days and seven days after the injury.

Headaches, dizziness and nausea seemed to disappear within four days, but some athletes had memory problems seven days after they received a concussion, the study found.

If coaches and others evaluating an athlete miss subtle signs such as a slow memory, headaches and dizziness, players could return to a sport before their brain has had time to heal, increasing the chance of more serious brain damage, Lovell said.

Successive concussions could cause long-term memory loss and other problems, Lovell said. In rare cases, young athletes can suffer from "second-impact syndrome," in which an impact can cause a fatal brain hemorrhage, he said.

"The concern is that concussion symptoms are not always straightforward and not always reported by the athlete," said Dr. Joseph Maroon, a study investigator. "On-the-field evaluation of the injury's effects and knowing when it is safe to return the athlete to play can be difficult to objectively measure."

The UPMC concussion program's study confirms what "clinicians have known in their hearts," said Gregory O'Shanick, medical director of the Arlington, Va.-based Brain Injury Association of America.

"Clinicians who have seen many people with concussions have believed that a history of concussions of whatever degree does count in the cumulative effect of concussions," said O'Shanick, who did not participate in the study.

But Lovell's study and the UPMC concussion program's research is important and meaningful because researchers are studying student athletes' memories and reaction times before and after they receive a concussion, O'Shanick said.

Many researchers in the past have evaluated people with concussions retroactively, with no idea of their memory or reaction times before their head injury, and the research can be "fraught with error," he said.

When Joseph Perry, the athletic director of Keystone Oaks High School in suburban Pittsburgh, started coaching 35 years ago, he often allowed football players to return to the game minutes after they received a mild concussion, telling them "they just got their bell rung," he said.

Now, his high school uses a computer program called the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing system. It was developed by the UPMC concussion program and tests athletes' memory and reaction skills before and after a concussion.

Lovell said neurocognitive testing is the best way to evaluate an athlete's condition after a concussion.

GAO: Post office retirement is overfunded, eyes use of money

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service retirement program may be even more overfunded that earlier estimated, and Congress should decide whether to reduce payments into the fund or turn the money to other uses, the General Accounting Office reported Friday.

Richard Strasser, the service's chief financial officer, welcomed the finding that the agency was paying too much into the program but expressed disappointment at the suggestion that Congress should decide what to do with the savings.

"We would like to think Congress would, as they have in the past, delegate matters to the postal board and postal management," he said, acknowledging that Congress has the right to make the decision.

When the Office of Personnel Management projected a $71 billion long-term overfunding of the retirement account in the fall, Postmaster General John Potter said a reduction in payments, if approved by Congress, could help postpone a postal rate increase until 2006 and help reduce the service's debt.

But reducing those payments requires congressional action.

Legislation has been introduced to cut the payments this year from the previous $4.7 billion annually to $1.8 billion. But action was delayed pending GAO's review. GAO is Congress' investigative arm.

GAO projects that the overfunding will amount to $103.1 billion, saying the OPM study had underestimated it.

However, GAO added that in considering cutting the annual payments the post office must make, Congress also should consider other issues including:

—The post office faces large obligations for retirement health benefits for current and past workers.

—Whether some or all of the difference in the required annual payments should be used to reduce the post office's outstanding debt to the federal government.

Meanwhile the post office has had to begin the internal process of seeking a rate increase. The amount of any proposed increase won't be determined until that process is done, but it's long and complex and was started so the agency could be prepared in case Congress did not cut its retirement fund obligations.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Home care is difficult for stroke patients

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, 71, had a stroke a year ago. He continues to have major consequences. For example, he is totally incontinent, cannot feed or bathe himself and is virtually confined to bed — although with a great deal of effort, I can sometimes help him into a wheelchair. His doctor says that my husband has "advanced degeneration of the central nervous system." Since my spouse is unable to speak to anyone or ask for assistance, I must constantly anticipate his needs. Please help me. I'm at the end of my rope.

DEAR READER: This is an extremely difficult situation, as you have discovered. You are courageous to take on the many responsibilities your husband poses. I don't mean to sound insensitive but, to a large degree, you must adopt the same approach with him that you would with an infant. This means washing, feeding and changing him; in essence, anticipating his needs in the same manner you probably did with your children years ago.

Although I suspect that your husband will ultimately require chronic care in a skilled nursing facility, there is much that you can do in the meantime.

First of all, you need help before you own health suffers. In my view, you should contact your community visiting nurse association, which can supply home health aides and other health-care workers. Aside from the blessing of trained personnel, these dedicated professionals can offer you respite from the daily stress of caring for someone who is so severely handicapped.

Second, here are some practical suggestions. You may be able to spark your husband's interest in food by preparing meals that you, by experience, know he likes. Also to reduce the risk of "accidents," you may have to "toilet train" him by putting him on a commode every couple of hours during the day. At the least, this program should reduce the frequency of incontinence. Finally you may be able to improve the quality of his life by playing his favorite music, reading to him or allowing him to watch TV.

I'm sure your husband's physician can give you other, more cogent suggestions — and he should be able to coordinate the services your husband needs, including meal-planning, hygienic measures, recreation and physical therapy.

I can think of only a few diseases (such as Alzheimer's dementia and others) that equal stroke in terms of total disruption, monumental handicap and emotional exhaustion for caregivers. While you, as the patient's wife, may feel an obligation to care for him at home, I strongly urge you to consider alternatives, such as nursing home care. While you're mulling over your decision, please obtain appropriate assistance at home. This tactic will benefit your husband and, I hope, keep you healthy and strong.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Knowing about Nursing Homes." 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: My husband was recently hospitalized because of lung congestion, and his physician indicated that "yellow nail syndrome" was the culprit. Please explain.

DEAR READER: Yellow nail syndrome is an unusual condition marked by yellowish discoloration of one or more nails, associated with a variety of health problems, including AIDS, malignancies and certain lung diseases. Patients with the syndrome also have ankle swelling and fluid around the lungs caused by a deficiency in blood proteins. These nail abnormalities reflect (rather than cause) the malnutrition and poor health that accompany many chronic illnesses. Also, fungal infections inevitably cause yellow nails.

Therefore, your husband's pulmonary problem needs to be addressed directly; the yellow nails are incidental. Ask his doctor about the nature of your spouse's lung disorder and what can be done about it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do prescription drugs often affect sexuality?

DEAR READER: An astounding number of medications can affect sexual function in both men and women. In men, loss of libido (interest in sex), impotence, delayed (or absent) orgasm and priapism (continuous erection) are common consequences of psychiatric drugs and anti-hypertension medicine. Women are less often affected but can experience loss of libido, inhibition of orgasm or lack of orgasm from these and other medicines.

Unfortunately, many patients blame "old age" for diminishing sexual abilities when, in truth, the problem may be a direct consequence of a prescribed drug. Because sexual functioning often improves when the offending drug is discontinued or changed, authorities recommend that patients address this issue openly with their physicians.

Medication-induced sexual problems are now beginning to achieve widespread attention, if not notoriety.

Drug-induced sexual problems are not rare and can often be helped by stopping or changing medicine. Those patients, who may suffer these consequences, should review the dosage and necessity of the offending drugs with their primary care physicians.

Readers interested in further information should request my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine," by sending a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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Common prescription drugs that affect sexuality:

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Cimetidine (Tagamet)
Impotence, decreased libido
Clofibrate (Atromid-S)
Impotence, decreased libido
Desipramine (Norpramin) Painful orgasm, decreased libido
Diazepam (Valium)
Difficult erection, no orgasm in women
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No orgasm, spontaneous orgasm, decreased libido
Gemfibrozil (Lopid)
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Loss of libido
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Amish want to donate money for road work

MOUNT HOPE, Ohio (AP) — Amish resident Merlin Keim is well aware his horse's studded shoes are gouging paved roads. He'd like to make a donation to help pay for the damage.

Keim, 53, and other Amish residents in northeast Ohio think it's only fair they chip in to fix roads torn up by their horse-drawn carriages.

Since buggy owners are not required to buy licenses — which automatically defers $20 for road maintenance — Amish residents think they should be allowed to donate their fair share.

"I think it's better left up to the individual," Keim said.

But Ohio law prevents local governments from accepting donations.

"In Ohio, county governments and township governments can't do anything unless the state law specifically tells them to," said Republican state Sen. Ron Amstutz, who is preparing legislation to allow the contributions. "If somebody writes them a check, they probably can't do anything with it."

The idea for the bill came from the Amish, Amstutz said.

"I was contacted by several elders in the Amish community to discuss this issue, and essentially they asked for help in finding a way to collect and pay for road maintenance," he said.

"In 22 years, that's the first time I can remember being called into a meeting when somebody was volunteering to pay."

He said his proposed legislation "is sort of a compromise" to mandatory buggy licensing.

Many Amish communities in the Midwest have objected to getting licenses because they do not want to display the metal tags — or simply do not want to register with the government.

The road repair issue is unique in Amish communities.

"Most of the roads are built to meet more modern traffic; they put hard surface on them," he said. But the hard surface makes the road slippery for horses pulling Amish buggies, so "they end up putting horseshoes on that bite a little bit to keep them from slipping."

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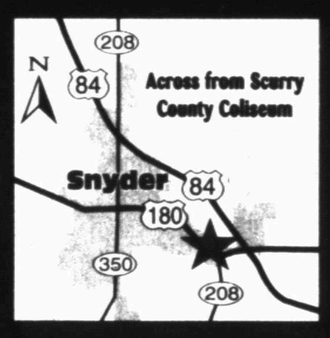

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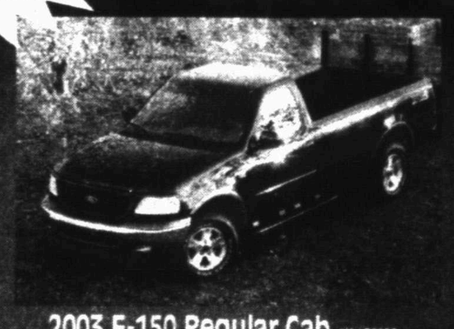

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