Holy Week services begin at noon Monday

Holy Week Services, sponsored by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance, get underway Monday at the First Presbyterian Church with a noon worship service each day.

The noon services will continue through Thursday. On Friday a breakfast will be served at First United Methodist Church.

A free-will offering will be taken each day to support the many ministries that are undertaken by the ministerial alliance.

Helping those in trying circumstances include help with utilities, emergency housing, the Food Cupboard, community garden, prison ministries and the summer soup kitchen.

"This is our opportunity to show our oneness in Christ during the week leading to His death and resurrection," said the Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

"An outstanding group of speakers will deliver inspirational messages all during the week," said Rev. Swanson.

"Three of the four speakers are new to our community this year and this will be a good opportunity to meet them and welcome them to our community of faith. Please feel free to join us every day."



Buddy Payne

On Monday, The Rev. Buddy Payne of the First United Methodist Church will deliver the noon message, followed by Bob Moore, minister of education at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, on Tuesday.

Wednesday's message will be brought by Fr. Roy Badilles, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, and Thursday's message will be by the Rev. Brenda Wilson, minister of Snyder's First Christian Church.

Rev. Payne will deliver Friday's message at breakfast.

The First Presbyterian Church will provide Monday's lunch, and Tuesday's will be provided by Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

On Wednesday, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will prepare the meal while Thursday's will be provided by First Christian Church and Trinity United Methodist Church.

Breakfast Friday will be prepared by members of First United Methodist Church.

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Home of Bill and Nan Love

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If we could see ourselves as others see us, we'd probably have our eyes examined."

The Academy Awards will be on TV this weekend. From time to time we wonder about all the glitter of Hollywood. It must be those special affects.

Remember back when fellow Texan George W. was running for President?

A group of Hollywood stars promised to leave the United States if Bush were elected. Best of our knowledge, the stars are still enjoying the good life that the USA provides.

SDN staffer Brian Brisendine called our attention to a web site dedicated to the outspoken screen stars — it's called "Send Them Packing."

The site provides an opportunity, for a buck a click, to send your "favorite" left wing Hollywood type out of the country. They may not elect to go, but the page reminds that it might be fun to rub their noses in it.

The dollar will go to purchase an airline ticket (one-way) to get the liberals out of the country.

Listed on the web site as stars who had pledged to exit the country include Rob "Meathead" Reiner, Rosie O'Donnell, Alec Baldwin, Susan Sarandon, Woopi Goldberg, Barbara Streisand, Kim Basinger, Martin Sheen, Cher and Director Robert Altman.

So far, there have been 15 votes to send 'em all packing, but the leader is Alex Baldwin who has picked up 339 votes. Martin Sheen, who plays the president in West Wing, is next with 127 votes.

We have to conclude that the voters are serious, but cast ballots with some compassion.

Cher, so far, has received no votes for her to leave the country. We figure that's a message of respect for senior citizen types. You got to have a soft spot in your heart for an Old Spice Girl.

Zero Tolerance shouldn't mean zero common sense.

Hooray for the school officials in Hurst-Euless-Bedford school district for letting an honor student back in the classroom after a butter knife was found in the back of his pickup.

The evening before the knife was spied by a security guard, the 16-year-old had helped his ailing grandmother move and the butter knife had fallen out of her belongings.

Cable channel 22...

WTC beginning news program

Beginning Monday, viewers of the local cable system can see the first edition of "WTC Week in Review," a five-minute news program created by the mass communications department at Western Texas College.

The program will air each hour on weekdays when school is in session. WTC students will receive hands-on experience as they create video features as part of their classroom instruction.

Also Monday, the first-ever college class offered on the channel will air — a government class taught by instructor Kyle Smith.

The project, WTC 22, is the end result of more than seven years of work and planning.

The channel was first envisioned in the mid 1990s by City Manager John Gayle, then a WTC board member, WTC administrators and mass communications instructor, Donny Brown.

"Gayle, myself and a group of administrators, including vice president Bettie McQueen, went to South Plains College to view the video production facilities of that institution in 1995," said Brown.

"The funding for their operation had come from outside sources and grants, and in our case, it was hard to envision how to get from Point A to Point B because of the expense involved.

"Our city manager, however, saw the potential benefits of a college channel from an instructional point of view and to the community overall."

"Mrs. McQueen, then dean of instruction, approved the initial purchase of video-related equipment in 1995 and from that small start, we began the learning process of video and TV production," said Brown.

The major hurdle creating the channel was the creation of a "trunk line" connecting the campus to the cable "head-in." At that time, another company owned the cable system. All the college's video work in the early years was for internal and instructional use only.

A major breakthrough occurred in 1999 when the Board of County Development agreed to fund $12,500 for the purchase of digital-related video equipment.

The funding was approved by a split vote, as the idea of a TV program originating from the college was a strange concept to some.

"BCD member Tony Scott made the motion to approve the funding and if we hadn't gotten that vote, and that money, I doubt the WTC Channel would be in place today," said Brown.

With the BCD money for equipment, the college moved ahead with creating an on-campus studio, now housed in the Learning Resource Center.

The next major breakthrough came as a result of negotiations with the new cable system owners, Cox Communications, for the addition of three PEG (Public, Education and Governmental) Channels — one for the college, one for the city and one for Snyder ISD. The committee also had the cable company agree to "wire" each entity—a major expense itself—and to provide $35,000 for startup costs.

As a side note, said Brown, the city of Midland was in similar negotiations. Their city council didn't have the foresight of our city council and, as a result, that franchise was renewed minus any PEG Channels. Because of that, Midland and Midland College will not have the same facilities now offered by WTC and Snyder, at least for the next 10 years.

The city and the school will start their own "text only" channels in the future. To divvy up the

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! — Mathew Billings, left, and Corey Knipe work in the control room while Raylene Marlow, on the television screen, reads through her lines for Western Texas College's new cable channel. Also working in the studio, but not pictured, were Marie Noelle Bailly and Seth Sterling. (SDN Staff Photo)

Coliseum amenities still attraction for activities

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

After three months at the helm of Scurry County Coliseum, Scott Crenwelge and Whit Parks report steady progress at the facility and boast a full slate of events.

"The word's getting out and it's pretty exciting," said Parks, coliseum foreman. "Everyday it seems like something else comes in. Someone else wanting to do something here.

"We're just trying to work with people the best we can to get them here and then hope they enjoy our facility enough to want to come back."

Parks said response has been positive from everyone who use the facilities, which has been seeing a lot of action over the past few months.

The annex has been set up to host many kinds of rodeo events and lately has hosted a number of team roping competitions.

"The team ropers love our facility," Parks said. "They're inside out of the weather, which you can never predict, and they all comment on how good the ground is in there, which is very important in that sport."

Several similar events are on the coliseum's calendar this spring and summer.

Joey Martin Team Roping of Slaton has held several ropings in the annex this winter and has five more scheduled through the end of May.

"Whit and Scott have the facility set up real nice for what we do," Martin said. "This time of year – anytime of year, really – it's nice to be able to have a roping indoors because we can get out of the cold and the wind and hopefully one of these days we'll have to get in out of the rain."

Martin supplies stock for ropings within 100 miles of Slaton, but until this year had not been to Snyder.

"Everyone who attends our ropings is impressed with Snyder's facility," he said. "It's a good place to hold this type of event."

Also on the calendar for April are the High Plains Junior Rodeo April 6-7, the Western Texas College Rodeo April 11-13, the National Barrel Racer Association April 14, and the Ranch Rodeo April 20-21.

Crenwelge, head of the county parks department, is quick to point out that the coliseum can host more than just rodeos.

"One thing we're still battling is the fact that not enough people realize we have this facility and that it is as high a quality facility as it is," he said. "We're working hard to get events in here. It takes time to let people know you're in business, then you have to work to get in the loop."

Snyder High School's Junior-Senior prom was to be held at the coliseum Saturday night, for the first time in a few years.

The National Guard Armory, where the prom has been held, is closed to the public because of the nation's high alert status and the war in Afghanistan, but Crenwelge hopes to convince school officials to continue to hold the prom at the coliseum.

Another upcoming event the coliseum staff expects to draw considerable public interest is Superstar Wrestling, which is scheduled May 17.

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MORE THAN ENOUGH — Cary Patrick receives a plaque and congratulatory hug from Bernhard Bartels at the 23rd annual Senior Center Recognition Banquet held Friday night. In addition, Mrs. Patrick's name will now be added to the 10,000 or more hours board. She more than qualified for the honor as she has volunteered more than 11,500 hours. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

ASK US

Q—Has the Final Four ever been played in Texas?

A—Yes, the last time was in 1986 at Reunion Arena when Louisville beat Duke for the title.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 45 degrees; low, 25; 7 a.m. Saturday, 33; no precipitation; total for 2002, 2.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, low 45-50; S winds 10-20. Sunday, partly cloudy, breezy; high 70-75; SW winds 15-25 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy; low near 40.



Megan Quintana
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:57 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Of 81 days in 2002, the sun has shone 77 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You may delay, but time will not.

— Ben Franklin

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Fewer FBI agents to have access to secret data

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is reducing by hundreds the number of agents with access to the nation's most sensitive secrets and has administered lie detector tests that have identified possible problems with fewer than 10 of its employees, officials said.

The actions are among the first visible signs of a large overhaul of the FBI's internal security system, which began in 1999 but took on new urgency after a senior agent was discovered last year to have spied for more than a decade for Russia.

Senior FBI officials said while no new espionage suspects have been identified, the number of employees being referred to the Office of Professional Responsibility for investigation has been increasing.

"Our goal is to bring the culture along to the point where security is considered part of the daily operations," said Ken Senser, a CIA employee who was brought over to the FBI to improve internal security. He oversees the FBI's new security division.

Over the last six months, the FBI has reduced by hundreds the number of employees who have access to what is called Sensitive Compartmented Information, data even more sensitive than top secret intelligence.

At times roughly half the FBI's 28,000 employees held SCI clearance before the number was reduced. Officials said the new, lower figure is classified, but only employees who need to know such information for their immediate jobs now hold the high-level clearance, officials said.

"We focused on the numbers of people who had access to SCI, and actually we were able to reduce that number noticeably," Senser said.

Former CIA and FBI Director William Webster is completing a massive review of the FBI's internal security in the aftermath of the Robert Hanssen spy case.

While awaiting Webster's recommendations, the FBI agreed to answer questions this week from The Associated Press about changes and findings already made.

FBI officials said they have conducted more than 700 polygraph tests of FBI agents.

American-born Taliban spoke to FBI to escape conditions in prison

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — John Walker Lindh cooperated with the FBI because he was denied access to a lawyer and believed there was no other way out of horrible prison conditions, his lawyers say.

In written arguments, Lindh's defense team stepped up its challenge to potentially incriminating statements he made in Afghanistan, especially in FBI interviews Dec. 9-10. He was found and arrested among Taliban prisoners who rebelled in a northern Afghanistan fortress in mid-November.

Lindh's responses to the FBI formed a major portion of the indictment against him.

Lindh, 21, of Fairfax, Calif., is charged with conspiring to kill Americans; providing support to terrorists, including Saudi-born fugitive Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network; and using firearms during crimes of violence. Three of the 10 charges carry maximum life sentences, and the other seven could bring an additional 90 years in prison.

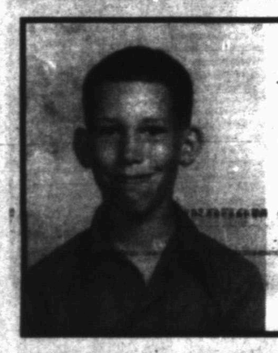
The defense team contended U.S. authorities told Lindh no lawyers were available to him in Afghanistan. By that time, his parents already had hired counsel in the United States and had informed U.S. officials of that.

Lindh was blindfolded and held in a metal container last December, the defense said. "When his blindfold was removed, he was greeted by an FBI agent who was facing him," the written motions said.

"Mr. Lindh believed that the only way to escape the torture of his current circumstance was to do whatever the FBI agent wanted. Only at this point did Mr. Lindh allegedly waive his rights and answer the agent's questions."

The defense also sought 33 secret documents that, Lindh's lawyers suspect, are e-mails sent among Justice Department officials during his captivity.

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Lordy, Lordy Guess Who's 40?

Suspects swapped in alleged bank slaying

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — State prosecutors pursuing murder charges against five former members of the 1970s era Symbionese Liberation Army are relying on testimony that conflicts with eyewitnesses from a federal trial 26 years ago.

They're shaping their theory of the fatal 1975 bank robbery largely on the statements of kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Campbell Hearst.

But federal prosecutors discounted Hearst's testimony a quarter-century ago. Defense attorneys say they can now use the inconsistency to undermine the state's star witness.

Until now, the only person charged in the April 21, 1975, robbery of the Carmichael branch of the Crocker National Bank near Sacramento was Hearst's one-time lover, Steven Soliah.

Two eyewitnesses placed Soliah inside the bank when an alleged accomplice killed 42-year-old Myrna Opsahl as she entered to deposit a church collection.

"I'm still certain," Kathleen P. James said Tuesday. At the time, the pregnant bank bookkeeper swore she had a "face-to-face" encounter with Soliah during the holdup, and couldn't have mistaken him for another customer as defense attorneys suggested.

But Soliah was acquitted by the federal jury, thanks in part to an alibi witness whose testimony was later contradicted.

Now state prosecutors say he wasn't in the bank at all.

Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully said she relied on Hearst's statements in bringing the new charges, though she said Hearst's account is bolstered by new physical evidence.

Hearst alleges Soliah and William Harris were across the street standing guard, while she and Wendy Yoshimura drove getaway cars.

Inside the bank, she said, were Soliah's sister, Kathleen, who avoided capture for 23 years while living as Minnesota housewife Sara Jane Olson; Emily Montague, who was married to Harris at the time; Michael Bortin, who later married Soliah's sister, Josephine; and James Kilgore, who remains at large.

Scully charged all four people Hearst says were in the bank, plus Harris. Hearst herself can't be prosecuted, nor can Yoshimura or Steven Soliah, because they were granted immunity in exchange for their grand jury testimony in 1991.

Hearst had been living with Steven Soliah before her capture in September 1975 in a San Francisco apartment. The FBI eventually found a "bait bill" stolen from the bank wrapped with other currency hidden in the refrigerator of the home they shared, along with pistol ammunition they said matched bullets used in the robbery.

"There is good basis for disbelieving the word of a woman who wants to look out for her boyfriend," Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Nichols said at the time.

Former U.S. Attorney Dwayne Keyes, who prosecuted the case himself, said Monday he chose to stick with his eyewitnesses rather than undermining his own case with Hearst's questionable testimony.

"We couldn't present two theories of the case to the same jury. It was Hearst against our teller," said Keyes, now a retired Fresno County Superior Court judge.

WTC Channel 22 added to local cable

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money, an agreement was reached by college and SISD officials.

It was agreed to allow the college the lion's share of the funding since it was the furthest along in developing a TV production facility.

"Throughout this process, the Cox Cable representatives have been terrifically supportive," Brown noted.

The final addition of a digital encoder and decoder device on Thursday completed the installation process. The channel, which has been running since January on campus, but not "seen" by anyone other than myself and a few others, officially went into the cable lineup Thursday afternoon," said Brown.

What will ultimately air over the channel is limited only by resources and imagination, although the plans are to keep it educational in nature. Additional classes are part of the plan. A major goal is to profile the various campus departments and to bring campus events into the homes of cable subscribers.

"WTC 22 is the result of a whole lot of work and a whole lot of cooperation from numerous individuals and numerous entities in Snyder," said Brown. "The entities include the college, city, Snyder ISD and the BCD. As for individuals, I'd mention three names in particular - if John Gayle hadn't had the early vision and given constant support, if BCD member Tony Scott hadn't made that motion, and if WTC vice president Bettie McQueen hadn't supported it all along, the WTC Channel wouldn't exist today."

Coliseum

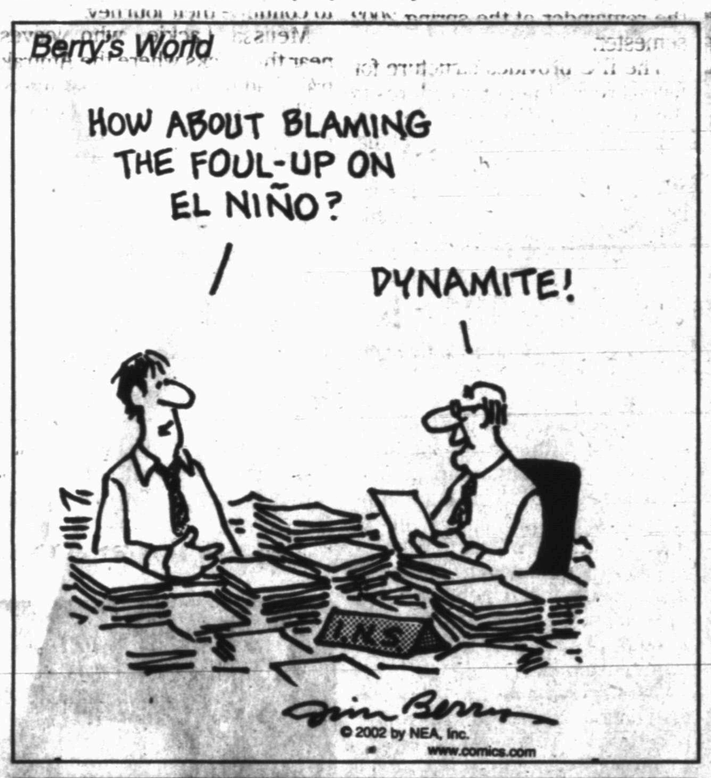
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"The promoter of Superstar Wrestling said it is a family- oriented show," Crenwelge said. "Apparently most of the wrestlers were part of the WWF, but grew tired of the soap opera it has become and wanted to get back to where they started, which was family entertainment."

The coliseum staff stays busy trying to book a variety of entertainment, with venues such as antique tractor shows, swap meets and even symphony performances being considered.

"We're working hard to bring as many things as possible to Snyder and Scurry County," Crenwelge said. "It's going to be a busy summer." This includes the Western Swing Festival June 4-8.

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3-6-3

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
6-11-17-18-37

Texas Two Step
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
4-6-19-25
Bonus number 32
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Hataway inducted into hall of fame for Texas rodeo and cowboy stars

Delbert Hataway of Snyder was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Belton at the Bell County Expo Center, on Feb. 9. Another inductee with Snyder connections was Wacey Cathey of Big Spring, who attended Western Texas College.

Hataway was born to Othell and I.N. Hataway on Feb. 27 in Snyder. Roping and riding came naturally to him growing up since it seemed all of his friends and relatives, including his younger brother, Albert, and cousin, Billy Joe "Goat" Hataway, did the same.

He enjoyed ranch work and rodeos and often practiced his riding skills on the back of milk cows. An important influential cowboy in Delbert's life was and still is J.R. Meadows of Snyder.

When Delbert first began to ride bulls and bareback horses in the AJRA rodeos, his parents objected. Eventually, they learned he tricked them into signing the parental permission form by assuring them he was entering only roping events.

By the time he graduated from Fluvanna High School in 1956, Hataway was competing in local and area rodeos and working for the Scarborough Cattle Company in Midland.

His ambition grew with his successes as he read about the Cow Palace in San Francisco and followed the careers of local cowboy Roland Davis and rodeo stars Harley May, Jim Shoulders and Casey Tibbs.

In 1958, Hataway joined the Professional Rodeo Association and competed in the National Finals Rodeo in 1960-1961 and 1963-1964.

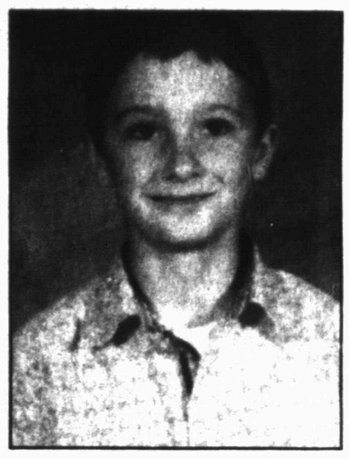
He was in first place going into the finals in 1961, but due to a shoulder injury was unable to ride all of his bulls and ended up finishing in fourth place that year. He closed out his professional career in rodeo with a third in NFR for 1964.

He made many lasting friends in the PRCA, including his best partner Bill Rinestine. Due to a number of injuries, Hataway's rodeo career was short but impressive. Some of his major wins in bull riding include Cheyenne, Winnepeg, Gladewater, Phoenix and Salinas.

After retiring from the rodeo, Delbert worked as a pumper for Texaco for 28 years and lived and ranched on his home place near Fluvanna. He also served as a bucking judge at Snyder and Roby rodeos and also at Stamford Cowboy Reunion for several years. Currently he is a crop adjuster for Blakely Corp and Hail Insurance.



2002 HALL OF FAME CHAMPIONS — Left to right, front row, accepting for Lawrence Carey, deceased; J.R. Akridge, Kay Thurman, accepting for her son, Brent Thurman, deceased; Wanda Bush and NaRay Ratliff. Back row left to right, accepting for Royce Sewalt, deceased; accepting for Toots Mansfield, deceased; Grady Allen, Eddy Akridge, Delbert Hataway, Eugene Johnson, Dickie Richard, Wacey Cathey, Quail Dobbs and Ray Wharton. (Contributed Photo)



Tyrelle Gilbert

Ira boy given All-American Scholar award

Tyrelle Gilbert of Ira has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. Recipients must have a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Gilbert is the son of Jeff and LaChana Gilbert of Ira. Grandparents include James and Sue Boucher and Jady Gilbert, all of Snyder; and Clayton and Dot Phillips of Lubbock.

N.M. sees small rise in TB cases

SANTA FE (AP) — The number of tuberculosis cases in New Mexico, after decades of decline, increased by four last year, according to state health officials.

The increase from 48 cases in 2000 to 52 in 2001 is statistically insignificant, but it does raise questions about the reversal of hard-won gains against the disease.

"I don't know what to make of it," said Dr. Gary Simpson, medical director for infectious disease with the state Department of Health.

"It is the first time (in about 40 years) that the numbers have not gone down from year to year," he said.

The greatest concern for an increase in cases comes from the area along New Mexico's border with Mexico.

"Old Mexico has a very high rate of TB. And the reality of TB in Old Mexico is also our reality," Simpson said, pointing to the highly mobile population south of the border.

The Department of Health is working with colleagues in Dona Ana County; El Paso, Texas; and Juarez to develop a regional strategy to manage the disease.

Simpson said Juarez has a high rate of drug-resistant tuberculosis, with about one-third of cases showing some degree of resistance to antibiotics used to treat the disease.

In New Mexico about 10 percent to 15 percent of cases have shown some drug resistance, he said.

Each year, more than 2 million people die from tuberculosis and 8 million become sick with the disease. It is particularly lethal to people with HIV, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the 1990s, New York City saw a resurgence of tuberculosis cases and spent $1 billion fighting some 200 cases that did not respond to antibiotics.

"This is what we will be facing on a widespread scale if we don't watch out," said Roxanne Allen, an Albuquerque volunteer with RESULTS, a citizens' lobbying group that works against the effects of hunger and poverty worldwide.

On the Net:
New Mexico Health Department:
http://www.health.state.nm.us

Prison guard gets year

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A former prison guard was sentenced to a year in jail Friday for crushing five kittens to death in a trash compactor.

Ronald Hunlock's offense was "so offensive and so calculated and so gratuitously cruel it diminishes the humanity of everybody," Justice Kenneth Lange said.

Love named VP

CANYON — Scott Love of Snyder, a junior computer information systems major, has been elected to serve as vice president for public relations on the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at West Texas A&M University.

Love, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, will serve in the role for the remainder of the spring 2002 semester.

The IFC provides structure for formal recruitment procedures in the WTAMU Greek System. It also provides structure for formal recruitment procedures in the WTAMU Greek system. It also provides education, leadership and scholarship information for its members.



Lisa Toinette Thamez

Thamez accepts teaching job in Seoul, Korea

Lisa Toinette Thamez, daughter of Teresa Galindo of Snyder and Joseph Thamez Sr. of Waco, has accepted a job teaching English literature and language in Seoul, Korea.

She graduated from Snyder High School in 1996 and from Texas Tech University in December of 2001, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in English literature and language with a minor in sociology.

While attending Tech, Thamez worked at the Lubbock Theatre of Fine Arts as a gymnastic instructor.

Thamez' siblings include Sandra Huddleston and Nancy Steelman, both of Snyder; Joe Thamez Jr. of Harrisburg, Penn.; Doug Thamez of Little Rock, Calif.; and Robert Thamez of Natalbany, La.

Man gets 20 years

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A man who admitted he helped kill a mail-order bride was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison.

Daniel Larson, 21, told authorities he strangled 20-year-old Anastasia King with a necktie while her 270-pound husband sat on top of her. Larson, who had been a boarder in their home, had pleaded guilty to 2nd-degree murder.

Fourth officer is removed at HPD

HOUSTON (AP) — A fourth Baytown police officer has been temporarily relieved of regular duties following the death of a man who died after being subdued and handcuffed, authorities said.

Chad Billeaud, a patrolman, and three other officers were placed on administrative leave with pay shortly after the incident, but Billeaud wasn't mentioned in police department statements until this week.

That's because "the fight was basically over by the time he got there," interim Police Chief Byron Jones told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday editions. "He was just watching."

Luis Torres, 45, died Jan. 20 on a Baytown street after officers pinned him to the ground, handcuffed him and used pepper-spray on him. They had been called to find him after he fled from an ambulance crew .

Train delayed

KENSETT, Ark. (AP) — Railroad passengers between Chicago and San Antonio had their trip disrupted in central Arkansas on Friday after a coal train derailed near Jacksonville.

The southbound Texas Eagle had to stop at Kensett and passengers were forced to board buses to continue their journey.

Melissa Lackie, who leaves near the tracks where the Amtrak train had to stop, said passengers milled about until the bus arrived at late-morning to take them south.

The train was due in Little Rock at 5 a.m. Friday.

Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said from Omaha, Neb., that 14 cars of a 135-car coal train derailed about 4:45 a.m. The train was heading from Wyoming to Newport to a power plant.

Moore finishes basic training

Army Pvt. Tiffanie L. Moore has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Moore's parents are Tommy and Teresa Moore of Hermleigh.

In 2000, the soldier graduated from Hermleigh High School.

Reports for duty

Navy Reserve Petty Officer 2nd Class Joel V. Nesmith of Snyder recently reported for duty with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Five, Port Hueneme, Calif.

Harrison graduates

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. Some 1,883 people graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in December.

Recipients included Ammie Estell Harrison of Snyder who received a mater of art degree.



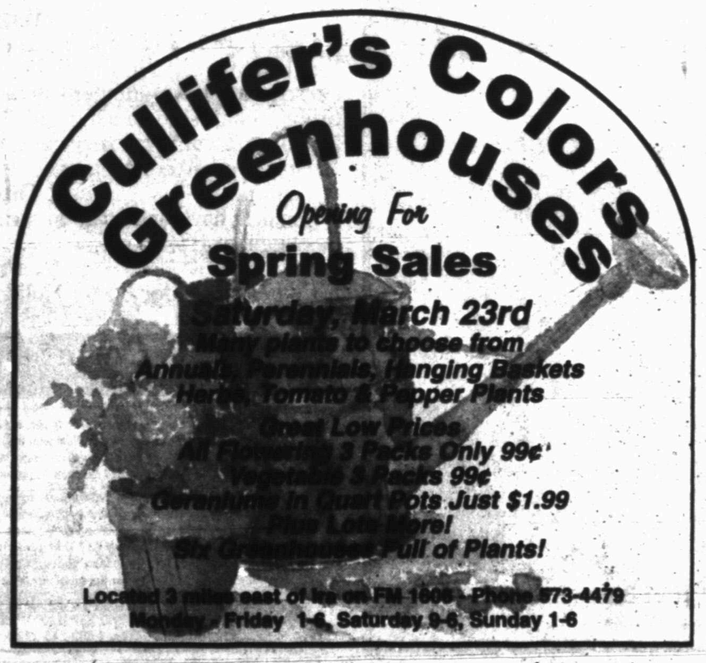
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ATTEND CONFERENCE — Stanfield Elementary teachers recently attended a conference in San Antonio. The special guest was Mary Pope Osborne, author of the *Magic Treehouse* series for young readers. (Top photo) Suzanne Doolittle, left, visits with Osborne. Stanfield teachers (bottom photo) are from left Lisa Hartzog, Theresa Stephens, Melissa Rosson, Sheila Collier, Linda Cozart, Aleta Long, Sherry Patterson, Stanley Cozart. Doolittle is not pictured. (Contributed Photos)

More large Andersen clients defect

NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Andersen was hit with another wave of client defections, even as former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker was offering a sweeping reform plan to try to save the company.

The mounting loss of clients has further complicated the accounting firm's efforts to survive the Enron scandal and a related criminal indictment for allegedly obstructing justice.

Volcker's reform proposals, announced Friday, include replacing top management and installing an independent board that he would head. He said the plan would succeed only if the federal indictment is dismissed and if a cap is placed on the firm's financial liability from the Enron scandal.

"All that has to come together to make this initiative viable and successful," Volcker said at a hastily arranged news conference.

Major clients that announced they were abandoning Andersen on Friday included Occidental Petroleum Corp., Waste Management Inc. and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Abroad, the firm's New Zealand partners jumped to Big Five rival Ernst & Young.

Total defections now stand at more than 70 since the start of the year.

Volcker heads an oversight committee charged with making sweeping reforms at the firm. The changes he outlined Friday go much further than recommendations made by his committee earlier this month, which included a proposal to split Andersen's auditing from its consulting services.

Volcker said he would chair the new governing board he proposed. He said the board would fire top managers, but he wouldn't comment on whether chief executive Joseph Berardino would be among those told to leave.

"There will no doubt be changes at the top," he said.

Itzhak Sharav, an accounting professor at Columbia University's business school, said the latest proposal was reasonable, but should be seen as a "Hail Mary defense."

"The problem he will have is convincing the Justice Department" to dismiss the indictment, he said. "They look at it as prosecutors who feel the company did not live up to obligations and should be punished."

Volcker suggested the Justice Department could dismiss the indictment against Andersen in a way that would allow the charge to be reinstated if prosecutors feel reforms at the firm are insufficient.

Lawyers suing Andersen for its audits of Enron would have to agree to limit damages to an amount Andersen could pay without going out of business, Volcker said. The Securities and Exchange Commission would also have to end its investigation without issuing a fine that could bankrupt the company, he said.

Enron filed for bankruptcy in December following revelations that it used questionable accounting methods to mask billions of dollars in debt and inflate profits.

To prevent Andersen from collapsing, Volcker said, a significant number of senior Andersen partners must be persuaded to stay with the firm and participate in its rehabilitation.

In a statement, Andersen said Volcker's plan was a "positive and constructive proposal that works to resolve the difficult issues with the SEC, the Department of Justice, and other claimants." The accounting firm said it hopes the Justice Department will consider the plan and "come to a conclusion based on the best interests of our capital markets."

Volcker said Andersen executives and government officials must decide within days whether to accept his recommendations, given the fast-growing list of big companies who have fired Andersen as their auditor.

Also on Friday, an Andersen attorney whose e-mail has been blamed for prompting mass shredding of Enron-related documents invoked her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination in a deposition.

Nancy Temple, an attorney at the company's Chicago headquarters, refused to answer all questions during a deposition in a lawsuit against Andersen and Enron officials on behalf of large investors who lost hundreds of millions when the energy giant collapsed.

Meanwhile, as it prepares for a May 6 trial, Andersen continues its fight in the court of public opinion.

The firm staged rallies in Atlanta and Chicago, where workers protested the indictment that threatens their jobs. In Chicago, Andersen employee Mike Gerdes walked with his 4- and 6-year-old daughters, each carrying a sign saying, "My dad needs his job."

Arrest warrant issued for Dexter Manley after trial

HOUSTON (AP) — An arrest warrant has been issued for former NFL defensive lineman Dexter Manley, who failed to meet with his probation officer after his conviction on drug charges earlier this week.

State District Judge Elsa Alcala ordered Manley to return to court to meet with a probation officer at 9 a.m. Thursday. Manley never showed.

Manley was convicted Wednesday of possession of less than a gram of cocaine. He was arrested Jan. 10, 2001, when Houston narcotics officers were serving a warrant for someone else at a Houston hotel. Police said Manley tried to swallow a small amount of cocaine and dropped a crack pipe during the arrest.

His attorney, Jonathan Munier, said the former football player was aware of the scheduled court meeting.

"He was informed by both myself and the court," Munier said. "I'm terribly disappointed. I don't know where he is, but I would urge him, if he could hear me, that he needs to make his appearance before the court as soon as possible."

During his trial, Manley told jurors he was innocent. After his conviction, he remained free on $20,000 bail pending his sentencing, scheduled for April 5.

"If the court has chosen to take this action, it certainly seems reasonable and appropriate," Munier said of the warrant. "The court was most courteous."

The punishment for Manley's conviction ranges from probation to two years in a state jail and a $10,000 fine.

Manley retired from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1991 after a second failed drug test. Manley also failed a drug test in 1989 while playing for the Washington Redskins. He was suspended from the NFL, and the next year joined the Arizona Cardinals.

The defensive end was arrested four times from November 1994 to July 1995 for possessing small quantities of crack cocaine. He later was convicted and served 15 months of a four-year sentence before parole in 1996.

Manley is a Houston native and starred at Yates High School before attending the Oklahoma State University.

Endangered cranes could soon fly north to Wisconsin

By The Associated Press

A small flock of endangered whooping cranes could soon begin a migration from Florida to a Wisconsin marsh where researchers hope the birds will spend the summer.

Last fall, the cranes were led with ultralight aircraft on their flight from the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin to the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge in Florida.

"They're doing great," said Heather Ray, spokeswoman for Operation Migration, one of eight organizations and agencies partnered in the project aimed at establishing a second migratory flock of whooping cranes.

Of the eight young birds that started the project last fall, five have survived and could leave any day on the journey north, researchers said.

The experiment in fostering migration worked well with a flock of sandhill cranes.

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CAI INSTRUCTOR — Becky McCravey, Stanfield's CAI Computer instructor, helps Dalton Toland with the Internet. Children are now working every Friday learning Internet skills along with their regular curriculum. (Contributed Photo)

Financial Focus

Lower Your Tax Bill

Were you one of the millions of Americans who received tax rebate checks last year? If so, how would you like to experience that kind of savings every year? You can by investing in tax-free investments, such as municipal bonds, tax-free unit investment trusts and tax-free mutual funds.

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Step 1 —Read Line 8a on the form. This is how much taxable interest income you earned and paid taxes on. For instance, if you earned $1,000 and were in the 27 percent tax bracket, after paying taxes, you had $730. ($1,000 x 0.27 = $270 in taxes; $1,000 - $270 = $730.

Step 2 —Now, look at Line 8b. This is how much tax-exempt interest income you earned. Although you report this income, you don't pay taxes on it. In other words, if you earned $1,000 in tax-exempt interest income, you kept $1,000.

To put it simply, the more income you can move from Line 8a to Line 8b, the more money you get to keep.

If you've never considered tax-free investments before, you may be discouraged by the seemingly lower rates of returns tax-free investments offer when compared to taxable investments. Don't fall into this trap. Remember, you don't pay taxes on the income from tax-free investments; to get a true comparison of returns, you must examine after-tax returns.

Sound complicated? It's not. All you need is the rates offered by both investments and your current tax bracket. The following chart does all the hard work for you.

For example, if you're in the 27 percent tax bracket, you would need to earn 6.85 percent on a taxable investment to match the tax-free return of municipal bond paying just 5 percent. (The numbers in this chart do not represent currently available rates. They are for illustrative purposes.)

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15%	27%		30%
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4.0%			4.71%
5.48%	5.57%	6.15%	6.51%
4.5%			5.29%
6.16%	6.43%	6.92%	7.33%
5.0%			5.88%
6.85%	7.14%	7.69%	8.14%
5.5%			6.47%
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8.22%	8.57%	9.23%	9.77%

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Senior Center Menu

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Tuesday
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, spice cake

Wednesday
Chicken spaghetti, asparagus, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, bread pudding

Thursday
Beef stew, fried okra, Jell-O w/topping, oatmeal cookie, cornbread

Friday
Closed for holiday

Senior Center News

Easter is here and a special day is scheduled Thursday when the Senior Center members hunt for eggs in the park adjacent to the center.

The Easter Egg hunt will be followed by music by the Sunshine Choir and the annual Easter bonnet contest. Men, too, can decorate your hat.

The Senior Center fundraiser, Mayday, is scheduled in just six weeks, on May 4. Volunteers are encouraged to make items for the craft booth. Seniors needing batting or material for a craft are welcome to use the supply of items that have been donated. Contact Pam for supplies.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11. Seniors interested in the nine ball tournament should sign up early or be at center at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. Seniors may participate in the swimnastics at WTC from 10 to 11 a.m. The Local Yokels will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis Club meets at noon. The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games, followed by the dance at 7 p.m. The suggested donation for the dance is $4 per person.

Wednesday
Ladies are invited to learn to or play pool at 9 a.m. The Kitchen Band will perform in the dining room at 11 a.m. Seniors also may exercise at 11. A volunteer will be teaching Pinochle at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. Line dancing and clogging begins at 1 p.m. in the dining room. Income tax services are provided by volunteer Bernhard Bartels every Wednesday from 9 until noon and from 1-3 p.m.

Thursday
Seniors may participate in swimnastics at 10 a.m. Easter festivities begin at 10:45 a.m.

Friday
Center closed for Easter Holiday. See you Monday.

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Three at Ira get awards in 1-act

A public performance of Ira High School's one-act play, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly,* is planned at 7 p.m. Monday night in the Roy Sallee Gym.

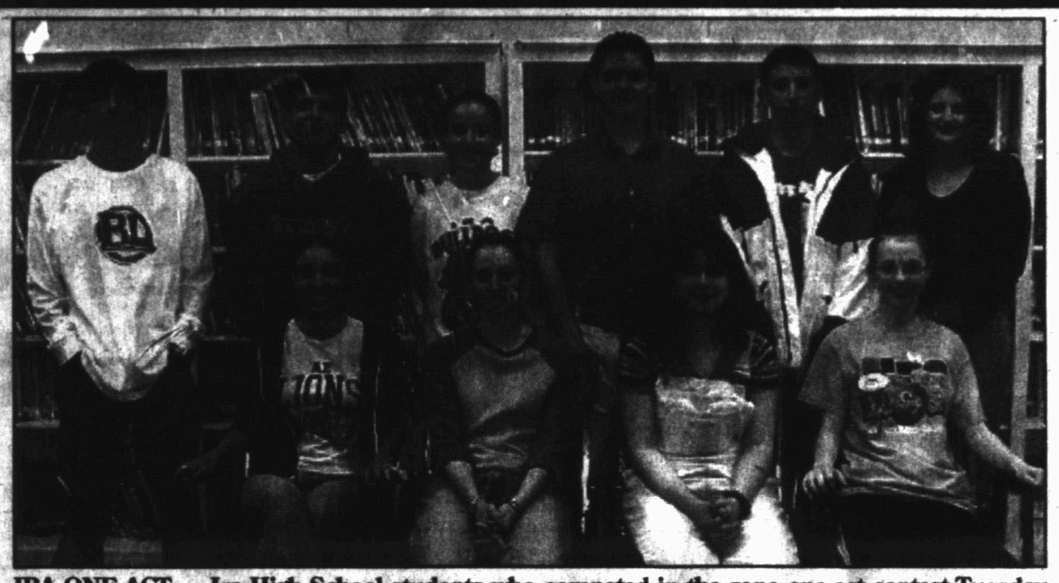
The play was performed Tuesday at zone competition in Highland.

Several Ira students received acting awards including Frankie Briseno and Lecia Knight who were named to the all-star cast, and Josh Gutierrez, who received honorable mention recognition.

The play deals with Jewish children and their experiences in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

Mike Duke, principal, said, "This is a very moving and emotional play, which is performed excellently by our students. Please join us Monday night for this performance."

Sherron McMillan directed the play. Other members of the cast include Jase Olvera, Amber Sanchez, Rusty Josey, Phil Payne, Michelle Nettles, Candace Sanchez, Suzie Pendergrass and Case Hardy.



IRA ONE-ACT — Ira High School students who competed in the zone one-act contest Tuesday at Highland are from left, back row, Jase Olvera, Josh Gutierrez, Amber Sanchez, Rusty Josey, Phil Payne and Lecia Knight; front row, Franki Briseno, Michelle Nettles, Candace Sanchez, Suzie Pendergrass. Case Hardy is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Property tax plan studied by the state

AUSTIN (AP) — Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff is drafting a school-funding formula that would include a statewide property tax, an idea that Republican Gov. Rick Perry said Friday he'd "take a look at."

Ratliff, the architect of the current school-funding system that relies heavily on local property taxes, is drafting the plan for the 2003 legislative session, when lawmakers are expected to consider whether to overhaul the entire system.

Through a spokeswoman, Ratliff declined to give any details of his plan, but confirmed it is in the works. Ratliff expects to present the plan at next month's meeting of the joint House-Senate select committee on school finance.

Asked whether he would support a statewide property tax, which would take a constitutional amendment approved on statewide referendum, Perry wouldn't rule it out.

"I would suggest we'll put all options on the table and take a look at them and have a good and open debate," said Perry, who is seeking election to a full-four year term.

"I haven't seen anything that Sen. Ratliff's put on the table at all. It's the first time I've heard of it."

Perry's opponent in November, Democratic nominee Tony Sanchez, said last month he would "take new taxes off the table" if he was governor. His campaign did not immediately return a call seeking comment Friday.

Ratliff, a Mount Pleasant Republican, helped write the current formula known as the Robin Hood system, which sends some money from property-rich school wealthy districts to poorer districts.

Ratliff is seeking re-election to his Senate seat and will not be the lieutenant governor in the 2003 session. He is regarded as the state budget expert in the Senate.

Several school districts have unsuccessfully sued under claims the current formula is unconstitutional.

Many complain about its provision preventing school districts from raising taxes for maintenance and operating budgets.

Garland teen shot on Friday; stepfather then kills himself

GARLAND (AP) — A 16-year-old Garland girl died Friday after her stepfather shot her then killed himself, police said.

Jose Gonzales, 31, of Garland shot Andrea Anguiano in the head before turning the gun on himself, said Stephanie Fuenk of the Garland Police Department.

Gonzales was transported to Baylor Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. Anguiano was taken to Parkland Hospital in critical condition and died at 1:34 p.m., Fuenk said.

The shooting happened at the home of the girl's aunt, who called 911 around 6:30 a.m., police said.

Police believe Anguiano had spent the night with her aunt. Police still were investigating the shooting to determine a motive.

The incident follows one of the deadliest years for children in Dallas County. In 2001, 21 children were victims of homicides, with most dying at the hand of a parent or caregiver.

Some of the Dallas-area killings at the hands of parents last year, according to police:

— Gabrielle Sanders, 3, died Jan 18, after her father beat her with a belt and his hands when she soiled herself. He ordered her to take a bath and called for help when he discovered her face down in the water, police said. Paul Sanders was jailed on capital murder charges and is awaiting trial.

— Faith, 9, and Liberty Battaglia, 6, died May 2. Police say the girls were shot to death in their father's apartment while he was on the phone with their mother. John Battaglia's trial has been delayed.

— Kevin Galvez died June 26. He was 11 months old when he died of blunt force injuries to his head. His mother, Ana Morales, 19, and her boyfriend, Miguel A. Velasco, 25, were charged with injury to a child with serious bodily injury.

— Valarie, 7 months, and Celeste DeHoyos, 18 months, died Aug. 13, when their father, Danny DeHoyos kidnapped the family and shot them in his wife's minivan. DeHoyos shot his wife in the stomach to ensure that her unborn child would not survive, police said. He then killed himself.

— Michael Scott Bartlett, died Aug. 23, when Jerome Markley, Michael's stepfather, shot and killed Michael and his mother before killing himself.

— Roy Aguilera died Sept. 3 after suffering bites, burns, a head injury, and dislocated elbows at the hands of his mother, police said. Yesenia Hernandez was charged with capital murder. Her boyfriend, Jose Guadalupe Aguilera, was charged with serious bodily injury to a child.

— Makhia Wiley, 14 months, died from blunt force injuries. Darrell Wayne Wright was charged with capital murder. No trial date has been set.

— Evan Loss, 7, and his mother were shot and killed on Oct. 3 by Steven Loss, his father and her ex-husband. Loss later killed himself.

— Keishaan Nnadi died in October. His mother, Almeda Denise Nnadi, said she struck him several times, police say. Nnadi remains in jail.

Gramm could still be in running for president of A&M

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm could still be in the running to become the 22nd president of Texas A&M University.

Two unnamed candidates are still being considered for the post, along with three candidates who were named by a search committee Tuesday, A&M System Regents Chairman Erle Nye said in a report published in Saturday editions of the Houston Chronicle.

"There's been a fair amount of confusion and I regret that," said Nye, of Dallas, after a board meeting in College Station.

Nye said he could "neither confirm nor deny" if Gramm is one of the two unnamed candidates. Nye said the two prefer to remain anonymous.

A list of three presumed finalists released Tuesday by a university search committee did not contain his name.

Those candidates are Robert Gates, former President George Bush's CIA director for the latter half of his term; Richard Herman, the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and Jon Whitmore, provost at the University of Iowa.

That release said the finalists will visit A&M for in-person interviews. Herman will visit from March 24-27; Whitmore from March 27-30; and Gates from April 1-4.

The release also said the committee would submit its final evaluations "once the interviews are completed." It did not say other candidates would be interviewed.

A&M System spokespeople said Friday they were surprised to learn about the unnamed candidates.

Gramm's wife, Wendy, an A&M System regent, declined to say if her husband, who has been rumored to be a candidate since last year, has ever been in the running. Wendy Gramm has recused herself from the presidential selection process.

Nye declined to say if Wendy Gramm's recusal meant her husband has been interviewed.

Under state law, to allow for public input, finalists for a university president or chancellor position must be publicly nominated by regents at least 21 days before the position is filled.

Nye said he hopes regents nominate more than one finalist and said it would be "highly, highly unlikely" that anyone would be nominated who is not one of the five remaining candidates.

Scurry County Court

Scurry County Court heard 14 cases in early March.

They include a 19-year-old male who pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation, plus $100 fine and $236 in court costs.

A 30-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation plus he must pay a fine of $250 and court costs of $236.

A 25-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 45 days in jail plus 180 days driver license suspension and $211 in court costs.

A 25-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 45 days in jail and $211 in court costs.

A 42-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail, plus 90 days driver license suspension and $211 in court costs.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to evading arrest. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus $211 in court costs.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus $211 in court costs.

A 30-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus 180 days driver license suspension and $211 in court costs.

A 34-year-old male pleaded guilty to failure to identify. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus court costs of $210.

A 29-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail plus $201 in court costs.

A 29-year-old male pleaded guilty to use of inhalants. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail plus court costs of $201.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to six months jail time - probated for two years, DWI school and $236 court costs.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus $201 in court costs.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to evading arrest. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail plus $211 in court costs.

Second soldier dies

FORT DRUM, N.Y. (AP) — A second soldier has died from injuries he suffered when two artillery shells missed their mark and exploded near a mess tent during a training exercise, an Army spokesman said Thursday.

Staff Sgt. Eric Hall, 34, of Phoenix, died Wednesday night at Samaritan Medical Center, said Maj. Kenneth McDorman of the 10th Mountain Division.

The two high-explosive shells fired from a howitzer Wednesday landed about 1 1/2 miles short.

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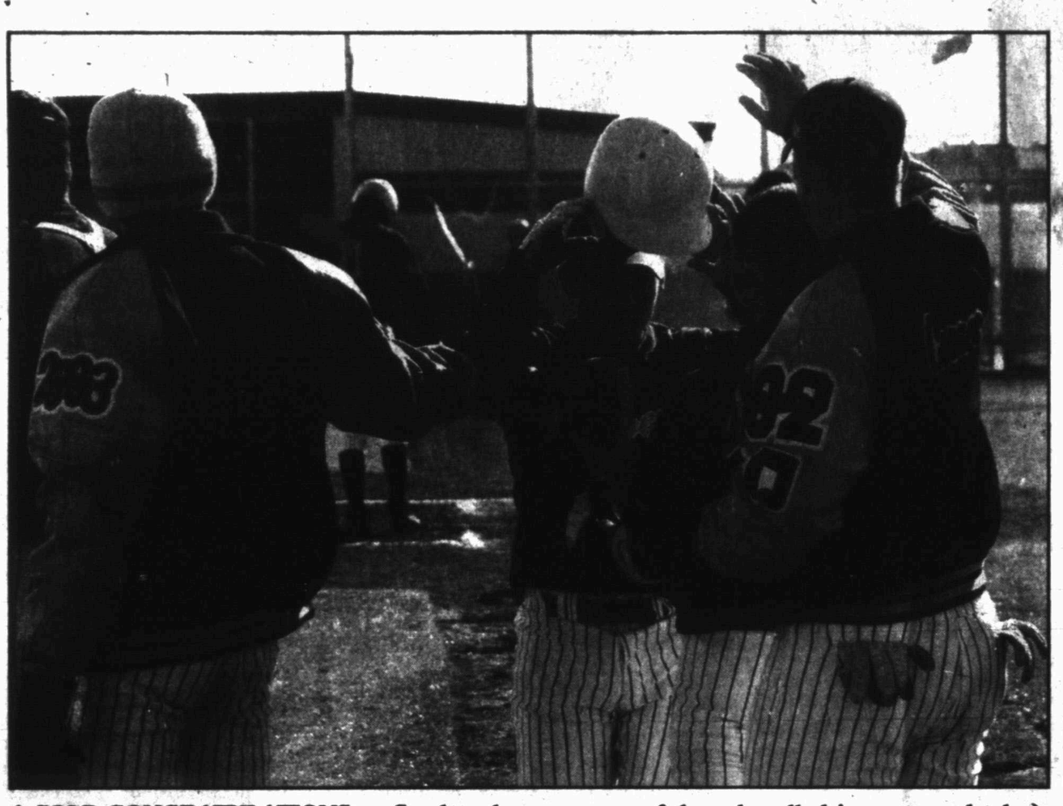
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SPORTS



A COLD CONGRATULATIONS — Snyder players, many of them bundled in coats and toboggans, congratulate Billy Pena, center, after the Tigers' first run of the game Friday against Frenship. Pena, who is eight for his last nine plate appearances, helped spur Snyder to a 9-4 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers unseat district favorite Frenship, 9-4

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — The Snyder Tigers chalked up a victory Friday and maintained their share of the district lead. But perhaps the most important thing the Tigers got out of their trip to Frenship was validation.

Snyder proved worthy of its No. 10 state ranking with a convincing 9-4 victory over District 4-4A favorite Frenship at Tiger Field.

It was the first time Snyder had won on Frenship's home field since 1998, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

"I think this game showed that we deserve our ranking," said Coach Roland Herrera. "This game probably made believers out of some people."

Snyder (4-0, 16-6-1) dominated the game from the opening pitch, never trailing despite some threats from Frenship (3-1, 13-5).

SHS ace Tito Alaniz kept hitters off balance, and Snyder thwarted Frenship's biggest threats in the fourth and fifth innings.

With the bases loaded, only one out and one run already in, Alaniz got Brett Dunlap to pop up before striking out Triston Thoma to end the fourth.

Frenship was on the brink of breaking through again in the fifth when back-to-back singles with one out put runners in scoring position.

The rally died with a ground ball that shortstop Brooks Nunley turned into a double play with help from Billy Pena and Michael Pendleton.

"We got in some jams at times, but the kids came through," Herrera stated. "Frenship is a good team and we knew they would keep putting pressure on us. We made the all the right plays in the last four innings."

Snyder had a 7-2 cushion by the time the fourth inning rolled around.

The Tigers got one run in the first, then chased Frenship starter Brady Campbell in the second.

Snyder got singles from Shay Franks, Billy Pena, Stephen Ortegon and Alaniz, and took advantage of three walks and a hit batter to scratch out five runs in the second.

Following his 4-for-4 effort Thursday against Big Spring, Pena singled in his four plate appearances Friday finally striking out in the seventh to end an incredible streak.

"Billy is really hitting the ball well right now," Herrera remarked. "He's eight for his last nine. And the guys near the bottom of the order did a good job of getting on base anyway they could so that Billy could get to the plate again."

Snyder added a run in the third, fifth and sixth innings to stretch the margin to 9-2. Frenship managed to cut the deficit to 9-4 in the bottom of the seventh when Snyder was more than willing to trade runs for outs.

Snyder's margin of victory could have been larger if not for a pair of inning-ending double plays with the bases loaded in the first two frames.

"Frenship still has one of the best teams in the area. We had to make good plays, and do a good job of hitting to beat them," said Herrera. "This is a big win for us."

Snyder returns home for a pair of home games Tuesday against Plainview and Friday against Estacado before hitting the road April 2 for a showdown with district co-leader Andrews.

In other district action Friday, Andrews blanked Big Spring, 12-0, and Estacado edged Plainview, 3-2.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	5	2	4	0
McGuire cf	3	1	1	2
Ortegon c	5	0	1	1
Villarreal cr	0	1	0	0
Alaniz p	3	0	3	1
Greenwood cr	0	1	0	0
Nunley ss	2	0	0	1
Pendleton 1b	2	0	0	1
Ramon 3b	4	0	0	0
Franks dh	4	1	1	0
Dorsett lf	2	3	0	0
Totals	30	9	10	6

Frenship	ab	r	h	bi
Nesteby 2b	3	0	0	0
Callaway lf	3	1	1	0
Campbell p	1	0	0	0
Brazell rf	3	0	2	1
White 1b	4	1	1	1
Richburg ss	2	1	0	0
McDaniel cf	2	0	0	0
Swinconos dh	2	0	2	1
Dunlap c	3	0	0	0
Thoma 3b	2	1	0	0
Totals	25	4	6	3

Snyder	1	5	1	0	1	1	0	—	9	10	2
Frenship	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	—	4	6	4

LOB - Snyder 8, Frenship 7. 2B - Snyder, Alaniz; Frenship, Brazell.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Alaniz	7	6	4	3	6	5
Frenship	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Campbell	1 1/3	3	4	4	3	2
Kelley	5 2/3	7	5	3	3	7

Longhorns edged out by Ducks

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Freddie Jones' most important contribution came at the end of the game.

Limited to just two points until the final minute, Jones made a layup with 2.8 seconds left to lift second-seeded Oregon to a 72-70 victory over Texas in the semfinal game of the Midwest Regional on Friday night.

"My overall game was terrible," Jones said. "Coming down the stretch, I knew that we were going to need a play, and I was happy that I was in a position to try to redeem myself."

Oregon (26-8), which had not won three straight games in an NCAA tournament since it won the 1939 title, advanced to face top-seeded Kansas on Sunday with a berth in the Final Four at stake. Kansas beat Illinois 73-69.

Jones, who averages better than 18 points, hit just one of his first five shots and had scored just two points, snapping his streak of 27 games in double figures, before the final sequence.

James Thomas of Texas tied the game at 70 with 23.2 seconds left. He was fouled on the play, but missed a free throw that would have given the Longhorns their first lead.

Jones dribbled to just inside halfcourt as time wound down and, waited for a space to open in the lane and drove for the winning shot.

A running jumper by freshman guard T.J. Ford bounced off the rim as time expired.

Oregon relied on Luke Jackson and Luke Ridnour to deflect a number of rallies by the sixth-seeded Longhorns.

Jackson led the Ducks with 25 points, and Ridnour added 20, carrying the team for stretches. They scored nine of Oregon's final 11 points.

"They've been doing that all year long. They've made big play after big play in every single game," Jones said. "They have the confidence to take the big shot and they did a great job of keeping us close."

The game-winning shot was the third of the season for Jones, who scored with 13 seconds left to beat UCLA and helped Oregon clinch a share of the Pac-10 title for the first time in 57 years with a last-second winner against Southern Cal.

"He's the type of player who wants the ball in his hands, and he's confident to take a shot like that," Jackson said.

Texas appeared to be in danger of getting blown out in the first half, trailing 41-28 at the half.

The Longhorns used a 13-0 run — highlighted by Brian Boddicker's three 3-pointers — to pull even at 51 with about 12 minutes to play.

The game evolved into a see-saw struggle that lasted until the final seconds.

Thomas led Texas with 15 points. Boddicker added 13.

Ford, playing with series of injuries that include an ankle sprain and a tender groin, had eight points, five assists and four turnovers. He was averaging a nation-leading 8.4 assists.

"It took us a long time to settle into the game," said Ford, who overcame the injuries to finish with eight points and five assists.

Jayhawks survive scare from Fighting Illini, 73-69

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Kansas held Frank Williams in check this time.

With three freshmen leading the way, the top-seeded Jayhawks beat Illinois 73-69 Friday night in the Midwest Regional semifinals, reversing the result of the teams' meeting in last year's NCAA tournament round of 16.

Kansas (32-3) will play second-seeded Oregon on Sunday for a Final Four berth.

In 2001, the Jayhawks' season ended at this stage, with an 80-64 loss to Illinois, as Williams scored 30 points.

Williams only managed 15 on Friday, when Aaron Miles hounded him all over the court.

Miles scored 13 points as part of the outstanding trio of first-year Jayhawks. Keith Langford scored 15 points, including two free throws with 2.8 seconds left, and Wayne Simien added seven points and six rebounds.

Langford picked up the slack for senior Jeff Boschee, who was averaging 13.6 points but scored just six. Miles filled in nicely for junior Kirk Hinrich, who sprained his ankle in the first round and spent of much of the game against Illinois in foul trouble.

Hinrich, averaging 15.2 points, made a 3-pointer 10 seconds into the game — but was scoreless after that. Drew Gooden had 15 points and 13 rebounds for Kansas.

Robert Archibald had 15 points and 10 rebounds for fourth-seeded Illinois (26-9).

The Illini pulled to 71-69 with 1:15 left after Archibald made three consecutive huge plays.

His tip-in pulled the Illini to 71-68, then he got the defensive rebound and was fouled at the other end, making one of two free throws. After Boschee missed a 3-pointer, Archibald got the rebound with 42 seconds left.

But Brian Cook fired up an air ball from beyond the arc, and Gooden got the rebound with 22 seconds left.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

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EAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Syracuse, N.Y.
Friday, March 22
Connecticut 71, Southern Illinois 59
Maryland 78, Kentucky 68
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Connecticut (27-6) vs. Maryland (29-4), 2:30 or 5 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Lexington, Ky.
Thursday, March 21
Indiana 74, Duke 73
Kent State 78, Pittsburgh 73 (OT)
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Indiana (23-11) vs. Kent State (30-5), 7 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Madison, Wis.
Friday, March 22
Oregon 72, Texas 70
Kansas 73, Illinois 69
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Oregon (26-8) vs. Kansas (32-3), 2:30 or 5 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At San Jose, Calif.
Thursday, March 21
Oklahoma 88, Arizona 67
Missouri 82, UCLA 73
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Oklahoma (30-4) vs. Missouri (24-11), 4:30 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At Atlanta
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 30
East champion vs. Midwest champion
South champion vs. West champion
National Championship
Monday, April 1
Semifinal winners

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	44	25	.638	—
Boston	39	30	.565	5
Orlando	37	31	.544	6½
Philadelphia	36	32	.529	7½
Washington	32	37	.464	12
Miami	31	36	.463	12
New York	26	41	.388	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	40	28	.588	—
Milwaukee	36	31	.537	3½
Charlotte	35	33	.515	5
Indiana	35	33	.515	5
Toronto	31	38	.449	9½
Atlanta	27	40	.403	12½
Cleveland	25	44	.362	15½
Chicago	17	52	.246	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	t	GB
Dallas	47	21	.691	—
San Antonio	47	21	.691	—
Minnesota	42	26	.618	5
Utah	37	31	.544	10
Houston	25	43	.368	22
Denver	19	47	.288	27
Memphis	17	51	.250	30

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	49	18	.731	—
L.A. Lakers	48	20	.706	1½
Portland	42	26	.618	7½
Seattle	39	30	.565	11
L.A. Clippers	36	33	.522	14
Phoenix	30	38	.441	19½
Golden State	17	50	.254	32

Friday's Games
Indiana 104, Miami 94
Toronto 94, Cleveland 80
Philadelphia 96, Boston 91
Charlotte 106, Orlando 92
New Jersey 108, Milwaukee 84
Portland 109, Chicago 93
Seattle 112, Houston 82
L.A. Lakers 94, Detroit 82
Saturday's Games
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Boston at Detroit, Noon
Washington at Toronto, Noon
Charlotte at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	4	0	16	6
Andrews	4	0	11	2
Frenship	3	1	13	5
Lake View	1	2	6	9
Big Spring	1	3	4	12
Estacado	1	3	5	10
Levelland	0	2	4	11
Plainview	0	3	7	10

Friday's results: Snyder 9, Frenship 4; Andrews 12, Big Spring 0; Estacado 3, Plainview 2.
Saturday's game: Levelland at Lake View.
Monday's game: Plainview at Levelland.
Tuesday's games: Plainview at Snyder; Andrews at Estacado; Levelland at Frenship; Lake View at Big Spring.

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SPORTS

SHS girls crush Estacado, 25-1

For a few fleeting moments, Lubbock Estacado held the lead in Friday's District 4-4A softball tilt at Cates Field. Then the Snyder Lady Tigers got their turn at the plate and it was over for the Lady Matadors.

Snyder scored 25 unanswered runs to cruise to its fifth consecutive victory with a 25-1 decision over Estacado.

The victory pushed the Lady Tigers to 5-1 in league action, setting up a showdown Tuesday with district co-leader Andrews. The contest is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Andrews.

"We played well again tonight, and now we have to get back to work," said SHS coach Shelly Hayes. "Andrews is going to be tough. I think it will be a good game, but Andrews is going to be on our tails."

After an error allowed the Lady Mats to score in the top of the first, Snyder hurler Jacque Alavarez closed the door for the remaining four frames. Alvarez finished with nine strikeouts and gave up only three hits.

The Lady Tigers quickly erased the 1-0 deficit with six runs in the bottom of the inning, and three more in the second. After pushing the advantage to 11-1 in the third, Snyder busted the game open in the fourth.

The Lady Tigers sent 19 batters to the plate in the bottom of the fourth to score 14 runs. After three outs in the top of the fifth, the game ended on the 10-run mercy rule.

Snyder totaled six hits for extra bases, including a home run from Chaelyn Robinson. Shelley Fisk, Vanessa Freeman and Chasity Perales belted triples. Kelsi Johnson and Missy Vasquez had doubles.

Since falling to Lake View in the district opener, the Lady Tigers have won their last five. The only team to beat Andrews in district play has been Big Spring.

"Andrews handles the bat really well," Hayes stated. "They like to hit the ball in the gaps, and they're good at it.

"We have to play well in the field. We've been fielding the ball great, and we'll need to do that again on Tuesday."

Following Tuesday's showdown, Snyder hits the road again Thursday for a contest at Levelland.



MAKING THE PLAY — Snyder second baseman Valerie Hernandez gets set to tag first base while Amber Alexander, right, and Kelsi Johnson look on during a recent Lady Tiger victory over Frenship. Snyder earned its fifth district victory Friday night, whipping Estacado, 25-1. (SDN Staff Photo)

Balanced Terrapins advance

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Maryland has a lot more than Juan Dixon and now it has a shot at a second straight Final Four.

Dixon, an All-American and the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, had only four points over the final 14 minutes of the Terrapins' 78-68 victory over Kentucky in the East Regional semifinals Friday night.

He didn't have to score, though.

Unlike the Terrapins' first two wins in the tournament — when the senior guard poured in 29 points each time — Dixon didn't dominate the scoring column Friday, but top-seeded Maryland (29-4) still moved on to face second-seeded Connecticut in Sunday's regional final.

The teams met on Dec. 3, with the Terrapins winning 77-65. The stakes are a lot higher this time, with Maryland looking to get to the Final Four for the second time in school history. Connecticut has also been to the Final Four just once.

Maryland's 16th victory in 17 games ended the up-and-down season of fifth-seeded Kentucky (22-10), which got only 17 points from senior star Tayshaun Prince — 24 fewer than he scored in a second-round victory over Tulsa.

Both Maryland and Kentucky played solid defense, and neither came within seven points of its season scoring average.

Drew Nicholas' 3-pointer with 9:54 left gave Maryland the lead for good at 56-53.

Marquis Estill made two free throws with 5:05 to play to get Kentucky within 66-63, but Chris Wilcox and Lonny Baxter each made two for Maryland to make it 70-63.

WTC set for finals at Odessa

ODESSA — With only Saturday morning's slack remaining before the short round, the Western Texas men's rodeo team was in position to send eight competitors to the finals of the Odessa Collegiate Rodeo.

Spurred by Tyson Thompson's first-place showing in the bareback riding, the Westerners continued to surge toward the top of the standings at the three-day event held at the Ector County Coliseum Annex.

Thompson earned the bareback lead with a ride that tallied 81 points. Teammates Justin Foltyn, fourth, and Nathan Reid, eighth, should join Thompson in the short round.

The Westerners' chances are high to get three competitors to the finals in saddle bronc riding, as well. J.W. Todd was third, followed by Sam Spreadborough in seventh and Sean Prater in 10th. Prater was also fourth in the steer wrestling competition.

In team roping, Reg Cully and Cimmaron Boardman combined to earn fifth place in the long round.

On the women's side, Kassie Mowry paced the Lady Westerners with a first-place run in the barrel racing. Randus London was third in goat tying.

Slack was scheduled for Saturday morning, with the final round slated for Saturday night.

Sports Briefs

Teenage baseball sign-ups

Baseball sign-ups for ages 13-16 will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wall Insurance Agency. An organizational meeting is also scheduled. Boys who will be 13 by July 31 and not 17 by Aug. 1 are eligible. Players should bring a parent, birth certificate and $50 registration fee. Teams will be divided by age. For more information, call 573-8048.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for May 28-31 at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office. Players can pre-register through May 15.

Carter will miss remainder of season

TORONTO (AP) — Vince Carter will have arthroscopic surgery on his left knee next week, and the Toronto Raptors star guard will miss the rest of the regular season.

Iverson sidelined with broken hand

BOSTON (AP) — Allen Iverson is expected to be out 4-6 weeks after breaking a bone in his left hand in a victory over the Boston Celtics.

With 26 days left in the 76ers' regular-season schedule, the team that made it to last season's NBA Finals faces the prospect of playing its last 14 regular-season games without the NBA scoring leader.

McGrady goes out on stretcher

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tracy McGrady was carted off on a stretcher after going down with severe back spasms early in the Orlando Magic's 106-92 loss to the Charlotte Hornets. The Magic will not have their superstar back until next week at the earliest, coach Doc Rivers said.

Conine gets two-year deal with Orioles

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Conine signed a two-year, $9.25 million contract extension with the Baltimore Orioles, a deal that could take him to the end of his baseball career.

Conine led the Orioles last season with a .311 batting average, 97 RBIs and 75 runs.

Jaguars sign TE Mitchell

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars signed tight end Pete Mitchell, bringing back an original member of the team who last played for the Detroit Lions.

Mitchell played for the Jaguars from 1995-98, catching 166 passes for 1,845 yards. He played every game in the franchise's first four seasons and started 40 games.

Paulson, Mickelson top Sawgrass leaderboard

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — One week after a questionable shot down the stretch cost him a chance at victory, Phil Mickelson jumped back into contention in The Players Championship with flair, a few flops and a game plan for which he makes no apologies.

Mickelson completed a first-round 64 and shot a 75 in the second to finish at the same number he started — 5-under par for a 139 total, leaving him one stroke behind clubhouse leader Carl Paulson when the second round was suspended by darkness.

Paulson had his second straight 69 and was at 138.

Craig Perks had a 68 and was at 139. Jeff Sluman also was at 5 under with two holes remaining when he returns Saturday.

Cowboys sign Westbrook at cornerback

IRVING (AP) — Free-agent cornerback Bryant Westbrook signed a one-year deal with the Dallas Cowboys on Friday.

Westbrook was drafted out of Texas in the first round by the Detroit Lions in 1997.

He tore an Achilles' tendon two seasons ago and made only three starts for the Lions last year. He had six interceptions in 13 starts in 2000 with Detroit.

Westbrook worked out Friday with Dallas' coaching staff and took a physical.

"I think every time you get hurt, you have to prove yourself again," Westbrook said. "I know I can play this game, I'm not worried about that. ... My main thing is showing them that my Achilles' is fine.

Girls' Little Dribblers Results

Suns 7, Hornets 6
Suns: Ryanna Martinez, 5; Carly Gill, 2. **Hornets:** Taylor Garcia, Kristal Gomez and Alisha Guzman, 2.

Fever 36, Hot Shots 6
Fever: Tosha McGlouthin, 20; Keonna Ward and Kelsi Williams, 8. **Hot Shots:** Kayli Brewster, 3; Alex Hook, 2; Cassie Cochran, 1.

Sonics 20, Panthers 17
Sonics: Jessica Sandoval, 10; Britney Webb, 6; Ashley Hagins and Ashley Lopez, 2. **Panthers:** Nicole Means, 6; Jordan Derryberry, 5; Jessica Bilderback, 4; Ashley Trotter, 2.

Little Tigers 42, Hoopsters 6
Little Tigers: Samantha Medrano, 18; Monica Clanton, 10; Avery Ware, 8; Lucero Espinoza, Jessica Ibarra and Jenee Payne, 2. **Hoopsters:** Amanda Midwell and Alex Waters, 2; Haley Farmer and Kailey Glenn, 1.

Rockets 44, Red Hots 9
Rockets: Casey Williamson and Celsea Roemisch, 14; Larissa Arellano and Deidra Foree, 8. **Red Hots:** Brianne Perry, 4; Kelsi Fulford, 3; Taylor Tyrrell, 2.

Sharpshooters 22, Nikes 15
Sharpshooters: Akura Thomas: 14; Bailey Nickerson, 4; Evian Olvera and Kana Grimes, 2. **Nikes:** Karissa Medina, 9; Ashton Burton, Jessica Floyd and Aryn May, 2.

Wildcats 16, Hot Shots 10
Wildcats: Heather Newton, 13; Blaire Toombs, 2; Stacey Clifton, 1. **Hot Shots:** Kayli Brewster, 7; Savannah Valdez, 3.

Magic 30, Starzz 4
Magic: Meagan Thompson, 14; Kelly Martinez, 12; Kristi Holmes and Lea Holmes, 2. **Starzz:** Laura Reigh and Lindsay Daniell, 2.

Lady Raiders 30, Liberty 24
Lady Raiders: Kelly Hoidren, 12; Shaquita Sneed, 11; Tatum Norwood, 5; Lauren Zamora, 2. **Liberty:** Cayelea Rhodes, 10; Destinee Neagle, 7; Chassie McDonald, 3; Alayna Alexander and Ryanna Alexander, 2.

Nikes 21, Swoopsters 16
Nikes: Karissa Medina, 11; Ashton Burton, 5; Jodi Hamilton, 3; Aryn May, 2. **Swoopsters:** Madison Guzman, 8; Gabby Arredondo, 6; Carrie Harlan, 2.

Fever 57, Hoopsters 3
Fever: Keonna Ward, 25; Tosha McGlouthin, 22; Kelsi Williams, 4; Nankita Davis, Eboni Jackson and Monique Torres, 2. **Hoopsters:** Alex Waters, 2; Kailey Glenn, 1.

Comets 40, Fast Break 12
Comets: Devin Davidson, 19; Brandy Stansell, 10; Allison Cox, 6; Erma Rodriguez, 3; Consuelo Acosta, 2. **Fast Break:** Kelby Seale and Teryn Sullenger, 5; Rebecca Juarez, 2.

Mystics 25, Jazz 18
Mystics: Erin Hogan, 12; Alex Urias and Jordan Wright, 4; Brittney Mitchell, 3; Chantell McGaha, 2. **Jazz:** Allison Sharrock, 8; Vallie Foreman, 4; Tanya Adams, Dusty Holt and Chassity Sterling, 2.

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Raleigh, N.C.
Saturday, March 23
South Carolina (24-6) vs. Drake (25-7), 11:30 a.m.
Duke (29-3) vs. Texas (22-9), 2 p.m.
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Milwaukee
Saturday, March 23
Penn State (23-11) vs. Connecticut (35-0), noon
Kansas State (26-7) vs. Old Dominion (27-5), 2:30 p.m.
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Ames, Iowa
Saturday, March 23
Brigham Young (24-8) vs. Tennessee (27-4), 7 p.m.
Vanderbilt (29-6) vs. North Carolina (27-7), 9:30 p.m.
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Boise, Idaho
Saturday, March 23
Colorado (23-9) vs. Stanford (32-2), 9 p.m.
Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Texas Tech (20-11), 11:30 p.m.
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 9:30 p.m.

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Jenny Goode by email at jgoode@bhcmhmr.org or by phone at (915)690-5242.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of RAY HEATH, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,730:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of RAY HEATH, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 21st day of March, 2002, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to, MARGIE SUMRULD, 303 34th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 21st day of March, 2002.

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3103 41st St.
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New!	3109 Irving 3-2-2-FP, extra lot	$79.9T	
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Neat	3-1-1, CH/A, 3203 Hill Ave.	$23T	
2306 25th	Comm. RV Parking + Shop	$19T	
511 34th	3-1-2cp, CH/A, Nice	$30T	
513 34th	2-1, Clean, Nice	$20T	
2-1-1cp,	about 1 acre near Hermleigh	$10T as is	
Commercial Lot	2101 College Ave. Reduced		
New! 3208 Irving	Great Area 3-2-2	$78T	
New! 378 CR 251	2-1-1	$35T	
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5404 Cedar Creek-	3-2½-2	$100's
3730 Austin-	Convenient Plus- 3-2-pool	$50's
2212 Towle P		$100T
2809 Westridge	cosmetics	
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4603 El Paso	3-2-2, pool,	
	formal dining, office Reduced	$92T
2907 Ave. W	3 system	$50's
2403 42nd	3-1¾-1 REDUCED	$48T
3600 Hill Ave.	- Terrific! 4-2½-2	$60's
3403 Irving	- Great Find 5-2-2LA's	$60's
2606 Ave. G	2 bedroom, 1cp LOW TEENS	
2202 41st	- CUTE 3-1, den	$20's
3002 37th	- Comfortable 3-1, rear cp	$40's
305 34th	- Why Rent? 2-1-1	$13T
2803 Denison	3-2-2, formal combo	$80's
3007 Ave. V	-Charming 3-1	$20's
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3718 Dalton	3-1¾-1, Neat!	$30's

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2803 El Paso	Feels Like Home 4-2, office	$90's
2510 Towel Park Rd.	3-2	$85T
513 34th	Updated 2-1, Great rental prop.	$20T
Reduced 3103 41st	4-3, patio, pool	$60's

COUNTRY HOMES

Updated	2-1, 7 acres	$40's
Hermleigh-	FHA Assumable - Darling 3-2-1 with 2.5 Acres	$50's
S. 208-	Custom 2-2, barn, shop w/10 A's Must See!	
CR 4102	any amenities	
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N. 208	Close in country, beautifully remodeled 3-3-2, 1/2 section Call for details	
N. 208	3-2 Sell or Lease	$50's
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New Listing	3-2-2, barns, 40 A's	$100's
465 N. Hwy 84	Custom 2-2-2, office, shop 20A's	$100's
501 CR 137	- 3-2-cp, small A's	$80's
Hermleigh	3-2-cp, 160 A's, Reduced	$90's
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Fluvanna	- Has Income 3-2-2 480 A's	Call

LAKE PROPERTY

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LAND

243.661 acres,	180 acres in cotton	$350/acre
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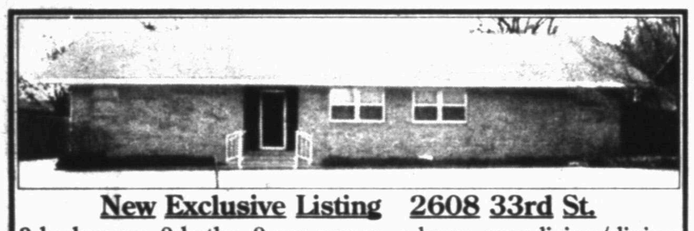
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Ask Hollywood

By Holly Wood

Where's Mama Costanza?

Q: What is the lady who played George Costanza's mother on "Seinfeld" doing now? — **E.H., Waterloo, Iowa**

A: Since "Seinfeld" ended, Estelle Harris has appeared in several movies and TV shows, including "The Odd Couple II" and "My Giant," and she was the voice of Mrs. Potato Head in "Toy Story 2." She also competed on an episode of "The Weakest Link." Her most recent films are "Good Advice" and the upcoming "No Prom for Cindy," in which she plays Cindy's grandmother.

Q: I would like to know about a couple of actresses I haven't heard about in awhile. One is Nicole de Boer, who replaced Terry Farrell on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." The other is Sabrina Lloyd, who was on "Sports Night" and, before that, "Sliders." I was wondering what they are doing now — Anonymous

A: De Boer is moving from one science fiction series to another. She will star in the USA TV series "Dead Zone," which is scheduled to premier in June. The series is based on the Stephen King novel by the same name.

Sabrina Lloyd's last movie was the 2001 film "On Edge," but she's still acting, and she was great in "Sports Night" and "Sliders," so I'm sure she'll pop up in something soon.

Q: Will you please give me the addresses for Oprah Winfrey, Montel Williams and Garth Brooks? — V.W., Sheridan, Ark.

A: "The Oprah Winfrey Show" does not accept fan mail, but you can write to Winfrey through e-mail at her Web site at http://www.oprah.com. The site also contains info on how to get tickets to a taping or be a guest on the show. You can reach Montel Williams through his Web site at http://www.montelshow.com. Garth Brooks can be reached at WMA- C/O Nicole David, 151 El Camino, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Q: One of my favorite TV programs is "MASH." I watch all the reruns, and I enjoy them over and over. Can you tell me what has become of Wayne Rogers, Loretta Swit, Jamie Farr and the others? — C.K., Bristol, Tenn.

A: Most of them are still acting. Swit is currently performing in "The Vagina Monologues" in New York City, and Rogers acts occasionally, but he is mostly involved in business. Farrell stars on the TV show "Providence," and McLean Stevenson and Larry Linville have died. The others are acting in a mixture of television, movies and theater.

TRIVIA: Sabrina Lloyd has three tattoos: One is the Chinese symbol for luck, which is on the back of her neck. She also has an ankle bracelet and a scorpion on her right ankle.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com.

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Two WWII airmen are reburied together

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Two World War II airmen who died when their plane was shot down were buried the first time 56 years ago and thousands of miles apart. On Friday, blended remains recently recovered from their downed plane were buried in a single coffin.

Science has made it easier to identify remains, even tiny fragments from decades-old battles. But sometimes it's impossible to separate them. In such cases, the military buries them together, usually at Arlington National Cemetery.

And so, Lt. Col. Earle J. Aber Jr. of Wisconsin and 2nd Lt. Maurice J. Harper of Pell City, Ala., now share one casket and headstone at Arlington, in addition to separate burial sites elsewhere for their identifiable remains.

Harper's sister, Mary Elizabeth Lamberth, who attended Friday's ceremony, said she approved of the common burial for the remains, which were found in 1999.

"They've been together so long, it was appropriate," she said.

The number of group burials has increased as the science of identification has progressed. There were nine by the Army last year, up from seven the previous year. Numbers for the other military branches were not available.

To separate remains, investigators need a fragment about the size of a quarter, said Shari Lawrence, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Army Personnel Command. Smaller remains still can produce good DNA samples, but it's impossible to distinguish between the identities.

Aber and Harper were killed March 4, 1945, when the B-17 they were piloting was shot off the coast of England by British gunners who mistook it for a German aircraft.

They maintained control of the plane long enough for the nine crewmen to parachute to safety, then crashed into a river estuary. Only Aber's arm was found, identifiable by a Boy Scout ring he wore. It was buried in England in 1945.

Relic hunters discovered the plane's wreckage — including some human remains from the cockpit — in late 1999, and a team from the British Navy and the U.S. Army's Central Identification Lab recovered it in June 2000.

Harper's identifiable remains were returned to his family and buried last fall in Birmingham, Ala. Aber's identifiable remains will be laid to rest soon in England, alongside his severed arm.

Maj. Kevin Upson of the Army's Hawaii-based Central Identification Lab said the lab works about 265 days a year searching for the remains of missing soldiers believed killed overseas.

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Gunman kills four at plant

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A man shot four co-workers to death at an aircraft parts plant Friday, then fired at police from a stolen company van during a high-speed chase that ended with him killing himself.

The van was still moving when the gunman shot himself while approaching a roadblock across the Indiana state line near Niles, Mich., said Capt. Richard Dragomer of the Michigan State Police. The van ran over some mail boxes and stopped when it hit a tree.

The gunman was identified by police as William Lockey, 54. Police said they weren't sure of a motive, though one co-worker said the man was worried about losing his job.

Two other employees were wounded in the shooting, and three officers were hurt by flying debris or shotgun pellets as they exchanged gunfire with Lockey during the chase. Police said Lockey stopped occasionally to fire at police and reload before driving off again.

"It was a gunbattle all the way out of South Bend," Michigan State Police Capt. Richard Dragomer said. "He was shooting all the way."

Police said the shooting began about 8:15 a.m. at Bertrand Products, a manufacturer with about 50 employees.

Employee Sharon Zalas said the gunman brought a grocery bag at the start of his 7 a.m. shift.

"Everybody went to work, the next thing we heard was pop, pop," Zalas said. "We thought maybe it was one of the machines because we saw one of the guys running. Then we saw the gun, and he was shooting and shooting and shooting."

Zalas said she believed the gunman, who worked in the shipping and receiving department and opened fire during a meeting, was targeting particular co-workers.

"Because he used to get in little squabbles with them because he didn't get his merchandise in time to ship it out," Zalas said. "He was sort of rigid, kind of a lone wolf. He was afraid of losing his job."

The dead were identified as Craig Schafer, 50; John Contadeluci, 47; Dave Arpasi, 73; and Robert Downs Jr., 42.

A Michigan officer was treated for a cut from a gunshot-shattered windshield, and two Indiana officers were also injured during the chase.

"It wasn't just police officers he was shooting at," Dragomer said. "There were construction workers heading for cover as the van was coming through, shooting with a sawed-off shotgun."

One of the wounded employees was hospitalized in serious condition; the other was listed as stable.

It was the second factory shooting in northern Indiana in the past four months. On Dec. 6, Robert Wissman fatally shot the manager at Nu-Wood Decorative Millwork in Goshen, about 25 miles east of South Bend, and wounded six others before killing himself.

Media mogul gives Dems $7 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — A billionaire media mogul has given the Democratic National Committee $7 million, believed to be the single largest donation ever to a political party.

The DNC also recently received a $5 million check from Hollywood producer Steve Bing that would otherwise have held the record.

"I hope that my contribution will inspire Democrats that are much richer than me to step up to the plate higher than me," said "Power Rangers" creator Haim Saban, the $7 million donor. "I will be very happy to be fifth in line."

Word of the seven-figure checks comes as President Bush prepares to sign a ban on such unlimited "soft money" contributions to political parties. It was passed by the Senate this week.

Anticipating the ban, DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe has been traveling the nation for several months raising money for a new party headquarters to rival that of the Republican National Committee.

The estimated $32 million building will feature state-of-the-art technology including computer systems and television and radio studios.

McAuliffe's sales pitch struck a chord with Saban, billionaire chairman of the Saban Capital Group and creator of the hit children's television show. Saban, a prolific giver to Democratic campaigns, sent his check in early February.

"The Democrats are in the Stone Age, the Republicans are in the 21st century" in technology, Saban said Friday. "We are for the most part a two-party nation and I thought it would be a disaster if one party were to play in an uneven playing field."

The checks take the DNC a long way toward its fund-raising goal, spokeswoman Maria Cardona said. Fourteen donors have pledged most of the money needed for the new building, she said.

Several contributors, including labor unions, gave $1 million each.

The DNC plans to break ground on the building this spring and have it completed by December 2003, Cardona said.

Under the new campaign finance legislation, political parties cannot raise soft money after this fall's election or spend it after Dec. 31.

The DNC is talking with its lawyers about how it can use all the soft money it has raised for the building while meeting the spending deadline, Cardona said.

The previous party donation record was believed to be a $1.7 million check the Republican National Committee received from Amway Corp. in 1996 to build a TV studio.

Saban, who gave Democrats $1 million for the 2000 election, is chairman of McAuliffe's capital campaign. Saban said he has asked his friends to donate for the headquarters and gave a big check in part because "you better be willing to put your money where your mouth is."

Campaign-finance watchdogs predict Saban's record will fall before the soft-money ban takes effect.

Political fund-raisers from both parties will likely play off it, telling big donors "you can do better than that," said Larry Noble, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics.

"It becomes a real game of one-upsmanship which is just magnified by the fact that this is the last time you can do it," he said.

Senator: Enron may be subpoenaed for names of investors in partnership deals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers may issue subpoenas in an effort to force the Enron Corp. to disclose the names of investors in its numerous partnerships, a senator involved in Congress' investigation said Friday.

Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a senior member of the Senate Commerce Committee, said a final decision won't be made until next month. But he said the panel's chairman, Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., and Republican John McCain of Arizona believe subpoenas would be appropriate if the company does not cooperate.

"If we don't get the information in the next three weeks, I'd expect we'd proceed with subpoenas," Dorgan said.

"There's no necessity to send subpoenas," said Washington attorney Robert Bennett, representing Enron. "We will accept their requests and make people available."

But Bennett said that while the company has already supplied "a very substantial number of such documents," most of the papers are not in Enron's possession. Company officials have said the information should come from the investors and former Enron executives who ran the partnerships.

"We've given them what we have," Bennett said.

Enron's web of thousands of partnerships hid more than $1 billion in debt from investors and the public, and ultimately brought down the energy company. Many of the partnerships were improperly buttressed by Enron stock, which plummeted.

Congressional investigators want to know whether investors were pressured by Enron executives to put money into the partnerships or were promised favors in return for their funds.

Dorgan's subcommittee has previously asked Enron to provide this information but has gotten little cooperation, he said.

"We need to get more information on what happened here and how extensive it was," he told reporters.

Investors in the partnerships included big Wall Street investment banks such as Citigroup Inc., Merrill Lynch and Co., and First Union Corp. State pension funds, wealthy individuals, private investment groups, family partnerships and insurance brokers also invested.

Andrew Fastow, Enron's former chief financial officer, made $30 million from running the off-the-books partnerships. He has asserted his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refused to testify to Congress.

Morales accepts second debate invitation; Kirk still considering

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic U.S. Senate runoff candidate Victor Morales has accepted a debate invitation by the Texas Cable News Network, a campaign spokeswoman said Friday, but opponent Ron Kirk still is considering the proposal.

Morales and Kirk emerged as the front-runners in the March 12 primary election for Republican Phil Gramm's Senate seat. Morales, a schoolteacher from Crandall, and Kirk, a former Dallas mayor, will face each other in an April 9 runoff.

The candidates have agreed to debate Thursday.

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7-story building collapses in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A seven-story building collapsed in Beirut on Saturday, with first reports indicating there might be many casualties, security officials said. At least one person was killed.

The building, located on one of Beirut's main thoroughfares, was turned to a pile of rubble, witnesses said, crushing nearby cars.

The cause of the collapse was not immediately known. The building was undergoing renovations. It was located in Mazraa district, a section of Beirut that saw heavy shelling during the 1975-90 civil war and the 1982 Israeli invasion.

Rescue workers pulled at least one survivor from the rubble. He was shocked and injured, said Mohammed Disho, a Syrian construction worker who had been working on the building's facade until five minutes before the collapse.

Another construction worker was killed and removed on a stretcher. Lebanese television showed rescue workers taking away at least six people on stretchers. Their conditions were not immediately known.

There were fears that many more victims could be in the rubble. The building was situated on the Corniche el-Mazraa, a busy street lined with shops, offices, restaurants and apartment buildings, in a traditionally Muslim section of Beirut.

Zinni makes some progress in Mideast

WASHINGTON (AP) — American mediator Anthony Zinni reported some headway in security talks with Israel and the Palestinian Authority, but Vice President Dick Cheney's return to the Middle East to see Yasser Arafat remained in limbo.

"A meeting could happen if and when Chairman Arafat performs, does what he's supposed to do," President Bush said Friday at a news conference in Monterrey, Mexico, where he was attending an international meeting.

Bush said Zinni was "trying to determine whether or not (Arafat) is going to do what he said he would do."

Contingency preparations for a Cheney-Arafat meeting in Egypt proceeded, but it depends on the Palestinian leader agreeing to U.S. terms for a cease-fire, administration officials underscored.

"As of now, the conditions have not been met," a White House spokesman, Sean McCormack, said.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., organized a congressional drive to stop the Cheney trip.

Feinstein rounded up 51 senators to join her in a letter to President Bush. The letter said "there is no evidence, on the ground, that Mr. Arafat is willing to do what is necessary to help bring peace to Israel and his people."

And yet, they said, Cheney has offered to return to the region to see Arafat.

The senators also told the president that they supported the Zinni mission but hoped the retired Marine general "makes clear that the United States will not deal with those who do not live up to their commitments."

In a third suicide bombing in three days, a Palestinian man intercepted by border guards, blew himself up at a military checkpoint on the West Bank.

Truce talks resumed after Zinni complained to Arafat that he had not done enough to prevent attacks. Another meeting was set for Sunday.

Bomb factory found in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. forces have found two al-Qaida sites in Afghanistan that appear to be an explosives factory and a crude biological weapons research facility, officials said.

The first site, discovered March 13, held explosives and equipment to make more as well as medical supplies, U.S. Central Command spokesman Cmdr. Dan Keesee said Friday. He said he did not know whether the factory, found in the embattled Shah-e-Kot valley in eastern Afghanistan, was in a cave or buildings.

No evidence of chemical or biological weapons research or production was found at the Shah-e-Kot site, Keesee said.

Marine Corps helicopter gunships also destroyed as many as a dozen ammunition caches in the area, the site of the March 2-18 U.S. offensive named Operation Anaconda.

U.S. surveillance teams remain in the Shah-e-Kot valley area, despite the end of the operation, a Marine Corps spokesman in Afghanistan said.

Elsewhere, U.S. forces have found recently what appears to have been another rudimentary al-Qaida biological weapons research site near Kandahar, a defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The lab appeared to have been under construction, and officials found no evidence the terrorist organization could have made germ or toxin weapons there, the official said. Instead, searchers found medical supplies and commonly available chemistry equipment.

The only surprise was the lab's location, which had not been known previously to U.S. forces. The defense official did not say how the United States learned of the lab.

U.S. forces have investigated dozens of suspected chemical and biological weapons research sites in Afghanistan.

"Documents recovered from al-Qaida facilities in Afghanistan show that bin Laden was pursuing a sophisticated biological weapons research program," CIA Director George Tenet told a Senate committee this week.

U.S. lowers diplomatic profile in Pakistan due to terror fear

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department is sending home dependents and nonessential workers from the U.S. Embassy and three consulates in Pakistan and is suggesting that other Americans leave as well.

"The department has reports that American citizens generally have been targeted for kidnapping or other terrorist acts," the bureau of consular affairs said Friday in a statement.

An attack last Sunday on a church in Islamabad that killed two Americans "underscores the growing possibility that as security is increased at official U.S. facilities, terrorists and their sympathizers will seek less-protected targets," the statement said.

"These may include facilities where Americans are generally known to congregate or visit, such as clubs, restaurants, places of worship, schools or outdoor recreation events," the statement said.

"The possibility of threats continues," it said.

In Pakistan, the families of U.S. diplomatic personnel and some embassy employees prepared to depart.

Mark Wentworth, an embassy spokesman in Islamabad, would not say how many Americans were going and declined to discuss details of the evacuation, although he said Saturday the process had started.

"Non-emergency personnel will be defined on a case-by-case basis, so it's hard to know who is going to go and who is going to stay," Wentworth said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell informed President Pervez Musharraf by telephone of the decision to scale down the staff. Powell was in Monterrey, Mexico, at an international summit conference with President Bush.

Powell told Musharraf the decision did not reflect a lack of confidence in Pakistan's ability to protect Americans, State Department spokesman Philip Reeker said.

Pakistani security agencies have been exploring possible al-Qaida links to a wave of terrorist strikes, including the grenade attack on the Protestant International Church that killed an American embassy worker, her teen-age daughter and three other people. The church is 400 yards from the embassy.

Last month, foreign correspondent Daniel Pearl of The Wall Street Journal was kidnapped and killed, possibly in retaliation for Pakistan's help for the U.S. war on terror.

Bush administration officials would not say whether new threats against Americans or U.S. installations inspired the departure order.

Nor was there an immediate estimate how many Americans would quit Pakistan. In a similar move 4 years ago after the United States bombed suspected terrorist sites in Afghanistan.

Jury decides Philip Morris falsely represented product

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In the first verdict of its kind in the nation, a jury found that a tobacco company falsely represented low-tar cigarettes as less dangerous than regular cigarettes.

Philip Morris was ordered to pay $150 million in punitive damages Friday in a lawsuit filed by the estate of Michele Schwarz, who died of lung cancer in 1999 at age 53 after smoking low-tar Merit cigarettes. The jury awarded the estate $168,000 in compensatory damages.

The tobacco company said it would appeal.

"People have been deceived or fooled into thinking that switching to a low-tar cigarette is healthier for them," Lawrence Wobbrock, attorney for Schwarz's estate, said after the verdict. "Low-tar cigarettes are a fraud. They don't provide health benefits."

Schwarz, of Salem, Ore., had switched from a regular filtered cigarette because she believed the low-tar version would be better for her health, Wobbrock said.

Wobbrock contended in court that Philip Morris marketed the low-tar cigarettes as having fewer health risks.

But James L. Dumas, one of the company's attorneys, said Philip Morris did not market Merits as healthier than regular filtered cigarettes. He said the company advertises them as milder, or feeling less harsh.

Wobbrock said smokers were getting the same amount of tar by taking more puffs on their cigarettes and smoking them closer to the butt.

Dumas said it was not the company's fault that smokers figured out how to get around the low-tar design. He also said Schwarz, who worked for many years in the medical office of her husband, a physician, was well aware of the dangers of cigarette smoke.

Obituaries

Ashley Bauher

1984-2002

SPUR – Services are pending at Campbell Funeral Home in Spur for Ashley Bauher, a senior at Patton Springs High School.

Miss Bauher, 18, died Friday, March 22, from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident 17 miles east of Dickens on U.S. 82.

Miss Bauher was born March 13, 1984 and survivors include her parents, Cheryl and Bill Bauher of the Pitchfork Ranch in Dickens County; a brother, Josh Bauher of the home; and her grandparents, Kenneth and Joyce Smith of Snyder; two aunts, Stephanie Knipe of Snyder and Paula Hood of Thorndale.

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Pair arrested on warrants for probation

Arrests

Officers arrested Neri Sandoval, 26, of 220 31st Street Friday in the 200 block of 31st Street on warrants for motion to revoke probation and aggravated assault.

A 39-year-old man was taken into custody in the 100 block of 20th Place Friday afternoon on a warrant for motion to revoke probation.

At 6:40 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 39-year-old man on 17th Street for driving without a license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying a fictitious license plate.

A 21-year-old man was taken into custody on Milburn Friday evening for family assault.

Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol on 26th Street Friday night after seeing several subjects in the street.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Allsup's on College Ave. reported a gas drive off in the amount of $12.23 just before noon Friday.

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PTK induction

Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter will formally induct new members at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre. A reception will follow in the foyer.

Noah's Ark Church

Noah's Ark Church will have Tony Bethel of Cathedral of Praise Church in Abilene at its 6:30 p.m. Sunday service. The church is located at 119 36th St.

Healing and communion service

The service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at 1411 25th St. with Marvin and Joan Applin. Call 573-1517 or 281-358-9389 for additional information.

Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is Sunday at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

Jury cancelled

The jury panel called to report Monday in 132nd District Court has been cancelled.

Technology booster club

The Technology Association booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the SHS shop classroom. Final plans for the upcoming garage sale and the banquet will be made.

Choir booster Club

The SHS Choir Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the choir room to plan the choir banquet set for April 29.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Nicodemus," followed by "The Holy Spirit."

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church as part of Holy Week Services.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30–11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Foster care meeting

To learn more information of foster care and adoption, attend an informational meeting to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library to continue tne show and tell family heirloom program. The public is invited and members will assist visitors with research after the business meeting.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

MAWC game day

There will not be a fourth Wednesday game day and luncheon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club due to the Holy Week Services.

Snyder Tiger football booster club

The Snyder football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the film room. Parents and the public are invited to attend.

First Church of the Nazarene

The First Church of the Nazarene will have an Easter egg hunt following the Easter Sunday service that begins at 10:45 a.m.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth's annual all-you-can-eat sausage festival will be from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7. Tickets will be sold at the door and adult tickets are $6.50, children 12 and under are $3.50, and all take-outs are $6.50. Sausage by the pound is $4 cooked and $3 uncooked.

Alzheimer's program

An educational program "Overview of Alzheimer's Disease," will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

American Legion membership drive

The American Legion is holding its membership drive and if you or a family member served in the military, you could be eligible for membership in the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion. Call 573-4082, 573-6542 or 574-6805 for more information.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

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Hollywood undergoing long overdue makeover

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood is ready for its close-up — almost.

The famous neighborhood is undergoing a renaissance along the lines of Times Square's transformation in the 1990s, from a seedy haunt for prostitutes and drug dealers to a family-friendly destination featuring Starbucks and The Gap.

Tourists visiting Hollywood can still find tattoo parlors, souvenir shops and tacky costume stores next to upscale nightclubs and boutiques selling the latest fashions.

But on the eve of the first Academy Awards presentation here in 42 years, residents, businesspeople and tourists are saying hooray for Hollywood for the first time in decades.

"The roots are still here, still strong," said Sylvia Miceli, who with her husband Carmen has owned Miceli's Restaurant, just off Hollywood Boulevard, since 1949. "With a little watering, it will flourish again."

Many of the area's signature features remain.

The purple marquee of Frederick's of Hollywood still adorns the storied street. The beacon atop the Capitol Records building on Vine Street, built to resemble a stack of 45 rpm records, still blinks out "H-o-l-l-y-w-o-o-d" in Morse code each night.

And John Wayne's cement footprints still attract tourists in front of Grauman's Chinese Theater.

But the past two years has seen the arrival of trendy stores like Banana Republic, nightclubs like The Knitting Factory, and eateries such as the refurbished Pig 'N Whistle, where diners can partake while reclining on queen-sized beds.

At Hollywood and Vine, 20,000 people a week have packed the renovated Pantages Theater for nearly two years for sold-out performances of "The Lion King."

The latest addition to Hollywood Boulevard is the $615 million Hollywood & Highland project, which includes high-end shops and the Kodak Theater, the new permanent home of the Academy Awards.

To be sure, Hollywood is still seedy in spots. And the Hollywood & Highland project is having trouble attracting paying customers, in part because of a general downturn in tourism after Sept. 11.

But most observers say the decline that started in the late 1960s has mostly been reversed.

"Hollywood has a storied history that few neighborhoods in the world have, and you can't discount that," said Neisen Kasdin, the former mayor of Miami who oversaw the revitalization of that city's South Beach section.

Kasdin visited Hollywood last March to advise local officials on its revitalization. Getting off a bus, he saw signs of change.

"There were a lot of people, very touristy," he said. "It just had that same energy Times Square had 10 years ago, a lot of sleaze.

"What you also realize is that Hollywood has a lot of beautiful architecture; it has the potential. This is something Los Angeles really lacks, a real urban space where people are out there on the sidewalks, walking and gawking."

A number of key challenges remain for Hollywood, including how to retain the kitschy charm and resist the kind of homogenization critics say has turned Times Square into a neon-lit amusement park.

Mary Simpson has lived in Hollywood for seven years and works as a cashier at the Starline Tours of Hollywood booth outside the Chinese Theater. She fears residents are being left behind by some of the renovations.

Simpson said Hollywood & Highland has done little to improve the quality of life, instead bringing noise, traffic and parking problems.

Boosters say there is no danger that such projects will completely erase the neighborhood's gritty charm.

"If there is ever a place in the world where 'over the top' and excess is appropriate, it's Hollywood," said David Rockwell, the architect of the Kodak Theater. "Hollywood is way too strong for a project to sanitize it."

People are walking in Hollywood again in large part because merchants banded together in 1996 to raise $3 million and hire armed security guards to patrol the area, then populated by drug dealers and prostitutes.

In 1999, the guards made more than 1,700 citizen's arrests; in 2001, as things improved, that number dropped to 771.

Public and private money has been flowing into the area for nearly a decade. Key projects include extending the city's subway line to connect Hollywood with downtown Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley, providing a valuable link for both tourists and commuters.

This week, the new multimillion-dollar ArcLight 14-screen cinema featuring reserved, luxury seating, an upscale cafe and a $14 ticket price — the highest in Los Angeles — opened at Sunset Boulevard and Vine.

AR buddies at Central

Children helping children. Three afternoons a week, Central Elementary third graders in Deborah Judah's class pair up with first grade ESL (English as a Second Language) students in Liffin Molter's class for an Accelerated Reader Buddy program which began in January.

The older children help their younger counterparts read AR books and then help them take the computerized tests. The first graders earn points every time they pass a test. Their names are then placed on an AR bulletin board

Third graders are rewarded with positive action tokens.

Molter likes the buddy program because her students benefit from the "one-on-one attention they receive." Also students can read at their own speed.

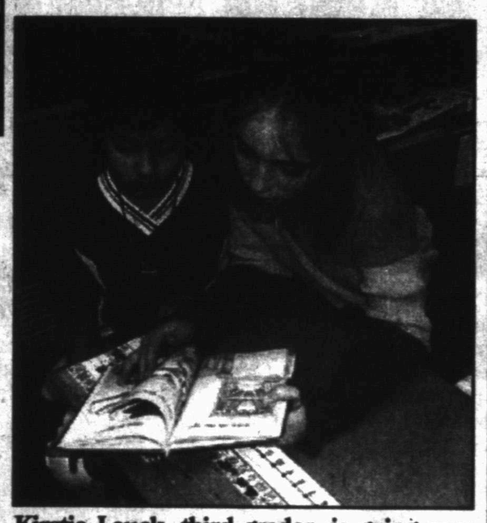
Molter's students spent the first semester learning reading skills and all about the library. Community volunteers also read to Molter's students.



Garrett Snyder helps Jacky Rubio take an Accelerated Reader test on the computer.



Third grader Robert Velasquez is reading an Accelerated Reader book with Sonia Cabrera.



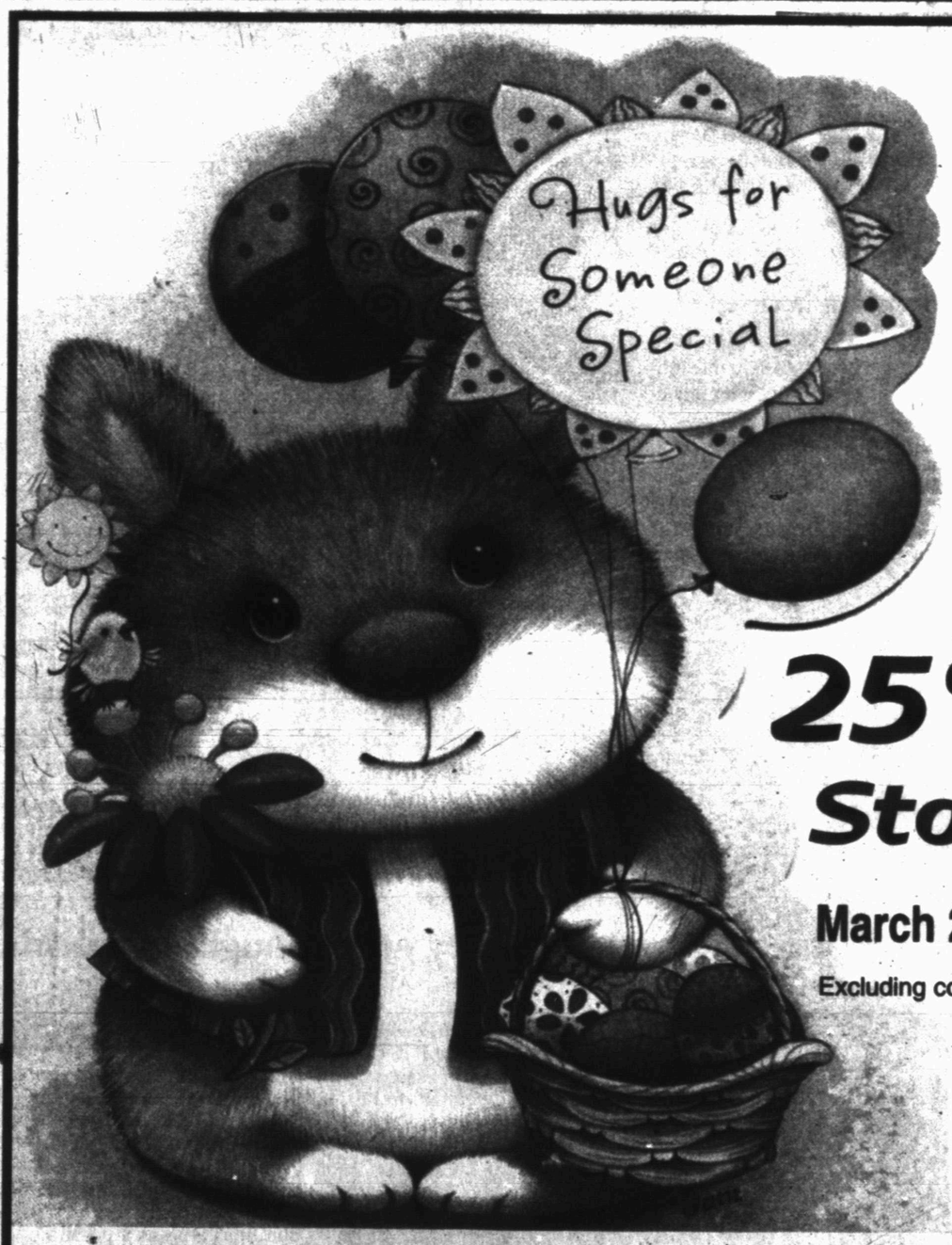
Kirstie Leuck, third grader, is going over an AR book with Janelle Espinoza. Third graders earn positive action tokens for their efforts. The program began in January.

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Chase Gaines looks on as his AR buddy Rodolfo Rodriguez movies his horse marker from 20 points to 25 points on the AR Board. Rodriguez is the top AR reader in Liffin Molter's class.

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JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Mr, and Mrs. Mike Click of Brownfield announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melanie Shay Click, to Dr. Jim Ridenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ridenour of Holliday, formerly of Fluvanna. The couple will marry on June 8 in the Brownfield First Christian Church. Melanie is a graduate of Brownfield High School and Texas Tech University and is employed as a nutritionist for WIC in Lamesa. Her fiancé is a graduate of Holliday High School, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University. He is a doctor of veterinary medicine and operates the Terry County Veterinary Hospital. The couple will live in Brownfield. (Contributed Photo)



MARRIED IN DALLAS — Jesse and Caron Perkins announce the Dec. 15 marriage of their son, Jeremy, to Dana Vandivort of Dallas. Dr. Jan Daihnert performed the ceremony at the Lake Highlands Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)



WINTER-BIZZARRO ENGAGED — Melissa Ann Bizzarro and Kevin Alan Winter will be married at 6 p.m. on May 25 in the Baker Building in Lubbock. Melissa is the daughter of David Bizzarro of Bradford, Pa., and Kevin's parents are Ted and Linda Winter of Snyder. (Photo by Mr. Geez Photography)

Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet Tuesday

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library and members will continue their "show and tell family heirloom" program.

A business meeting will be held and all persons interested in researching their family history are invited to attend. Society members will be available to assist individuals with their research following the meeting.

The society is seeking new members. Membership dues are $12.50 per person and $15 per couple. The fee includes two issues of the society's publication, *The White Buffalo Tales* that is approximately 50 pages of Scurry County records and Scurry County connections. The society also *has Scurry County Cemetery, Marriage and Death Records* for sale. For more information concerning the society, call 573-2085.

The society, a non-profit organization, was organized in 1988 for the purpose of creating an interest in family research and to preserve history.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month excluding December. Visitors are always invited to attend and ask questions pertaining to family research.

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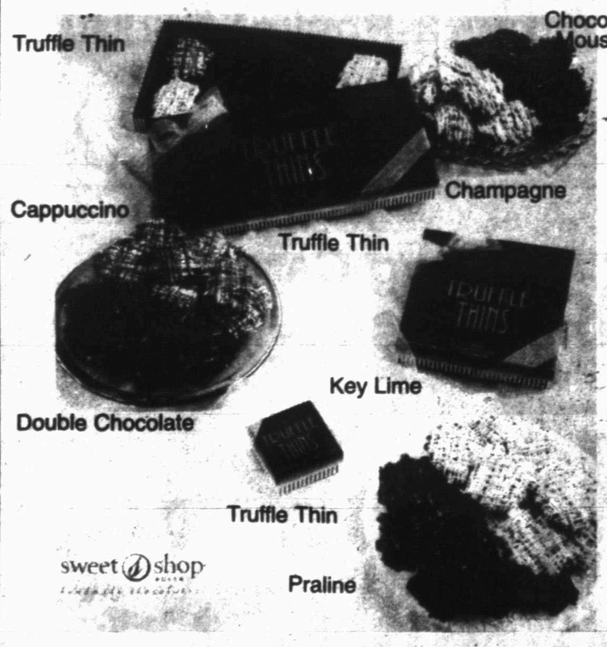
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Letters to be auctioned

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's handwritten letters and cards to a former housekeeper at her family home will be auctioned Friday.

Maud Pendrey, who worked at Althorp House near Northampton, the Spencer family country estate where Diana spent her teen-age years, has put the correspondence up for sale. Auctioneers said the collection could fetch up to $23,000.

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By Phillip Alder

Milton C. Work ends the card-play section of his "Auction Bridge Complete" (John C. Winston Co., 1926) with what he calls Post-Graduate Plays. He gives examples of elimination-and-endplay, unblocking, and the trump coup.

Into which category does this deal fall? How should the play proceed in four hearts after West starts with his three top diamonds? Did West have a more successful defense?

It is not an easy deal to bid. After opening with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs and receiving a negative two-diamond response, maybe South should rebid two no-trump, showing 23 or 24 points (counting an extra point for the good five-card heart suit). Then, though, North would probably raise to three no-trump, a contract not destined for success.

Declarer ruffs the third diamond and cashes two top hearts, learning that West has a trick there. Suddenly it looks as though South needs the spade finesse to succeed. However, declarer can do better if, as Work phrases it, he is "on the qui vive for elimination possibilities."

South cashes his three club tricks, then exits with a trump, putting West on play.

If West shifts to a spade, it is into declarer's tenace. Alternatively, if West leads the diamond nine (or the 13th club, if he has it), South ruffs in the dummy and discards his spade jack. In all cases, declarer lands 10 tricks for his contract.

Finally, West can defeat the contract by leading specifically the heart eight at trick one. I know — you had your thumb on exactly that card!

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Bridge winners

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, March 15

1. Monte West, Ann Davis.
2. Nonnie Ward, Dorothy Rosson tied with Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.

Sunday, March 17

No games

Tuesday, March 19

1. Linda West, Monte West.
2. Nonnie Ward, Betty Courtney.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
4. Peggy Hardin, Nona Morrison.

Store clerk accused of stealing lottery ticket

HILLSBORO, Mo. (AP) — A jury acquitted a convenience store clerk accused of stealing a winning jackpot lottery ticket.

Prosecutors said Chastity Cromer, 29, was stealing about 30 scratchers a day from the store until she scratched one she couldn't cash out of the register — a $100,000 jackpot winner.

Investigators said she even turned back the store's surveillance video to cover up the crime.

The Jefferson County jury found her innocent on all charges Wednesday. Cromer's lawyer, Robert Taaffe, said the evidence against his client was weak.

Cromer isn't completely in the clear. Authorities said the store's owner was expected to file a claim to the $100,000, saying the ticket was stolen. The matter will be decided in a forfeiture hearing.

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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.

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

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 573-4-1292 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 73-1822 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.

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club has cancelled the game day and luncheon and members are encouraged to attend Holy Week service at noon at First Presbyterian Church.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.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.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 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 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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.

Halle Berry once thought of suicide

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Halle Berry said she once defined herself by her relationships with men, and it drove her to suicidal depression.

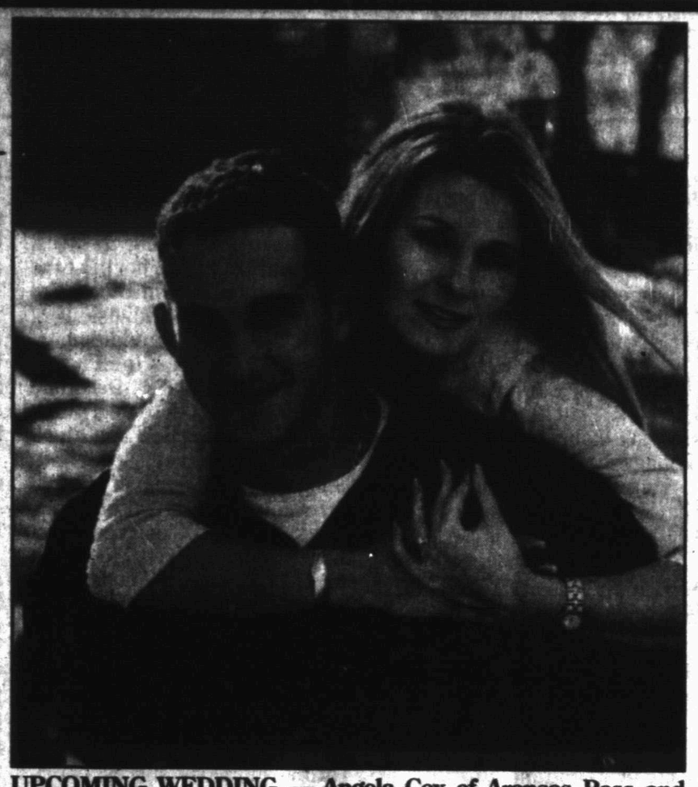
The Oscar-nominated actress confesses in an upcoming Barbara Walters special that her 1996 divorce made her contemplate suicide years ago.

"I was going to sit in the car ... I went into my garage with my two dogs and I had them in the car and I was going to asphyxiate myself," said Berry, who's up for best actress for the drama "Monster's Ball" at Sunday's Academy Awards.

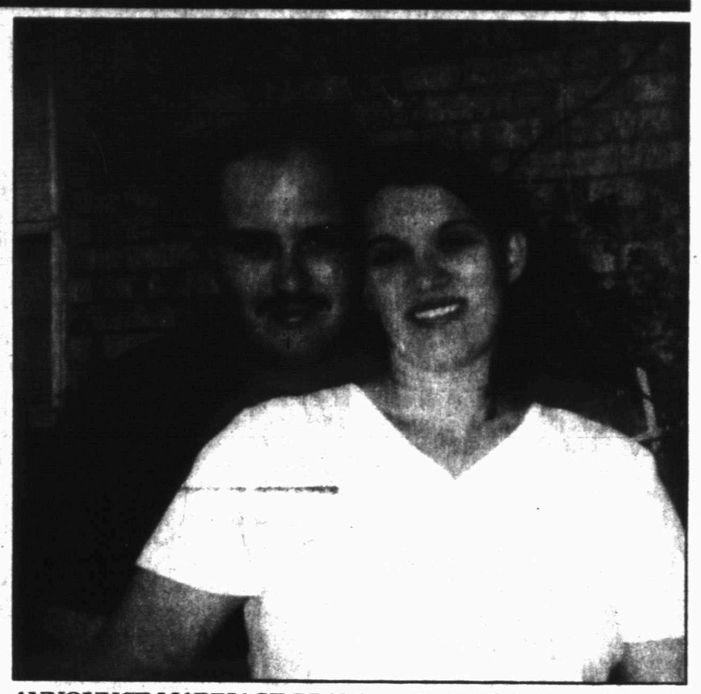
The 33-year-old said the breakup with her ex-husband, Oakland Athletics outfielder David Justice, made her question her value as a person.

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UPCOMING WEDDING — Angela Cox of Aransas Pass and Ryan Nealy Dooms of Portland will be married Aug. 17 in the First Baptist Church in Portland, Tex. Angela is the daughter of the late Geni Kay Cox. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Duaine Davis of Snyder. Ryan is the son of Lester and Sandra Dooms and the grandson of Bobbie Dooms and Dolores Schroeder, all of Portland. (Contributed Photo)



ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE PLANS — Neely Michelle and Austin Randal announces the approaching marriage of their mother, Shanna Fisk, to Christopher Reeves. They plan to wed at 2 p.m. on April 20 in Calvary Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)



50 YEARS AGO — Mr. Irvin Tharp of Snyder and Miss Wanda Sanders of Madill, Okla., were united in matrimony on March 22, 1952. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner hosted by their children, Ronald and Patricia Tharp of Arlington, and Janna and Patrick French of Granbury. They have two grandchildren, Clint Johnson and John Tharp. Mr. and Mrs. Tharp have lived in Snyder for 50 years. (Recent photo by Ted Bigham)

Class of 1967 reunion planned

A small group of the Snyder High School class of '67 met in Snyder in October to organize the 35th class reunion.

Instead of a typical reunion, the classmates will host a Snyder celebration in San Angelo on June 21-23.

Activities include a Friday night party at Lake Nasworthy, golfing at Quicksand Golf course, shopping, and visiting Miss Hatties Saloon on Concho Street. Also, optional tours of two museums, including Miss Hatties Bordello and a dance to the "oldie tunes" will be held in the evening.

Classmates are asked to contact Patsy Rainwater-Maddux for more details, plus provide electronic and home addresses of Snyder High School graduates of 1967.

Mrs. Maddux may be contacted by e-mail Pmaddux@gte.net; or write to 2017 American Legion Rd.; San Angelo, 76904, or call 915-942-9938.

Amish buggies causing stink

LOYAL, Wis. (AP) — Some residents are making a stink about droppings from horses that pull Amish buggies through town.

City officials are considering an ordinance that would require buggy operators to clean up after their horses or attach bags to catch the droppings before they can hit the pavement.

Mayor Art Olsen said he has talked to Amish elders about the matter, but "they say the cars pollute more than their horses do."

Library News And Views

by Janie Romine, librarian

BOOK FEATURE

Divorce Poison, by Dr. Richard A. Warshak

Divorce Poison offers specific advice for parents to shield their children from the crossfire of separation and divorce. Dr. Warshak tells how to minimize damage caused by the bad-mouthing of an ex-spouse. You will learn how to respond to rude and hateful behavior, and how to preserve loving relationships with your children. Much damage can be prevented during divorce, with the information provided by Dr. Warshak.

NEW NON-FICTION

Lazy B: Growing Up on a Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest, by Sandra Day O'Connor.

Genealogist's Computer Companion, by Rhonda McClure.

The Healing Power of Pets: Harnessing the Amazing Ability of Pets..., by Marty Becker.

Plane Insanity: A Flight Attendant's Tale..., by Elliott Hester

NEW FICTION

Deep in the Shade of Paradise, by John Dufresne

Colorado Twilight, by Tess Pendergrass

Catch as Cat Can, by Rita Mae Brown

Absolute Zero, by Chuck Logan

Murder on the Trans-Siberian Express, by Stuart Kaminsky

LIBRARY HOURS:

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Saturday.

Vending machine offers doggie treats

SIDNEY, Maine (AP) — Vending machines at a rest stop will offer a selection of candy, gum — and doggie treats?

Chomp Inc. on Wednesday began stocking Yip Yaps, a doggie breath mint, and Sniffers, a moist chewy candy for dogs, in machines along Interstate 95 in central Maine.

Within the next few weeks, machines at nine other I-95 rest stops in Maine will be stocked with dog candy.

Chomp, based in Lebanon, N.J., said it is the first company in the nation to stock dog treats in vending machines that also contain candy for humans.

Man charged with stealing bird feeder

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Coincidences were flying when a man was arrested and charged with stealing a bird feeder from Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology.

University police charged James Buzzard, 43, who lives on Cardinal Drive, with stealing the feeder from the lab on Sapsucker Woods Drive.

According to police, Buzzard was apparently intoxicated when he entered a storage shed on the lab's property on Monday and tried to steal a $300 bird feeder and a mo-ped.

Buzzard was spotted by someone who called the police.

He was arraigned and held on $7,500 cash bail or $15,000 bail bond.

He faces a felony third-degree burglary, as well as lesser charges involving the alleged larceny of the bird feeder and the mo-ped.

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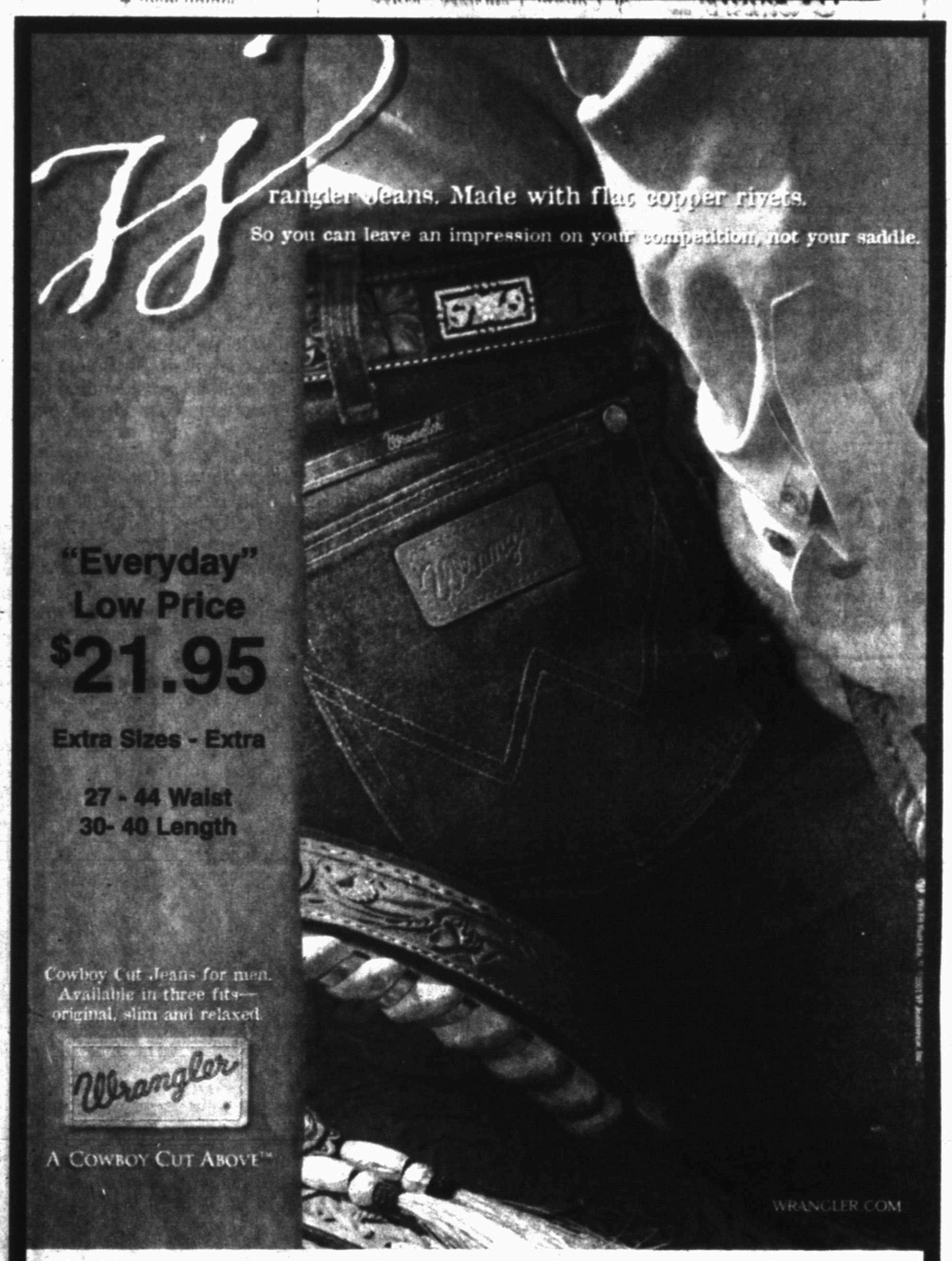


Bridal Registry
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Owner of smelter to buy out homes

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The owner of the nation's largest lead smelter has agreed to buy 160 nearby homes, the most dramatic step taken so far to protect the community's children from pollution.

After six hours of negotiating Thursday night, Doe Run Co. and state officials agreed on immediate buyouts of 26 homes near the smelter in Herculaneum where children under 6 live, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Friday.

More than half the children that age who live within a half-mile of the smelter had high levels of lead in their blood, according to a map released by the state Tuesday. The buyout does not cover all those children, but it covers most.

Overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency, Doe Run has spent millions cleaning up the yards, homes and streets of Herculaneum, a town of 2,800 people about 30 miles south of St. Louis.

It was not determined when the company will offer to buy the other 134 homes, but company executives said they would schedule a community meeting within the next two weeks to announce further details.

The planned buyouts cover most of what was once central Herculaneum, bounded on the east by the smelter near the bank of the Mississippi River. A man who lives in the buyout zone with his young granddaughter said the news came as a great relief after months of worry.

"I'm glad they thought enough of the children to get them out of this mess," said Dennis Shore, who lives about two blocks from the smelter. A recent blood test showed his 3-year-old granddaughter, Madison, had lead levels nearly twice the federal standard for lead poisoning.

Because of contamination, many Herculaneum homeowners say their houses are valued at a fraction of what they paid for them.

Stephen Mahfood, director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, said Doe Run and the state agreed to offer homeowners the "fair market value" for their properties.

Scurry County Public Records

Marriage License

Jessie Joe Salas and Chrystal Lee Martinez, both of Snyder.

Luis Antonio Aguilar and Ronna Michelle Dunson, both of Snyder.

Dameon Jornay Lambert and Vanesa Lashell Lynch, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

B&F Well Servicing Inc. vs. Huey's Trucking Inc. and Howard Robert Giller, suit for damages.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Darren Hopper and dba Red Barn BBQ, suit on debt.

Conseco Finance Servicing Corporation vs. Graham Kerry and Ruth Kerry, suit on account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Tommy Dale Fennell and Judith Ann Fennell, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Diana Lee Iglehart and Roger Bruce Iglehart, divorce granted.

Cooley & Hartman, P.C. vs. Linda Hardy and Earl Hardy, judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

Russell David Daniel and Leslie Paul Daniel to Mildred Boren Sentell and Mary Boren Ezell, the east 100 feet of the south 50 feet of Lot 1 and all of the north 20 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 23 of the Blankenship Addition.

Maria Hernandez and Jimmy Lee Hernandez to Maria Hernandez, tract one being a tract in Block 2 of the Hatcher Subdivision of Block 8 of the Cody Addition; tract two being Lots 14-16 in Block 1 of the Cornelius Subdivision of Block 8 of the Cody Addition; tract three being the west 35 feet of Lots 11-13 north of the RS&P right-of-way in Block 1 of the Cornelius Subdivision of Block 7 of the Cody Addition.

Winslow S. Hill to the Fluvanna Church of Christ, tract one being a 100 x 150-foot tract out of 22.08 acres in Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the north one-half of a 100 x 150-foot tract in Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being a 100 x 150-foot tract out of 22.05 acres in Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being the south one-half of a 100 x 150-foot tract out of 22.08 acres in Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ronnie Clyde Lewis, Ralph E. Lewis and Randy Todd Lewis to Toribio and Dolly Torres, Lot 20 of the H.F. Murphy Subdivision of Blocks 39 and 42 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

H. Wm. Loud to Jimmy C. and Janet A. Stribling, Lots 7-12 in Block 31 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Tracy Dee and Donnie Medley to Glenda A. Glasscock, Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Highland Addition.

Mozell Wade to Wendell Hicks, the east 65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 22 of the Adams Addition.

Emily M. Roberts to Daniel L. and Judy I. Roberts, Lot 5 in Block 3 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Mel Martinez, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 12 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

Mel Martinez, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 1 in Block 6 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

American Equity Funding Inc. to Bayview Financial Property Trust, Lot 5 in Block 2 of the Highland Terrance Addition.

Bernard Dale Garrett to Mildred Katherine Eaton, Lots 2 and 3 in Block 8 of the Town of Hermleigh.

John D. and Kathryn A. Rogotzke to the John D. and Kathryn A. Rogotzke Revocable Living Trust, Lot 7 in Block 3 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1.

Sid D. Wall, attorney-in-fact for Mozelle Wall Lovell, to Randell L. Lambert, an 0.516-acre tract in Tract 46, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Teddy Jay and Dana Jill Cooley to Michael James and Susan Elaine Brown, Lot 4 in Block 7 of the Park View Addition, Section 4.

Jonathan Carrisalez to Jamie Pacheco Garcia, the north one-half of the west 50 feet of Lot 3 in Block 3 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Eugene Jones, independent executor of the estate of Delbert C. Jones, to Ronnie Wooldridge, the east one-half of Lot 4 in Block 24 of the Blankenship Addition.

Ford M. and Doris S. Spikes to Rebecca Ann Carey, the south 140 feet of the east 76 feet of Lot 2, Block 6, Blankenship Addition.

Milton L. Vicary and Debra Vicary Row to Weldon Beck, 20.2 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 103, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Milton L. Vicary and Debra Vicary Row to Weldon Beck, tract one being 3.66.03 acres out of the south one-half and the northeast one-quarter of Section 103, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 332.5 acres out of Section 89, Block 3, H&TC survey.

James Edward Beaver, independent executor of the estate of Odyne Beaver Jones, to James Edward Beaver, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 150 of the Town of Fluvanna.

American State Bank to Marshall Parham, the north 50 feet of Lots 7-9 in Block 28 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Mary and Oscar Garcia to Ronald Gene and Kathy Louise Block, the west 60 feet of the east 90 feet of the south 140 feet of Lot 3 in Block 74 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Mary and Oscar B. Garcia to Texas Savings Bank, Lot 11 in Block 2 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1.

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Commission okays higher postal rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans will be paying an additional 3 cents to mail a letter this summer.

The independent Postal Rate Commission on Friday gave its approval to an unprecedented agreement on postage prices, reached by the post office and nearly all of the businesses and organizations that normally fight rate changes vigorously.

All that remains now is for the postal governing board to set the date, probably around June 30.

"This decision will allow the Postal Service an immediate influx of revenue while holding rate increases to a reasonable percentage for postal customers," rate commission George Omas.

The approval means a first-class stamp will rise 3 cents to 37 cents, there will be a 2-cent boost in post cards to 23 cents, and most other mail charges will also rise.

Without the usual opposition, the rate commission was able to give speeded-up consideration to the Postal Service's request for new rates.

Battered by declining business in a slow economy, the post office lost $1.68 billion last year and was anticipating a $1.35 billion loss this year after freezing new construction and cutting 12,000 jobs.

The agency announced Sept. 11 it would seek higher rates to take effect this fall.

Then the terror attacks, followed by the anthrax-by-mail infections, socked the agency with hundreds of millions of dollars in additional costs for cleanup and preventing future mail contamination.

Knowing that would plunge the post office into even worse financial straits, Rate Commission Chairman George Omas suggested the post office and 60 or so organizations that usually fight it out over rates to reach an agreement all could accept.

In the end all but the American Postal Workers Union signed on to the deal, which avoided months of hearings and arguments before the agency and permitted the rapid rate decision.

The union, which represents workers who sort mail, argued that the rate increases offered giant mailers discounts for presorting mail that exceed the amount the Postal Service would save by not doing that work.

The post office responded the contention was fallacious, "based on speculation regarding postal revenues, finances and capital investment plans."

Organizations that would benefit from the discounts defended them. "The settlement rates are well within lawful limits," argued a group including the Association for Postal Commerce, the Mailing and Fulfillment Service Association and the Recording Industry Association of America.

While many that normally oppose rate increases accepted this one, it was not always cheerfully.

Longtime rival United Parcel Service said that while it "could find fault with a number of the rates set forth in the settlement," it joined in the agreement to help the post office "respond to recent extraordinary events and return to financial stability."

"The settlement agreement represents, we believe, the best result that is possible to achieve under current circumstances," said the group."However," the group added, "the circumstances themselves — the need for so much additional revenue so soon after the last two rate increases, based on estimates developed prior to Sept. 11, 2001 — reflect poorly on the Postal Service."

Other increases requested by the post office include:

—Increase the postcard rate 2 cents to 23 cents.

—A 1-pound priority mail item would rise 35 cents to $3.85.

—Increases in parcel post, with a 5-pount item costing $4.19 to $7.25 now, depending on distance, would rise to $5.03 to $9.43.

—A half-pound Express Mail item would jump $1.20 to $13.65.

—Certified mail would increase 20 cents to $2.30.

—Insurance charges would go up for most mail, depending on amount of insurance.

Polls: 'Beautiful Mind' and 'Lord of The Rings' top the public's Oscar preferences

WASHINGTON (AP) — The public's favorites to win the Oscar for best picture of the year are "A Beautiful Mind" and "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," say polls released just before the Oscars are presented Sunday.

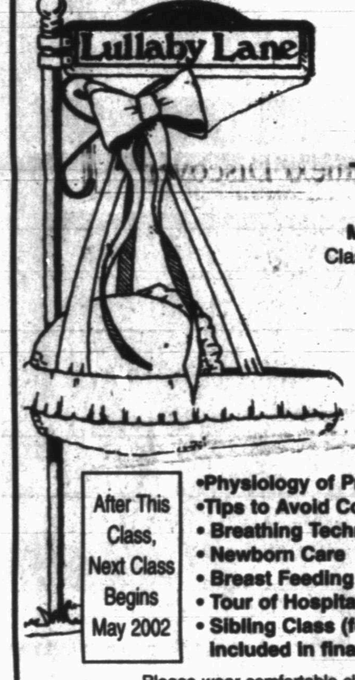
Those two movies tied for first in polls by ABC News and Gallup released Friday, with just over a fourth of people surveyed supporting each. The other best picture nominees "Moulin Rouge," "In the Bedroom" and "Gosford Park" finished far back, possibly because people are less familiar with them.

"Lord of the Rings" is the big earner of the group at almost $300 million and "A Beautiful Mind" has earned half of that.

Russell Crowe, who played the role of a schizophrenic math genius in "A Beautiful Mind," and Denzel Washington, who played a corrupt cop in "Training Day," are the popular choices for best actor — each chosen by about a fourth of the public.

Halle Berry, who plays an executed inmate's widow in "Monster's Ball," and Nicole Kidman, who plays a glamorous nightclub performer in "Moulin Rouge," were the public's choice for best actress — each chosen by about a fifth.

The Gallup poll of 1,009 adults was taken Monday through Wednesday and the ABC poll of 1,021 adults was taken March 13-17. Each have error margins of plus or minus 3 percentage points.



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School Lunch Menus

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Monday
Strawberry Toaster Pastry
Tuesday
Sausage on a Muffin
Wednesday
Cinnamon Roll
Thursday
Rice Krispie Square
Friday
No School

(Other Schools)
Monday
Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Donut or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Hot Oatmeal w/Spiced Fruit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Cinnamon Roll or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce or
Popcorn Chicken Burrito
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
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Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Chicken BLT on a Bun or
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread Stick
Seasoned Green Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Baked Caesar Chicken or
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Cheese & Chives Mashed Potatoes
Garden Green Peas
Cinnamon Chocolate Quesadilla
Thursday
Chicken Nuggets w/Barbecue Dip
Or Dijon Meatloaf
Broccoli Wedges w/Ranch
Baked Beans
Apple Cobbler

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All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Apple Muffins
Tuesday
Juice
Biscuits/Gravy
Wednesday
Juice
Pancakes/Syrup
Thursday
Juice
Cheese Toast
Friday
No School

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Beets
Hot Rolls
Blond Brownies
Tuesday
Barbecue Pork Rib Patty
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Hot Rolls
Pear Halves
Wednesday
Chili Beans
Fried Okra
Glazed Carrots
Corn Bread
Pineapple Pudding
Thursday
Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies

Ira

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BREAKFAST
Monday
French Toast Sticks
Juice
Tuesday
Pop Tarts
Juice
Wednesday
Breakfast Tacos
Juice
Thursday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Fruit
Cinnamon Toast
Friday
Sausage & Biscuits
Hash Browns
Juice

LUNCH
Monday
Pizza
Salad
Corn
Cake
Tuesday
Char Broiled Steak & Gravy
Parsley Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Bread
Peanut Butter Surprise
Wednesday
Fish
Macaroni & Cheese
Black-eyed Peas
Corn Bread
Fruit Salad
Thursday
Pop Corn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Rolls
Oranges
Friday
Sack Lunches

Waste Management fires Arthur Andersen as its accounting firm

HOUSTON (AP) — Waste Management Inc., the nation's largest trash hauler that stuck with Arthur Andersen LLP as its auditor despite two separate accounting lapses, has fired the embattled firm.

Rival Ernst & Young LLP will begin auditing Waste Management's books immediately, the company said Friday, a day after its board unanimously approved the switch.

"We simply feel that our responsibility to our shareholders dictated a review of our outside auditor (Andersen) at this time," said A. Maurice Myers, who was hired in late 1999 as chairman and chief executive officer after a $250 million revenue shortfall prompted a management shakeup.

Waste Management had been Andersen's largest embarrassment prior to the recent Enron Corp. accounting scandal, which along with a criminal charge of illegal document shredding have shattered Andersen's reputation and threatened the Big Five firm's survival.

Chicago-based Andersen, which has vigorously denied allegations the firm is responsible for any improper document destruction, did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday.

The Securities and Exchange Commission alleged Andersen inflated earnings by more than $1 billion in the 1990s on behalf of Waste Management, then based in suburban Chicago. In 1998, the trash hauler restated earnings from 1923-97 and Andersen paid Waste Management a settlement amount that never was disclosed.

Last June, Andersen agreed to pay a $7 million SEC fine, though the firm did not admit or deny the agency's allegations it "knowingly or recklessly" issued false and misleading audit reports.

After a Houston rival bought Waste Management and adopted its name, the combined company's auditing work was performed out of the Andersen's Houston office, Waste Management spokeswoman Sarah Voss said.

Yet Waste Management again was forced to restate earnings further in 1999 and Andersen paid the company $20 million as a result, Waste Management said last November. The two earnings restatements cost Waste Management and Andersen more than $600 million in combined lawsuit settlements.

A review of candidates to audit Waste Management settled on Ernst & Young, said John C. Pope, chairman of the Waste Management board's audit committee.

"After a thorough selection process that reviewed several firms, including Arthur Andersen, the committee concluded that Ernst & Young would bring the best combination of talent and attention to the auditing effort," Pope said in a news release.

Myers added the change was not a reflection on the current Andersen auditors checking the company's books.

Myers has sharpened Waste Management's focus on domestic assets and sold off its international businesses as it has improved its balance sheet.

Gov. Perry wants inmates returned; counties say no

AUSTIN (AP) — The declining prison population in Texas has created a struggle for the state's felons, with Gov. Rick Perry wanting them back in state prisons and some county officials trying to keep them in their jails.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Friday that counties are scrambling to keep their felons, and the state money that comes with them.

Perry says the state should move its 2,600 felons now housed in local jails into state prisons to save taxpayers an estimated $3 million a month. But acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff and officials in 10 counties say that will leave the counties in a financial lurch.

"We just want what's fair," said Bowie County Judge James Carlow, whose Texarkana lockup could be forced to lay off 40 correctional officers if the 151 state prisoners depart. "We were forced to expand our correctional facility back when the state (prison system) was full."

In August the prison population dipped below 145,006 — 5,000 below operational capacity. That was also the number at which the Legislature had mandated a plan be drawn up to remove the so-called contract prisoners from local lockups.

The savings were to be used for community corrections programs and for maintenance and repair at state prisons, according to state budget provision.

Prison officials within days proposed to phase out the contract beds by January, an action that quickly angered county officials.

At the time, projections by the Criminal Justice Policy Council, the state agency that tracks prison statistics, showed that Texas prisons might have as many as 8,500 empty beds by August 2002 a downward trend that officials said they expect to continue during the next two years.

Among the reasons cited are decreasing crime and increasing parole rates for nonviolent, low-risk offenders.

Rather than accepting the prison officials' plan, Ratliff said he suggested the state consider paying the counties to mothball beds. He suggested they might pay counties $5 to $10 for an empty bed, instead of $40 a day for an occupied one.

Three of the 10 affected jails are located in Ratliff's Senate district in East Texas.

"We had all these counties who had helped us when we didn't have enough prison space, by building these facilities," he said. "I think we owe it to them."

Perry disagreed. By moving the contract prisoners into state prisons, Perry said, prison officials could save $100,000 a day or as much as $42 million during the current two-year budget period.

In a Feb. 28 letter to Ratliff, he summed up his objection this way: "I question a policy to pay counties or any entity or individual a fee for doing nothing. And, I believe the vast majority of Texans would agree with me on that principle."

Under the budget provision, both Perry and the Legislative Budget Board must approve prison officials' plan for the contract prisoners before it can be carried out. Ratliff is chair of the budget board.

Aides to Perry and Ratliff said Thursday they are unsure when the issue will be resolved.

A decade ago, Texas' prison picture looked much different.

State lockups were full, and, at one point, more than 30,000 prison-bound felons were backlogged in local jails statewide. Courts were levying millions in fines because of the overcrowding.

Then, prison- and jail-building boomed. The size of Texas' prison system was tripled in five years, to more than 150,000 beds for a time, the largest in the Western world.

Of the 10 lockups under contract to hold state felons, three are county-run. The other seven are run by private contractors but built with counties' financial help, officials said.

New Jersey man to undergo his second kidney transplant

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — An assistant county prosecutor who already has three kidneys in his body will receive a fourth Friday when he undergoes his second transplant operation.

Ike Gavzy, 48, suffers from benign familial hematuria, a hereditary disease that slowly eroded his own kidneys' ability to function. When the kidneys he was born with began to falter in the early 1980s, he received a third kidney from his father.

Since Gavzy's own kidneys were not doing any harm, doctors left them in place and installed the third one just above his waist and to the right of his navel.

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United States slates tariffs on softwood lumber from Canada

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government issued duties Friday averaging 29 percent on a popular type of Canadian lumber to protect American jobs and retaliate for what it says are unfair trade practices.

Critics say the move could add $1,500 to the price of a new U.S. home and devastate the Canadian lumber industry, which already has suffered mill closings and job losses from U.S. tariffs imposed last year.

The Commerce Department determined in its investigation that Canada subsidizes its industry by charging low fees to log public lands and allows its producers to sell their lumber in the United States at below-market prices, an illegal practice known as dumping.

"While the final duty rates do not fully offset the amount of injury to the U.S. lumber industry, this decision substantiates the U.S. lumber industry's claim that the Canadian government subsidizes Canadian lumber mills," said Rusty Wood, U.S. Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports chairman.

The ruling involves softwood lumber, commonly used in home construction. The United States imported $5.7 billion worth from Canada in 2001, about a third of the U.S. supply.

The Commerce Department set a 19.3 percent duty to punish Canada for the subsidies and a second tariff averaging 9.7 percent for dumping. The dumping duty varies by company and ranges from 15.8 for Weyerhaeuser to 2.3 percent for West Fraser. Lumber from Canada's Maritime provinces was excluded from both duties.

Canadian International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew called the duties "obscene."

"I am sorry that the American administration did not find the nerve to confront its protectionist softwood lumber producers," he said.

The duties can't be imposed until the U.S. International Trade Commission determines if American lumber interests have been harmed by the Canadians. But the commission already has issued a preliminary ruling against the Canadians. The final ruling is expected in May.

It's the second time in a month that the Bush administration has sought to impose tariffs to help a struggling U.S. industry. Earlier it imposed tariffs on steel imports.

The trade commission and Commerce Department have been investigating Canadian softwood trade for about a year. The department last year imposed two temporary duties averaging about 32 percent. One of the duties expired in December.

The lumber dispute is decades old. Canada and the United States have reached temporary truces in the past. The most recent agreement expired a year ago and both sides have since been litigating their cases while they talked.

Negotiators worked long hours this week to try to reach agreement before the Commerce Department took action.



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By Abigail Van Buren



Couple about to be remarried should settle issue of kids

DEAR ABBY: I am confused and don't know where to turn. I became engaged several months ago to a man I have lived with for more than a year. My fiance has known for several years that I chose to remain childless because I spent most of my youth raising my siblings. We try to take an active role in the lives of our nieces and nephews and have recently become godparents.

With the wedding date fast approaching, my fiance has become more and more vocal about his desire to adopt children. He says it would give him the focus he needs in life. It is my opinion that if my fiance feels this strongly about raising children, we should end our engagement, and he should find a woman who shares his dream. I have communicated this to him many times, but he insists he wants to marry me even if it means no children. Should or shouldn't I marry this man? — **SECOND THOUGHTS IN NEW MEXICO**

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: You and your fiance share a different view of what your marriage should hold. If you marry, one of you is bound to feel cheated. No one who doesn't sincerely want to be a parent should adopt a child. It is unfair to the child. In my opinion, you both would be happier in the long run if you found more compatible spouses, but only you can make that decision.

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DEAR ABBY: My 30-year-old sister has been sent to prison for six months. Her ex-husband was sent to a penitentiary a year ago and won't be getting out anytime soon. Their 17-year-old son is in a detention home. The only one left is my 7-year-old niece, "Patty." She is living with me and my three children. My sister asked that Patty not be told her mother is doing time.

Abby, all Patty does is draw pictures of her mother, father and brother. She won't eat and stares into space, wondering when her family will return.

My children and I try to keep Patty occupied, but the sadness in her eyes is breaking our hearts. Do you think we should tell Patty that her mother is in prison? What can we do to ease her pain? — **WORRIED AUNT IN SANDUSKY, OHIO**

DEAR WORRIED AUNT: Patty should be told as much of the truth as is appropriate for a child her age. And she should be encouraged to write to her mommy, daddy and brother, and include her artwork. Her pain will be greatly eased once she understands that her family still loves her and will not be gone forever.

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DEAR ABBY: When my 13-year-old daughter, Kimmie, was little, there was a lot of competition between her two grandmothers. My mother liked to buy her clothes and my husband's mom liked to buy her books.

We called them the Director of Fashion and the Director of Education! — **BONNIE IN ENCINO, CALIF.**

DEAR BONNIE: I find it heartwarming that so many grandparents pass along their passions to their grandchildren by sharing those interests and enthusiasms. And because of that, in a sense, they live on long after they have passed on.

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DEAR ABBY: I work in a local government office as a comptroller and have many longtime friends in the office. I am disabled, Abby. I was born club-footed and with a short leg, which requires me to wear a specially molded shoe and walk with a cane. One gentleman, who is soon to marry a co-worker, asked that I be in the bridal party.

The problem: I overheard the bride-to-be talking to the office receptionist about my participation in the wedding. She said she would be embarrassed to have me "clump down the aisle, dragging that horrible shoe"! Those were her exact words. Needless to say, I am heartbroken that a fellow worker, who always seemed nice to my face, would say something so cruel behind my back. Yes, I am fully aware that I must wear this "horrible" thing to walk, but I never thought I would be talked about in such an unkind manner.

I have decided to beg off, but don't want to start a flap over this. How can I bow out gracefully? I feel I should say something in defense of disabled people everywhere, but discretion tells me to keep my hurt and anger to myself. Please advise. — **CONFUSED IN KINGSTON, N.Y.**

DEAR CONFUSED: You would be doing your longtime coworker a favor by leveling with him about overhearing his fiancee object to your participation in the wedding because of your disability. Tell him that, under the circumstances, you must decline his gracious invitation.

Knowing the truth could cause him to change his mind about marrying someone so self-centered and with so little compassion. If not, at least he'd be warned in advance.

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DEAR ABBY: We will be sending wedding invitations soon. Do you send a mother who has moved in with her daughter a separate invitation, or do you include her as "and family"? I always thought "and family" referred to minor children only. What's the proper etiquette? — **CONFUSED IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR CONFUSED: Adult members of the household — a parent or a grown child — should receive a separate invitation.

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DEAR ABBY: The letters about children's reactions to how babies are made reminded me of my son's reaction when he was 4. I was a single mother in college at the time. He enjoyed looking at my biology books while I studied. One day he saw a picture of fertilization, so upon his request I explained how babies get started using the pictures in the biology book.

He looked me right in the eye and asked how the daddy cell got in the momma in the first place. Cool as a cucumber, I asked him how he thought it got there. He thought for a moment, then told me his version that so touched my heart that I became misty:

Babies get started in the daddy's heart. The daddy looks at the mommy with a special kind of love. He takes her hand, and the sperm leaves the daddy's heart, goes through his wedding ring while he is holding his wife's hand, to her heart, where it stays to soak up their love a little while, then travels to her uterus, where it starts to grow. And this is how babies are made! I thought it was one of the sweetest things I have ever heard. — **ALY IN EDMONDS, WASH.**

DEAR ALY: I agree. And if you think about the symbolism — he wasn't really so far wrong. (On the other hand, it makes one realize how important a thorough sex education is for young people.)

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1,300 laid-off United workers are recalled

CHICAGO (AP) — In another sign of the airline industry's modest recovery, United Airlines said Friday it is recalling an additional 1,300 employees who were laid off last fall and hiring an 900 more in key markets.

The ramp, customer and cabin service employees are being recalled at United's five hubs — Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington-Dulles — to help the carrier meet its expanded summer schedule.

"To support the increased operation, we have already begun to recall employees who were placed on furlough status last fall," said Patti Carson, a United vice president. "While we still have a long road ahead of us, United is very happy to recall more than a thousand of our employees."

United announced earlier this month that it is adding 170 daily flights to its summer schedule, effective June 7. That would bring the Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based airline's schedule to almost 1,900 daily flights, compared with 2,400 before the attacks.

After the September attacks, United slashed capacity by 23 percent and laid off 20,000 employees. The carrier already has recalled hundreds of those workers — customer-contact employees, ramp workers, mechanics and flight attendants.

The newly recalled employees will return to work by the end of May, with the new hires being added during the first week of June.

United shares rose 45 cents to $15.59 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Bush administration scraps consent forms in patient privacy regulation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors and hospitals could disclose private information about patients and provide medical services without prior consent under proposed Bush administration revisions to Clinton-era patient privacy rules.

Privacy advocates protested that the administration is stripping out a core element of the privacy rules. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., promised hearings and legislation to reinstate the mandatory consent forms.

"The administration has come down on the side of major health corporations at the expense of individuals," Kennedy charged Friday from the Senate floor.

The changes also would give parents greater access to their children's medical records.

Years in the making, the privacy rules are scheduled to take effect in April 2003. They offer the first comprehensive federal protections for health privacy and apply to nearly every patient, doctor, hospital, insurance plan and pharmacy in the nation.

The rules prohibit health care providers from disclosing patient information for reasons unrelated to health services and establish civil and criminal penalties for violators. They give patients the right to inspect and copy their records and to ask for corrections.

Last year the Bush administration allowed the rules developed under President Clinton to go forward but promised a variety of changes to make them more workable. The changes were announced Thursday.

"These are commonsense revisions that eliminate serious obstacles to patients getting needed care and services quickly while continuing to protect patients' privacy," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said in a statement.

Health care providers welcomed many of the changes, including scrapping of consent forms. They also were pleased that the revisions make clear that incidental disclosures of private information are permitted, such as a conversation at a hospital nurses' stand or names listed on a sign-in sheet at a doctor's office.

Privacy advocates were unhappy about the consent forms and the elimination of some privacy rights for minors, including teenagers who may seek abortions, drug treatment or other medical care.

"It's really unfortunate that HHS is proposing to eliminate the consent requirement," said Janlori Goldman, who directs the Health Privacy Project at Georgetown University. "If people don't know what their rights are, how are they going to protect themselves?"

Under the Clinton rule, health care providers would have had to get written permission to disclose patient information even for routine matters such as treatment and payment. Under the change proposed Thursday, no such permission will be needed — just as it's not needed today.

Rather, doctors and other health care providers must notify patients of privacy policies and make a "good faith effort" to get written acknowledgment.

The administration was reacting to health care providers who complained that the need to get permission could stall needed treatments. Pharmacies, for instance, worried that a prescription telephoned in by a doctor could not be picked up by a friend if the patient had not signed a consent form.

Business groups said consent forms would amount to more bureaucracy, and HHS officials said they were not meaningful since people who didn't sign the form could and probably would be denied care anyway.

"The forms would have been a paperwork hassle without providing any additional privacy rights or protections for patients," said a statement from the American Hospital Association.

Both the Clinton and the Bush versions of the privacy rule allow minors to keep privacy rights if specified under state law. Absent a state law, both would allow doctors to disclose information to parents.

The Clinton rule said, however, that minors who have the right under state law to access certain medical services should have the right to privacy, even from parents. Various state laws give minors the right to obtain services without parental approval for mental health, substance abuse or abortion services.

Under the Bush revision, minors would not have that right except in unusual cases where state law explicitly allows it.

The regulations clarify that personal information cannot be sold or given to drug companies or others that want to market a product or service without patient permission.

However, doctors, hospitals and insurance companies can communicate with patients about benefits, new treatments and products without permission as long as the information is meant to benefit a patient's treatment.

The revised rules will be published next week and are subject to a 30-day public comment period before becoming final.

U.S. intelligence suspects Shining Path in Peru blast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The car bomb attack near the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, was probably intended by Shining Path guerrillas to discredit the Peruvian leader before President Bush's visit on Saturday, U.S. officials said.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, which took place late Wednesday. Both intelligence and defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Thursday it bears hallmarks of previous attacks by Shining Path, a Maoist rebel group.

The bombers used a simple fuse and detonated it outside a bank, similar to previous attacks by the group, one intelligence official said. The bomb was believed to have been made of a potent mix of ammonium nitrate, a petroleum product such as fuel oil, and dynamite weighing about 66 pounds.

The blast shattered windows and destroyed nearby ears, leaving the street in front of the U.S. Embassy compound littered with bodies and wreckage.

No U.S. citizens were among the nine people confirmed killed. One of the dead was a Peruvian police officer assigned to guard the embassy, which remained open, State Department spokesman Philip Reeker said Thursday.

Supporters of the group recently were distributing anti-U.S. propaganda and threatening to disrupt Bush's visit by embarrassing Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo, officials said. The United States has obtained some other, unspecified information suggesting Shining Path was planning an attack, a U.S. official said.

The State Department issued a public announcement Thursday night advising American citizens in Peru to be vigilant and avoid crowds and public areas, particularly those where Americans are known to congregate.

"American citizen visitors and residents in Peru should review their personal security and exercise caution," it said.

Shining Path is also the likely suspect in an attack early Wednesday on a branch office of the Telefonica phone company in the town of Los Olivos, about 10 miles from the capital, a State Department official said.

The Shining Path guerrilla movement aims to install a communist state through a peasant uprising.

The group tried to overthrow the Peruvian government in the 1980s and 1990s with waves of bombings, assassinations and peasant massacres. Shining Path attempted several bombings of U.S. diplomatic buildings in Peru in the early 1990s.

The fighting left 30,000 dead, most rural people killed in the cross fire between Shining Path and government troops. The fighting included insurgencies by the Marxist rebels in the smaller Tupac Amaru movement, best known for a four-month siege of the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima in 1996-97.

But the 1992 capture of Shining Path's founder and leader, Abimael Guzman, and a fierce crackdown by the government devastated the group, though its ideals still inspire a Maoist insurgency fighting a bitter war on the other side of the world, in Nepal. A man known as "Artemio" is now believed to head the organization, officials said.

Shining Path's last car bombing in Lima was in 1997, and it has fallen from a peak of perhaps 10,000 fighters to fewer than 500 combatants in scattered bands in jungle valleys of eastern Peru. Many credit the success to former President Alberto Fujimori's iron-fisted tactics, including the use of secret tribunals.

At the time, the United States criticized those tribunals; it is now considering similar courts for alleged al-Qaida terrorists captured in the war in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Peruvian officials announced in December they had broken up efforts to form a Shining Path cell in the capital to plot bombing attacks, including against the U.S. Embassy.

President Bush called the attackers "two-bit terrorists" and went ahead with plans to visit Lima on Saturday to meet with Toledo and leaders from Colombia, Bolivia and Ecuador. He is also traveling to Mexico and El Salvador during the trip.

While most of the world has focused on terrorism by Islamic extremists since Sept. 11, many other violent organizations remain active. An offshoot of the Red Brigades terror group said Thursday it killed Italian economist Marco Biagi, who was working on bitterly contested changes in Italy's labor laws which he favored loosening.

Rock star wannabe

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Colin Hanks is a rock star wannabe.

"I play bass guitar," the 24-year-old actor told reporters, "and I played in bands in high school and in college. ... 'Almost Famous' is one of my all-time favorite movies."

But Hanks has no plans for a dual career, like his "Orange County" co-star Jack Black, who has his own band, Tenacious D.

"I'm fascinated by that world," he said. "(But) some things are better as dreams. I live vicariously through Jack. That's what I'm doing. I'd much rather just be fascinated by it than try and make an attempt at it."

Datebook

Saturday, March 23, 2002

Today is the 82nd day of 2002, and the 4th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1745, Patrick Henry made his now-famous "Give me liberty or give me death!" statement to the Virginia Provincial Convention.

On this day in 1919, Benito Mussolini founded the Fascist Party in Italy.

On this day in 1942, the American government started its program of evacuating Japanese-American citizens to detention centers along the west coast.

On this day in 1965, America launched its first two-man space flight. Virgil Grissom and John Young went into space aboard the Gemini Three.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joan Crawford (1908 - 1977), actress; Akira Kurosawa (1910 - 1998), director; Chaka Kahn (1953 -), singer, is 49; Keri Russell (1976 -), actress, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1957, the University of North Carolina completed an unbeaten season with a three-overtime 54-53 win over the University of Kansas in the championship game of the NCAA Tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I like unformed characters. This may be because, no matter how old I get, I am still unformed myself." - Akira Kurosawa

TODAY'S MOON: In between the first quarter (March 21) and the full moon (March 28)

Sunday, March 24, 2002

Today is the 83rd day of 2002, and the 5th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1765, England enacted the Quartering Act. The law required American colonists to give temporary boarding to any English soldier who demanded it.

On this day in 1955, Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway.

On this day in 1989, the Exxon Valdez crashed against a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound. The accident caused 11 million gallons of crude oil to spill into the surrounding area.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Harry Houdini (1874 - 1926), magician; Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle (1887 - 1933), actor; Steve McQueen (1930 - 1980), actor; Louie Anderson (1953 -), comedian/game show host, is 49; Anabella Sciorra (1964 -), actress, is 38; Alyson Hannigan (1974 -), actress, is 28; Peyton Manning (1976-), football star, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, it took six overtimes to decide a winner in the Stanley Cup playoff game between the Detroit Red Wings and the Montreal Canadiens. Detroit won, 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Film standards change so fast and film styles come in so often that the director whose ideas were heralded as the climax of brilliancy six months ago is old-fashioned now. And, if he fails to discard his old ideas and keep at least two laps ahead of the procession — you know what's going to happen to him." - Fatty Arbuckle

TODAY'S MOON: In between the first quarter (March 21) and the full moon (March 28)

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Hosts selected for 2002 Dove Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner and singer Yolanda Adams will be the hosts of this year's Dove Awards show for Christian music, the Gospel Music Association announced.

The show will take place April 25 at the Grand Ole Opry House. It will air live on the PAX TV cable network. The GMA made the announcement Wednesday.

Warner led the Rams to a Super Bowl victory in 2000, then lost it to New England in 2002.

"I have been a fan of Christian music for many years and have gone to the Dove Awards several times," Warner said. "I love Christian music because it reflects my faith, and because it has the ability to bring such encouragement and inspiration to others."

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Saints and Sinners by George R. Plagenz

The power of remembrance

In Maeterlinck's lovely fantasy, "The Blue Bird," (Olympic Marketing Corp., 1988) two little children, Mytyl and Tyltyl, are transported by the fairy into the Land of Memory where they once again meet their grandmother and grandfather.

The children are surprised their grandparents are not dead. When Mytyl mentions this to her grandmother, Granny Tyl tells her, "As long as you remember me, I am alive."

This is the universal Easter message. It is the message to those who believe that Christ rose physically from the dead as well as to those who have their doubts about that, but believe in the resurrection just the same — they believe Christ is alive today as surely as he was when he walked the dusty roads of Galilee with his disciples.

But to believe — or even to know — that Christ is alive today is not enough. He is truly alive only if we remember him.

We all know people who are walking the earth today, but whom we never think of from one end of the year to the next. They are as good as dead to us.

We also know people who have departed this life, but whom we remember almost every day. As long as we remember them, they are alive to us. Remembering them cheers our lives and provides companionship to us in our loneliness.

All the scholarly arguments in the world, proving or disproving that these loved ones are alive somewhere today, make no difference to us one way or the other.

To us they are alive and we feel their undying presence. And nothing can disprove what to us is so obviously true.

So it is with Jesus in our lives.

He is more truly alive to those who remember him and love him — no matter what they believe happened on that first Easter morning or even if they believe nothing happened — than he is to those who unquestioningly accept the Easter miracle but who seldom think of Jesus or remember him as they would a dear and loving friend.

The most touching words of parting are these: "Don't forget me."

This is what Jesus was saying to his disciples just before he took leave of them on Thursday evening of the first Holy Week.

"Remember me," he said, "remember me."

If we remember Jesus, he will live forever. If we don't remember him — if we remember only a miraculous event which took place "as it began to dawn" on Easter day — we will miss the most marvelous miracle of all — the miracle Jesus was — and is.

"As long as you remember me, I am alive."

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Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Thursday.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Fighting terrorism in small bites

Perhaps the most desirable aid prosperous nations like the United States can provide the people of Third World nations is aid that helps lift them out of poverty.

One such effort with a track record of success has been various forms of "microcredit," making small loans of a few hundred dollars or so to people in Third World countries to establish small community or neighborhood, grass-roots enterprises.

"Over the last more than a decade, it's really been the U.S. Congress that has led the way in support for microenterprise" and mandated the "focusing on the very poor with this very effective tool," says Joanne Carter with Results, a grass-roots advocacy group with branches in the United States (including in Houston) and five other nations.

Since 2000, she notes, lawmakers have approved $155 million for such microcredit projects.

Chris Dunford, during a recent conference call on this topic, explained how his organization, Freedom from Hunger, provides support to poor women in the Sahel of Africa just below the Sahara Desert in such obscure countries as Mali and Burkina Faso.

Their husbands are subsistence farmers, and during the agricultural cycle before harvests there is a "hungry season" as their staple foods, most notably millet and sorghum, run low. Then, while men weed and hoe the fields, women prepare beignet pastries for sale to help tide their families over the hard times. Their profits may be meager but can go a long way.

A typical Freedom from Hunger program helps support groups of women who band together to sell the beignets. Additionally, through these groups, women can learn valuable information about such things as family planning, treatment for children with diarrhea and other ailments, plus the importance of immunization.

U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer, D-Ind., explained that there is value in "looking at ways to prevent terrorism in addressing some of the concerns of the world that grow from poverty and inequity and people surviving on less than a $1 a day."

Roemer noted that he and U.S. Rep. Amo Houghton, R-N.Y., are making a bipartisan effort "to increase the level of funding from $155 million to $200 million annually and also to encourage the targeting of the bulk of this money to the poorest populations, to the truly needy."

We agree that this discussion raises provocative and useful ideas about how the investments this nation makes through foreign aid should be targeted.

Odessa American

Ethanol push will be costly

Some things never seem to change.

In 1991, author James Bovard published "The Farm Fiasco." In the book, he detailed how federal agriculture policy squanders billions of taxpayers dollars a year while, at the same time, sacrificing the poor to the rich and giving politicians and bureaucrats vast arbitrary power over American citizens.

Well, the news out of Washington this past week is more of the same. Senate compromisers have come up with a plan to increase the amount of a corn derivative ethanol in gasoline.

Currently, ethanol from corn amounts to 1.7 million gallons a year. Now, Congress wants to triple that amount by the year 2012. Sen. Tom Daschle, majority leader in the Senate, is spearheading the plan to mandate energy legislation supposedly benefiting refiners and farmers in the corn states.

And, as it happens, Daschle's home state is South Dakota, a great corn-producing state and producer of ethanol. Of course, mega agribusiness farmers like Archer Daniels Midland will get huge subsidies at the expense of American taxpayers. According to James Bovard, "Every $1 dollar of profits earned by ADM's corn sweetener operation costs consumers $10, and every $1 of profits earned by its ethanol operation costs taxpayers $30."

Of immediate concern for states such as Texas and California (where traveling great distances by vehicle for business or pleasure is not out of the norm) is the expected increase in fuel costs. California Sen. Dianne Feinstein has been quoted in an Associated Press story, "there's a big question about whether California can absorb this mandate without gasoline prices rising significantly."

Cornell Professor David Pimentel chaired a U.S. Department of Energy panel to investigate ethanol production. The panel found that 131,000 BTUs are needed to make one gallon of ethanol. One gallon of ethanol has an energy value of only 77,000 BTU. Thus, there is a net energy loss of 54,000 BTU (per gallon).

And Pimentel says that explains why fossil fuels are used to produce ethanol. Not only that, but because ethanol takes up less volume than the fuel additive MTBE, it means more gasoline will have to be refined, possibly causing shortages which will lead to higher prices for fuel.

However, despite all of the logical objections to the use of ethanol, typical political deals will be made so that corn farmers and ADM will receive the huge subsidies at the expense of the American taxpayer.

Longview News-Journal

Caddo Lake controversy

There probably has been more of a brouhaha over Caddo Lake than any other water property in Texas. Now it seems headed toward the courts.

In the latest episode, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has accused the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission of ignoring state law and environmental concerns in its handling of the city of Marshall's bid to sell the lakes water.

TNRCC had promised the parks department it would have a role in studying Marshall's plan but was left out after TNRCC's director "summarily dismissed the opportunity for an environmental analysis."

Now, TNRCC says the parks department must file an open records request to receive information on the action. That doesn't make much sense.

Further, TNRCC executive director Jeff Saitas on Tuesday posted an announcement that he would sign Marshall's permit to sell Energy Power Ventures up to 5.5 million gallons of water daily from Cypress Creek, which feeds Cad. That would bring tax revenue and jobs to Marshall and Harrison County. Environmentalists and others believe that the water sale would dry up Caddo during droughts and have been fighting tooth and nail against the proposal. He signed the permit Friday.

Despite the fact that Longview has stepped in with a contract to sell its wastewater to meet Entergy's need, the battle to protect Caddo Lake continues. The mayor of Shreveport, which also uses Caddo water, recently wrote a letter in support of the Longview contract. Entertainer Don Henley, who grew up in the region, has been conducting concerts to raise funds for a legal attempt to halt the Marshall effort to sell Caddo water.

Henley, who helped found the Caddo Lake Institute to guard the internationally recognized wetlands, is concerned that Marshall still has water rights to sell.



North of Forty by Red Green

A state of mind

I've heard it said that age is a state of mind. Well, so is insanity. Age is a state of body. Our minds can take advantage of arrested development, but our bodies remain at large, armed and dangerous, careening the getaway car headlong into old age and infirmity. In our society, if you're not young, you're old. You'd better get ready for it.

Some day soon you'll be riding a bus, and that pretty young thing that you've been sneaking a peek at will get up and offer you her seat. You better take it, because when that happens, you're going to need one.

Now don't go nuts and run out and buy a red Ferrari or something. If you truly need a car, make it something conservative and normal. A Ferrari is a mid-life crisis, what you need is a mid-life Chrysler. Embrace the autumn of your life. If you don't, you're riding for a fall.

THE DOOR TO CHAOS

My wife received an unusual and anonymous gift for Christmas — a beautiful antique doorknob for our front door. I installed it on New Year's Eve so we could have a fresh start with a new doorknob — it's way easier than keeping resolutions.

By Jan. 2, my wife noticed that the lamp and wall sconces in our front hall looked pretty cheap compared to the new doorknob and, as luck would have it, more suitable lamps and wall sconces were on sale at our local furniture store. Once we got those in place, the hall was looking great, but the living room seemed kind of shabby by comparison.

That was two months ago. We have replaced almost all of the furniture and carpeting in the living room, dining room and throughout our whole house. I get an uneasy feeling every time I come home. That's because I have to go through our front door. I hate that doorknob — the free gift that cost us a fortune. And, we have no idea who sent it to us. I'm guessing it was the furniture store.

THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO ALONE

— Go to a boat show.
— Attend happy hour.
— Try a home barber kit.
— Talk to the arresting officer.
— Spend time with your in-laws.
— Anything on your honeymoon.

OUTDOORS IS NOT IN

A lot of you guys out there could probably benefit from my experience. That's a nice way of saying that in the River of Time, I'm a little farther up the creek than you. Now, I bet that you still think of yourself as that virile outdoorsy guy you were 20 years ago, but I'm here to tell you that is no longer the case. As the years have passed, Nature has been taking its course, but you haven't been keeping up with the curriculum. Heading out into the wilderness at your age is just asking for trouble.

Remember how you used to grab the old knapsack before hiking up the mountain? Now you need to grab a nap in the sack before hiking up your pants. Was the last white water you were in from spilling your Bromo in the Jacuzzi? And when's the last time you saw your hiking boots? Heck, when's the last time you saw your feet? Forget the wilderness. Would you rather leave your home and spend the day in the remote wilderness like your forbearers?

Or, would you spend the day at home with the remote and leave the wilderness for bears? Just settle into your Barcalounger, tune in to National Geographic and enjoy the natural disasters in total comfort. At our age, we don't need high adventure, we need high fiber. And, if you eat enough oat bran, you may get both.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "You know you've reached middle age when your back goes out more often than you do." — **Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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CHAMBER CHATTER

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New Chamber Member: Gateway Family Services, Inc.

Hi Chamber Supporters!



Well, this is a new experience for us. Instead of sending the newsletter to your mailbox, we decided to try to reach you once a month through the SDN! Not only will more of you get a chance to see what's going on at the chamber, but hopefully our newsletter doesn't wind up in the trash with your junk mail before you realized it was a very important link between you and your community!

You will still get "Chamber Chatter," our monthly calendar of events, news items of interest to chamber members and any other announcements you wish for us to make. We feel, like many other communities have discovered, that our daily newspaper reaches many more readers than we do each month and maybe would be of interest to those of you living in the surrounding areas as well. We'll welcome your comments. I hope the SDN staff will closely monitor my spelling, grammar and punctuation as many of my Snyder High School teachers are still here, and we never worried about those things when I worked for KSNY all of those years!

Well, enough about our changes at the chamber. We are soon to be experiencing changes in our community. The DCOS as well as the chamber are sending packets, answering e-mails and letters and phone calls from the 23 families moving to Snyder in the next few months. They seem excited as well as apprehensive, but that is to be expected. The biggest concerns seem to be housing (rent property), schools, churches, climate, shopping and crime. They all want to know "Do we have any trees?" Arkansas is beautiful and shady and they've been told of our hot dry treeless area, and quite frankly are upset about losing the green terrain and trees. I promised them we'd help them plant trees and flowers and they'd think they were in Arkansas in no time! (Chamber speech #402!)

They are really excited about moving to Texas, especially the children, and want to know if they will really see cowboys. I promised them they would, so please wear your boots and Stetsons when you come to the welcome reception we will give when they arrive. Twenty-three families all moving in at the same time will be a huge economic boost for the entire area. You might be getting prepared if hundreds of new citizens shopping in Snyder will effect your business.

I have several thank yous - first of all to Scott and Whit at the coliseum for all their help with the basketball playoff games, as well as all who worked as clockers, announcer, referees - etc., and of course our tireless Gold Coats. Wow, were we "hoppin" especially with the double headers. The concession stand was especially a problem with staffing and constant food replacement, (too much or not enough). You know, if we could second-guess the public, we'd all be wealthy! But we all survived and had fun in spite of being so tired we could drop. You can truly say we are a "working" community!!

Our banquet was great and lots of fun. Congratulations to Sandra Barboza, Ann Smartt, Rita Wolf, Greg Rhodes, Troy Botts and Roy McQueen and the SDN staff for being chosen and honored as outstanding leaders. Thanks to the decoration committee, Price Daniel inmates and staff and Great Western Dining for the delicious food and beautiful decorations. Brad Vincent and the SHS Drama Department had the audience in stitches as he took Snyder from the 1800s through today. He even considered when Milton Hamm knocked out his father, James Vincent, on the football field, a major historical event in Snyder! Thanks to everyone, it was great. David Holt was an excellent emcee as usual, and Pastor Michael Pigg, from the First Church of the Nazarene (a new chamber member) met us for the first time and talked to the Lord for us with a beautiful blessing. The highlight of the banquet came though when Sheriff Darren Jackson gave the president's speech. He shocked everyone with his excellent presentation and interesting and humorous material. He even admitted he realized he wouldn't ever become known as a "politician" after the last election! He will now be touring on the speaker's trail in his spare time! Thanks everyone!

It's been a great and busy month. Oxy Permian kicked off phase II with tours, t-shirts and a wonderful lunch complete with dignitaries from the railroad commission and Oxy International. Patterson Drilling purchased another company, making it the second largest land drilling company in the U.S,, spring break is over and everyone's had a nice rest (!!), and the primary elections are behind us so now lots of our citizens can relax. Congratulation Rod Waller, Chloeann Lindsey, Robbie Floyd and Scott Campbell who all effect us locally and now we can rest awhile before the November general election finishes the process.

The Snyder Garden Club is having a convention March 22-23, the SHS Senior Prom is March 23, and the Boys Little Dribblers are having a tournament March 27-30, then Easter will be here on March 31. Time is passing by so fast, seems like we just hid all those eggs!

April's calendar will be on this same page. We've included all we know happening around town to our chamber members. Thanks everyone for a successful first quarter! Happy Spring!

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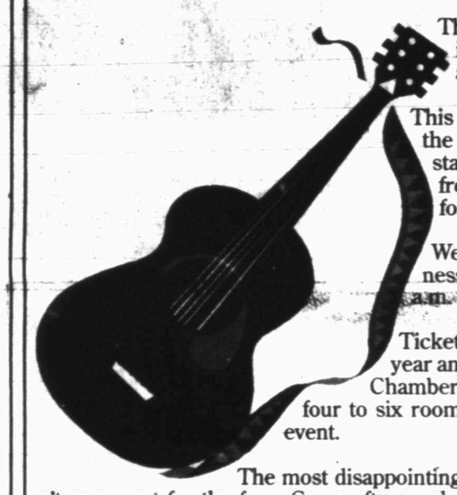
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Western Swing plans in final stages



This year's West Texas Western Swing Festival is shaping up to be the largest yet if advanced reservations are a key to a successful event.

This huge event attracts Bob Wills music fans from all over the world to Snyder, once a year. We always have every state in the union represented and last year had fans from Australia, Great Britain, Japan and France come for four days of non stop Texas swing.

We hired bands we consider to be the best in the business (that we can afford!) to play dance music from 11 a.m. till 11:30 p.m. and the fans leave begging for more.

Ticket sales are way ahead of where they were this time last year and the RV Park is over 1/3 reserved. I've checked with Chamber member motels and if they're not full they only have four to six rooms left, so it looks like we're heading for a really big event.

The most disappointing thing about the festival though, is that Snyder doesn't come out for the fun. Come after work and see the beautiful decorations, meet some of the nicest people you've ever met and listen to the awesome talented musicians on our spectacular stage! Scoot your boots and enjoy a week of pure Texas fun. Night show tickets are only $12.50 and you'll hear musicians that play with Asleep at the Wheel, Ray Price, Willie Nelson, etc., as well as eleven of the original Playboys and Playgirls that toured with Bob Wills! Also local favorites like Dave Alexander, Billy Mata, Jody Nix and many more.

We hope to see our returning fans and friends, but we hope Snyder will support this event this year. If you have coupons or flyers for our packets, please get them to us soon. We'll need at least 300 of each item you want us to include. They get hair and nails done, trailers and cars fixed, pets groomed, rent videos, buy groceries, clothing, automobiles, gasoline and eat out a lot to name a few coupons needed.

Western Swing is June 4-8. Please come, we're getting ready for a huge gala event!

April 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Story Time Library 10 a.m.	2 Jr High Choir Concert Worsham Auditorium	3 Deep Creek Renovation Committee 10 a.m. Chamber	4 High Plains Jr Rodeo	5 High Plains Jr Rodeo	6 High Plains Jr Rodeo
7 Daylight Savings Time	8 Story Time Library 10 a.m.	9 SISD Volunteer Banquet	10 White Buffalo Festival Committee 2 a.m. Chamber	11 WTC Rodeo	12 WTC Rodeo	13 WTC Rodeo
14 National Barrel Horse Clinic Coliseum	15 Chamber Board Meeting Story Time 10 a.m. Library	16	17	18 Area Chamber Directors Meeting Colorado City	19 Ranch Rodeo Coliseum Relay for Life-SHS	20 Ranch Rodeo Coliseum Relay for Life-SHS
21 Childrens Art Wild Flower Exhibit & Reception 3 p.m.	22 Story Time Library 10 a.m.	23	24	25	26 Student Holiday SISD Staff Day	27 TRCA Rodeo Coliseum
28 TRCA Rodeo Coliseum	29 Story Time Library 10 a.m.	30 Geneology Society Library 7 p.m.				

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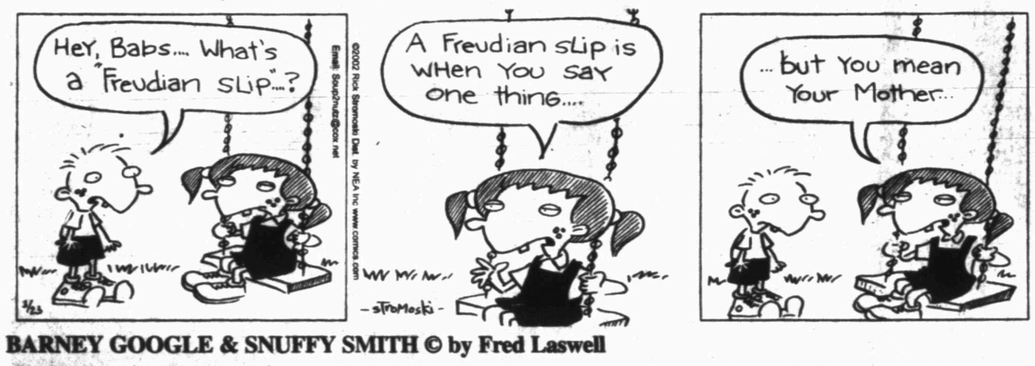
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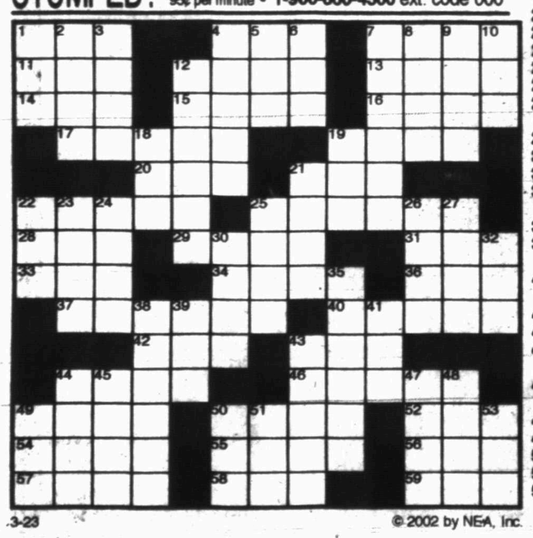
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Medicine can cause malaise

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wonderful doctor of 40 years recently retired and I don't have much faith in my new one. I am a diabetic with heart failure, for which he prescribed Vasotec and Zestril. I feel lousy. What's the difference between these two drugs?

DEAR READER: Losing a beloved practitioner, in whom one has trust and faith, is a traumatic experience — but a universal one. Doctors are, after all, only human and patients have to remain open to the reality that no matter how needed and successful a physician, sooner or later he or she will retire or die. Perhaps you would be happier emphasizing your new doctor's attributes, rather than accentuating the negative.

Young doctors, for example, are far more knowledgeable than are we oldies; on the other hand, they may not take the prerequisite time and effort to explain issues thoroughly. Therefore, while I'll give you a general answer to your query, you really should meet with your doctor to iron out your concerns and discuss your questions. I'm certain that he or she would be glad to review your health problems, including your medications.

Now to your question.

Diabetes causes premature arteriosclerosis, accelerated blockage in arteries, leading to heart disease and heart failure. There are three ways to treat heart failure, which is marked by excessive accumulation of fluid in the legs, lungs and other tissues. One, increase the strength of the heartbeat using certain drugs such as digitalis. Two, reduce the work of the heart, with medications, such as Vasotec and Zestril. Three, stimulate the kidneys to excrete this extra fluid, with diuretics such as Lasix.

Vasotec is an ACE inhibitor, meaning that it blocks the formation of an enzyme that causes high blood pressure. As part of its action, Vasotec reduces cardiac work; the heart is allowed to relax, a boon to patients with heart failure. The drug's side effects include weakness, fatigue, cough, rash, diarrhea and dizziness.

Zestril is also an ACE inhibitor and exerts the same effects, including similar adverse reactions. Ordinarily, the drugs are not used together because — for all practical purposes — they are identical. In my opinion, either drug — but not both — should suffice, especially if it is administered with a diuretic, such as hydrochlorothiazide, which enhances its action.

I believe the two ACE inhibitors may be causing you to feel "lousy." Ask your doctor about this and question him about the additional therapies I mentioned.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Thank you for recommending transcendental meditation for relieving stress. I've been practicing TM for almost 20 years and can honestly say that it has made my life healthier, happier and more productive. How does it work?

DEAR READER: No one knows precisely how TM works. The practice appears somehow to stabilize electrical activity in the brain, leading to definite health benefits in many people, including relief of stress and anxiety. I take issue with proponents who claim they can levitate with TM. However, for the average person, who doesn't expect miracles, TM is a useful and inexpensive method for relieving the tensions of everyday living.

A NOTE TO READERS: For updated and revised Health

DEAR DR. GOTT: At 87, I suffer from angina and arthritis. These conditions I can handle with medicine prescribed by my very caring doctor. What I can't deal with is depression. I constantly contemplate suicide but always conclude this would be a cop-out. What I'd really like is a good belly laugh, a smile from some of my acquaintances in the nursing home and the privilege of seeing my great-grandchildren more than once a year at Christmas. Do I need an antidepressant?

DEAR READER: Excellent question. Depression in the elderly is a major concern of health professionals. Symptoms of hopelessness, insomnia, loss of self-esteem and dread may reflect a hidden epidemic that devastates the over-65 age group, members of which are often too afraid, confused or embarrassed to ask for help.

In the past, depression was considered to be a purely emotional maladjustment, and little effective therapy was available. Today, however, there are dozens of medications that reverse what we now know is the cause of depression: an imbalance of serotonin in the brain.

The situation is further complicated by two very real influences: a loss of loved ones and the inescapable reality of physical diseases (such as angina and arthritis) simply confirm the depressive's perception that the future is bleak and life is not worth living. Consequently, help with a grieving process and effective therapy for physical ailments may help lift the numbing mantle of depression. Control of physical symptoms will usually provide benefit, as will effective therapy for heart disease that may simply limit a person's activities and independence.

Remember, too, that elderly patients in nursing homes have even more to deal with. In addition to the boarding-school schedules concerning activities, meals and sleep, such residents are often literally abandoned by the very family members they most cherish.

In my experience, it is a rare nursing home resident who doesn't have a phenomenally intriguing past history. My most enjoyable and notable patient was Margaret Hamilton, who played the wicked witch in the classic Wizard of Oz movie. I'll never forget her — or her characteristic cackling laughter, which resonated frequently around the nurses' station. We professionals need to remember our clients' successes.

Finally, consider that elderly people can easily become depressed because they are in the final stage of life, experience incurable ill-health and discover that their friends and acquaintances have either died — or, almost worse — have themselves required nursing home care. As one of my brightest and most up-beat patients told me: "You bet I often get depressed. There's nobody my age left who isn't confused or senile. My family is preoccupied with other interests, as well they should be. I'm lonely. And I don't have a hellava lot to look forward to."

As might be predicted, fear (of the present or future) can be a substantial component of depression.

Drug therapy can literally make the difference between death and life. In the elderly, such treatment can produce truly astounding results. I urge any elderly person, whether at home or in a nursing facility, to be evaluated for depression. If this affliction is present, appropriate medication is advisable.

In addition to drug therapy, several other resources are available. Clergy can often help. Counseling is sometimes beneficial. Family members, once they appreciate the reality of the situation, can offer support. Outside interests — such as church get-togethers, cards, bingo, concerts, discussion groups and hobbies — may assist the depressed to "get out of themselves." There is nothing like a new great-grandchild or a holiday reunion to help old people feel needed and to re-focus their attention on life around them. Laughter is certainly beneficial.

I think it's fair to say that depression in the elderly comes in many forms and in varying degrees of severity. Each case must be considered individually. Thus, my comments are purposefully general.

Thus, I respectfully refer you back to your primary care physician, who can prescribe — with the help of specialists, as needed — appropriate medication to treat your depression. Also, your doctor may choose to involve your family in a more "hands-on" approach. Frequent visits, trips home and holiday get-togethers could well fill a void in your life and make your growing older a more positive experience.

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Most county plans good, but improvements are still needed

AUSTIN (AP) — A review of county plans to improve legal counsel for poor defendants shows good progress in quickly assigning lawyers to cases and how they are chosen, but more work is needed, according to a pair of criminal justice watchdog groups.

Prompt access to an attorney after an arrest and the selection of court-appointed lawyers are the areas with the most improvement, according to a study released Thursday by the Equal Justice Center and Texas Appleseed, two Austin-based nonprofit groups.

The study reveals "how far along we are on the journey to ensuring fair defense for all Texans and how far we still have to go," said Hanna Liebman Dershowitz, legal director of Texas Appleseed.

"The best news is what a promising direction we have taken," she said.

The Legislature passed the Texas Fair Defense Act last year after criticism that legal counsel for poor defendants in some cases was inefficient and sometimes negligent.

The law provides that court-appointed attorneys must be appointed within three days after a defendant requests one and must meet minimum standards of training and experience.

It also for the first time set aside up to $19.7 million in grants to help the counties pay for indigent defense. Counties spend about $90 million a year on trial counsel for the poor.

Counties were given until Jan. 1 to submit their plans to meet the minimum standards to the 13-member Task Force on Indigent Defense.

The two-month study analyzed 95 county plans, which cover about 90 percent of Texas' population.

The report's findings include:

—Prompt access to counsel: Many plans exceeded the new requirements. This requirement is met more frequently and thoroughly than any other part of the new law.

—Attorney selection: More than 70 percent of the plans use some sort of rotation using lists of qualified attorneys. Previously, most Texas judges had unlimited discretion to assign a lawyer.

—Attorney qualifications: Most county plans meet the new requirements, while some do not.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Sunday, March 24, 2002

Friends and associates could play key roles in your affairs, both business-wise and socially in the year ahead. This might be true even with someone who hasn't had much to offer the world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In order to tell someone the truth about a question asked of you, you could come off as too harsh. Try to sugarcoat the realities with kindness. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Financial conditions in general are rather good, and you should be able to cash in on comprehensive investments. This aspect, however, won't protect you from unrealistic ventures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Chances are that you will be receptive to advice offered by others. This is good, provided the counselor has wise guidance to offer. Don't believe everything you hear.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Even though it might be quite tempting, it's best not to lay your hard-earned money on an "inside" tip that you get until you've had a chance to check out the facts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A number of associates may do you some good, but a couple of them might do so in order to hoodwink you. Be careful in your selection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It might be for naught if you start out gung-ho, but then fail to complete what you start. All that hard work you do could have you settling for nothing or less.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Problem solving will not intimidate you, nor will your judgments be poor. Where you could get into trouble is last-minute changes you make instigated by impulse rather than logic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — When involved in a social activity with friends, try to have compassion and forgiveness in your heart instead of contempt should someone in the group behave in a self-pitying manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In matters that require a judgment call, do not let others make decisions for you. What serves their best interests might be detrimental to yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — As the saying goes, the spirit might be willing, but the flesh may be weak. Should projects you start turn out to be challenging, you could readily give up on them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Usually you're pretty sharp at spotting those who potentially could be a good friend. However, your vision might be a bit fuzzy, and you may befriend someone who is a shark.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't expect others to follow your example of hard work and diligence. Not everybody will be in the mood to use this day for catching up on odd jobs.

Monday, March 25, 2002

With the cooperation of your associates, your resources look rather promising for you in the year ahead. It behooves you to do all that you can to cultivate goodwill with your colleagues.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It could turn out to be a mistake to challenge an associate whose views conflict with yours. You might think the majority will sympathize with you, but it's more probable that they won't. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You won't get anywhere by attempting to use authoritarian tactics when dealing with either your cohorts or family members. Don't throw your weight around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Keep at arm's length anybody who is not directly involved in a project you're working on. Their presence could create confusion and cause you to move in the wrong direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone might attempt to do you a favor, but, unfortunately, your negative attitude might read the gesture as an act of selfishness. It'll be your loss.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Should you get caught in the middle of a testy development between an old friend and a new acquaintance, be careful where you place your allegiance. You could lose a loyal pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The currents won't move against you, but your own self-doubt could derail an important project you're attempting to accomplish. Strive for more inner faith.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The tolerance you usually show toward people you don't like or those who make you feel uncomfortable may be absent. It's best to avoid groups that may contain such types.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — When it comes to dealing with an authority figure, it's advisable to level with him or her about any potential crisis. Withholding the facts could cause a reaction you don't expect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although you have a quick thinking mind, it doesn't necessarily hold true that your assumptions are accurate. Listen to what others have to say; don't jump to conclusions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — All the rationalizing in the world won't justify any extravagant inclinations you may have. And it certainly won't refill your empty wallet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The way you behave with others will have a direct effect upon the way they'll respond to you. If you act in an erratic fashion, they will answer in kind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you have any hope at all of taking care of several critical tasks which need immediate attention, you must organize your time methodically and productively.

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National Park Service to put cameras around major monuments on 'Mall'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Within six months there will be video cameras inside the Lincoln Memorial and around other monuments on the National Mall because of fears of terrorist attacks, a National Park Service official told House members Friday.

There is a real danger "that these icons of democracy are high targets of terrorist activities," John G. Parsons, associate regional director for the Park Service's National Capital Region, said at a hearing.

The Park Service plan, and separate plans by the city's police department to expand its video surveillance, raise serious privacy questions, said Rep. Constance Morella, chairwoman of the House Government Reform panel on the District of Columbia.

"Once the police have cameras that can see anywhere in the city, pretty soon the police will be using those cameras to look anywhere in the city," she said.

Parsons said cameras would be mounted and monitored around-the-clock at six sites on the Mall: the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial.

He said the closed-circuit system, costing $2 million to $3 million, would be installed in locations "where there is no expectation of privacy" and that no other surveillance technology, such as facial recognition, would be used. He said the images recorded would be kept for a limited time and would be used only for valid law enforcement purposes.

The Park Service and its 800-officer Park Police force had planned and sought funding for video surveillance because of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and overseas attacks, but moved up deployment after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Morella and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, who represents the District of Columbia in the House, also questioned Metropolitan Police Department Chief Charles Ramsey about his plans to expand police video surveillance in the capital.

Ramsey said police currently have about a dozen cameras located at strategic locations, such as the roof of the Labor Department building overlooking the Capitol Building and Washington Monument. He said that they are activated only during major events such as marches and demonstrations and more recently during periods of heightened terrorist threats, and that they are used only for observation.

Efforts are undeway to link the police Joint Operations Command Center with other public agency video networks, particularly traffic camera systems that could be helpful in times of emergency or evacuations.

Morella said that the system could ultimately include more than 1,000 cameras in place on city streets, the subway system and schools, and move Washington in the.

"People are at least entitled to know about it before and not after the cameras are set up," said Norton. She said she would introduce legislation to form a presidential commission to study how best to fight terrorism while protecting American values of privacy, openness and public access.

The Bush administration has asked for $23 million in 2003 to add vehicle barriers and lighting around the Washington Monument and the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials and $6 million to secure icons such as the Statue of Liberty, Independence Hall, and Mount Rushmore.

Doctor gets nearly 63 years in 4 deaths attributed to overdose of painkiller

MILTON, Fla. (AP) — A doctor convicted of manslaughter in the deaths of four patients who overdosed on the painkiller OxyContin was sentenced to nearly 63 years in prison Friday.

Dr. James Graves, 55, was the nation's first doctor to be found guilty of manslaughter or murder in an OxyContin death.

Prosecutors said he ran a "pill mill" that dispensed the the powerful painkiller to addicts and dealers.

Graves refused to accept responsibility for the deaths and telling the prosecutor that one day both of them would have to "stand before God."

"I pray to God something will change and somehow he will come to know Christ," Graves told Circuit Judge Kenneth Bell.

The judge said that state guidelines called for a sentence ranging from nearly 39 years to 138 years.

The Drug Enforcement Administration has blamed OxyContin for 117 deaths in the past two years and suspects it caused another 179.



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