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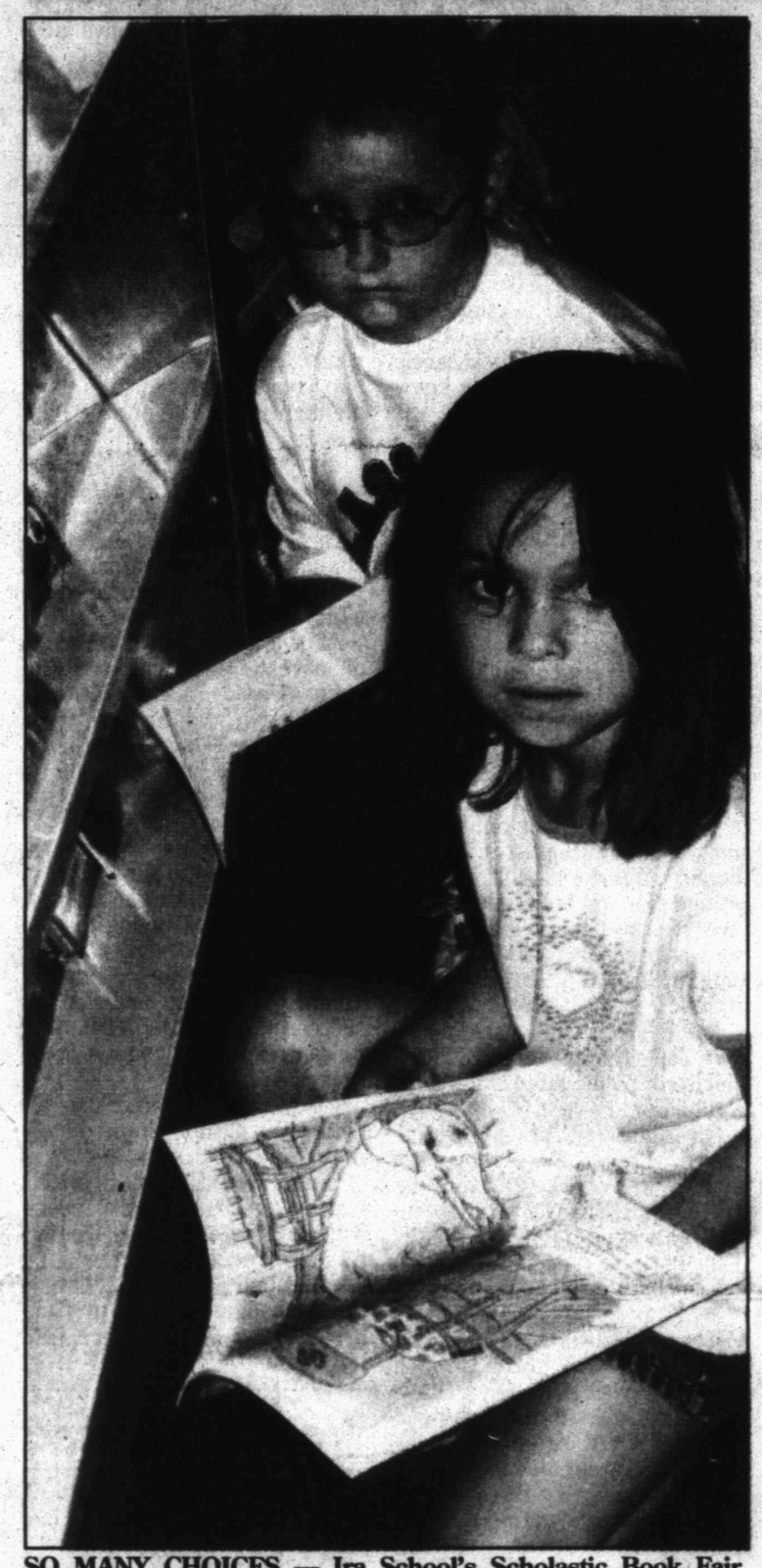

SO MANY CHOICES — Ira School's Scholastic Book Fair, going on this week, offers students like Jordan Ruiz and Shawn Deer lots of choice. They are in Sandy Holmes' kindergarten class. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Cogdell board selects Carol Hanes as CEO

Presently the hospital administrator at Linden

The present administrator of the Linden Municipal Hospital in Cass County in East Texas this morning was selected as the new chief executive officer at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Carol Hanes is expected to be at her new position at the local hospital in late April or the first of May.

The vote for Hanes was unanimous and it came following a 90-minute executive session at the end of the regular hospital board meeting on a motion by Terry Williams.

During the closed session, the board also met with hospital chief of staff Dr. Bid Cooper. Also attending the session was acting administrator Cheryl Chance.

Hanes' salary will be $100,000 per year with a $400 per month car allowance. The length of the contract will be negotiated and she will receive the normal benefits of a Scurry County employee.

Hanes was one of two applicants selected by the board for a second interview, interviewing with the board on March 13.

Evan Moore, the administrator of the Comanche Hospital District, withdrew his name from consideration prior to his follow-up interview.

Hanes is a 1960 graduate of Texas A&M at Commerce, and earned her MBA from the University of Dallas in 1986.

She has served as the CEO at Garland Community Hospital, Twin Rivers Regional Hospital and Senatobia Community Hospital in Mississippi.

Among her civic activities is work with the chamber of commerce, American Heart Association and Boy Scouts of America.

The CEO position at Cogdell has been vacant since last December when the hospital ended its 15-year affiliation with Covenant Health Systems.

Board told this morning...

Hospital finances showing signs of slight improvement

By Roy McQueen
SDN Publisher

A slightly improved cash position for Cogdell Memorial Hospital was reported to hospital board members in a meeting this morning.

Richard Murphy, interim chief financial officer described the financial picture as "tight, but manageable."

For the month of February, the hospital showed a net loss of $66,885 with $183,141 in bad debts for the month.

Murphy noted that total accounts receivable are $7 million with only about $2 million of that amount likely to be collected. "There are too many old accounts.

Murphy said the business office would begin implementing polices for collection and recommendations for turning over past-due accounts for collection.

"It's time to run a hospital like a business," Murphy noted. "We have to be firm, but tactful."

Murphy also asked the board to review procedures concerning accounts payable, noting that the past policy of cutting off payables early in the month had resulted in substantial late charges to the hospital.

Murphy said auditors had been at the hospital early in March and no matters of material issues were noted.

At last month's meeting, it was reported of a need to complete medical charts more quickly in order to reduce the time that bills go out.

Murphy said the issue was addressed with the medical staff, and he commended the physicians for their positive response. "Progress is being made."

During the administrative report, Cheryl Chance, director of nursing and acting hospital administrator, said an offer had been made to a physician's assistant from Morton to practice in the hospital's rural health clinic. An offer was made to an individual in Fritch last month, but it was declined.

Jo Beth Hardegree presented the quality improvement report for 2003 and the quality improvement plan for the current year. Both were unanimously approved.

Board member Mark Cullifer suggested that a concerted effort be made to increase participation in a patient satisfaction survey. Last year only 11 percent of surveys were returned.

Cullifer suggested that completion of the survey be done as part of the dismissal process. "We need to fix the problem before they leave the hospital."

No major problems or adverse trends were noted in the 2003 quality improvement report, but board chair Dink Foree observed the need for improved documentation by hospital staff..

Hardegree said that data obtained in the quality improvement process will eventually result in a "report card" for all hospitals.

"There will come a time when a patient can log on and compare hospitals and decide where they want to go."

Hardegee added that the entire staff at Cogdell works diligently for improvement and patient satisfaction.

There were 30 patient transfers from Cogdell to other medical facilities in February, 14 of them cardiology-related. Chance said there were no unnecessary transfers.

The board convened in executive session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the possible employment of a chief executive officer.

Foree presided at the two-hour business meeting and board members attending were Cullifer, Bob Robinson, Charles Church, Terry Williams and Wade Warren.

First spring storm has moisture, hail

By Shirley Gorman
SDN News Editor

The first thunderstorm of spring blew through Snyder and Scurry County late Wednesday afternoon, producing sporadic power outages, snapping poles and downing power lines.

Golf ball size hail was reported in the south part of Scurry County, resulting in broken windows at the homes of Mark Cullifer and Bill Bell and others in that area.

Randy Ward, TXU representative, said full crews were out and all service was restored by 1 a.m. today. Damage included three broken utility poles — one on the Old Lubbock Highway and two in Ira.

The storm also felled a tree that blocked the road on the north side of East Elementary.

The scattered electrical outages included 48th St., and Wal-Mart where power was restored after about 45 minutes, according to R.J. Younglaus, manager. Skinny's on 37th Street also reported a power outage due to lightning hiting a transformer.

The storm also kept Big Country Cooperative's crews busy. David Boyd, manager of the Snyder office, said one pole was damaged south of Union and the lightning caused several transformers to trip.

He said the longest outage lasted less than an hour. Big Country has a system to check substations during storms so Boyd said work crews were en route before the first calls came in.

"When the weather is at its worst, that's usually when people need us," Boyd said. He noted that Wednesday's damage came on the heels of a similar storm a couple of weeks ago.

He added that they appreciated the understanding of the people who called to report problems yesterday.

The official rain report at the city water plant was .45 of an inch, there were individual reports of almost one inch inside the city limits.

Round Top Acres, south of Snyder, reported 2.2 inches and small hail.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.45
North of city	.20
East of city	.20
West of city	.10
Lake Thomas	None
Hermleigh	.50
Ennis Creek	1.20
Fluvanna	None
Polar	.10
Loyd Mountain	.35
Camp Springs	Trace
Dunn	.65
Ira	.70
Dermott	.04
Union	.50
Gail	Trace

Totals as reported by area residents for Wednesday afternoon.

Woman found competent for trial

SEYMOUR (AP) — A woman charged with killing her 10-year-old autistic son and staging his death to look like a car accident has been found competent to stand trial.

Melanie Rochelle Dickson, 33, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. She is accused of slashing her son's wrists, his Achilles tendons and his throat in a Seymour motel room in 2002.

The next morning, Dickson was found sitting next to her vehicle in a 15-foot ravine. The body of her son, Mitchell, was pinned beneath the wreckage in what authorities believe was a faked accident.

Dickson had identical slash wounds to her son's, including an almost fatal cut on her neck, authorities said. Bloody razor blades lay near the vehicle, and she had one in her purse, authorities said.

Ira trustees will discuss staff

Ira's school board will meet at 6:30 p.m. today and personnel matters highlight the agenda.

Trustees will meet in closed session to consider professional staff contracts, and one proposed contract non-renewal of a staff member.

In reference to the non-renewal, Supt. Larry Devitt said the matter is simply a reduction in force of a professional employee. "We're having to cut back."

Trustees also will review the 2004-2005 calendar and hear several reports to include the transportation report, as well as the financial report. The meeting will be in the Ira Community Building.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Bobby Allen

If you think you're ready for spring, think how the folks in Barrow, Alaska feel.

Today, it was partly cloudy and a balmy 20 degrees below zero. Oddly enough, there is a chance of snow for the next four days except Friday, when the sunny skies will lift the temp to –15 degrees.

What's more of a burden than the cold for those hardy souls, however, is the almost complete lack of sunshine during winter.

By mid-November, Barrow receives one hour of sunshine per day, from about noon until 1 p.m. It stays that way until March, when the sun begins to rise at 9:30 a.m. — although it still sets at 1 p.m.

Makes you wonder if wives in Barrow complain in January about not going out enough.

Lying at the northern most part of Alaska on the edge of the Arctic Circle, Barrow is all about extremes, and the folks who live up there get more than their fair share of daylight in the summer.

From May until August, the sun sets at 12:30 a.m. and rises again about a half-hour later.

Try camping in it — it gives "all-day party" a whole new definition.

We spent a (very) good two years on Kodiak Island, about as far as one can go south of Barrow and still be in Alaska.

The temperatures are tropical compared to Barrow, but similar patterns of daylight and darkness exist on the island.

We moved to Kodiak in June, and until 11 p.m. that first night, we read and ate by sunlight, or what passes for it in the wettest place we've ever seen.

During the winter months, we went to school in the dark and went home in the dark, with only six hours of light each day.

It rains all the time, and when it's not raining it's misting. On those rare days of pure spring and summer, Kodiak is Eden: wildflowers, all variety of wildlife and fish, crystal clear rivers and streams and the sweet smell of unpolluted, primordial air.

And bugs. Lots and lots of bugs. So many bugs that newcomers quickly learn the "Kodiak Shuffle" — the art of constantly waving a hand in front of one's face while simultaneously conversing, changing the oil, playing tetherball or checking the mail.

We also had about 52 inches of snow over a two-day period one year, the blizzard coming down so hard and fast that — although they were clear by the time we started the five-mile drive from town to our house — the roads were completely impassable by the time we made it home.

The people are a mix of free spirits of all political stripes, most seeking their own self-satisfaction and self-actualization. The lone wolf syndrome is encoded in Alaskans' DNA, and is soon contracted by the newbies.

Maybe it has something to do with the way the sun rises and falls.

It has the smallest population, so there are huge swatches of land that no human foot has ever touched. In fact, there are spots just off the Alaska-Canadian Highway where Neanderthals can be seen hunting mammoths.

It's also a lot like West Texas in its generosity of spirit and sheer vastness, although Alaska dwarfs Texas both in size and in uninhabited spaces.

The difference is people here know when it's time to go to bed and without looking at a clock.

ASK US

Q—Who is doing the cleanup on the old Lubbock highway?

A—The work along the old RS&P right-of-way is being done by the city and costs will be billed to the property owner.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Nona Williams...

...is a longtime Scurry County resident and works for Durrell's. Her husband Carl is semi-retired. Members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, she directs the Young Couples Dept. and is chair of the CHBC's 50th anniversary. The Williams have four daughters, Connie Collier, Annette Barrineau, Shari Zoda and Melissa Williams; 4 grandsons and 3 great-grandchildren.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Believe in the Lord, and He will do half the work — the last half.

—Cyrus Curtis

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Basketball banquet

The SHS Tigers and Lady Tigers basketball banquet will be held at 7 this evening. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at the high school or by calling 573-6301.

Business-After-Hours

The Snyder chamber of commerce will host Business-After-Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the chamber board room.

WTC GED testing dates

Western Texas College has scheduled GED testing dates, the next set for Friday and registration is from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. today. The remaining dates are April 16 and April 30. To take the test or for more information contact Betty Thompson at 573-2310 or Emily Hataway 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Scurry GOP Convention

The Scurry County Republican Convention will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the district court room in the courthouse.

Rabies vaccination clinic

The city of Snyder, in conjunction with West Texas Animal Clinic, will hold a rabies vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum annex. Fee is $8.50 and there will be other animal vaccinations available.

What's up guidelines

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

Suspected drunk driver charged

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors charged a motorist with drunken driving this morning after a Houston police officer was killed in a high-speed collision.

Frank Cantu, a 19-year veteran of the force, was driving in the River Oaks area of Houston about 2:20 a.m. when his patrol car was struck by a car speeding through a nearby intersection.

Cantu's patrol car was spun into a tree in a nearby flower bed. The other car was traveling so fast it didn't come to rest for half a block, police spokesman Alvin Wright said.

Rescuers extracted Cantu from his wrecked cruiser and rushed him to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he was pronounced dead with head trauma. He was 43.

Police said the driver of the other car, Johnston Beacom, 29, refused a breath test and was charged with drunken driving, with intoxication manslaughter charges pending.

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Actuary pressured to downplay estimate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare actuary Richard Foster was between a rock and a hard place.

If he told Congress the Medicare bill could cost more than $100 billion more than they thought, he could be fired. If he quit and went public, it would make a big splash but nothing likely would change for the next actuary. If he did nothing, Congress would pass a bill without having the best information, but he'd be around to fight another day.

Foster did nothing, and Congress last year passed what some people have called the most sweeping changes in history to Medicare, the government's main health care program for older and disabled Americans.

But Foster now is telling lawmakers that the Bush administration's top Medicare official last year withheld from Congress the legislation's actual estimated cost for political gain.

Since President Bush signed the bill in December, the administration has acknowledged it believes the Medicare law will cost $534 billion over 10 years — more than the $395 billion estimated by congressional budget analysts.

Keeping the bill's cost below $400 billion was considered crucial for winning enough votes of conservative Republicans so it would pass in the House.

Foster said he was forced to give his cost estimate — higher than Congress' estimate — to Thomas Scully, head of the Medicare agency until December. Scully would then decide whether to give the information to Congress, Foster was told.

But Foster said Scully did not pass on some of the information to lawmakers — a move that he suspects was politically motivated.

"I considered that inappropriate and, in fact, unethical," Foster told the House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday.

Democrats argue that is proof the White House schemed to keep from Congress the actuary's higher estimate to get its bill passed. They've called on the Justice Department to investigate for possible criminal violations.

"Officials at the highest levels of the Bush administration knew that the new Medicare bill was based on a lie," Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas. "Threatening to fire the top actuary for fulfilling his professional responsibilities, just because they disagree with the facts he reveals, represents only the latest example of an administration that intimidates those who dare to disagree."

Republicans — and Foster himself — said Scully had the authority to stop Foster from giving the information to Democrats.

House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said that the Clinton administration also tried to stop Foster from giving Medicare information to Congress back in 1997, and that he told the actuary in "identical telephone conversations in different administrations" that he would stand up for him.

Foster has complained that Scully, now a lobbyist, stopped him from telling lawmakers about his higher estimates of the bill's cost.

The Associated Press, quoting several officials, reported last June that Scully had threatened to fire Foster. Scully had then characterized his remarks as "heated rhetoric in middle of the night."

After a lawyer told him Scully did have the legal right to tell him not to give Congress the information, Foster said he had three choices: give Congress the information and be fired, quit and go public, or follow orders and do nothing.

After discussing it with his staff, he decided to stay. "I would be better off working in the system," said Foster, noting that he now has assurances from Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and Scully's successor, Mark McClellan, that he can respond to congressional requests.

A telephone message left for Scully was not immediately returned.

Health and Human Services, which oversees Medicare, recently began an investigation. Democrats also requested a review by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

Activation of Coastal Bend Marine reserve unit 'probable'

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Military officials have notified Coastal Bend area Marine Corps reservists of their unit's probable activation,

The unit, based at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, has received notice to prepare for a probable deployment to support the war on terrorism.

About 150 Marines from Company C, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment could be deployed for up to 12 months, said Al Foucha, a spokesman for Marine Forces Reserve Headquarters.

He said 70 reservists would come from the Corpus Christi area, with another 80 from a Harlingen detachment of the unit.

Although the deployment is not yet certain, Foucha told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in today's editions it was "very probable."

The Marines will not know where they are going until June 1, their possible activation date, said Capt. Mike Ogden, a spokesman for the unit in Corpus Christi.

Capt. Jerry Willingham, of Beeville, who serves as the inspector-instructor of the Harlingen detachment, said Tuesday he was grateful to be activated.

"I'm absolutely excited," Willingham said. "We missed our chance to go the first time, but now our time has come to help where we can. This is what Marines train for, whether active or reserve. We have readied ourselves through training and readied our families through keeping them informed."

Willingham said when a unit receives an "activation alert message," Marines have to make preparations for a deployment, such as making a will, updating medical records and completing training.

Ogden said he and others spent Tuesday notifying area reservists of the activation order.

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More Relay activities are announced

Fund raising activities for the Relay for Life are continuing.

The American State Bank's Relay Team will have a car and dog wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the American State Bank parking lot.

Also Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church's Prayer Warriors will have a garage sale and bake sale at 2405 Ave. H. The team will also sponsor a bake sale at Wal-Mart beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 10th.

Raffle tickets will be sold for $5 for a Tailgate Bar-B-Q Pit, $2 for a children's picnic table, and $2 for a gift basket.

On Thursday, May 6th, Calvary's Prayer Warriors will receive the proceeds from the first night's tickets at the door and the concession stand at the Ritz Theater. For more information call Catalina at 573-5045.

W.T.C. is selling Western Texas College Supports Relay for Life Pins for $5. One dollar of each sale will be set aside for a Drawing and $4 goes to the American Cancer Society. The drawing will be held Saturday morning, April 24, at the end of the relay. For more details call Jeanine Wilburn at 573-8511 ext. 218.

The First Ag. Credit team will have a play day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 17th. at the First Ag. Credit parking lot, 5111 College Ave.

There will also be a petting zoo, horseback riding, tractor riding, hot dogs and drinks. There will be a small admission fee.

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RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-12-18-25. Bonus Ball: 17

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

Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: $8,001.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 16. Prize: $1,361.

Number matching four of five: 744. Prize: $63.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 417. Prize: $99.

Number matching three of five: 22,085. Prize: $5

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5.008. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 22,002. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $15 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 15-17-18-20-37.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $39,993.

Winning tickets sold in: Mesquite.

Matching four of five: 120. Prize: $151.

Matching three of five: 3,756. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 39,675. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-0-6
(Night) 0-3-6

World Almanac

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Today is the 85th day of 2004 and the sixth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1894, a group of protesters led by reformer Jacob Coxey left Massillon, Ohio, on their way to carry out the first significant protest march in Washington D.C.

In 1954, RCA began mass production of its first color television set.

In 1965, a civil rights march led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ended in Montgomery, Ala.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bela Bartok (1881-1945), composer; Jim Lovell (1928-), astronaut, is 76; Gloria Steinem (1934-), feminist, journalist, is 70; Aretha Franklin (1942-), singer, is 62; Elton John (1947-), singer/songwriter, is 57; Sarah Jessica Parker (1965-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1982, Wayne Gretzky became the first NHL player to score more than 200 points in a season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, we're free at last." — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

TODAY'S FACT: Women over 55 spend more time watching television than any other gender-and-age group (as of October 2002, according to Nielsen Media Research).

TODAY'S NUMBER: 12.7 — estimated percentage of U.S. population that is African-American (in 2002, based on those reporting one race only).

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

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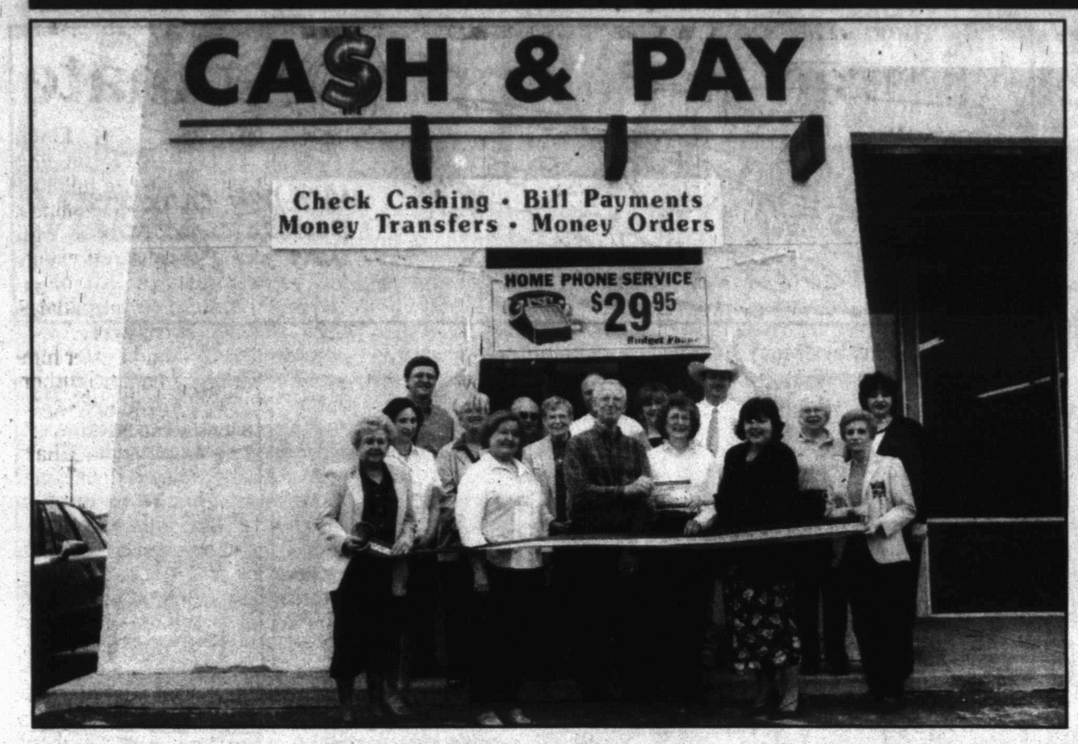

CASH AND PAY HAS RIBBON CUTTING — Snyder Goldcoats welcomed Cash and Pay to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Tuesday. Cash and Pay, located at 3012 Varsity Square, is owned and operated by Jacky and D'Ann Grimmett. Chamber executive director Vicki Shroyer presented the plaque to the Grimmetts. (SDN Photo by Annie Rowe)

RIBBON CUTTING — Curves and SunTrax were welcomed as new members of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce at a ribbon cutting Tuesday by Vicki Shroyer, executive director, and Snyder Goldcoats. The businesses are owned and operated by Jerry and Barbara Owen, shown on the first row, center. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-25-04
♠ 10
♥ 9 5 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A J 10 4 3 2

West
♠ 6 4
♥ K Q 10 8 7
♦ A 10 9
♣ Q 9 6

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

South
♠ A K J 9 8 7 5
♥ J 6 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ —

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Thursday, March 25, 2004

'Impossible' trick that materializes

By Phillip Alder

Sir Thomas Beecham, a top British conductor who died in 1961, said, "Great music is that which penetrates the ear with facility and leaves the memory with difficulty. Magical music never leaves the memory."

Bridge can be magical at times, too. On this deal, three spades looks certain to succeed. But do you see how the defenders can wave a wand and crystallize a fifth trick?

Obviously, the defenders can take four red-suit tricks. Then, though, it looks as if declarer will get into the dummy in diamonds and take the spade finesse. When it wins, he will draw trumps and score seven spades and either two diamonds or one diamond and one club.

However, the defenders have an answer. West leads the heart king, and East, after overtaking with the ace, returns a heart. West takes two more tricks in the suit and East discards a diamond — he has three left. Now West plays a fourth heart. If declarer ruffs in the dummy, he cannot pick up the spade queen, so he must trump in hand. East throws another diamond — down to two.

South leads a diamond, but West flies in with his ace; East is left with a single stone. Now comes West's last heart, on which East jettisons his final diamond. Again, South must ruff in hand, but when he plays a diamond to dummy's queen, East trumps to defeat the contract. Did you foresee that?

At the end, South said, "Sorry, partner, I was too strong. If you had had my heart jack, West would have had to lead a low heart to defeat me."

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Births

Samantha Everett and Jammall Pruitt of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Brookelynn Joann Pruitt, at 2:16 a.m. on March 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, six ounces.

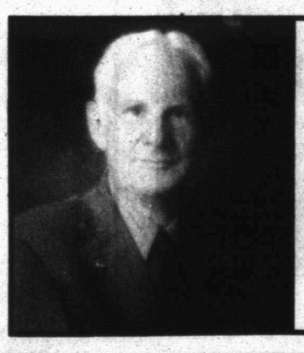
Paternal grandparents are Tammy Pruitt of Arlington and Ira Pruitt of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Pam Everett and Lane Everett of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Claude and Gladys Everett of Odessa.

Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels in the forms of kings to govern him: Let history answer this question.

—Thomas Jefferson

SHROYER SPEAKS TO AARP — Vicki Shroyer, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, spoke to AARP members last Monday. She told the group about several programs that are designed to improve Snyder. Shown with Shroyer is Velma Lunsford, left, program chairman. (Contributed Photo)

GIRLS LITTLE DRIBBLERS OPEN SEASON — Brandon Robbins won the TV given away at the opening ceremony for Girls Little Dribblers Association Monday evening. Brandon was not present. His sisters Caedra and Meagan Robbins hold the winning ticket for the 52-inch widescreen HDTV/Projection TV. Others pictured from left are staff members and coaches Raymond Medrano, Randy Lewis, Marcus McGlouthin, Ruby Valdez, Brandy Elam, Ricky Nickerson and Robbi Tindol. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



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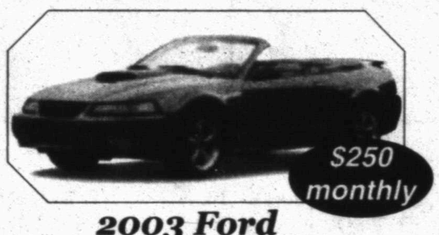

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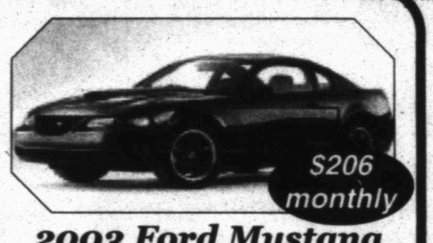

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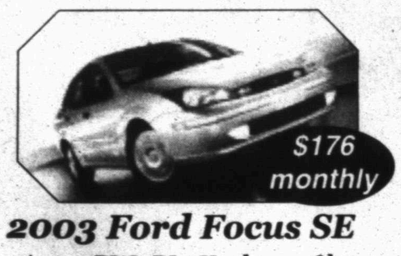

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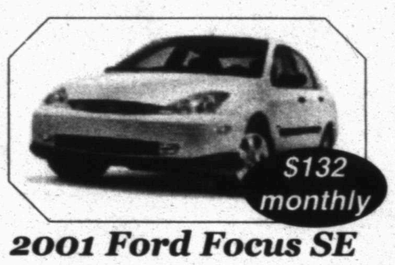

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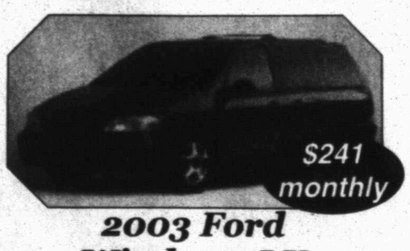

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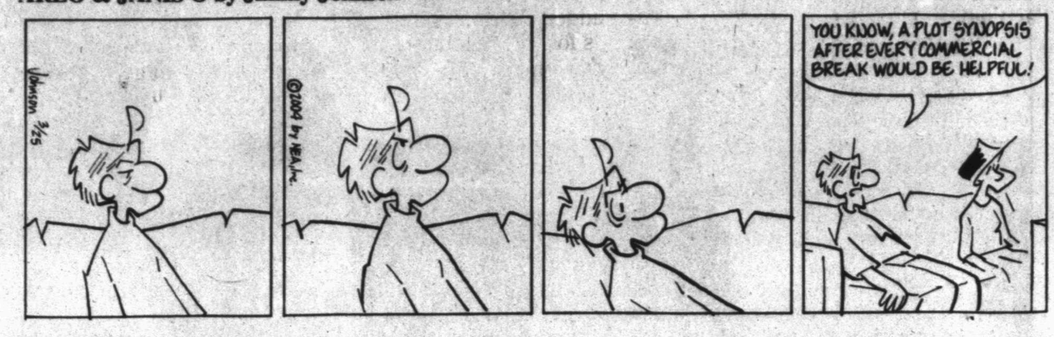

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ACROSS

1 Not widespread
6 Ore deposits
11 Northern lights
12 Not fixed
13 Sled runners
14 Nuclear
15 Gridder Marcus —
16 Consumer gds.
17 "Fernando" group
19 Deli sandwiches
23 Exhaust
26 Orange roots
28 — serpent
29 Erase
31 From Calcutta
33 Hazard a guess
34 Candle holder
35 Leaf vein
36 Correct copy
39 Ick!
40 Hotel staffer
42 Novelist — Seton
44 Sharp pull
46 Explorer — da Gama
51 Threat ender (2 wds.)
54 Sickly look
55 Pester
56 Standing up
57 Intended
58 Wed in haste

DOWN

1 Soothe
2 Uttered
3 Spy's communique
4 Basketball venue
5 Refrain syllables
6 Scads
7 Woodwinds
8 Faint
9 Actor — Wallach
10 Dry, as champagne
11 Bedouin attire
12 Title of respect
16 Exec's degree
18 "So long!"
20 Consuming
21 Sandy place
22 Compos mentis
23 Brown-tinted photo
24 Cover story
25 Slammer
27 Pouch
29 Campus building
30 Pipe joint
32 Not worth a —
34 Pig's pad
37 Guys like Hamlet
38 Squid's defense
41 Protest song name
43 Be of benefit
45 Sec'y
47 Plus
48 Decline, as stock prices
49 Retina cell
50 Internet suffix
51 Electrical measure
52 — Dawn Chong
53 NOW cause
54 Before, in combos

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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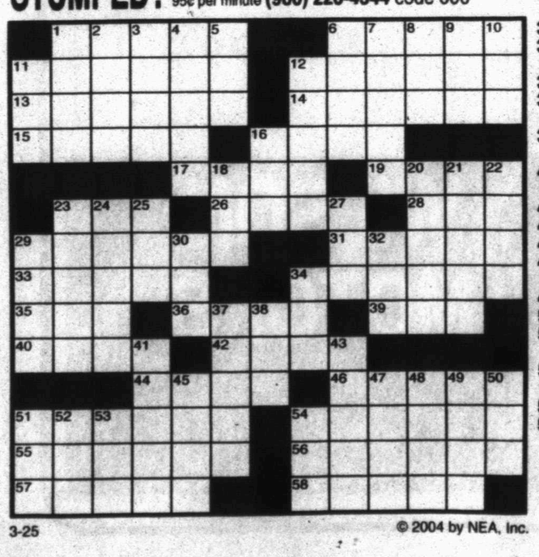

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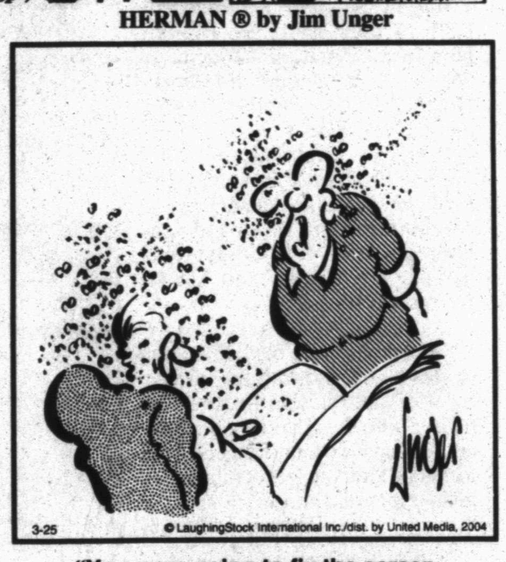

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SPORTS

Miller burns Mavs with late threes

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks coach Don Nelson reluctantly played zone defense in the fourth quarter against the Indiana Pacers, knowing that Reggie Miller was lurking on the other side.

"We didn't want to zone when he was in the game, but we really needed to and he got open," Nelson said of Miller.

Miller was just 1-for-6 from the field in the first 43 minutes, but made two crucial 3-pointers down the stretch to lift the Pacers to a 103-99 win over the Mavericks on Wednesday night.

"He lost us," Nelson said. "We tried to keep track of him, but he's pretty clever."

Miller's second 3-pointer gave the Pacers a 100-95 lead with 23.7 seconds to play, helping them overcome Jermaine O'Neal's absence.

As they've done all year, the Pacers used their superior depth to win with one of their starters out of the lineup.

O'Neal, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, bruised his left knee in Monday's win over Chicago. He expected to miss at least two games, but hopes to be back for Sunday's game against Miami.

Ron Artest had 20 points, eight steals and eight rebounds; Al Harrington had 17 points and eight rebounds; Austin Croshere scored 16; and Jeff Foster added 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers.

"They're one of the deepest teams in the league," Nelson said.

Dallas played without Michael Finley, the team's second-leading scorer, who was out with a strained right calf.

Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points, seven rebounds and five blocks for the Mavericks, who lost their composure, and the lead, while bickering with the officials in the third quarter.

The Mavericks shot 54 percent in the first half to jump to a 55-48 lead.

"We weren't happy at halftime with the effort we put forth out there," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "It was a gut check for us at halftime."

The Pacers came out motivated and calm, while Dallas was distracted and flustered.

Five Mavericks received technical fouls for arguing with the officials.

Referee Ron Garretson ejected Scott Williams and called technicals on Nowitzki, assistant coach Del Harris and Shawn Bradley.

Carlisle and Pacers point guard Jamaal Tinsley were also given technicals.

Williams drew two technical fouls in 23 seconds of the third quarter for arguing with Garretson. Indiana outscored Dallas 31-19 in the period to take a 79-74 lead.

"We just have to learn to buckle down and play in a physical game," Nelson said.

Dallas refocused in the fourth quarter and mounted a comeback behind Nowitzki, who scored 13 points in the final 5:30.

WTC tries to gain ground at Odessa

The Western Texas College Rodeo team opened the Odessa Rodeo today, trying to gain ground in the Southwest Conference.

The men's team is a distant third behind conference leader West Texas A&M. WTC has earned 715 points, 300 behind A&M's 1,018.33. Tarleton State University is second in the standings with 882.50 points.

The women's team is a close second in the conference with 570 points, trailing TSU, which has garnered 682.50.

In individual standings, Tate Stratton leads the conference in bull riding, and Sam Spreadborough is second in the conference in saddle bronc.

Clay Bunney sits in third in bareback, and Clay Long is fifth in tie-down roping.

Sabrina Lay has a 205 point edge on the next competitor in barrel racing, leading the Southwest with 400 points, and Julie Jones sits in fifth in the goat tying competition.

The Odessa rodeo is scheduled to run through Saturday.

Lady Tigers looking to stay perfect at D-City

The Lady Tigers will take their longest road trip during the schedule Friday, when they travel to Denver City to take on the Phillies.

Snyder (12-8, 4-0) has won its last two games by just one run, getting a shutdown performance from Ashley Martinez last Friday in a 1-0 win at Seminole, before surviving a 7-6 slugfest with Merkel Tuesday.

Denver City (9-7, 3-1) is tied with Lubbock Cooper a game behind the Lady Tigers after topping Lamesa Tuesday.

District 3-3A Standings

Team	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
Snyder	12	8	4	0
Cooper	8	3	3	1
Denver City	9	7	3	1
Merkel	10	7	2	2
Tarleton	6	8	2	2
Seminole	4	12	0	4
Sweetwater	2	10	0	4

SJHS golf teams second and third at Midland

The Snyder junior high golf teams took second and third at the Midland Trinity tournament last Saturday in the 18-hole division.

Snyder A team took second, led by Josh Ornales and Loren Toombs, who each fired a 95. Jonathan Mireles stroked a 104, Tanner Butler shot a 111 and Jacob Scifres carded a 124.

The B team was third thanks in part to Clay Hirt's 93. Jesse Conner shot a 98, Allison Sharrock posted a 119, Zanne Berryhill tallied a 124 and Kelby Seale carded a 132.

Chase Guynes placed second in the nine-hole division with a 60, and Tyler Porter was third with a 65. Keagan Herrley stroked a 65, Taylor Davidson fired a 65 and Jeremy Lindsey shot a 75.

Bulldog golfers ready for Comanche Trails

Five Ira golfers particpated in the Loop Invitational Wednesday at Gaines County Golf Course.

Justin Taylor paced the boys, firing a 99 for the only Ira score under 100 on the day.

Bubba Walker carded a 121 and Brandon Crane shot a 135.

Aryn Calley finished with a 127, and Jessica Odom tallied a 151 for the girls.

Ira's next tournament will be Wednesday at the Coahoma Invitational at Comanche Trails in Big Spring.

CO-CHAMPIONS — The Pistons and the Lakers were co-champions of the Little Dribblers Junior division this season, with both going 13-1. Above, the Pistons are, front from left, Hunter Cox, Bryce Eaton, Aaron Williams, Aaron Morris, back from left, coach Elliott Cox, Keenon Ward, Garrett Snyder, Slade Birkenfield, Ashton Lee and coach Mark Cypert. Below, the Lakers are, front from left, Kodee Simpson, Logan Rinehart, Justin Clifton, Kolton Cox, middle, from left, Robbie Rinehart, Jordan Peoples, Dillon Clifton and Khari Powell. In back, from left, are coaches Les Rinehart, Thomas Peoples and Rod Clifton. (Contributed Photos by Charlotte Clifton)

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	42	28	.600	—
Miami	34	37	.479	8½
New York	33	39	.458	10
Boston	31	40	.437	11½
Philadelphia	30	42	.417	13
Washington	22	48	.314	20
Orlando	19	54	.260	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	52	19	.732	—
x-Detroit	46	26	.639	6½
New Orleans	37	34	.521	15
Milwaukee	35	36	.493	17
Cleveland	31	39	.443	20½
Toronto	30	41	.423	22
Atlanta	22	49	.310	30
Chicago	20	51	.282	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	49	23	.681	—
San Antonio	46	25	.648	2½
Memphis	45	26	.634	3½
Dallas	44	27	.620	4½
Houston	41	29	.586	7
Denver	38	35	.521	11½
Utah	37	35	.514	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	51	21	.708	—
x-L.A. Lakers	48	23	.676	2½
Portland	36	35	.507	14½
Seattle	33	38	.465	17½
Golden State	30	40	.429	20
L.A. Clippers	27	45	.375	24
Phoenix	24	48	.333	27

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Wednesday's Games

Miami 105, Orlando 90
Philadelphia 99, Phoenix 94
Memphis 111, New York 97
Indiana 103, Dallas 99
Houston 90, Toronto 89, OT
Denver 101, Minnesota 92
Seattle 84, Utah 77
Portland 91, L.A. Clippers 85
L.A. Lakers 115, Sacramento 91
Golden State 98, Milwaukee 89

Today's Games

New Orleans at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Senior Little Dribblers top Plainview at all-star tourney

Lance Day scored 18 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and dished out six assists to lead the Snyder Senior Little Dribblers all-stars to a 48-35 win over Plainview in the all-star tournament.

Brooks Gafford and Brent Bollinger each knocked in 10, with Gafford hauling in six boards and Bollinger posting four assists.

Dustin Murdock added four, and Blane Knipe, Stevie Rose and Travis Hatfield each hit for two points.

The Snyder all-stars will take on Andrews in the next round at 6 p.m. Friday in Plainview.

Sports Briefs

MGA meeting

The Men's Golf Association will hold its first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Friday at the WTC pro shop.

Softball work day

The Snyder Girls Softball Association will have a work day starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. All volunteers are encouraged to participate. Call Teresa Kariainen at 574-2646 for more information.

Baseball Buddies

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

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

Eustachy to be hired by Southern Miss

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Larry Eustachy is getting a chance to coach again, taking over at Southern Mississippi.

Eustachy resigned at Iowa State last year after photographs were published showing him at a college party kissing and being kissed by young women. He will be introduced as the Golden Eagles' new basketball coach at a news conference today, a university source close to the team said.

Furyk out three months

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk had surgery on his left wrist and will be out for at least three months, making it unlikely he will defend his title.

NCAA Men's Tournament

NCAA Tournament
EAST RUTHERFORD REGIONAL
Semifinals
Today
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Oklahoma State (29-3) vs. Pittsburgh (31-4), 6:27 p.m.
Saint Joseph's (29-1) vs. Wake Forest (21-9), 30 minutes after first game.

Championship
Saturday, March 27
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.

Semifinal winners

ATLANTA REGIONAL
Semifinals
Friday, March 26
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta

Texas (25-7) vs. Xavier (25-10), 6:27 p.m.
Duke (29-5) vs. Illinois (26-6), 30 minutes after first game

Championship
Sunday, March 28
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta

Semifinal winners

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL
Semifinals
Friday, March 26
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis

Alabama-Birmingham (22-9) vs. Kansas (23-8), 6:10 p.m.
Georgia Tech (25-9) vs. Nevada (25-8), 30 minutes after first game

Championship
Sunday, March 28
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis

Semifinal winners

PHOENIX REGIONAL
Semifinals
Today
At America West Arena
Phoenix

Vanderbilt (23-9) vs. Connecticut (29-6), 6:10 p.m.
Alabama (19-12) vs. Syracuse (23-7), 30 minutes after first game

Championship
Saturday, March 27
At America West Arena
Phoenix

Semifinal winners

FINAL FOUR
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Semifinals
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Championship
Monday, April 5

Snyder Girls Softball Association

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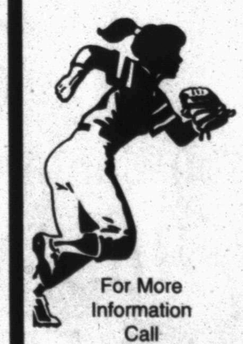

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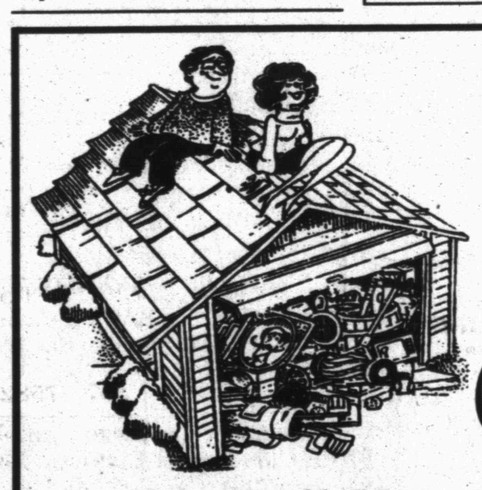

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EU hits Microsoft with record fine

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union declared Microsoft Corp. guilty of abusing its "near monopoly" with Windows to foil competitors in other markets and hit the software giant with a record $613 million fine Wednesday.

The EU's antitrust authority said that "because the illegal behavior is still ongoing," it was also demanding changes in the way Microsoft operates in Europe, with the aim of improving competition globally. The sanctions go well beyond the 2001 U.S. antitrust settlement, but Microsoft promises to appeal.

The regulators gave Microsoft 90 days to offer European computer manufacturers a version of Windows without the company's digital media player, which lets computer users watch video and listen to music and is expected to gain importance as multimedia content becomes more pervasive.

The European Commission also chastised Microsoft for trying to "shut competitors out of the market" in software for office servers, by hoarding code that would help competing programs work smoothly with Windows computers. Microsoft now has 120 days to provide rivals in the server market with such code.

EU Competition Commissioner Mario Monti said the ruling was "proportionate," noting that "dominant companies have a special responsibility to ensure that the way they do business doesn't prevent competition."

"We are simply ensuring that anyone who develops new software has a fair opportunity to compete in the marketplace," he told a news conference.

Monti said he could have imposed worldwide restrictions on Microsoft but limited the order to Europe in deference to regulators in the United States and other countries.

He said doing so "will not unduly undermine the effectiveness of the remedies," given the size of the European market. Microsoft, which had $32 billion in revenue last year, did about 20 percent of its business in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. More precise regional breakdowns weren't released.

Microsoft shares rose 14 cents to $24.29 in morning trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Microsoft executives said that while the decision is appealed to Europe's Court of First Instance, the company most likely will ask that much of the ruling be stayed. Microsoft's general counsel, Brad Smith, said he expected the case to take four or five years to be resolved.

Settlement talks with Microsoft broke down last week over the EU's insistence that a deal also restrict which features could be added to future versions of Windows, such as an embedded search engine. The Commission is already investigating a complaint filed by competitors against the latest version, Windows XP.

Smith argued that the company's settlement proposal would have been more useful to consumers than Wednesday's ruling. He said Microsoft offered to immediately release worldwide a version of Windows that included three competing media players besides Microsoft's.

The company argued that extracting the media player from Windows will be difficult and will make other features work less effectively. What the EU is asking Microsoft to create "is not Windows," Smith said.

The company made similar claims in the U.S. case, which surrounded Microsoft's inclusion of its Internet Explorer Web browser in Windows.

Noting that the U.S. case was settled after an appeals court ruling, Smith said a similar scenario could happen in Europe, although no discussions are underway.

Microsoft was also found guilty of monopolistic behavior in the U.S. case, but the EU order strikes deeper, at the heart of Microsoft's business strategy.

The Redmond, Wash.-based company argues such "bundling" benefits consumers. Rivals call it unfair competition, given that Windows runs more than 90 percent of personal computers worldwide.

The EU regulators were concerned that bundling "deters innovation and reduces consumer choice in any technologies which Microsoft could conceivably take an interest in and tie with Windows in the future."

The EU said it was concerned that a stranglehold on media players could let Microsoft dictate future standards for how digital music and video files are encoded, distributed and played.

Microsoft can continue selling a version of Windows with its media player software installed, but it must refrain from making the stripped-down version less attractive or a poorer performer.

The ruling could boost rival makers of media software, led by RealNetworks Inc. and Apple Computer Inc.

Bob Kimball, RealNetworks' general counsel, said the EU decision "confirms the merit" of his company's private antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft.

The other half of the EU case involved low-end servers that tie desktop computers together in offices.

Greenspan: U.S. farm productivity has helped consumers around world

WASHINGTON (AP) — By pursuing innovative methods to grow crops and raise livestock, U.S. farmers have generated huge productivity gains that have given Americans and consumers around the world more food choices at lower prices, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said today.

Speaking to an international agricultural conference, Greenspan acknowledged that the vast improvements in farm productivity have come with some painful economic dislocations in the form of declining population in rural areas.

Only a few million Americans make their livings as farmers now compared with a peak U.S. farm population of 33 million in 1916, he noted. Declining farm populations have put severe strains on such institutions as schools, county government service and hospitals in the Great Plains and other rural areas, Greenspan said.

He said that even with the decline in the number of farmers, rural areas were seeing an increase in their non-farm populations as manufacturers and, more recently, service companies have decided to locate in rural areas.

He said all the counties in America that were labeled nonmetropolitan have seen their populations increase by one-fourth since 1960. He said that growth was particularly strong in towns "with attractive lifestyles and other amenities that are much in demand among today's workers."

"The growing tendency of workers today to migrate to rural areas also reflects space-reducing innovations in transportation, infrastructure and communications, such as satellite television, that have helped to lessen the physical remoteness of many rural areas," Greenspan said.

Greenspan said that U.S. farmers have led the world in productivity gains over the last century, but he predicted that they will have to keep pushing to boost crop and livestock yields further as the rest of the world begins to catch up.

He noted that even nations reporting rapid advances are still far behind the United States. He said that yields per acre of corn in Argentina have been roughly one-third less than those in the United States since the 1990s and yields in China are just one-half of those in the United States.

Greenspan put in a plug for free trade saying that American farmers had benefited greatly from the ability to sell their production in other countries.

"Today our nation's farmers are highly dependent on exports to absorb their remarkable productivity and their ability to compete internationally depends on lowering unit costs faster than producers in other countries are lowing costs," he said.

"Efforts to increase the openness of world markets will need to be maintained and intensified so that the full benefits of farm productivity gains can raise standards of living worldwide," Greenspan said.

Greenspan said that U.S. farmers were in a good position to meet this challenge because of the systems in place in the United States to support innovation in agriculture and to quickly disseminate the findings of that research.

Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Spicing up your health

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read recently that turmeric, the spice, helps get rid of psoriasis. However, the article did not say how much to take, how often, what to mix it with, etc. I can no longer locate the article and was hoping you could shed some light on this. — M.S., Charlotte, N.C.

DEAR M.S.: Psoriasis is a chronic condition that affects the skin, but it can also involve the joints and connective tissue. Our immune system normally protects the body, but when psoriasis is present certain cells of the immune system are mistakenly activated and they begin to attack the body. The resulting inflammation gives rise to red patches or scaled-skin lesions, but the particular pattern can vary from individual to individual. If the psoriasis affects the joints there will be arthritis, and if it involves the connective tissue the fingernails and toenails will show irregularities. Unfortunately, there is no blood test for psoriasis, but the diagnosis can be made through observation and examination of the affected area.

The current belief is that psoriasis is not caused by infection, allergy, dietary deficiencies (or excesses) or nervous tension, and it is not contagious. There is a genetic component to the disease in that it tends to appear along family lines, but there is no guarantee that children of parents with psoriasis will automatically get the condition. More information is available at the National Psoriasis Foundation Web site at www.psoriasis.org, or from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Skin Diseases in Washington, D.C.; their Web site is at www.niams.nih.gov.

So, how might turmeric help the condition?

Turmeric (cucurma domestica, cucurma longa) is a member of the ginger family native to southern Asia, and is used as a spice in Asian and other cuisines. It has powerful golden-yellow pigmentation, so this spice serves as a natural colorant in processed mustard, Worcestershire sauce and other foods. It is also used in hair and clothing dyes, and to give a distinctive color to medications.

The colorful pigments and other active elements in turmeric have antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and other potential beneficial qualities, so in addition to its culinary uses, turmeric is also used in herbal medicine. This usually involves amounts above what would be used in food. One teaspoon of ground turmeric root weighs just over 2 grams. An Indian curry recipe might use as little as a quarter-teaspoon (0.5 grams) of the spice for the entire recipe. A medicinal use might call for 1.5 to 3 grams of turmeric root daily, divided into three doses taken throughout the day, and it might be a number of days or even weeks before any results are noticed. Another factor is that spices that have been exposed to heat and light over an extended period might not have the same potency as teas, tinctures, a fresh ground root or an herb specifically compounded for use as a supplement.

Unfortunately, herbal medicine texts can vary in their recommendations, and the herbs themselves can vary in the concentration of active ingredients. This makes it very difficult to find consistent recommendations, especially when there is a lack of scientific documentation of how much of what compound(s) might be needed for a specific effect on a specific condition. Regarding the possible use of turmeric for psoriasis, it is unclear how the spice would be able to "get rid of" the condition, but the fact that it has anti-inflammatory qualities might help explain its beneficial effects on the disease's symptoms.

Adverse effects are uncommon from using turmeric as a spice or colorant. Those with stomach or intestinal disorders such as gallstones, bile obstruction, stomach ulcer or hyperacidity should be cautious when using turmeric unless they have consulted with their physician. As ingredients in medicinal herbs are active compounds, it is always wise to check with your physician if you have chronic health conditions or are taking any medications. I often hear from readers that their health professionals are not aware of which herbs do what, and how they might interact with each other or with other medications and health conditions. The good news is that information resources for health professionals continue to expand. As consumers, it is our responsibility to let our health professionals know what we are taking and doing so that they have this information available when making decisions regarding our health. It is also a good idea to to keep a list of what you are taking so that, in the event of an unforeseen emergency, others can find needed information that might affect decisions being made on your behalf.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Alltel	49.20	48.87	49.05	+.27
AmEl Pw	33.38	33.05	33.06	—.19
AndarkPtr	51.09	50.56	50.73	—.06
ATMOS Egy	25.30	25.15	25.24	+.06
Aviall	14.78	14.64	14.78	+.08
BP PLC	48.16	47.79	47.98	—.47
BakerHughes	35.04	34.35	34.70	+.34
Bank of Amer	78.79	78.46	78.74	+.43
BellSouth	26.64	26.45	26.52	+.13
BurlNoSFe	30.95	30.67	30.90	+.25
Caterpillar	76.90	75.95	75.99	—.34
CenterPoint	10.90	10.76	10.81	—.02
ChevronTex	86.18	84.74	84.82	—1.06
Citigroup	50.24	49.75	49.89	+.10
CocaCola	48.68	48.13	48.23	—.26
ColgatePal	53.80	53.36	53.71	+.91
CmclMetals	31.60	30.26	30.26	—.78
ConocoPhill	67.39	65.76	66.17	—1.08
Cooper Inds	55.75	55.44	55.56	+.63
DaimlrChry	41.50	40.92	41.24	+.82
DeltaAirLines	7.44	7.20	7.32	+.20
Dillards Inc	18.15	17.95	18.14	+.34
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HoneywellIntl	32.59	32.03	32.52	+.54
IBM	92.61	91.69	91.90	+.13
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JohnsonJn	50.01	49.47	49.60	—.05
KinderMorg	63.70	62.86	62.87	—.81
Kroger Co	16.54	16.30	16.54	+.20
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By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter about the man who read his deceased wife's diaries, written prior to their marriage, when she was a teenager. He had been unaware that she had dated many men, including one of his best friends, and that she had hoped to marry another man.

The man's daughter urged diarists to destroy writings not meant to be read by survivors.

As an archivist, whose job it is to preserve history for generations to come, I would strongly caution against destroying material. Diaries are few and far between today, and offer glimpses into the past. While that family may have had a bad experience, most people treasure diaries as an intimate connection with someone no longer present.

That man — angry at what he didn't know — sounds like a grieving widower who would rather be angry with his deceased wife than face his sadness at losing her. We all cope with death differently, and this might be the most comforting way for him to deal with his loss. If he is truly holding her teenage years against her, then whether it lasted 62 years or not, it couldn't have been much of a marriage. I don't think that is the case, however. His daughter should be ready to help him through his grief. He will come around when he's ready. **— STACEY C. PEEPLES, RIVERSIDE, N.J.**

DEAR STACEY: It did not occur to me that diaries could be of historical significance. However, if someone is writing sensitive information in a diary or a journal, instructions should be left that those documents remain sealed until anyone who could be hurt by the contents has also passed on. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: To "Sad in Pennsylvania," whose 85-year-old father was distressed to find his wife's teenage diaries after her death (and others who might be in a similar situation), I want to say, "Please don't destroy these diaries — or other writings — after the person dies." I am the deeply grateful owner of my great-grandmother's diary, begun in 1855. It has given me profound insight into American history, human psychology and my own ancestry. A vital part of my life would be missing if someone had destroyed that book. **— SABRA IN L.A.**

DEAR SABRA: You inherited a treasure. I can only imagine the changes that occurred during your great-grandmother's lifetime. When my own dear grandmother, Rose Phillips, died at the age of 103 in October 2002, our family realized that over the span of her lifetime she had seen the rise of the automobile, the birth of commercial air travel, Prohibition, women's suffrage, the Roaring '20s, the Great Depression, two World Wars, the discovery of penicillin, man on the moon, the invention of the microwave oven, the fax machine, the computer, the Internet, the cell phone and the birth control pill.

Oh, if only she had kept a diary!

DEAR ABBY: That daughter said her dad is upset after 62 years of a "full and happy marriage." That man should be feeling on top of the world. He was the one her mother selected to be her soul mate — and nothing that happened before matters. **— HAPPY HUSBAND, ORLANDO, FLA.**

DEAR H.H.: I agree.

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Incoming general has strong ties to largest U.S. Army post

KILLEEN (AP) — A change of command is due at the U.S. Army's largest post, home base for the 4th Infantry Division.

Maj. Gen. James D. Thurman will assume the helm of Fort Hood's 4th Infantry, which led the capture of ousted Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, Pentagon officials said Tuesday.

Almost half of Fort Hood's personnel have been on duty in Iraq. But the 4th Infantry is redeploying to Fort Hood after spending a year occupying a swath of land north of Baghdad that included Tikrit, the former Iraqi leader's hometown, which has become one of the fiercest battlegrounds in postwar Iraq. An official homecoming celebration is planned for April 22 on Fort Hood.

Thurman will succeed Maj. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, who has led the division since Oct. 24, 2001, and during its yearlong deployment.

A U.S. Army Forces Command spokesman told the Killeen Daily Herald that a changeover date has not been set because of Thurman's current schedule as the director of the Army Aviation Task Force in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff at the Pentagon.

Thurman has family ties in Central Texas and owns land in Salado where he and his wife, Dee, plan to retire, said Maryetta Clifton, a Killeen resident and Dee's aunt.

She said the general's arrival will mark another reunion with one of his two daughters, Carey and Jaime. Carey is married to Capt. Scott Thomas, who was scheduled to return today from Iraq with the 4th Infantry.

Delegates giving Democratic also-rans convention showing

WASHINGTON (AP) — High-profile Democrats will gather tonight to urge party unity behind John Kerry, but there are about 740 party loyalists who are pledged, at least on paper, to support a long-departed presidential hopeful.

These Democrats will be delegates to the party's national convention, which is expected to be a celebratory send-off for Kerry, now the presumptive Democratic nominee, as he heads into the fall campaign against President Bush.

But for the hundreds of delegates pledged to Democratic also-rans, the convention may give them one last chance to boast about their first choice for president. Most, however, are expected to vote for the Massachusetts senator in the end.

"Absolutely, I'm behind Senator Kerry 100 percent," said Greg Barker, a bank executive from Copperhill, Tenn., and delegate for retired Gen. Wesley Clark. "But until the general chooses to release his delegates, I'm pledged to the general."

Clark, who dropped out of the race in mid-February, finished third behind Kerry and John Edwards in Tennessee's presidential primary and qualified for 18 pledged delegates from the state. Barker is one of them.

"Pledged" delegates are won through primaries or caucuses. They are different from Democratic "superdelegates," elected officials and party leaders who don't have to abide by primary results and can change their minds about whom to support.

A total of 4,322 delegates — pledged delegates and superdelegates — will attend the convention July 26-29 in Boston. An Associated Press tally shows Kerry with 2,376 delegates, well past the 2,162 needed to clinch nomination.

Democratic Party rules call on delegates pledged to a candidate to cast their convention vote "in all good conscience (to) reflect the sentiments of those who elected them."

However, they aren't required to vote for any candidate at the convention. That means delegates for the dropouts — Clark, Edwards and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean — or even Kerry, are free to vote for someone else, regardless of whether their candidate has "released" them.

If the unity fund-raiser today in Washington is any indication, there's little drama about who will be the nominee. Former Presidents Clinton and Carter, 2000 nominee Al Gore and most of Kerry's former foes are expected to attend and rally support behind Kerry.

But even with the outcome decided for all practical purposes, the also-rans may decide to keep their delegates to reward hard-core supporters with a trip to Beantown. Officially, Clark, Dean and Edwards have "suspended" their campaigns, which allows them to hold on to their delegates.

Some former candidates think keeping their delegates will bring perks at the convention, like a prime speaking slot or more influence over the party's platform, said Matt Bennett, who worked on campaigns for Clark, Clinton and failed 1988 Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis.

Activist Al Sharpton has ceded the nomination to Kerry but hopes to continue collecting delegates to promote issues of concern to minority voters, such as affirmative action and cracking down on police brutality, at the convention. He had 22 pledged delegates in the AP tally.

Longshot Dennis Kucinich, the only active candidate remaining, shares the same approach and hopes more delegates will help draw attention to his pet issues, trade policy and universal health care. The Ohio congressman had 25 pledged delegates, according to the AP.

"Dennis Kucinich is campaigning because even though Senator Kerry has secured the required number of delegates, the direction of the Democratic platform has not been established," spokesman Andy Juniewicz said.

Today's chuckle

Fleeing man identified by wallet left behind

HARRISON, Ark. (AP) — Police had no trouble tracking down a man who tried to cash a stolen check at a Harrison bank.

After the teller, a policeman's wife, recognized the check as stolen, the man took off from a drive-through window — and left his driver's license behind.

Steven Allen Miller, 39, pleaded innocent last Friday to charges of theft of property and breaking and entering.

Police said Miller broke into a man's car and stole a cell phone, police scanner, 80 music CDs and a $243 check on Feb. 29. The next day, police say, he went to a bank and tried to cash the check at a drive-through window.

The clerk instructed the man to step inside because she needed identification beyond the driver's license that he had submitted with the check. Instead of entering the bank, Miller drove off.

Police found Miller at the address listed on his license.

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BY: SHANE TEDESCHI
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The U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarter collection has been so popular that Texas residents may be left scrambling to be among the first to get the new State Quarters.

The Governor unveiled the "Lone Star State" Quarter design at an Official Texas State Quarter bash. "The Texas Quarter will reflect an immense pride in our state shared by every Texan," remarked Governor Rick Perry as reported in a press release on TexasGov.com.

But, the Governor's Office said it does not yet have plans for an Official Release Ceremony when the State Quarters come out in late June. Therefore, special arrangements have been made separately to ensure all Texas residents will get State Quarters free.

The United States Monetary Exchange has announced it is giving away the brilliant uncirculated Texas State Quarters free to all state residents who request one.

John Thomas White, Executive Director of the privately owned U.S. Monetary Exchange confirms: "We are giving away the brilliant uncirculated Texas State Quarters free in an effort to ensure that all state residents have an equal opportunity to get one."

"With no news of an Official Release Ceremony, there is no reason for residents to risk being left out. Every resident should have a fair chance of being among the first to get their own home state quarter."

The state coins that are being given away free are special because they are uncirculated. That means they have never been distributed to businesses or banks for use in trade, so they are mint fresh.

You can not find these uncirculated Quarters in your pocket change.

"When the U.S. Mint first started the 50 State Quarter program back in 1999, we knew that some of the State Quarters would probably increase in value. But none of us knew just how quickly many of the State Quarters would actually increase," White said.

Some of the uncirculated Quarters have already increased in value by as much as 516%. "Even though the values fluctuate dramatically, we are still able to give first priority to residents of the state by letting them have their own Texas State Quarter free. This is our way to help make sure local residents are among the first to get their own state quarter in its most valuable form--mint fresh, brilliant uncirculated condition," said White.

The Texas State Quarters are being given away free on a first come first served basis with a limit of one per household, in accordance with the announced delivery schedule from the U.S. Mint.

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Firm probed after guard is arrested

HOUSTON (AP) — A security firm that reportedly hired an illegal immigrant to patrol the Houston immigration office as an armed guard even though he faced a deportation order is under investigation by the federal government.

"That's what you call irony," said Tom Berg, a federal public defender representing Salomon Juarez.

The March 3 arrest of Juarez led to the federal investigation of Houston-based Superior Protection, a federal official said.

The investigation also includes the role of the Federal Protective Service, the federal agency that contracts the company for security at numerous federal offices in Houston. The agency also is responsible for background checks of those security employees and for the review of Juarez's record at the time he was hired.

Juarez, a Peruvian immigrant who has lived in the United States since 1992, remains in federal custody after he was charged in a criminal complaint with possession of a firearm as an illegal immigrant. If convicted, Juarez will likely be deported.

Carl Rusnok, a spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which includes the Federal Protection Service, said he could not comment in detail about the ongoing investigation.

"FPS and the U.S. attorney's office is approaching this very seriously," said Rusnok of the regional office in Dallas.

Jack Heard Jr., who owns Superior Protection, said Juarez worked for his company for about two years. He said Superior was not aware of Juarez's status as an illegal immigrant and that information about Juarez and all other employees is turned over to the Federal Protection Service, which conducts the background checks.

"He would not be working without credentials issued by the government," Heard told the Houston Chronicle. "No one is allowed on (government) premises without proper credentials."

Heard said the investigation was initiated because "any time anyone is arrested they look at things."

According to the criminal complaint, an immigration agent stated that he received an anonymous tip about Juarez. The complaint states that Juarez entered the United States illegally June 4, 1992, and had been ordered deported by an immigration judge in Miami in 2000. Juarez appealed, the complaint states, and his appeal was dismissed last year.

Berg, Juarez's lawyer, insists that Juarez's status was not determined and that he was in a legal "limbo." He said that at the time a background check was conducted, Juarez had a valid work permit. That permit has since expired, Berg said.

Anti-tax rebel indicted

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted an anti-tax author and two others Wednesday for helping thousands of taxpayers file bogus returns.

Irwin Schiff, who wrote "The Federal Mafia: How It Illegally Imposes and Unlawfully Collects Income Taxes," argues there is no legal requirement to pay income taxes. Government lawyers have been pursuing civil actions to bar him from selling his book and holding tax seminars.

"There is no magic way out of paying taxes," said Eileen O'Connor, assistant U.S. attorney general for the tax division in Washington, D.C.

Prosecutors say the three were responsible for nearly 5,000 tax returns that fraudulently reported no income. These "zero returns" included zeros on every line related to income and expenses and often claimed a full refund of all federal taxes withheld or paid.

After filing the "zero returns," many of Schiff's clients faced IRS audits and tax collections.

The indictment says Schiff's business, Freedom Books, generated $3.7 million from 1997 to 2002. Schiff didn't report any income on federal tax returns from 1987 to 2002, hiding money in an offshore bank account, the indictment charges.

Schiff, 76, said he'll file a motion to dismiss the case.

"At my arraignment, I will plead guilty to all the charges if they can show me a law in the code that says persons earning income are liable for income taxes," he said.

The 33-count indictment charges Schiff, Cynthia Neun and Lawrence Cohen with helping prepare and file fraudulent tax returns.

Schiff and Cohen also were charged with tax evasion. Neun will face additional charges of willfully failing to file federal income tax returns, Social Security disability fraud and theft of government property.

If convicted, Schiff faces a maximum of 43 years and $3.25 million in fines; Neun up to 51 years and $3.4 million; and Cohen up to 27 years and $1.5 million.

The next court date is April 14; no arrest warrants were issued.

Crowd attacks truck driver who fatally struck walker

CHICAGO (AP) — An angry crowd pulled a truck driver from his rig and pummeled him after he struck and killed a pedestrian, authorities said.

The attack left truck driver Miguel Chavez in serious condition.

Lavarious West, 22, was charged with aggravated battery, and authorities were interviewing several others, Cook County state's attorney spokeswoman Marcy Jensen said.

Police spokesman Matthew Jackson said a witness identified West as one of the attackers in the South Side neighborhood and pointed him out in a lineup. West is scheduled to appear at a bond hearing today.

A telephone listing for West could not immediately be found Wednesday night.

Chavez, 39, was cited for striking a pedestrian in the Tuesday night accident.

The pedestrian was identified as Eddie Boyd, 23. Authorities could not say if the attackers and Boyd were acquainted.

School districts increasing efforts to stem rate of teacher turnover

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In the sink-or-swim approach that first-year teachers have endured for decades, Sabrina Scott-Feggins was hired, thrown into a classroom and told to teach. There was no guidance, and little help.

Times have changed. Instead of watching other new teachers struggle through the same process, Scott-Feggins is now a full-time teacher coach, advising and monitoring young educators.

It's a method being used in a growing numbers of school systems nationwide to stem the tide of young teachers quitting early in their careers for reasons that include lack of support, low pay and discipline problems among students.

"There are times I might have walked out the door if she wasn't here," said Sandra Callahan, 28, one of 17 first-year teachers mentored by Scott-Feggins, who taught elementary school for nine years before becoming a coach. "You might think 'Oh my God, I can't do this,' and she puts it into perspective."

The new approach of easing rookie teachers into their jobs is beginning to replace the long-standing habit of coping with the never-ending shortage of teachers by simply recruiting new ones.

"That change in understanding has begun in just a year," said Tom Carroll, president of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future. "They're adopting the right strategies."

"There is a growing recognition of the importance of retention," said Richard M. Ingersoll, an education and sociology professor at the University of Pennsylvania. "Traditionally that hasn't been the case. It's always been an easy-in, easy-out occupation."

A study by Ingersoll found that a third of new teachers quit within three years and almost half quit within five.

North Carolina this year began studying strategies to reduce its 10,000 yearly vacancies. Florida announced its intention to cut turnover by half. Virginia started a mentoring pilot program.

"It does no good to bring a lot of teachers into the system if many of them feel overwhelmed and leave," said Charles Pyle, spokesman for the Virginia Department of Education.

School districts offer gym memberships and child care assistance as incentives to stay. Others subsidize car and home loans.

Pittsburg, Calif., passed a zero-interest home loan program for new teachers this month. "It's a retention effort aimed at anybody who will come to our school district and is a good teacher," said Vice Mayor Nancy Parent.

But young teachers are more interested in having coaches than monetary incentives, said Melinda Anderson, a spokeswoman for the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union.

"For a long time teaching was a sink-or-swim type of profession," Anderson said. "The mentoring programs are helping with that."

Philadelphia hired 65 teacher coaches this year, and schools chief Paul Vallas said the district's retention rate has risen from about 80 percent to 93 percent. A new standard curriculum and twice-monthly professional development sessions also aid young teachers.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, March 26, 2004

In the year ahead you might surprise others and even yourself with your imaginative and resourceful approach to present circumstances. Make sure they're realistic and your bright ideas can produce successful results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Keep your wits about you today so that you'll be able to distinguish between optimism and false hope. If your castles are built out of sand, they'll be swept away by the first adverse tide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Conditions which pertain to your material well-being could be subjected to wide extremes of lows and highs. If you can't maintain a good balance, chances are you'll get stuck in a downswing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You mustn't leave important matters up to chance today hoping they'll come out well in the long run; there could be more events working against you than for you. Run things yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The compassion you show to others is commendable. However, today you're going to have to be careful not to put yourself in a bind by a misguided attempt to do something good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Take with a grain of salt any insider tips passed on to you today by well-meaning friends or associates. Their information could have more fabrication attached to it than substance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take care in offering advice to friends today, even though you know it is quite sound and should be helpful. Even wisdom can be misused, and if things go sour, you could be blamed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It might be too easy today to view things based on the way you would like them to be instead of on realities and existing factors. Remove your rose-colored glasses before assessing important facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you have no voice in calling the shots today on a large speculative risk in which you're involved with others, chances are the odds will be stacked against you. Try to get out of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Guard against tendencies again today to do things contrary to your better judgment. When your common sense warns you to circumvent a situation, don't embrace it just to please others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Unfortunately, your desires could be rather grand today and thus you're not likely to be satisfied with small things. Remember, bigness isn't always better, so rely on the realm of reason.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although your judgment could be rather keen in many areas of your life, it isn't apt to be up to par today where your financial affairs are concerned. Stay clear of risky ventures.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't bank too heavily on Lady Luck and your good looks to get what you want today. Each can be a plus under certain conditions, but today it's going to take a dedicated effort to achieve.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

For urinary reflux, see a urologist

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please address the subject of reflux. My 7-year-old grandson recently had a kidney infection, and his pediatrician insisted on an X-ray dye study, which revealed reflux. Long-term antibiotics have been prescribed, but — the doctor cautions — dialysis or kidney transplant may have to be considered. It's scary.

DEAR READER: The term "reflux" refers to the backwash of fluid from one organ to another. Although most people associate reflux with digestive symptoms, such as heartburn and gas, the condition can also affect the kidneys, as is the case with your grandson.

Evidently, during an X-ray study of his kidneys to investigate the cause of his urinary infection, your grandson was found to have reflux: urine was being propelled inappropriately upstream from his bladder into his kidneys. This is not a normal situation. It suggests that urine from the lower tract (which may be contaminated by bacteria) may backwash up into the kidneys, which are normally free of bacteria, to cause infection.

Under the circumstances, an extended course of antibiotics is a sensible option. I am not familiar enough with your grandson's situation to judge whether he will outgrow the condition or whether he may require corrective surgery to prevent reflux. These are questions best asked of his pediatric urologist, a specialist that should be consulted without delay. In any case, I suspect that the issues of dialysis or kidney transplant are being considered prematurely. There is probably much that can be done before those options come to the top of the list.

For example, if the infection can be eradicated by antibiotics and the urine remains sterile, no kidney damage should occur and you needn't be concerned about more aggressive management. On the other hand, if your grandson suffers from chronic or cyclic urinary tract infections, his parents will have to consider more invasive and extensive therapy, such as corrective surgery.

Again, the pediatric urologist is the pivotal part of the equation; he must be a member of the treatment team.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from congestive heart failure for which my doctor has prescribed Lasix and aldactone. What herbal remedies would be safe for me to use for my problem?

DEAR READER: Herbals will not help your condition. Save your money and stick with the diuretics your physician has prescribed. These drugs will stimulate your kidneys to excrete the excess fluid that your body inappropriately retains. Once your fluid balance has returned to normal, your symptoms of fluid retention (weakness, breathlessness and swollen ankles) should abate.

In addition to the diuretics, your doctor might consider low doses of an ACE inhibitor, which, by reducing the work of the heart, will support the diuretic therapy and help alleviate the heart failure.

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

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Third grader can't attend pledge hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The case before the Supreme Court drew a varied crowd: Christians, atheists, politicians, educators and a bitterly divided mother and father.

What was missing? The California third-grader at the center of a dispute over the Pledge of Allegiance.

A state judge had barred the girl from watching her father ask the Supreme Court on Wednesday to strike down the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools because it contains the words "under God."

Some justices, however, seemed worried about the eventual impact on her.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy told Michael Newdow that he was asking the court to "exercise the extraordinary, the breathtaking power to declare federal law unconstitutional."

"It seems to me, that your daughter is the one that bears the blame for this. She's going to face the public outcry, the public outrage," Kennedy said.

Newdow said he was not worried about adverse consequences for the girl, who has not been named in court records.

"My daughter's going to be able to walk around and say that 'my father helped uphold the Constitution of the United States,'" he responded as a rapt, packed courtroom watched an unusually passionate argument in a case that will decide whether millions of public schoolchildren may continue pledging allegiance to one nation "under God."

On the other side, Bush administration lawyer Theodore Olson said the pledge reflects America's religious heritage.

"It is an acknowledgment of the religious basis of the framers of the Constitution, who believed not only that the right to revolt, but that the right to vest power in the people to create a government ... came as a result of religious principles," Olson said.

That view was loudly represented outside the court, with scores of demonstrators reciting the pledge and carrying signs that read, "In God We Trust."

Sandra Banning, the mother of the girl, also was in the courtroom. She opposes Newdow's complaint.

"I hope and pray that they will support our history, the traditions of our nations and the values that we hold dear," said Banning, who never married Newdow and has primary custody of the girl. "We should be proud of our heritage and proud of our history and not succumb to popular culture."

Terence Cassidy, the attorney for the Sacramento-area school district in the case, asked the court to consider "what is in the best interest of the child."

Newdow had prevailed in one respect before Wednesday's argument began. He had asked Justice Antonin Scalia to step aside because of remarks that seemed to prejudge the case. Scalia complied.

Richard Clarke takes center stage at Sept. 11 hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a dozen years, he worked quietly in the shadows of the White House. But Richard Clarke stole the spotlight at an extraordinary series of hearings into the Sept. 11 attacks, claiming President Bush hadn't done enough to protect the country from terrorists.

A counterterrorism adviser to the past three presidents, Clarke accused the Bush administration Wednesday of scaling back the campaign against Osama bin Laden before the attacks and undermining the fight against terrorism by invading Iraq.

They were many of the same criticisms Clarke leveled in a book published this week and in recent interviews that strike at the heart of Bush's tough-on-terrorism re-election campaign.

But this time Clarke was appearing before the bipartisan commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, swearing to tell the truth before a packed Capitol Hill hearing room and a nationwide television audience watching the broadcast live.

Many of those attending were relatives of Sept. 11 victims. Clarke began his testimony by apologizing to them.

"Your government failed you, those entrusted with protecting you failed you and I failed you. We tried hard, but that doesn't matter because we failed," he said. "And for that failure, I would ask — once all the facts are out — for your understanding and for your forgiveness."

Under questioning, Clarke said the Clinton administration had "no higher priority" than combatting terrorists while the Bush administration made it "an important issue but not an urgent issue" in the months before Sept. 11, 2001,

Clarke's criticism contradicted testimony given to the panel Tuesday and Wednesday from Secretary of State Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and CIA Director George Tenet. All said the administration grasped the threat posed by al-Qaida and was working hard to fight it.

"All I can tell you is the policymakers got it because I talked to all of them about it and they understood the nature of what we were dealing with," Tenet said.

Clarke's appearance Wednesday raised partisan tensions on a commission that prides itself on being bipartisan. While Democrats offered praise, Republicans questioned Clarke's integrity, morality and candor. They also suggested his criticism was intended to spur book sales or boost the candidacy of Bush's likely rival, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

Two U.S. soldiers killed amid warnings attacks will increase

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. soldier died today in a bombing north of Baghdad amid warnings that attacks will likely increase with fewer than 100 days left before the coalition hands over sovereignty. A day earlier, a gun battle with insurgents killed one American soldier and three rebels.

A 1st Infantry Division soldier died and two were wounded when a homemade bomb exploded near Baqouba, the military said. The soldiers went to the area after Iraqi security notified them that a homemade bomb had been found. The two injured soldiers were in stable condition.

In Fallujah, west of Baghdad, insurgents attacked a U.S. military convoy today, and TV footage showed an empty Humvee in flames. One Iraqi driver in a civilian car was killed in the crossfire.

The gun battle that killed a U.S. soldier occurred Wednesday near Taji, just north of the capital, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the U.S. military's deputy director of operations. A U.S. soldier was also wounded.

On Tuesday, guerrillas attacked a patrol in the town of Hamam al-Alil, 210 miles north of Baghdad, wounding a U.S. soldier, Kimmitt said. Troops returned fire and killed one attackers.

He said the military was worried by attacks on Iraqi police. On Wednesday, the police chief of southern Babil province was shot and killed. A day earlier, nine police recruits were killed in a nearby attack on their vehicle.

"We remain concerned at what is clearly a program of intimidation and targeting of not only the Iraqi police service, but all Iraqi government officials," Kimmitt said. "A significant number of Iraqi police have been killed in the past year, somewhere in the order of 350."

He said that despite the attacks "on almost a daily basis," morale in the force remained high and no significant drop in recruitment or retention rates had occurred.

With fewer than 100 days until U.S.-led occupiers transfer power to Iraqis on June 30, U.S. and Iraqi officials expect Iraqi guerrillas and foreign fighters to step up attacks to try to disrupt the handover process and demonstrate that a fledgling Iraqi government cannot control the country.

"The security issue cannot be overemphasized," Mouwaffak al-Rubaie, a Shiite Muslim member of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council.

SHS announces schedule for credit by examination

Snyder Independent School District has announced its testing for credit by exam schedule.

Testing dates are as follows: June 28-30 and July 5-7. Registration deadline is April 16.

Interested parties should contact Rod Cottrell, executive director of curriculum and instruction, Snyder ISD, at 573-5401.

The Texas Education Code and new state board rules require that any student be granted the opportunity to take an examination to be "accelerated" to a higher grade level or to receive credit for a course he or she has not yet taken in school.

SISD will give a student in a primary grade level credit for a grade level and advance the student one grade level on the basis of a board-approved examination for acceleration if: (1) the student scores in the 90 percentile or above on each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies; (2) a district representative recommends that the student be advanced; and (3) the student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the advancement.

A student in grades 6-12 must be given credit for an academic subject in which he or she has had no prior instruction if the student scores 90 percent on a criterion-referenced test for the applicable course.

Two arrested for shoplifting

• ***Arrests***

Two persons, a 31-year-old female and an 18-year-old male, were taken into custody at United Supermarket around 7 p.m. Wednesday for shoplifting.

• ***Theft***

Aaron Lindsey reported to officers at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday that someone had stolen his truck key while at Snyder High School.

At 7:38 p.m. Wednesday, Linda Luera reported the theft of a purse.

• ***Harassment***

A man requested an officer at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday to contact his son who had been calling and harassing him.

• ***Assault***

A man told officers at 5:48 p.m. Wednesday that his daughter had been hit in the face by a subject while at Snyder High School.

At 7:55 p.m. Wednesday, a woman reported that a 20-year-old man had hit her 11-year-old son.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Reports of damage to a rent house was made from the 2000 block of 26th Street and damage to a mailbox in the 2900 block of El Paso.

• ***Officer requests***

An individual notified officers shortly after noon that a person was trying to delete items on his computer. The caller was advised of the proper steps to take.

A report of a suspicious person was made at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday from the 1700 block of College Avenue.

Officers advised two people on a motorcycle and the other on a four-wheeler about the city ordinance about off-road vehicles. The two were riding in the 500 block of North College Ave.

• ***911 line cut***

Dispatchers were advised at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday of the 911 line being cut between Snyder and Fluvanna. Dispatchers were still able to receive calls as they were rerouted.

Obituaries

Coy Tucker

1908-2004

SEAGRAVES — Coy Tucker, father of Dixie Brooks of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 24, in Seminole.

Service for Mr. Tucker, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Avenue D. Church of Christ. B.W. Baucum and Andrew Purcella will officiate. Burial will follow in the Gaines County Cemetery in Seagraves under the direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors.

Born to the late Jess and Ethel Tucker on Sept. 12, 1908 in Montague County, he moved from Cedar Lake to Seagraves in 1942.

Mr. Tucker had owned and operated Gulf service stations for 15 years and also had worked at Seagraves Auto Parts, Connally's Funeral Home and he retired from the oilfield industry in 1990 where he worked as a driller and pumper. He married Audra DeYoung on Sept. 26, 1931 in Tipton, Okla.

He also was preceded in death by six brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Audra Tucker of the home; one brother, Odell Tucker of Wichita Falls; one sister, Freeda Edwards of Tipton; and a son-in-law, Martin Brooks of Snyder.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 3/26	Sat 3/27	Sun 3/28
82/60	80/58	71/55
Windy with isolated thunderstorms developing. A few storms may be severe.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
Sunrise 6:39 AM, Sunset 7:00 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 7:01 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 7:01 PM

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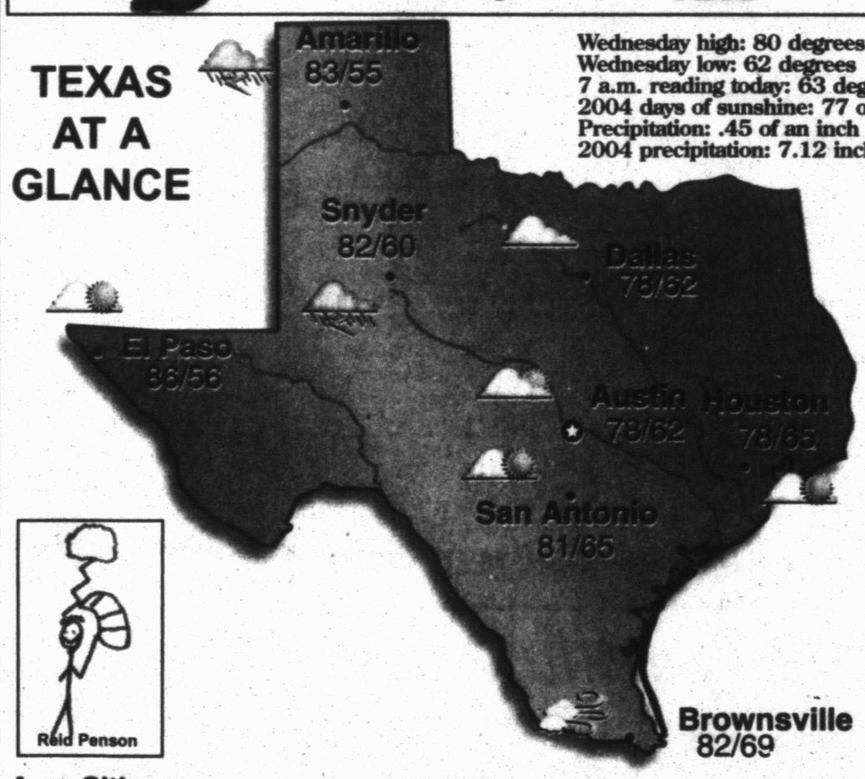
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday high: 80 degrees
Wednesday low: 62 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 63 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 77 of 84
Precipitation: .45 of an inch
2004 precipitation: 7.12 inches.



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	80	62	windy	El Paso	86	56	pt sunny	Midland	84	62	windy
Amarillo	83	55	t-storm	Fort Stockton	86	60	windy	Raymondville	83	66	windy
Austin	78	62	cloudy	Gainesville	76	59	pt sunny	Rosenberg	79	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	78	63	pt sunny	Greenville	76	58	cloudy	San Antonio	81	65	pt sunny
Brownsville	82	69	windy	Houston	78	65	pt sunny	San Marcos	79	63	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	62	pt sunny	Kingsville	83	67	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	76	58	cloudy
Corpus Christi	80	68	windy	Livingston	78	60	pt sunny	Sweetwater	81	62	windy
Corsicana	77	60	pt sunny	Longview	78	58	pt sunny	Tyler	78	58	pt sunny
Dallas	78	62	cloudy	Lubbock	84	58	windy	Weatherford	78	59	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	66	pt sunny	Lufkin	79	60	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	79	62	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	51	pt sunny	Houston	78	65	pt sunny	Phoenix	86	59	pt sunny
Boston	59	49	cloudy	Los Angeles	66	52	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	48	windy
Chicago	67	49	cloudy	Miami	77	71	rain	Seattle	51	45	rain
Dallas	78	62	cloudy	Minneapolis	59	47	pt sunny	St. Louis	70	57	t-storm
Denver	78	45	mst sunny	New York	65	53	cloudy	Washington, DC	74	56	cloudy

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 3/26	Sat 3/27	Sun 3/28
5	7	5
Moderate	High	Moderate

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

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