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On strike...

STRIKE — Communication Workers of America (CWA) local 6202 members Rick Wood, Billy Brock, George Kiker, Lane Everett, Brandon Fontenot, Trey Toland and Jesse Munoz (from left) carried picket signs this morning to show support for the union which is on strike against SBC Telephone over a contract dispute. (SDN Staff Photo)

SBC workers strike; health insurance issue

From local, wire reports

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After a late-evening shift answering directory-assistance calls, Elinda Belous answered the call of her union.

Belous was one of nearly 100,000 unionized SBC Communications Inc. workers who began a four-day strike early Friday to protest the local-phone giant's latest contract offer.

"Just let them feel a little pinch," Belous said of the brief work stoppage, triggered when contract talks between SBC and the Communications Workers of America bogged down over health care and job security issues, including the use of low-wage workers overseas.

Locally, SBC employees were carrying picket signs in front of their offices at 23rd Street and Avenue R.

But turning the tables on the union, the company notified its leadership Thursday night that it would drop its most recent proposal and start from scratch unless the union accepts it by 11:59 p.m. Monday — two minutes before the strike is scheduled to end.

"There's been three months' negotiation. There've been six proposals. And the company's position is that the current proposal that's in front of the union is a fair plan, is a very good plan," said Mike Marker, an SBC spokesman based in Indiana.

The union, in a statement on its Web site, said the tactic by SBC wouldn't work and the rank-and-file remains united and determined to win contract improvements.

SBC, the second-largest of the four "Baby Bell" local-phone providers and by far the most profitable in 2003, said about 40,000 managers, contract workers and retirees will cover key tasks during the strike.

SBC said consumers would see no immediate effect of the strike, but there were at least some problems with directory assistance. A reporter in Los Angeles who called it at 12:05 a.m. first received a recorded message saying SBC was having trouble handling the call, and subsequent calls rang unanswered.

Six hours later, another Los Angeles reporter waited for nearly a minute before an operator picked up. After another delay, the reporter asked for her own home phone number and was given the wrong information.

CWA represents more than 100,000 SBC workers in 13 states: Texas, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. Workers include operators, linesmen, engineers, clerical workers, installers and service representatives.

Trailers are hot theft item here

Local law enforcement agencies are busy trying to stop a rash of trailer thefts occurring in Scurry County over the last few weeks.

"We've had six trailers stolen since April 1," said Snyder Police Sgt. Brian Haggard. "There have also been three or four stolen in the county."

He said other counties in the area also have been having an increase in trailer thefts.

While the thieves seem well-prepared, in a couple of instances they cut off a chain or padlock, most of the time the thieves just pull up, hook the hitch onto their vehicle and drive off.

"They've been bold, sometimes just driving in people's yard. With two people they can be gone with the trailer within a minute," Haggard said.

Police are following up on a few leads but haven't made any arrests. Until they do, Haggard recommends trailer owners make it as hard as possible for the thieves to take their trailers.

"If you can keep your trailer behind a fence that would be great. If not, there are keyed locks for the hitches that are much harder to get off than just a padlock," Haggard said.

He also asked that neighbors keep a special watch on trailers in their neighborhood to see if anyone they don't know shows special interest in one.

"Anyone who see something suspicious around a trailer should call us," he said.

Calley, Wilson are top Ira graduates

Ira High School's top students for 2003-2004 are valedictorian Amanda Calley and salutatorian Lindsey Wilson.

Amanda, the daughter of Darryl and Teena Calley, earned 99.2181 this school year and has a GPA of 3.9824. Lindsey earned 98.7142 and has a GPA of 3.9482. Her parents are Theleca Wilson of Snyder and Dale Wilson of Austin.

Amanda Calley

Lindsey Wilson

Amanda has excelled in academics and sports throughout high school. She has ranked in the top five of class each year, was named to the A honor roll as a freshman through junior and is on this year's A-B Honor Roll. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past three years.

Amanda has served as an officer at the class and club level. She was homecoming queen nominee last year and was crowded queen this year.

She participated in UIL competition and excelled in sports including basketball and track. She received the basketball and track fighting heart awards as a senior. She was also chosen athletic sweetheart this season and served as an honor guard last year.

Lindsey has been ranked on either the A or AB honor rolls and she been listed in the top five students in her class throughout high school.

Other recognition includes being selected class favorite, and serving as a homecoming queen candidate.

Lindsey is a member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She participated in FFA contests during her freshman year and she has excelled in sports winning acclaim in basketball, golf and track, including being named athlete of the year her junior and senior years. She was this year's MVP in track and has received several outstanding athlete awards while at Ira.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren

By golly, we showed 'em.

We received an e-mail from our oldest daughter this week urging us and everyone else not to buy gas on Wednesday so that oil companies would "choke on their stockpiles" and prices would drop like flies.

We didn't buy any and we hear those companies choking now. And we don't think it's their stockpiles they're choking on. It must be money as a gallon of gas is costing about six cents more today than on Wednesday.

Yeah, we showed 'em.

When traveling, the cost of a room is always a major concern of mine because I just can't get excited over paying a lot of money for a place to sleep when there are other things to do and see.

But now, since a gallon of gas is fast approaching what it costs for a hotel room on the Las Vegas strip, I've changed my mind about motel rooms. At least when you're in the room, the gas gauge is not going down.

A fellow newspaper staffer was in Ruidoso last weekend and the Casino Apache Travelcenter on Highway 70 had gas at $1.82 per gallon.

If gas gets any higher here, it'll pay to drive up there and fill up. But if you do, you'll still have to fight road construction.

Our first year at college, only one of us that ran together at Permian had a vehicle.

When we all would go back to Odessa, buddy David Dean would pull up to the gas pump and ask the other three in the car for a couple of bucks each.

That's even a better idea now.

And on the subject of Ruidoso, we heard one person complaining this week about getting stopped for an extended time in traffic near Tinnie in the Hwy. 70 construction work area.

You can't avoid the construction, but you might avoid a long wait if you go to the highway work Web site at www.us70hondovalley.com and see when blasting is going to take place. Traffic is stopped for at least an hour in both directions.

This coming week, blasting is scheduled Tuesday through Thursday east of Fox Cave around noon. No blasting is scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend as the racing season opens. It will be interesting to see what the price of gasoline will do to vacation plans this year.

With the high price of gasoline, more people might opt to stay closer to home this summer.

The annual West Texas Western Swing Music Festival is just around the corner on June 8-12 at Scurry County Coliseum.

A lot of the regulars will be back this year including the ever-popular Dave Alexander and his band. All the entertainment is good during the festival, but if you can only go to one show, be sure and see Dave.

He and his band put on quite a show and he's a genuine nice guy to boot.

A lot of the Texas Playboys will be back to include Leon Rausch, Curly Hollingsworth, Herb Remington and Johnny Gimble.

Moe Bandy will be making his first appearance at the festival. If you've never attended a session, plan on it this year. You'll meet a lot of nice folks.

Cheney stumps for GOP congressional candidates

HOUSTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney defended the war in Iraq and criticized presumed Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry today at the first of three Texas fund-raisers for Republican congressional candidates.

"This nation has made a decision we will engage the enemy, facing him with our military in Afghanistan and Iraq today so we do not have to face him with our firefighters and police and medical personnel on the streets of our own cities," Cheney said at a Houston breakfast.

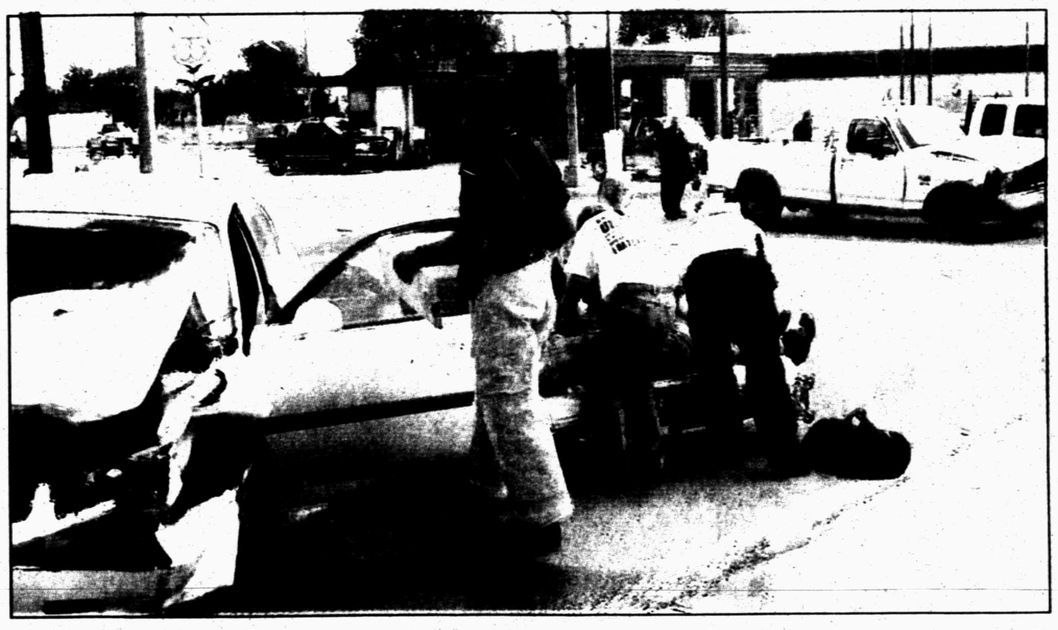
"These are not times for a leader to shift with the political winds, say one thing one day and another the next," he said, referring to Kerry and chiding the Massachusetts senator for claiming support of foreign leaders he's refused to identify.

"This election will be decided by the voters of America, not unnamed foreign leaders," Cheney said.

About 200 people paid from $250 to $2,000 to share pancakes, bacon and eggs and hash browns with Cheney at the event for Ted Poe, a former judge in Houston.

Cheney headed to similar events today in Waco for Arlene Wohlgemuth and Longview for Louis Gohmert.

Next month Cheney is scheduled to return to Texas to stump for Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock. He'll be in Lubbock on June 11 to support Neugebauer, who faces Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, in the 19th Congressional District.



THURSDAY WRECK — William Stevens of Snyder was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a traffic accident at 10:35 a.m. Thursday at the intersection 25th Street and Ave. Q. Steven's auto was in collision with a pickup driven by Edric Olvera of Snyder who was not injured. Steven's injuries were not considered life threatening. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

ASK US

Q—When is the annual steak supper for the SHS seniors?

A—It is at 7 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Barbara Tune...

...has lived in Snyder since 1961, except for a two-year stay in Australia. She is married to Bill who owns Deep Creek Boot and Shoe Repair. A daughter, Laura Reed, lives in San Angelo and daughter, Lisa Clark, lives in Kingwood. Barbara also has three granddaughters and two great grandsons. She teaches music and enjoys playing the piano, reading, traveling and working in the yard.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There are two ways of exerting one's strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling up.

—Booker T. Washington

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Boys , Girls Club temporarily closed

The Snyder Boys and Girls Club will be closed until Monday for maintenance repairs and staff training.

Booster club car wash

There will be a football booster club car wash beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Chicken fried steak lunch

First United Methodist Church will host a chicken fried steak or chicken strips lunch from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are $7 and tickets for kids under 10 is $4. Tickets are available from church members or at the door.

Football moms tea

There will be a tea at the Dragon China at 3 p.m. Sunday for all football moms. All Tiger football moms from the freshman to the varsity are invited.

WTC cheerleader tryouts

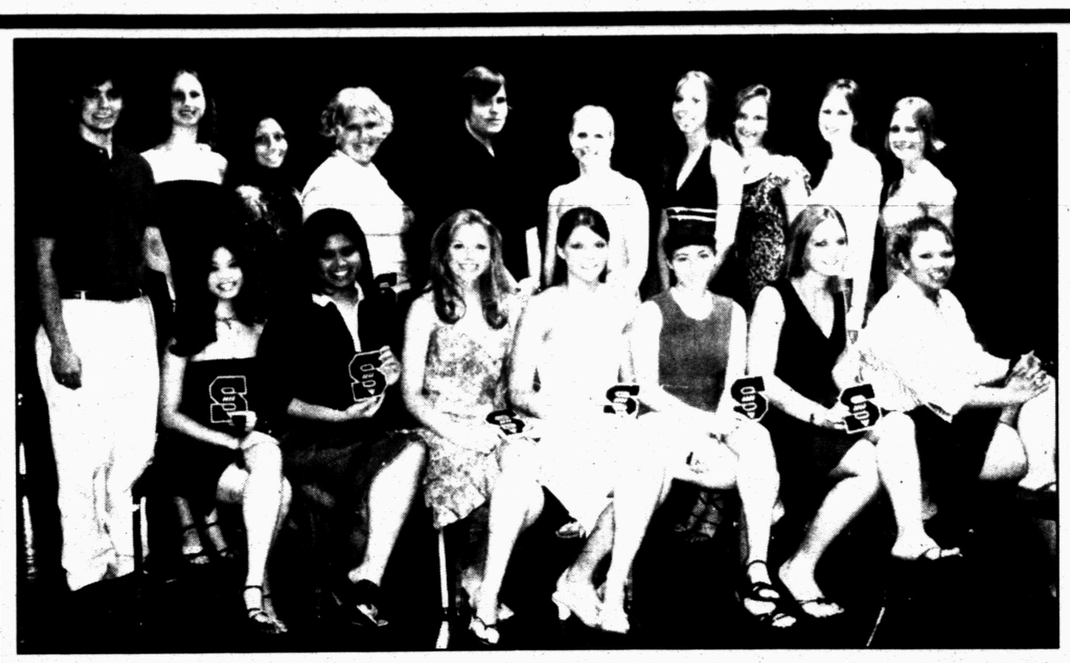
Western Texas College is adding a cheerleading squad for fall. Tryouts for cheerleading are to be held every Saturday in May — except May 29 — from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the WTC gym. Applications can be picked up at the human resources office at WTC or found at www.wtc.edu. Applications are due at noon Friday prior to the Saturday tryout. Mail applications to Cheerleading Sponsor, WTC, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, 79549. Scholarships are available.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

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.



SENIOR A HONOR ROLL — These Snyder High School seniors have been named to the A honor roll for 2003-2004 and they are also ranked in the top 10 percent of their class. Standing from left are Josh Kemp, Meagan Langham, Ashley Martinez, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Josh Payne, Tamara Taylor, Sara Thornhill, Cami Trout, Amanda Whitson and Stephanie Williams. Seated from left are Ashlye Amox, Laura Arellano, Erin Burleson, Sarah Crawford, Andra Dunham, Kristel Fitts and Anna Henson. Chance Tatum is not picturted. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Nichols' defense rests case

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Defense attorneys rested their case Thursday at the trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, who faces state murder charges that could carry the death penalty.

Nichols' attorneys questioned 96 witnesses over 11 days in a case that was shortened when Judge Steven Taylor limited the defense's ability to offer evidence of alternative suspects in the bombing, which killed 168 people.

Prosecutors rested their case April 30 after questioning 151 witnesses over 29 days. They planned to question at least a dozen more witnesses to rebut defense testimony.

Closing arguments are tentatively scheduled to begin Monday afternoon.

Taylor on Thursday denied a routine motion by the defense to acquit Nichols on grounds that the prosecution had not met its legal burden of proof.

Nichols, 49, is serving a life prison sentence after a federal jury in 1997 convicted him of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of eight federal law enforcement agents in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

In Oklahoma, Nichols is charged with 161 counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of the other 160 victims and one victim's fetus.

Nichols was at his home in Herington, Kan., when the 4,000-pound fertilizer bomb was detonated at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. But a procession of prosecution witnesses linked Nichols to the bomb plot.

Prosecutors allege Nichols gathered bomb components, including explosive ammonium nitrate fertilizer, and helped bomber Timothy McVeigh build the homemade device and pack it into the cargo bay of a Ryder truck. McVeigh was convicted on federal murder charges and executed in June 2001.

Prosecutors also allege Nichols robbed an Arkansas gun collector of weapons and gold and silver coins to help finance the plot. Some of the stolen weapons were found in Nichols' home following the bombing.

Soldier who abandoned unit says Army owed him discharge

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — A U.S. soldier charged with desertion for leaving his unit in Iraq contended Thursday at this court-martial that he did not commit a crime because the Army had improperly failed to discharge him.

Staff Sgt. Camilo Mejia, an infantry squad leader in the Florida National Guard, acknowledged disobeying his commanders' orders to return to Iraq in October after a two-week furlough.

Mejia said he asked to be discharged under a National Guard regulation barring non-U.S. citizens from serving more than eight years. Mejia, who joined the Army nine years ago, has dual citizenship in Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

"I thought I had every right to be discharged, but the military for some reason did not want to uphold military law," Mejia said. "Because I did not think I had committed a crime, I looked for help outside the military."

Mejia, 28, of Miami Beach was missing from the Army five months before he turned himself in March 15, seeking status as a conscientious objector. He faces up to a year in prison and a bad conduct discharge if convicted.

A jury of four officers and four enlisted soldiers will decide the case.

Military law defines desertion as leaving the military with no intention to return or to "avoid hazardous duty or to shirk important service."

Mejia testified for 90 minutes Thursday, responding calmly to sometimes pointed questions.

"Nobody in your chain of command officially said to you, 'Staff Sgt. Mejia, you're discharged from the military.' Did they?" Capt. A.J. Balbo, the lead prosecutor, asked at one point.

"No, sir," Mejia replied.

Mejia's attorneys rested their case after he left the witness stand.

Three members of his unit — the 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment — testified Mejia had been a fine officer under fire.

Spc. Oliver Perez acknowledged he was disappointed when Mejia left and never returned.

"As an NCO (noncommissioned officer), I don't believe it was a good example, no," Perez said. "It was a blow."

But he later added, "I would still put the trust of my life in him."

Prosecutors argued that Mejia betrayed his unit, leaving them as fighting intensified around their base in Ramadi and their numbers thinned as troops were wounded by explosives, gunfire and mortar rounds.

"It's about a squad leader who abandoned his men when they needed him the most," Balbo said.

The prosecution called one witness, Capt. Tad Warfel, who was Mejia's company commander. Warfel said the unit saw its numbers dwindle from 131 soldiers to 95, mostly because of troops wounded in action.

"The conditions in Ramadi worsened in our time over there," Warfel said.

Mejia testified he asked Warfel and their battalion commander for a discharge after National Guard officials told him of a regulation that non-citizens must be discharged after eight years.

When his commanders refused, ordering him to return to the war, Mejia sought help from civilian attorneys.

Army burn center now treating combat injuries

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dr. Sandra Wanek treats large numbers of burn victims at Brooke Army Medical Center, but Army Sgt. Josh Forbess is probably the worst case she has seen.

When the surgeon first treated the 26-year-old, he was covered in soot after a helicopter crash. An examination using a camera and fiberoptic cable showed that his lungs, which should have been pink, looked like the inside of a chimney.

"He could have easily died," Wanek said.

Eighteen of 22 soldiers on two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from the 101st Airborne Division died after a midair collision over Mosul in Iraq. The army says the crash is the U.S. military's single-worst loss of life so far in this war.

Brooke Army Medical Center is the Defense Department's only burn center. The center, which opened three years after World War II ended, has trained many doctors for some of the 100 other burn units across the country.

Several standard treatments for burns were pioneered there, including advances in the removal of burned skin, creams that prevent life-threatening infections and aerial transport of victims.

The Air Force and Army have brought more than 100 burn victims out of Iraq, through Germany and to BAMC. It is in San Antonio where they receive treatment and rehabilitation.

Two of those soldiers have died. Burns make up about 5 to 10 percent of all combat casualties. The BAMC has a staff of 119, with seven doctors, 79 nurses and 26 therapists.

They recently received seven people injured in an Iraqi chemical plant blast. Rocket-propelled grenades and roadside bombs have caused burns to soldiers.

But troops starting fires to burn off garbage and human waste is the No. 1 cause of burn injuries in this war.

Forbess developed pneumonia soon after arriving at BAMC in November, forcing Wanek to turn him over on his stomach to improve oxygenation — one of two last-ditch steps used to save victims with extensive lung damage.

He has undergone nine operations and faces numerous others. He lost one ear and part of his nose.

Forbess also had a broken wrist and had to have a half-inch of charred flesh trimmed off his lower and upper eyelids.

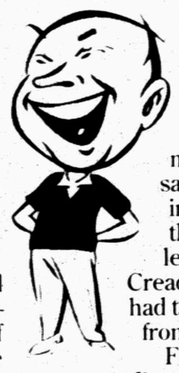
Forbess' youth is a big advantage in surviving serious burns. Older patients take more time to heal.

Today's chuckle

Lawyer who barked like dog at witness fined

NEW YORK (AP) — David Fink might think he got a ruff sentence.

The lawyer who barked like a dog at a witness during a deposition has been fined $8,500 for misconduct and harassment of opponents, according to a judge's 54-page decision published Thursday.



Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Charles Ramos said Fink made false statements, failed to comply with court orders and engaged in frivolous conduct during a breach of contract suit over home furnishing designs.

Fink's client Carl Levine represents designers of home furnishings to manufacturers and other licensees. He sued a married couple, Laurette Angsten and Kit Kittle, alleging they did not pay him money they owed for marketing their products.

During a deposition in which Kittle was giving sworn statements on Jan. 16, 2002, he described letters he received from Fink as threatening, "mad dog lawyer" letters, said Kittle's lawyer, Samuel Friedman.

At the continuation of the deposition the next day, Friedman said, Fink started barking like a dog when Kittle was asked about the letters by Donald Creadore, the lawyer who had taken over Levine's case from Fink.

Friedman complained to Ramos about Fink's behavior.

A special referee reviewed Fink's behavior, and Ramos followed the recommendations.

Fink had already been assessed $1,400 for previous misconduct in the case.

World Almanac

Friday, May 21, 2004

Today is the 142nd day of 2004 and the 63rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1881, the American Red Cross was founded.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh completed the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight.

In 1991, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated by a terrorist bomb.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexander Pope (1688-1744), poet; Fats Waller (1904-1943), pianist/songwriter; Raymond Burr (1917-1993), actor; Andrei Sakharov (1921-1989), physicist/Russian dissident; Mr. T (1952-), actor, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1891, boxers Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson fought to a draw in 61 rounds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed." — Alexander Pope

TODAY'S FACT: India's civilization has been traced back at least 5,000 years.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 54, 577 — largest number of U.S. volunteers assisting in a disaster relief operation (in response to the terrorist attacks of 2001).

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 19) and first quarter (May 27).

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RESULTS

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-11-30-33.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 137. Prize: $438.

Matching three of five: 4,525. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 45,605. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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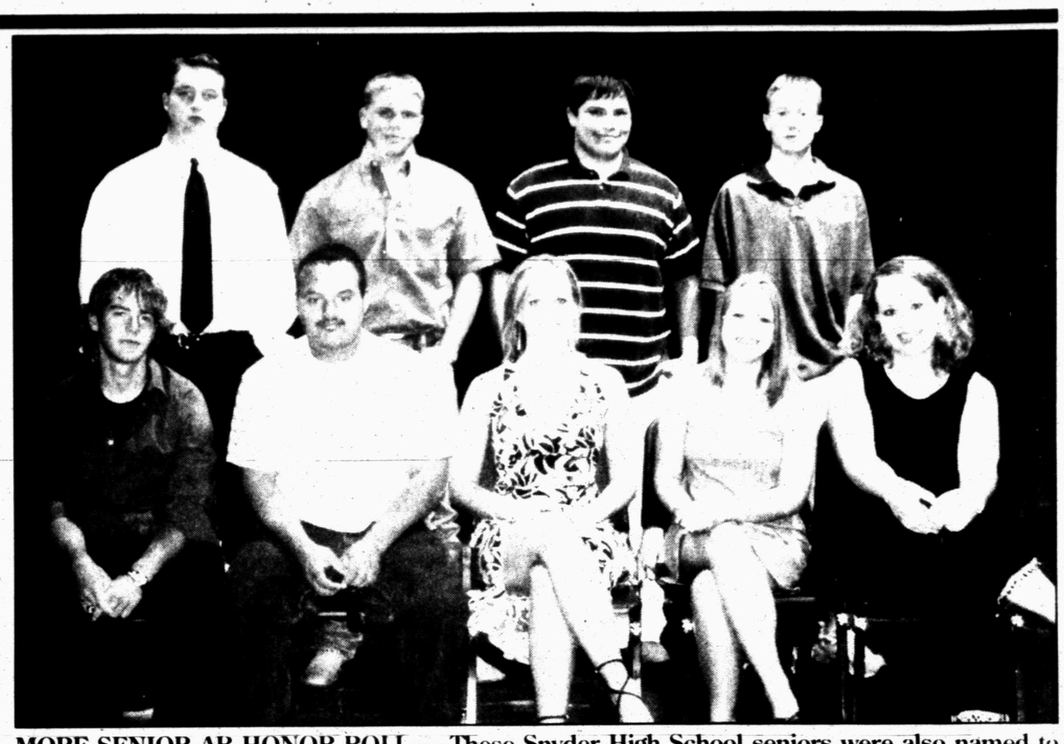
SENIOR A-B HONOR ROLL — Snyder High School seniors named to the A-B honor roll first row from left are Jon Thomas, Kendall Tidwell, Rankin Hardin, Jeff Scott, Zach Cain and Andrew Bane. Second row from left are Aleida Arellano, Ashley Arrendale, Mandy Burns, Kelby Drum, Missy Vasquez, Beth Clements and Megan Fletcher. Third row from left are Hortensia Murillo, Aurelie Semillon, Alexis Dupree, Melissa Jerome, Adrienne Garcia, Emily Long, Destiny Proctor and Maranda Pierce. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)



MORE SENIOR AB HONOR ROLL — These Snyder High School seniors were also named to the A-B honor roll. Standing from left are Brock Tyrrell, Cody Wall, Sid Gutierrez and Justin Guynes. Seated from left are Bradley Price, Robert Garza, Ashley Jenkins, Abby Levens and Molly Mason. Not pictured are Dominique Benitez, Desiree Braziel, Dominique Braziel, Cameron Brown, Jeff Bruton, Jordan Donelson, Tabitha Gomez, Blake Grimmett, Matt Hale, Sharena Lewis, Corey Longorio, Boicy Martinez, Katie Neves, Tanner Reed, Marcus Rodriguez and Roberto Sauceda. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Baby boy left in car has died

LAKEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — A 7-month-old boy was found dead in his car seat Thursday, after he was accidentally left inside a vehicle for several hours, authorities said. The baby's father was arrested.

Aryeh Katzman, 25, of Lakewood, had placed his son, Chaim, in the car at their home early Thursday and apparently forgot about him while attending classes, Detective Capt. Robert Lawson, a Lakewood police spokesman, said Thursday. The father realized the baby was in the car only when he arrived at the baby-sitter's to pick the boy up, Lawson said.

It was not immediately clear how long the baby had been in the car, but Lawson said the child apparently had been dead for some time when he was found around 2 p.m.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, May 22, 2004

The year ahead is likely to bring about a number of reciprocal favors from those you've accommodated in the past. These individuals may be especially helpful to you in furthering your material interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Positive influences will still be at work for you both today and tomorrow. Although what occurs at this time may not be obvious to you, it'll have to do with bettering your financial wherewithal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You will mix especially well today with your associates, so it is in your best interest to involve yourself in some type of social affair where you can show off your stuff.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It may be advisable for you to focus your efforts today more on some kind of ambition you've been secretly nurturing and leave the frivolous activities for later. It's where you're luckiest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Convincing others about the merits of your ideas should come easy for you today. The timing couldn't be better for scoring big victories through the use of clever presentations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is the time for you to begin to raise your sights and establish loftier goals. Desires and objectives that have appeared out of your reach are now within the realm of possibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Believe in yourself today because even in matters of major significance your judgment can be relied upon. After weighing all **the possibilities, trust yourself rather than others.**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You have the ability today to take dormant projects and upgrade their usefulness into something of true value. Don't let your skills go unused — use your ingenuity well at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — From time to time, everyone needs words of appreciation and encouragement. No one is more capable today than you of giving those around you a boost. It'll be a rewarding experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Protective and custodial instincts are quite strong in you today, and you'll derive great pleasure from doing special little things for those you love or who are important in your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Social activities will hold a special appeal for you today, so make arrangements to get out and spend time with your favorite friends. Something quite fortunate is awaiting you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Lady Luck is likely to treat you in a more benign fashion than usual, but this time it may be where your material needs are concerned. Her gestures will be extra gracious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Others are more likely to support the issues you're promoting today because of your unique way of phrasing things that conveys points in a masterly fashion. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Robin, Barry Gibb gets honorary degrees

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — The University of Manchester is awarding honorary degrees to Robin and Barry Gibb of the Bee Gees, as well as a posthumous honor for their brother, Maurice.

The awards will be presented to the two Gibb brothers during a ceremony at the university Wednesday. They'll also receive from Chancellor Anna Ford a degree for their brother, who died in January 2003.

Born on the Isle of Man, the Gibb brothers moved to the northwestern English city of Manchester in the 1950s.

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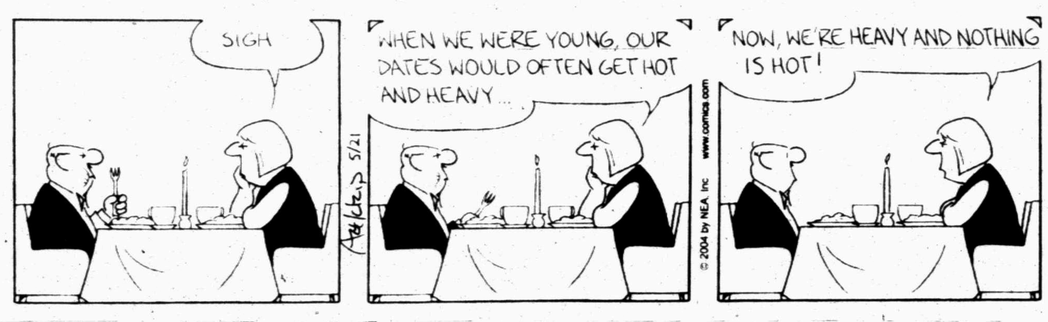

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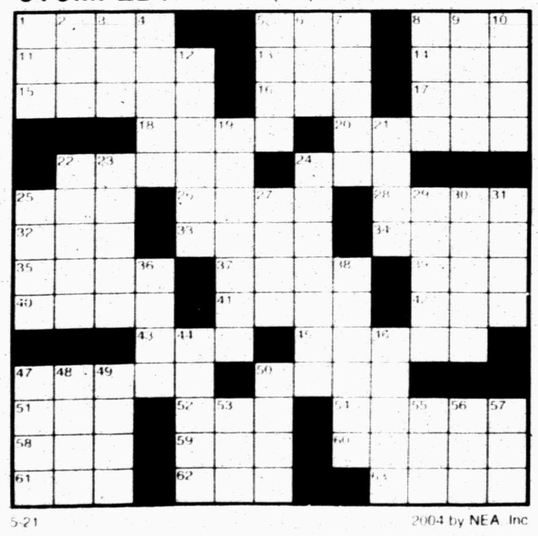

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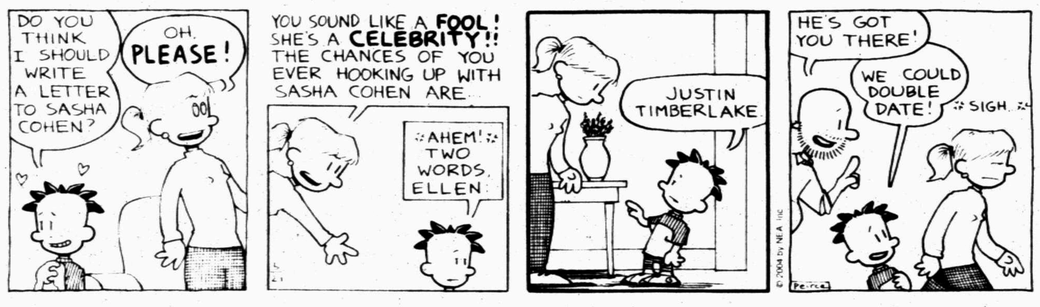

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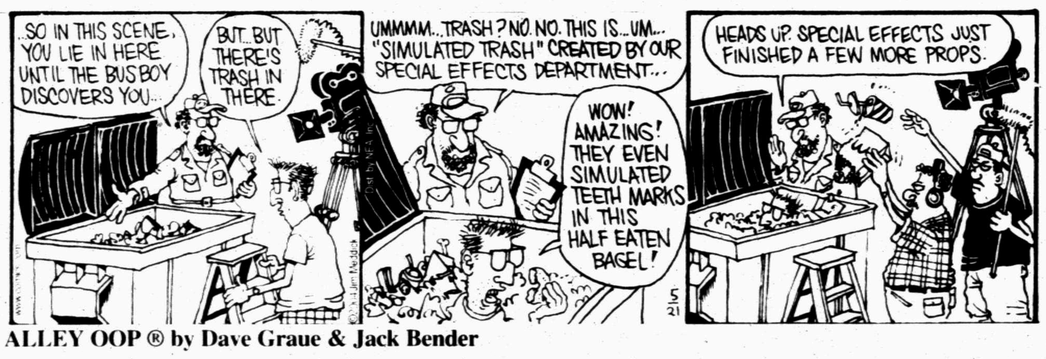

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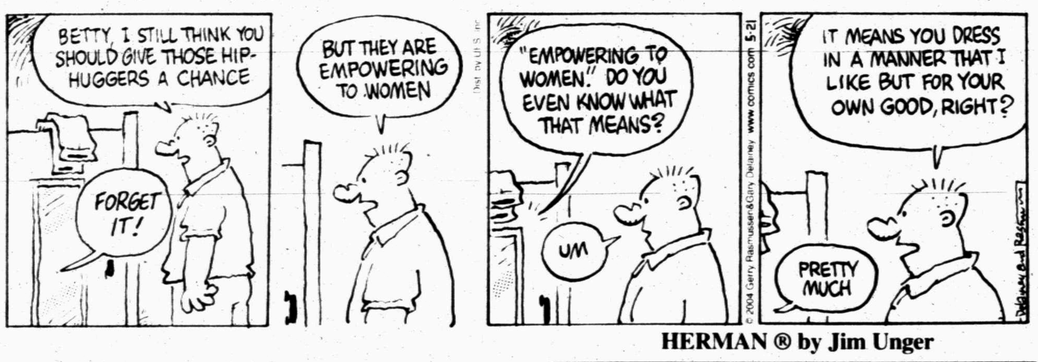

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SPORTS

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

Before Antonio Tarver shocked the boxing world with his one-punch knockout of Roy Jones Jr. last Saturday night, another stunning knockout was replayed on ESPN Classic on Friday.

Only this one altered the heavyweight landscape forever and sent a seemingly invincible champion into a death spiral of crime, brawls and increasingly bizarre behavior.

On Feb. 11, 1990 a 42-1 long shot named James "Buster" Douglas fought the perfect fight, pummeling and ultimately vanquishing an undefeated Mike Tyson for the undisputed heavyweight title.

Lets' go back in time for those only familiar with the freak show to get a sense of just how stunning this fight really was.

Tyson had destroyed everyone he had fought to that point — including a 91-second humiliation of previously undefeated Michael Spinks — using a peek-a-boo defense, great head movement and the most powerful punch seen in the division since Ernie Shavers. He intimidated opponents before they ever stepped in the ring, and he did it by saying virtually nothing, relying on reputation and brutal punches to speak for him.

Tyson was considered unbeatable, and entered his seventh title defense in Tokyo against a man unknown to the general public and lightly regarded by boxing pundits. He was the biggest draw and the most exciting fighter in the sport.

He also was revered by the public, a sweet, soft-spoken and shy kid from Brooklyn who could crack an engine block with his fists. He had endorsements and the adulation of a public longing for a charismatic heavyweight after the relatively dull Larry Holmes reign.

But several things happened on the way to Tyson's easy win.

Tyson had fired trainer Kevin Rooney and allowed some inexperienced cronies to work his corner. Incredibly, they did not bring a cold compress, Q-tips or petroleum jelly into the corner that night.

Douglas was inspired by the death of his mother and it was clear from the opening bell that the psychological edge Tyson usually held had no bearing.

Buster was not afraid of Iron Mike.

As Douglas peppered Tyson's left eye with jabs and straight rights, the eye began to puff up. Tyson's corner, without a cold iron, tried in vain to contain the swelling with a rubber glove filled with ice.

Evidently, no one told them ice melts, so that by the time the decisive 10th round came around, Tyson had a knot the size of a baseball on his brow and his corner was desperately trying to curb the damage with a glove full of tepid water.

Tyson did knock Douglas down in the eighth, but looked defeated as soon as Douglas lifted himself off the mat.

What followed was the descent into madness for Mike Tyson. A rape conviction, several misdemeanors and fights, bankruptcy, a pair of nasty divorces and a facial tattoo have turned Tyson in a sideshow, a circus act on the periphery of the sport. And, sadly, he has embraced that persona.

But at one time he was the most formidable and ferocious champion the world had ever seen, a hulking man-child with the strength of a rhino and the mentality of an adolescent.

Too bad he could not keep the harness on his rage, or we may still be talking about an undefeated, undisputed and unstained Iron Mike.

Pistons hold Kidd scoreless in rout

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Jason Kidd's rough night at both ends of the court led to the end of New Jersey's season — and reign atop the Eastern Conference.

With Kidd failing to score for the first time in his playoff career, the Detroit Pistons beat the Nets 90-69 on Thursday night in Game 7 of the conference semifinals.

"If you would've asked me, 'Could we hold Jason Kidd scoreless in a Game 7?' I wouldn't have thought in my wildest dreams that would happen," said Detroit's Ben Wallace, who scored 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting and had eight rebounds and two blocks.

Kidd missed all eight of his shots and had seven assists, five rebounds and three steals in a team-high 43 minutes.

Detroit's Chauncey Billups scored 22 points, and Richard Hamilton had 21 in part because Kidd could not guard either player.

Once while chasing Hamilton, Kidd ran into Rasheed Wallace's screen, then Hamilton made a jumper. Later, Kidd couldn't — or didn't — get out of the lane to defend Billups on a 3-pointer.

Kidd was playing on a bad knee and perhaps a sore back, but he refused to blame injuries for his lackluster play.

"We don't make excuses," he said. "If you can suit up and play, you have to give something."

The Pistons will face former coach Rick Carlisle's Indiana Pacers in the conference finals, beginning Saturday night in Indianapolis. The Los Angeles Lakers and Minnesota will open the Western Conference finals Friday night in Minneapolis.

The Pistons gave up on Carlisle last summer after he won 100 regular season games, two division titles and three playoff series in two seasons. Detroit hired Larry Brown to replace Carlisle, who later was hired by Indiana.

"This series is about moving on to the NBA Finals, everything else is secondary," said Joe Dumars, the Pistons' president of basketball operations.

Hamilton, meanwhile, thought the same thing many did when Detroit advanced to set up a matchup with Carlisle's Pacers.

"It's amazing that we'll be facing him, isn't it?" Hamilton asked. "The buildup is going to be unbelievable. We know we'll have to be aggressive because we know that coach likes to grind."

Parnevik trying for first tour victory since 2001 at Colonial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Jesper Parnevik has a lofty goal after struggling just to keep his PGA Tour card last year.

"My No. 1 goal this year was to really make a strong effort to come back into the top 10 again," Parnevik said. "One of the toughest things in golf is to be among the best in the world, then lose it and try to bring it back again."

The Swede took a positive step Thursday, opening with a 5-under 65 in the Colonial to get within one stroke of leader Craig Perks. Only a three-putt bogey kept Parnevik from sharing the lead.

Unlike last season, when Parnevik had to keep playing week in and week out just to finish in the top 125 on the money list, he believes he can carry momentum from round to round.

"I feel I can play well again, which is key," said Parnevik, winless since 2001. "Even last year if I had a good starting round, I knew the next day could be completely different. I knew I could shoot 80 in a heartbeat. This season is a different feeling."

Parnevik opened at Hogan's Alley with consecutive birdies and was 3 under through five holes. He had three more birdies his last six holes, but the three-putt from 15 feet on the 448-yard 14th kept him from a stroke behind Perks.

Perks' bogey-free 64 included two chip-in birdies on the 7,056-yard course.

The New Zealander's only PGA Tour victory was the 2002 Players Championship, considered by many as the fifth major. He then overhauled his swing and has struggled ever since.

"I didn't see it coming," Perks said. "A round like this, it certainly gives me confidence. It shows me I can still play."

Left-hander Steve Flesch was two strokes back at 66 along with Tim Petrovic, Stewart Cink, Jeff Maggert and John Senden.

Kenny Perry, last year's champion, opened with a 67.

Rangers snap three-game skid

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rod Barajas will find himself in the starting lineup for the Texas Rangers a lot more often.

The backup catcher showed he's up to the task.

Barajas replaced an injured Gerald Laird and hit a three-run double, and Hank Blalock had a two-run homer in a five-run second inning as the Rangers snapped a three-game losing streak with a 6-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Thursday night.

"When you're called upon, you need to be ready to help the team," said Barajas, 13-for-28 over his last eight games to raise his average to .326.

Barajas entered in the second inning in place of Laird, who tore a ligament in his left thumb on a tag play in the first inning.

Laird was to have an MRI this morning to determine the extent of the damage, but the Rangers fear he could be out for an extended period.

"It's obvious he'll be on the (disabled list)," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "He could be back by August, which would be three months, or maybe we'll find out tomorrow that it's not that bad."

Laird was on his way to a breakout season, starting the night leading AL rookies in hits (27), runs (14), batting average (.307) and on-base percentage (.374).

Barajas went 3-for-4 with two doubles. His bases-clearing double in the second turned the momentum back on the Rangers' favor after they fell behind in the first inning 2-0.

Baylor hurler sets K record

WACO (AP) — Baylor's Cristin Vitek set two NCAA records Thursday as she struck out 28 North Carolina batters in a 1-0 victory in an NCAA softball tournament game that went 16 innings.

Vitek threw 185 pitches, 139 for strikes and had a no-hitter going through 10 1/3 innings.

Vitek set a new NCAA single-game record for strikeouts when she recorded her 27th strikeout in the top of the 15th and added one for good measure in the top of the 16th. The old record was set by Michele Granger of California against Oregon on March 20, 1993, and tied by Amy Kyler of Cleveland State in a game against Illinois-Chicago on May 3, 1997.

Vitek's strikeouts also broke the NCAA tournament single-game record of 21 and the Big 12 Conference single game strikeout record of 23.

Stanley Cup

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, May 20
Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT, series tied 3-3
Saturday, May 22
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.

STANLEY CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner vs. Calgary
Tuesday, May 25
Calgary at Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 27
Calgary at Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 29
Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 31
Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 3
Calgary at Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner, 7 p.m., if necessary

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Friday, May 21
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 22
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 23
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Thursday, May 27
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Friday, May 28
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Saturday, May 29
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Sunday, May 30
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m., if necessary
Monday, May 31
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m., if necessary
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Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, June 2
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Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m., if necessary

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	22	17	.564	—
Florida	22	18	.550	½
New York	19	22	.463	4
Atlanta	18	21	.462	4
Montreal	14	27	.341	9

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	16	.600	—
Chicago	23	17	.575	1
Cincinnati	22	18	.550	2
St. Louis	22	19	.537	2½
Milwaukee	21	19	.525	3
Pittsburgh	18	20	.474	5

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	17	.564	—
San Diego	23	18	.561	—
Colorado	17	23	.425	5½
San Francisco	17	24	.415	6
Arizona	16	24	.400	6½

Thursday's Games
St. Louis 11, N.Y. Mets 4
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 3, 10 innings
Milwaukee 3, Montreal 2
Florida 6, Houston 2
Pittsburgh 9, San Diego 7
Philadelphia 4, Los Angeles 0
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 1
Atlanta 5, Arizona 1
Today's Games
St. Louis (Carpenter 4-1) at Chicago Cubs (Mitre 2-2), 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Tomko 1-3) vs. Montreal (L.Hernandez 3-2) at San Juan, 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 1-4) at Philadelphia (Millwood 4-2), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Young 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Ginter 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Pettitte 4-1) at Cincinnati (Van Poppel 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 2-2) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 3-4), 6:35 p.m.
Arizona (Daigle 2-2) at Florida (Oliver 2-2), 6:35 p.m.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	24	16	.600	—
Boston	24	17	.585	½
Baltimore	20	17	.541	2½
Toronto	17	24	.415	7½
Tampa Bay	11	28	.282	12½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	24	16	.600	—
Chicago	23	17	.575	1
Detroit	19	21	.475	5
Cleveland	18	21	.462	5½
Kansas City	13	25	.342	10

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	26	15	.634	—
Texas	23	17	.575	2½
Oakland	22	18	.550	3½
Seattle	14	26	.350	11½

Thursday's Games
Oakland 3, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 9, Boston 6
Texas 6, Kansas City 3
Chicago White Sox 10, Minnesota 3
Seattle 11, Baltimore 0
N.Y. Yankees 6, Anaheim 2
Today's Games
Toronto (Halladay 4-4) at Boston (Arroyo 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Abbott 2-4), 6:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (K.Brown 5-0) at Texas (Benoit 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 3-1) at Minnesota (Silva 5-1), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Anderson 1-5) at Oakland (Mulder 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Robertson 2-3) at Seattle (Meche 1-3), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (DuBose 3-3) at Anaheim (Washburn 7-1), 9:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Cubs place Wood on DL

CHICAGO (AP) — Kerry Wood went on the 15-day disabled list after the Chicago Cubs decided they didn't want the right-hander returning to the rotation until his sore triceps is completely healed. The move was backdated to May 12, the day after Wood left a game after two innings because of tightness in his right triceps.

Volleyball booster club

There will be a mandatory volleyball booster club meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the main gym. Call coach Laura Moses at 436-9067 for more information.

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduating all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp set for June

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Contact coach Rogers or coach Martinez at 574-6039 for more information.

MOVIES — Best of the Best

SHREK 2 PG

Picking up exactly where the first movie left off, this movie takes us to the kingdom of Far, Far Away as Shrek and Fiona return to her homeland to tell her parents the good news. Not everyone is happy to find her married to an ogre, with the most irate in this group being Prince Charming, who was supposed to be the one who lifted Fiona's curse.
Starring: Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas, Jennifer Saunders

MAN ON FIRE R

Denzel Washington stars as a government operative/soldier of fortune who has pretty much given up on life. In Mexico City, he reluctantly agrees to take a job to protect a child whose parents are threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He eventually becomes close to the child and their relationship reawakens and rekindles his spirit. When she is abducted, his fiery rage is unleashed on those he feels responsible.
Starring: Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning, Christopher Walken

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Antique bed frame, Couch, Refrigerators, Chairs, Microwaves, Horse, Donkey, Lots of shelving, Milk glass, Card table & chairs, Nice girl's clothes size 10/12 & Jrs 1-5, Toys, & lots of misc.

BACK PATIO SALE
2312 27th St.
Friday 6p.m. – ??
Saturday 9a.m. – Noon
Sectional couch, Coke machine, Antique stereo, Area rugs, Day bed, Clothes & lots of misc.

BIG GARAGE SALE
2404 Merrill
Saturday 7:30a.m. – ??
Lots of stuff, Burritos, etc.
Come See!!!

Garage Sales

Fundraising Yard Sale
for Emmanuel Methodist Church
2010 Ave. T
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Lots of clothes, Shoes, Toys, Bed linens, Burritos, Hot dogs, drinks, & more!

GARAGE SALE
1108 Ave. R
Friday 3p.m. – ??
Saturday & Sunday
Clothes, Dishes, Sheets, Toys, CDs, & lots more!

GARAGE SALE
210 36th Place
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Nice clothes, Shoes, Home decor., & lots of misc.
(park in front, go thru side gate to garage in back)

GARAGE SALE
2208 Towle Park Rd
Friday & Saturday
8a.m. – ??
Cleaning out barn! Large office desk, Large safe, Bar stools, Riding mower, Trunk , School desk, & much more.

GARAGE SALE
2901 El Paso
Saturday 9a.m. – Noon
Leather recliner, Dishes, Bedspread & drapes, 2 new sky-lights & MORE!

GARAGE SALE
2911 Ave. U
Saturday 8a.m. – Noon
Bunk beds, Gas range, Bistro table, Copy machine, Computer printer & lots more!

GARAGE SALE
3112 Ave. X
Saturday 8a.m. – Noon
Power tools, Men's & women's clothing, Computers, Dinette set, Rocker/recliner (burgundy), Car ramps, Linens & much more!

GARAGE SALE
316 33rd St.
Saturday 8a.m. – 5p.m.
Nice baby, kid's & adult clothes, Strollers, Toys, Furniture, BBQ. Too much to mention!

GARAGE SALE
3304 Ave. U
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Lots of toys, TV, Wet/dry vac., Golf clubs & lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
4 blks west of Ave A on 23rd St.
Saturday 9a.m. – ??
& after church on Sunday
Mary Kay products, Fax machines, Copiers, Office equip., Household items & lots more!

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Friday 8a.m. – 5p.m.
Saturday 8a.m. – Noon
Benefitting Hermleigh United Methodist Church
Bed linens & spreads, Toys, Housewares, Clothes & more!

GARAGE SALE
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
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Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
go out 37th to Ave. E, go south on Thompson Rd ¼ mile
Nice kid's, teen & adult clothes, Toys, Decorative items, Tools & lots of misc.

Huge 5-Family Garage Sale
3603 Irving Ave.
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
No early sales please!
Dishes, Cookware, Linens, Lots of ladies clothing, Home decor., Fishing equip., Motorcycle parts, Ceramics & much more!

HUGE GARAGE SALE
1613 Augusta
Saturday Only 7a.m. – Noon
Appliances, Furniture, Housewares, Toys, Clothes, Books, & lots more!

MOVING SALE
2991 Gary Brewer Rd.
Saturday 8a.m. – 4p.m.
Girl's, boy's to teen clothing, Household items, Top line Maytag appliances & more!

MOVING SALE
3718 Dalton
Saturday 9a.m. – ??
Antique bedroom suite, Furniture, Knick-knacks, Dishes, Clothes & lots of misc.

Multi-Family Garage Sale
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Ira storage units 9583 Hwy 350
Ira, TX
Baby items, Bed, Chairs, Lucky jeans, Car seat, Toys, Clothes, Antique radio, Computer desk, Car stereo, Storm windows, Bicycles & much, much more!

Multi-Family Garage Sale
3734 Austin
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Lots of great stuff!!
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SCURRY CO. MUSEUM
GARAGE SALE
Saturday 8a.m. – Noon
Monday 8a.m. – 5p.m.

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YARD SALE
1415 N. Ave. R
Saturday 9a.m. – 4p.m.
Lots of misc.

YARD SALE
2106 Gilmore
Saturday 9a.m. – 4p.m.
Clothes, Tool box for pickup, Lots of misc.

YARD SALE
2906 Ave. N
Friday 3p.m. – ??
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Too much to list!

YARD SALE
3822 Ave. V
(in back)
Saturday 8a.m. – ??

GARAGE SALE
3101 Cherry
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Furniture, Color TVs, Clothes, & lots more! Come See!

GARAGE SALE
2600 35th St.
Saturday 7a.m. – ??
Deep Freeze, Glider rocker, Baby items, Coffee table, & lots of misc.

YARD SALE
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573-1780 or 573-7127

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$79,900 574-8007 868-0216

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3-2-2, w/approx. 2200 sq.ft. living space, nice fireplace, nice yard. Recently updated. 2511 31st. Low $100's
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2 bedroom house w/cellar.
2607 Ave. Y $7,500
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JUNIOR A HONOR ROLL — Snyder High School juniors named to the A honor roll for the school year and ranked in the top 10 percent of their class are back row from left are Amanda Blythe, Blake Robertson, Logan West, Nathaniel Clarady, Jason Hook and Matthew Morris; middle row, Lacey Kincaid, Heather Holmes, Kayla Guerrero, Samantha Moyers and Kelsey Shaw; front row, Matthew Kerr, Jake Cottrell and Patrick Jones. Not pictured are Kassey Burney, Erin Hackfeld, and Kalli Wesson. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

JUNIOR A-B — Snyder High School juniors named to the A-B honor roll for 2003-2004 are standing from left, Krista Chaidez, Eric Guadarrama and Meggan Minor; front row, Lesli Jackson, Nikki Timora, Marisa Munoz, Whitney Waldon, Wyl Wiggins and Alex Neal. Not pictured are Laura Clanton, Kim Cooper, Courtney Cox, Lacee Early, Alan Gray, Austin Hatfield and Mattie Phillips. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Houston Marine honored

HOUSTON (AP) — Taking charge of a battle in the Iraqi desert, Marine Lance Cpl. Joseph Perez pounded enemy positions with rifle fire, led a charge into a trench bristling with opposition fighters and obliterated a machine-gun bunker with a rocket.

Perez, wounded by gunfire in the back and shoulder, directed other Marines to shoot at the Iraqi positions.

For his leadership in the line of fire, the 23-year-old Houston officer received the naval service's second-highest medal this month. Only three Marines have so far received the Navy Cross in Operation Iraqi Freedom, which began on March 20, 2003.

Sharon Desimoni of Houston says she isn't surprised her son earned the medal for his conduct in the April 4, 2003 battle.

"It's quite typical," Desimoni told the Houston Chronicle in Friday's editions. "He never wanted to be in the back. He always wanted to be a leader."

She said Thursday that she first heard the news on April 8, 2003, when her son called her from a U.S. Navy hospital in Rota, Spain. Perez called on her cell phone as she was returning home from work to say he was in the hospital and wounded.

"He said, 'Mom, I have some good news and bad news. The good news is I'm out of that mess, but I got wounded,' " said Desimoni, adding her heart sank but she knew he was fine because he was talking to her. "He told me that when he got wounded, it felt like his shoulder was on fire."

The rifleman was the point man for a Marine platoon in Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force assigned to clear areas near a highway south of Baghdad when Iraqi fighters opened fire on the Marines with machine guns and other weapons.

Perez took drew much of the fire ahead of his unit, attacking Iraqi positions with rifle fire and directing other Marines to join in, according to the citation awarding him the medal. He heaved a grenade into an enemy trench and stormed it, firing his rifle at Iraqi fighters as he ran.

Dodging heavy fire, Perez destroyed a machine-gun nest, killing four Iraqi fighters and allowing his unit to capture the stronghold position. Perez was wounded as his unit fought forward to join another Marine unit. Despite his wounds, he directed his unit to take cover and to fire into the Iraqi positions, helping his platoon overwhelm them.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Chest pain may be warning of future trouble

DEAR DR. GOTT: I experience uncomfortable chest pressure when I walk or work at a fast pace. My cardiogram is normal, but my doctor says I have partial clogging of my coronary arteries, for which he prescribed nitroglycerine as needed. Now I sense that the pain occurs more often and I'm getting worse. Your advice?

DEAR READER: You should see a cardiologist. Angina (heart muscle cramping from inadequate circulation) often causes chest pain or pressure during exercise or emotional stimulation.

When such discomfort appears more frequently or with more intensity, doctors should suspect progressive, unstable angina, a harbinger of heart attack. In my opinion, your condition should be aggressively addressed with a stress test and, probably, a coronary angiogram, which is an invasive type of X-ray study to identify the location and extent of the presumed blockages that prevent oxygen from reaching your cardiac muscle. If appropriate, such blockages can be treated with angioplasty or coronary artery bypass grafting.

Even if your blockages are not serious enough to warrant intervention (which I doubt), you will surely need medications to reduce cardiac work and improve coronary circulation. Whether or not you are a candidate for an invasive procedure, the cardiologist can advise you and monitor the situation.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Coronary Artery Disease." 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: We keep hearing and reading about the high cost of medical care, especially medicines. Where, then, did drug companies get the idea that it is necessary to advertise prescription medications on television and radio, in magazines and newspapers? We know it is costing millions. So who is paying for it? We, the consumers, are! We can't even watch a good family program without being bombarded with repulsive commercials about bladder control, diarrhea and male impotence.

Why don't pharmaceutical companies stop this practice and offer to sell medicine at more reasonable prices?

DEAR READER: I suppose because people listen to and watch these commercials and ask their doctors to prescribe the advertised drugs. This gives the companies more profit. The pharmaceutical industry is very alert to the bottom line.

I don't have an answer to this situation, but the problem is real. I rarely have a week go by in which I fail to receive mail from people like you who are very displeased with the high cost of prescription drugs. Some folks believe it is a national disgrace.

As I have said before, I advise concerned citizens to shop around for less expensive medicines; going through Canadian sources is another option, although the legality of doing so is up for debate.

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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NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
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AT&T Corp	17.15	16.86	16.95	— .08
Albertsons	22.90	22.70	22.79	— .06
Alltel	50.86	50.40	50.86	+ .44
AmElPw	30.13	29.85	30.05	+ .16
AndarkPtr	54.32	53.82	53.93	+ .17
ATMOS Egy	23.92	23.68	23.90	+ .17
Aviall	17.19	17.04	17.16	— .02
BP PLC	52.17	51.65	51.74	+ .34
BakerHughes	34.38	33.76	33.89	— .15
Bank of Amer	81.80	81.35	81.78	+ .46
BellSouth	25.85	25.57	25.80	+ .26
BurlNoSFe	32.09	31.81	31.94	+ .04
Caterpillar	73.08	72.01	72.79	+ .53
CenterPoint	10.59	10.52	10.57	+ .06
ChevronTex	90.44	89.68	90.15	+ .65
Citigroup	45.70	45.01	45.66	+ .38
CocaCola	50.27	49.40	49.79	+ .16
ColgatePal	56.60	56.20	56.54	+ .57
CmclMetals	27.65	27.23	27.56	+ .47
ConocoPhill	72.43	70.63	71.00	+ .34
Cooper Inds	54.23	53.80	54.14	+ .44
DaimlrChry	42.24	41.62	42.06	+ .54
DeltaAirLines	6.65	6.10	6.41	+ .42
Dillards Inc	19.40	19.03	19.39	+ .33
DowChem	38.01	37.38	37.95	+ .83
DuPont	42.36	42.10	42.33	+ .49
EastmanChem	45.30	44.89	45.25	+ .51
EstKodak	25.79	25.47	25.74	+ .22
EDS Corp	15.98	15.77	15.92	+ .04
Entergy	51.68	51.30	51.65	+ .33
ExxonMobil	43.28	42.83	43.06	+ .33
FootLocker	21.73	21.25	21.70	+ .59
GenDynam	94.19	93.50	94.15	+ .93
GenElec	30.50	30.31	30.50	+ .27
GenMills	45.99	45.66	45.82	+ .12
GenMotors	43.86	43.00	43.40	— .06
GaPacific	33.85	33.45	33.72	+ .24
Goodrich	27.55	27.27	27.5[illegible]	+ .29
Goodyear	8.35	8.10	8.24	— .02
GtAtlPac	7.00	6.87	6.91	+ .06
Halliburtn	28.43	28.25	28.38	+ .04
Hanson PLC	36.80	36.55	36.75	+ .35
HarteHanks	22.74	22.51	22.69	— .05
HomeDepot	34.57	34.12	34.56	+ .46
HoneywellIntl	33.39	32.96	33.33	+ .31
IBM	87.94	87.46	87.90	+ .48
IntlPaper	40.89	40.40	40.86	+ .59
JohnsonJn	54.88	54.56	54.87	+ .29
KinderMorg	59.36	59.14	59.29	+ .29
Kroger Co	16.56	16.26	16.50	+ .06
LockheedM	46.98	46.66	46.83	+ .22
Lowes Cos	51.45	50.73	51.08	— .29
Lubys	4.88	4.84	4.86	— .01
LucentTech	3.32	3.25	3.29	+ .04
MarathonOil	32.82	32.44	32.69	+ .24
MayDeptStr	28.96	28.34	28.94	+ .54
Medtronic	49.04	48.25	48.35	— .55
Motorola	19.70	19.44	19.66	+ .41
NCR Corp	46.[illegible]7	46.06	46.18	+ .21
Navistar	34.46	33.25	33.74	— .22
PNM Rescs	29.85	29.10	29.31	+ .29
Penney JC	34.88	34.04	34.83	+ .82
PepBoys	24.29	23.79	23.95	— .03
PepsiCo	54.04	53.80	54.04	+ .24
PhelpDodge	64.78	63.05	64.76	+ 2.94
PilgrimsPride	25.83	25.36	25.50	— .08
Praxair s	36.06	35.45	35.91	+ .69
ProctGamb	107.70	106.61	107.68	+ .99
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RadioShack	29.97	28.96	29.22	+ .23
RoyalDut	48.77	48.51	48.68	+ .33
SBC Comm	24.44	24.32	24.44	+ .13
SaraLee	22.80	22.68	22.79	+ .17
Scripps EW	100.70	100.31	100.45	— .07
SearsRoeb	38.37	37.82	38.37	+ .42
SherwinW	38.00	37.48	37.97	+ .47
SouthernCo	28.45	28.27	28.33	+ .18
SwstAirl	15.10	14.94	15.09	+ .26
SprintFON	18.21	17.93	18.21	+ .37
Sunoco Inc	59.86	59.10	59.15	— .29
TXU Corp	37.50	37.06	37.20	— .01
TempleInland	63.70	62.74	63.69	+ 1.24
TexInd	35.57	34.53	35.57	+ 1.05
TexasInst	25.40	24.75	24.96	— .21
Textron	53.00	52.44	52.70	+ .07
TimeWarner	16.54	16.30	16.54	+ .24
TrinityInds	27.35	26.87	27.35	+ .36
TylerTech	9.20	8.94	9.20	+ .25
UnionPacif	56.36	55.89	56.21	+ .33
USSteel	29.10	28.32	28.78	+ .97
UnitedTech	81.84	80.89	81.19	— .31
Unocal	34.66	34.38	34.58	+ .32
VerizonComm	35.97	35.67	35.92	+ .12
WalMart	55.61	54.84	55.55	+ .71
WellsFargo	58.50	57.70	58.50	+ .50
WstnGasRs	53.20	52.70	52.96	— .02
WinnDixie	6.27	6.15	6.27	+ .07
Xerox Cp	13.34	13.16	13.27	+ .13
YumBrands	36.08	35.58	36.07	+ .35

Kerry faces opposition from NRA members

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry owns a shotgun and a rifle, has taken time from the campaign trail to go hunting and relied on firearms during the Vietnam War. But the Democratic presidential candidate's fondness for his guns will not save him from a political assault by the National Rifle Association.

The 4 million-strong NRA could be an obstacle in Kerry's bid for the presidency, not simply because of the size of its membership but because of the significance of the states where those people live. About one-fourth of NRA members live in West Virginia, Ohio, Florida, Michigan, Missouri and Pennsylvania — all battleground states with 101 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency.

The NRA says it doesn't matter how many guns the Massachusetts senator owns or how often he hunts because he nearly always votes against gun rights in the Senate. Kerry supports extending the ban on assault-type weapons and requiring background checks at gun shows. He opposes granting gun makers immunity from civil lawsuits.

"His anti-firearms record is among the very worst in American politics," said NRA executive vice president Wayne LaPierre. "It's not a stretch to say that the worst thing that could happen to the Second Amendment is for John Kerry to be elected president."

Kerry called that claim "the phoniest argument I've ever heard in my life." He said he has been hunting since he was 12 and invited LaPierre to come along and see for himself.

"If he wants to come hunting with me one day, as long as he agreed not to turn the gun on me, I'd be happy to," Kerry said in an interview this week with reporters and editors from The Associated Press.

It's unlikely Kerry and LaPierre will become hunting buddies anytime soon.

In the May edition of "America's 1st Freedom," the magazine for NRA members, LaPierre wrote a lengthy article criticizing the Democrat.

The cover photo shows Kerry giving a thumbs-up, standing with fellow Senate Democrats Charles Schumer of New York, Dianne Feinstein of California and Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts after they passed a 10-year ban on assault weapons. The cover reads, "John Kerry to Gun Owners: STICK IT!" and notes that Kerry's vote on the gun bill was one of only a few he's cast during the campaign this year.

The article portrays Kerry as a rich man who doesn't care about regular hunters and gun owners, but was born with a silver spoon in his mouth and has an heiress wife who gives to charities that support gun control.

All this comes before the NRA has even endorsed President Bush and begun its most intensive election-year campaigning. The organization backed Bush in 2000 and reports spending more than $12 million to help him defeat Democrat Al Gore.

In that election, roughly half of voters were from gun-owner households, and they voted for Bush by 61 percent to 36 percent, according to exit polls. The voters from non-gun-owner households, voted for Gore, 58-to-39.

Gore's aides acknowledged the organization's advertising, mailings and get-out-the-vote rallies hurt him, especially among pro-gun union members in swing states. Kerry's campaign is bracing for a similar fight.

"We're confident that John Kerry is a lifelong hunter, gun owner," said Kerry adviser Tad Devine. "It's going to be very difficult to paint him in the same kind of corner into which Al Gore was painted by the NRA."

Kerry made the same point on a campaign stop in West Virginia last month.

"If you told me today was the first day of turkey season, I would have been out hunting," he told mine workers.

LaPierre said the NRA will make an another endorsement in September, and made it clear that it would be for Bush despite the organization's disagreement with his support for the ban on semi-automatic assault weapons. "I don't think there is any mystery about it given that John Kerry is the alternative," LaPierre said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-21-04
♠ A 8 5 4
♥ J 10
♦ K 6 3
♣ A J 10 8

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

East
♠ 9 3
♥ K Q 9 8
♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ K 6 3

South
♠ K Q J 10 7 6 2
♥ A 5
♦ A 7
♣ Q 9

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Dbl.
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Friday, May 21, 2004

Give partner a helping hand

By Phillip Alder

We all know that partner has an appallingly bad record on opening lead. So, if you are given an opportunity to point him in the right direction, you should take it. When might one of those opportunities arise?

If you double an artificial bid, like Stayman or a transfer bid, you are showing length and strength in the suit doubled. There is also the example in this deal. But before we get to that, who comes out ahead in six spades after West leads a heart?

South started with a strong jump shift. Then, after North raised, South blasted straight into Blackwood, hoping that his partner didn't have only jack-high clubs. When North responded five hearts to show his brace of aces, East took the offered opportunity by making a lead-directing double.

Without the double, West would lead the diamond queen, giving declarer an easy time. South would win trick one, draw trumps, and take the club finesse. Although it loses, declarer's heart loser disappears on the third round of clubs.

After the heart lead, though, things are more difficult. If South takes that club finesse, he will fail. But East is easy prey to an endplay.

After taking East's heart queen with his ace, declarer draws trumps, cashes the diamond ace, plays a diamond to dummy's king, and ruffs the board's last diamond in his hand. Then South exits with his remaining heart.

East wins, but must either lead away from the club king or concede a ruff-and-sluff.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Series of losses leaves woman unable to cope

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and having a really hard time right now. My dad left my mom and me about two weeks ago, and I had a miscarriage around the same time.

I told my boyfriend I wanted a break, and now I have feelings for another guy I met about a week ago. He makes me laugh, which I haven't done in weeks. I don't know if I want to get back together with my boyfriend. I do love him — I just don't know if I want to be with him. Can you please help me? — **FEELING LOST**

DEAR FEELING LOST: Sometimes when a person doesn't know what to do, it's time to do nothing. You have been through a lot lately — in a sense, you have experienced three "losses." You do not need a love interest to make demands on you right now. Your mother will need emotional support until she recovers from the breakup of her marriage. You may also need support because of the miscarriage and your father leaving. Your best bet right now is to maintain friendships with everyone and make commitments to no one. You will recover your balance, but for the time being, take a respite from heavy emotions and drama.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 27 and two months' pregnant with my first child. Unfortunately, I have reason to believe my husband, "Anthony," 41, is having an affair. Several times in the past month, I have walked into a room and found him whispering on the phone. Each time he has hung up quickly, and when I asked about it, he said it was "work-related."

When I found a pair of red thong underwear in the laundry that didn't belong to me, he claimed they belonged to his 70-year-old mother who had visited recently.

Anthony also forgot our anniversary.

I am concerned about my baby, and I don't want to be a single mother. Every time I mention my worries about our marriage, Anthony gets angry and threatens to leave. I love him, but is our marriage worth saving? — **FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Only you can answer that question. Offer your husband the option of marriage counseling in the hope that he'll be more forthcoming in the presence of a referee. If he refuses to go, then go without him, if only to learn why you would even consider tolerating more of his behavior.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a girl in sixth grade. My parents are divorced. At school, I'm bully target No. 1 and my grades are dropping.

I don't know how to talk to my parents, and I have been begging them to let me leave school. Can you help me? — **DESPERATE IN DALLAS**

DEAR DESPERATE: I'll try. Clip this letter, show it to your parents and tell them you wrote it:

DEAR PARENTS: Your daughter is in trouble at school. That is why she begs you not to make her go — and that should have been your first clue. You are overdue for a serious chat with your child. After that, schedule an appointment with her school principal. Most schools have policies for dealing with bullies, but they can't be implemented if the incidents go unreported. If that doesn't put an end to the problem, go to the school board — and possibly a lawyer. The situation will not improve unless you are prepared to act on your child's behalf, so don't put it off.

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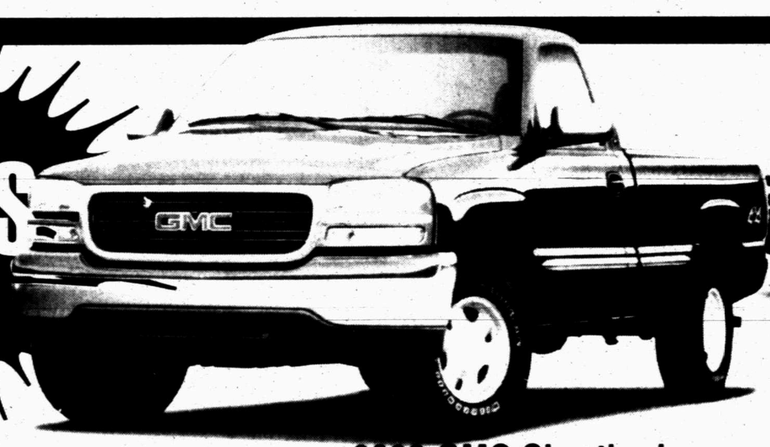

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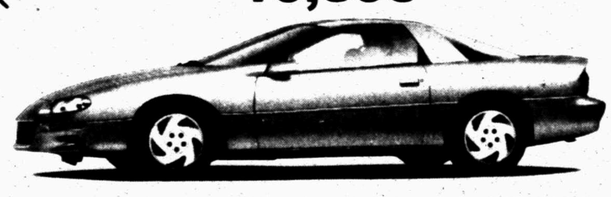

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Bush works to ease GOP fears over Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after President Bush sought to quell Republican fears over the beleaguered Iraq campaign, Pentagon leaders are delivering a progress report to lawmakers.

The president made a rare visit to Capitol Hill on Thursday to talk about Iraq, which is plagued by violence a year after the invasion and costing more than expected in American lives and money.

To exchange ideas about the way forward in Iraq, some three dozen diplomats from coalition nations met at the State Department, where Secretary of State Colin Powell told them, "We have a lot of work to do in the next 42 days." He referred to the June 30 deadline for U.S.-led occupation authorities to hand political power to an as-yet unchosen Iraqi government.

The subject of how things are progressing in Iraq will be taken up again Friday in a hearing before the House Armed Services Committee. Witnesses include Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Chief of Staff Peter Schoomaker and Marine Commandant Gen. Michael Hagee.

More details of Iraqi prisoner abuse became public Friday as The Washington Post published more photos and previously secret statements of prisoners at the now infamous Abu Ghraib prison.

In that secret testimony, prisoners said they were ridden like animals, fondled by female soldiers and forced to retrieve their food from toilets.

The Post reported it has obtained hundreds more pictures and several digital videos of the abuse. In one photo, a cornered inmate is cowering as a soldier tries to restrain a large black dog with both hands. In another photo, a naked prisoner covered with a brown substance is ordered to walk in a straight line with his ankles cuffed.

Facing defeat, Senate GOP postpones vote on budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders say they will try again to win Senate passage of a $2.4 trillion budget, after avoiding an embarrassing election-year defeat Thursday by postponing a vote on the measure until at least next month.

But pivotal GOP moderate senators oppose the plan because of concerns over cutting taxes at a time of record deficits, and they say there is no reason to change their minds.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's decision to postpone the vote came hours after President Bush used a rare visit to the Capitol to urge Republicans to push the measure to final passage. The House narrowly approved the legislation Wednesday.

"I'm disappointed I haven't been able to pass yet the budget proposed by the president," Frist, R-Tenn., told a reporter. "But it's not over."

Shortly after the president's private session with Republicans, the White House issued a statement in which Bush said: "I urge the Senate to follow the House's lead and pass this budget so that we can continue making progress on our shared agenda of building a safer, stronger, and better America."

But that — along with the harsh reproof that House GOP leaders directed at moderates this week — proved insufficient to win votes. Those maverick senators were Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe, both R-Maine; Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I.; John McCain, R-Ariz.; and a Democrat, Ben Nelson of Nebraska.

"I think they're just sore we we're right and we've gotten into deficits," Chafee said of the House leaders' remarks. "We all try and be team players when we can, but I think the core Republican philosophy is fiscal conservatism."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., had asked reporters if one holdout, McCain, was a Republican. And House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said the moderates "need to read the Republican philosophy" of cutting taxes.

Israelis pull back from camp

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops pulled back from two neighborhoods in this sprawling Palestinian refugee camp today, leaving behind demolished homes, torn-up roads and flattened cars. They said the offensive — launched in search of arms-smuggling tunnels and militants — was not over.

Army spokeswoman Maj. Sharon Feingold said "dozens" of Palestinians, including senior suspected militants, had been detained and a local leader of the armed group Hamas had been killed. The army said no tunnels had been found.

"The operation has not ended; we have redeployed forces and allowed residents to stock up on food," Feingold said.

At least 43 homes have been demolished and dozens more damaged in the camp since the offensive began Tuesday, municipal officials said. Thirty-nine Palestinians have been killed, including gunmen and eight demonstrators hit by a tank shell.

Feingold said five houses were demolished after they were used as cover by militants to attack troops. Other damage to homes and roads was caused by heavy military vehicles and Palestinian militant roadside bombs, the army said.

In the Brazil neighborhood, 25 houses were razed and streets were torn up, local officials said. In many cases, the facades of houses caved in or were shorn off after wide armored vehicles moved through the narrow alleys.

Residents picked through the rubble, retrieving mattresses, photo albums, shoes and clothing. A boy, oblivious to his surroundings, sat on the ground and scooped up sand with a broken toy bulldozer.

Israeli troops left behind leaflets in Arabic urging residents not to give shelter to armed men "who are using your homes and are hiding inside like rats."

Yacoub Othman, 55, who lives in the Brazil neighborhood, said he was hit by random fire in the leg as he walked downstairs in his home Wednesday.

Criminal mischief, theft investigated

• ***Criminal mischief***

Police responded to a report at 1:09 a.m. today of a vehicle driving through the grass at Snyder High School. The vehicle was found and criminal charges may be filed later.

• ***Theft***

A possible theft of a welding machine and trailer was reported on FM 1611 at 3:36 p.m. Thursday.

• ***Child in street***

A child was found standing in the street at 9:19 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of 24th Street. Parents reported a screen door had come loose and the child had wandered out.

• ***Suspicious persons***

A report of several men outside residences in the 1100 block of 14th Street was called in at 10:27 p.m. Thursday.

• ***Motorist assists***

Six requests for motorist assists were received Thursday.

Obituaries

Adam Grove

1981-2004

Adam Lyle Grove of Corpus Christi died Saturday, May 15, in Memorial Regional Hospital in Corpus Christi.

Graveside service for Mr. Grove, 23, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Rocky Alexander, minister of the Ira Church of God, officiating.

Born March 16, 1981 in Snyder, Mr. Grove was a Monahans High School graduate and had moved from Snyder to Corpus Christi about two months ago.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Alvis Leon and Debbie Grove of Lubbock; his mother and stepfather, June and John Stewart of Snyder; two brothers, Andy and Alvis Grove, both of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Sharon and Kimberly Grove, both of Snyder; and his grandmother, Nette Grove of Idalou.

Erma Ashley

1921-2004

CROSS PLAINS — Erma Ashley, stepmother of Ricky Ashley of Snyder, died Wednesday, May 19.

Service for Mrs. Ashley, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Dwaine Clower officiating. Burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Born Oct. 18, 1921 in Wise County, she married Charley Ashley on Sept. 21, 1982 in Seagraves and they moved to Cross Plains in 1997. Mrs. Ashley was a waitress at Dan's Townhouse in Ennis for many years and later became a security guard at Venture Chemical Company in Seagraves.

Mrs. Ashley was a member of the Pioneer Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charley Ashley of Cross Plains; two daughters, Aline Smith of Cross Plains; Molly Ward of Seminole; two sons, Carl Brasher of Coleman and Cecil Brasher of Omaha, Neb.; a sister, Emma Lavell Howell of Seagraves; a brother, Houston Green of Girard; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

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Lay, Skilling claim part of retirement

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has approved three deals that will partially settle lawsuits accusing those overseeing Enron Corp. retirement funds failed to meet their fiduciary duties.

U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon on Thursday indicated she is inclined to give preliminary approval next week to a deal that could get employees most of an additional $85 million from Enron's insurance policies.

The former employees have contended in a class-action lawsuit that they lost more than $1 billion because the now-bankrupt energy company and its officers failed to execute their duties in administering Houston-based Enron's pension plan.

Although federal fines and fees by plaintiff's attorneys will probably consume about 20 percent of the total, the remaining $69 million could be split by as many as 20,000 former and current Enron employees.

The employee retirement plans plummeted in value when the company's stock fell to less than $1 a share. Before Enron collapsed in bankruptcy amid a sea of scandal in 2001, the stock sold for up to $80 a share.

Former Enron chairman Ken Lay's and ex-chief executive Jeff Skilling's claims on the Enron insurance funds are possible obstacles to the overall settlement. The two, as former officers and directors, have a claim on using that $85 million policy to mount their own defenses.

Before Harmon, the former executives' lawyers argued that Lay and Skilling are due coverage to pay their lawyers and any possible judgments, and their fair share should be apportioned before the deal is cut.

"We want the people to get whatever they are entitled to and we want Ken Lay to get whatever portion he's entitled to," said Lay's lawyer, James Coleman, of Dallas.

Until a determination is made about who is to blame for the retirement fund losses and in what proportions, the insurance money should not be disbursed, said Jeff Kilduff, a Washington, D.C-based lawyer on Skilling's team.

"They want to take the $85 million — take the low-hanging fruit and say, 'Too bad, Jeff Skilling and Ken Lay,' " said Kilduff.

But a Houston lawyer representing some of the settling board members urged Harmon to fast-track the settlement deals.

Kathy Patrick argued that slowing the process as suggested by Lay, Skilling and former retirement fund trustee Northern Trust Co., could just mean the $85 million will be used up paying for attorneys for Enron officials.

The three Labor Department consent decrees approved by Harmon Thursday total $1.85 million that will come from outside directors, a plan administrative committee and others. They are contingent on the $85 million deal going through.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 5/22	Sun 5/23	Mon 5/24
93/67	95/67	98/69
Partly cloudy and windy. Hot. High 93F. Winds SSW at 20 to 30 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Fair. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise 6:41 AM, Sunset 8:41 PM	Sunrise 6:40 AM, Sunset 8:41 PM	Sunrise 6:40 AM, Sunset 8:42 PM

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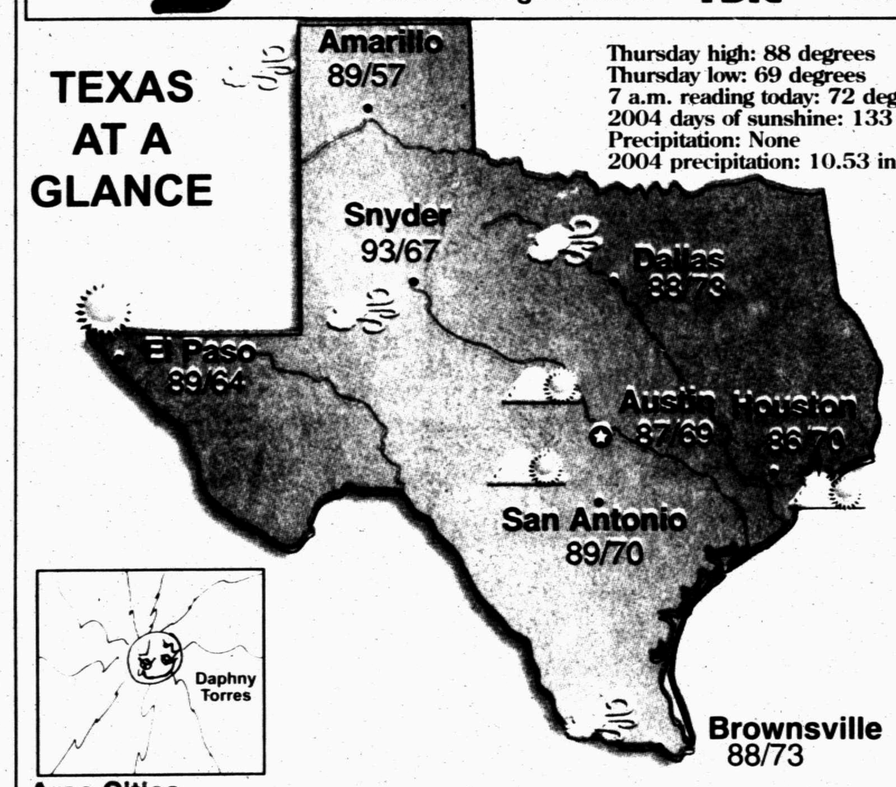
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Thursday high: 88 degrees
Thursday low: 69 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 72 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 133 of 141
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.53 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
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Amarillo	89	57	windy	Fort Stockton	95	66	sunny	Raymondville	90	71	windy
Austin	87	69	pt sunny	Gainesville	87	70	windy	Rosenberg	86	70	pt sunny
Beaumont	85	70	pt sunny	Greenville	87	70	pt sunny	San Antonio	89	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	88	73	windy	Houston	86	70	pt sunny	San Marcos	88	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	91	69	pt sunny	Kingsville	88	71	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	69	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	86	73	pt sunny	Livingston	86	67	pt sunny	Sweetwater	93	69	mst sunny
Corsicana	86	70	pt sunny	Longview	87	68	pt sunny	Tyler	87	68	pt sunny
Dallas	88	73	windy	Lubbock	93	63	windy	Weatherford	87	69	windy
Del Rio	90	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	87	68	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	92	70	windy

National Cities

Atlanta	84	66	t-storm	Houston	86	70	pt sunny	Phoenix	90	66	sunny
Boston	65	56	t-storm	Los Angeles	68	56	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	51	windy
Chicago	79	64	pt sunny	Miami	84	75	pt sunny	Seattle	60	49	rain
Dallas	88	73	windy	Minneapolis	66	55	rain	St. Louis	87	73	pt sunny
Denver	71	47	pt sunny	New York	81	71	t-storm	Washington, DC	91	73	t-storm

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
May 19	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 9

UV Index

Sat 5/22	Sun 5/23	Mon 5/24
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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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