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Three die in Saturday wreck



EMERGENCY — Snyder firefighters and EMS personnel tend to several victims of a two-vehicle collision Saturday morning at U.S. 180 and FM 1673. Three people were killed and five others injured. (SDN Staff Photos)



FATAL — The front-seat passenger in this late-model Chevrolet Tahoe was one of three victims killed in a two-vehicle collision Saturday morning at the intersection of U.S. 180 and FM 1673. (SDN Staff Photo)

Eight persons were injured, three fatally, in a two-vehicle collision that occurred shortly after 10 a.m. Saturday.

Names of the wreck victims were still not released at noon Saturday. Dead were a woman and two men.

At least three Snyder EMS units made multiple runs to the scene and to Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Two medical helicopters were standing by at CMH where an emergency plan had been implemented.

Dispatchers received the first call of the mishap at 10:08 a.m. after a late-model Ford pickup and a late-model Chevrolet collided at the intersection U.S. 180 and FM 1673, about five miles east of Snyder. FM 1673 runs to the Price Daniel Unit.

Emergency personnel attempted to use the Jaws of Life on the Tahoe to remove the front-seat passenger.

The driver of the Tahoe, who was bleeding but walking on his own at the scene, said the family of six was from Levelland and was traveling to Roby for the Easter holidays.

The pickup was traveling north on FM 1673 and was struck in the driver's side by the eastbound Tahoe. Both vehicles ended up in a cotton field northeast of the intersection. The pickup remained on its side. The Tahoe did not overturn, but came to rest facing west.

The pickup contained a driver and passenger and paperwork at the scene indicated that the vehicle had a Salado connection.

When emergency personnel arrived, four Tahoe passengers were sitting and laying in the barrow ditch. It appeared that none of the victims were ejected from the vehicles.

Other emergency workers on the scene were Snyder police, sheriff's deputies and DPS.

SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Living within your income means living without worry — and a lot of other things, too."

Generally in Texas, any official who favors a new tax or who would dare to mention a state income tax is replaced in the next election.

With a state budget deficit of almost $10 billion, the crunch is on at every level of government.

Most school districts in Texas already are at the maximum rate of $1.50 for operations and maintenance. And despite the criticism, Robin Hood did what it set out to do, equalize public education in the state.

Now everybody is equally broke. Some schools are cutting programs, but that always is distasteful when a favorite program comes off your own plate.

One likely solution is for the legislature to simply raise the $1.50 ceiling — despite a pledge from everyone in a leadership position for "no new taxes."

An increase from the $1.50 ceiling would mean almost everyone would be paying more in taxes.

Perhaps, to fix school financing, a better solution would be to consider a state income tax. Sales taxes already make Texas the fourth highest in the nation. And Snyder citizens pay the maximum, 8.25 percent.

Because of a constitutional amendment approved a few years ago, voters must approve a state income tax.

But there are other safeguards, thanks to the foresight of the late Bob Bullock, then respected lieutenant governor.

By law, two-thirds of any income tax is dedicated to property tax relief, and the remainder is dedicated to education. In Texas that would raise $23 billion to reduce property taxes and $11.5 billion for education.

Kansas has such a system. There, income up to $21,000 is not taxed, and income from $21,000 to $51,000 is taxed at 3.5 percent. There's a 6.25 percent levy on income up to $81,000 and 6.45 percent above that.

Under the formula, a Texan earning $41,000 a year would pay about $876 in income taxes and see a $1,000 reduction in property taxes.

Even though 'income tax' is a dirty term, it's an interesting concept.

Soon, Texans are going to have to make some tough choices on where to put the education dollar — things like limiting travel for extra-curricular activities, or perhaps eliminating some of those activities altogether.

Wind farm abatement on county agenda Monday

Tax abatement for an $80 million wind farm to be constructed in Scurry County will be considered by the commissioners' court when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

Cielo Windpower informed the court at its last meeting of the company's plans to construct the large project on plateaus in northern sections of the county. The firm requested a 10-year, 100 percent abatement.

The company plans to construct 80 turbines, which will produce 1 megawatt of electricity each per hour, according to Dave Groberg, a Cielo representative.

The turbines, which can reach heights of 250 feet, have a life span of up to 25 years, but Groberg said they would be replaced long before that with more efficient technology.

Benefits to the county, according to Groberg, are an initial construction force of more than 200 workers, projects for local contractors and 10 to 12 permanent full-time positions with annual salaries of $30,000 to $40,000.

Abatements allow the county to offer a financial incentive for capital-intensive businesses to locate in their district, thereby increasing the long-term industrial base, employment capacity and tax rolls of the county.

Other agenda items include adoption of guidelines and criteria for tax abatements. At its last meeting, the court instructed County Attorney Mike Hartman to update the guidelines.

The last abatement granted by the court was to Lorber Industries for the spinning mill at the industrial park. The abatement was later transferred to UCO Textiles, a Belgium firm now operating the mill.

The court also will consider approval for County Judge Rod Waller to sign West Central Texas Regional Housing Corp. single family mortgage revenue bonds, series 2003A and 2003B.

Updating the emergency management plan and a proclamation declaring Wednesday as Freedom Day in Scurry County also are on the agenda.

The Snyder High School band will play at the event and the East Elementary Choir also will perform. Veterans will be introduced and hot dogs will be served on the south side of the courthouse.

In old business, the court will open bids for an exclusive contract for soft drinks at all county facilities. Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola companies both have expressed interest in such an agreement.

The court will recess briefly and reconvene at the extension office for the extension reports and to eat lunch.

Minutes from the Board of County Development and the County Welfare Board will be reviewed, as will be the quarterly circulation report and yearly operational report from the library.

The meeting is set in the courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Two county veterans share stories of WWII, Korea

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Even as the war in Iraq draws to a close, Snyder citizens remain patriotic and respectful of veterans of previous wars.

Almost 40 were in attendance Tuesday night at Scurry County Library to hear two local vets.

World War II veteran Rex Nall and Korean War veteran Eddie Floyd spoke to the crowd about their experiences in two wars more than 50 years ago.

Nall said he was 17 when Pearl Harbor was attacked and was 19 when the U.S. started the draft and called him to duty.

"My parents told me not to join the Navy because 'They're sinking those ships all over the place,' so I took their advice and joined the Army," he said. "Big mistake. When I did join, my dad said 'Son, you'll never see action.' Two months later, I was in the war."

Nall was a member of the 7th Army 3rd Infantry and operated a tank. His outfit was involved in several of the worst battles in World War II.

They were at Rapido River, which ran red with blood at the end of the fighting. Casualties were so bad on both sides that the only truce in World War II was called so bodies could be collected.

From there, his regiment advanced to Casino, a stronghold which was never taken. "We finally just went around Casino," Nall said. "We weren't going to take it."

His outfit went through Rome and Naples and made an invasion of Southern France, where he said the citizens were elated to see American troops.

"They were giving us wine and schnapps and we'd thank them with one hand and pour it out with the other," he said.

Nall and his fellow soldiers drove through France and into Germany where they encountered walls constructed by Hitler to thwart invasion.

"I saw that wall and thought 'we'll be here forever' but then these American bulldozers showed up," he said. "They covered those things up and we were gone in an hour."

At the Rhine River, Nall attached canvas pontoons to his tank and floated across.

Shortly after, he was hit in the back by a bullet and knocked to the ground. Nall said he thought he 'was a goner.' The bullet went through several layers of clothing, but stopped short of penetrating.

Before sharing his experiences about the Korean War, Floyd thanked Nall and all WWII vets saying, "We would not have the America we know today, if it weren't for the sacrifices of those men in WWII."



Eddie Floyd

Floyd said he never thought much about his experiences in Korea until his grandson began questioning him about it.

"Some people still don't know what Korea was," he said. "Korea is about two percent of the land mass of the United States. At the time of WWII, Japan occupied Korea and after the war is when the trouble began."

Floyd said the United Nations sent coalition troops into Korea to keep the peace.

"Much like today the coalition was 90 percent American forces and 90 percent funded by America," he said.

Floyd joined the Marine Corps and went to Korea in October 1952.

"My first night there was my most terrifying," he said. "They put me on guard duty and it was after dark and I didn't know what was in front of me or behind me or on either side of me. And that was the first time I'd ever been out of Scurry County."

The Korean War was a defensive effort, rather than offensive. Both sides dug trenches across the ninety-mile width of the island and the area between was 'no-man's land.'

Floyd said he spent 12 months and eight days in Korea and was quick to add that it is the coldest place he's ever been.

"That's the coldest country and you had to stay still at all times," he said. "And the stiller you stayed, the colder you got. It was miserable."

Floyd said joining the military will make anyone learn to appreciate the good things about home.

"Toward the end of my stay, all we had to eat was fish and turkey over and over. I got to where I hated turkey," he said. "But when I got home, my mother told me to come look at what she had. We walked over and she pointed at a turkey she'd been fattening up just for when I got home. And I ate it."

County Librarian Janie Romine coordinated the event and said it is important to listen to veterans.

"Those of us who haven't served in the military can't even begin to imagine what it would be like to go to a foreign land and fight," she said. "We owe these people a lot and we need to listen to them and appreciate them."

ASK US

Q—How many casualties has the United States suffered thus far in the war with Iraq?
A—The Pentagon has classified 128 as killed in action.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Margie Hill...

...has lived in Snyder 24 years. Her husband, Levi, works for Chempac and she has two grown children, Thaddeus Sharp of Lubbock and Daniell Digby of Snyder. She also has one grandaughter, Lillyan, who is 2½ years old. Margie's favorite pastimes include spending time with her grandaughter and worshipping the Lord.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He is not here; for he is risen
—Matthew 28:6

Free Checking at Snyder National Bank
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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Calvary Baptist Easter services

"There's Room at the Cross" will be presented by the Calvary Baptist Church adult choir at 10:50 a.m. Sunday. At 6 p.m., The Calvary Kids will present "A Tale of Three Trees."

Resurrection Sunday at Northside

Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th St., will present "Holy is the Lord" at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome and there will be signing for the hearing-impaired.

Revival services

Snyder Church of God will hold revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 p.m.

Prom preparation

SHS juniors and their parents are needed to work on the prom starting at 10 a.m. Monday at the coliseum. Tuesday work will be from 5 to 9 p.m.

AARP meeting

The AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. There will be a guest speaker.

Support group

Gateway Family Services support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday to focus on the educational needs of adult victims of family violence and sexual assault. Help in the area of literacy, GED progress and computer skills will be offered in both group and individual settings. Children's support group will meet at the same time and childcare will be available. Call 573-1822 for more information.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. A meal will follow and all Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Plan of Redemption," followed by "Case Studies in Salvation."

Citizenship seminar

Texas Farm Bureau will sponsor a citizenship seminar June 2-6 at Angelo State University. Applications are being accepted by calling the Scurry County Farm Bureau at 573-9963. Deadline for applications is Wednesday. Any high school student entering the 11th or 12th grade in August is eligible. Registration and transportation fees provided by the local Farm Bureau.

Get-acquainted coffee

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold a get-acquainted coffee at 10 a.m. Thursday in the old lobby at the hospital. The public is invited to learn of the Auxiliary's volunteer service and tour the hospital.

Family council meeting

A family council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Oaks Care Center to discuss individual care plans. All family members are invited.

GED pre-registration and testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursday at the GED testing center, WTC Building 7B. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels Car show featuring live music will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday in the American State Bank parking lot. Next Saturday's show will be from 10:30 to 4 p.m. on the Snyder square. The Saturday cruise will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 573-2171 or 573-3977 for more information.

Ira pictures needed

Parents of seniors at Ira are asked to provide 3-4 pre-school or elementary-age pictures of their senior for a slide show being prepared for graduation. Send to Becky Hudgins at the Ira school no later than Friday.

Relay for Life quilt auction

The Friends for Life team is selling tickets for a hand-made pink ribbon quilt to be auctioned at the Relay For Life Friday. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5. For more information call the school credit union at 573-6568 or Rhonda May at Special Occasions at 574-1257. Tickets are available at either location.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

The Pryon Cemetery Association will meet at 11 a.m. next Saturday at the Hermleigh Community Center. There will be a covered lunch.

Fluvanna Baptist program

Fluvanna Baptist Church will host the Lubbock Southcrest Baptist senior adult choir at 10:30 a.m. next Sunday. The choir will present "How about Some Good News." Lunch will follow.

Midnight movie madness

Midnight movie madness, sponsored by the SHS senior class, will be held May 3. Waiting on company bookings for Malibu's Most Wanted or Bullet Proof Monk. Tickets are $5 at the door and also are available at high school. All ages welcome and concessions will be open.

Lord's Acre lunch

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre chicken-fry lunch at noon on Sunday, May 4, in the Wesley Hall, 2700 College Ave. Adult tickets $7, children under 10, $4. Carryouts will be available.

Relay for Life cookbooks

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

Medical account

A special account has been set up at West Texas State Bank (#3111245-20) under the name of LuLu Martinez) for Madalena Morelez who has cancer.

Snyder Park Club needs air-conditioner

The Snyder Park Club needs help. With summer weather approaching, an air-conditioner must be replaced and there are no funds to do so.

Formed in 1989 as a non-profit organization, Snyder Park Club provides and maintains a facility for 12-step recovery groups, and other self-help therapy groups. It is not affiliated with any of the groups who use the Snyder Park Club building.

The self-help groups presently meeting at the facility are Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and Narcotics Anonymous.

The Park Club leases the building from the county for $150 a year. The county also provides the water, but Marilyn Chauncy, a member of the board, said the Park Club repaired a water leak. Over the years, she said the club has maintained the facility.

While no dues are charged to those who attend the self-help groups, Chauncy said members contribute voluntarily and from those funds literature is purchased and repairs are made as needed.

One of the biggest expenses has been replacing the kitchen floor, a project that is not yet complete. For the past five years, the air-conditioning unit, which cools the Al-Anon part of the building, has been repaired.

That air-conditioner needs replacing and it can be purchased for $300.

In recent years, membership has dropped off, due in part to people moving from Snyder. Snyder National Bank has donated $100 but Chauncy said they need additional donations from businesses.

The initial steps toward the present facility were taken by one of the earliest members of the Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous.

In meetings with members of the commissioner's court in 1985, he presented the concept of the need and a way to obtain the facility in Snyder.

With the support and cooperation of the court, four members of the same AA group leased the old swimming pool building at Winston Park. Its initial use was a meeting place for AA groups in Snyder.

In November 1987, the five self- help therapy groups using the facility formed a board of directors and began to take steps to incorporate The Snyder Park Club Inc., as a non-profit organization. Incorporation was completed, and a tax exempt number issued in February, 1989.

R&B legend Earl King dies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Earl King, the prolific songwriter and guitarist responsible for some of the most enduring and idiosyncratic compositions in the history of R&B, died Thursday from diabetes-related complications, The Times-Picayune reported in Saturday's editions. He was 69.

Over his 50-year career, King wrote and recorded hundreds of songs.

His best-known compositions include the Mardi Gras standards "Big Chief" and "Street Parade"; the rollicking "Come On (Let the Good Times Roll)," which both Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan recorded; and "Trick Bag," the quintessential New Orleans R&B story-song.

"'Come On (Let the Good Times Roll)' might be the one that people know, but I wish the world would hear more of his songs," said Mac "Dr. John" Rebennack, a longtime friend, fan and collaborator of King. "He approached songs from different angles, from different places in life."

In his prime, he was an explosive performer, tearing sinewy solos from his Stratocaster guitar and wearing his hair in an elaborate, upraised coif.

King's songwriting was informed by syncopated New Orleans beats and his interest in a broad range of subjects, from medieval history to the vagaries of the human heart and his own so-called "love syndromes."

"Most people say, 'Well, Earl, you sing the blues,' or however they want to categorize it," King said in a 1993 interview. "I just sing songs. I'm a writer, so whatever gymnastics jump through my head, I write about it."

Born Earl Silas Johnson IV, King described himself as a "nervous energy person" who constantly needed to be engaged in some creative pursuit.



SHOWMANSHIP TROPHY WINNERS – Local dairyman Tim Collier, center, and his chili cooking team won the showmanship trophy at the West Texas State Chili Cook-off in Odessa recently. Members of the Udderly Ridiculous team are from left, Ellen Hopper of Odessa, Patsy Childress of Midland, Collier, Rachel Kelton of Lubbock and Roxie Patton of Odessa. (Contributed Photo)

WTC one of 73 schools getting ExxonMobil matching funds

IRVING — ExxonMobil announced recently that more than $4.6 million has been donated to 73 colleges and universities in Texas through the ExxonMobil Foundation's 2002 Educational Matching Gifts Program.

Among those 73 colleges is Western Texas College. ExxonMobil employees, retirees, surviving spouses and directors contributed more than $1.2 million to these Texas institutions of higher education in 2002, which was matched by the ExxonMobil Foundation with more than $3.4 million in unrestricted educational grants to those institutions.

Initiated in 1962, the ExxonMobil Foundation's Educational Matching Gift program matches gifts to higher education on a 3-to-1 basis and has provided more than $266 million in gifts to higher education in the United States. This year the combined contributions of ExxonMobil and its employees, retirees, surviving spouses and directors provided more than 900 colleges and universities across the country with more than $22.4 million. Individual donations totaled $6.1 million, and the ExxonMobil Foundation matched that number with an additional $16.2 million in unrestricted grants.

"We are proud that ExxonMobil employees have remained steadfast in their commitment to higher education by donating nearly as much to their colleges and universities as they did last year, despite the difficult economic times we are all facing," said Kenneth P. Cohen, vice president for public affairs, Exxon Mobil Corporation, and chairman, ExxonMobil Foundation. "We applaud and honor that commitment at ExxonMobil with a 3-to-1 match, the largest educational matching gift program in the country. We feel the combined efforts of the people of ExxonMobil and the ExxonMobil Foundation truly define our collective dedication to education."

Under the ExxonMobil Foundation's Educational Matching Gift Program, a donor can give up to $5,000 a year to colleges and universities with which he or she is affiliated and the Foundation matches those gifts on a 3-to-1 basis up to $15,000.

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Whatever happened to...

Billy Don Kingston, 1962 Fluvanna High School graduate, has made a career in education, both as a teacher and administrator.

Son of Esma and Harry Kingston, Bill was active in basketball, student council and FFA.



Billy Don Kingston 1962



Billy Don Kingston 2003

A 1966 graduate of Texas Tech, he served in the medical corp in Vietnam in 1967-68. In 1973, Bill received his PhD in plant science from Texas A&M University.

Bill has spent 23 years in the school systems of Munday, Chico, Petersburg and Coahoma. He was coach and science teacher at Munday in 1984 when their Class A football team won the state championship. He is currently completing his 4th year as superintendent of schools at Coahoma.

Married to SHS graduate Sammie Hagins, they are parents of three children, Rohn, Jay and Dionne. They have a grandchild, Joshua.

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

Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Fluvanna grads... WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Current picture?

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Private manned spacecraft program eyed

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) — Burt Rutan apparently, wasn't satisfied with the development of an airplane that made the first nonstop, unrefueled flight around the world in 1986.

The famed aircraft designer has now developed a rocket plane he says is capable of carrying three people on a suborbital flight to an altitude of 62.5 miles. Rutan set no date for the first attempt, which will come after tests.

"I want to go high because that's where the view is," Rutan said.

He unveiled the rocket plane, dubbed SpaceShipOne, and the White Knight, an exotic jet designed to carry it aloft for a high-altitude air launch, at a hangar at the Mojave Airport on Friday. The private manned spaceflight program has been in secret development for two years, and was built by Rutan's Scaled Composites LLC.

Development costs were not disclosed. Rutan said the project is funded by an anonymous backer.

Success could bring him the $10 million X Prize pledged to the first privately funded manned space flight, but he suggested the money was secondary to the achievement.

"We'll go to space first, but if we succeed, there's $10 million there," he said.

Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin, tycoon Dennis Tito, who paid Russia for a ride to the International Space Station in 2001, and Erik Lindbergh, grandson of Charles Lindbergh, attended the unveiling.

Space veterans Aldrin and Tito said they did not have any plans to book a ride on Rutan's rocket plane.

"Not yet," Tito said.

"I don't think so," said Aldrin.

The second man on the moon was intrigued by Rutan's design, however.

Rutan's system more closely resembles the old X-15 program than the space shuttle. An X-15 would be carried aloft by a giant B-52, dropped and then boosted to high altitude by its own rocket.

A space shot would begin with the spacecraft mated to the underbelly of the gangly twin turbojet, which would take off from Mojave and climb to an altitude of 50,000 feet. The spaceship would be dropped, ignite its rocket and soar on a parabolic trajectory to 62.5 miles before plummeting down.

The twin tails would then pitch up — rotating on booms attached to the wingtips — to increase drag as the craft plunges like a shuttlecock, reaching a maximum speed of Mach 3.5. At 80,000 feet the tails would return to their normal position and the spacecraft would glide back to Earth, setting down on two main wheels and a nose skid. The time from launch to landing would be about 30 minutes.

Justice sides with recording industry in downloading case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is siding with the recording industry in its court fight to force Internet providers to disclose the identities of people who are illegally trading songs over the Web.

A Justice Department brief, filed Friday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, supports the effort by the Recording Industry Association of America to force Verizon Internet Services Inc. to identify a subscriber suspected of offering more than 600 songs from well-known artists.

Verizon has asked a federal judge to halt a subpoena for the subscriber's identity, arguing that it violates the First Amendment because it does not provide "protection of the expressive and associational interests of Internet users."

The subpoena was sought by the music industry under the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which allows companies to force disclosure of Internet users' names without a judge's order.

The Justice Department filing said the subpoena was legal and no First Amendment protection would be violated through disclosure of the name. The Justice Department brief contends that upholding copyright law itself would "promote First Amendment ideals."

The subpoena, the brief adds, "targets the identity of alleged copyright infringers, not spoken words or conduct commonly associated with expression."

Moderately Confused



Relay for Life auction will be extended during annual event

The auction at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Scurry County has grown so much that it will get additional time Friday.

The silent auction begins at 3 p.m. and bids can be submitted until an alarm sounds before the live auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

Betty House, ACS board member and a cancer survivor, is the auction chairperson. Her committee has been busy seeking items for the auction which will be set up at the north end of the track.

Local businesses have donated a variety of items.

Anonymous donors have provided a signed and framed picture of Dallas Cowboy great Roger Staubach, and a bandana autographed by Texas Rangers catcher Pudge Rodriguez. A large WFAA Channel 8 umbrella has been donated.

The auction will be conducted by Bobby Goodwin, Scott Richburg and Charlie Bell.

Lubbock artist Theresa Martin, a cancer survivor, has donated four painted gourds, a pewter mare and colt sculpture, and a wooden sculpture of several children riding a horse together for the live auction. Billy Joe Jay of Sweetwater has donated a framed picture of The Alamo, and Robert and Maria Patterson have provided a Seraphim Angel.

Basketballs autographed by Texas Tech coaches Marsha Sharp and Bob Knight are back. Other sports-related items are a signed football from the Arizona Cardinals donated by David McGinnis, four Texas Rangers baseball passes with parking passes, a Tuff Hedeman signed hat with a poster and cap, and a Larry Mahan signed hat with poster and cap.

Mamie Patterson, the longest-living known survivor of cancer in Scurry County, has donated a set of china painted chickens. Other items include a hand-painted picture by Jess Everett, a handmade Americana basket by Janie Romine, a flag wall-hanging by Marsha Lovelady, a pewter buffalo by Mike Maloney, a picket yard bench by Bud House, and a hand-carved rocking horse by Grethryn Preece of Oakdale, Pa.

A rag quilt has been donated by Mary Batchelor and a baby quilt by Rita Sue Crouch. A king-sized quilt was donated by West Texas State Bank, and Beatrice Hargrove and LaBeth Montgomery also donated a quilt. Wanda Falls and Lorraine Bruns donated, Farmer's Designs and Gina Ferguson each donated an afghan.

The fourth-annual Relay For Life opens with ceremonies and a cancer survivors' victory lap at 6 p.m. Friday. Local entertainers will perform until the 9 a.m. closing ceremonies.

There will also be a luminaria ceremony at 10 p.m. where cancer survivors and those who have been lost to the disease will be honored. White bags with lit candles inside will line the track area, and names will be read of those who have been remembered and who bought the luminaria in their honor.

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Demos: Jobs will help economy

BALTIMORE (AP) — More jobs, not tax cuts, are needed to help Americans struggling in the nation's slumping economy, Rep. Elijah Cummings said Saturday.

Cummings, who is chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, reproached Republicans "for cutting taxes that disproportionately benefit wealthy Americans."

"We need to get America's families back to work — earning the money to pay for their homes, their health care, their children's education and their retirement," the Maryland Democrat said during his party's weekly radio address.

If President Bush were to succeed in making his 2001 tax cut permanent, Cummings said, then the total benefits going to the top 1 percent of the nation's taxpayers would be more than the size of the U.S. Department of Education's budget.

Bush has proposed a new tax cut plan of $726 billion over 10 years — largely by eliminating individuals' taxes on corporate dividends.

Last week, the House approved cuts of $550 billion over a decade. The Senate agreed to no more than $350 billion in tax cuts. Congress hopes to work out the final details in May.

Cummings also said Republican spending priorities favor the wealthy at the expense of protecting the nation from terrorism.

"The Republican budget says that tax cuts for the wealthy are more important than taking care of our veterans, who fought for the freedom of our country," he added.

The number of U.S. workers filing claims for jobless benefits climbed to the second-highest level of the year this month, and Cummings said Republicans who voted down a Democratic proposal to increase jobs were "mortgaging our future."

"Families can only spend money that they have earned, but the Republicans in Congress passed a budget that spends money we don't have," Cummings said.

Cummings said Republicans faced a simple choice.

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Oklahoma City memorial still gets visitors

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Two boys dip their hands in a reflecting pool, then press their palms on a sun-baked bronze gate framing the place where the Oklahoma City federal building was felled by a truck bomb.

A couple standing near the lone tree that survived the blast pauses to stare across the calming acre dotted with evergreens and Oklahoma redbuds.

It's been eight years since the blast killed 168 people and gutted the nine-story building. Worse things have happened since. But still visitors come to pay their respects.

"This is something that really just touched whole America, not just the local people," said Terry Rosen, a visitor from Salem, Ore. "It was a real pivotal point in American history."

Rosen last saw the site just after workers cleared the remains of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, leaving a barren block surrounded by a chain-link fence of mementos.

"I'm moved a lot more than I expected to be," he said during a visit last week.

Visitors' minds drift to the thousands of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and the U.S.-led war on terrorism, but mostly, they think of the 149 adults and 19 children who died here April 19, 1995.

"It just brings tears to your eyes," said Kelly Harp, a visitor from Mason City, Ill. "What gets to you most is the little children."

Carolyn McAllister of Little Rock, Ark., said the Sept. 11 attacks gave Oklahoma City's tribute to terrorist victims even more meaning.

"There was so much more loss in New York, but I still think about how so many people were affected here," she said. "It's very inspiring. It makes me appreciate everything I have."

A brief ceremony at the memorial Saturday will honor the victims of the explosion with 168 seconds of silence, one second for every person who died.

The outdoor memorial opened on the fifth anniversary of the bombing in 2000. A museum that tells the story of that day with an audio recording of the blast and mementos of the dead opened the following year.

Museum attendance dropped about 20 percent after the first year, when there were 400,000 visitors, said Kari Watkins, the memorial's executive director. Most museums experience a 30 percent to 50 percent drop after the first year, she said.

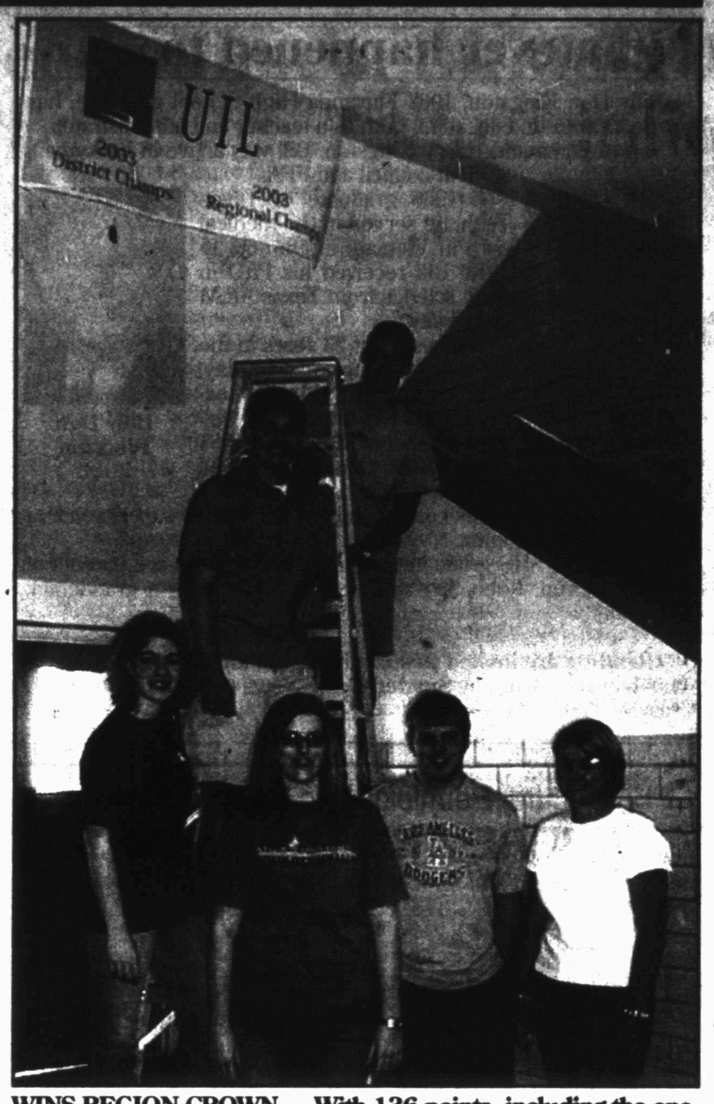
"This story will be the story no matter what happens," Watkins said.

About 90 percent of visitors are not from Oklahoma. Museum staff try to attract attendance through programs and new exhibits, including one that weaves stories of the attacks in Oklahoma City, New York and Washington, D.C. Watkins hopes such an exhibit is on display somewhere in New York City by the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Joyce Morris, a Tulsa resident who brought her Iowa relatives to the memorial recently, said its significance will never fade — no matter the level of terrorism in America.

"They'll always come," she said.

On the Net:
Memorial: http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org



WINS REGION CROWN — With 136 points, including the one-act play points, Snyder High School captured the UIL Region I 3A title in academics last Friday and Saturday at Odessa College. Tyler Kerr, top, and Josh Kemp are pictured on the ladder. On the floor from left are Jacinda Judah, Lilli Valdez, Austin McCormack and Christine Whitworth. Will Davis and Matthew Kerr are not pictured. A complete list of winners ran in Monday's SDN. However, Josh Kemp's fourth place in number sense was not listed. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

30 charged in housing authority bribery case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There were 27,000 poor families on Philadelphia's waiting list for federal housing subsidies in 2001, but for a few hundred dollars, dozens of people were able to bribe their way to the front of the line, prosecutors said.

In the past month, investigators have charged 29 people with paying a Philadelphia Housing Authority clerk between $400 and $1,000 apiece in exchange for coveted Section 8 housing vouchers.

Most of the people who paid the bribes either made too much money to receive the vouchers legally or didn't want to wait their turn for government aid, prosecutors said.

The clerk, Charmaine Mabry, pleaded guilty in February to conspiracy, extortion and theft from a program receiving federal funds. She is cooperating with the FBI and has given agents the names of the people who paid her bribes totaling $16,750, prosecutors said.

Thirteen of those she allegedly helped were indicted in late March. Indictments against another 16 were unsealed Wednesday.

Mabry, 43, of Philadelphia, was fired after the housing authority's inspector general was tipped off about the scheme.

The agency has since retooled its computer system to limit who may access the waiting list, Housing Authority spokesman Kirk Dorn said.

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Broadwater

Cpl Phillip Broadwater, a U.S. Marine, is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. and is currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Broadwater graduated from Snyder High School in 2000. He is the son of Charles and Donna Broadwater of Kilgore.

(To submit photos and information for this feature, bring by Snyder Daily News, mail to Box 949, Snyder, 79550 or e-mail to gorman at Snyder Daily News.com.)

Garcia inducted into honor societies

LUBBOCK — Crystal Michelle Garcia, a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School, is a freshman at Texas Tech University.

Garcia, daughter of Manuel and Veronica Garcia, has been inducted into the National Academic Honor Society for freshmen and Tech's chapter of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

Today's chuckle

'Colossal Colon' goes on tour



LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A 40-foot-long replica of the human colon is winding its way through Little Rock to educate people on the dangers of colon cancer.

The "Colossal Colon" is designed for children and adults to crawl through, and allows visitors to see different stages of the disease, from polyps to full-blown cancer.

Part of the National Cancer Education Tour, the exhibit was created in honor of Amanda Sherwood Roberts, who died from the disease last year.

Organizers hope that the exhibit will get people thinking about a part of the body that is usually not discussed.

"We're trying to educate as many people as we can so nobody has to go through what we had to go through," said Amanda's father, Bernie Sherwood.

Financial Focus

Make your IRA contributions early

Now that tax season is over, and you've made your final IRA contributions for 2002, it's time to start thinking about IRA contributions for 2003.

Of course, you do have until April 15, 2004 to fully fund your IRA for the 2003 tax year, so you might think, "What's the hurry?" But the fact is that the timing of your IRA contributions is important.

Why is that? First, consider that your Traditional or Roth IRA both offer tax advantages. Traditional IRA earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, while a Roth IRA grows tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. Consequently, the earlier in the year that you invest money in your IRA, the greater the benefits you'll receive from either tax-deferred or tax-free growth. Over a period of years and decades, the added growth you can get from making IRA contributions early can add up to a significant amount.

Of course, the investment vehicles within your IRA will not always increase in value. But you can't predict when they will start showing gains - so it makes sense to be prepared for any upturns by being fully invested as soon as possible.

Furthermore, by fully funding your IRA as soon as possible, you may be able to follow a classic piece of investment advice: "Buy low." As you doubtlessly know, the stock market has been in a prolonged slump. And, as a result, many high-quality stocks are now attractively priced. By investing in your IRA right now, you might be able to buy more shares of these stocks than you could if prices go up. Historically, the biggest stock market gains have been recorded in the first few months following a long bear market.

However, even if you want to put in the maximum amount to an IRA, you may question whether you can afford it. For 2003, you can contribute up to $3,000 to either a Traditional or Roth IRA; if you're 50 or older, you can also kick in an extra $500. It's not always easy for most of us to come up with $3,000 or $3,500 at one time. But by temporarily cutting down on other expenses, or looking at all your financial resources, you may be able to find ways to generate the money you need. And if you receive a tax refund, you've got a ready-made funding source for your IRA.

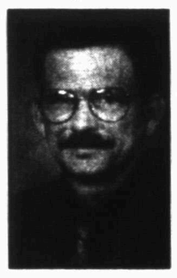
Once you've "maxed out" on your IRA, you may decide to look at other issues. For example, if you're like many people, you may have several different IRAs. While there's nothing wrong with this, it may not represent the most efficient use of your investment dollars. You may find it more advantageous to consolidate all your IRAs into one account. By consolidating IRAs, you'll get a clearer sense of just where your investment dollars are going. Consequently, you can determine if you're properly diversified, or if you have too much money placed in investments that are substantially similar.

Also, when you consolidate IRAs, you'll cut back on the paperwork that you have to track, because you'll only receive one statement. And you pay no taxes or IRS penalties when you transfer from one IRA to another.

So, there you have it - reasons to fund your IRA early and to consolidate your accounts. By taking these steps, you'll help get the most out of your IRA. And, as you build resources for retirement, you'll find that a well-managed IRA can be a tremendous asset.

Ave. D revival services will begin on Sunday

Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th Street, will host a revival Sunday through Friday. Wes Massey of New Braunfels will be the evangelist and Don Thornton of Fairfield will be in charge of the music.



Wes Massey

Sunday services include 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. worship, and 6 p.m. worship.

Weekday services will be at noon, including a covered dish meal, and at 7 p.m.

Rev. Charles Day is the pastor. The public is invited.

Massey is a second-generation preacher who has spent the past 20 years focused on the renewal of the church and the revival of God's people,

Born into the family of a Southern Baptist pastor, Massey was saved at an early age and first heard God's call to preach at age 13. At the age of 21, Massey surrendered to God's call.

Following graduation from Wayland Baptist University, Massey continued his studies with the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies where he received both his master's and doctor's of ministry degrees.

While pursuing his education, Massey served as pastor for several churches from the Panhandle to the oilfields of Southwest Texas.

Massey also ministered overseas, serving as an evangelist in a crusade to Crimea, a province of the Ukraine. In later years, he returned to Crimea, preaching at Sevastopol, and he ministered in England.

Massey also wrote and produced a three-year weekly radio program called *The Good News*.

Massey is married to the former René Evans who works principally with children and preschoolers. They have four children.

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East Elementary

East Elementary students received fifth six weeks awards last Thursday.

Academic achievement awards were presented to fourth graders Bridget Garica, Ricky Esquibel, Colten Clark, Kaitlin Horton, Lindsey Reston, Jacoree Brooks, Briana Rose, Sam Blythe, Dylan Early, Kailey Glenn.

Kindergarten recipients include Jasmine Elledge and Maria Campos.

First graders recognized are Brent Thompson and Alex Paschall.

Citizenship awards were presented to fourth graders Matthew Daniell, Chance Young, Alex Alcala, Blake Thompson, Brandi Espinoza, Angel Guerrero, Ashleigh Jenkins, Carrie Harlan, C.J. Casas and Fransisco Fonseca.

Kindergarten students with good citizenship are Christopher Valles, Steven Rordiguez and Mercedes Rivera.

First graders recognized are Jay Williams and Lane Wood.

Primary students who received the most-improved award are Nicole Fry and Savannah Guzman, both kindergarten; and Alexxus Jackson and Mariama Gutierrez, both first graders.

Students who earned 25 or more Accelerated Reader points for the fifth six weeks were asked to stand.

Central Elementary

Central Elementary primary students received awards last Thursday.

Kindergarten students who were named positive action super kids are Annie Nakamura and Lucero DePaz.

First grade recipients are Roselia Jaimes and Victor Amezquita.

Most improved awards were presented to Jessica Medrano and Chrystal Silva, both kindergarten students; and first graders Matthew Lara and Mario Garcia.

Third graders named positive action super kids are Jessica Torres, Glorianna Medrano, Nicholas Clanton, Victor Pena, Fernando Ramirez, Alex Rivera, Chris Garza, Taylor Boland, Aleya Sharp and Tyler Clanton.

Most improved third graders are Emilio Felan, Samantha Mitchell, Cody Day, Bernice Soberon, Savannah Glasscock, LaTasha Seale, Natalie Kerry, Harley Collins, Donald McVey and Kristy Reyna.

Accelerated readers who will get a special treat later this month are Slade Birkenfeld, Caleb Hester, Adam Moncibais, Michael Seale, Jessica Hernandez, Rosanna Silva, Jessica Torres, Monica Torres, Armando Monroy, Samantha Aviles, Samantha Mitchell, Riley Brown, Diego Hernandez, Jordan Peoples, Justin Torres, Brady Williams, Alisha Guzman, Michah Henson and Kayla Scott.

Others are Miriam Arellano, Flavio Borrego, Yesennia Cabrera, Jessica Guardado, Valentin Median, Anna Munoz, Victor Pena, Sandra Soberon, Virginia Torres, Samuel Ashley, Damian Donaldson, Cole Etheredge, Mercedes Navarette, Amber Steelman and Kaitlin Stewart.

Also, Alex Rivera, Andrea Rodriguez, Hunter Cox, Chris Garza, Regan Head, Beto Jaimes, Dakota Owens, Sadee Bernal, Monica Glover, Cristina Herrera, Robby Luna, Joshua Sandoval, Jessica Villa, Jesse Dominquez, Patricia Brantley, Kyla Freeman, Sarah Rath and Kristy Reyna.

Judge dismisses clergy abuse lawsuit against diocese

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge has dismissed a clergy abuse lawsuit against the Diocese of Brooklyn on grounds that the statute of limitations has run out.

The lawsuit, which also names the diocese's Bishop Thomas Daily, was filed on behalf of 42 adults allegedly groped and raped by priests as long ago as 50 years.

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Remains of missing F-15E pilot from Amarillo recovered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remains of an Air Force pilot who had been missing since his F-15E fighter jet went down in Iraq on April 7 have been recovered and identified, the Pentagon said Friday.

The search for the plane's weapons system officer is continuing, it said.

The pilot was identified as Capt. Eric B. Das, 30, of Amarillo, Texas. His status was changed from missing to killed in action.

The Pentagon provided no details on when or how his remains were recovered. It said the whereabouts of the other crew member, whose name has not been released publicly, is still unknown.

It was unclear Friday whether only one set of remains was found at the crash site or whether additional remains were found but had not yet been positively identified.

The fighter jet was reported to have been shot down near Tikrit, although the Pentagon has never publicly confirmed that.

Das' parents, Bruce and Rosie Das, issued a statement saying their son was killed on Sunday evening April 6, which was early Monday morning in Iraq. They said he was on a bombing mission in an F-15E Strike Eagle over northern Iraq when the plane went down under undetermined circumstances.

"Eric is a son that exemplified what faith in Christ, honor and duty and a life of excellence meant," the statement said. "His strong faith was an inspiration to our family, friends and his fellow servicemen, and to all who knew him."

Das and his wife, 1st Lt. Nikki Das, were both deployed to the Persian Gulf for the Iraq war, the Das family said. They were married in Amarillo on Oct. 20, 2001 and lived in Goldsboro, N.C.

"We talked vividly about what a dangerous life he did lead in the jet and how you just never know when your time will be up," Nikki Das told the Amarillo Globe-News.

"He said, 'Nikki, I have lived such a fulfilled life just in the short amount of time that I have been alive.' And it struck me because so few people have that kind of perspective of fullness, and then from even a human side of it, of having such a loving family and growing up in such a loving home," she said.

An Air Force spokeswoman, Maj. Linda Haseloff, said Das' remains were found at the crash site, but she had no other information on the circumstances under which the remains were recovered.

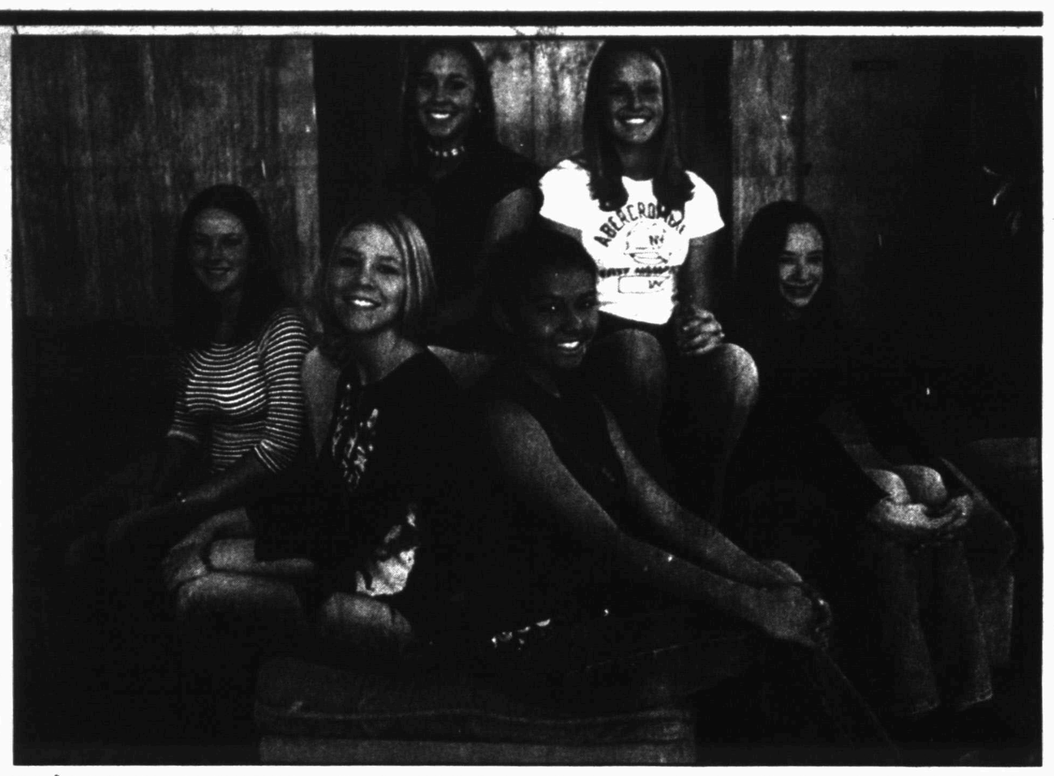
Haseloff said the location was classified secret. She did not know when the recovery was made or by whom.

Das was assigned to the 333rd Fighter Squadron of the 4th Fighter Wing, based at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

With the Das identification and the death Thursday of an Army soldier in Kuwait, the number of Americans killed in the Iraq war rose to 128, the Pentagon said.

Army Cpl. John T. Rivero, 23, of Gainesville, Fla., died from injuries sustained when his Humvee utility vehicle overturned in Kuwait Thursday. Rivero was assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry Division at Eustis, Fla.

Two are still listed as missing — the other F-15 crew member and Army Sgt. Edward J. Anguiano, 24, of Brownsville, Texas, missing since his convoy was ambushed March 23 in Iraq.



SHS JV CHEERLEADERS — Snyder High School junior varsity cheerleaders for 2003-04 front row from left are Kayla Hartzog, Dondi Brock, Lindsey Morin and Camry Hill. Back row from left are Starla Bruton and Wendy Reed. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Borough mulls law that could jail kids, parents for loitering

SOUDERTON, Pa. (AP) — Borough officials are considering an ordinance that would make it illegal for groups of people to gather anywhere from public sidewalks to parks, with the threat of jail time for loiterers — and, in the case of juvenile repeat offenders, their parents.

Local leaders say the loitering ordinance is needed to address what they say is a growing incidence of vandalism and other misbehavior.

But the proposal has raised the ire of civil libertarians, not to mention local teenagers who say this community of 6,700 outside Philadelphia is trying to make "hanging out" a crime.

"What are we supposed to do, just sit in our houses?" asked Becca Murphy, 13, who was hanging out with a half-dozen friends after school Tuesday in Souderton Community Park on Main Street. "There's no problems here, there's no gangs or anything at all. It's totally ridiculous."

Borough Manager Michael Coll said the ordinance was proposed because downtown residents and business owners complained that loitering teens were intimidating potential shoppers.

"What the ordinance is designed to do is to give the police department a tool to help them move individuals along and try to restore a little better order in and around downtown," Coll said.

The proposed ordinance would ban loitering, defined as two or more people congregating in a place without permission and causing "discomfort or danger."

If violators ignore an initial warning from police, they could be hit with a fine of up to $1,000 or imprisonment for up to 30 days. Parents or guardians of juvenile violators also could face those penalties, although officials said that option would be reserved only for repeated offenses.

"It's clear that when we enforce it, we need to strike a balance between addressing the concerns of the business owners and maintaining civil rights of the kids," Coll said.

Coll said loitering teens can hurt the borough's effort to lure new businesses as it pursues a downtown revitalization program. Currently, police in Souderton can order teens to disperse only if they're breaking curfew or engaged in disorderly conduct, he said.

Stefan Presser, legal director of the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, criticized the proposal.

"We don't have a totalitarian regime in this country; people have the right to spend time on the streets with their friends and associates," Presser said. "The Supreme Court has repeatedly said that the streets belong to the people."

In nearby Doylestown, an ordinance was passed in June to discourage large groups of teens loitering in a borough-owned downtown parking lot, sitting in parking spaces and even ordering pizzas. But that measure was narrowly tailored to address a specific space, borough manager John H. Davis said.

"The effect is that that the kids are still here, but they're just spread out," Davis said. "They're in front of the record store, they're in all the places where they hang out but now they're in groups of five or six people rather than 50 or 60 kids in one spot."

The measure spurred protests after its passage, but Doylestown police Chief James C. Donnelly said it has proved effective.

"I say that with a caveat: Last summer it was successful," Donnelly said with a laugh. "This summer isn't here yet."

Texas SARS cases listed not probable

AUSTIN (AP) — None of the seven suspected SARS cases from Texas are classified as "probable" under new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, state health officials said.

The CDC announced Thursday that SARS cases will now be classified as "suspect" or "probable," with pneumonia as the primary distinguishing criterion. The state health department said late Friday that none of the Texas cases are considered probable.

All the suspected cases from Texas had traveled to Hong Kong, Singapore or the Guangdong province of China. None are hospitalized.

Texas Department of Health officials said there is no indication of an increased risk of illness for the public.

Current information about the flu-like illness indicates that it is spread principally through respiratory droplets or fluids in direct or close contact situations.

Senior Center News

Join us for May Day, the Senior Center fundraiser, at the Scurry County Coliseum on May 3rd. The coliseum will open at 2 p.m. with entertainment, a craft booth, a baked goods booth, and the silent auction.

The barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. and the quilt auction begins at 6:30 p.m. The Sweet Tooth Booth will sell drinks and snacks throughout the afternoon as well as loaves of bread, batches of cookies, and cakes.

Seniors donating baked goods are reminded that we do not sell homemade pies. Brownies, cakes, breads, cookies, and diabetic items all sell well. Don't miss the silent auction from 2-6 p.m. Local businesses donate services or items for the Silent Auction. Entertainment will include the Sparkle City Line Dancers from 2-2:30 p.m.; the Deep Creek Cloggers, 2:45-3:30 p.m., and the Aubrey Wilson Country Band 4-6 p.m. Barbecue tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center or at the coliseum on May 3rd. Tickets are $6 per plate. Take out trays will also be available. The ExxonMobil cooking team will prepare the brisket again this year.

Sixteen quilts are now on display at businesses throughout town, and we have another thirteen to make a total of 29 quilts for the auction. The quilt auction will also include afghans, baby quilts, tablecloths, and dolls.

Grady Morris has once again volunteered his services as auctioneer. Preparation for May Day and the May Day activities requires more than 100 volunteers. Volunteers are asked to call 573-4035 to help at May Day.

In addition to May Day, the Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show will be located on the coliseum grounds. Clubs from Lubbock and Big Spring have also been invited. An added attraction in Snyder will be a car show sponsored by the Snyder Wheels Car Club on the Snyder square. There is no admission charge to any of these events, so bring your family and friends and enjoy.

MONDAY

We had five tables of bridge last Monday and we have room for more, so join us at 9:30 a.m. Exercise daily with Juanita at 11. The AARP will meet in the conference room at noon for the meal and a program. Newcomers are welcome at all Senior Center activities.

TUESDAY

Volunteers are encouraged to help with the May Day crafts at 9:30 a.m. in the quilting area. Senior swimnastics at Western Texas College is from 10-11 a.m. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. at the center. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet weekly at noon. Seniors are invited to join them. The Senior Center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and the dance at 7 p.m. Cost for the dance is $4 per person. The Prowlers will provide the music.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies join us for billiards at 9 a.m. Exercise at 11 a.m. Afternoon activities begin at 1 p.m. Seniors may play pinochle in the bridge room or line dance and clog in the dining room.

THURSDAY

Enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. The Sunshine choir will entertain the residents of Snyder Oaks 10-11. Daily exercise is at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Seniors may have their blood pressure checked from 9:30-11 a.m. Join us at 9:30 a.m. for the bridge tournament. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 and exercise at 11.

Senior Menu

Monday
Barbecue chicken
Potato salad
Pinto beans
Sliced onion/pickles/peppers
Oatmeal raisin cookie

Tuesday
Braised pork chop w/cream gravy
Golden carrots
English peas
Fruited gelatin chiffon
Chocolate cake w/white frosting

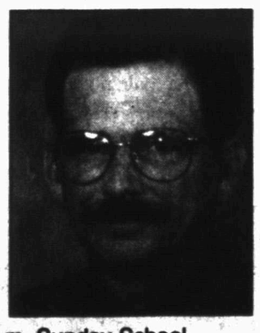
Wednesday
Liver and onions
Green beans
Mashed potatoes
Cucumber/onion salad
Bread pudding

Thursday
Goulash
Fried okra
Whole kernel corn, pickled beets & onion
Jell-O w/whipped topping

Friday
Fried fish
Potatoes with parsley
Green bean casserole
Tossed salad
Apple crisp

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DEPRESSION KIDS
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DEPRESSION KIDS gives the reader a personal view of growing up during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl days in Northwest Texas.

Jean records her own experiences as well as those of many of her classmates, the Class of 1946 of Snyder High School. She weaves together those memories, events, and facts of an era long past into an interesting and readable account.

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SPORTS

Tigers late rally not enough

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — The Snyder Tigers rallied to score five runs in the top of the seventh inning, only to fall in the bottom of the seventh in a heartbreaking, 6-5, loss at Seminole Friday.



Price

For six innings, it looked as if the Tigers would go quietly.

In the third and fifth innings, the Tigers had the bases loaded but were unable to drive anyone home.

The third inning presented a golden opportunity as Blake Grimmett, Billy Pena and Chance Greenwood each singled to start the inning, giving the Tigers three on and nobody out with cleanup hitter Logan Hill at the plate.

But Indian starter Austin McBee induced the double play, then got Shawn Roemisch to ground out to short to end the inning and the threat.

In the fifth, Pena reached on an error and Greenwood doubled with two out. Seminole then intentionally walked Roemisch to load the bases, but designated hitter Danny Hoyle struck out to end the inning.

"We left too many guys on base," said head coach Charles Bollinger. "We had great opportunities, but the guys at the plate didn't do the job."

The Tigers stranded 12 runners in the game.

Starter Logan Hill went three innings, giving up three hits, including a solo home run to Seminole catcher Drew Worth. Hill was plagued by poor defense, as the Tigers committed three errors behind him, and struggled early with his control, walking four batters.

Greenwood relieved Hill with a runner on first in the fourth, and struck out the side around a walk. Greenwood allowed a run in the sixth, when McBee cracked a single to score left fielder Tyson Farmer, who had singled and advanced on an errant pick-off throw from Greenwood.

Trailing 5-0 in the top of the seventh, and with lightning flashing on the horizon, the Tigers came alive.

Grimmett started the rally with a single. Pena reached on a fielder's choice, and Greenwood got to first on an error.

After Hill struck out, Seminole coach Mike Browning once again elected to intentionally walk Roemisch to get to Hoyle.

The move backfired, as Hoyle drew the walk to score the first Snyder run.

Tiger center fielder Bradley Price then slapped a single to drive in the second run.

Tyler Trout grounded to third base for what looked like the final out, but Indian third sacker Chris Browne committed his third error of the game, throwing the ball away to score two more runs to make it 5-4.

With Price on third and Trout on second, McBee walked Ty Collier to load the bases, bring up Grimmett for the second time in the inning.

Grimmett then popped a bloop single over short to score Price and tie the game, and Bollinger waved Trout around to try and plate the go ahead run.

Trout was gunned down at the plate on a perfect throw from center fielder Braxton Bates to end the inning.

"We were a throw away. Looking back, I wish I had held him, but with two outs you want to get the go ahead run home," Bollinger said. "Their center fielder made a great throw. (Seminole) battled and played good defense. We showed we can play, but we have got to come together and believe from inning one."

Seminole scored the winning run after Worth reached on an error and raced to third on a passed ball. Designated hitter Evan Stone then lofted a ball over the drawn-in Tiger infield to end the game and put Seminole and Snyder in a tie for second in district.

The Tigers still control their own destiny. Should they beat Sweetwater at Moffett Tuesday, they will advance to the postseason. If they lose, the Tigers will be forced to play a one-game playoff against Merkel to decide the third seed in district.

"We have to control what we can control," Bollinger said.

In other district action, Sweetwater beat Merkel, 5-4, Thursday, and Lamesa edged Denver City, 13-11, in a battle between the two 3-3A teams already eliminated.

Tuesday's 7 p.m. game will be the final district and final home game of the season for the Tigers.

District 3-3A Standings

Team	District		Overall	
Sweetwater	8	1	20	6
Snyder	6	3	14	11
Seminole	6	3	15	8
Merkel	5	4	10	10
Lamesa	2	7	6	19
Denver City	0	9	6	20

Sideline Views
by Bobby Allen



Congratulations once again go to the Lady Tigers who finished the most remarkable campaign in recent memory, concluding a perfect district season and winding up with a 34-3 regular season record.

Kudos to all the girls whose enthusiasm, fire and skill was evident from the very beginning of the preseason.

And congratulations to head coach Shelly Hayes, whose team was light years ahead of others in district, in both softball fundamentals and preparation.

Good luck May 2 in Amarillo, ladies!

We got a note from jr. high track coach Robbie Braziel last week in which she wanted to give recognition to the track athletes who worked extremely hard this year.

Braziel praised the performances of relay team members Krista Dorsett, Candace Chandler, Whitley Fulford and LaCree Tippens who won the 4x200 meter relay at the junior high district meet.

Terann Ragland, Dorsett, Sarah Taylor and Tippens composed the 4x100 relay squad that finished fifth in the district meet, while the 4x400 team of Sarah Covington, Jordan Stansell, Taylor and Chandler placed third.

Success in academics and athletics start early, and the SJHS thinclads showed character and determination at the meet at Tiger Stadium.

Braziel said that each team member worked tirelessly in practice to improve, and the results showed in their efforts this season.

If the Snyder Tigers can play Sweetwater Tuesday the way they did in the seventh inning Friday night against Seminole, the Tigers will be just fine.

A hit here, a walk there, and Snyder would have been well on its way to a district title showdown with Sweetwater.

Instead, the team must now be content with making the postseason as either the second or third seed, as Sweetwater wrapped up the district crown with a win over Merkel combined with the Snyder loss.

If the Tigers lose, they must play Merkel in a one-game playoff just to qualify for a bi-district match-up.

There have been a strange turn of events for a team that looked destined to win the district in Charles Bollinger's first year as head coach. But since starting out 4-0, the team has stumbled to a 2-3 record in its last five games, with both wins coming against conference also-rans Lamesa and Denver City.

Snyder had plenty of chances to put Seminole on the ropes, but could not come up with the key hit when it was needed.

It didn't help that the home plate umpire had the most maddeningly inconsistent strike zone we've seen all season.

Logan Hill, who loves to work inside, was squeezed from the outset, and several times Blue called a pitch a ball, only to call the same pitch a strike on the next delivery.

Here's hoping for a more consistent performance from the crew Tuesday in a crucial, must-win game for the Tigers, and for the Tiger bats to catch fire with runners on base.

Sports Briefs

Petroskey apologizes for politicizing celebration

The baseball Hall of Fame president issued an apology, saying he was sorry he failed to call Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon last week before canceling a "Bull Durham" celebration because of the actors' anti-war stance.

In an open letter to the 28,000 people who called or sent a letter or e-mail to the Hall, Dale Petroskey blamed himself for bringing politics into the shrine.

Smith signs extension with UK

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Tubby Smith signed an eight-year contract extension that would pay him $20.25 million if he coaches Kentucky through the 2010-11 season.

His base salary will be $200,000 a year, but bonuses, apparel endorsement and television and radio deals add millions. And if the Wildcats reach the Final Four during the rest of his tenure, the contract will be extended by two years at an additional $5 million.

WNBA survives negotiations

NEW YORK (AP) — The WNBA and its players' association reached an agreement in principle for a new five-year contract, the union said. The league said there were still issues to be negotiated over the weekend.

The WNBA had set a Friday deadline for a deal, threatening to cancel the season if none was reached.

Sammy Baugh golf tourney

The 11th annual "Slingin'" Sammy Baugh golf tournament will be held next Saturday at the WTC golf course.

Format is four-person scramble and the tax-deductible fee is $140 per team. Shotgun starts set for 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top four teams, with proceeds from the tournament to benefit the SISD boys and girls golf programs. Sammy Baugh will compete in this tournament.

Teams may register at the WTC pro shop. Entry deadline is April 25.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at the Scurry County golf course. Format is low net twosomes.

Pro-am tournament

The Scurry County golf course will host a pro-am tournament Monday. Tee times are 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

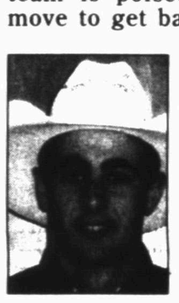
GCSAA golf tournament

The student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America will host a golf tournament May 3 at the WTC golf course. Format is two-man low ball/alternate shot/select shot, with a 9 a.m. tee off slated.

Cost is $100 per team. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Rodeo looks strong at Pampa

PAMPA — The Western Texas College men's rodeo team is poised to make a move to get back to the top of the Southwest Conference standings, after a strong showing in the long round Friday at the Frank Phillips rodeo.



Marshall



Spreadborough

"Both the men's and women's teams look good," coach Greg Rhodes said.

The team dominated the saddle bronc event, placing three riders in the top five.

Sam Spreadborough won the long round, posting a score of 78, and Hadley Hunting was a close second with a 74.

Cody Horwedel's 71 was good enough to place him fifth heading into the short round.

Jake Marshall was in third place in bareback riding after the long round, while Michael Solberg and Clay Bunney finished in eighth and ninth, respectively.

The bull riders picked up the pace Friday, with Trent Cormier grabbing a top five position with a 74. Reg Cully cracked the top 10 in calf roping with a time of 12 seconds.

Ashely Hadley and Chevis Howell both earned top 10 placements in barrel raqcing heading into Saturday's short round.

Hadley was fifth, riding the circuit in 17.67 seconds, while Howell stands in seventh after a time of 17.74.

Ashley Ryan roped her animal in 3.2 seconds, good enough for eight in breakaway roping.

The rodeo was scheduled to conclude with the short round Saturday afternoon.

Busy week ahead for SHS athletes

Snyder's success in golf, tennis and track translates into a busy week for the teams, with regional tournaments taking place Monday through Saturday.

The Tiger golf teams, which dominated District 3-3A, will try to advance when they play in the regional tournament Monday and Tuesday.

The boys will tee off Monday at Ratliff Ranch in Odessa, while both girls teams will get underway Monday at Nueva Vista golf course in Midland.

The Tiger tennis team, which sent 10 of the 12 district competitors to the regional tournament play Wednesday and Thursday at the Odessa College tennis courts.

Five Tiger tracksters will compete in the regional meet at Odessa College Friday and Saturday.

Jason Guynes will represent Snyder in the 110M hurdles, Ricky McNatt will compete in the discus and Justin Boyd advanced in the high jump.

Guynes, Boyd, Zach Cain and Michael Murphrey will look to move to state in the 1,600M hurdles.

WTC swept at Midland

MIDLAND — The Western Texas College baseball club dropped a pair of contests to the Midland Chaps Friday, getting blanked, 10-0, in the opener and falling, 12-5, in the second game.

Tanyon Reeves had two hits in the opener, and Cody Guzman was tagged with the loss.

Guzman went two innings, giving up six earned runs in the five-inning contest.

WTC first baseman Logan Parker went 3-for-4 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored.

Trey Roberson collected two hits in the game.

Jed Anderson was the loser, walking four and allowing six runs in 2 1/3 innings.

The teams were scheduled for another twinbill Saturday in the final two games of the regular season for WTC.

The Westerners will tackle New Mexico Military institute at First American Bank Ballpark in Midland Thursday at 10 a.m. in a play-in game for the conference tournament.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY
Golf: Boys regional tourney, Ratliff Ranch, Odessa. Girls regional tourney, Nueva Vista, Midland.
Baseball: Snyder JV at Merkel, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY
Golf: Boys regional tourney, Ratliff Ranch, Odessa. Girls regional tourney, Nueva Vista, Midland.
Softball: WTC at Midland, DH, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Tennis: Regional tourney at Odessa College.

THURSDAY
Tennis: Regional tourney at Odessa College.
Softball: WTC at Midland, DH, 4 p.m.
Baseball: WTC vs. NMMI, Midland, tourney play-in game.

FRIDAY
Track: Regional meet at Odessa College.
Baseball: Ira at Rotan, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY
Track: Regional meet at Odessa College.
Baseball: WTC in conference tourney.

Little Dribblers

Junior
Hot Shots 28, Red Hots 23
Hot Shots: Kyla Freeman 10, Brianne Perry 8, Kanesha Anderson 6, Laramie Gilbert 4. Red Hots: Ryanna Martinez 11, Bailey Nickerson 5, Alex Hook 4, Erica Chaidez 2, Megan Smith 1.

Eight-year-old
Suns 7, Hornets 5
Suns: Delinda Decus 7. Hornets: Vanessa Morales 3, Courtney Pollard 2.

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SPORTS

Zito aces Rangers, 9-0

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Barry Zito didn't even throw his famous curveball in the first four innings against Texas. When he finally broke it out, he was pitching with an eight-run lead.

Obviously, the Rangers didn't have much of a chance to beat Zito for the first time.

Zito pitched a six-hitter, and Erubiel Durazo hit a two-run double and a homer as the Oakland Athletics got back to their winning ways at home, beating Texas 9-0 Friday night.

Zito (3-1), who didn't record a shutout while winning the AL Cy Young award last season, improved to 9-0 in his career against Texas. He struck out six and allowed just two runners to reach third base in the sixth complete game of his career.

He didn't purposely reserve his curve until the fifth inning. That was just a quirk in his game plan against the free-swinging Rangers.

"I prepared and really beared down for this start, because it never feels good to lose after you've won a few," said Zito, whose career-best 10-game winning streak was snapped in his previous start against Anaheim. "Hopefully this will get us back on track. That's what we were trying to do."

Terrence Long and Ramon Hernandez homered and drove in two runs apiece for the A's, who won seven of their first eight games this season, then lost seven of eight. On Wednesday, they finished a 3-7 trip that included their first six-game losing streak in two years.

But in their return to Oakland, the A's reverted to top form. That's no surprise when Zito pitches at home: He's 22-1 in his last 31 starts at the Coliseum since June 2001.

"I got the feeling he made it look pretty easy," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "When he has that kind of command, you can see what happens."

The A's are many experts' favorites to reach the World Series this season, but they appeared headed for their third straight slow start during their road trip. Manager Ken Macha insisted his club hadn't lost its confidence while struggling, as it did in each of the previous two Aprils under Art Howe.

"I think a lot of guys' confidence was down this week," Long said. "We were hitting the ball well, but we weren't scoring runs. It was just a matter of getting some balls to fall in. Today, we got those four doubles in the first inning. That got us going."

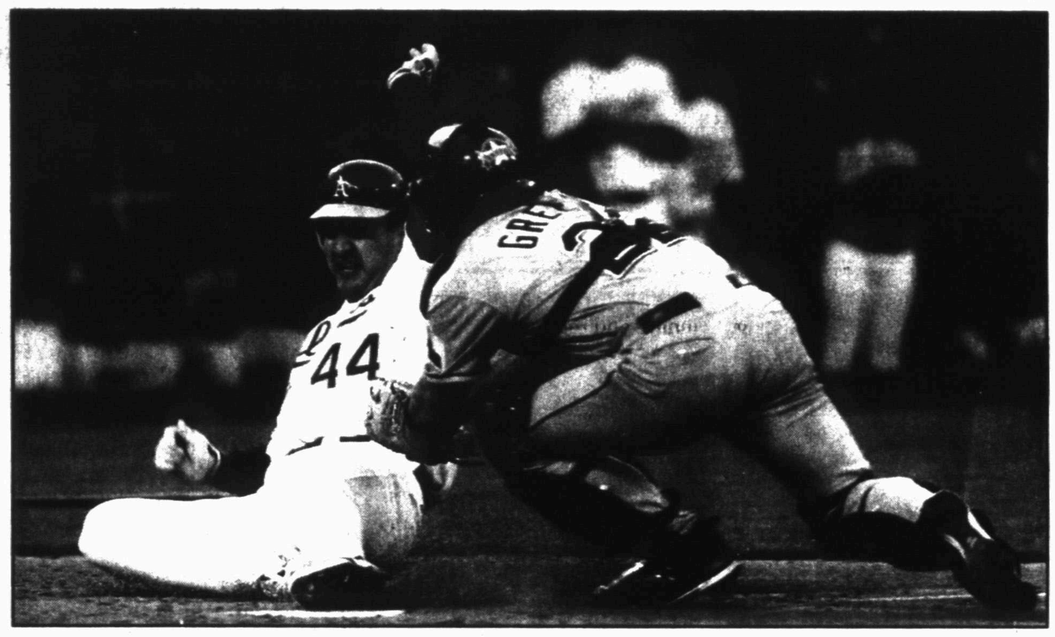
Zito retired the Rangers' first 11 hitters on the way to his fourth career shutout, while Oakland scored five runs in the first against John Thomson (0-2).

The A's had a season-high five hits in the inning, including four doubles. The rally didn't get going until third baseman Mark Teixeira was charged with a throwing error on Miguel Tejada's one-out grounder, though Rafael Palmeiro's clumsy scoop attempt at first base was just as culpable.

Durazo drove home Tejada and Eric Chavez with a double down the line. The A's slow-footed designated hitter scored a few moments later on Long's single to left, sliding home ahead of the throw.

Thomson allowed eight hits and eight runs — just three were earned — in 3 2-3 innings.

"I try not to let it enter my mind who I'm facing," Thomson said, "but after giving up five runs in the first inning, I sat there and said that probably wasn't good, because of the guy on the other side."



SAFE — Oakland Athletics' Erubiel Durazo slides safe ahead of the tag of Texas Rangers' catcher Todd Greene in the first inning Friday. Durazo scored on a hit by Terrence Long as the A's topped the Rangers, 9-0. (AP Photo)

Mavs gear up for Blazers

DALLAS (AP) — As much as Scottie Pippen has helped the Portland Trail Blazers this season, he's going into the playoffs worried about getting in the way.

Pippen has played only two games after missing 17 with a knee injury. He knows he won't be 100 percent when the first-round series against the Dallas Mavericks opens Saturday night.

"I don't want this team spending any time waiting for me to catch up," he said. "I'm real cautious right now that I don't hurt my team. I have to make sure I'm a positive for us."

Portland went from an early season funk to a 38-16 roll after Pippen took over at point guard. The Blazers were 8-9 during his absence, losing a shot at the fourth seed — and home-court advantage in the first round — and dropping all the way to sixth.

That set up this series against Dallas, which didn't expect to be third.

The Mavericks had the NBA's best record until Michael Finley strained a hamstring. They went 7-6 without him, making his importance similar to Pippen's.

There's one big difference, though. Finley says he's completely healthy and is excited about being able to help his team.

"I'm like a rookie again," he said, smiling. "Hopefully my intensity and my desire to get back on the court and perform carries over to my teammates throughout the playoffs."

Astros pound Brewers, 11-5

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Houston ace Roy Oswalt got away with many of his bad pitches. Milwaukee's Glendon Rusch didn't.

Morgan Ensberg homered and capped a six-run fourth inning with a two-run single and Oswalt won for the first time since opening day as Houston beat Milwaukee 11-5 Friday night.

Oswalt (2-1) gave up four runs and eight hits in five innings and has allowed 14 runs — nine earned — in his last two starts.

"I'm kind of disappointed," said Oswalt, complaining that he had trouble with his curve and slider. "I haven't found it in the last two games. I have to do something different."

Houston didn't need him to be sharp, though. A day after losing 4-2 to Milwaukee, the Astros had a season-high 17 hits, with every starting position player getting at least one hit.

"I made some bad pitches," Rusch said. "It's a recipe for disaster when you're not making good pitches."

While Houston took advantage of mistakes by Rusch (1-3), the Brewers let Oswalt and four relievers off the hook, going 3-for-17 with runners in scoring position.

"We battled back, but came up short in a few key situations," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said.

Jeff Bagwell led off the fourth with his seventh homer of the year for a 1-0 lead. By the time the inning was over, the Astros had a 6-0 lead.

"We have guys who are off to a really good start," Ensberg said. "When you have hitters like we do, it tends to put a lot of pressure on opposing pitchers."

Rusch allowed six runs and seven hits in four innings and has lost five consecutive decisions to the Astros.

"Glendon is a quality starter, but he's struggling," Yost said. "He's off just enough that they're getting the bat on the ball."

Milwaukee cut it to 6-5, but Houston scored the final five runs.

"It was a good day," said Craig Biggio, who hit his 200th homer in the eighth for Houston. "We got some hits and runs, they battled back and then we were able to get more runs later on."

The Brewers managed only one run in the fourth off Oswalt despite loading the bases with no outs.

Otto gets 100th coaching victory

ROTAN — Bert Otto, a 1989 Snyder graduate and head baseball coach at Rotan, earned his 100th career victory.



Otto

Otto is in his seventh year at Rotan. He has guided the team to a playoff berth in four of the last five years, including an appearance in the final four of the State 1A tournament.

Stars want to finish off Oilers

DALLAS (AP) — After playing Game 6 of their first-round playoff series Saturday night in Edmonton, the Dallas Stars know their next game will be on home ice.

The Western Conference's top-seeded team wants it to be against the surprising Anaheim Mighty Ducks to start the second round, not a decisive Game 7 against Edmonton.

"We don't want to play any extra games," said Stars winger Scott Young. "We aren't overconfident. We know how tough Edmonton is going to be."

After losing the first and third games, the Stars finally lead the series. Mike Modano helped set up two power-play goals in a 53-second span of the first period and added a goal as the Stars won 5-2 Thursday night to take a 3-2 advantage.

"You always want to get it over and done with," Modano said. "You want to go after them, establish the game early Saturday and not give them any hope, the same way as the last couple of games."

Dallas scored twice in a 23-second span in Game 4, after Edmonton rallied to tie the game in the third period.

The Stars appear to be hitting their stride at the right time. They've followed their Game 3 loss at the Skyreach Centre with two straight solid games.

"We are a very driven team right now," first-year Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "They know what's at stake, and they know how hard they have to work."

If the Stars advance, they would begin their second-round series against Anaheim next week. If a Game 7 against Edmonton is needed, it will be played Monday night.

Seventh-seeded Anaheim completed a sweep of defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit on Wednesday.

"That team right now is sitting and waiting to see who they will play," Young said. "And we'd like to get a few days off between series."

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	3	.813	—
Boston	11	5	.688	2
Baltimore	7	8	.467	5½
Toronto	6	11	.353	7½
Tampa Bay	5	11	.313	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	12	3	.800	—
Chicago	10	6	.625	2½
Minnesota	9	7	.563	3½
Cleveland	5	11	.313	7½
Detroit	1	14	.067	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	10	7	.588	—
Oakland	9	8	.529	1
Anaheim	8	9	.471	2
Texas	7	10	.412	3

Friday's Games

Boston 7, Toronto 3
Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 7
N.Y. Yankees 11, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 4, Detroit 3, 11 innings
Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 3
Seattle 8, Anaheim 2
Oakland 9, Texas 0

Saturday's Games

Toronto (Sturtze 2-0) at Boston (Lowe 2-1), 1:20 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sosa 0-1) at Baltimore (Lopez 0-2), 1:35 p.m.
Detroit (Knotts 0-1) at Kansas City (Affeldt 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland (B.Anderson 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Stewart 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 2-1) at Oakland (Mulder 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-0) at Minnesota (Mays 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 1-1) at Anaheim (Appier 1-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay (Bierbrodt 0-1) at Baltimore (Daal 0-2), 1:35 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 0-2) at Boston (Fossum 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 0-4) at Kansas City (Asencio 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Davis 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2-1), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Franklin 1-1) at Anaheim (Washburn 1-2), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-0) at Minnesota (Lohse 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 2-0) at Oakland (Lilly 1-0), 8:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	9	7	.563	—
Atlanta	9	8	.529	½
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	½
Florida	8	10	.444	2
New York	7	10	.412	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	11	6	.647	—
St. Louis	9	6	.600	1
Houston	9	7	.563	1½
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	2½
Milwaukee	6	11	.353	5
Cincinnati	5	11	.313	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	14	2	.875	—
Colorado	10	7	.588	4½
Los Angeles	7	10	.412	7½
San Diego	7	10	.412	7½
Arizona	5	12	.294	9½

Friday's Games

Cincinnati vs. Montreal at San Juan, ppd., rain
Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Florida 3
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 4
Houston 11, Milwaukee 5
St. Louis 6, Arizona 3
Colorado 12, San Diego 1
San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 1

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Dempster 1-1) vs. Montreal (Day 1-1) at San Juan, 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Cincinnati (Ji.Anderson 1-1) vs. Montreal (Vazquez 1-1) at San Juan, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Florida (Burnett 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (W.Miller 0-1) at Milwaukee (Ritchie 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Kim 0-3) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
San Diego (Condrey 1-1) at Colorado (Cruz 3-0), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Wells 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 2-1) at Atlanta (Hampton 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Moss 2-0) at Los Angeles (Ashby 0-2), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati (Graves 0-2) vs. Montreal (Armas Jr. 2-1) at San Juan, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 0-0) at Atlanta (Reynolds 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Robertson 1-2) at Milwaukee (Sheets 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 0-2) at St. Louis (Tomko 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 3-0) at Colorado (Chacon 2-0), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ainsworth 3-0) at Los Angeles (Nomo 1-3), 8:10 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Saturday
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 12:30 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 20
Orlando at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Monday, April 21
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24
Indiana at Boston, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 11 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Detroit at Orlando, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 10 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, April 17
New Jersey 3, Boston 0, New Jersey wins series 4-1
Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 1, Ottawa wins series 4-1
Dallas 5, Edmonton 2, Dallas leads series 3-2

Friday, April 18
Tampa Bay 2, Washington 1, Tampa Bay leads series 3-2
Vancouver 5, St. Louis 3, St. Louis leads series 3-2

Saturday
Toronto at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 20
Tampa Bay at Washington, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 21
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Edmonton at Dallas, 9 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, April 22
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., if necessary
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary
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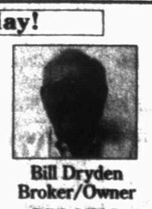
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Bidder shall mark outside of bid envelope according to the vehicle that they are bidding on; Example: **1990 Chevy Suburban Bid May 8th, 2003.** Each of the vehicles will be sold as is/where is, with no written or implied warranty. The successful bidder shall make payment to Ira ISD and remove the vehicle from school property within five days after acceptance of bid by the Board of Trustees. Ira Board of Trustees will consider the bids at their regular board meeting on May 13, 2003. Ira ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any of the bids.

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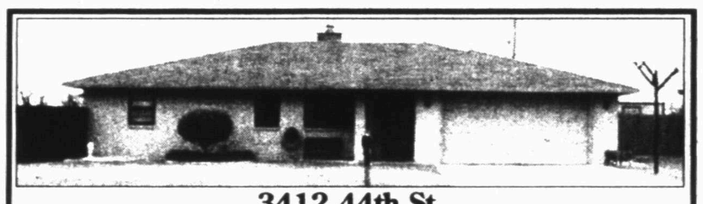
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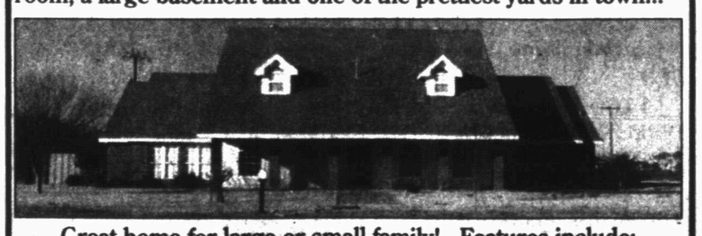
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Treatment of bronchial congestion

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm constantly plagued by bronchial congestion. Inhalants leave me with a dry mouth and an irritated throat. What do you suggest?

DEAR READER: It's not clear from your question why you have bronchial congestion and why you use inhalants. Asthmatics are often aided by inhaling aerosolized medication. However, the overuse of such therapy can cause dry mouth and throat irritation and is not appropriate for everyone.

Bronchial congestion can also result from allergies (such as hay fever), tobacco smoke, industrial fumes, air pollution and chronic bronchial infection.

Rather than addressing the cause(s) of the congestion — by giving up cigarettes, for example — some people prefer to use inhalants inappropriately. This practice rarely succeeds.

I urge you to be examined by your family physician to discover the cause of your respiratory symptoms. If you are asthmatic, there are several new medications (in pill and spray from) that could help you and give your mouth and throat a rest. If you're not asthmatic, the doctor may recommend more appropriate therapy — or a visit to an allergist for testing and a second opinion.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you explain costochondritis? Why do I have it?

DEAR READER: Costochondritis is inflammation of the cartilage connecting the ribs to the breastbone (sternum). The cause of the affliction is unknown but may be related to minor trauma or a viral infection.

The pain of costochondritis is often described as a "gnawing ache" that is worse at night and bears no relation to respiratory movement of the ribs. The cartilage itself is always tender. This fact serves to differentiate costochondritis from more serious causes of chest pain, such as angina or neuralgia.

Treatment consists of ibuprofen and "tincture of time"; the discomfort usually subsides in a matter of weeks.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read that psoriasis can be cured by topical applications of active forms of vitamin D-3, according to Japanese researchers. I've spoken to several pharmacists, none of whom has heard of the product. How can I obtain it?

DEAR READER: Vitamin D-3 is natural vitamin D; vitamin D-2 is the synthetic form. Both types behave identically in the body. Foods high in natural vitamin D include eggs, grains and fish oil. Vitamin D is formed in humans by the action of direct sunlight on the skin and is necessary for normal bone metabolism. This is the reason that vitamin D supplements (along with calcium) are a necessary component in treating osteoporosis in the elderly.

I am unaware of any health benefits from the topical application of vitamin D. Don't waste your time or money searching for a vitamin-cure for psoriasis. This common skin condition is better treated by other methods, including prescription drugs and ultraviolet-light therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a terrible time with allergies, especially during the spring and summer months. What causes them, and what can I do for relief?

DEAR READER: Experts estimate that more than 40 million Americans suffer from inhalational allergies of one kind or another, and more than 16 million people rely on over-the-counter allergy medications for relief.

The most common allergens are pollens, molds, dust, feathers (in pillows), industrial fumes, insect skins and animal dander (skin scales shed by most species). Once an allergen enters the body, it stimulates the immune system to produce protective antibodies against the foreign substance. When formed, these antibodies — complex protein molecules — are more or less permanent.

When the allergen again re-enters the body days, weeks or months later, it reacts with the antibodies, leading to the release of naturally occurring chemical mediators, of which histamine is a prime example. Actually, it's the histamine, not the allergen itself, that causes the inflammation and irritation leading to congestion, excess mucous secretion and the other symptoms so familiar to allergy sufferers.

Consequently, antihistamine medications are the time-honored treatment for acute inhalational allergies. Many — such as diphenhydramine, chlortrimeton and (recently) Claritin — are available without a prescription. The newer prescription antihistamines — Allegra, Zyrtec, Clarinex and others — have revolutionized the treatment of allergies because these products do not cause sedation and have very low side-effect profiles. Moreover, they are marketed in time-release, once-a-day formulations, making dosing convenient.

Nonetheless, patients with severe or incapacitating allergies may have to consider desensitization injections, compounded by allergists, administered at regular intervals and tailor-made to a person's specific allergy pattern. Such injections are extremely effective because they re-program the immune system to diminish the allergen/antibody reaction and reduce the production of histamine and other mediators.

However, the shots are expensive and require a long-term commitment by the patient. Further, in rare cases, the recipient may experience a life-threatening allergic reaction, such as asthma or shock, to the injections themselves. (These unpredictable consequences can be avoided by careful attention to dosage; the shots should be administered in a doctor's office where anti-shock epinephrine injections are instantly available.)

By far and away, the safest and most satisfactory solution to allergies is avoidance of allergens. Here are 15 tips.

1) Avoid outdoor activities in the spring and summer between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., when pollen levels are at their highest.

2) Keep car and home windows closed during allergy season.

3) Avoid super cooling the insides of home or auto. Ten degrees cooler than outside is ideal, lower temperatures may aggravate allergy symptoms.

4) Keep air conditioners and humidifiers scrupulously clean to prevent mold or pollen build-up in the machinery and filters.

5) Wear sunglasses or other eye protection when outdoors to protect eyes from pollen.

6) Wear a facemask over the nose and mouth when gardening or lawn mowing. Keep the lawn trimmed short because clipped grass is far less likely to bloom and pollinate.

7) Shower and shampoo following pollen-exposure to wash away material that could cause a reaction hours later.

8) Don't hang clothes outside to dry. Use an indoor dryer where the fabrics cannot collect pollen.

9) Use hypo-allergenic mattresses and pillows — or cover such articles with special allergen-proof casings.

10) Vacuum box springs and upholstery frequently to reduce dust.

11) Minimize the use of rugs and carpets in the house. Hard-floor coverings (or no coverings at all) are less likely to harbor allergy-producing dusts and pollens.

12) Restrict pets to certain rooms — never the bedroom — or keep them outside. If possible, people with dander allergies should refrain from keeping domestic animals.

13) Prohibit smoking in your environment. If you're a smoker, stop.

14) Swear off alcohol during the pollen reason. Such beverages contribute to swelling in the nasal passages.

15) Plan vacations away from your home-pollinated area to pollen-free locations.

While I realize that some of these suggestions are more than extreme, they are valid nonetheless. My advice to patients troubled by allergies is to make appropriate changes that are feasible, take one of the prescription antihistamines I mentioned and see an allergist if symptoms persist or are intolerable.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the difference between vasculitis and cellulitis?

DEAR READER: Vasculitis is inflammation of blood vessels. Cellulitis is infection of skin and underlying tissues that can, for obvious reasons, lead to vasculitis.

Vasculitis is commonly the consequence of allergic reactions or autoimmune disorders, such as lupus and polymyalgia. It is often treated with steroids that block the hyper-immune reaction.

In contrast, cellulitis is almost always associated with bacterial infection, requiring antibiotics. The two conditions are differentiated by examination and blood tests.

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JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS — Snyder Junior High School cheerleaders for next year are standing from left Aspen Mann, Whitley Fulford and Jaedi Baze. Seated are Krista Dorsett and Tana Sullenger. Heather West is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Fundraisers appear to have raised money for surgery

RICHARDSON (AP) — Fundraisers appear to have surpassed the $125,000 they'd hoped to raise to offset surgery costs to separate 22-month-old Egyptian twins joined at the crown of their heads.

World Craniofacial Foundation director Sue Blackwood said about $83,000 in pledges and donations had been received for twins Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim.

"We're about two-thirds of the way there and very, very encouraged," Blackwood told about 400 people at a fund-raiser at Dallas Central Mosque on Friday night before the event.

By the end of the evening, about $70,000 in pledges and donations had been raised, said Abdal Malik Hamidullah, operations manager for the mosque.

Remains are identified; Peterson arrested in death of missing wife

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Authorities said genetic odds "in the billions" proved that two bodies that recently washed ashore were those of Laci Peterson and her baby, in an announcement that came hours after the missing woman's husband was arrested in their deaths.

Scott Peterson, 30, arrived at the Stanislaus County jail just before midnight after being driven there from San Diego, where he was arrested 12 hours earlier. Prosecutors said they planned on charging him with double murder, which would make him eligible for the death penalty.

The body of Laci Peterson, who was eight months pregnant, and her unborn child were found this week about three miles from where Scott Peterson said he was fishing when his wife disappeared Christmas Eve.

Plainclothes agents who had been tracking Scott Peterson's movements with phone taps and vehicle sensors made the arrest before the DNA test results on the bodies were known because Peterson was considered a flight risk, and because he had indicated he knew he was under surveillance, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said.

Apart from the two badly decomposed bodies, Modesto Police Chief Roy Wasden declined to describe the state's evidence. But he said it suggested that Laci Peterson may have been killed on Dec. 23 because no "credible witness" saw or heard from her after that.

Officials wouldn't discuss Scott Peterson's possible motives.

Wasden said there were no other suspects in the case. The fact that a $50,000 reward for information leading to her body went unclaimed, he said, "continued to reinforce that one person knew what happened to Laci and where Laci was."

Scott Peterson's first court appearance will come on Monday or Tuesday. His attorney, Kirk McAllister, did not immediately return telephone messages Friday from The Associated Press.

The dramatic turn in the case came nearly a week after pedestrians found the bodies of Laci Peterson and the son she had already named Conner washed up about a mile apart on the shoreline.

The bodies were identified Friday evening through a comparison with DNA samples from Scott Peterson and Laci Peterson's parents.

"There is no question in our minds that the unidentified female is Laci Peterson. The unidentified fetus is the biological child of Laci and Scott Peterson," Lockyer said. "We're scientifically convinced the match is one in billions."

A spokeswoman for Laci Peterson's family said relatives were devastated by the confirmation of the deaths, but grateful they finally had an answer after months of uncertainty.

"Families in their circumstances will always tell you the worst thing is not knowing," said spokeswoman Kim Petersen, executive director of the Carole Sund-Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation.



POULTRY — SHS sudent Jenna Neff was the fourth high individual in the poultry judging contest hosted by Tarleton State University. Thirteen different contests were conducted during the annual statewide Invitational Career Development Event. More than 525 students competed in the poultry-judging category with the top 20 individual finishers receiving plaques and T-shirts. Dr. David Drueckhammer, ag department chairman, was contest director. At left is Coy Baldwin, FFA state vice president. (Contributed Photo)

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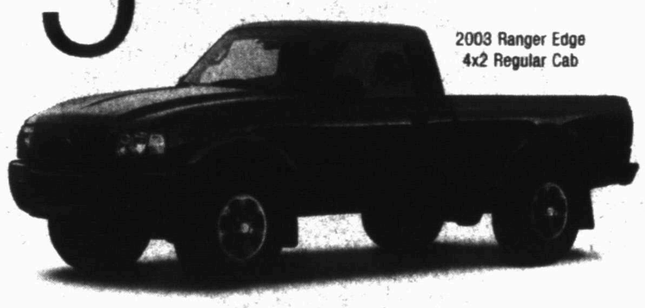
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Flight attendants union to vote again

DALLAS (AP) — Enraged by an American Airlines' plan to give bonuses and extra pensions to top executives, the flight attendants' union said late Friday it would scrap results of an election this week and vote again on concessions that the company says it needs to stay out of bankruptcy.

The company said executives had given up the bonuses but not the pensions, but that did little to mollify the union.

The union's move threatened to push the world's largest carrier closer to bankruptcy just two days after workers narrowly approved wage cuts and other concessions worth about $10 billion over six years.

The president of the flight attendants' union said the results of the first election were tainted because the company didn't tell workers about the executive perks before they voted. Union leaders think the concessions would have been rejected if workers had known about the management perks.

In response the union's plan for a new election, American said it stood by the results of the earlier voting by the Association of Professional Flight Attendants.

"American Airlines has a valid, ratified agreement with the APFA," said a company spokesman, Bruce Hicks. He said the company would not comment further.

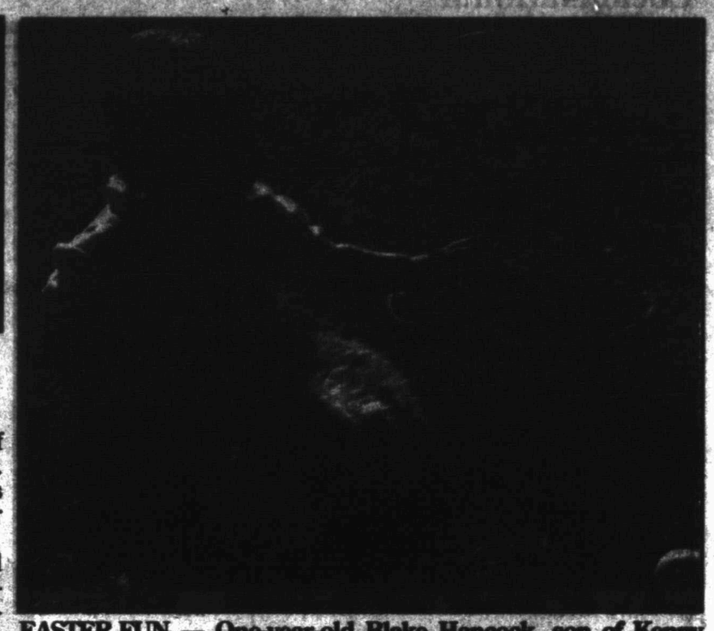
Leaders of unions representing pilots and ground workers also complained about the bonuses, worth double the salary for six top executives if they stay through January 2005, and the company's decision to partially fund supplementary pensions for 45 top executives, which would be protected even if American files for bankruptcy. The company said the perks were needed to keep senior executives.

The perks were approved before American asked employees to ratify pay cuts of 15.6 percent to 23 percent and about 5,900 layoffs. Workers feared even bigger cuts in bankruptcy.

American disclosed the bonuses and extra pension benefits late Tuesday in a securities filing, and they caused an uproar among employees.

On Friday, chairman and chief executive Donald J. Carty apologized for not telling unions about the bonuses sooner and asked for their continued cooperation in helping the airline recover from a severe industrywide slump.

"Those executives who have made the personal commitment to remain with American during this financial crisis, myself included, are not here solely for monetary reasons and we have all agreed to give up these retention payments in order to give our employees confidence in management's ongoing commitment to shared sacrifice," Carty said in a written statement.



EASTER FUN — One-year-old Blake Hancock, son of Kenny and Miranda Hancock of Hermleigh, gets a laugh from this Easter bunny as he prepares to hunt eggs with his family. (SDN Staff Photo)

SARS keeping people from working in Asian countries

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Rows of black suitcases are stacked floor to ceiling alongside mounds of white burlap sacks stuffed with rice noodles, toothpaste and other staples for a long journey.

The belongings sit abandoned at a training center for Vietnamese who were supposed to be heading overseas for jobs elsewhere in Asia. But the workers are idle, their plans on hold, as fear of the mysterious illness known as SARS grips the region.

Malaysia, South Korea and other nations have closed their borders to workers from areas hard-hit by SARS — leaving an estimated 20,000 Vietnamese in limbo and desperate for work.

"I don't know what to do," said Dong Duc Trinh, 34, who took out a loan to pay for training and a plane ticket for a job in Malaysia. He's now stuck paying interest while he waits for the ban to be lifted.

"I haven't informed my family or my wife about my ordeal," he said, shaking his head. "I plan to tell them when I get back home."

Capture of chemical expert could help in weapons hunt

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. field commanders in Iraq continue to reposition American forces to focus on humanitarian missions and the search for weapons and former government officials.

The Army's 4th Infantry Division, currently based around Baghdad International Airport, will eventually relieve Marines in northeastern Baghdad and start looking for weapons of mass destruction and providing stability to the area, a military official says.

Troops from the 3rd Infantry Division and the 101st and 82nd Airborne divisions — among the first wave of U.S. ground troops in Iraq — could start leaving Iraq as early as June, the official said Friday.

The Army's 1st Armored Division will begin moving into Iraq within the next few weeks, the official said.

The U.S. Central Command announced Saturday that officers from Iraq's newly revived police force arrested Iraq's former finance minister — one of the 55 ex-leaders on the U.S. most-wanted list — and handed him over to the Marines.

Hikmat Mizban Ibrahim al-Azzawi was nabbed Friday in Baghdad, the command said. He had also served as a deputy prime minister.

Meanwhile, the surrender of one of Saddam Hussein's top chemical weapons scientists could be an important advance as troops step up the search for weapons of mass destruction.

Emad Husayn Abdulla al-Ani turned himself in to U.S. authorities inside Iraq, an American official said. Al-Ani has been called the father of the Iraqi program that made tons of the nerve agent VX.

Man arrested for felony DWI

•Arrest

DPS troopers arrested Marcus Lee Sparlin, 26, of 1945 Sante Fe Ave. at 1:45 a.m. Saturday at College Ave. and 27th Street for felony driving while intoxicated. He was transported to the county jail and the vehicle was released to a passenger.

•Disturbance

A woman reported a male and female involved in a disturbance at the intersection of 28th Street and Ave. L at noon Friday. Officers contacted the subjects and advised they were involved in a verbal argument, but no assault or threats had occurred.

•Theft

Arthur Calloway reported the theft of a stereo from his vehicle in the WTC parking lot, but requested no report be filed.

•Fight

A woman requested an ambulance at the WTC dorms at 7:10 p.m. Friday after two male subjects were fighting and one of them knocked the other into a brick wall.

An offense report for Class A assault was filed.

•Close patrol

At 12:20 a.m. Saturday, dispatchers received numerous calls reporting gunshots in the 2600 block of Ave. G. One caller advised the shots came from a man in a 1999 Chevrolet pickup.

Two officers responded and contacted a man in a vehicle that matched the description. They located a holster for a small revolver, but no gun was found and a close patrol was initiated.

A man in the 400 block of 37th Street reported at 12:15 a.m. Saturday that the air was let out of the tires on his pickup and that the vehicle was covered with shoe polish and toilet paper. No report was filed, but a close patrol was begun.

Obituaries

Beverly Williams

1913-2003

Beverly Ethel Williams, 89, died Saturday, April 19, in Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 24, 1913 in Dilley, she married Vernon Williams on July 4, 1940 in Roswell, N.M.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker and a resident of Houston.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon Williams of Houston and formerly of Scurry County; three sons, Michael Williams and Robert Williams, both of Houston, and Fred Williams of Abilene; and five grandchildren.

Linda Blakely

1932-2003

FORT WORTH – Linda Blakely, the wife of a Snyder native, died Thursday, April 17.

A memorial service for Mrs. Blakely, 64, is set for 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Bridgewood Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery under the direction of Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 24, 1938 in Fort Worth, she was preceded in death by a son, Brian Blakely, in 1994.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Kenneth Blakely of Fort Worth; two sons, Aubrey Blakely of Dallas and Alan Blakely of Fort Worth; a daughter, Dena Davis of Wylie; a brother Joe Neal Stephenson of Houston; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial to the American Cancer Society or to the American Lung Association.

John Shoemaker

1943-2003

MAUD, Okla. – John C. Shoemaker, the brother of Paula Unruh of Snyder, died Friday, April 18, in Unity North Medical Center in Shawnee, Okla.

Funeral service for Mr. Shoemaker, 59, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Maud Church of Christ with Cliff Craig officiating. Burial will follow in the Cummings Cemetery under the direction of Knight-Swearingen Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 31, 1943 in Maud, he had retired after teaching history 29 years at Shawnee High School. A resident of Shawnee, he was a member of the Northridge Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Truman Shoemaker, in 1982; and by three aunts.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Vera and Sam O'Dell of Norman, Okla.; his former wife, Marsha Shoemaker of Techumsch, Okla.; a son, John Shoemaker of Shawnee; a daughter, Mardee Shoemaker of Oklahoma City; two other sisters, Patricia Ann Taylor and Susan Fae Skaggs, both of Norman; two brothers, Sam O'Dell of Pampa and James O'Dell of Norman.

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Woman, grandson injured in accident

A Snyder woman and her four-year-old grandson were injured late Friday in a four-wheeler mishap northeast of Snyder.

Logan Patterson, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson of Lubbock, was riding the recreational vehicle with his grandmother, Janeen Patterson, at the family's place just north of the Northeast community center.

Family members said Mrs. Patterson was attempting to park the four-wheeler in the garage when the youngster accidentally hit the throttle.

The mishap occurred shortly after 6 p.m. and Snyder EMS transported both to Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Logan was airlifted to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock where surgery was performed on his head.

Logan was listed in good condition Saturday morning and was in a private room in Covenant's pediatric unit.

Mrs. Patterson, wife of Glenn Patterson, was in good condition in Cogdell Hospital.

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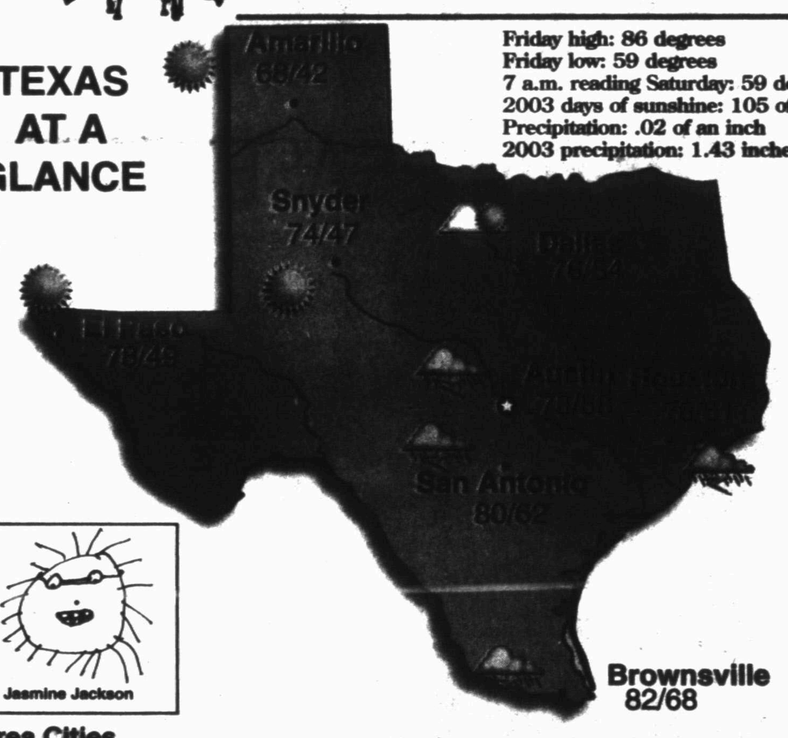
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Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 4/20	Mon 4/21	Tue 4/22
74/47	78/53	76/58
Sunny skies. High 74F. Winds NNE at 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms.
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Friday high: 86 degrees
Friday low: 59 degrees
7 a.m. reading Saturday: 59 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 105 of 108
Precipitation: .02 of an inch
2003 precipitation: 1.43 inches

Jasmine Jackson

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	75	51	sunny	El Paso	78	49	sunny	Midland	76	50	sunny
Amarillo	68	42	sunny	Fort Stockton	80	52	sunny	Raymondville	83	65	t-storm
Austin	78	58	t-storm	Gainesville	73	48	pt sunny	Rosenberg	79	61	t-storm
Beaumont	79	60	t-storm	Greenville	74	49	pt sunny	San Antonio	80	62	t-storm
Brownsville	82	68	t-storm	Houston	78	61	t-storm	San Marcos	78	59	t-storm
Brownwood	79	52	sunny	Kingsville	81	64	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	74	49	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	78	65	t-storm	Livingston	78	56	t-storm	Sweetwater	76	49	sunny
Corsicana	74	52	t-storm	Longview	75	51	t-storm	Tyler	76	53	t-storm
Dallas	76	54	pt sunny	Lubbock	72	45	mst sunny	Weatherford	75	49	sunny
Del Rio	84	62	mst sunny	Lufkin	78	56	t-storm	Wichita Falls	72	47	pt sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	75	57	rain	Houston	78	61	t-storm	Phoenix	87	60	sunny
Boston	54	43	pt sunny	Los Angeles	70	52	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	48	cloudy
Chicago	71	47	t-storm	Miami	81	68	pt sunny	Seattle	60	43	rain
Dallas	76	54	pt sunny	Minneapolis	56	41	rain	St. Louis	68	51	cloudy
Denver	59	36	mst sunny	New York	61	44	mst sunny	Washington, DC	66	49	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 16	Apr 23	May 1	May 9

UV Index

Sun 4/20	Mon 4/21	Tue 4/22
Very High	Very High	High

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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Snyder ISD receives Texas Head Start Education grant

Snyder ISD has received a Texas Head Start Educational Component Grant for $184,902 from the Texas Education Agency.

The grant will help fund supplementary educational services to children participating in existing Head Start or similar government-funded preschool programs so that every child completing the program is prepared to enter school ready to learn.

Goal of the pre-school program is to improve reading skills of three-and-four-year-olds and in identifying cost-effective models for pre-reading interventions.

Snyder ISD is collaborating with Western Texas College that presently offers an associate degree in early childhood development. WTC staff will provide training, ongoing support and mentoring for teachers as well as monitoring of participating classrooms.

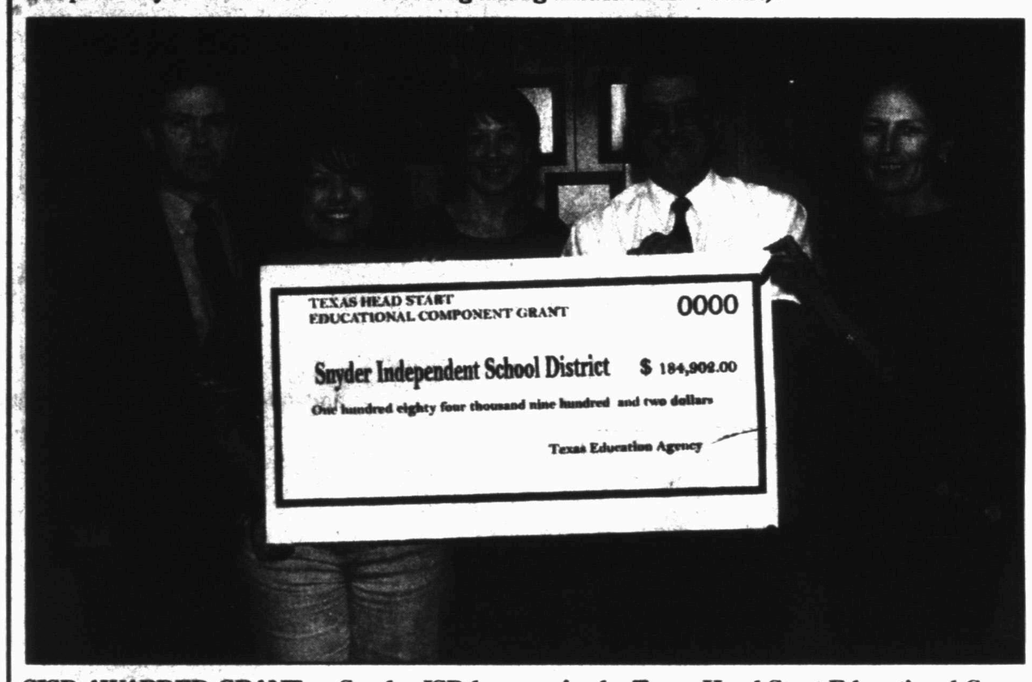
The grant also provides the opportunity to increase the quality of training for teachers of such programs and increase the number of teachers being trained.

Also part of the program will be the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY). This program will be implemented next school year and is designed to play a role in the early prevention of school failure by providing services to the person who has the strongest and most long-lasting influence on a child — the parent.

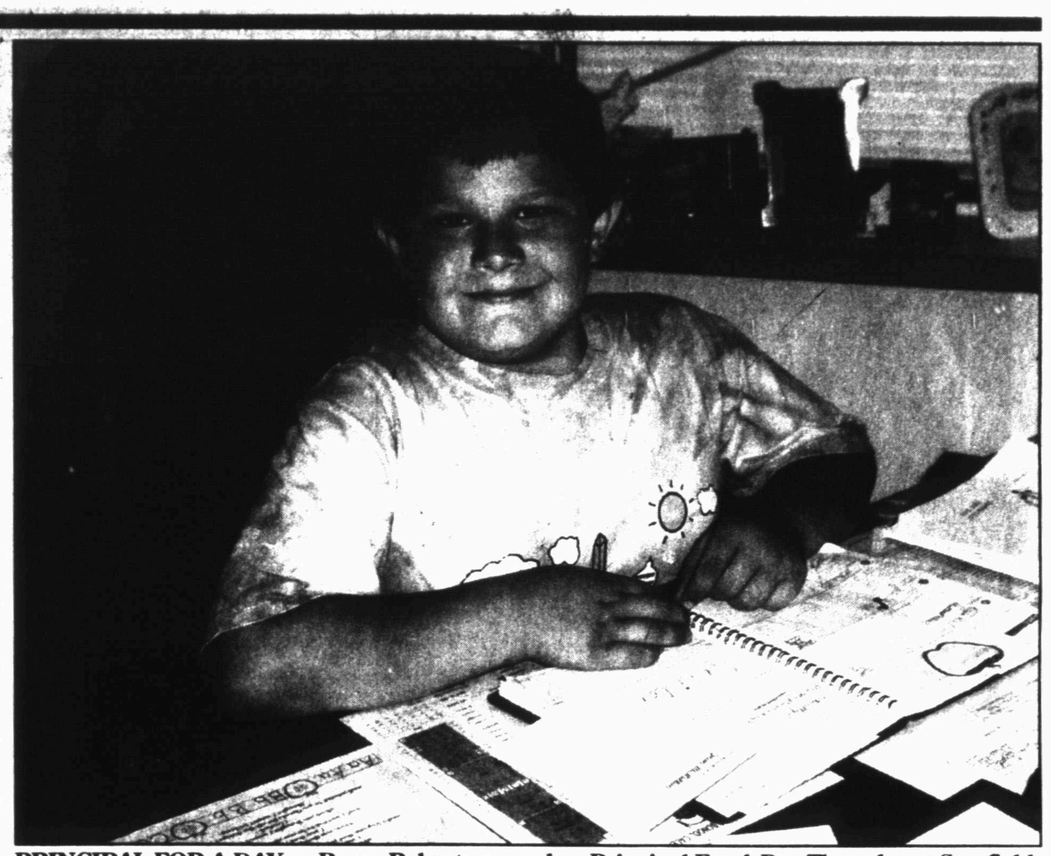
HIPPY reaches out to families with limited formal-education and low income. Parents will be given training and support to implement a structured set of activities designed to help them interact with and teach their children.

Parents spend 20-30 minutes of parent and child together-time with their child each day, completing the HIPPY learning materials together.

Participating parents read daily to their children and thereby increase their own literacy. Family literacy programs using the HIPPY model provide parents with additional adult literacy materials and classes (ESL, GED, Life Skills).



SISD AWARDED GRANT — Snyder ISD has received a Texas Head Start Educational Component Grant for $184,902 from the Texas Education Agency. Pictured from left are Dr. Ronny Collins, superintendent; Mary Ann Juarez, SISD home and community liason; Jeanine Wilburn, representing Western Texas College's early childhood education program; Thomas Fogleman, West principal; and Dr. Missy Jones, assistant superintendent. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY — Bryce Roberts served as Principal For A Day Thursday at Stanfield, a reward for earning 230 points in the Accelerated Reader program. Roberts, who said he likes to read all kinds of books, helped principal Jean McMillion make morning announcements, introduce the first grade play, check to see if classrooms have Powerful Learning brochures, check on classroom activities and write a memo. Near the end of the day, Roberts, a student in Aleta Long's class, remarked that "being a principal is hard work."(Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Edwards returns $10,000 in donations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards reimbursed employees of an Arkansas legal firm for $10,000 in campaign donations after a law clerk said her boss promised to reimburse her contribution.

Campaign donors are not allowed to funnel donations through someone else under federal law. Otherwise, donors could exceed the legal contribution limit for individuals, recently raised to $2,000 from $1,000 per election.

Law clerk Michelle D. Abu-Halmeh told The Washington Post that her boss, Little Rock attorney Tab Turner, asked people to support Edwards and assured them they would be reimbursed.

Edwards spokeswoman Jennifer Palmieri said the campaign decided to return the money after the reporters uncovered the situation.

"It's important to Senator Edwards that his campaign operate under the highest federal standards," she said. Palmieri noted Edwards goes beyond the federal law by refusing to take donations from political action committees and federal lobbyists.

Palmieri said at the time they contribute, donors are given instructions that explain they cannot be reimbursed, along with other federal guidelines for donations. She said Friday that the campaign will now send a follow-up letter after donations are received to remind donors of the law a second time.

"It's an unfortunate yet not an uncommon occurrence with the amount of money involved with presidential campaigns that sometimes checks have to be returned," she said.

Edwards raised $7.4 million in the first quarter, the most of the nine Democrats running for the presidential nomination.

Four law clerks at Turner's firm each gave Edwards $2,000, according to the Post's analysis of his campaign disclosure report.

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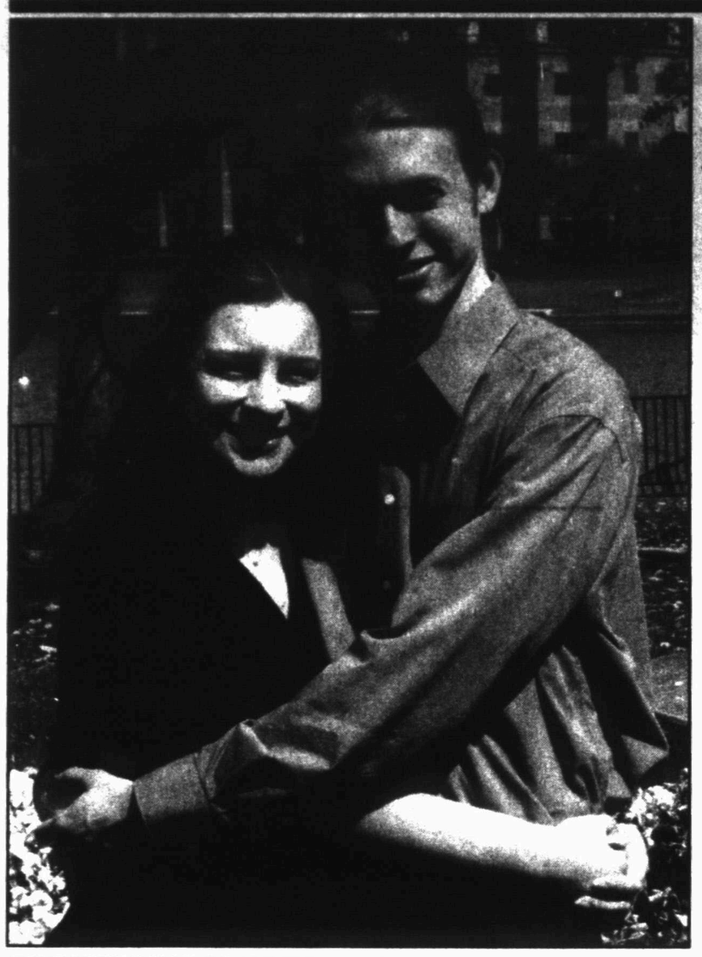
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JULY WEDDING PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Louie Peraza of Anaheim, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Peraza, to Ryan Landes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Landes of Snyder. The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. on July 26 in the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas. (Contributed Photo)

Library News & Views

By Sharon Sumurld, librarian

The Scurry County Library staff expressed appreciation to the Snyder Palette Club members for paintings they loaned the library. They furnish paintings to hang in the library on a rotating basis. Next time you visit the library, notice the paintings.

BOOK FEATURE

The Healing Power of Food, published by Reader's Digest.

We now recognize that we can be healthier by eating better, doing more exercise, and taking measures to reduce stress. Direct medicinal effects can be achieved with food.

This book explains the general principles of healthy eating, how diet relates to disease, and how the body uses food. Clear, practical guidelines are provided on what to eat to relieve a wide variety of health problems.

NEW NON-FICTION

Wildlife Gardener's Guide to Hummingbirds and Songbirds..., by Susan Day.

Teenagers Learn What They Live: Parenting to Inspire Integrity and Independence, by Dorothy Nolte.

Atkins for Life: The Complete Controlled Carb Program..., Robert Atkins.

Your Crafts Business: A Legal Guide, by Richard Stim.

The Looks Book: A Whole New Approach to Beauty, Body Image, and Style, by Rebecca Odes.

NEW FICTION

The Story of Lucy Gault, by William Trevor.

Fruit of Stone, by Mark Spragg.

In Revere, in Those Days, by Roland Merullo.

Last Detective, by Robert Crais.

Presumption of Death, by Jill Paton Walsh.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed. & Fri.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sat.

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Vanessa Jones and Chad Arnwine
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Laurie Kerley and Jerry Burton
Ellen Strayhorn and Hisham Musallam
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Jodi Dennis and Cory Mandrell
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School Menus

Snyder

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BREAKFAST
Monday
No School
Tuesday
French Toast Sticks w/Salsa
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Cinnamon Roll
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Biscuits-n-Gravy
Texas Cinnamon Toast
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
Pancakes & Sausage w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

ELEMENTARY LUNCH
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Country Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Black-eyed Peas
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Apple Cobbler
Wednesday
Nacho Grande or
Chicken Cheese Quesadilla
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Thursday
Ham & Cheese Sandwich or
Turkey Caesar Wrap
Corn Chips
Pickle Spears
Ice Cream
Friday
Meatball Sub Sandwich or
Chicken Quesadillo
Buffalo French Fries
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Blueberry Muffin Square

JR. AND SR. HIGH LUNCH
Tuesday
Turkey & Pasta w/Bread Stick
Spicy Chicken Strips w/Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Corn On Cob
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Apple Cobbler
Wednesday
Popcorn Chicken Nachos
Frito Pie Wrap
Pepperoni Pizza
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Thursday
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Turkey Caesar Wrap
Pepperoni Pizza
Corn Chips
Fresh Seedless Grapes
Peanut Butter Cookie
Friday
Meatball Sub Sandwich
"Fighting Tiger"
Cheeseburger
Pepperoni Pizza
Buffalo French Fries
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Ice Cream

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and breakfast is served with juice.

Monday will be an Easter holiday.

BREAKFAST
Tuesday
French Toast Sticks
Sausage
Wednesday
Pancake Pups
Thursday
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Friday
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH
Tuesday
Corn Dogs
Macaroni & Cheese
Pickle Spears
Pink Applesauce
Wednesday
Hamburger Patties
Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Rocky Road Pudding
Thursday
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips
Fresh Apples
Friday
Frank Wraps
French Fries
Salsa Sauce
Peaches

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Biscuits w/Gravy
Sausage
Tuesday
Pancakes
Ham
Wednesday
Breakfast Burritos
Thursday
Cinamon Rolls
Friday
French Toast Sticks

LUNCH
Monday
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
Tuesday
Barbecued Chicken
Corn On Cob
Black-eyed Peas
Bread
Cake
Wednesday
Stromboli
Celery & Carrot Sticks
Peas
Jello
Thursday
Patty Melts
Potato Wedges
Ranch Style Beans
Shape-ups
Friday
Chicken Spaghetti
Salad
Corn
Garlic Bread
Cookies

Joins 'Aida' cast

NEW YORK (AP) — Toni Braxton is graduating from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" to "Aida."

The sultry-voiced singer will join the cast of "Aida," the long-running, Disney-produced Broadway musical June 30 for a limited four-month engagement.

Braxton, whose hits include "Breathe Again," "Un-Break My Heart" and "He Wasn't Man Enough," previously starred as Belle in the Broadway edition of "Beauty and the Beast" in 1998.

"Aida," which has a score by Elton John and Tim Rice, opened at Broadway's Palace Theatre in March 2000.

Set in ancient Egypt, it tells the love story of the Nubian princess Aida, sold into slavery, and her love for a handsome soldier, Radames.

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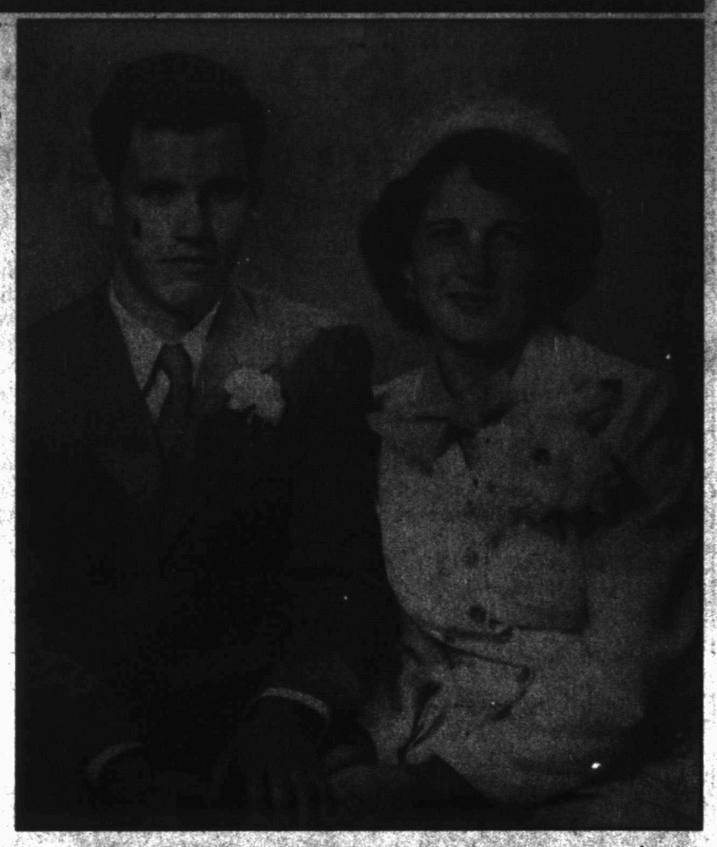
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Don and Margaret Grant
(Contributed Photos)

Grants will celebrate golden wedding anniversary April 27

Don and Margaret Grant will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 27, with family and friends at their home in Snyder.

Hosting are their children, Patricia and David Wittie and Gary and Belinda Grant, all of Snyder.

They were married May 1, 1953 in Colorado City at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

They also had another son, the late Jerry Grant.

Don is retired from Snyder Concrete and Margaret is a retired nurse.

They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, Shawn Wittie and his fiancee Candice Jones and her daughter, Jenna of Newport News, Va., Alicia Wittie and Ryan Reeves of Lubbock, Nathan Wittie of Snyder, Gary and Jessica Grant, Morgan and Noah of Big Spring, Jason and Amanda Grant, Luke and Stephanie Grant, all of Snyder, and Ethan and Megan Grant of Crawfordsville, Ind.

Commencement exercises will feature tribute to 'Mr. Rogers'

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Fred Rogers' death has transformed Seton Hill University's commencement ceremonies.

Rogers, the host and creator of the children's television show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," had been scheduled to speak at the May 10 commencement of the private Roman Catholic school.

Instead, the ceremony will feature a tribute to Rogers, who died Feb. 27 of stomach cancer, and an address by publisher Steve Forbes, a former candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

Forbes, president and chief executive of Forbes Inc., agreed to speak at the ceremony out of his regard for Rogers and at the urging of his two daughters, lifelong fans of Rogers, university officials said this week.

Rogers will receive a posthumous honorary degree from the school, located about 30 miles east of Pittsburgh. Forbes also will receive an honorary degree, as will Rogers' wife, Joanne, a concert pianist.

On the Net:

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Web site: http://pbskids.org/rogers

Family Communications Web site: http://www.fci.org

Seton Hill University Web site: http://www.setonhill.edu/

There is nothing so fatal to character as half-finished tasks.
—David Lloyd George

The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness.
—Francis Maitland Balfour

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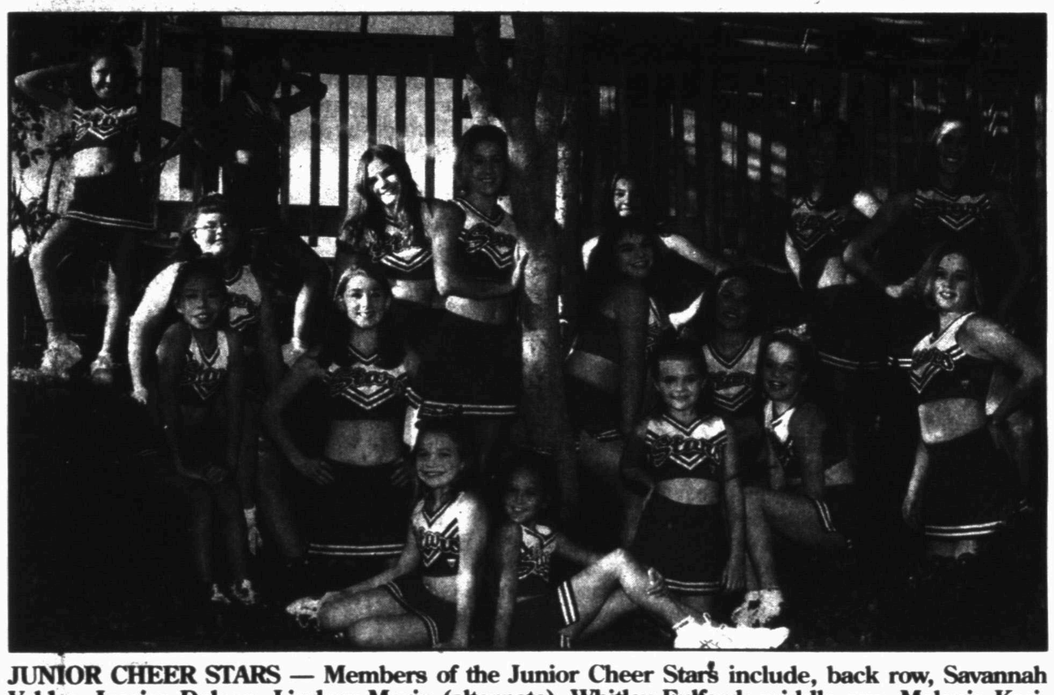
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MINI CHEER STARS — Young girls participating in Mini Cheer Stars include (from left) back row, Heather Medrano, Megan Smith, Hayley Taylor; middle row, Cenna Lane, Keylee Glass, Avery Wirsching, Madeline Moreno, Kalyn Massingill, Olivia Blum; front row, Brittany Rios, Kaci Archer, Gabriella Sanchez and Naudia Gonzales. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)



MCNAIR-JONES SHOWER HELD — Lisa McNair, bride-elect of Brandon Jones, was honoree at a bridal shower April 12 in the home of Elouise Lambert. McNair, a Snyder High School graduate, and Jones will marry at 5 p.m. on June 14 in the First Baptist Church in Duncanville. From left are Marian Thompson, the future bride's great-aunt; Barbara Richter, her grandmother; Debra McNair, her mother; the honorees; and Hannah Jones, the prospective groom's mother. (Contributed Photo)



JUNIOR CHEER STARS — Members of the Junior Cheer Stars include, back row, Savannah Valdez, Jessica Deleon, Lindsey Morin (alternate), Whitley Fulford; middle row, Melanie Kariainen, Jana Lewis, Megan Kariainen, Aspen Mann, Starla Bruton; front row, Jaclyn Deleon, Ember Proffitt, Brook Bollinger, Carly Gill, Samantha Rogers, Haylee Piland and Tana Sullenger. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Snyder Cheer ~~Stars end season~~, will perform for Relay for Life

Snyder Cheer Stars completed its competitive season at America's Best National Championship on March 8-9 at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

They will perform their routines for the last time at the Snyder High School track at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday during the Relay for Life event. They will also demonstrate tumbling skits and coed partner stunts.

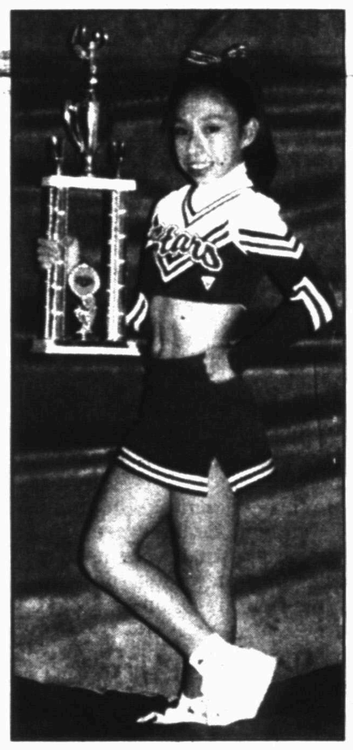
The junior squad is third through ninth grade students. Mini squad members are pre-school through second grade. Both squads were regional champions, which allowed them to advance to nationals.

They also wrapped up another set of first place titles at the U.S. Army All American Cheer Bowl in San Antonio and performed during halftime of the Army All-American Bowl game that was televised on ESPN.

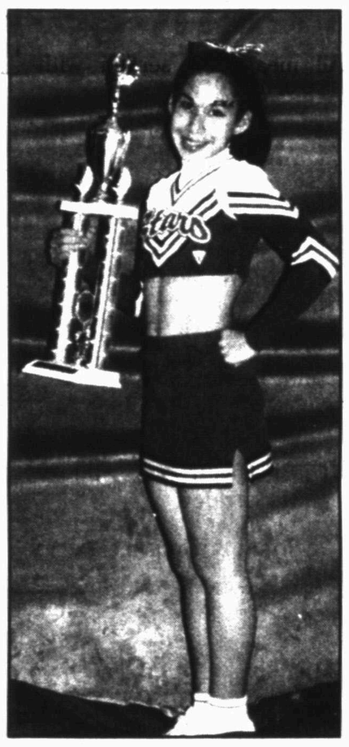
At national tryouts, the junior squad finished sixth overall and the mini squad placed fifth in preliminary and advanced to the finals. They brought home a fifth place trophy.

In individual competition, Jessica Deleon placed fifth out of 28 girls in the 7-9 grade division and Jaclyn Deleon placed fourth in the 5-6 grade division out of 15 participants.

Instructors are Neika and Kay Porter.



Jaclyn Deleon



Jessica Deleon

An old fashioned remedy to alleviate a cough is to mix four tablespoons of ReaLemon with one cup of honey and a half cup of olive oil - heat the concoction for five minutes, then stir vigorously for two minutes. Take one teaspoon every two hours to help eliminate the cough.

Military barracks are so-called from the Gaelic *barrachad*, a hut made of branches.

Birth

Sr. Airman Joshua and April Levens announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Levens, on April 2 in Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces.

Grandparents are Stephen and Karen Whittenburg and Mike and Marsha Levens, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Pat and Don Edgemon of Paris, Tex., Jack and June McGlaun of Snyder and Harold and Vonna Levens of San Angelo.

SCUW agency proposals due

Scurry County United Way will be reviewing allocation proposals in May. Any non-profit agency wishing to seek funding from the United Way for its program is welcome to apply. Requests must be for the budget year 2004.

Proposals will establish the basis upon which critical allocation decisions will be determined.

A budget review committee will screen each application to determine how each agency serves Scurry County and how the money raised for the agency will be spent.

Each agency is asked to limit their fundraisers to only one per year as a member of the Scurry County United Way, thus giving the agency more valuable time and resources to spend on their programs.

Proposals are to be delivered to the Scurry County United Way office no later than 5 p.m., May 8 to be considered for the year 2004 budget request. All forms must be complete and correct to be considered for an allocation request.

Any agency wishing to apply needs to contact the SCUW by calling 573-5311 or by sending a written request mailed to P.O. Box 1411, Snyder, 79550.

Proposals will be provided to the agencies affiliated with the SCUW to include Snyder Child Day Care Center, Boys and Girls Club of Scurry County, Gateway Family Services, West Texas Girl Scouts, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Scurry County Food Cupboard, American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Scurry County Youth Outreach and the Snyder Volunteer Fire Dept.

Only agencies that provide services to the Scurry County area will be considered. All money raised benefits local agencies. The SCUW only spends approximately eight percent of the funds collected for administrative costs.

New 'Black Beauty' for gardeners

Discussion is flowering among gardeners and horticulturists about Black Beauty. The new ornamental Elder with black leaves was introduced by England's East Malling Research Station, world-renowned for hybridizing new plants.

The plant is the first of its kind to possess dark-black foliage or to sport pink-colored flowers. English gardeners have been growing Black Beauty for two years, but this marks the first time it will be available in the U.S.

Bold 12-inch diameter pink blooms jump out against the dark foliage in early summer, followed by a display of dark purple berries that can be made into jelly or wine. Black Beauty grows in most any soil type but requires full sun to show its darkest leaf color.

It can be grown as a shrub, or as a bold perennial by cutting it back each year.



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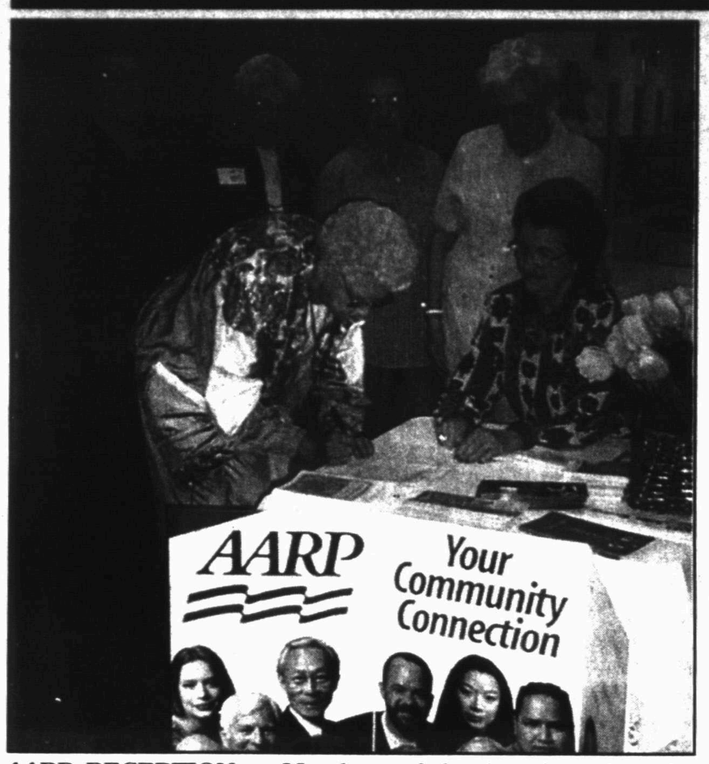
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AARP RECEPTION — Members of the American Association of Retired Persons served refreshments and offered information about the organization to guests Wednesday at the Senior Center. Wana Fisher registers at the table and standing behind are, from left, Carolyn Cox, secretary; Peggy Eubank, treasurer; Velma Lunsford, vice-president; and Marie Armstrong, president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Local AARP explains its purpose

Scurry County AARP had an educational booth and refreshments Wednesday at the Senior Center.

The local chapter meets every third Monday at the Center. Many seniors signed a partition to Texas legislators concerning a compromise insurance bill that will rollback rates of an average of only 12-15 percent. The AARP partition states that this is not enough.

AARP members recently handdelivered a letter from state president Gus Cardenas to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick demanding an immediate 35 percent rollback in homeowner insurance rates "as a beginning to real insurance reform in this legislative session."

Those wishing to sign the partition may do so Thursday and Friday at the Center.

Making comfort foods can be easy

Your meeting ran late, it's your turn for carpool and traffic is backed up for blocks. After a tiring day, the thought of trying to come up with a warm, home-cooked meal to satisfy your family's cravings seems out of reach. But here's a comforting thought: Classic "comfort foods" don't have to mean hours in the kitchen. With the help of some simple, readily-available products, preparing wholesome meals can become a nightly routine.

Bone-in ham can be a great ingredient. Simply heat it in the oven or add cubed or shredded ham to hot stews and hearty casseroles to complete a nourishing and almost effortless meal. Because today's bone-in hams are so lean, you can rest assured your family is eating nutritiously.

POTATO HAM SOUP

2 Bone-in Ham leftovers (shredded) or Ham Steak (cubed)
2 cups potatoes, peeled and diced
2 cups water
½ cup onion, diced
1 cup celery, diced
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
10 tablespoons flour
3 cups milk
4 tablespoons butter, melted
½ cup chicken broth

Combine potatoes, water, onion, celery, salt and pepper in a large saucepan. Cook until vegetables reach desired tenderness. In separate bowl, mix flour and one cup milk, blending well. Add flour/milk mixture, butter, chicken broth, ham and remaining milk to large saucepan with potato mixture. Simmer on medium heat for about 20 minutes or until heated through and thickened. Cooling slightly before serving will thicken soup.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings
Preparation time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes
Ease of preparation: easy



HOSPITAL AUXILIARY COFFEE SET — Carolyn Cox, Margaret Glass and Peggy Fowler, from left, post an invitation to women of Scurry County to a get-acquainted coffee at 10 a.m. on April 24 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. "This will be an opportunity for anyone in the community to come see what volunteer services mean to the hospital and to the individual as well as to those we come in contact with as a volunteer," said Cox. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Queens can be sacrificed for profit

Who said this? "Like all the best families, we have our share of eccentricities, of impetuous and wayward youngsters and of family disagreements."

Here is a great defense produced at the Norwegian Bridge Festival, held last summer in Skein. It was reported by Jon Sveindal.

First, though, look only at the East hand. After you pass, your left-hand opponent opens two hearts, a weak two-bid showing a decent six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points. Your partner makes a takeout double, and North, trying to inconvenience you, raises pre-emptively to three hearts. You pass, silently breathing a sigh of relief. However, partner is still there with another takeout double. What would you do?

It is a nightmare. You have no reason to expect three hearts to fail, but bidding four of a minor hardly fills one with the joys of spring. At the table, Svein Markussen gambled with a pass.

West, Svein's wife Ronnaug, led the spade ace.

In Scandinavia, upside-down signaling is the norm. So, a low card encourages a continuation, while an unnecessarily high card discourages. Here, East could play the spade two to ask for more spades.

West continued with a low spade to her partner's queen. Back came a third spade to West's king. Then, after cashing the diamond ace West returned her 13th spade, which East ruffed with the heart queen. This effected an uppercut, promoting West's heart jack as the setting trick.

That was one happy married couple.

The opening quotation was made by Queen Elizabeth II.

Bridge Winners

Bridge games were played at the Snyder Country Club with Jane Hinton directing Friday and Monte West directing Tuesday.

Friday, April 11

A Group
1. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Billisue Stuard, Durelle Gorman.
3. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
4. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.

B Group
1. Margaret Presswood, Pat Floyd tied with Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.
2. Carol Miller, Betty Courtney.
3. Christine Stuard, Peggy Hardin.

Tuesday, April 15

A Group
1. Linda West, Monte West.
2. Jane Hinton, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
4. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.

B Group
1. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
2. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
3. Margaret Presswood, Tizzy Hall.
4. Delores LeVier, Jerry Burchell

Many homes in the American colonies—including the home of William Penn—were built from bricks that were used as ballast in the holds of ships arriving in the colonies.

North 04-19-03
♠ 10 9 3
♥ 10 9 5
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ A Q 10

West
♠ A K 8 5
♥ J 8
♦ A Q J 4
♣ K 7 6

East
♠ Q 4 2
♥ Q 3
♦ 10 8 6 2
♣ 8 4 3 2

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

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			Pass
2 ♥	Dbl.	3 ♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠ A

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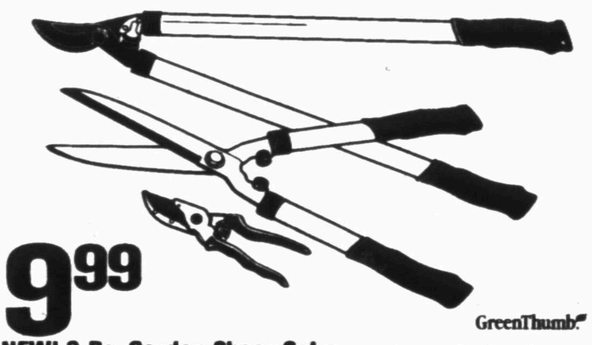
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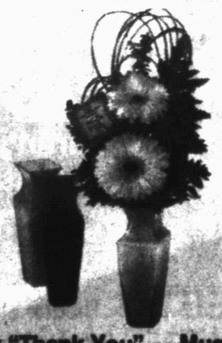
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Saturday, April 19, 2003

Today is the 109th day of 2003 and the 31st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, "the shot heard 'round the world" was fired by British troops at the start of the American Revolution in Lexington, Mass.

On this day in 1993, the Branch Davidians' compound in Waco, Texas, burned to the ground, killing 77 people, including at least 17 children, who were still inside.

On this day in 1995, a car bomb exploded outside of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Okla., killing 168 people, including 19 children.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Don Adams (1927-), actor, is 76; Dudley Moore (1935-2002), actor; Tim Curry (1946-), actor, is 57; Ashley Judd (1968-), actress, is 35; Kate Hudson (1979-), actress, is 24.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1919, Gov. Al Smith of New York signed a bill into law that allowed professional baseball games to be held on Sundays, so long as they were played after 2 p.m.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My specialty roles are Louche, Brio and Bravura." — Tim Curry

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 16) and last quarter (April 23).

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Sunday, April 20, 2003

Today is the 110th day of 2003 and the 32nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1871, Congress passed the Second Enforcement Act authorizing President Ulysses S. Grant to use military force to protect black suffrage and suppress terrorist agencies such as the Ku Klux Klan.

On this day in 1914, state militia attacked striking miners in Ludlow, Colo. Five men and one boy were killed by machine gun fire, while 11 children and two women were burned to death when their tents were set on fire. The state militia had been paid by John D. Rockefeller's Colorado Fuel and Iron Company to carry out the attack.

On this day in 1999, two students went on a shooting spree at Columbine High School, killing 12 other students and one teacher before killing themselves.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Chester French (1850-1931), sculptor; Joan Miro (1893-1983), painter; Jessica Lange (1949-), actress, is 54; Crispin Glover (1964-), actor, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1912, the American league welcomed two new ballparks: Detroit's Navin Field and Boston's Fenway Park.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Painting or poetry is made as one makes love — a total embrace, prudence thrown to the wind, nothing held back." — Joan Miro

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 16) and last quarter (April 23).

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Bush approval rating goes up

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's job approval has risen past 70 percent after the war with Iraq but remains far below his father's level after the Persian Gulf War, largely because of partisan differences in feelings about the current president, a poll indicates

Bush's approval rating was at 72 percent in a poll released Friday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. His father's rating rose to 89 percent after the first Gulf War in 1991.

"Even after the success of the war, there's a lot more partisanship than there was toward his father," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center.

Republicans solidly approve of the president's performance, with more than 9 in 10 backing the job he's doing, about the same number who felt that way about his father after the first Iraq war.

Just over half of Democrats approve of the president's job performance, 52 percent, while 39 percent disapprove.

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Salmonella prevalence in meat, poultry declines, USDA claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decline in the prevalence of harmful salmonella in meat and poultry products could signal a decrease in illnesses and deaths caused by the bacterium, an Agriculture Department official says.

Elsa Murano, undersecretary of food safety, said that a new report shows the incidence of salmonella decreased last year even as inspectors increased sampling.

Of the 58,085 samples of meat and poultry tested for salmonella last year, 4.3 percent had the germ which can cause food-poisoning, the report says. That's down from two years ago when 5 percent of 45,941 samples of meat and poultry tested positive.

"These data tell us that we are making steady and sustained progress in reducing the incidence of salmonella in raw meat and poultry products," Murano said Thursday. "This positive trend in regulatory samples will hopefully translate into fewer cases of salmonellosis due to meat and poultry."

Salmonella can be found on several kinds of food, but especially on raw meat, eggs, dairy products and seafood. It is blamed for 1,000 deaths every year and 40,000 cases of salmonellosis. The illness causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. Children, the elderly and people with weak immune systems are vulnerable.

Murano said the decline was due to a government meat safety program that began in 1998. It requires plants to submit their own strategies for preventing salmonella and E. coli — bacteria that can cause food-poisoning — from infecting products. Government inspectors check to make sure the plants comply.

Despite officials touting an overall decline, ground chicken alone saw an increase in the prevalence of salmonella. Out of 429 samples taken from ground chicken last year, 29.1 percent tested positive, according to the department's report. That's an increase from two years ago when inspectors found 19.5 percent of 262 samples had salmonella.

Broiler chickens saw a fairly steady incidence of salmonella, with 11.5 percent of 9,183 samples testing positive last year compared to 11.9 percent of 5,659 chicken samples in 2001.

Richard Lobb, spokesman for the National Chicken Council, said he doesn't understand why the department bothers tracking ground chicken.

"There's very little ground chicken that's sold raw at the supermarket," he said. "Most of it would go into chicken franks, bologna, sausages that are cooked before they are sold."

Lobb said that although salmonella positives remain constant in chickens, "the process is probably the best that it's ever been."

Processors now sterilize chickens with chlorinated water after slaughter, he said.

Consumers also can protect themselves by properly cooking meat and poultry according to instructions printed on the package.

Slight decreases in positive samples also were reported in pork products, ground beef, ground turkey, beef from cows and bulls, and beef from steers and heifers.

The Government Accountability Project, a watchdog group, said the salmonella report is unreliable and deceptive because inspectors left out some information.

Scurry Co. Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

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

OPTIONS FOR ALCOHOL PROBLEMS, PART II

In recognition of April's designation as Alcohol Awareness Month, our focus is on the problems of alcohol use, abuse and dependence as well as the local options available for those affected by alcohol.

In doing this, we feel it necessary to distinguish the role of the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection, Alcoholics Anonymous and the various chemical dependency treatment centers.

Last week's column touched briefly on what SACADA is not and more in-depth about what the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is. Our purpose is to clear up the confusion between the two.

Alcoholics Anonymous is in no way connected to SACADA because the AA program does not affiliate with any outside organizations. AA is a support group that networks recovering alcoholics with each other and those newly seeking help for their alcohol problem.

SACADA is funded largely by the state agency The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA). We also receive funding from United Way and donor contributions. When first established in the early nineties, SACADA received a grant from TCADA that allowed us to offer services relating to drug and alcohol screening, assessments and treatment placement.

This means that when someone came in seeking treatment for substance abuse or was court ordered to a rehabilitation program, we were funded to determine whether they had a substance abuse problem and did, in fact, need treatment.

We also coordinated with the various in-patient treatment facilities throughout the state to find an available "bed," that is space at a facility, for the person.

Our local office is no longer funded for these services. However, a representative from the Abilene Regional Council comes to Snyder weekly to perform this service, and we would be happy to help you contact this person.

In the late nineties the focus of SACADA shifted to prevention education with the awarding of a grant to teach the All-Stars program in service-area schools. We now staff prevention specialists who teach anti-substance abuse and pro-positive choices curricula. Other prevention education projects, such as this column and monthly newsletters target adults and children, respectively.

Another grant awarded early in the new century enabled us to establish The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection. This funds special projects aimed at promoting family-time and community involvement as "anti-drugs." The Back to School Bash, Trick-or-Treat the Square and The Big Payoff are just a few of the projects made possible through this grant.

The Anti-Drug Connection is headquartered with the Snyder Area Council, but any Scurry County Citizen can be a member of The Connection by calling and offering their time and services.

While our focus has shifted since the early days, our hearts are still heavy for the people affected by alcohol and other substance abuse. It is our desire to help in educating our community about the dangers and consequences involved with these practices. May you not find it trite when we say, "Together we can make a difference and change lives positively."

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

Snyder Oaks Care Center

Has some exciting news for our Senior Citizens!!!

Beginning April 14, 2003, we will be offering FREE transportation to and from local appointments. We will be available every Tuesday and Thursday. For easy access, our van is equipped with a wheelchair lift. We can even supply the wheelchair! All we ask is for one week's notice to place you on our schedule.

If you would like more information, please call Ray Turner or Joni Mandrell at Snyder Oaks Care Center 573-9377

We look forward to serving our community by serving our seniors!!!

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club and Luncheon; serving begins at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by Tuesday afternoon by calling 573-3427.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

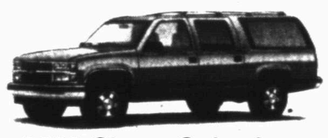
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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



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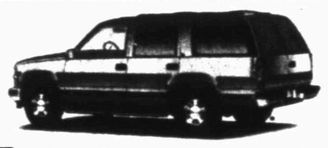
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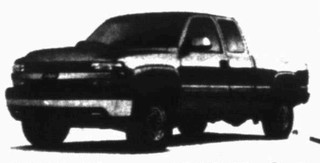
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$21,000
*Red - tan leather
*Dual A/C, CD player, loaded
*2 wheel drive - one owner
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2001 Chevy 1500 ExCab Z71
$21,000
*White-grey cloth
*Bucket seats - Z71 off road pkg.
*Trailer pkg. - H.D. pkg.
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1999 Chevy Tahoe 4 dr.
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*Blue - blue leather
*LT pkg, trailer pkg.
*Dual A/C, extra clean
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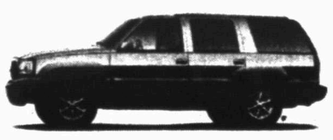


2001 Chevy 1500 ExCab
$19,000
*White - tan two tone
*LS pkg., V-8, 26K miles
*CD, alumium wheels, like new
TG5642A

2002 Toyota Tundra SR5
$20,500
*White-Blue cloth-loaded
*4 dr., V-6, auto
*Local owner, like new
C5540A



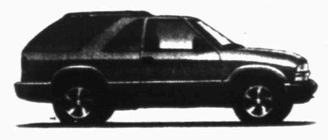
2002 Chevy 1500 ExCab
$21,000
*Red/black two tone, 20K mi.
*Power windows/locks, LS pkg.
*2 WD V-8, automatic
P2614



2001 GMC Yukon, 4 dr.
$19,900
*White - tan leather
*SLT pkg., CD, dual A/C
*3rd seat, must see
C5720A



2000 Chevy 2500 Reg Cab
$12,850
*White-grey cloth
*V-8, 5 spd., 44K miles
*Great work truck
C5413B



2001 Chevy Blazer 2 dr.
$11,900
*Blue - grey cloth
*Sport pkg. V-6
*Power windows/locks, cruise
PT5725A

1996 Chevy 2500 ExCab
$11,500
*Maroon & white two tone
*Maroon leather
*Power windows/locks
*Silverado
*65K miles, local truck
C5419B



2000-2001 Chevy Suburban
Starting at
$16,500
Several!

1992 Ford F150 Supercab
$2,900
*Blue & white
*XLT V-8
*Needs work
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Letter to the Editor

Ranger games

Dear Editor:

Please excuse the error in my last letter. Some of the Texas Rangers' games were inadvertently omitted. It should have read as follows:

79 games on FSN, Channel 33

73 Syndicated Games on Cox, Channel 18.

The remainder will probably be picked up on ESPN or Fox.

Thank you,
Truman L. Wilson



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Fort Worth Star Telegram

Public posting of patients' names

One of the enduring images of Sept. 11, 2001, was the anxious looks of relatives trying to find their loved ones listed among the names of the injured being treated at New York hospitals.

As of Monday, that kind of public posting of patients' names is against federal law unless the patients agree in advance to allow it.

Kind of hard to do when you're comatose or otherwise unconscious.

Even if the release of information is authorized, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 — commonly referred to as HIPAA — severely limits what can be said.

One-word descriptions can be given about public officials or accident victims without running afoul of the law. If the patient opts out, then his or her presence can't even be confirmed.

Time for your annual physical? Expect changes upon arrival at the doctor's office. Instead of signing in on a communal registration sheet — those aren't allowed anymore — patients will be greeted with a six-page privacy rights form. And instead of calling out your full name when it's time to go back to the examination room, the receptionist or nurse will only use your first name, or assign you a number — sort of like Baskin Robbins.

Want to send flowers to Aunt Myrtle in Modesto after her knee replacement operation? Unless Myrt gives the hospital permission to release her name, the florist won't be able to deliver the posies while she's still a patient.

In the quest to protect patient privacy, Congress may have gone overboard, but HIPPA has its positives.

It allows people with medical problems to keep their health insurance when changing jobs. The act also directs the health care industry to standardize billing — a money-saving move that will speed the change to electronic transactions.

That standardization has a price tag, of course. Officials in the health care industry say it will run into the billions of dollars to upgrade the billing system. In the long run, however, they predict a decrease in costs as billing becomes more efficient.

HIPAA allows patients to obtain copies of their medical records and place addenda to the information in their files.

For the first time, there are specific federal penalties if a patient's right to privacy is violated.

The Dallas Morning News

Video lottery games

Gov. Rick Perry had the right instincts. Where did they go?

Previously, the governor stood strong against gambling in Texas. But now, he hints he could live with video lottery games at Texas racetracks.

That's a bad idea. A really bad idea. Texas doesn't need to lift the tent for the camel to poke his nose underneath it.

Video lottery games particularly make no sense when you consider the lengths the state went to under Gov. Perry and then-Attorney General John Cornyn to ban "eight-liners" in the state. Those slot machines were another pernicious attempt to sneak gambling into Texas. And the state fought them and won. The Supreme Court ruled last week that eight-liners which were prominent in the backrooms of convenience stores, truck stops and eight-liner halls were illegal.

Sure, sure. The state needs money to balance its budget. And Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who advocates putting video lottery machines at racetracks, says the devices eventually could generate $1 billion a year for state coffers.

But Texas needs to balance its budget in a way that does no lasting harm. It doesn't need to take health insurance away from eligible children. It doesn't need to take Medicaid away from nursing home residents. And it sure doesn't need to let gambling come into the state.

Texans shouldn't have to witness the Louisianization of their state, where the good times would roll and social services would beg for money.

To his credit, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst doesn't want video lotteries. He should hold his ground. Enormous pressures will arise once legislators get down to the last days of finishing their budget. Republican die-hards will argue against any new taxes. Video lotteries will look ever more appealing.

But they aren't.

Instead, Texans need their governor and legislators to come clean and use an evenhanded way to solve our budget problem. This editorial page presented a 50-50 Plan last week that draws upon both spending cuts and tax hikes to balance the budget.

We urge the governor and legislators to pursue the same strategy. They can balance the state's budget without dumbing down Texas.

The San Antonio Express-News

Domestic violence

That a man would keep his wife chained like a dog so she would not escape is beyond comprehension for most people.

Yet that is only one of the sad tales of domestic abuse reported recently.

The previous week, an Austin high school student was stabbed to death at school. Her 16-year-old boyfriend has been charged with murder.

While only the most appalling cases make headlines, statistics from the Texas Department of Public Safety show law enforcement agencies across the state deal with hundreds of domestic violence of calls a day. In 2001, there were 180,385 domestic violence-related calls in Texas.

Domestic abuse is often a dirty secret many people fear to report because they don't want to meddle in someone else's business.

The witness who reported the woman with the chain around her neck told Express-News reporter Jesse Bogan she waited several hours before calling the police.

She should be commended for making that tough decision and choosing to get involved. More people must follow her example.

Her decision undoubtedly will have a monumental impact on the lives of the two children living in that household.

Studies indicate that children who see their fathers abusing their mothers are at risk for perpetuating violent behavior from one generation to the next.

Combating family violence is a continual battle.

Domestic violence crosses all racial and ethnic boundaries, according to a 1995 study conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Teenagers are not immune. A 1995 poll by Kaiser Permanente found that 40 percent of 14- to 17-year-old girls know someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.

The U.S. Justice Department reports that, on average, three women in the United States are killed by their husbands or boyfriends every day.

Three separate bills making their way through the Texas Legislature would help the fight against domestic violence.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, have introduced legislation making it a criminal offense to interfere with an emergency telephone call.

Concerning House Bill 443

by Ken Whalen, governmental affairs director
and
Donnis Baggett, publisher of the Bryan-College Station Eagle

Texas newspapers and other advocates of open government are concerned about both the contents of House Bill 443 and the way it was handled during the House of Representatives committee process. The bill is scheduled to be debated by the House on Tuesday.

HB 443 would greatly reduce the public's right to know how its tax dollars are being spent by allowing school districts to bypass newspaper public notice and post notices for competitive bids on the internet. Currently, school districts must inform taxpayers in their districts by newspaper notice when they plan to spend $25,000 or more. While we acknowledge that publishing notices in the newspaper does produce revenue for our industry, the main reason for opposing this bill is it reduces the public's right to know.

Perhaps even more troubling was the way this bill was handled in the House Public Education Committee. The bill was referred to a three-member subcommittee, which held a hearing but did not take a formal vote and left it pending. The full committee never heard any debate on the bill.

The bill was brought up by Chairman Kent Grusendorf during a meeting held at his desk on the House floor when the House recessed for 15 minutes on Thursday, April 3. The only notice given by Rep. Grusendorf on the House floor was that the committee was going to meet to consider pending business. The bill was approved by the committee on the House floor.

This bill and the way it was handled raises serious questions about Speaker Tom Craddick's commitment to open government. The public has a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent. They also have a right to a full and open committee hearing process in the House of Representatives.

Legislators should reject House Bill 443 when it is debated on Tuesday.

Poor Rix's Almanac

Smart Questions ...Stupid Answers

By Rix Quinn

Dear Poor Rix: In the last two weeks I've been overwhelmed by sales people...especially on the phone. Do other readers share this dilemma? – Irritated.

You are not alone. Most of my friends say the same thing.

Yesterday I bought encyclopedias from a guy at my door. Call me a softie, but I can't turn down anybody holding 26 books in each arm. I hope he sold that other set, too.

Which leads me to ask: When was the last time a sales call got you out of the shower? Did you feel silly wearing a towel to the door? Would you feel sillier if you didn't wear a towel?

Last week I got calls from one man selling accidental death insurance, and another selling bungee-jumps. So I gave the jumper the insurance number...and we'll see which one wins.

At work our receptionist got a call from a guy who offered ventriloquism lessons. "How do I know they work?" she asked.

" Because," he said, "my dummy's talking to you now...and I'm drinking water."

My buddy Dave says he's got every credit card...gold, silver, platinum, zinc, sheet metal. He's even got the SuperHero card, made of outer-space metal. He tried to cut it up, but the scissors broke. Then he remembered he could make it fly.

Last week my neighbor Stan says a guy knocked on his door, and tried to sell him a racing dog. "This animal's a champ," the salesman promised. "With the right training, he can go a long way."

"Nah," Stan said. "I don't know anything about dog races. And I don't think I can find a jockey that small."

Got a question for Poor Rix? E-mail him at rixquinn@charter.net.



Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Hermleigh ISD	6
Snyder ISD	4
Ira ISD	3
City of Snyder	2
DCOS	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
Scurry County	0
WTC	0



Two ways to thwart the grim reaper's harvest

By Joe Klock, Sr.

Humankind has always been in search of an alternative to kicking the bucket, but that search has not yet matched - or even approached within centuries of - the biblical longevity of Methuselah.

Truth to tell, the notion of earthly immortality has its less attractive aspects, such as the shortened periods between doctor visits and the increasing number of nocturnal trips to the facilities. If an arithmetical progression comes about, one can reasonably expect the platinum years to be equally divided between waiting rooms and bathrooms.

In further truth, the only known alternative (that "D" word) is off-the-chart-bottom in desirability. Although nobody denies the inevitability of eventually buying the farm, most folks regard it as a subject no more attractive than festering sores.

Woody Allen may have expressed it best: "I have no fear of death; I just don't want to be around when it happens."

Attempts to extend life have recently included the cryogenic crackpots who had their cadavers Birdseyed, in the hope that some future scientist will be able to defrost them and restore their lives. Reportedly, the late Cary Grant consumed animal gonads in the hope that this would extend his terrestrial tenure, but the ball game ended at age 82. (George Burns, relying on cigars and one-liners, surpassed his 100-year goal by three months.)

The bad news, in case you haven't heard it, is that you gotta go sooner or later and you can't take "it" with you, whatever "it" happens to be in a material sense.

You can leave some of "it" behind, limited, however, to such finite things as memorabilia, money, used clothing, property, junk drawers, and undone 'to-do' lists. None of these things, though, will be the 'real you,' and few of them will last much longer than the probate procedure following your croakage.

A more durable "it" is your progeny, which is very much a part of you, and will not only live on, but has the potential to renew itself. Still, those children, grandchildren, et sequentes, aren't really you, either, but unique specimens, merely inheriting some of your genes, quirks and bequests.

So, what sort of genuine "it stuff" can you leave behind? Shakespeare gave us a caveat in Mark Anthony's funeral oration for Caesar: "The good (that men do) is oft interred with their bones."

Cary Grant, George Burns, Shakespeare and other artists in myriad media, left works and thoughts that can, conceivably, live forever (without benefit of refrigeration).

Most of us who write for publication are at least partially motivated by a desire to permanently preserve some of our "it." In an earlier column, I characterized this as Posthumous Existentialism ("I wrote, therefore I was").

Written and/or recorded stuff is one way for anyone to beat the rap of mortality - to speak, in a sense, from beyond the grave, and maintain contact with those still above ground.

I couldn't be more sincere in urging all readers hereof to preserve their thoughts, memories, and beliefs on paper and/or tape. Style and neatness do not matter, but the content can be of immeasurable value to those who will never again hear your voice.

If you think otherwise, ask your spouse, your kids, your friends, your colleagues, and your co-conspirators in good causes. And ask yourself if you don't wish certain others had done so before departing!

One other bid for immortality bears mentioning, and it strikes me as more of an obligation than an option: Organ donation, unquestionably the most valuable form of recycling, is practiced by a minuscule fraction of the people who scrupulously preserve used cans, bottles, plastics, and newspapers.

Daily, megatons of such refuse are given the promise of new life, while millions of human eyes, hearts, kidneys, lungs, pancreases, livers and other vital tissues are consigned to the embalming table or crematorium, and thousands of human beings confront disability and death because substitute organs are not available.

These wasted gifts would cause no pain to the donors, since they are taken from individuals who are legally dead. Why, then, would you and I not readily consent to be organ donors while we have the opportunity? Squeamishness? Selfishness? Superstition? Or merely a WoodyAllen-ish reluctance to even consider it?

If you're not comfortable with your answer, www.shareyourlife.org is one of several Internet sources of information on making arrangements (it's a snap!). Computerphobes can hear recorded stuff at 1-800-355-SHARE, or may call (804) 782-4920 to chat with a real live person.

Hey, we don't like to think about it, but let's think about it anyway: One thing we CAN take with us when we go is the priceless gift of life to someone in desperate need.

Or we can, regardless of our present age, leave "it" behind to live on.

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WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
Sunday, April 20, 2003
Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549

Annual WTC Spring Formal
Monday, April 21



Banquet: 6pm WTC Cafeteria
Dance 9pm to Midnight

Student trips provide learning opportunities and fun

The Graduating Class,
Board of Trustees, and Faculty
of
Western Texas College
announce
Spring Commencement Exercises
Friday, the Second of May
Two Thousand and Three
Seven-thirty in the Evening
Western Texas College Central Courtyard

DEADLINE TO FILE FOR GRADUATION MONDAY, APRIL 21



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Honor Society members attend International Convention

Front row, left to right: Yee Man Yu, Marienoelle Bailly, Sandra Hall, Kim Merket, Center Row: Corey Knipe, Eric Deleon, Michael Hembree, Back Row: Casey Crawford, and Lacretia Woodard.

Nine Western Texas College students and advisors from the Psi Zeta chapter attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Anaheim, California April 3-6.

Attending the convention were Ye Man Yu, Marienoelle Bailly, Sandra Hall, Kim Merket, Corey Knipe, Eric Deleon, Michael Hembree, Casey Crawford, and Lacretia Woodard.

In addition to general sessions and educational forums, the group visited Hollywood, Disneyland, and Huntington Beach.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College which emphasizes the four hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship.



The top of the world (or at least the top of Texas)

Students in Troy Lilly's Geology class hiked to the top of Guadalupe Peak near Carlsbad during a trip to Washington Ranch April 11-13.

The peak is the highest point in the state of Texas, and the climb up took the group around three hours to complete. Pictured are Jason Gardner, Sandra Hall, Laddie McMillan, Sam Ramirez-Calvo, Troy Lille, Jim Clifton, Jerry Villareal, and Jason Williams.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
SPRING 2003

Class Meeting Time	Examination Time
8-8:50 MWF	8 a.m., Monday, May 5
9-9:50 MWF	9 a.m., Wednesday, May 7
10-10:50 MWF	10 a.m., Monday, May 5
11-11:50 MWF	11 a.m., Wednesday, May 7
12-12:50 MWF	Noon, Monday, May 5
1-1:50 MWF	1 p.m., Wednesday, May 7
2-2:50 MWF	2 p.m., Monday, May 5
3-3:50 MWF	3 p.m., Wednesday, May 7
8-9:15 TTH	8 a.m., Tuesday, May 6
9:25-10:40 TTH	9:25 a.m., Thursday, May 8
10:50-12:05 TTH	10:50 a.m., Tuesday, May 6
12:15-1:30 TTH	12:15 p.m., Thursday, May 8
Monday evening	6:30 p.m., May 5
Tuesday evening	6:30 p.m., May 6
Wednesday evening	6:30 p.m., May 7
Thursday evening	6:30 p.m., May 8

(If a student has more than two finals scheduled for the same day, that student may request that one of the finals be moved to another day.)

Fall Pre-Registration
(Summer Also!)
April 22nd - May 16th
For Currently Enrolled Students
By appointment with the Counseling Center
or by e-mail (new!)
Students in Developmental classes
due to not passing TASP will need to wait
until grades are posted by the Registrar
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...register by e-mail,
...or register by phone.
email counseling@wtc.edu

Let's See What Develops



By Dennis Noblett, Director of Development

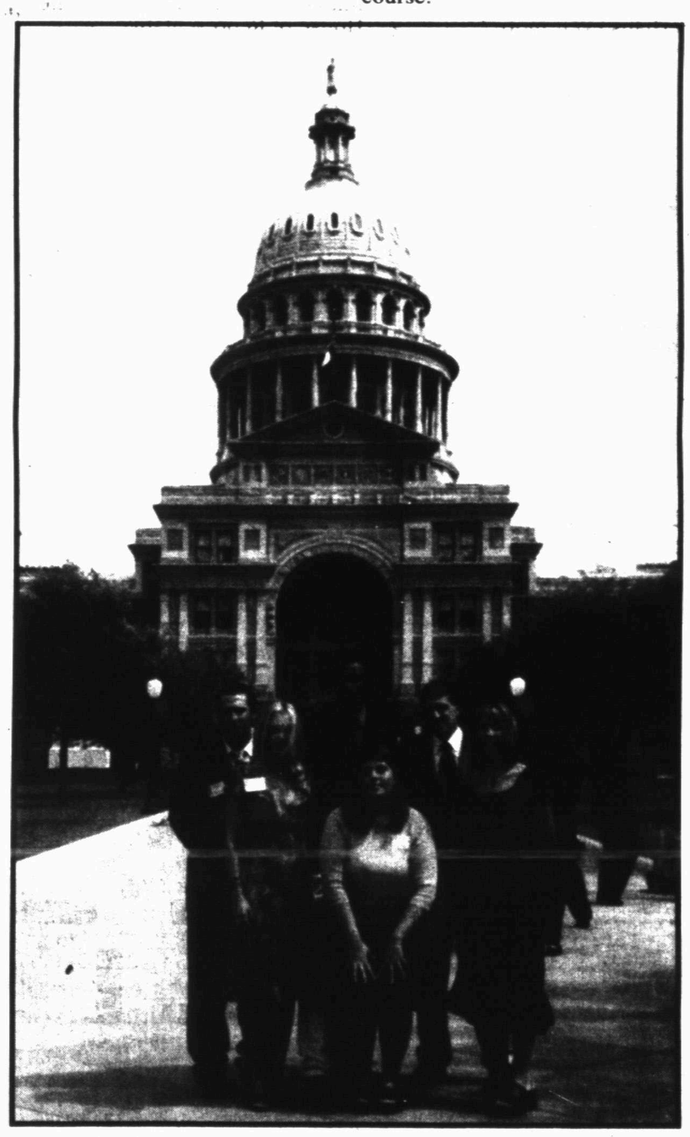
Credit Where Credit Is Due

Last week in this column we gave credit to local businesspeople who contributed prizes for WTC's two employee giveaways.

This week's column recognizes the cooperation, gifts and talents of a WTC organization and college personnel.

First, we recognize our award-winning honor society on campus, Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Zeta Chapter, and their sponsor, Counselor Kim Merket, for their sponsorship of the Car Giveaway.

Secondly credit goes also to English professor Dr. Ed Barkowsky, who donated a wooden, hand-carved pen set. Art instructors, Shane Christensen and Ben Sum also donated several hand-thrown ceramic pieces and pencil portraits, respectively, as prizes. Finally, Pro Shop Manager Darla Wiggins and Golf Landscape Technology Instructor Randy Weaver gave three-month, free usage of a golf cart on the WTC course.



Front row: Stormy Clark, Casey Crawford, and Morgan Miller; Back row: Jade Harris, Kiaran Wallace, and Jeff Murray.

Western Texas College Student Government Association traveled to Austin April 10-13 to attend the Texas Jr. College Student Government Association Convention.

While there, the WTC chapter ran for State Vice President and Regional Secretary and won both positions. Jade Harris will be representing WTC as State Vice President and Casey Crawford will hold the office of Regional Secretary. This election marks the first time the WTC chapter has held a state office in the association.

On Sunday the General Session was held in the Capitol on the House floor where the election and the swearing in of the new officers were held. WTC senators attending were Casey Crawford, Stormy Clark, Morgan Miller, Jade Harris, Kiaran Wallace and Jeff Murray.

The Student Government Association of Texas Junior, Community, and Technical Colleges was formed in order to facilitate a greater understanding of democracy in our schools, to engender leadership among our members, to promote good will and unity among two-year colleges, and to make our voice heard in our communities, our state, and our nation.

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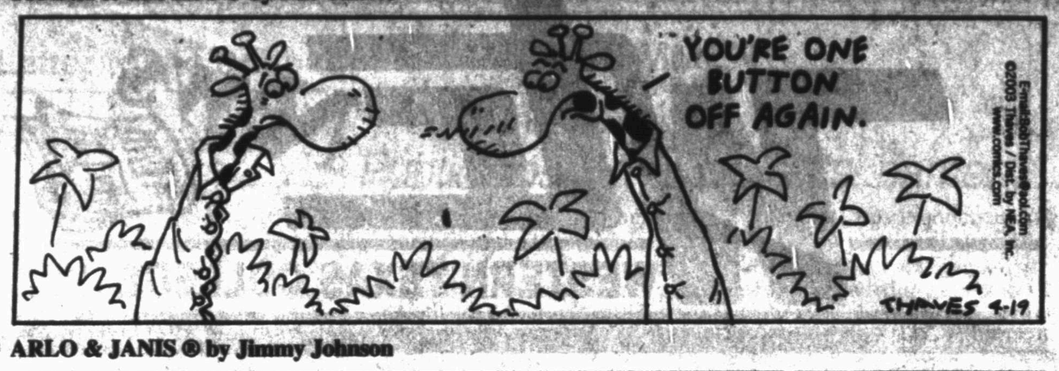
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"The one and only time he went hunting."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Sharp turn
4 Danger color
7 Mortar troughs
11 Timetable info
12 Place
13 No future — —
14 Sushi fish
15 Horrible boss
16 Group of peers
17 Contact
19 Swift
20 Dye container
21 Sinbad's bird
22 Vicious
25 Tugged
28 Driving hazard
29 Health centers
31 Flying formation
33 Diamond —
34 Qtys.
36 Lodging place
37 Half of a song
40 Thaws
42 Tummy muscles
43 Egg drink
44 Grassy shoulder
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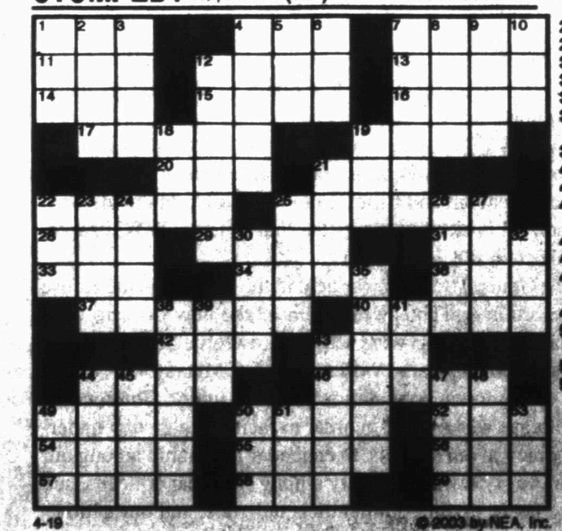
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6 Proper, as respect
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9 Grime
10 Pigpen
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18 Forum hello
19 Debate side
21 Take ten
22 Grey Cup org.
23 Make turbid
24 Not beautiful
25 Berry products
26 Malicious
27 Pit
30 Felt boots
32 Naval off.
35 Painters' garb
38 Least common
39 Apple rival
41 Conceit
43 Cheesy snack
44 Liver's output
45 Shangri-la
47 Turnpike
48 Make mention of
49 Conflict
50 Derby or fedora
51 Hard wood
53 Newer pipes

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife having second thoughts about her state of separation

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 32 years, "Grady," and I have been cordially separated for more than three years. The word "divorce" has never been mentioned. He still comes to my house, uses the family computer and helps himself to my newspaper, food and drink. Grady is always here when the children come home, and we spend every holiday and birthday together as a family. I have never restricted his comings and goings. In fact, we get along better now than ever.

Recently, some suspicious behavior on his part led me to check his e-mail. He has no password (and I know I should not have snooped), but I felt I needed to know what was going on. My suspicions were confirmed when I found some correspondence between him and a woman from his distant past. He's apparently gone out with her and has written her love poems on the computer in my living room! The worst part is that he has told our children about this woman and sworn them to secrecy, but said nothing to me.

I feel used, betrayed, angry, scared and embarrassed all at the same time. Should I confront him? Or should I keep pretending I don't know? I'd appreciate any advice you can offer. — **THE LAST TO KNOW IN KOKOMO**

P.S. The truth is, the idea of growing old alone frightens me.

DEAR LAST TO KNOW: Although you shouldn't have snooped, perhaps it's just as well that you did. You have been clinging to the illusion of something long gone, and at the same time, your husband has been enjoying the best of both worlds.

Speak up and clear the air. As soon as you do, everything will be out in the open and your children won't have the burden of keeping such a big secret. You and your husband are long overdue in clarifying exactly what your future is going to be — together or apart. The status quo is unfair to you.

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DEAR ABBY: I think my husband, "Vinnie," is having an affair. For the past 11 months, he has refused to have sex with me. He has even called me by another woman's name in his sleep.

Vinnie drives a company car and has picked up a co-worker, "Rita," every morning for the past three years. He says his boss demands that he drive her to and from work.

In the past year when we've been out with his co-workers' friends, they say to me, "Oh, you must be Rita." It makes me feel like a total idiot. Vinnie makes light of this and says I am being insecure and paranoid.

I caught Vinnie in an affair several years ago — pants down. He said it was because he was drunk. He apologized and stopped drinking, but has recently started imbibing again. I might understand Vinnie wandering if I had let myself go, but I weigh the same as the day we were married. I have been faithful and I serve him a hot meal every night.

Abby, I have invested a lot in our relationship and am reluctant to chuck it all. However, I am at my wit's end and am tempted to let him go and see a lawyer. What's your advice? — **SMELLING THE COFFEE IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR SMELLING THE COFFEE: Perhaps it's time to really get to know the man you married. You need facts instead of innuendo and suspicion. One way to accomplish this would be to hire a private investigator to keep tabs on Vinnie for a month. After that, you'll know whether your marriage is worth saving.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother, "Rick," recently went to court to get custody of his 1-year-old son. He and the boy's mother, "Ellen," never married. Ellen took the baby out of state while Rick was at work and without his knowledge. Rick convinced her to return, then got a restraining order and filed for custody.

The judge ("Hizzoner") ruled in my brother's favor, giving him primary custody with joint legal custody.

Immediately after the hearing, Hizzoner spoke with Ellen and invited her to come to work for him as a nanny for his children. He offered her room and board, tuition for college and the use of a vehicle. Ellen accepted and moved to the town where Hizzoner lives. The arrangement did not work out. Ellen didn't like his children and was homesick, so Hizzoner paid for Ellen to return home. Yesterday, he was in town and invited Ellen to lunch.

Abby, isn't this a conflict of interest? Isn't this unethical conduct? If Rick has to go back to court, wouldn't Hizzoner have to excuse himself from the case because following the original hearing he has kept in constant contact with the defendant? — **APPALLED IN NEVADA**

DEAR APPALLED: The answers to your questions are "yes," "yes" and "yes." And this whole story should be explained to whoever represents your brother at that time. Frankly, your story has raised more than a few eyebrows here in California — and I'm sure it will in other venues as well.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my husband, "Lyle," and my ex, "Charlie." They work together. Lyle and I are newlyweds, and he knows only too well the misery I went through with Charlie. In spite of that, Lyle goes to Charlie's apartment for drinks almost every night after work.

I don't like it when Lyle goes out drinking instead of coming home after work. Charlie knows how I feel, yet he continues to invite Lyle over. I suspect Charlie is trying to cause problems — and it's working — for the simple reason that Lyle isn't smart enough to say no.

Last night, Lyle went to Charlie's to "throw back a few." When he came home, we had a big fight and he said some very hurtful things to me. Then he stormed off in his truck. We haven't spoken since.

I am at the point where I want to tell Lyle that he needs to choose: me or my ex! What should I do? — **SICK OF IT IN THE NORTHEAST**

DEAR SICK OF IT: Although it's tempting, I'd recommend against giving your husband an ultimatum. If you do, it could be the end of your marriage. However, if you think this is history repeating itself, it might be time for you to rethink this recent marriage.

It's interesting that both of your husbands have made it a habit to drink after work. Since it is having a negative impact on your present marriage, perhaps it's time for you to contact Al-Anon so that Lyle's problem does not become your problem.

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DEAR ABBY: A reader once asked what your definition of love is. Richard Burton said it quite well: "Love is the highest form of tolerance." — **ANNIE FROM FLORIDA**

DEAR ANNIE: He ought to have known. He was not only a talented actor — he was tolerant more than once in his lifetime.

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TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: Happy Easter, everyone!

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Jury rejects claim against Tommy Lee

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Rock musician Tommy Lee was not to blame for the drowning of a 4-year-old boy during a children's birthday party at his home, a jury concluded.

The panel of nine women and three men deliberated less than three hours Thursday before unanimously rejecting the wrongful death lawsuit brought by actress Ursula Karven and TV producer James Veres.

The couple's son, Daniel Karven-Veres, drowned on June 16, 2001, during a birthday party for Lee's son Brandon.

"Although I am relieved that the court has found me not negligent, there are no winners in this sad situation," Lee said in a statement.

Daniel's parents left court without commenting.

The suit, which sought $10 million, maintained that Lee was to blame for holding a pool party for children that did not include a lifeguard or someone who was trained in CPR.

Daniel's mother also testified that she didn't know there would be swimming at the party, adding if she had she would have had her son take his water wings with him.

Lee testified that he did everything he could to ensure the safety of his son's guests, including requiring that every child who attended have an adult there to supervise them.

His attorney, James Baratta, had argued that responsibility for Daniel's safety rested with his parents, who did not accompany him to the party, and two other people who were supposed to watch him.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, April 20, 2003

Although the year ahead may start out a bit on the slow side for you, it will pick up momentum as the months unfold and you'll find yourself taking on a number of goals. However, one in particular will be substantial.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Problems could result if you make a commitment today without first consulting others who are involved in whatever you're doing. Seek their approval, and chances are they'll agree.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If upon review you discover you had made a bad decision today, don't be afraid to change your mind. It's only sensible to protect yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's not such a good idea to attempt a complicated do-it-yourself project today that you've never tackled before. However, if you do, go very slowly at first until you get the hang of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't feel as if you have to go along with someone else's plans for the day if they don't suit you. Bow out gracefully and get on with what you want to do and with whom. It's your day off, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Keep in-laws or outsiders out of your family problems today or matters could turn into a soap opera. Issues will be resolved peacefully when kept within the confines of your home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You're not apt to feel comfortable today at gatherings where you have to defend your positions, views or opinions. If you find yourself involved in one, make your excuses and beat a hasty retreat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't be so quick to purchase the first items you see today when out and about. If you take the time to shop a bit, you'll not only get better prices, you'll get nicer quality and style as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There's a good chance you might have to associate with someone today who is rather difficult to please. Don't allow this person's negative attitude to darken your outlook on things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Get nasty responsibilities or tasks out of the way early today, instead of letting them hang over your head all day. It'll be more unpleasant to do later on when you're tired.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't be so quick to condemn someone on one unpleasant happening today. If you give the person a chance to redeem himself or herself, you'll find this individual has a lot to offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Whether you think others are better than you or that you're superior to them, either extreme will leave you suffering in the long run.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Morning might find you in a bit of a negative mood, making everything you do seem difficult. Fortunately, as the day progresses, you'll come out of your funk and be your old upbeat self.

Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Monday, April 21, 2003

Stronger ambitions will be awakened in you in the year ahead. Your desire for material gratification may be numbered among your priorities and you'll be willing to work harder for what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You won't stop taking your involvements seriously today, but your easygoing attitude will allow you to view things philosophically and not get upset if things don't go perfectly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Shoulder all responsibilities equally with those with whom you share a common purpose and all should work out advantageously. If anybody tries to palm off his or her share, things won't go as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Things always go smoother with one-on-one relationships when each person attempts to see things from the other's point of view. Set the example and your cohort will follow suit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Chances are you'll get this week off to a roaring start with your industrious frame of mind today. Interestingly, you'll take much pleasure in being productive and achieving a sense of accomplishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although on some days people want to keep business strictly away from the social realm, today won't be one of them. A proportionate mix of the two could be quite advantageous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It can be to your advantage to take on some of your more difficult assignments today rather than leaving them to later on in the week. This could be one of your more productive days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Plan a flexible and mobile schedule for yourself today. Although you'll want to accomplish a number of things today, you could get a bit antsy if you're anchored too long.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Keep a sharp eye peeled today for deals or transactions that could add to your holdings. There are several opportunities hovering about you that are of a financial or material nature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Chances are you won't have much tolerance today for people who are looking for an excuse to pass their obligations on to you. You won't allow yourself to be imposed upon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Quiet surroundings that offer solitude will provide the best atmosphere for projects that require serious, deep thinking. If you have such a task on your agenda today, find that private corner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's to your advantage to be hopeful regarding objectives or situations that may be vital to you. Positive thinking will trigger positive action with positive results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Receiving good feedback from your associates will be important to you today. It will be your way of knowing that those with whom you work side-by-side do appreciate your efforts.

Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Child welfare failed to check arrest record

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — State child welfare officials failed to check a man's arrest record before he took custody of his son last year. Now, police say, the father has beaten the 5-year-old boy to death.

Christopher Lamont Bennett, 28, was charged with killing his son, Zachary, at their Key West home Tuesday. The boy had a ruptured liver, bleeding in his brain and "broken ribs consistent with having been stomped," an autopsy concluded.

Bennett had previous arrests for allegedly selling cocaine, stalking and assault and battery, and a domestic violence restraining order prevented him from going near a girlfriend.

The state's troubled Department of Children & Families recommended to a judge that the child be placed with his father late last year, but no background check was made.

"I have serious concerns about the way this case was handled," said Samara Kramer, regional agency head. She said the department was conducting an investigation.

Kramer took over the agency's Miami-Florida Keys district after the department was accused of mishandling cases of several other children who disappeared or were killed. Among them was 5-year-old Rilya Wilson, who had been missing for 15 months before department officials realized that she was gone. She still is unaccounted for.

Zachary, who was born prematurely with a heart murmur and other health problems, was taken from his mother in April 2002 after complaints that she left the boy for extended periods without provisions for his care.

The boy was sent to live with a great-grandmother, but he was taken away from her after DFS workers said she let the boy's mother have an unsupervised visit with the boy.

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Walter Eugene Tinkler of Snyder and Debra Thomason Gower of Odessa.

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Manuela Espinosa to Felipe and Yvonne Amarillas, Lots 11 and 12 in Block 54 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Jose Torres to Alejandra Ezpinosa, Lot 5 in Block 5 of the J.B. Cloyes Subdivision of Blocks 12 and 17 of the Cody Addition.

James B. Sullenger to Michael and Crystal Guzman, Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Morning Side Subdivision of Blocks 9-10, 15-16 and 25-26 of the Adams Addition.

Scott L. Stout to Ricky Upham, Lot 5 in Block 6 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

James Newton and Arnita Jo Vaughn to Jay Newton Vaughn, the northeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter of the south one-half of Section 153, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Mary Sue Spires, individually and as Trustee of the M.S. Spires Revocable Living Trust, to Hood W. Jones, Lot 14 in Block A of the Towle Place Addition.

Harley F. and Judy Bynum to Jason G. and Julie T. Bynum, 24.05 feet of Lot 20 and the south 18.95 feet of Lot 21 of the Snyder Shopping Center.

Myron Fenton to Joe and Mandy Luna, 1.59 acres in Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

James R. Patterson to Rabul and Delia Maldonado, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 54 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Lee and Margaret E. Presswood to Brad Hinton, 361.26 acres in Section 90, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Wallace H. and Barbara E. Jones to Martin A. and Dixie Brooks, Lot 9 in Block 3 of the Replat of Lots 10-13 in Block 2 and Lots 7-10 in Block 3 of the Park View Addition.

Annie L. Cuppet to Myra Hayes, Lot 9 in Block H of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Jimmie Ken Spence, independent executor of the estate of Ona Mae Spence, to Jimmie Ken Spence, all the southeast one-quarter of Section 294, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Sherry and Alton Patterson to Alma Shafer, Lot 3 of the Winston Co. Repalt of Block 32 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Bernard Dale Garrett to Joel T. McCright, Lots 17 and 18 in Block 27 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Billie Jean Robinson to Murry and Patti Bell, 20.583 acres in the west one-half of Lot 4 of the R.G. Davenport Subdivision of Section 34, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Delia D. Maldonado to Rabul Maldonado, Lots 4-4 in Block 19 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Pamela R. French to David Orona, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 7 of the Green Hills Addition.

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Survivors still coping 10 years after raid on Branch Davidians site

WACO (AP) — Two-year-old Kimberly Martin fell asleep on a chapel bench during a rambling sermon about the end of the world.

The religious group's leader, David Koresh, got angry. He jerked the sleepy toddler and made her sit beside him as he kept on preaching.

"I don't remember much, but I remember that he spanked me in front of people," said Martin, now 14.

The girl was among the 21 children and 14 adults who left the Branch Davidian compound near Waco a decade ago during a 51-day standoff following a botched raid by federal agents.

But more than 80 people, including two dozen children, were still inside when the buildings were consumed by flames April 19, 1993. Only nine people escaped. Martin's father, oldest brother and three older sisters did not.

Some survivors remain in central Texas, and a handful still follow Koresh's teachings and attend a weekly Bible study at a chapel built on the compound's remnants. The rest moved to other states with relatives or returned home to Canada and Australia.

Seven Davidians remain in prison on charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four federal agents who raided the compound in February 1993, trying to arrest Koresh for stockpiling illegal weapons and explosives.

Children who left the complex during the siege remember being terrified during the initial raid, hiding under mattresses as bullets shattered windows and walls. Some say they helped adults load ammunition.

Their vivid memories support an extensive government investigation revealing that the Davidians shot each other and set the blaze to end the standoff.

They say Koresh taught his followers — even the youngsters — how to commit suicide.

"You didn't want to stick the gun to your temple because you might live. You wanted to stick it in your mouth and point up," Kiri Jewell, now 22 and a Michigan college student, told ABC's PrimeTime. "He never was very specific but at some point, we were gonna have to die for him. I didn't expect to live past 12."

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