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By city council...

Action tabled on property tax cap

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

An almost capacity crowd filled the council chambers at Monday's Snyder city council meeting and Snyder Mayor Francene Noah apparently knew what many of them were there for.

"It's great to have so many here tonight and let's go ahead and go down to the item that many are concerned with," she said.

Assistant Chief Appraiser Toni Shields then explained a new state law that allows taxing entities to cap property taxes for those over 65 and the disabled.

"If the ordinance is passed, the year they turn 65 they get a ceiling (on property taxes), from that point on taxes can't go any higher, unless they move or make improvements on their home," Shields said.

The law would cap taxes at the 2004 rate for those currently 65 or older and at whatever rate and valuation is in effect for others when they turn 65.

She discussed various scenarios with council members including what would happen if someone who had a ceiling and makes an improvement on a home.

She gave the example of someone who has a $100,000 house that was capped building a $20,000 bedroom or other improvement.

"The $100,000 portion of the house would keep its original rate and the $20,000 addition would be taxed at the current rate when it was built but the two would be combined for a new ceiling," Shields said.

She said that the tax ceiling would apply to approximately 17 percent of the population of Snyder currently, but that figure would fluctuate.

Council member David Harrell asked, "Do you have a ball park figure as to how much this would cost?"

"Absolutely not, it would take weeks to figure and then the next week it would change, because different people would go on the plan at different times and so the tax rate could be different for different taxpayers," she said.

Councilman Ron Shaw spoke about Gov. Rick Perry's proposed cap on property taxes, "If the governor's plan goes through and property tax increases are frozen at three percent, this would put a burden on the remaining taxpayers and if those taxes get too high they could leave Snyder for elsewhere. I would like to wait and see what the legislature does before we consider this."

Harrell asked for a time table for passing the legislation.

"If we do this now or a month from now will it apply to the entire year?"

Assured that it would, he said he could support waiting to vote on the measure.

One audience member spoke up and said that senior citizens generally shopped locally and therefore generated more tax revenue for the city.

Councilman Terry Martin added, "Regardless of what's going on in the federal government or the state I think we should do what's best for our citizens. I don't think this should be based on a possible increased cost. We can deal with Gov. Perry down the road."

Mayor Noah said she is in favor of the measure but would support tabling the matter for a while. "I want the audience to know that this is not a no vote. It's a chance to get more information."

Harrell made the motion to table the issue but to put it on the next agenda "and every agenda until we make a final decision." That motion was approved unanimously after the mayor suggested that a Sept. 1 deadline be included for a final vote.



A TAXING ISSUE — Assistant Chief Appraiser Toni Shields addressed the Snyder city council on a proposal to place a ceiling on property taxes for seniors and the disabled Monday night. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Tie-breaker decides SDN basketball contest

All three winners of the Snyder Daily News NCAA basketball contest collected 79 points for their picks. The championship total points tie-breaker was used to determine order of finish and prizes.

Stan Pavlik of 3002 41st chose 156 total points (actual total was 155), giving him first place and $50.

Chris Halbert of 4506 Galveston picked 149 points, earning second place and $25.

Lee Scott of 2908 33rd guessed 170 points, collecting the third prize of $15.

Winners will be mailed their checks.

Grand jury indicts eight

One person on two counts

The Scurry County grand jury meeting Monday returned nine indictments, including two against a male subject who has yet to be arrested.

Also, an indictment was returned against a female who also has not been arrested.

Indicted for burglary of a habitation was Jammie Allen Treat, 17, of 1663 Huffman Ave. who was charged with the Feb. 27 of burglary of a building. Treat is in jail in lieu of a $10,000 bond.

Adam Morales Jr., 32, of 701 16th St. was indicted for the March 4 offense of possessing a firearm by a felon before the fifth anniversary of his release from parole.

Morales was convicted of burglary in Midland County in 1993 and of burglary of a motor vehicle in Big Spring in 1991.

Morales also was charged with escape as he left the exercise yard of Scurry County Jail on March 8. Morales remains in jail on two $10,000 bonds.

Jose Louis Hermocillo, 40, of 1209½ Ave. T was indicted for the March 19 offense of felony driving while intoxicated.

He has prior DWI convictions in Nolan County in January 2004 and in Scurry County in 1984. Hermocillo is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Manuel Martinez Herrera Jr., 31, of 809 27th St. was indicted for the Jan. 3 offense of possessing marijuana in the Scurry County Jail. Herrera is out of jail with bond set at $5,000.

Rumaldo Martinez, 37, of 1407 Bristol Dr. in Killeen was indicted for the Feb. 8 offense of burglary of Northeast Elementary School. Martinez remains in jail on a $5,000 bond.

In lengthy meeting...

Council changes yard size ordinance, drops truck fee

The Snyder city council changed the amount of yard new residences require, dropped a fee for getting a city dump truck and put off a possible railroad crossing closure and talked a lot more about the city manager during its Monday night meeting.

Noting that none of the races for city council are contested, the council also voted to cancel the election for the District 1, 2, 3, and 4 seats.

Hoping to help citizens clean up the city, the council voted unanimously to drop the $35 charge to have a city dump truck placed in front of a residence for trash disposal. City utility director Carolyn House said that the truck was used only 23 times in 2003 while it had been booked almost constantly before the $35 charge was initiated a few years ago.

Council members suggested that if there is no charge the city might advertise where the truck would be and encourage neighbors to also use the vehicle to get rid of trash they couldn't take to the dump themselves. The possibility the city could also place a trailer instead of the truck was discussed but the council was told the ordinance change did not affect the type of vehicle used.

Changing a planning and zoning proposal, which both board and city council members agreed "would not work," city officials changed building guidelines to state that building could only occupy 75 percent of a lots buildable area and must have at least 10 feet of setback from the rear property line.

The council approved paying Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) $16,650 to use the same stone blocks it is using on the College Street bridge to construct a retaining wall on the north side of Browning Park.

TxDot engineer Jerry Beard said the cost would be much higher if the city hired a private firm to do the work. Access to the park through the wall would be by handicap ramps with handrails. Beard said a driveway that had existed is no longer feasible because the new bridge will be three feet higher than the old one.

A request from BNSF Railroad to close the crossing at 25th street was tabled so council members could drive the area to judge the impact. In exchange for the closure the railroad said it would make improvements on nearby crossings and donate $25,000 to the city. The item will be put on the next agenda to be reconsidered.

The city's accounting firm gave the city a "clean opinion" which means the books are in good shape and said there were no problems that would require a management letter to point out, according to CPA Becky Roberts.

The council also voted to reappoint James Northcott and Jerry Owens and appoint Jerry Webb to the zoning board of adjustment, re-appointed James Jones and Travis Bunch to the planning and zoning commission and appointed Louis Midwell, Gayle Titus and Keith Matthies to the buiders board of appeal.

At the end of the regular meeting the council once again went into closed session to evaluate City Manager John Gayle.

The nearly three-hour executive session followed a five-hour closed meeting Friday. When the council came out of closed session at 11:45 p.m. Monday night Mayor Francene Noah said only the review had taken place and "some directives were noted," and the meeting was adjourned with no action taken.

SHS band off to Colorado

Snyder High School band students will soon get to enjoy the cold and snow of Colorado.

The local group — including 40 students — leaves Wednesday for Winter Park where they will attend a music festival.

In addition to musical activities, the SHS students will ski for three days and attend a street dance.

Donnie Reston, band director, and his wife, Debbie, as well as Charley and Dana Stone will accompany the students.

Choirs compete in UIL contests

Four Snyder High School choirs will compete in the UIL contest Wednesday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The four choirs include a cappella, a cappella men combined with men's chorale, a cappella women and freshman women and varsity woman combined. Ronda Haire is the director.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A class reunion is an occasion to realize how old everybody else has become."

We missed our 40th class reunion — and now we're glad.

The reason for being absent had to do with keeping a grandson overnight for the first time.

And there is another grandkid on the way even though ole what's-her-name and I are far too young to be grandparents.

But back to the class reunion. We happened to call up the Andrews High School alumni site on the Internet and found a photo posted from the Class of '63 reunion.

We could only identify a handful, so it required a call to another AHS grad, newspaper friend Larry Crabtree in Vernon, to help sort out the mystery.

He wasn't much help, even though he got to attend.

Since retirement age is approaching faster than we realized, Crabtree passed along a set of mischievous things to do in those senior years to ward off boredom.

—Carry a sleeping bag to doctor's appointment and nap on the waiting room floor. (This would have been a good suggestion for Snyder's Ernie Sears who was forgotten and left in a Lubbock doctor's exam room for more than two hours last month, or for Dan Cotton who was left alone in an exam room while the doctor and staff locked the office and went to lunch.)

—Go to the DQ and dip your dentures in the hot fudge when nobody is looking.

—Rent a limo, tuxedo and secretary for the day and go to busy offices. Tell the workers you just bought the company and give them the day off.

—Hang around forgetful friends and trick them by having three birthday parties each year. Be sure and ask for gifts.

—Double up on the "Old Spice" instead of showering.

—Enroll in a history course and argue with the teacher by saying, "Well, I was there and I don't remember seeing you."

—Disguise your voice as Ed McMahon from Publishers Clearing House and leave messages on answering machines, telling them it's too bad they weren't home.

—Attend expensive auctions, eat the hors d'oeuvres and bid on the good stuff.

—Teach children not to gamble by cheating them in little card games and taking their allowances.

—Put expensive price tags on cheap gifts and pretend you forgot to take them off.

—Ask people for directions and then argue with them.

—Carry a little whisk broom and brush the dandruff from people's shoulders.

—Sit outside the beauty shop and say to women as they exit, "You mean they couldn't get to you?"

—Call the TV preacher who hustles good folks for their money and give a prayer request that he get an honest job.

—Buy an expensive fishing lodge with a 50-year mortgage to ensure your kids remember you when you're gone.

—Invite your young banker to lunch — and 'forget' your wallet.

—Attend wedding receptions and lick the knife, telling the bride and groom it is an old tradition that wishes 'em good luck.

—Show up at receptions only when food is served.

—Answer telemarketing calls and talk to 'em, wasting their time.

And if you really won't to confound folks — don't retire, even if you're old enough.

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ASK US

Q—When is WTC's commencement?
A—Friday, May 7.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Magan Thomas...

...was born and reared in Snyder and lives here with her husband Jim Thomas. Her parents are Tom and Karen Wadleigh and grandmothers Lois Price and Helen Wadleigh, all of Snyder. She and her mother work together as photographers. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, antiquing and being with her great family and friends.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Entertain great hopes.
—Robert Frost

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706

The Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. today. All Master Masons are invited.

Free income tax help

There is free help with income taxes every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center at 2603 Ave. M.

FFA booster club

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the ag building. Officers will meet at 6:30.

Relay for Life rally #6

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life meeting for all volunteers from 6-7 tonight at Stanfield Elementary cafeteria. For more information, call 573-1031 or 1-800-227-2345.

What's up guidelines

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

Blackout showed need for grid rules; mired in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — A seven-month investigation into the nation's worst blackout is putting new pressure on Congress to boost the reliability of power grids — but legislation addressing the problem remains in limbo.

Nearly eight months after all or parts of eight states and sections of Canada went dark, a U.S.-Canadian task force on Monday called for urgent approval of mandatory reliability rules to govern the electric transmission industry.

Many of the voluntary rules, managed by a private, industry-sponsored group, were largely ignored by the Ohio power company and others whose failures led to the blackout, the task force said in a 228-page report.

Most of the causes for the massive outage that cascaded from Michigan to New York on Aug. 14, 2003, were detailed in a preliminary report last November. On Monday the task force issued 46 recommendations, the first of which was to "make reliability standards mandatory and enforceable with penalties for noncompliance."

It's something the White House, a bipartisan array of lawmakers and industry representatives demanded within days after the lights went out last summer.

However, provisions to establish mandatory rules on the electricity industry, along with measures to make it easier to build transmission lines, have been caught up in a partisan fight over broader energy legislation.

As the task force report was being released Monday, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., took another stab at trying to get his energy bill out of the Senate, announcing he would attach it to a popular jobs bill.

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, also cited the blackout findings as a fresh reason to pass energy legislation. But Barton also has said he won't go along with an energy bill that doesn't provide liability protection to the makers of a gasoline additive, MTBE. That issue helped kill the energy bill — and its electricity section — late last year.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., whose state was hit by the blackout, has argued for a stand-alone electricity bill for months.

"Each day this legislation is not considered is another day consumers remain unnecessarily at risk of another blackout," Dingell said after Monday's report was released.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., co-sponsor of a separate bill that would address only electricity matters, said, "There's no good reason (for) ... letting this legislation get stuck in a political quagmire" of the broader energy bill.

The U.S.-Canadian task force said its seven-month investigation uncovered evidence that the industry's attempt at self-policing the reliability of the power grids is inadequate and could spawn another blackout.

There was a clear understanding long before the blackout that the Ohio region where the line problems began was highly vulnerable to grid instability, said the task force.

Had FirstEnergy Corp., the Ohio utility whose lines initially failed, and the grid monitoring organization in the Midwest followed industry-recommended standards, they would have been better prepared to deal with the situation, the report said.

Something as simple as shutting off 200 megawatts of power an hour before the blackout might have kept the problem from spreading, investigators said.

Investigators said they found at least seven violations of industry-sponsored North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) reliability rules linked to the blackout. The report also said NERC was too closely tied to industry and dependent on it for funding.

Former professor FBI informant

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Federal prosecutors say a former professor accused of financing terrorism was briefly an FBI informant, according to court documents.

The disclosure came in the government's response to efforts by lawyers for Sami Al-Arian to obtain the taped conversations the former University of South Florida professor had with congressmen and top aides in the Bush and Clinton administrations.

"The government acknowledged that defendant Al-Arian was a source of information for a brief period of time," assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Zitek wrote in the response.

Reserve troops will move to Ellington Field under plan

HOUSTON (AP) — About 2,300 Army, Navy and Marine reserve troops in Houston will have a new home under a proposal that officials say will help ensure the future of Ellington Field as a military installation.

Under the plan, the reservists would move from their site near the Texas Medical Center to 30 acres of land at Ellington Field owned by the city and a joint reserve base would be created.

The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center would acquire the city land and transfer it to the military under the plan announced Monday.

In exchange, M.D. Anderson will be able to buy about 19 acres currently occupied by the reserve units, allowing the hospital to expand its 125-acre research park.

The plan is part of an effort by local leaders to ensure Ellington's survival as a military installation when another round of base closures is announced next year. Local and state officials are hoping the base, located at the southeast end of Houston, will not lose the 147th Fighter Wing, a National Guard unit where President Bush once served as a pilot.

A decision on Ellington's fate is set to come early next year when the president's Base Realignment and Closure list — known as BRAC — is announced.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said the proposal bodes well for keeping the 147th Fighter Wing at Ellington. She worked on the proposal along with the Ellington Field Task Force, a group led by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

"Since the last BRAC, joint use facilities have become much more of a priority in the revamping of our military strategy," she said. "We can see from the way we went in Iraq ... it was a joint effort. We want to be able to train in a joint effort. I think this strengthens the base greatly for the future. Making it combined, having more space for that joint training, I think is going to make it unique."

In the past decade and a half, Texas has lost 10 major military installations.

Mayor Bill White said the plan will also benefit the city economically because it will allow officials to expand around the Texas Medical Center, which is "bursting at the seams," and attract new companies and industries to the area.

Leon Leach, the executive vice president at M.D. Anderson, said acquiring the land from the military is crucial to the hospital's main objective.

"The 19 acres is critical and strategic in its location to our continued growth and our continued ability to help cure cancer," he said.

The reserve troops would move into their new home by 2009 under the plan, which is set to get final approval from all parties involved, officials said.

Hutchison said she will work this year to get the $2 million needed for the proposal's initial planning and design. She estimated between $40 million and $50 million would be needed to build the joint reserve base at Ellington.

Ellington, which has operated since World War I, was demoted from a full Air Force Base in the 1970s and became owned by the city and jointly operated with federal authorities in 1984. Besides the Air National Guard wing, it also is home to a Coast Guard contingent and some NASA aircraft, along with some National Guard forces.

World Almanac

Tuesday, April 6, 2004

Today is the 97th day of 2004 and the 18th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1199, King Richard the Lionhearted was killed at the siege of a castle in France.

In 1814, Napoleon abdicated as emperor of France, accepting exile on Elba.

In 1909, Robert Peary and Matthew Henson became the first people to reach what they determined to be the North Pole (they miscalculated by a few miles).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lincoln Steffens (1866-1936), journalist; Gerry Mulligan (1927-1996), jazz musician; Billy Dee Williams (1937-), actor, is 67; Merle Haggard (1937-), singer, is 67; Barry Levinson (1942-), director/producer, is 62.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1987, boxer Sugar Ray Leonard, coming out of retirement, won a split decision over favored Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Art is like a border of flowers along the course of civilization." — Lincoln Steffens

TODAY'S FACT: In the traditional Jewish Passover feast, or Seder, each food symbolizes some aspect of the ordeal of the Israelites during captivity in Egypt.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 54,310,000 — Approximate weight in pounds of the Statue of Liberty (including the statue's concrete foundation).

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 5) and last quarter (April 11)

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Today's chuckle

City cracks down on unpaid tickets

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Officials in this northeastern Pennsylvania town have a message for scofflaws: Pay your parking tickets, or the next car you buy may be your own.



Police Chief Leo Sokoloski asked a court Thursday to give the town title to five vehicles that were seized for repeated, unpaid parking violations.

Sokoloski said none of the cars were ever reclaimed by their owners, even during "amnesty" programs that allow forgiveness of parking fines. It costs the town $5 per day to store each vehicle.

The owner of one of the vehicles, Michael Hess, signed over his 1988 Isuzu Trooper to the town instead of paying more than $3,000 in parking fines, saying he had been out of work and had only recently gained employment again.

The other four owners, at least three of whom are alleged to owe more than $2,000 each in fines, did not show up in court.

events

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RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-22-24-26.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $45,518.

Winning ticket sold in: Corpus Christi.

Matching four of five: 138. Prize: $148.

Matching three of five: 4,779. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 48,930. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-2-3
(Night) 0-4-9

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We would like to encourage everyone to utilize the City wide 'Clean-up Campaign' being conducted April 19th through April 22nd. This campaign will be co-sponsored by the City of Snyder, the Chamber of Commerce and the Snyder Beautification Committee.

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PLEASE CALL IN AND SCHEDULE YOUR PICK-UPS BEFORE THE WEEK OF THE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.
CALL 573-4960 OR 573-4969

April 19th thru April 22nd

Utilize dump truck service provided by cleaning up over the prior weekends. A dump truck and driver will be provided During those four days **inside** the city Limits only.

Watch for additional information.

Continuous Service:
The City provides a dump truck to individual customers; the customer must come in and schedule the truck; sign necessary forms; truck is parked around 4:00 p.m. and picked up around 8:00 a.m. the following morning. This is a continuous service and is not available to persons that perform demolition or clean-up as a business and it is provided inside the city limits only.

THESE SERVICES ARE FOR INDIVIDUALS, NOT TO BE USED BY PERSONS IN THE BUSINESS OF DEMOLITION OR CLEAN-UP AND WILL BE LIMITED TO 1 (ONE) LOAD PER RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS.

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Snyder Beautification Committee

In recognition of April's
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

Gateway Family Services, Inc.
is sponsoring an ESSAY CONTEST open to all High School Juniors & Seniors.

Three $100 SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded to the winning three essays:
one to WTC, one to TSTC and one to the college of their choice.
Each student entering the contest is only eligible to win one scholarship.

Call GATEWAY FAMILY SERVICES at 325-573-4351 for details and an entry form.
Entry deadline for contest is 5 pm, April 23rd

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CLASSES OF MARTINIZ, SHAW AND LILLY — "Great Americans of the 20th Century" was presented Friday by Northeast Elementary fifth grade students of Cindy Martini, Paige Shaw and the music teacher, Triesta Lilly. From left in the top photo (Martini's class) are, top row, Ty Medrano, Elsa Gallegas, Regina Alarcon, Bryson Elliott, Michaela Jones, Nelson Sears, Laura Tarter; middle row, Marcie Phillips, Blaire Toombs, Emma Nunley, Shelby Grice, Karissa Medina, Adrienne Gonzales-Keller, Kaitlin Bass, Vito Martinez; bottom row, John Ramirez, Chris Ward, Henry Esquivel, Angel Guerrero, Kimberlin Wilson, Cassandra Garcia, Jacob Tollison and Brandon Elam. In the bottom photo on the top row are Freddy Lopez, Anna Vasquez, Kevin Bowers, Roman Romera, Marissa Medrano, Jordan Tippens; middle row, Jordan Rodriguez, Taylor Reed, Shanerica McGaha, Jonathan Blake, Brandi Espinoza, Jeffrey Stewart, Kaden McCarter; bottom row, Brook Bollinger, Leslie Rosa, Mary Quintano, Mellissa Rodriguez, Michelle Vasquez, Jami Robbins and Brooke Wood. Samantha Hermsillo was absent. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Prison ministry met at PDU



KAIROS RETREAT — Kairos, an inter-domination lay-led ministry to the incarcerated, held training sessions and prepared meals for inmates at the Price Daniel Unit last week. Claudia Sanchez of Snyder; Lena Hernandez of Snyder; Addie Markham of Rotan; and Gene Hendrix of Sweetwater (from left) packaged homemade cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry held Thursday through Sunday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Kairos Prison Ministry, a continuing three-day weekend event held every six months at the Price Daniel Unit, was held last week in Snyder. Volunteers continue to meet with the inmates weekly in prayer and share groups.

Prison Ministries requires a unit advisory council for each State Prison Unit at which the ministry is being conducted. The Price Daniel Unit council is chaired by Steven Reames of San Angelo. Snyder members include Vic Jeters, John Hollingsworth, Zola Schlegel, Dale Nolan, Claudia Sanchez, Robert Kornegay, Dorothy Petersen and Tom Martin. Others are from San Angelo, Sweetwater and Sterling City.

Kairos is in 36 of 100 units in Texas.

It is an inter-dominational, lay-led ministry to bring Jesus Christ to the incarcerated and build a Christian community in the prison.

Introductory three-day weekend retreats are held twice per year in the prisons with 42 inmates invited, based on selection by the warden and chaplain of the unit.

The retreat program is patterned after the Cursillo, Des Tres, and Walk to Emmaus, a short course in Christianity. Following the retreat weekend, the inmates join a community of prison residents that have attended a previous Kairos weekend. This community meets on weekends with volunteer support to pray and share as they strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

A church or volunteer involvement includes men working on the inside team, women as outside angels, and young adults and children making agape materials for the weekend.

In addition, hundreds of dozens of cookies must be baked and taken into the unit to give each inmate.

Prayer times are chosen so the inmates and team members can be lifted in prayer throughout the entire retreat weekend.

The Price Daniel Unit in Snyder began Thursday with 54 team members from Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Sterling City, Paint Rock, Seminole, Colorado City, Big Spring, McCamey, Roscoe, Cameron, Hermleigh, Hilltop Lakes, Snyder and Lovington, N.M.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; program, Esme Glen; hostess, Ann Walton; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch break

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.

CARSON & BARNES
5 RING CIRCUS
Friday, April 9th
10 am - 4 pm Family Fun Day
Performances: 4:30 & 7:30 pm
at Scurry County Coliseum
Advance Tickets $10 adults, $5 children

CHAMBER BANQUET
Wednesday, April 21
Tickets $25 -
April 16th last day to purchase
Tickets will not be sold at the door

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
Thurs., April 22nd
Scurry County Museum

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♥ Q J 5 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 8 6 5 3

West
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♦ J 9 8 6 2
♣ K Q J 9

East
♠ 7 5 4
♥ A K 10 9 3
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 7 2

South
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 5 3
♣ A 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Tuesday, April 6, 2004

The trump cards have various tasks

By Phillip Alder

This week, we are looking at the various tasks to which your trumps might be assigned. Sometimes, their only job is to draw the opposition's fangs. But much more often, they will also have to do a second task. Then, you must judge what to do first: the other job, or missing-trump removal. Which applies on this deal?

Against four spades, West leads the club king.

First, count your losers by looking at your own hand and taking dummy's honor-cards into account. You should find five losers: two hearts, two diamonds and one club. Next, calculate your winners. Here, you have only eight top tricks: five spades, two diamonds and one club. You must eliminate two losers, simultaneously generating two extra tricks.

You can do that ruffing your two low diamonds in the dummy. Remember, a ruff in the shorter trump hand is worth an extra trick.

Cash your two top diamonds, then ruff a diamond with the eight (or king) of spades. Always ruff high when you can afford to ruff high. Return to hand by leading the spade two to your ace, and ruff the second diamond loser with the king (or eight) of spades. Now you have 10 tricks, those eight top tricks and the two diamond ruffs in the dummy.

Finally, note that if you win trick one and draw one round of trumps, you should fail. After taking the first diamond ruff, you are stranded in the dummy. You exit with a club, but West wins and can return a trump, killing the vital second ruff. (Yes, ducking at trick one avoids this problem.)

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Wayne is on stamp

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — He was a cowboy, a Green Beret, a jet pilot and a detective during his long acting career.

Now, John Wayne will grace a postage stamp.

The United States Postal Service unveiled its annual "Legends of Hollywood" commemorative postage stamp Saturday night at a private fund-raiser.

The fund-raiser was for the John Wayne Cancer Institute and was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

This is not the first time Wayne's likeness has appeared on a stamp. In 1990, he was pictured on one of four 25-cent U.S. commemorative postage stamps honoring classic films released in 1939. The stamp featured Wayne as the Ringo Kid in "Stagecoach."

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Do we believe the testimony?

At the end of the trial every jury has to ask the question, "Do we believe the testimony that we have heard?" They deliberate, discuss and finally have to make a decision about who they believe. We are placed in a very similar situation by the gospel of Jesus Christ. That gospel is presented to us by witnesses. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John record their witness to the life, teachings and resurrection of Jesus. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter took his stand with the other apostles. He told the people who gathered at Jerusalem:

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. *Acts 2:32*

This was the testimony of the apostles. It was their task and they knew it. When Judas hanged himself after his betrayal of Christ the apostles gathered together to choose someone among the disciples of Jesus to take the place of Judas:

Therefore, it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.

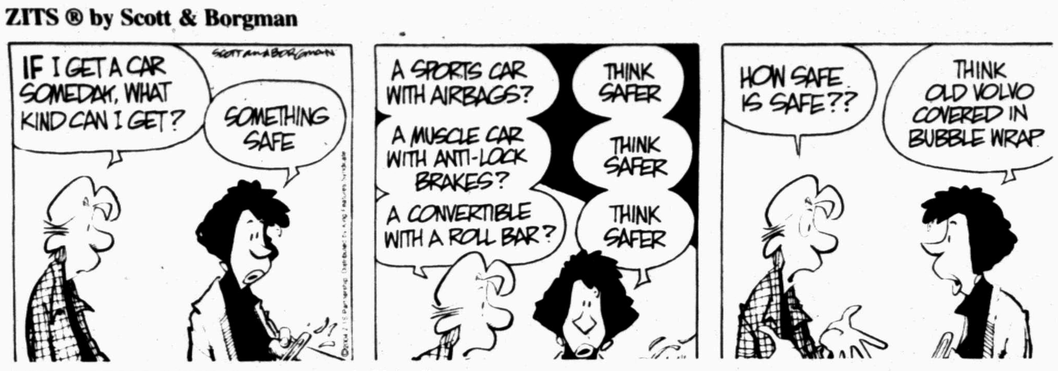
Acts 1:21, 22

A record of their testimony is found in the New Testament. Do you believe it? Maybe you have heard bits and pieces of the story many times. Why not really read it and decide whether you believe it? Your decision is really important!

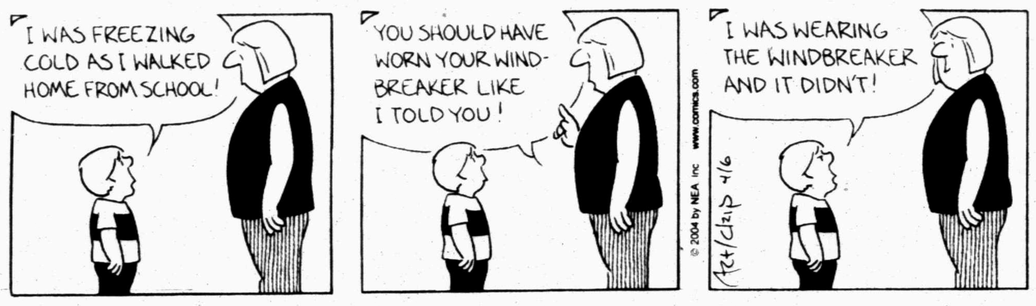
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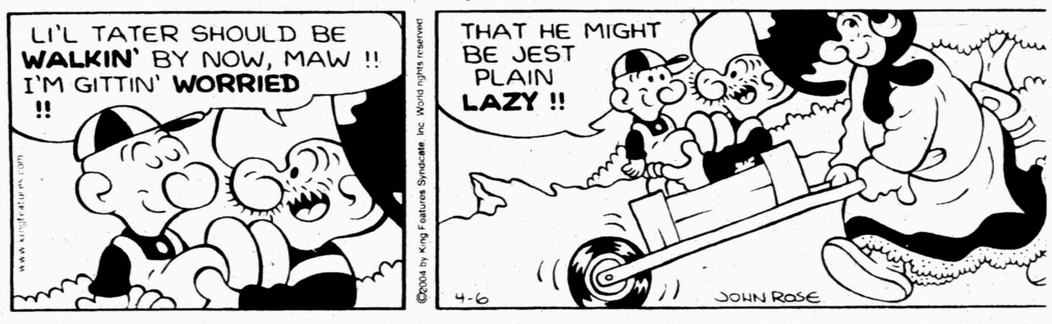
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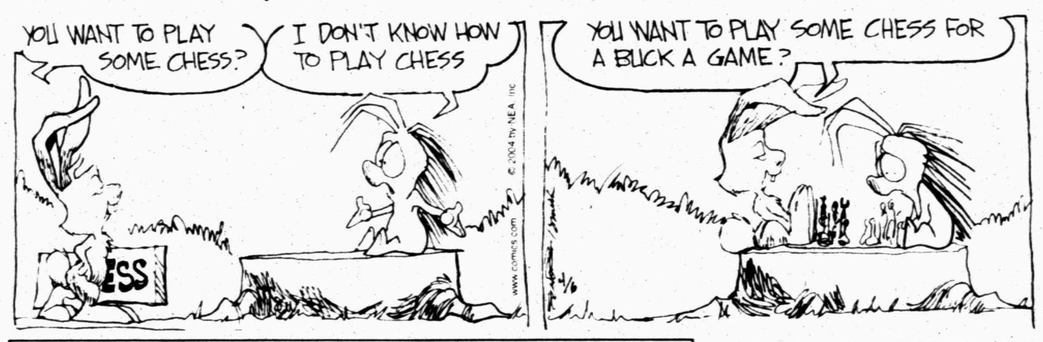
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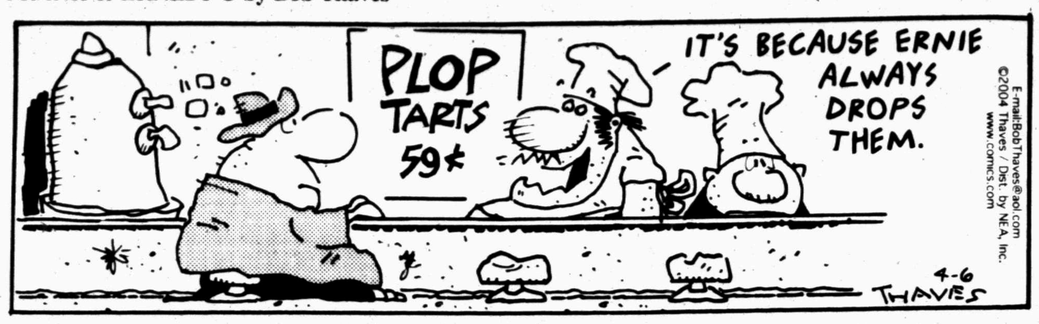
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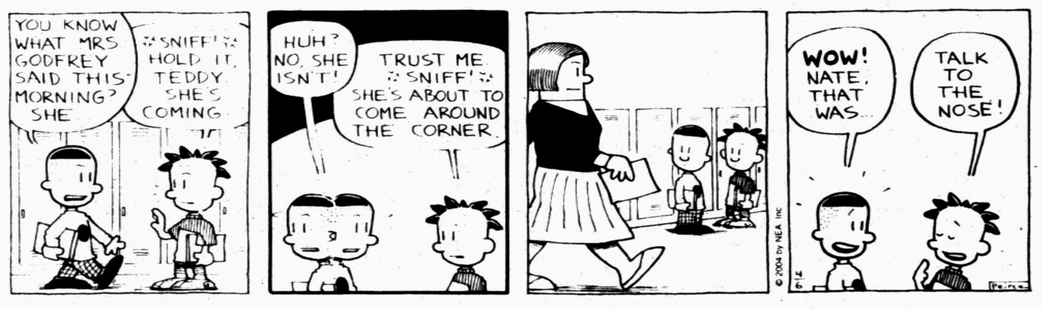
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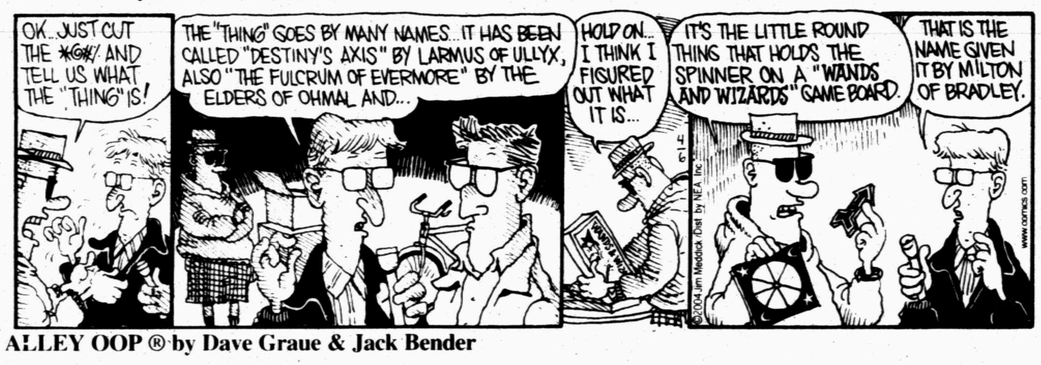
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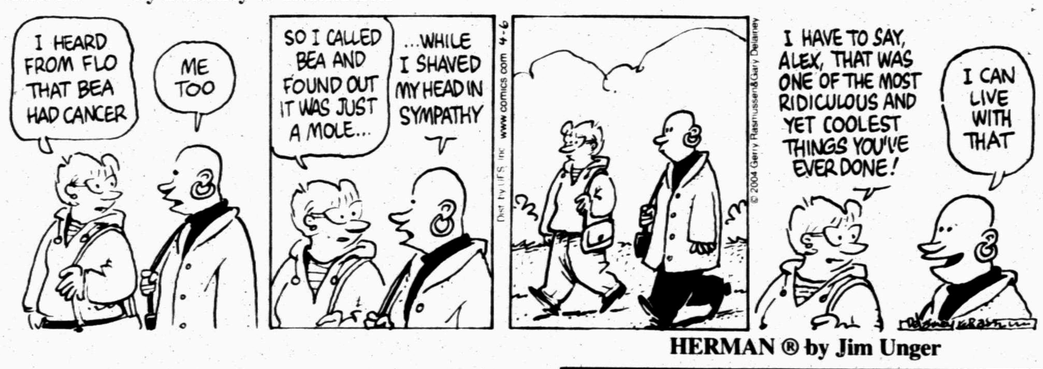
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1 London radio
4 Showery mo.
7 Promo tape
11 Every one
12 Bard's tragic king
14 Ogden locale
15 Recent, in combos
16 Touche provoker
17 H.H. Munro
18 Sweet
20 Indelible design
22 Milk amts.
23 Country addr.
24 Meditation guides
27 Sell out
30 "Tosca" highlight
31 Kind of muffin
32 Uncles and cousins
34 Serving of butter
35 Humor
36 Gas main
37 Hide out (2 wds.)
39 Like most city land
40 Computer key
41 Gas burner
42 Aromatic seed
45 Not there
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50 Mideast VIP
52 Stadium cheer
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54 Dressy event
55 Byron work
56 Pre-owned
57 Mountain curve
58 Well-known uncle

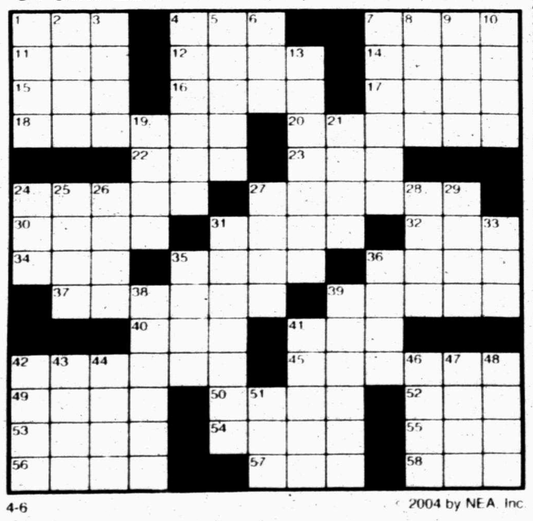
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2 Strong cheese
3 Block
4 Tips off
5 Prolific diarist
6 — Dawn Chong
7 Maid, at times
8 Coup d'—
9 Type of shark
10 Buckeye State
13 Cheap tire
19 Greenish-blue
21 Memo abbr.
24 Come unzipped
25 Europe-Asia range
26 Beatles' meter maid
27 It may be mopped
28 Comparable
29 Ouch!
31 Moonshine
33 Mr. Beatty
35 Fr. miss
36 Stovetop items
38 Tugged sharply
39 Striped animals
41 Jug and cooler
42 Herr's wife
43 Time periods
44 Quick letter
46 Psyche's beloved
47 Zilch
48 The opposing side
51 Comic strip's Daisy —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

District golf tournament...

Tigers take commanding lead

The Snyder Tigers braved the wind, the rain and the chill Monday, firing a 308 to seize control of the District 3-3A golf tournament.

Playing through a persistent drizzle at Sammy Baugh Golf Course at Western Texas College, Snyder doubled its district lead over Sweetwater, finishing 16 shots better Monday to increase its advantage by 31 shots.

Snyder came into the round up by 15 over the Mustangs, who fired a 324 Monday.

Seminole also fired a 324 and stand 36 shots off the pace, while the Snyder junior varsity team is eight strokes off third after firing a 326 for a two-round total of 654.

Snyder also holds five of the top 10 spots in the individual standings, with Alan Gray and Brady Shivers of Seminole locked in a first-place tie at 150.

Jay Weaver is third with a 152, while Jake Cottrell and Tanner Bloom are fourth and fifth.

Gray carded a 76 in the second round, while Weaver improved from a first-round 78 to a 74.

Cottrell and Tanner Bloom both fired a 79, while Cole Robertson shot an 82.

For the junior varsity, Wyl Wiggins stroked a 78, Matt Schoolcraft recorded an 81 and John Whitworth shot an 83.

Blake Seale carded an 84 and Syd Wiggins shot an 87.

Medalist for Snyder were Seth Cooper (85), Jordan Payne (86) and Ryne Trout (96).

The Tigers will wrap up the district tournament next Tuesday at Denver City.

District 3-3A
Round 2
Sammy Baugh Golf Course
April 5, 2004

Team Standings

1. Snyder A 302-308 610; 2. Sweetwater A 317-324 641; 3. Seminole A 322-324 646; **4. Snyder B 328-326 654**; 5. Lamesa A 318-357 675; 6. Lamesa B 319-383 702; 7. Denver City A 352-359 711; 8. Seminole B 347-365 712; 9. Sweetwater B 348-382 730; 10. Denver City B 394-400 794; 11. Merkel A 435-406 841; 12. Merkel B 504-495 999.

Individual
Snyder A

1. Alan Gray 74-76 150; 2. Jay Weaver 78-74 152; 3. Jake Cottrell 74-79 153; 4. Tanner Bloom 76-79 156; 5. Cole Robertson 78-82 160.

Snyder B

1. Wyl Wiggins 83-78 161; 2. Matt Schoolcraft 84-81 165; 3. (tie) John Whitworth 87-83 170; Syd Wiggins 83-87 170; 5. Blake Seale 88-84 172.

Medalists

1. Seth Cooper 85-85 170; 2. Jordan Payne 94-86 180; Ryne Trout 89-96 185.



SAME APPROACH — Snyder medalist Ryne Trout hits an approach shot in the rain during the second round of the district golf tournament Monday at Sammy Baugh Golf Course. The Tigers opened up a 31-stroke lead after carding a 308. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

UConn fulfills promise, crushes Ga. Tech

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dominating in the middle, relentless from outside and brilliant on the bench, Connecticut was a team built for a title.

Led by All-America center Emeka Okafor and stellar guard Ben Gordon, the Huskies and coach Jim Calhoun cashed in on the promise they showed all season, outclassing Georgia Tech 82-73 in the national championship game Monday night.

Okafor finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds, and Gordon scored 21 points and controlled the floor throughout. The Huskies took a big lead early, and despite a late, futile comeback attempt by the Yellow Jackets, they turned the second half into their own coronation.

"We just kind of immortalized ourselves," Gordon said. "We accomplished something great."

The Huskies proved worthy of their No. 1 preseason ranking, becoming the first team since the 1996 Kentucky Wildcats to open and close the season on top. There were six losses in between, including one to Georgia Tech in November.

At one point, they lost four of nine and looked like one of the country's biggest disappointments. Nobody's saying that anymore.

"Going wire-to-wire is one of the hardest things you can do, and it wasn't just the beginning of the year for us," Calhoun said. "This wire-to-wire went September to April, and that's as hard as it gets."

This was Connecticut's second title in six seasons, and Calhoun joined Bob Knight and Mike Krzyzewski as the only active coaches with multiple championships.

On Monday morning, the UConn coach was officially greeted with the news he'd fallen one vote short of induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame. By Monday night, it was hard to figure out why.

The game, like most of the season, was a display of well-played, well-coached basketball.

One example came early in the second half, when Okafor kept his hands straight up and denied three straight Tech attempts to get the ball close to the basket. Yellow Jackets coach Paul Hewitt simply buried his head in his hands and turned toward the crowd. He couldn't believe there wasn't a foul — or maybe he just couldn't stomach what was happening.

Another telling sequence was at the end of the first half, when Okafor snatched a missed free throw, turned and threw to Rashad Anderson, who dribbled to the top of the key and swished a shot at the buzzer for a 15-point lead. The Huskies pulled it off in five seconds, and looked as if they were the only ones on the floor, instead of playing against five Yellow Jackets.

"Credit should go to UConn," Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "I think, at least for me, we should stay away from overanalyzing why this happened, why that happened."

Suffice to say, the Yellow Jackets were overmatched.

Their big center, Luke Schenscher, was neutralized by Okafor.

Oakland rallies past Rangers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rookie Bobby Crosby may still be hitless in the majors, but it hardly mattered after he scored the winning run on opening day.

Pinch-hitter Eric Byrnes hit a two-run double with two outs in the eighth and the Oakland Athletics rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers in their season opener Monday night.

Erubiel Durazo and Crosby came home on Byrnes' big hit — a sign that these A's still have a flair for the dramatic even without departed MVP Miguel Tejada.

Crosby, the son of former major leaguer Ed Crosby, has big shoes to fill as Tejada's replacement. He's handling everything well so far, though he'll certainly be relieved once he gets a hit. Crosby is 0-for-16 with the A's after appearing in 11 games last season.

Byrnes, who began the season on the bench after a breakout year in 2003, connected against Ron Mahay. Byrnes still has six stitches above his left eye from getting hit by a pitch Friday in an exhibition game in San Francisco.

WTC rained out

Today's scheduled baseball game at Plainview between Wayland Baptist and Western Texas College has been rained out.

No make-up date has been scheduled.

This weekend's series at Odessa College has been moved to Snyder, and the start times will remain the same.

Construction delays at the Western Texas College facility forced the team to alter its schedule.

Despite rain, games go on

Despite an overnight downpour that dumped over an inch of rain on Snyder, today's district tennis tournament got underway without a hitch this morning.

Boys doubles players Wesley Price and Kenny Alcala were the only Snyder netters to have played at press time, as the pair advanced after a first-round win.

Also, today's district softball game between the Lady Tigers and Sweetwater was scheduled to be played on time.

The Lady Tigers (15-8, 1-0) will host the Lady Mustangs (3-12, 1-6) at 5 p.m. at Cates Field.

The Tigers (13-3, 3-0) will play their first road game of the district schedule when they travel to Seminole today to take on the Indians (7-6, 2-1) at 7 p.m.

Sports Briefs

MGA to begin play

The WTC Men's Golf Association will begin play at 6 p.m. today. The first monthly tournament is scheduled for Saturday.

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball program will conclude the second annual Baseball Buddies program next Saturday.

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

Young, Rangers agree to extension

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Texas Rangers signed shortstop Michael Young to a $10 million, four-year contract extension with a club option for a fifth season.

The 27-year-old Young volunteered to switch from second base to shortstop when Alfonso Soriano came to the Rangers in the trade that sent Alex Rodriguez to the New York Yankees in February. Texas had been working hard through spring training to re-sign Young to a long-term deal.

Young batted .306 last season with career highs in home runs (14) and RBIs (72). His 204 hits ranked third in the American League. He led the Rangers in batting average, at-bats, hits and triples and tied for first in doubles.

Drexler leads Hall list

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Clyde Drexler was one of six former players, coaches and team executives announced as the newest members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

He is one of three players in league history to accumulate 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity at Seminole, 7 p.m.
	WTC at Wayland Baptist, 2 p.m.
Tennis:	District varsity tournament, Snyder
Softball:	SHS varsity vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
	SHS JV vs. Sweetwater, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Golf:	Girls district tourney, Merkel
Tennis:	District varsity and JV tournament, Snyder

THURSDAY

Softball:	SHS varsity vs. Seminole, 5 p.m.
	SHS JV vs. Seminole, 7 p.m.
Baseball:	SHS Jv at Lamesa, 4:30 p.m.
Rodeo:	WTC at Frank Phillips, Borger

FRIDAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity vs. Sweetwater, 7 p.m.
	WTC vs. Odessa, DH, noon
Softball:	WTC at El Paso CC, DH, 1 p.m.
Track:	SHS varsity and JV at Colorado City meet
Rodeo:	WTC at Frank Phillips, Borger

SATURDAY

Baseball:	WTC vs. Odessa, DH, noon
Softball:	WTC at El Paso CC, DH, noon
Track:	SHS varsity and JV at Colorado City meet
Rodeo:	WTC at Frank Phillips, Borger

Girls Little Dribblers

Majors

Shock 19, Magic 17
Shock: B. Toombs 8; K. Anderson 7; S. Arizmendi 2; K. Brewster 2. **Magic:** B. Perry 10; A. Swigert 5; J. Floyd 2.

Sparks 23, Sting 15
Sparks: C. Williamson 12; L. Urias 8; T. Gordon 2. **Sting:** R. Jones 4; M. Thompson 4; A. Baker 3; K. Peterson 2; L. Reign 2.

Panthers 23, Sonics 14
Panthers: X. Northcutt 13; M. Redman 10. **Sonics:** L. Arellano 6; J. Ornales 6; B. Rosa 2.

Nikes 48, Lady Raiders 19
Nikes: T. McGlouthin 22; L. Espinoza 14; B. Minor 12. **Lady Raiders:** L. Richardson 10; M. Benetiz 4; K. Fulford 2; K. Scott 2; K. Grimes 1.

Sparks 26, Storm 23
Sparks: C. Williamson 14; L. Urias 10; T. Gordon 2. **Storm:** A. Ware 12; A. Gutierrez 9; A. Browning 2.

Storm 28, Fast Break 6
Storm: A. Ware 20; A. Gutierrez 6; B. Nickerson 2. **Fast Break:** N. Davis 4; A. Burton 2.

Nikes 42, Liberty 30
Nikes: T. McGlouthin 18; L. Espinoza 11; R. Minor 7; A. Villa 2; A. Kenner 2; B. Bollinger 2. **Liberty:** H. Newton 21; K. Medina 5; K. Moreland 2; T. Rodriguez 2.

Juniors

Starzz 22, Fever 10
Starzz: S. Bernal 18; J. Espinoza 2; V. Ornales 2. **Fever:** K. Stewart 4; M. Warren 4; S. Mitchell 2.

Sharpshooters 21, Hot Shots 19
Sharpshooters: L. Richardson 12; K. Freeman 9. **Hot Shots:** D. Davis 13; H. Gutierrez 4; T. Aguilar 2.

Starzz 32, Comets 27
Starzz: J. Bernal 22; V. Ornales 4; J. Garcia 2. **Comets:** A. Hernandez 13; J. Nobles 4; H. Medrano 3; H. Taylor 2; C. Gill 2.

Mercury 36, Sharpshooters 35
Mercury: B. Davis 16; J. Driggers 16; S. Edwards 2; L. Avila 2. **Sharpshooters:** K. Freeman 25; L. Richardson 6; M. Hanson 2.

Eight-year-olds

Hornets 23, Swifts 18
Hornets: K. Massingill 9; M. Jones 8; S. Leal 2; G. Sanchez 2; M. Moreno 2. **Swifts:** P. De Luna 8; W. Barrett 6; M. Gamble 2; C. Romero 2.

Little Tigers 8, Suns 4
Little Tigers: V. Jaramillo 8; **Suns:** J. Davis 2; D. Samarron 2.

Hornets 19, Little Tigers 10
Hornets: C. Massingill 10; M. Jones 7; A. Teal 2. **Little Tigers:** V. Jaramillo 8; K. Brock 2.

Suns 11, Hoopsters 5
Suns: B. Barbee 8; L. Davis 2; D. Samarron 1. **Hoopsters:** C. Browning 2; S. Daniels 2; B. Doucette 1.

Red Hots 14, Swifts 8
Red Hots: K. Pierce 10; A. Hernandez 4. **Swifts:** C. Romero 4; A. Claxton 2; T. Harlan 2.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New Jersey	45	31	.592	—
Miami	38	39	.494	7
New York	36	41	.468	9½
Boston	35	42	.455	10½
Philadelphia	32	45	.416	13½
Washington	24	53	.312	21½
Orlando	19	58	.247	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
yz-Indiana	56	21	.727	—
x-Detroit	50	27	.649	6
x-Milwaukee	39	38	.506	17
New Orleans	38	39	.494	18
Cleveland	32	44	.421	23½
Toronto	30	46	.395	25½
Atlanta	25	52	.325	31
Chicago	22	55	.286	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	54	24	.692	—
x-San Antonio	52	25	.675	1½
x-Memphis	49	28	.636	4½
x-Dallas	48	28	.632	5
Houston	42	34	.553	11
Utah	41	37	.526	13
Denver	40	37	.519	13½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	53	23	.697	—
x-L.A. Lakers	53	24	.688	
Portland	39	37	.513	14
Seattle	35	42	.455	18
Golden State	34	42	.447	19
L.A. Clippers	27	51	.346	27
Phoenix	26	51	.338	27

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Monday's Game

Utah 92, Memphis 81

Today's Games

Toronto at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

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Voters to decide on Wal-Mart store

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wal-Mart wants to offer its bargains in Inglewood, but many residents aren't buying the pitch.

Voters in this working class city were to decide today whether to allow the nation's largest company to open a shopping development despite opponents who say it will skirt zoning, traffic and environmental reviews.

Wal-Mart has argued in Inglewood and elsewhere that its stores create jobs and said residents should be able to decide for themselves whether or not they want the stores in their community.

Last year the Inglewood City Council blocked the proposed shopping center that would include a traditional Wal-Mart as well as other stores. That prompted Wal-Mart to collect more than 10,000 signatures to force today's ballot initiative.

Religious leaders and community activists, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, rallied Monday to urge voters in the city of 117,000 to defeat the ballot measure, which is backed by Wal-Mart.

The initiative's opponents argue it would give Wal-Mart the right to build without having to go through the usual array of public zoning, traffic and environmental hearings or reviews.

"You don't get to get around all of the environmental impacts accepted in this country," Rep. Maxine Waters said Monday. "You don't get to bypass the city and their building and safety and their planning departments. What they have done is they have gone over the top."

Wal-Mart has faced strident opposition from unions, resident groups and some municipalities who say the company's gargantuan shopping centers hurt independent businesses.

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NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	14.30	13.80	14.16	+ .23
AT&T Corp	19.58	19.45	19.47	— .02
Albertsons	22.33	22.07	22.26	+ .05
Alltel	50.53	50.25	50.35	— .24
AmEl Pw	32.72	32.42	32.61	— .17
AndarkPtr	51.91	51.46	51.73	— .12
ATMOS Egy	26.10	25.94	26.06	+ .01
Aviall	16.25	16.00	16.16	+ .06
BP PLC	53.73	53.11	53.22	+ .27
BakerHughes	35.89	35.42	35.55	— .16
Bank of Amer	81.49	81.05	81.42	+ .17
BellSouth	27.74	27.07	27.12	— .40
BurlNoSFe	32.15	31.59	32.12	+ .32
Caterpillar	83.28	81.90	83.05	+ .64
CenterPoint	11.78	11.60	11.76	+ .08
ChevronTex	89.33	88.74	89.02	— .04
Citigroup	52.17	51.80	51.96	— .27
CocaCola	50.74	50.14	50.59	+ .01
ColgatePal	54.75	54.37	54.73	— .11
CmclMetals	31.45	30.94	30.94	— .56
ConocoPhill	70.00	69.56	69.61	+ .13
Cooper Inds	58.15	57.38	58.10	
DaimlrChry	43.31	43.11	43.20	— .36
DeltaAirLines	8.59	8.27	8.50	— .06
Dillards Inc	18.00	17.83	17.95	+ .01
DowChem	41.08	40.77	41.06	— .01
DuPont	44.01	43.70	43.83	— .15
EastmanChem	43.58	43.10	43.31	+ .17
EstKodak	25.46	25.10	25.37	+ .17
EDS Corp	20.60	20.38	20.54	— .07
Entergy	59.73	59.52	59.61	+ .04
ExxonMobil	42.40	42.01	42.07	— .18
FootLocker	26.25	26.03	26.15	— .01
GenDynam	91.66	91.20	91.42	— .24
GenlElec	31.83	31.42	31.50	— .08
GenMills	46.95	46.60	46.66	
GenMotors	47.80	47.19	47.56	— .09
GaPacific	34.33	33.88	34.05	— .23
Goodrich	29.12	28.64	28.66	— .45
Goodyear	8.85	8.57	8.59	— .35
GtAtlPac	7.80	7.58	7.67	+ .04
Halliburtn	29.66	29.30	29.60	+ .22
Hanson PLC	39.84	39.63	39.76	+ .43
HarteHanks	23.44	23.26	23.37	— .13
HomeDepot	37.84	36.92	36.99	— .25
HoneywellIntl	35.04	34.77	34.83	— .17
IBM	93.79	93.35	93.36	— .82
IntlPaper	42.42	42.12	42.38	— .02
JohnsonJh	52.20	51.06	51.19	— .33
KinderMorg	63.70	63.27	63.55	— .28
Kroger Co	16.74	16.55	16.71	— .04
LockheedM	46.39	46.09	46.39	— .27
Lowes Cos	55.38	55.00	55.16	— .22
Lubys	6.10	5.88	5.88	— .29
LucentTech	4.45	4.32	4.42	
MarathonOil	33.34	32.80	32.89	— .26
MayDeptStr	34.51	34.34	34.38	— .17
Medtronic	48.46	48.10	48.15	— .46
Motorola	18.65	17.50	18.50	— .13
NCR Corp	46.25	45.77	46.16	+ .01
Navistar	49.40	47.84	49.00	+ 1.33
PNM Rescs	30.31	30.50	30.86	+ .36
Penney JC	34.75	34.52	34.72	— .05
PepBoys	28.11	27.83	28.09	— .07
PepsiCo	54.50	54.20	54.26	— .22
PhelpDodge	82.99	81.29	83.40	+ .31
PilgrimsPride	23.50	22.90	22.98	— .12
Praxair s	37.99	37.81	37.91	— .14
ProctGamb	106.16	105.50	106.00	— .35
RadioShack	32.70	32.12	32.51	— .34
RoyalDut	49.05	48.54	48.58	+ .45
SBC Comm	24.95	24.79	24.87	— .15
SaraLee	22.10	21.88	21.98	— .04
Scripps EW	103.87	103.20	103.87	+ .30
SearsRoeb	43.39	42.88	43.32	+ .32
SherwinW	38.45	38.11	38.32	+ .10
SouthernCo	30.30	30.15	30.18	— .09
SwstAirl	15.10	14.25	15.03	+ .05
SprintFON	19.89	19.35	19.69	+ .50
SprintPCS	9.98	9.71	9.89	+ .22
Sunoco Inc	60.68	59.88	60.20	+ .65
TXU Corp	28.85	28.72	28.83	— .01
TempleInland	64.59	64.31	64.37	— .13
TexInd	38.77	38.00	38.61	+ .33
TexasInst	30.95	28.95	29.09	— 1.85
Textron	54.29	53.94	54.15	— .20
TimeWarner	17.49	17.20	17.33	+ .01
TrinityInds	28.90	28.75	28.81	+ .03
TylerTech	9.84	9.75	9.83	— .07
UnionPacif	58.75	58.35	58.55	— .07
USSteel	38.70	37.83	37.97	— .73
UnitedTech	89.00	88.52	88.68	— .55
Unocal	37.37	37.10	37.23	— .02
VerizonComm	37.65	36.90	37.29	+ .03
WalMart	58.70	58.40	58.52	— .12
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Use of mouth-to-mouth being debated

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bystanders who want to help a heart attack victim are increasingly being told by 911 dispatchers to skip the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and concentrate on giving chest compressions until medical help arrives.

Driven by medical surveys and continued public resistance to giving mouth-to-mouth, emergency medical groups across the country have either changed or are considering changing the traditional instructions given over the phone to untrained individuals helping a heart attack victim.

"If someone is going to do nothing because they are apprehensive about doing mouth-to-mouth, it is simple to tell them to find the middle of the chest and start pressing," said Dr. David Wald, a physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. "That is better than nothing."

The reasoning is simple: A heart attack victim's chance of survival drops about 10 percent for every minute he or she does not get some type of help. Giving an untrained person instructions on performing mouth-to-mouth wastes some of those precious minutes, but it is relatively easy to tell someone how to properly do chest compressions.

Wald said between 1,000 to 1,500 people die of cardiac arrest every day in the United States. The chances of saving heart attack victims is "realistically very small" because of several factors — ranging from why the person collapsed, to how CPR is performed and how long it takes paramedics to arrive, he said.

But performing some type of cardiopulmonary resuscitation can expand by four minutes the window of time generally considered necessary for paramedics to respond and still have a chance at saving a victim, Wald said.

The changes are only for victims over age 18 whose hearts have suddenly stopped. Children and those who have stopped breathing because of such things as drug overdoses, drowning, carbon monoxide poisoning or allergic reactions still require mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

In February, emergency medical directors in several cities — including Los Angeles, Chicago and Dallas — decided to make the change. And last week, emergency dispatch services in 17 cities and counties nationwide began a test of instructions from the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch that advise using only chest compressions on heart attack victims.

The American Heart Association also is studying the issue and will decide by January whether to change its guidelines.

Many proponents of the change cite a 2000 study done in Seattle that compared compression and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation with compressions alone. It found the difference in survival rates was not statistically significant, but compressions took less time and was the preferred method of bystanders inexperienced in CPR.

"What the study found was that bystanders started the compressions about 1 1/2 minutes earlier and it was easier to follow the instructions," said Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of emergency medicine at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Compressions — in which a person pushes down on a breastbone and then releases about every second — help circulate the oxygen that remains in the body after the heart stops. Stopping the compressions to breathe into the mouth slows that circulation. But after four to six minutes, some mouth-to-mouth is necessary to get more oxygen into the victim.

"The issue is, can you provide the oxygen for the tissues for four to six minutes until the paramedics get there?" said Dr. Jeff Clawson, of the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch. "Eventually you have to recharge the empty oxygen tank by breathing."

The academies' new protocols tell bystanders to give the victim about 400 compressions before beginning mouth-to-mouth.

Wald said the concern about contracting a disease while giving mouth-to-mouth is "completely unsubstantiated," but the fear still exists, especially when a stranger is involved.

Fed aid for poor students to drop in some states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eleven states will get less federal money for poor students next school year, while the 39 other states and the District of Columbia will get more, new figures show.

The dollar changes come about for two reasons: the use of new estimates of where poor students live, and overall spending increases in the federal aid program known as Title I.

Under law, the Education Department is supposed to use the most current, reliable population data available in determining how to distribute more than $12 billion. So the agency has plugged in census data released last year, reflecting family incomes in 2000.

Lawmakers in some states have objected, saying that the estimates don't accurately reflect their school districts, and that poor schools will suffer as demands on them grow. Senators of both parties have asked the department to reconsider. It does not plan to do so.

"We have not heard from anyone who has provided a substantive explanation for why the numbers shouldn't be adopted," Todd Jones, a department budget official, said Monday.

The eleven states that will get less money are Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio and Pennsylvania, based on preliminary estimates. The final spending numbers are expected within a few weeks.

Within all states, some school districts will gain federal money and some will lose, as intended to reflect shifts in population. But fewer districts would take such a big hit if the Bush administration had met its promise to help needy schools, said Judd Legum, deputy research director at the Center for American Progress, a Democrat-affiliated think tank.

Retired aircraft carrier will be sunk off Pensacola coast

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The retired aircraft carrier USS Oriskany, a combat veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, will be sunk in the Gulf of Mexico off Pensacola's coast this summer to serve as an artificial reef, the Navy announced Monday.

Pensacola, known as the "Cradle of Naval Aviation," was selected from among four sites proposed by five states as the watery grave of what will be the largest vessel deliberately sunk for that purpose in the United States.

It is unlikely to hold the distinction for long because the Navy this summer also will begin taking applications for 24 other ships including three aircraft carriers, the USS Forrestal, USS Independence and USS Constellation, said Patricia Dolan, spokeswoman for the Naval Sea Systems Command. Each displaces more than twice the Oriskany's 27,100 tons.

The 888-foot Oriskany is the first vessel in a new program designed to dispose of obsolete warships by sinking them as a cheaper alternative to the scrap yard.

"This historic ship is held in high esteem by all our veterans and, in particular, our Florida Navy veterans," Gov. Jeb Bush said in a statement released by his office. "This is one more example of Florida's great relationship with the United States Navy."

Escambia County, in the Panhandle, last year won an endorsement from the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in competition with a South Florida group. The Navy will transfer the ship to state ownership.

"This is a quantum leap in terms of fishing and diving and economic opportunities for Northwest Florida," said Escambia marine resources director Bob Turpin. The ship also will serve as an underwater military memorial.

South Carolina and Georgia proposed a joint site in the Atlantic Ocean off their shared border, while Texas and Mississippi submitted individual applications.

Florida's selection received an enthusiastic response from retired Chief Petty Officer Lee Puglia. He is secretary-treasurer of the Oriskany Reunion Association, which campaigned hard for Pensacola because of its key role in the founding of naval aviation and as a pilot training base.

"It's going to make a lot of people happy," Puglia said from his home in Hooksett, N.H. "There is a lot of emotion associated with this ship."

Much of it stems from a magazine fire that killed 44 crew members off the coast of Vietnam in 1966 and the pilots, many trained at Pensacola Naval Air Station, who were lost in combat.

The Oriskany's former crew members include Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was shot down and taken prisoner in North Vietnam after taking off from the ship in 1967. It was just three months after he narrowly avoided death aboard the Forrestal in another fire that began when an errant missile hit his plane on the flight deck.

No date has been set for the sinking with controlled charges in 212 feet of water 22 miles southeast of Pensacola. The Oriskany will be towed from Corpus Christi, Texas, where it is being cleaned of potential pollutants.

Other vessels being made available for sinking include five guided missile cruisers, two frigates, eight destroyers, three guided missile destroyers, a landing ship dock, a supply vessel and a patrol boat.

The Forrestal is now at Newport, R.I., and the Independence and Constellation, are at Bremerton, Wash. The other vessels are at Bremerton, Philadelphia, Benecia, Calif., and Panama City.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Few legal remedies exist to help elderly con victims

Dear Abby: I read with interest the letter from "Worried Sick in Alabama," whose mother was about to give money to a known con man. The same thing happened to my mother, who didn't stop "lending" money until $67,000 was gone.

The district attorney, two police departments and an attorney who specializes in elder issues sympathized with me, but no one could do anything. They told me, in effect, that as long as people are mentally competent, they can do whatever they want with their own money. Trusting, naive and misguided do not constitute incompetence.

Finally, I hired a private detective who found pending felony theft charges and other incriminating facts about the guy who was conning my mother. I believe she was persuaded more by the fact I hired a private detective than by what he dug up. She did quit writing checks, but I live in constant fear that some other con artist will find her.

I encourage "Worried" to find some way to invest her mother's money so that Mom won't have instant access to it. If possible, she should be convinced to let her daughter pay her bills for her, and set up a checking account where two signatures are required.

This is a difficult and, I suspect, widespread problem. I don't know what the answer is, because it includes issues of dignity and self-worth, as well as independence. I know elderly people who have lost their good judgment, and will lose their ability to pay their own way because of it. — **STILL WORRIED IN ALABAMA**

DEAR STILL WORRIED: Perhaps the next letter will ease your mind. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: We at the National Center on Elder Abuse read the tragic letter from "Worried Sick in Alabama." Sadly, her story illustrates how financial crimes pose a growing threat to the well-being and independence of our "greatest generation."

It is cause for concern when a senior grants unusual access or control of his or her assets to another person in suspicious circumstances. A challenge in detecting this is that victims may be reluctant to reveal financial abuse or accuse their abuser out of fear of retaliation or losing their independence. They may also feel embarrassed or reluctant to get the perpetrator in trouble.

In addition to consulting an attorney and contacting law enforcement, our advice is to report concerns to Adult Protective Services, the long-term care ombudsman or the state attorney general's office. Call the Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Aging, at (800) 677-1116 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST) to quickly find the numbers of your local agencies. To learn more about how to prevent, recognize or respond to elder abuse, neglect or exploitation, please visit our Web site at www.elderabusecenter.org.

Thank you, Abby, for helping millions of American seniors with your informative and sensitive advice. — **AMY HANLEY, NATIONAL CENTER ON ELDER ABUSE**

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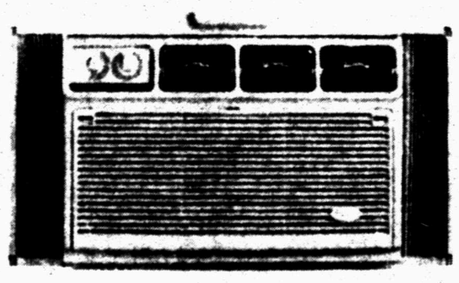
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Despite successes, terror combatants rising

WASHINGTON (AP) — The war on terror keeps rounding up terrorists, yet every day there appear to be more.

Some 3,400 al-Qaida-linked operatives have been captured or killed in 100 countries since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on America, the State Department said last week. Now, officials believe, a new wave of threats is coming from dozens of smaller groups only loosely connected to the network but inspired by al-Qaida's message and methods.

In the last week alone, authorities made arrests in the Philippines, Britain, Turkey and France, but new threats have been reported in the United States and Spain and deadly attacks occurred in Uzbekistan.

The seemingly endless cycle of progress and setbacks stokes the debate over whether the Bush administration is using the proper strategy to fight the global battle.

Did it launch war in Iraq that only inflamed anti-American sentiment? Did it divert the U.S. focus, allowing terror cells around the world time to strengthen and evolve?

Is the United States using the military too much and other counterterror tools too little? Has it and the rest of the world failed to strike at terror's root causes, leaving the world's repressed or disenfranchised vulnerable to the lure of extremists?

"Are we capturing, killing or deterring ... more terrorists every day than the (Islamic schools) and the radical clerics are recruiting, training and deploying against us?" Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld asked in an October memo to other Pentagon leaders.

Europeans questioned U.S. strategy after last month's bombings in Spain.

"It is clear that force alone cannot win the fight against terrorism," European Commission President Romano Prodi said. "These dark days have shown us how the American approach itself has not been sufficient to deal with the situation completely."

After the 2001 attacks, the administration began assembling an international coalition for the war against Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia and the al-Qaida fighters they harbored as well as to gather intelligence, cut off terrorist financing and coordinate international law enforcement around the world.

Although those efforts continue, two back-to-back wars have been the main U.S. focus for the past 21/2 years, consuming most of hundreds of billions of dollars spent on security.

President Bush has said repeatedly that the way to defeat terrorism is to take the battle to the terrorists before they can attack the United States.

In the fall of 2001, there was little taste in the United States for uncovering "root causes." The first priority was to eliminate al-Qaida before it could carry out more attacks. It wasn't seen as the time to dwell on whether the United States could undercut the extremists' motivations.

To some, it still isn't.

"I'm still in the retribution and war-planning stage," said Bill Harvey, whose wife of one month, Sarah, was killed when al-Qaida operatives hijacked planes and flew them into New York's World Trade Center.

"Now is not the time to talk about how do we help them," he said of the radicals. "Now is the time to talk about exterminating them."

But Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert with the Rand Corporation, said the fight has to be two-pronged: the short-term effort to break the backs of terrorist organizations and the long-term goal of breaking the cycle in which new generations of extremists are recruited and existing ones replenished and strengthened.

"It has to be both" military and other efforts, he said. "The question is in what balance and what proportion."

Critics say the U.S. approach is off-kilter.

"Despite the administration's promises of a comprehensive approach to fighting terrorism, its budget concentrates seven times as many resources on the military as on all nonmilitary security tools combined, including homeland security," said Miriam Pemberton of the research group Foreign Policy in Focus.

She co-authored a report released jointly by some dozen liberal think tanks that recommended paring weapons systems less suited to today's battles and redirecting some $50 billion in budget money to diplomacy, development and other security efforts.

The Heritage Foundation's Nile Gardiner disagrees.

Alaskans bet in Nenana Ice Classic

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Tom Waters saves all year to indulge in his only hobby: guessing when ice will melt.

For $2.50 a pop, he and thousands of others try for a piece of a $300,000 jackpot by predicting the exact minute when spring will loosen the frozen cover of the Tanana River at Nenana enough to move it downstream.

Kentucky has its Derby, Indianapolis its 500. Alaska's rite of spring is the Nenana Ice Classic.

Residents of Nenana, a city of 500 about 55 miles south of Fairbanks, have gambled on when the ice will leave the Tanana for 87 years. "Breakup" on the Tanana and Yukon rivers in the early 1900s meant the waterways could again be used by sternwheelers to haul people and cargo 800 miles west from the Bering Sea.

In 1917, surveyors for the Alaska Engineering Commission, the federal agency charged with building the Alaska Railroad, were waiting for open water so boats could bring up material they needed to go to work. They passed the time by anteing up about $800 to form an ice-betting pool.

The kitty grew as people from around the state began betting. The Ice Classic over the years has paid out nearly $10 million in prize money.

To detect movement in the ice these days, Ice Classic organizers erect a 28-foot wooden tripod about 200 feet from shore just upriver from the 1,300-foot highway bridge. They hook a cable from the tripod to the official Ice Classic clock. When the tripod moves 100 feet, the wire trips the clock.

Former Lt. Gov. Jack Coghill, 78, was born and raised in Nenana and presided as mayor for 22 years. Coghill was one of 10 people to hold a winning ticket in 1952, when the pot was $180,000. He used his $18,000 to buy a sawmill, cut lumber and build a hotel, since converted to a combination courthouse, coin-operated laundry, beauty parlor and two-unit apartment house, where he now lives.

The Ice Classic is not just a rite of spring, Coghill said, but a commemoration of Alaska transportation before roads, airplanes and trains.

Given the variables, there's no way the contest could be rigged, he said.

"There's no shenanigans and no way anyone can beat Mother Nature," he said.

The king of the guessers since 1978 has been Waters, 46, of Fairbanks. Most people buy a ticket or 10. Waters this year purchased 2,250 at a cost of $5,625, with the reluctant blessing of his wife, Suzetta.

"She kind of cringes when she sees the debit in the checkbook," Waters says.

The first year he entered, his best guess was an hour off — his all-time worst finish. Since then, he has kept meticulous notes on the factors that influence Breakup.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Circumstances that you couldn't control in the past will be undergoing favorable transformations in the year ahead. Once the changes are made, the conditions will give you greater financial security.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Tasks from which you would normally shy away will pose no problems for you today. You're quite capable of handling that which you tackle and can accomplish much when you try.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although you like everybody and are in a sociable mood today, some companions will offer more than others can. Seek out the company of those with whom you have much in common.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You tend to be overly protective of those you love today, and this is admirable. However, it will still be important that you give all enough room to call their own in which to operate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though you're exceptionally adroit in handling physical tasks, today you'll be better equipped to deal with mental tasks. Use your powers of concentration to accomplish your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The friendly manner in which you handle people is one of your greatest assets. However, today you may have to be a bit more assertive than usual in your business dealings. Don't hold back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Whether you like it or not, you'll be noticed wherever you go today, so it behooves you to enhance your appearance with a bit of primping. The impression you make will be a lasting one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although you're a person who likes to be out front, you can be more effective today by being the power pulling the strings behind the scenes. Sometimes seeing less accomplishes more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your friends are apt to have more faith in you and your ideas than you may have in yourself. Fortunately, they'll be there for you today, encouraging you to press forward with your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't be overly concerned, or too complacent, if you find yourself in a competitive situation today. Your track time is likely to be far swifter than those who run against you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Instead of giving into poor habits that have caused you problems in the past, profit today from those past experiences and be determined to start out on a fresh footing.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Does grouchiness have a medical cause

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a medical condition that causes people to be grouchy when they are hungry? My 21-year-old son-in-law is always grouchy in the morning until after he eats breakfast. He also gets grouchy later in the day unless he eats as soon as he is hungry.

Our daughter says he inherited this from his father and, since it is caused by a medical condition, he can't help it. She feels we should ignore his belligerence and quick temper.

My wife and I believe he needs an attitude adjustment.

DEAR READER: Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is a rare medical disorder that causes faintness, tremulousness, malaise and hunger that usually occur 2 to 3 hours after a meal. While I doubt that this is your son-in-law's problem, it should be checked out with appropriate medical intervention that includes blood tests.

On the other hand, some healthy people do become irritable when they are hungry. This is, however, no excuse to be unpleasant to others. Thus, I agree that your son-in-law needs an attitude adjustment, in addition to medical intervention.

Don't let him play the "victim game" by claiming that he "inherited" the condition, can't control it and is justified in making everyone around him miserable. This is nuts. So what if he feels grouchy because his breakfast is late? Big deal. Maybe he ought to consider children in Third World nations who don't get breakfast at all — or dinner either. Or lunch.

Part of growing up is learning to moderate and control one's feelings. Your son-in-law needs to "chill out" (as the children say) and stop being so juvenile. All he has to do is behave decently until he eats. This doesn't seem to me to be an insurmountable problem.

I think that your daughter would be a lot happier if she weren't expected to put up with her husband's moods — which, I'll bet, he learned from his father rather than inherited them. She is enabling him to continue behaving childishly. He certainly can "help it." He can change and ought to do so. With all the problems in the world today, we don't need more guys with short fuses and the conviction that they're not responsible for their own behavior. This is utter nonsense.

Don't ignore your son-in-law's actions.

Show him my answer to your question — after he has had a big meal.

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

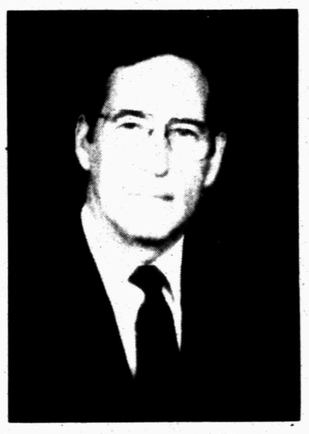
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DEATH IN EVERY SHAPE:
THE DAWSON MASSACRE AND THE MEN OF THE FAYETTE COMPANY
HARRY L. KRENEK, Ph.D





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Western Texas College

On September 18, 1842, fifty-three men of the Fayette militia company were trapped by a Mexican army on an open prairie near San Antonio, Texas. After suffering a sustained bombardment of grape and canister for half an hour, the Texans faced an assault by dragoons. When the slaughter ended, only fifteen members of the company remained alive.

Two days later, the survivors were marched deep into Mexico. Three were killed on the march to the prison, and three others died when a typhus epidemic swept through the prison. Two made a daring escape through a tunnel in the pumice stone wall but the others remained in prison for many months.

Told here for the first time, this is the true story of these men and the incident known in the history of Texas as the Dawson Massacre.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

South Texas still under flood warnings

From staff, wire reports

Flood warnings remained in effect today across South Texas, where more rain was possible after weather-related traffic fatalities and the death toll across the border from the high water continued to rise.

A number of counties in South Texas were on the watch for possible flooding from the slow-moving storm system.

The National Weather Service had flood warnings in effect today in a triangle roughly formed by San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Laredo.

Closer to home, the weather service posted a flash flood watch for Andrews and Gaines counties, as well as Lea County in New Mexico through mid-morning.

The official rainfall measurement Monday for Snyder at the filter plant was 1.85 inches, while other measurements in the county ranged up to. 2.7 inches at Union.

(See other totals in rainfall box)

Lightning caused temporary outages in Snyder Monday evening during the height of the storm, but there were no major outages.

Officers contacted city crews around 10:30 p.m. to begin placing barriers at low water crossings within the city limits.

Water was reported on U.S. 84, some nine miles east of Hermleigh at 11 p.m., and construction warning barrels were reported floating in the roadway.

At 11:30 p.m., weather spotters reported some 18 inches of water over a low water crossing on Avenue E.

In Del Rio, flooding forced closure of U.S. 377 at the U.S. 277 intersection early today and roads into two Val Verde County subdivisions were becoming impassible, said Jennifer Norton, a sheriff's dispatcher. Flooding was also reported at Loma Alta south of Ozona.

Five people were killed in West Texas early Monday on a detour route forced by a bridge washout on Interstate 20 near Pecos, while the death toll from a flash flood hitting the Mexican border city of Piedras Negras has risen to more than two dozen.

The weather-related fatalities in West Texas occurred in a four-vehicle wreck early Monday on U.S. 285 in southeastern Reeves County, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The two-lane highway was used as a detour for eastbound traffic on I-20 after a bridge over the normally dry Salt Draw was washed away Sunday evening by fast-moving water that had broken an upstream dam earlier in the day.

Two semi-trailers and a pickup truck were involved in the fatal collisions, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said.

The dead included tractor-trailer rig driver Melinda O'Brien, 43, of Spring. Passengers Marielena Martinez Garcia, 18, Ermilio Maya Lujan and Marco Antonio Camacho, who was from Zinapecuaro, Michoacan, Mexico, were all pronounced dead by Reeves County Justice of the Peace Jim Riley. DPS Trooper Richard Crum said only Camacho's hometown had been identified, but that the other Spanish-surnamed victims were also from Mexico.

Three others — Marcelo Castillo Reyes, 23, Jose Canizal Padilla, 28, and Jessica Guerara Cruz, 16, all of Mexico — were listed in stable condition Monday night at Reeves County Hospital.

Riley also pronounced pickup driver Paul Wesley "Wes" Wilkins, 26, of Kermit, dead at the scene about 20 miles southeast of Pecos.

Meanwhile, residents of Toyah were returning Monday to assess flood damage, which included homes and storage buildings.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	**1.85**
North of city	**.4**
East of city	**.9**
West of city	**1.0**
CRMWD office	**2.00**
Lake Thomas	**1.50**
Ennis Creek	**.80**
Hermleigh	**1.80**
Fluvanna	**.50**
Polar	**2.10**
Loyd Mountain	**1.50**
Camp Springs	**1.50**
Dunn	**1.90**
Ira	**1.90**
Dermott	**1.35**
Union	**2.70**
Gail	**1.90**
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	**1.50**
Sc. County (W)	**1.75**

Totals as reported by area residents for Monday and Monday night.

U.S. troops, guerrillas battle around Falljuah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops battled guerrillas today on the edge of Fallujah in an operation to crush the insurgency there, as violence inspired by supporters of an anti-American Shiite Muslim cleric again spread to at least four cities, with 30 Iraqis killed.

The military reported five Marines and three soldiers killed in operations over the past two days. A Ukrainian soldier also died Monday in a battle in Kut, southeast of Baghdad.

After a weekend of country-wide violence sparked primarily by followers of the fiery Muqtada al-Sadr, fighting again was reported in Nasiriyah, Kut, Amarah and northern Baghdad. There were 15 Iraqis killed in Nasiriyah and another 15 dead in Amarah, coalition military officials said.

Al-Sadr left his fortress-like complex today, vowing to shed his own blood in the drive to oust the American occupation.

U.S. officials have suggested they will move soon to arrest al-Sadr, who announced today he left a mosque in the city of Kufa, south of Baghdad, where he has been holed up since Sunday. He is surrounded by militiamen pledging to resist any attempt to capture him.

Al-Sadr moved to his office in the nearby city of Najaf, in an alley near the city's holiest shrine, according to a top aide, Sheik Qays al-Khaz'ali.

"I have pledged not to allow a drop of blood to be shed except my own," al-Sadr said in a statement. "I'm prepared to have my own blood shed for what is holy to me."

He said he was moving to avoid bloodshed in a mosque. "I feared that the sanctity of a glorious and esteemed mosque would be violated by scum and evil people," he said. The Americans "will have no qualms to embark on such actions."

City to begin flushing fire hydrants this week

All fire hydrants west of College Avenue and north of 37th Street will be flushed starting Wednesday, and Snyder fire department officials wanted residents to be alerted.

Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said that the flushing process on some 112 hydrants could result in muddy water temporarily.

"Citizens may want to check the color of their water before washing a load of clothes," Westmoreland said.

The flushing process is an annual event, but Westmoreland said the discoloring of water may not be as severe as in years past since many of the lines have been replaced with PVC pipe.

Westmoreland said that some areas east of College Avenue between the water plant and the west part of Snyder also could be affected.

The fire chief said it would take from 12 to 24 hours for the water to clear up after hydrants are flushed.

Snyder police investigate burglary

• ***Burglary***

Snyder police are investigating a burglary that was reported at 4 a.m. today at the El Ranchito Café at 503 N. College Ave.

Taken in the burglary was a cash register containing $100 cash, said owner Josephine Olvera.

• ***Thefts***

J.B. Patterson reported metal plows stolen off a trailer Monday while it was parked on North Ave. E, near the cemetery. An offense report for Class B theft was filed by deputies.

Paul Wilson told officers Monday morning that his wheelchair had been stolen from the back porch of his residence at 2211 Ave. Z. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

• ***Arrests***

At 10:42 a.m. Monday a woman reported a vehicle was parked in a driveway in the 1300 block of 22nd Street and that a person was asleep in it. Officers arrested a 54-year-old male for public intoxication.

A 22-year-old female was arrested in the 2400 block of College Avenue at 5 p.m. for an invalid driver license.

At 5:50 p.m. Monday, officers arrested a 26-year-old male in the 3700 block of Avenue M for invalid driver license.

• ***Juvenile problems***

A deputy was requested at 8:15 a.m. Monday at a residence on FM 1606 because a 16-year-old girl refused to get up and go to school.

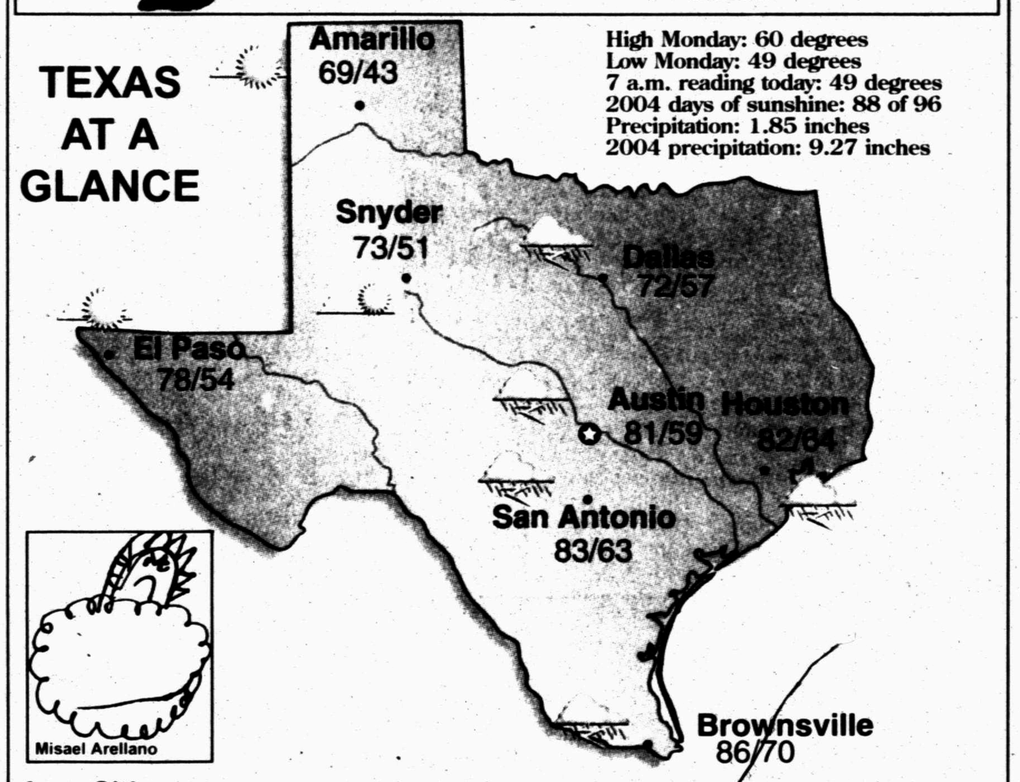
The deputy made contact with the girl and reported she was going to school.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 4/7	Thu 4/8	Fri 4/9
73/51	71/48	73/48
Partly cloudy. High 73F Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise 7:23 AM Sunset 8:08 PM	Sunrise 7:22 AM Sunset 8:09 PM	Sunrise 7:21 AM Sunset 8:10 PM

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2004 precipitation: 9.27 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	74	54	pt sunny	El Paso	78	54	mst sunny	Midland	76	53	mst sunny
Amarillo	69	43	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	77	54	mst sunny	Raymondville	87	68	t-storm
Austin	81	59	t-storm	Gainesville	70	52	t-storm	Rosenberg	82	63	t-storm
Beaumont	80	62	t-storm	Greenville	71	54	t-storm	San Antonio	83	63	t-storm
Brownsville	86	70	t-storm	Houston	82	64	t-storm	San Marcos	82	59	t-storm
Brownwood	79	55	pt sunny	Kingsville	87	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	70	54	t-storm
Corpus Christi	84	69	t-storm	Livingston	79	58	t-storm	Sweetwater	75	53	pt sunny
Corsicana	73	56	t-storm	Longview	72	56	t-storm	Tyler	73	56	t-storm
Dallas	72	57	t-storm	Lubbock	72	50	mst sunny	Weatherford	72	53	t-storm
Del Rio	84	62	mst sunny	Lufkin	77	59	t-storm	Wichita Falls	70	51	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	54	pt sunny	Houston	82	64	t-storm	Phoenix	84	62	mst sunny
Boston	53	37	pt sunny	Los Angeles	70	55	mst sunny	San Francisco	68	51	windy
Chicago	63	42	mst sunny	Miami	79	70	mst sunny	Seattle	59	43	rain
Dallas	72	57	t-storm	Minneapolis	61	37	rain	St. Louis	70	50	rain
Denver	64	39	t-storm	New York	56	41	rain	Washington, DC	66	44	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 27

UV Index

Wed 4/7	Thu 4/8	Fri 4/9
High	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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Obituaries

C.J. Ford

1920-2004

Carroll J. Ford died Sunday, April 4, at his home in Snyder.

Graveside service for Mr. Ford, 83, is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Wilson Valley Cemetery in Little River, Texas. The Rev. Blake Kimbrough, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Flat, Tex., will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 15, 1920 in Heidenheimer, Tex. , he married Juanita Buffington on May 3, 1950 in El Paso. Mr. Ford was a retired truck driver for Yellow Freight Company and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Ford of Gatesville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary and Wade Watts of Gatesville and Theresa Kildow of Snyder; two grandsons, Johnathan Watts of Gatesville and Jeremy Kildow of Coleman; and a granddaughter, Crystal Watts of Gatesville.

Mr. Amador

1913-2004

ROTAN — Arturo S. Amador, father of three Snyder residents, died Sunday, April 4, in his home in Rotan.

Service for Mr. Amador, 91, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rotan with the Rev. Timothy Schwertner officiating. Burial will follow in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Rosary will be at 7 this evening in the Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home Chapel.

Born June 15, 1913 in Floresville, he was married to Dolores Zapata Quevedo who preceded him in death.

Mr. Amador had lived in Rotan 50 years and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and worked at the Rotan Gin.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Raphael and Simona (Sisneros) Amador; one son, Rudy Amador; and one brother, Lalo Amador.

Survivors include three sons, Art Amador Jr. of Snyder, Rick Amador of Rotan and Ralph Amador of Roby; five daughters, Lidia Zamora and Olivia Amador, both of Snyder, Angela Amador of Phoenix, Ariz., Judy Amador of Abilene and Elida Amador of Washington; one brother, Alberto Amador; one sister, Felipa Amador; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mildred Fuller

1913-2004

COLORADO CITY — Mildred Fuller, sister-in-law of W.J. Fuller of Dunn, died Monday, April 4, in the Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City.

Service for Mrs. Fuller, 90, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Sammy Elliott officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on May 25, 1913 to E.A. and Dillie Ruth Gallitin Warmer, she married Odell Fuller on May 26, 1933 in Lovington, N.M. They resided in Scurry County before moving to Colorado City. She was a homemaker, a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and a home demonstration club.

Survivors include her husband, Odell Fuller of Colorado City; a son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Betty Fuller of Colorado; and three grandchildren, Beverly Jordan of Arlington, Kim Gross and Brandon Fuller, both of Colorado City.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Carl Davis

1918-2004

SEMINOLE – Carl P. Davis, the stepfather of Keith Beck of Snyder, died Sunday, April 4, in Hospice Homeplace in Tyler.

Funeral service for Mr. Davis, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. H.A. Hanks officiating. Burial will follow in the Gaines County Cemetery South under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Born in Floydada, Mr. Davis moved from Lamesa to Seminole in 1928. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a retired assistant postmaster.

Survivors include his wife, Ireta Davis of Seminole; a son, Bill "Wig" Davis of Seminole; a daughter, Peggy Jones of Seminole; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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