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Home of Sherry Patterson



LIONS' PIT — Snyder Lions Club President David Holt worked the grill Tuesday night at Towle Park Barn as the local club gathered for a family night hamburger supper. The group also enjoyed homemade ice cream and music by Cindy Nix. (SDN Staff Photo)

President starts European trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to counter European doubts about the U.S.-led war on terrorism, President Bush opened his weeklong trip today by warning allies they too could face attacks and urging their continued support for military action.

"Even though we've had some initial successes, there's still danger for countries which embrace freedom, countries such as ours, or Germany, France, Russia or Italy," Bush said as he departed the White House for a four-nation tour. "As an alliance, we must to continue to fight against global terror. We've got to be tough."

Bush flew to Berlin, where he was to use an address to the German Parliament on Thursday to underscore the need for continued cooperation against terrorism. "I know America can't win the war on terror alone," he told the German TV station ARD.

A stark reminder of European skepticism awaited him: Some 100 protests were planned across Germany today and Thursday to coincide with his visit, and a demonstration in Berlin on the eve of his arrival drew as many as 100,000 people, most opposing any expansion of the war.

The president has not fielded questions from White House reporters in a week, a period in which it was disclosed that he learned last August that Osama bin Laden wanted to hijack U.S. airplanes, and did not answer queries after his brief statement today morning. Bush submitted to a series of interviews from European journalists on Tuesday, eager to win hearts and minds there in advance of his trip to Germany, France, Italy and Russia.

For board of managers...

Cogdell Hospital will name new chairman

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will elect a new chairman at Thursday's noon meeting.

Nan Swanson, current chairman, will submit her letter of resignation from the board. Swanson, minister of Snyder's First Presbyterian Church, is moving from the community next month.

Swanson's resignation will trigger a second action soon – the appointment by the Scurry County commissioners' court of a new board member.

Board by-laws call for an election by the board for a new chairman.

Action items include the approval of medical staff applications for two physicians — Dr. Alan Abel, and Dr. Erik Gunderson. Dr. Abel is a general surgeon from Big Spring, while Dr. Gunderson is a gynecologist.

Both will be working with Sweetwater surgeon Dr. John Gregg who has been performing surgery at the hospital since Dr. Mark Weaver moved from the community.

George Parsley, hospital CEO, will report to the board on the progress of the emergency room renovation, as well as the surgery suite update. Parsley also will report on physician recruitment.

Thursday meeting...

Lorber building on DCOS board agenda

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday for a meeting that was postponed last week.

One new item was added to the agenda, as the board will discuss the Lorber building in the industrial park.

Plans are in the mill for Lorber Industries to sell only the equipment.

John DeLille, executive director of the DCOS, has previously said that he would like to see local control over the building so that it could be used as a recruiting tool for new industry.

Also, C.D. Gray Jr., president of Ice Melt Products Inc., will ask the DCOS for some $12,000 in funding for a joint venture project between his company and Stoller Enterprises of Houston.

The money would be used to lease rail car space, said Gray.

Stoller Enterprises is a fertilizer manufacturing company that Gray will be using to add to their products for a line of fertilizer. Gray wants to lease 20 rail car spaces.

The former county commissioner said he would also offer a suggestion to the DCOS board that it help pay for an electrical rate consultant to help lower electricity costs for new and existing businesses in Scurry County.

EMS week continues

Snyder EMS is observing National Emergency Medical Services Week that spotlights EMS providers nationwide.

"This job is different from any other job you can have," said Cindy Josey, one of five licensed paramedics on the local staff.

"There is tremendous pressure and you have to react quickly," said Josey. This year's theme is "Help is a Heartbeat Away".

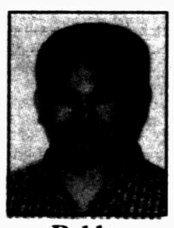
"EMS Week is an opportunity to recognize the emergency services Snyder EMS provides," said Penny Roberson, who holds a paramedic certification and is office manager of Snyder EMS.

Members of Snyder EMS were in Scurry County schools today giving bicycle helmets to many of the students.

The helmets will be given out at Snyder elementary schools and at Hermleigh, Ira and at day care centers.

The Snyder Volunteer Fire Department donated funds for the helmets, as did Coventry Plumbing, Wal-Mart and Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

New Mexico State grad joins SDN staff



Bobby Allen

Bobby Allen, a graduate of New Mexico State University, is the newest addition to the Snyder Daily News staff.

Allen, 31, joins the SDN staff as a general assignment reporter.

Allen completed his bachelor's degree in English at New Mexico State after serving five years in the U.S. Army as a helicopter mechanic. During his years of service, Allen was stationed in Virginia, Texas and Germany.

Allen is no stranger to living in a new community, as Snyder becomes the 12th city he has called home.

While growing up, Allen followed his father, a warrant officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, to almost a dozen locations across the country, including stays in Hawaii and then Alaska, where he graduated from Kodiak High School in 1989.

Allen will fill the news writing slot held by Brian Brisendine who joined the SDN staff a year ago.

Brisendine, a management trainee for the Roberts Publishing group of newspapers of which the Snyder Daily News is a member, will remain with the SDN but will concentrate on advertising and circulation.

In addition, Brisendine will continue to cover some news, including Western Texas College.

While at New Mexico State, Allen covered the school's football team for the student newspaper, The Roundup.

Allen's wife, Korie, is a native of El Paso, and is a radiology student and plans to attend classes in Midland next school year. The couple has 19-month-old twin sons, Trevor and Trenton.



SNYDER EMS –Members of the Snyder EMS gathered Tuesday in observance of National Emergency Medical Services Week. From left, kneeling, are Jason Gruben, Lori Kincheloe, Cindy Josey and Krystyl Valentine. Standing from left are Roy Bennett, Perry Westmoreland, Shane Jones, Albert Canon, James Walker, Gaylon Rodriguez, Mary Lou Stinson, Genifer Johnson, Katrina Reynolds, Penny Roberson, Pat Guynes and Phillip Kincheloe. Not pictured are Kevin Tate, Billy Evans, Loran Rule, Tammy Shirley, Krista Abell, Cy Posey, Charles Kittles, Sterling Williams, Clayton Riley and Monica Roberson. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A grouch distrusts people who flatter them and dislikes people who don't."

Today, May 22, is the first annual Great American Grump-Out Day.

A recent study revealed that most experience an overwhelming amount of rudeness from others. In the wake of this dismal news, an event much like the annual National Smoke-Out Day, the National Grump-Out urges folks to abstain from being grouchy.

The movement hopes that turning the frown upside-down will go one additional step by motivating individuals to do at least one nice thing for another person today.

Anti-grumpers are encouraged to come up with innovative ideas to put smiles of the faces of others. We read about one company that implemented a frown fine for anyone who didn't appear cheerful.

All of this reminds us of that old marriage joke.

The husband was asked, "Did you wake up grouchy this morning?"

"Naw, I let her sleep."

Folks down at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center do perhaps the best job of overcoming the blues because they work at staying young.

This, The Beauty of Aging, was passed along by one of 'em:

—Eventually, you reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

—Don't let anyone tell you you're getting old. Squash their toes with your rocker.

—The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

—Some folks try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

—When you get dissatisfied and would go back to your youth think of Algebra.

—You know you are getting up in years when everything either dries up or leaks.

—The golden years are really just metallic years – gold tooth, silver in your hair and lead in the seat of your pants.

—Life would be infinitely happier if we could be born at the age of 80 and gracefully approach 18.

—Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

—Old age is when your former classmates are so gray, wrinkled and blind that they don't recognize you.

—First you forget names, then faces. Then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down. And for heaven's sake — don't sneeze.

But do smile, it will make 'em wonder what you have on your mind.

ASK US

Q—Will Towle Park Pool open Friday for the last day of school?

A—No. The pool is undergoing repairs but should open in June.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 78 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 66; no precipitation; total for 2002, 7.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, breezy, low 60-65; SE winds 15-25 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, breezy, high mid 80s; S winds 15-25 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, breezy, low 60-65.



Dillon West
Breezy

Sunset:
8:37 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:43 a.m.

Of 141 days in 2002, the sun has shone 134 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can observe a lot just by watching.

—Yogi Berra

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Storm rages year after party switch

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Pilloried and praised in almost equal measure for turning the Senate from Republican to Democratic control, Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont says he's at peace in the center of a still-raging storm a year later.

Gone are the doubts that led to countless sleepless nights before last year's May 24 announcement that he would shed his lifelong label of Republican to become an independent.

"Every day I go forward I feel stronger I did the right thing," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

It's been a year of incredible change for Jeffords, who spent 26 years in Congress as a relative unknown who shunned cameras, news conferences and the Sunday talk shows before his declaration of independence thrust him into the spotlight.

He's been on the cover of Newsweek, profiled in Rolling Stone and had a beer named for him. He signed a two-book deal with Simon & Schuster; the first book came out in November and a second one will be out this fall. Susan Boardman Russ, his chief of staff, says his invitations to give keynotes speeches have increased 20 to 30 fold.

"The celebrity of it all still catches us by surprise," says Russ, recounting how Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., called recently to ask if some of her constituents could have their picture taken with Jeffords.

Not everyone is enthralled.

Last Sunday, as Jeffords was feted at a Democratic fund-raiser in Houston, protesters stood outside yelling "Traitor!" and "Jeffords, Go Home!"

He's still shunned by many Republican colleagues and as an independent aligned formally with Democrats for the purpose of giving them a 51-49 majority, he's still trying to find his legs.

In the switch, Jeffords gave up the chairmanship of the Senate committee that handles health, education and labor issues to chair its Environment and Public Works Committee.

Jeffords says he used his new chairmanship as pulpit for countering Bush administration policies on carbon dioxide emissions, power plant pollution and toxic chemicals but he's yet to manage a major piece of environmental legislation on the Senate floor.

One of his few practical accomplishments was forcing the Bush administration to come up with a less controversial choice to head enforcement at the Environmental Protection Agency. Jeffords at first supported but then promised to spend months scrutinizing the record of former Ohio environmental officer Donald Schregardus, who withdrew his nomination as a result.

At the heart of Jeffords' decision to leave the GOP was his belief the party had become too conservative, shutting out moderates such as himself and Democrats from the House-Senate negotiating committees.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

1-14-23-34

Bonus number 10

Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

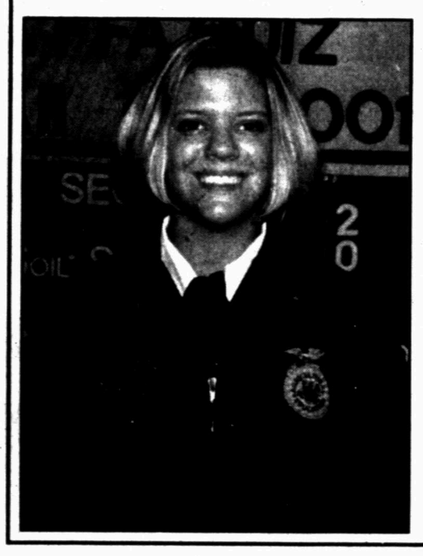
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Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

1-4-3

Top FFA leader



Shannon Chambers received the 2001-2002 Eagle Leadership Award at last week's Snyder FFA banquet. In addition, she is also the recipient of the Tolbert Bloom Memorial Scholarship. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Cliff Beights wins 2002 'DEKALB'

Cliff Beights, Snyder High School student and FFA member, was presented the chapter's highest honor, the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, during the Tuesday night banquet. The award is sponsored by Monsanto Company.

Beights, the son of Ricky and Terri Beights, received the award for his excellence in academics, leadership and Supervised Agricultural Experience program (SAE). An SAE is a work-based learning program where a student applies the concepts learned in the agricultural classroom. Beights' program consisted of market swine, market lambs, breeding horses and placement at Ezell-Key Feed & Seed where he is a feed salesman.



Cliff Beights

David Frazier is Beights' agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor at Snyder High School.

Over the past 55 years, more than 150,000 high school seniors from across the country have received the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, which has become a symbol for excellence and the chapter's highest honor. Beights' achievement will be recorded on a permanent plaque at Snyder High School.

Monsanto is a long-time supporter of the FFA and has sponsored the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, named for its brand of seed, since 1998. The company also participates in career development events like Ag Sales and the Agri-science Student Scholarship Program. Internships and college scholarships are also available to students pursuing careers in agriculture.

Harvard will present fewer honors to graduating seniors

BOSTON (AP) — Addressing concerns about grade inflation, Harvard University faculty voted to sharply reduce the number of honors given to graduating students and to change the university's grading scale.

Last June, a record 91 percent of Harvard seniors graduated with some kind of honors, and about half of Harvard's grades last year were A's and A minuses.

The new system, passed on Tuesday, creates a quota for honors awards, limiting the percentage of graduating students receiving the awards to 60 percent. It goes into effect when the class of 2005 graduates.

The faculty also changed Harvard's 15-point grading scale to the more standard 4.0-scale and made differences between grade tiers uniform, so that the point difference between a B and a B plus is the same as the difference between a B plus and an A minus, for example.

That change is intended to encourage professors not to round up when assigning grades.

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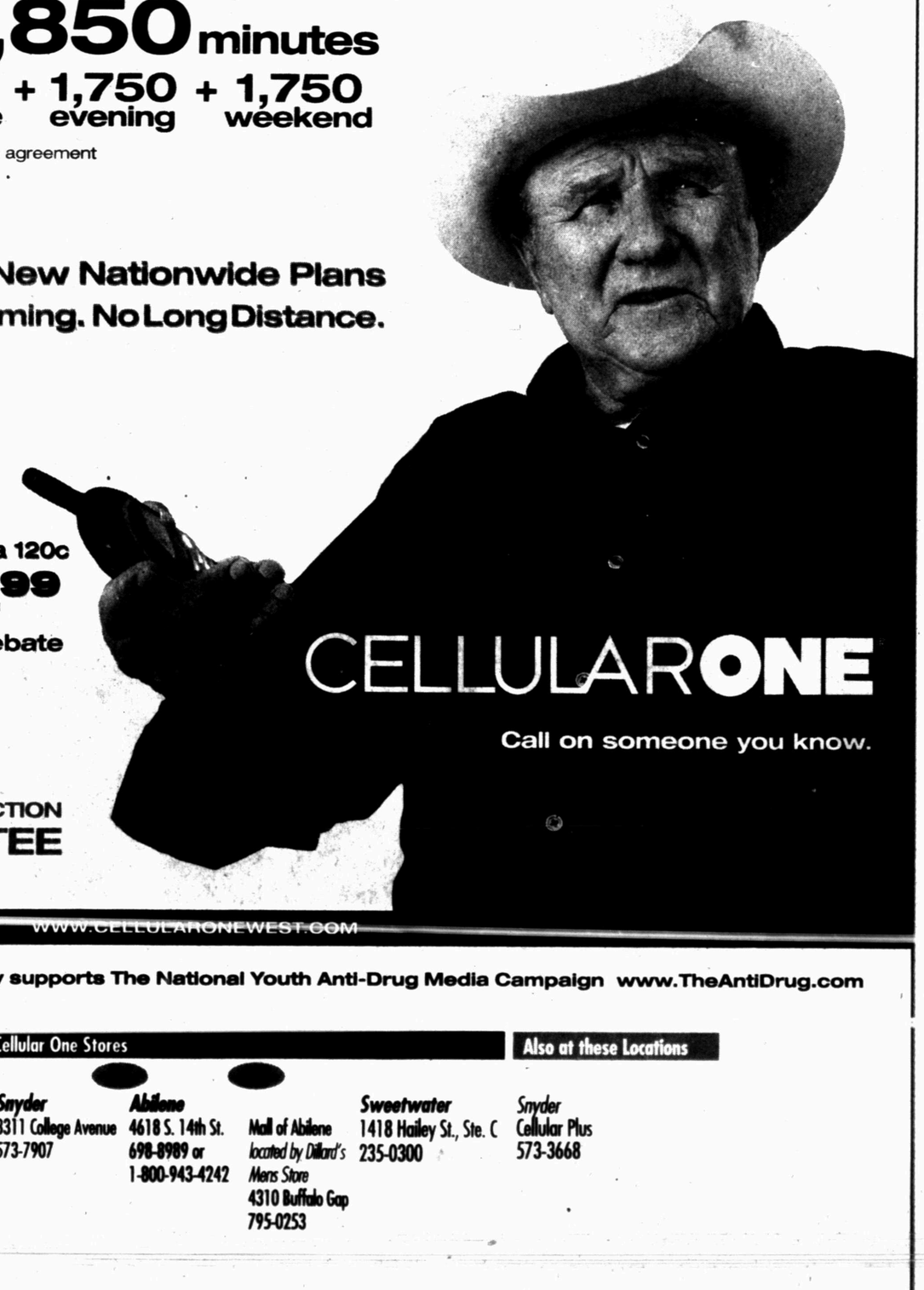
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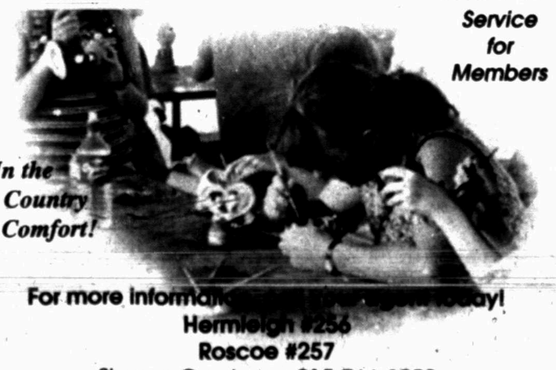
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Buddy Poppy sale scheduled Saturday

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Post 8231 will accept donations for Buddy Poppies from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets.

The donations will be used to help needy veterans in Scurry County and their families.

On Memorial Day, May 30, the Auxiliary and the post will sponsor a dinner for veterans and their families from 6-8 p.m.

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was the first organization to promote a nationally organized campaign for the annual distribution of poppies assembled by disabled and needy veterans.

The poppy movement was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Field" written by Col. John McCrae of the Canadian forces before the United States entered World War II.

Selling replicas of the original Flanders' poppy originated in some of the allied countries immediately after the Armistice.

No definite organized sale of poppies on a nationwide scale was conducted in America until 1921, when the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies ostensibly for the benefit of children in devastated areas of France. Madame Guerin, who was recognized as "the poppy lady from France," visited and received the cooperation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. early in 1922, after the Franco-American Children's League was dissolved.

The VFW conducted a poppy sale prior to Memorial Day, 1922, using only poppies that were made in France. In the 1923 poppy sale, due to difficulty and delay in getting poppies from France, the VFW made use of a surplus of French poppies that were on hand and the balance was provided by a firm in New York City manufacturing artificial flowers.

It was during the 1923 campaign that the VFW evolved the idea, which resulted in the VFW Poppy Buddy; fashioned by disabled and needy veterans who were paid for their work as a practical means of providing assistance for these comrades. This plan was formally presented for adoption to the 1923 encampment of the VFW at Norfolk, Va.



Immediately thereafter, the VFW Buddy Poppy factory was established in Pittsburg, Pa. where all VFW Buddy Poppies for the 1924 sale were assembled by disabled veterans.

Gen. Frank Hines, director for the U.S. Veterans' Bureau, endorsed the plan and pledged the cooperation of his department. All men employed in the assembling of the Buddy Poppies for the 1923 sale were sent to the VFW poppy workshop by the U.S. Veterans' Bureau regional manager in Pittsburgh.

The designation "Buddy Poppy" which originated with the men themselves, was adopted at that time. In February, 1924, the VFW registered the name Buddy Poppy with the United States Patent Office, and a certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name "Buddy" under the classification of artificial flowers.



BUDDY POPPY TIME — Mayor Francene Noah signed a proclamation recognizing the distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and asks "for support through donation for the poppies in appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead and those who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms we enjoy." The Buddy Poppy child is Travis Hatfield, son of Bill and Paula Hatfield. Pictured right is Earline Brooks, VFW auxiliary conductress. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can make legal use of the name "Buddy Poppy."

Following the 1924 sale, a member of the larger states of the VFW believed it would stimulate local sales if the poppies they used were assembled by disabled veterans in hospitals within their jurisdiction.

The 1924 encampment of the VFW at Atlantic City granted this privilege, under the provision that all poppies would be produced according to the specification set forth by the National Buddy Poppy Committee, and that all poppies would be assembled by disabled veterans in government hospitals and by needy veterans in workshops supervised by the VFW.

The VFW organized the first nationwide distribution of poppies ever conducted by a veterans organization in May 1922. Immediately thereafter, the poppy was adopted by the national encampment held in Seattle, Wash. during August of the year, as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled, needy and aging veterans in VA hospitals and domiciliaries across the country. The majority of proceeds derived from each sale conducted by the VFW posts and their ladies auxiliaries is retained locally to provide for veteran services and welfare.



Parents awarded $5 million in son's accidental death

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston jury has awarded more than $5 million to a Houston couple whose son drowned in a canoeing accident at Camp Ozark of Mount Ida, Ark.

Allen and Marjorie Schubert sued the camp, owned by Houston attorney Sam Torn under Ozark interests, for negligence in the July 4, 2000, drowning of Sam Schubert, 9, which occurred when he and other campers were paddling canoes in a river.

At least two camp counselors were near the boy when his canoe overturned, but one chose to retrieve another canoe while the second paddled his canoe past the boy, according to testimony.

Other counselors later were able to get to the boy, but only after he had been pinned underwater for several minutes by an overturned canoe. The child was later flown home to Houston, where he died on Aug. 17, 2000, in Memorial Hermann Hospital, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The Schuberts' attorneys, Gregory Cokinos and Matthew Mussalli, told the jury that the camp failed to train its counselors for safe, organized canoe trips or whitewater rescue.

"He suffered in the river and he suffered in the hospital for 47 days" in which a videotape showed him fevered and moaning, Mussalli said.

Medical costs for the boy's care totaled $277,209.43, which the jury awarded as part of the damages.

The jury also awarded more than $5 million for the child's pain and suffering and for the parents' loss and past and future anguish.

"On July fourth when most of us are celebrating our freedom, Allen and Marjorie are trapped in the memories," Mussalli told the jury.

"The family hopes their senseless loss and this trial will put camps preparing for the summer on notice to place safety at a premium," Cokinos said.

Ozark's lawyer, Michael Hays, said he agreed with a plaintiff's expert witness who said the counselors performed "admirably" despite supposed lack of training.

East Texas priest steps down after women complain

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An East Texas priest whose pastorship of San Antonio's largest Catholic parish was taken from him in 1997 because of allegations of sexual misconduct is retiring because two women congregants complained they feel uncomfortable around him.

The Rev. John A. Flynn, 74, announced his retirement Sunday as pastor of St. Matthew's parish in Longview at the request of Tyler bishop Alvaro Corrada.

Flynn's announcement came Sunday at a reception after a Mass anticipating his 50th anniversary of priesthood on June 12.

The priest didn't mention the bishop's request or the reason for it, said John Mulady, parish council president of St. Matthew's Parish in San Antonio.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Is this intermediate or advanced?

By Phillip Alder

Perhaps this is the perfect quotation to sum up learning bridge. It was written by Thomas Babington Macaulay, a 19th-century English historian. "Time advances: facts accumulate; doubts arise. Faint glimpses of truth begin to appear, and shine more and more unto the perfect day. The highest intellects, like the tops of mountains, are the first to catch and to reflect the dawn. They are bright, while the level below is still in darkness."

When I saw this deal, it was labeled as an intermediate play problem. I wonder what you think, because I feel it is advanced and only those who have reflected the dawn would get it right.

You are in four spades and West leads the heart king. What would be your plan, especially given that West probably has the diamond ace for his overcall?

If East gets on lead, he will shift to the diamond jack and you will lose four tricks: one heart, two diamonds and one club. You must stop East from winning a trick with either his club queen or heart 10.

There is only one way to do that. You must duck the first trick. Let's assume West shifts to the club jack. Win with dummy's king, draw two rounds of trumps, and continue with the heart jack, ducking again in the dummy after West covers with the queen. You win the next club with dummy's ace, discard your last club on the carefully preserved heart ace, ruff a club in hand, cross back to dummy with a trump, and discard a diamond on the established club seven. (If the clubs aren't 3-3, you must hope East has the diamond ace.)

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Audit reveals missing funds

DALLAS (AP) — An employee of Dallas' police and fire pension system embezzled almost $20,000, and many records have either been stolen or shredded, according to an audit obtained by The Dallas Morning News.

The board of trustees for the pension system told the newspaper on Tuesday that the employee has been terminated. According to the audit, she agreed to plead guilty to theft charges.

Marcus Norman of Dallas, the woman's attorney, confirmed that his client was fired, but said she had not been arrested.



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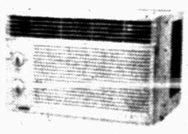
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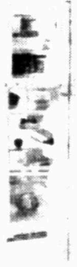


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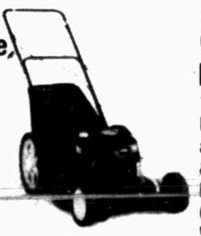


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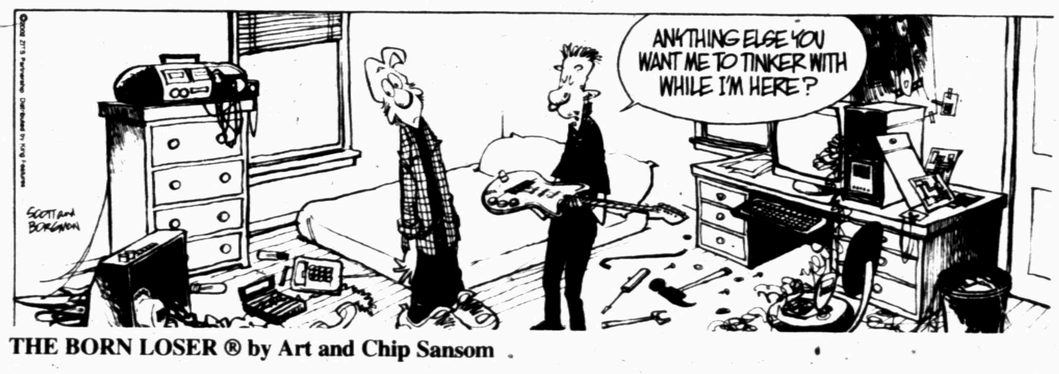
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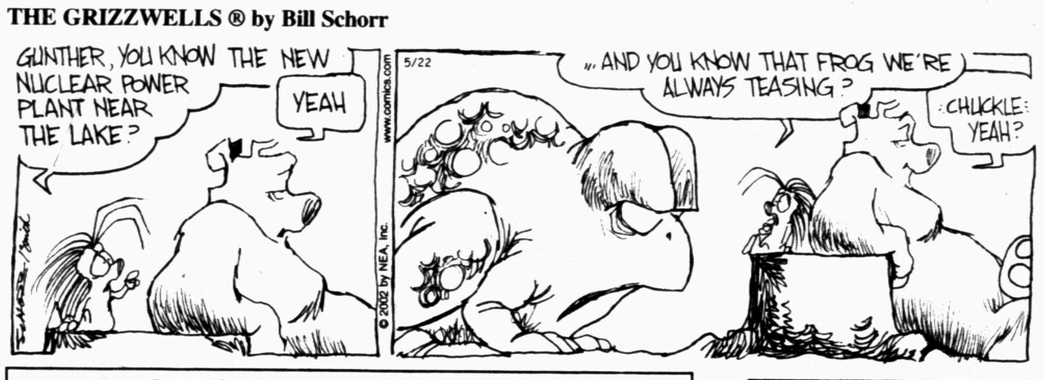
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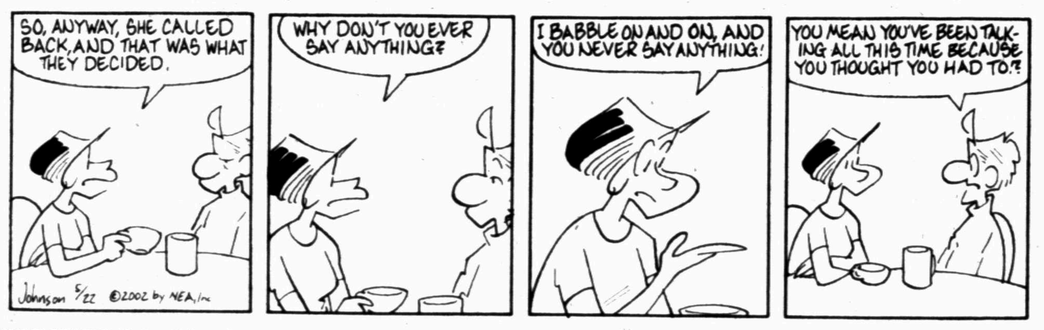
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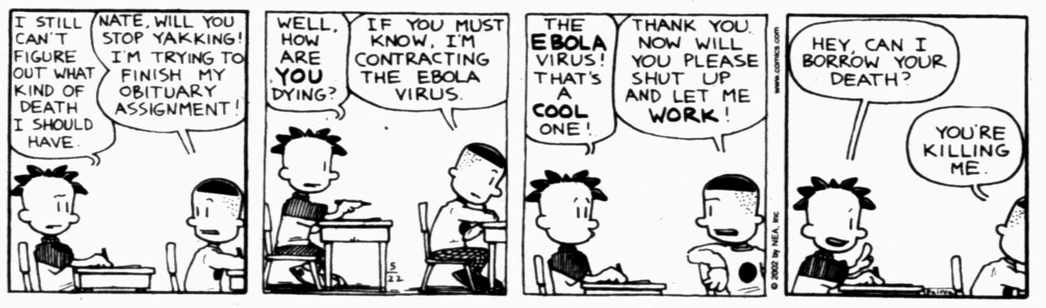
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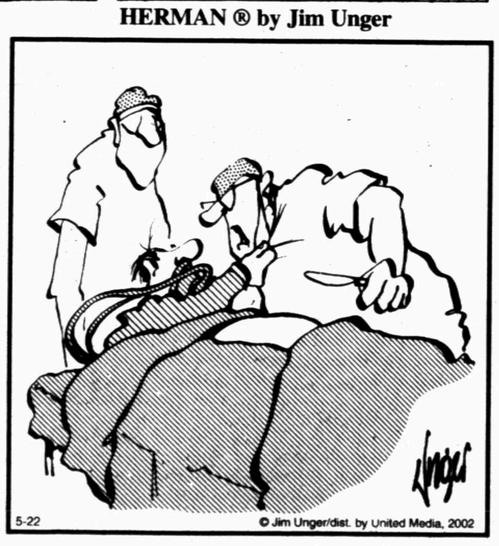
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12 Kind of college
13 Disgust
14 Making mistakes
15 Jungian term
16 Rainbow band
17 Bete noire
18 Part of RSVP
19 Like the Sahara
23 Perlman and Silver
25 Ore deposit
26 White lie
29 San — Chargers
32 Put in stitches
33 Broad st.
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35 Make bales
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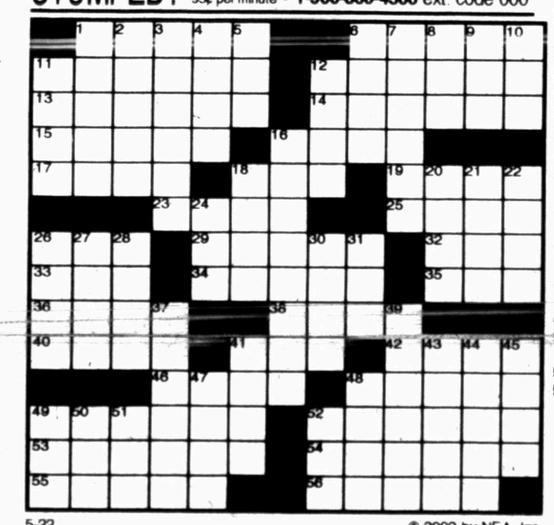
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12 Thicken, as pudding
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50 Iron or Bronze —
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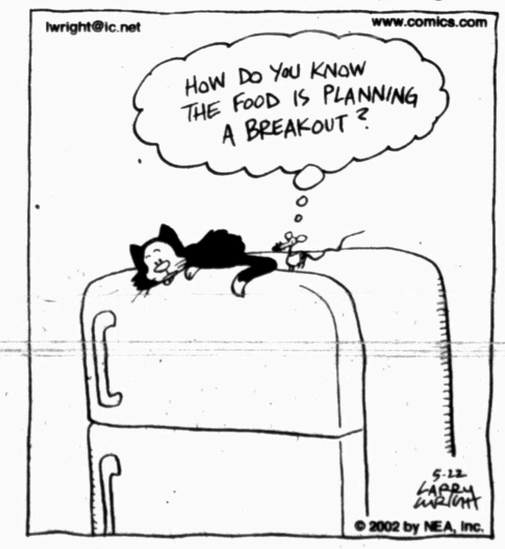
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SPORTS

WTC riders set sights on conference finals

With 10 regional rodeos behind them, eight members of the Western Texas College rodeo team have their sights set on the conference finals.



Greg Rhodes

Five Westerners and three Lady Westerners begin competition Thursday at the conference finals in Hobbs, N.M. The event features the top competitors in each event from the Southwest, Grand Canyon and Southern regions.

On the line is a trip to the national finals. The top seven finishers advance to Casper, Wyo., and WTC coach Greg Rhodes is confident heading into the three-day rodeo.

"We're looking pretty good," said Rhodes. "We have eight people who made it to the conference finals, so I feel like we're in good shape."

Six of WTC's competitors, including all three Lady Westerners, have already locked up a berth in the national finals by finishing in the top two during regional action.

Barrel racer Kassie Mowry, breakaway roper Randus London and Jennifer Freeland in the goat tying are assured of a trip to nationals. The guaranteed spot gives the trio the luxury of using the conference finals as a tune-up for the big event.

"They'll be able to just go out and perform without the pressure of trying to earn a spot in the national finals," Rhodes stated. "It will also give them a chance to see some of the competition they'll face at nationals."

The same goes for three WTC competitors on the men's side. Bareback rider Tyson Thompson and saddle bronc riders Sam Spreadborough and J.W. Todd will compete in Casper regardless of their outcome this week.

Hoping to earn a spot at nationals are bareback rider Nathan Reid, calf roper Joseph Gernentz and Todd in the steer wrestling.

"Getting those guys qualified for nationals in those events is one of our main goals this week," said Rhodes. "All three of them are capable of finishing in the top seven. They just have to go out and take care of business, and good things will usually happen."

The conference finals rodeo continues Friday with the short round scheduled for Saturday.

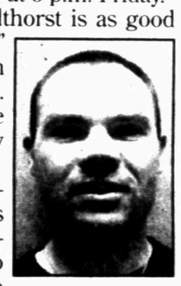
Confident Bulldogs ready for challenge of No. 4 Windthorst

From their first-round matchup to the second, the Ira Bulldogs are going from one extreme to the other.

After eliminating Menard, with its meager 7-11 record, Ira faces the task of tackling fourth-ranked Windthorst in the area round of the Class A state baseball playoffs.

The Bulldogs (19-6) and Trojans (21-2) square off in a best-of-three series at Albany. Game 1 is set for 5:30 Thursday, with the series resuming at 5 p.m. Friday.

"I'd say Windthorst is as good as their record," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "But we believe we're pretty good, too.



Edwards

"We're confident. At this point in the season, there's no reason to go into a game wondering if the other guys are better. You had better just play your best and hope things turn out in your favor."

Compiling its stout record hasn't been a breeze for Windthorst. The Trojans had to rally last week against Knox City, a team that was run-ruled by District 7 runner-up Rotan. Windthorst was also forced to score eight runs in the final inning earlier this season to topple Gordon, a team that Ira blanked, 8-0.

"We haven't played Windthorst, so all we have to go by is mutual opponents that we've faced," Edwards stated. "We had no problems with Gordon, and Rotan made Knox City look bad. Rotan finished behind us in district.

"Our feeling is that it'll be a highly-competitive series. And we think we have as good a shot to win it as they do."

The Bulldogs relied on solid pitching performances against Menard and will need similar outings out of their top two starters against the Trojans.

Senior Jase Olvera draws the Game 1 start, with junior Eric Dickerhoff getting the nod for Game 2. Olvera pitched all seven innings in last week's opener, then threw two innings of relief in the nightcap to notch two victories in one day.

"We feel like we have two aces, because Jase and Eric are both good," said Edwards. "We believe we're a little better defensively when Jase is on the mound, so we're starting him in the first game."

Windthorst relies on a pair of pitchers who favor the curveball, meaning the Bulldogs must be patient and manufacture runs when they get the chance.

"We'll definitely have to be patient," Edwards said. "If you're not disciplined at the plate against curveball pitchers, then you're going to strike out a lot.

"It's going to be important that we execute well with runners in scoring position. We might end up bunting more than usual. We need to score anyway we can."

The series winner advances to face Crosbyton or Claude in next week's regional semifinals.

Rangers trounced by Twins, 8-2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Swept out of New York by the Yankees, the Minnesota Twins were happy to be home.

Why not? They're 17-6 at the Metrodome after beating the Texas Rangers 8-2 Tuesday night.

Torii Hunter drove in five RBIs and Eric Milton pitched six strong innings as the Twins won their first game since losing three straight in New York.

"I'm glad to be home after being at Yankee Stadium. I don't like that place too much," said Hunter, who homered, doubled and tied a career high with the five RBIs.

Hunter, the AL's Player of the Month in April, slumped early in May, but has rebounded since moving up to third in the lineup with a sore wrist keeping Doug Mientkiewicz on the bench.

"He's a strong young man," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He can do a lot of damage."

Milton (6-3), who surrendered 11 runs in his last two starts, struck out a season-high seven in six innings.

"He's one of the best in the league," Texas right fielder Juan Gonzalez said. "He's a gamer out there on the mound, and I like that. He never quits."

Erwin records ace at WTC

Jim Erwin had the perfect start to his round of golf Tuesday at Western Texas College.

Erwin aced the first hole, recording a hole-in-one on the 147-yard par-3.

Witnesses to the accomplishment were Pop Kidd, Jeral Beard and Howard Crenshaw.

Celtics shut down Nets, 93-86

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jim O'Brien stood in front of a board in the Boston Celtics locker before Game 2 and wrote the keys to winning. Most of them were about defense and rebounding.

The coach's advice was not lost on the Celtics.

On a night when Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker struggled with their shots, Boston excelled on defense and controlled the boards to beat the New Jersey Nets 93-86.

The outcome evened an Eastern Conference final in which the teams have displayed split personalities. The Nets had their uptempo offense in gear in Game 1 and made the Celtics' defense look nonexistent. Game 2 on Tuesday night was just the opposite.

"They saw defense," Celtics point guard Kenny Anderson said. "Now they'll have to bring their game. They will see us like this the next four or five games. This is the kind of defense we need to play. Aggressive, helping each other out, swarming."

The teams will have three days off before playing Game 3 on Saturday in Boston.

"We cannot change at this point in the season," the Boston coach said of his defense. "They have one of the best offenses in the league and we were dead set on not letting them contribute in the paint."

High School Baseball Playoffs

(Game 3 is if necessary)

CLASS 5A

Region I Semifinals

Lubbock Monterey (27-10) vs. Carrollton Smith (26-4)

Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Midland (26-8) vs. Duncanville (22-9)

Game 1: 8 p.m. Thursday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Region II Semifinals

Rockwall (29-10) vs. Round Rock Westwood (27-9)
Richardson Lake Highlands (25-11) vs. A&M Consolidated (25-9)

Region III Semifinals

Fort Bend Elkins (30-1) vs. League City Clear Creek (27-6)
Houston Bellaire (26-5) vs. Humble Kingwood (27-8)

Region IV Semifinals

SA Reagan (28-3) vs. CC Moody (28-5-1)
Austin Bowie (27-6-1) vs. LA Joya (25-5-1)

CLASS 4A

Region I Semifinals

Andrews (24-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (26-7)

Game 1: 7 p.m. today, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Canyon Randall (25-6) vs. WF Rider (25-9)

Game 1: 8 p.m. Thursday, Moffett Field
Game 2: 11 a.m. Friday, Moffett Field
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Region II Semifinals

Hewitt Midway (30-6) vs. Dallas Highland Park (26-10)
Denton Ryan (23-8) vs. Wylie (23-9)

Region III Semifinals

Belton (25-13) vs. Bay City (23-7)
Jasper (23-8) vs. Houston Forest Brook (27-7)

Region IV Semifinals

Kerrville Tivy (23-8) vs. Robstown (21-12-1)
Spring Branch Smithson Valley (23-5) vs. CC Callallen (28-6-1)

CLASS 3A

Region I Semifinals

Monahans (23-5) vs. Kennedale (25-3)

Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Colt Stadium, San Angelo
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Colt Stadium, San Angelo
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Shallowater (25-6) vs. Abilene Wylie (25-5)

Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Moffett Field
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Moffett Field
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Region II Semifinals

Lake Dallas (22-10) vs. Mineola (25-8)
Forney (24-6) vs. Lindale (25-6)

Region III Semifinals

Taylor (21-8) vs. Buna (18-9-1)
Lorena (27-1) vs. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill (21-8)

Region IV Semifinals

Bellville (22-6) vs. Sinton (26-4)
La Grange (26-5) vs. Yoakum (26-1)

CLASS 2A

Region I Semifinals

Mason (16-9) vs. Olney (12-9)

Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Brownwood
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Albany
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Tahoka (18-11) vs. Holliday (20-4)

Game 1: 5 p.m. Thursday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Region II Semifinals

Celina (27-4) vs. Cooper (18-11-1)
Bangs (20-4) vs. Crawford (18-8)

Region III Semifinals

Arp (29-3-1) vs. Buffalo (19-7)
DeKalb (19-7) vs. Jewett Leon (25-6)

Region IV Semifinals

Wallis Brazos (20-8) vs. Skidmore Tynan (17-6)
Weimar (20-9) vs. Bloomington (19-10)

CLASS A

Region I Area

Crosbyton (11-8) vs. Claude (15-1)

Game 1: 5 p.m. Thursday, Wilder Field, Plainview
Game 2: Saturday, time and site TBD
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Windthorst (21-2) vs. Ira (19-6)

Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Albany
Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday, Albany
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Nazareth (13-2) vs. Follett (15-3)

Game 1: Thursday, time and site TBD
Game 2: Saturday, time and site TBD
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Petrolia (15-5) vs. Miles (16-5)

Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday, Mineral Wells
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Mineral Wells
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	24	21	.533	—
Florida	23	22	.511	1
Atlanta	23	23	.500	1½
Montreal	22	23	.489	2
Philadelphia	19	26	.422	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	27	18	.600	—
St. Louis	24	21	.533	3
Houston	21	23	.477	5½
Pittsburgh	21	23	.477	5½
Chicago	15	28	.349	11
Milwaukee	15	30	.333	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	29	16	.644	—
San Francisco	27	17	.614	1½
Los Angeles	25	20	.556	4
San Diego	22	23	.489	7
Colorado	21	24	.467	8

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 12, Chicago Cubs 1, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2nd game
Montreal 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 0
Cincinnati 6, Florida 1
Milwaukee 8, Los Angeles 6
St. Louis 3, Houston 1
Colorado 7, San Diego 6
Arizona 9, San Francisco 4

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 6-2) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 5-2) at Philadelphia (Adams 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 2-4) at Cincinnati (Dessens 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 3-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 5-2) at St. Louis (Kile 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 4-3) at Colorado (Hampton 2-5), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 0-1) at Arizona (Batista 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida (Penny 3-3) at Cincinnati (Rijo 4-1), 12:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 6-1) at Milwaukee (Rusch 3-3), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 3-3) at St. Louis (Morris 6-3), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Villone 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 1-3), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 3-3) at Colorado (Thomson 5-3), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-4) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-3), 3:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	12	.714	—
New York	31	15	.674	1
Baltimore	20	23	.465	10½
Toronto	16	27	.372	14½
Tampa Bay	15	28	.349	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	20	.565	—
Chicago	25	21	.543	1
Cleveland	20	25	.444	5½
Detroit	16	27	.372	8½
Kansas City	16	28	.364	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	29	15	.659	—
Anaheim	26	17	.605	2½
Oakland	19	25	.432	10
Texas	19	25	.432	10

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 5, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 1
Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 3
Minnesota 8, Texas 2
Tampa Bay 1, Seattle 0
Anaheim 5, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 6, Oakland 4, 14 innings

Wednesday's Games

Texas (Rogers 4-2) at Minnesota (Lohse 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 4-1) at N.Y. Yankees (A.Hernandez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Maduro 2-3) at Oakland (Hiljus 3-3), 3:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 2-5) at Detroit (Weaver 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-3) at Boston (F.Castillo 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 3-5) at Seattle (Pineiro 4-0), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 7-2) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-4), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Baltimore (Ponson 2-3) at Oakland (Mulder 2-3), 3:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-4) at Seattle (Baldwin 3-4), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 1-3) at Boston (P.Martinez 6-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Park 1-1) at Kansas City (Affeldt 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Golf clinics scheduled at WTC

Two junior golf clinics for ages 7-15 will be held at the Western Texas College golf course. The first session runs June 4-7 with the second session set for July 25-28. A women's clinic is also scheduled for June 25-28.

Instruction will be provided by Snyder High School golf coaches Matt Glenn, Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox. Cost is $50 per session, and space is limited. Call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 to register.

Men's softball meeting

Snyder Men's Softball League will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the chamber of commerce. Coaches and players are urged to attend. For more information, call Manny at 573-0311 or Hank at 573-8842.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association will hold a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members.

NBA Conference Finals

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
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(Best-of-7)

Monday, May 20

Sacramento 96, L.A. Lakers 90, series tied 1-1

Tuesday, May 21

Boston 93, New Jersey 86, series tied 1-1

Friday, May 24

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

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San Antonio twins rank 1,2

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Since middle school, fraternal twins Brian and Brooke Briones have shared nearly all of their classes, resulting in a friendly, but fierce, academic rivalry.

On June 2, they will graduate from San Antonio Memorial High School as the valedictorian and salutatorian..

When they were in eighth grade, the two shared the "outstanding student of the year" honor at Truman Middle School because their grade point averages were so close. This year, their GPAs are separated by a mere four-hundredths of a point.

Brian earned a 4.78 GPA — weighted to account for honors courses — and his sister, Brooke finished with a 4.74 GPA.

"We were really surprised," Brooke said of finding out she and her brother would be the top two graduates. "Being right behind someone so close to you, it's kind of an honor."

Their mother, Dora Ann Briones, said she never imagined she'd see her son and daughter both giving speeches at their high school graduation.

"I hadn't even dreamt that one of them would be doing one of those addresses. It's just really overwhelming," she said. "They're always competing. If Brian got some award, Brooke sure wanted that award, too."

Though they admit to sometimes experiencing "twin telepathy" and are prone to finishing each other's sentences, the two aren't entirely alike. Brian is a World War II buff and "Simpsons" fanatic, while Brooke claims the artistic genes.

This fall, they'll split up for the first time as Brian heads to the University of Texas at Austin and Brooke enrolls at Southwest Texas State University.

In addition to their graduation honors, the duo has won nearly $100,000 in college scholarships, part of the academic success they're quick to attribute to supportive parents and to each other.

"I pulled," Brian said as he glanced at his sister, "and she pushed."

It's the second time that twins have ranked first and second at Memorial.

Date Book

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Today is the 142nd day of 2002 and the 64th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1939, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini sign a military alliance, which they dubbed "The Pact of Steel."

On this day in 1972, Richard Nixon became the first president to visit the Soviet Union.

On this day in 1992, Johnny Carson retired from "The Tonight Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard Wagner (1813 - 1883), composer; Mary Cassatt (1844 - 1926), artist; Arthur Conan Doyle (1859 - 1930), writer; Laurence Olivier (1907 - 1989), actor; Charles Aznavour (1924 -), singer, is 78; Richard Benjamin (1938 -), actor-director, is 64; Susan Strasberg (1938 - 1999), actress; Naomi Campbell (1970 -), supermodel, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, Janet Guthrie became the first woman to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, "The Sign of Four" (1890), Chapter 6.

TODAY'S MOON: Between the first quarter (May 19), and the full moon (May 26).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Exciting activities could be in store for you in the year ahead both in your career and your personal life. This may come about through a new friend who'll introduce you to a new way of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Add a little pizzazz to your involvement with others and it can be a great deal more fun. You're just the gal or guy who can do it. Know where to look for romance, and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Something different is in the works concerning a financial involvement you've been tinkering with. Whatever it is, don't discount it just because it is different. It could work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The mind is a power tool when used properly and whether you succeed or fail may first be determined in your own mind. Visualize yourself as a winner, and you will be one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — So long as you stay focused, it'll be OK to do something different with whatever it is you're working on. But, keep in mind that extra effort could pay extra dividends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Once you decide that you are determined to get a certain objective underway, you'll see obstacles as opportunities for creativity. You'll not buckle under for any reason.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You understand that if you want to realize a dream, you'll more effectively achieve it by making associates who are pertinent to your plans feel important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Keep your mind on your goals, while at the same time being a team player. You need both assistance from others and the constant reminder of what you hope to accomplish.

CAPRICORN (Dec, 22-Jan. 19) — Conditions are favorable for you, but especially so when you put all your effort toward accomplishing your goals. Roll up your sleeves and get to work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although you'll want to take in all considerations, you're not likely to belabor your decisions once made. Sometimes you have to let the chips fall where they may.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Outside factors may help you achieve your goals, but you are not likely to mind one bit. You'll sense that you can derive substantial benefits from that which others initiate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Get a hold of a friend or associate who possesses information that you sorely need. He or she should be readily available at this time, and will share with you the information you need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't let any doubts permeate your thinking. Your ambitious objectives can be gratified and rewarded, provided you believe in yourself and what you are attempting to do.

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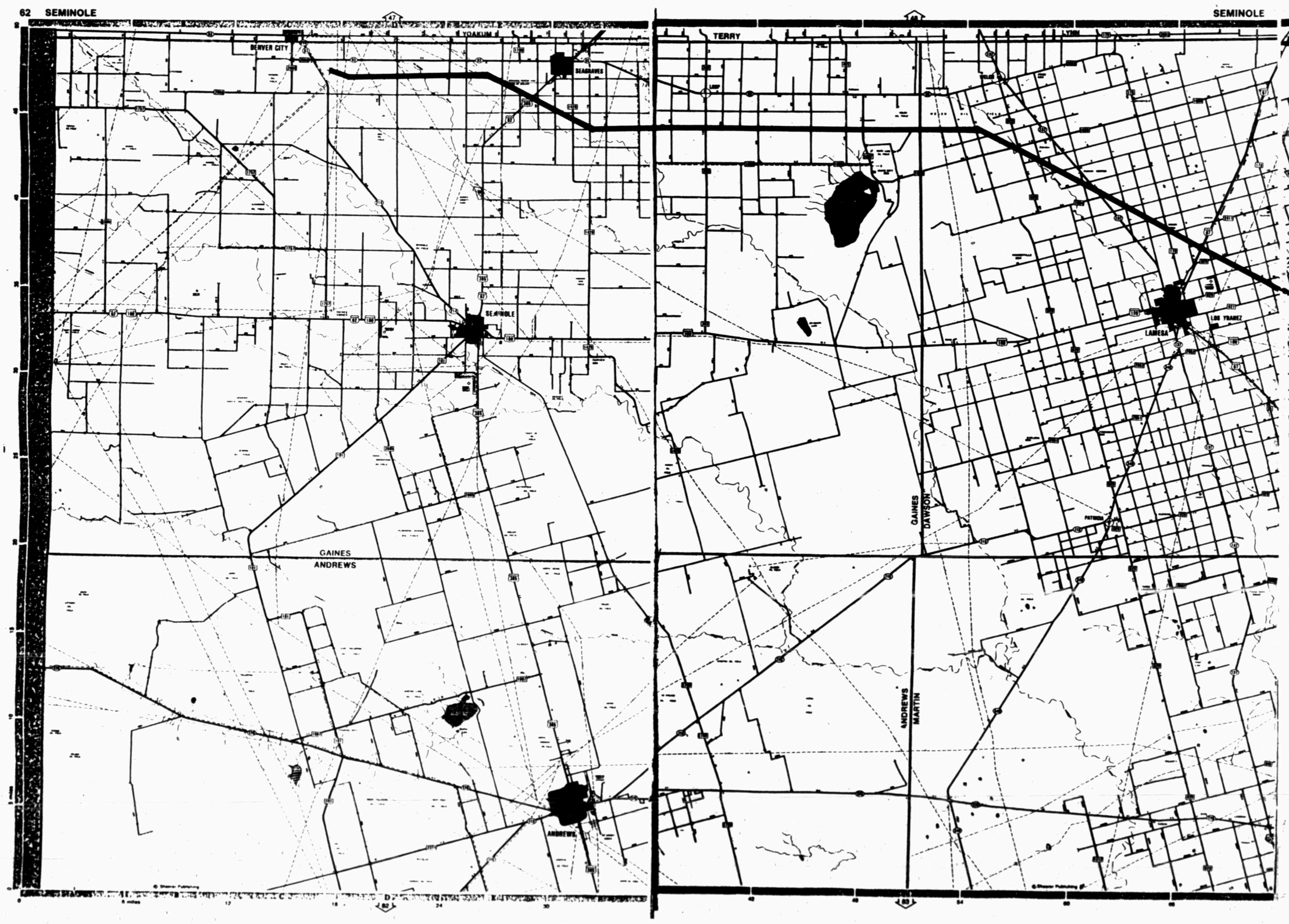
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRU

Pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code Sec. 81.056, Kinder Morgan CO_2 Company, L.P., an affiliate of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., hereby gives notice of the intent to construct a carbon dioxide pipeline which crosses more than three counties.

The construction will begin on or about September 15, 2002. The carbon dioxide pipelirte will begin at a point southeast of Denver City, Texas in Gaines County and will traverse Dawson, Borden and Scurry Counties before ending at a point west of Snyder, Texas.

The pipeline system will cross the following state and federal highways:

1. County Road 211, Gaines County
2. County Road 203, Gaines County
3. County Road 103, Gaines County
4. U.S. Highway 62-385 & County Road 226, Gaines County
5. County Road 107, Gaines County
6. County Road 109, Gaines County
7. County Road 126, Gaines County
8. F.M. Highway 1429, Gaines County
9. County Road 113, Gaines County
10. County Road 115, Gaines County
11. County Road 119, Gaines County
12. County Road 121, Gaines County
13. County Road 123, Gaines County
14. F.M. Highway 303, Gaines County
15. County Road 129, Gaines County
16. County Road 131, Gaines County
17. County Road 133, Gaines County
18. County Road 139, Gaines County
19. County Road 143, Gaines County
20. F.M. Highway 1067, Gaines County
21. County Road B, Dawson County
22. County Road C, Dawson County
23. County Road 6, Dawson County
24. F.M. Highway 1066 (County Road 7), Dawson County
25. F.M. Highway 829 (County Road E), Dawson County
26. County Road 8, Dawson County
27. County Road F, Dawson County
28. County Road 9, Dawson County
29. County Road H, Dawson County
30. County Road 10, Dawson County
31. F.M. Highway 137, Dawson County
32. County Road 11, Dawson County
33. County Road J, Dawson County
34. County Road 12, Dawson County
35. County Road K, Dawson County
36. County Road 13, Dawson County
37. F.M. Highway 179, Dawson County
38. County Road 14, Dawson County
39. County Road M, Dawson County
40. County Road 15, Dawson County
41. U.S. Highway 87 & Abandoned RR, Dawson County
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Newlywed can't remember wife one week later

HOUSTON (AP) — An Austin man says he has no memory of his life before an ambulance ride a week ago.

Sean McNulty, 30, disappeared without a trace last week just before he was to leave for a honeymoon trip to Italy with his bride of two days. An ambulance was summoned after he was found two days later slumped on the ground outside a motel that had been closed.

McNulty sat up in his hospital bed on Tuesday, studying photographs in a desperate attempt to remember the name of his wife, Amy, a 26-year-old petite, brown-haired woman,

Doctors at Methodist Hospital told her they suspect her husband has "classic amnesia." They told her he had a small bump on the back of his head, but that they were stumped as to what may have caused his memory loss, the Houston Chronicle reported.

At the family's request, no information about McNulty's condition was released, the hospital staff said.

McNulty was released later Tuesday, and his wife and other family members drove him to an Austin hospital, where he is expected to undergo more tests.

The McNultys were married May 12. He vanished two days later as the couple were about to board a flight at Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport for their honeymoon in Italy. When he was found three days later, a few miles from the airport, he told police he could not remember his name or where he had been.

He was taken to Northeast Medical Center Hospital and later to Methodist Hospital, where doctors performed brain scans, blood tests and psychological exams. They found no physiological or psychological explanation for his memory loss, Amy McNulty said.

"He has no memory of his life prior to the ambulance ride," she said.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Primer on Barrett's esophagus

DEAR DR. GOTT: Based on an endoscope test and biopsy, I was diagnosed last autumn with Barrett's esophagus. I have persisting heartburn, was given Reglan for reflux and was told to have another test in two years.

I am a woman, 68, in good health but I'm not at all sure what my acid condition is and whether I should wait two years to be retested. Please advise me.

DEAR READER: Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is a condition marked by the backwash of irritating stomach acid into the sensitive esophagus, leading to heartburn, indigestion and cough. The affliction often accompanies hiatal hernia (weakness of the muscular valve between the stomach and the esophagus) and other peptic disorders. If left untreated (or inadequately treated), GERD will eventually cause chronic inflammation of the lower esophageal lining, which may — in some cases — result in pre-malignant changes called Barrett's esophagus. Over time, such changes can progress to actual cancer; therefore, preventive therapy is crucial.

In my experience, Reglan is not particularly well suited to treating this disorder. I would be more inclined to prescribe more powerful medicine (to reduce gastric acidity), such as Protonix, Nexium or Prevacid. Ask your doctor about this:

If your drug therapy is effective, your symptoms will disappear, the pre-malignant changes will resolve and you need not undergo endoscopy for two or more years.

On the other hand, if your symptoms persist, you can conclude that the treatment is sub-optimal and needs to be altered or increased. In such a situation, the continuing esophageal irritation is a real danger and should be reevaluated with more frequent endoscopy.

Truly resistant cases may require surgical treatment to repair or correct the cause of GERD.

In my opinion, you should be under the care of a gastroenterologist.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly Winning the Battle of the Bulge) to include my No Flour, No Sugar diet, send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a book that claims vitamin E and zinc supplements can reduce swelling of the prostate gland. Am I being led astray, or is there truth to this theory?

DEAR READER: You're being led astray. Vitamin E does not shrink the prostate gland. Period.

Years ago, researchers discovered that infertility in animals could be corrected by zinc, a mineral that is plentiful in a balanced, human diet. The zinc/fertility relation has not been shown to be important for humans — unless a zinc deficiency exists, an unlikely condition in the vast majority of adults.

I suggest that you have your prostate gland checked by your family physician. An enlarged prostate is universal in men over 60 and does not need treatment unless it leads to urinary blockage or is caused by prostate cancer, a condition that is often diagnosed by a Prostate Specific Antigen blood test. In my opinion, men over the age of 60 should have PSA tests done every year or two.

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Septic tank prosecutions will be dropped

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — State health officials won't prosecute owners of 37 homes in poor, rural Lowndes County who had been threatened with jail for not installing expensive septic tanks.

Under a plan announced Tuesday, health officials agreed to allow families to install less expensive temporary waste holding tanks at their homes. The officials will conduct a survey of the county's 5,000 homes to find out how many are flushing raw sewage into fields, back yards, ponds or broken septic tanks, creating health hazards.

The plan was announced in a joint statement by health officials, the 37 families and a group involved in assisting those in need of proper waste disposal systems.

The health department had notified homeowners that they would face jail time if they failed to install waste-removal systems.

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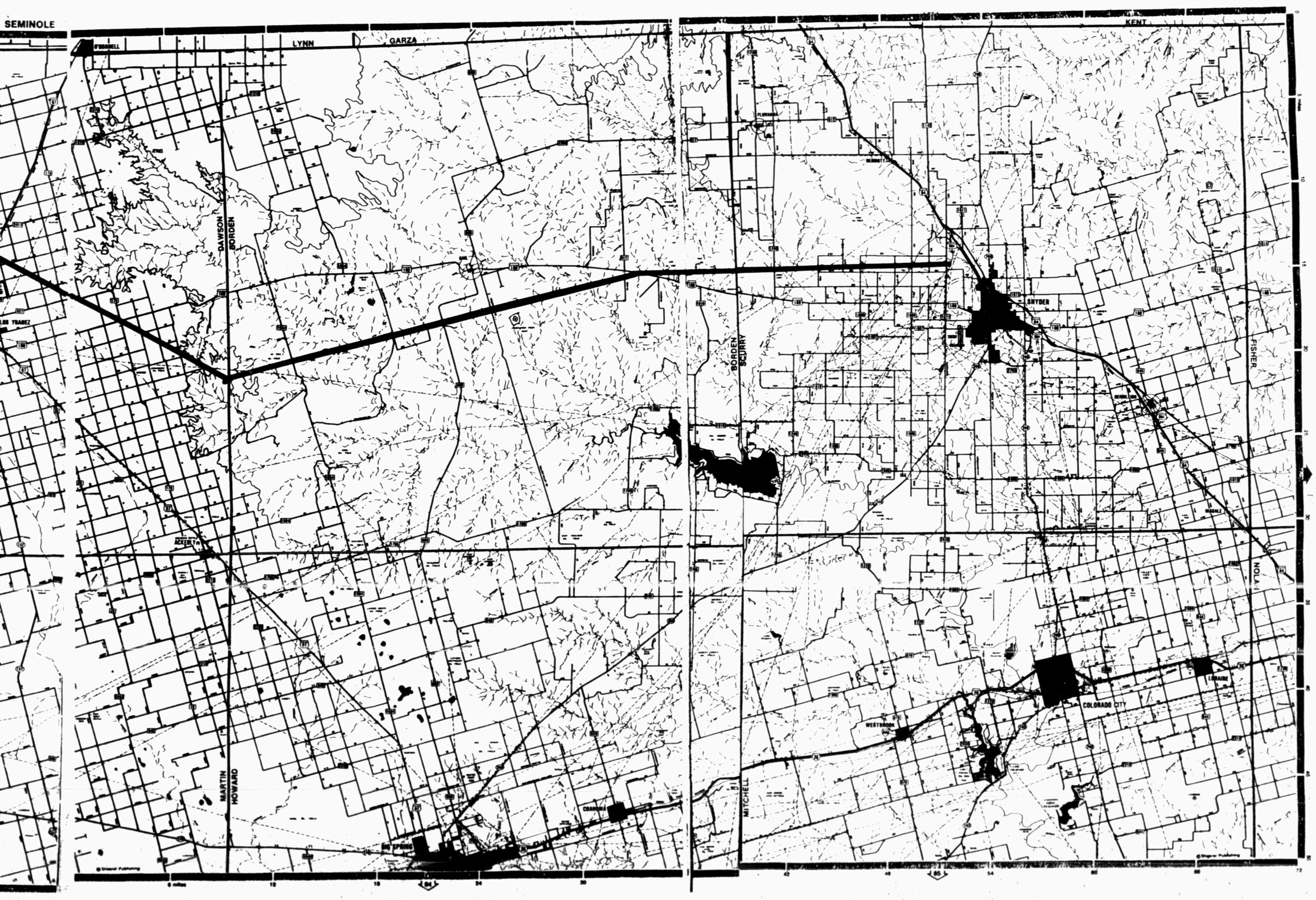
Public comments may be sent to the Railroad Commission of Texas at the following address:

Ms. Mary McDaniel, P.E.
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Telephone: (512) 463-7058

A copy of the application, including a map showing the route of the new construction, is on file with the Railroad Commission and the County Clerk of this county and is available for inspection at the County Clerk's office, the offices of the Railroad Commission at 1701 North Congress in Austin, Texas and at the offices of Applicant at 500 N. Loraine, Suite 1175, Midland, Texas 79701. Questions may be addressed to Applicant by contacting:

Mr. Dick Williams
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Ex-chief at Enron selling off stuff

HOUSTON (AP) — You can now get a little piece of former Enron chief executive officer Kenneth Lay's life — if you can afford it.

Dozens of home furnishings, antiques and decorative items culled from Lay's family properties are available at wife Linda Lay's new store, Jus' Stuff.

There's a bronze, life-sized Eve statue for $13,000, an English bed for $4,300, a pool table for $5,000, a red and brown padded bench decorated with angels for $5,200 and a pair of gilded green, red and gold chairs for $8,000.

Part estate sale and part yard sale, the store last week quietly began allowing browsers to peruse the inventory — much of it originally paid for with Enron money.

"It would sort of be like Marie Antoinette opening up her house to sell her wares, hoping to save her neck," said Charles Mercado, a part-time antiques dealer who visited the store Tuesday.

The white two-story building with black awnings stands about midway between the Lays' high-rise home in an upscale Houston enclave and Enron's downtown Houston headquarters. Its parking lot alternately fills with Porsches, Mercedes, BMWs and fancy SUVs.

Potential customers were greeted by a uniformed Houston police officer as they entered the door Tuesday and then by Lay family spokeswoman Kelly Kimberly.

The store hasn't officially opened but is doing business with those who show up. Kimberly told people that if they found an item without a price to just ask and one could quickly be found.

Kimberly said Lay's decision to open the store has nothing to do with the family's perils since the downfall of the energy trading company her husband once headed.

"This is just a practical way to utilize all of their furniture and to utilize this building, which is one of her real estate investments," the family's spokeswoman said. "She realized it was just stuff and other people might have a use for it."

The stuff on sale includes items from India, Europe and China. While a majority of the items are priced far beyond a few hundred dollars, browsers can buy a perfectly formed set of two shells and a sand dollar for $100 or a card set for $30.

"Hopefully she has got better stuff than that," said Mark Swindler, who browsed the store with a friend Tuesday afternoon. "I really thought there would be all these decadent, lavish furnishings."

Some small U.S. flags go for $1.25 for those who just want to say they bought something from the store, which is stocked with surplus items from the family's vacation homes and other properties.

"It's just stuff all right," Swindler said, "stuff they got by ripping off other people."

The family's longtime interior designer teamed up with Lay and her daughters to put the store together. Kimberly said it has been a longtime dream of Lay's to have her own antique and design store.

Although Lay was readily available to answer customers' questions about her merchandise, she wouldn't talk with reporters who arrived at the store other than to introduce herself.

After Enron descended into bankruptcy Dec. 2 — causing many Enron employees to lose their jobs and their life savings — the Lays began selling off assets. Kenneth Lay resigned as chief executive in January and the couple jettisoned homes in Aspen, Colo., and Galveston, Texas, along with commercial properties.

"Her troubles appear to be bigger in scale, even though they are the same as anyone's," Mercado said. "She's somewhat against the wall. It is sort of tragic really.

"I am sure there would have been a time when this wouldn't have been her fantasy. But I guess if having a resale shop was her fantasy, this is a good way to end."



HONORARY AWARDS – Those receiving honorary FFA awards at last week's Snyder FFA banquet include from left, Doug and LaTona Neff, Mickey Farris, Tina and Kerry Tidwell and Jill and Warren Beard. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



HONORAY FFA DEGREE — Phillip Kincheloe, Skip Craig and Jack Anderson, from left, received their honorary FFA degrees at last week's Snyder FFA banquet. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Supporters of arming pilots turn to Congress for help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of arming commercial airline pilots are asking Congress to overturn the Bush administration's decision against allowing firearms in the cockpits.

The House Transportation aviation subcommittee is to consider legislation Thursday to allow trained pilots to carry guns, and a bipartisan group of senators is moving ahead with a separate bill.

"While I'm disappointed with the Department of Transportation's decision, I will redouble my efforts to pass this measure," said Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont. "It's imperative that we provide pilots with this crucial option."

House Transportation Committee chairman Don Young, R-Alaska, said he plans to have his panel consider the bill next month.

But in the Senate, Commerce Committee chairman Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., remains opposed to armed pilots.

"Pilots are supposed to fly," said Hollings, whose panel oversees the airline industry in the Senate. "They're not supposed to shoot."

Transportation Undersecretary John Magaw, who heads the new Transportation Security Administration, said Tuesday he would not allow pilots to carry guns. Reinforced cockpits and armed air marshals provide enough protection against terrorists who try to take over an airplane, Magaw said.

"The responsibility of the pilot is to control the aircraft," Magaw said. "The use of firearms aboard a U.S. aircraft must be limited to those thoroughly trained members of law enforcement. Our position is make that cockpit as safe as we can, control that plane and get it on the ground."

Magaw said he had not decided whether to allow nonlethal weapons, such as stun guns.

If Congress passed a law arming pilots, however, Magaw said he would follow it. "I think it's a mistake, but I'll do whatever you legislate," he said.

Airline pilots' unions plan to push for the legislation. They have organized petition drives and face-to-face meetings with lawmakers.

"At this point, our only recourse is to call on Congress to reassert its wishes regarding firearms in the cockpit," said Capt. Duane Woerth, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, which has given $1.5 million to federal candidates since January 1999.

Young said the Air Force now is authorized to shoot down a commercial airliner commandeered by hijackers. "I strongly believe that under these new circumstances, we must allow trained and qualified pilots to serve as the last line of defense against such a potential disaster," he said.

Air Travelers Association President David Stempler also endorsed guns in the cockpit.

"If hijackers are able to force themselves into the cockpit, all that pilots have to prevent the plane from being turned into a cruise missile is a crash ax, a flashlight and a flight manual," he said.

On the other side, the airline industry backed Magaw's decision. The Air Transport Association, trade group for the major airlines, cited the "unintended consequences of arming pilots with firearms and the potential dangers posed to innocent passengers and other crew members."

Also backing Magaw was the Association of Flight Attendants.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		20.10	19.81	19.98—.04
AOL TimeWrn		18.78	18.47	18.56—.02
AT&T Corp s		13.10	12.80	12.87—.29
Albertsons		34.22	32.70	34.08 + 1.93
Alltel		51.13	50.14	50.70 + .04
AmEl Pw		44.74	44.31	44.49 + .39
AndarkPtr		53.08	52.10	52.81 + .09
ATMOS Egy		23.25	23.13	23.13—.12
Aviall		9.61	9.28	9.41—.24
BP PLC		51.45	51.13	51.13—.55
BakerHughes		35.85	34.90	35.47 + .34
Bank of Amer		75.85	74.47	74.67—.32
BellSouth		32.98	32.20	32.50 + .10
vjBeth Steel		.40	.39	.40 + .01
BurlNoSFe		28.60	28.22	28.33 + .18
ChevronTex		88.70	87.35	88.14 + .31
Citigroup		45.05	44.49	44.60—.66
CocaCola		56.24	55.51	56.08 + .62
ColgatePal		54.18	53.60	53.72—.34
ComclMetals		47.39	47.30	47.35 + .10
Cooper Inds		41.45	40.90	41.28 + .35
DaimlrChry		50.77	50.32	50.42 + 1.45
DeltaAirl		26.25	25.63	25.87—.19
Dillards Inc		28.85	28.22	28.35—.32
DowChem		33.90	33.39	33.60 + .13
DuPont		46.90	46.10	46.74 + .68
EastmanChem		47.03	46.42	46.61 + .14
EstKodak		34.80	34.40	34.66—.45
EDS Corp		54.17	53.61	53.75—.36
Entergy		45.60	44.97	45.52 + .60
ExxonMobil s		40.42	39.84	40.26 + .49
FootLocker		13.48	13.05	13.40—.22
GenDynam		101.55	100.31	101.45 + 1.34
GenElec		32.19	31.80	31.80—.35
GenMills		45.28	44.50	45.00 + .64
GenMotors		65.45	64.68	65.10 + .16
GaPacific		29.10	28.95	29.00—.25
Goodrich		33.35	33.14	33.19—.08
Goodyear		22.41	22.15	22.29—.07
GtAtlPac		24.75	22.38	24.46 + 2.25
Halliburtn		17.40	16.96	17.27—.16
Hanson ADS		39.00	38.80	38.88—.52
HarteHanks		33.10	32.60	33.07 + .26
HomeDepot		44.78	42.51	42.70—2.20
Honeywellintl		38.39	37.89	38.19
IBM		84.18	82.74	83.70 + .25
IntlPaper		44.05	43.51	43.93 + .40
JohnsonJn		62.59	61.28	62.11 + 1.47
vjK mart		1.17	1.15	1.15—.02
KinderMorg		45.11	44.60	44.99 + .24
Kroger Co		22.79	22.01	22.63 + .65
LockheedM		62.90	61.86	62.81 + .74
Lowes Cos s		46.56	45.75	46.43 + .30
Lubys		6.79	6.71	6.71—.01
LucentTech		4.75	4.62	4.74 + .01
MarathonOil		28.75	28.25	28.64 + .27
MayDeptStr		35.60	34.95	35.45 + .15
Medtronic		46.10	45.56	45.65—.22
Motorola		16.77	16.34	16.58 + .18
NCR Corp		37.49	37.00	37.02—.25
Navistar		37.40	36.53	37.10 + .72
PNM Rescs		26.91	26.52	26.90 + .38
Penney JC		24.20	23.70	23.70—.22
PepBoys		17.05	16.36	16.40—.65
PepsiCo		51.75	51.20	51.46 + .40
Pharmacia		42.28	41.76	42.15 + .11
PhelpDodge		36.76	36.30	36.63 + .28
PilgrmPrd B		13.43	13.30	13.30—.15
Praxair		58.14	57.30	57.75—.07
ProctGamb		91.74	90.95	91.52 + .42
RadioShack		34.95	34.61	34.64—.37
ReliantEngy		15.82	15.39	15.80 + .32
RoyalDut		55.24	54.66	55.05 + .49
SBC Comm		35.20	34.43	34.75 + .05
SaraLee		20.68	20.36	20.51 + .11
Scripps EW		76.95	75.56	75.63—.92
SearsRoeb		56.38	55.55	55.80 + .16
SherwinW		32.64	32.35	32.49 + .12
SouthernCo		27.85	27.10	27.65 + .82
SwstAirl		16.96	16.61	16.80 + .25
SprintFON		16.90	16.69	16.79 + .01
SprintPCS		10.21	9.66	10.01 + .26
Sunoco Inc		36.04	35.25	35.59 + .09
TXU Corp		54.38	53.62	54.34 + .83
TempleInland		55.90	55.45	55.80 + .24
TexInd		38.07	37.90	37.91—.12
TexasInst		31.05	30.25	30.52—.09
Textron		46.100	46.00	46.40—.37
TrinityInds		19.29	18.73	18.80—.49
TylerTech		5.42	5.20	5.33—.19
UnionPacif		60.00	59.01	59.92 + .77
USSteel		20.18	19.88	20.06 + .21
UnitedTech		68.40	67.40	68.00—.01
Unocal		38.13	37.34	37.88 + .26
VerizonComm		43.59	42.57	43.10 + .08
WalMart		56.80	56.15	56.15—.45
WellsFargo		52.40	51.70	51.80—.80
WstnGasRs		38.84	38.35	38.73 + .20
WinnDixie		19.40	18.37	19.39 + .79
Xerox Cp		9.02	8.70	8.90 + .03
YumBrands		65.25	64.78	65.17 + .23

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Scurry County Country

Texas Parks & Wildlife Report by Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist

Mourning dove surveys to begin in May

From May 20-31, wildlife biologists with Texas Parks and Wildlife will be conducting mourning dove call count surveys throughout the state.

Federal and state wildlife agencies conduct the annual monitoring effort to determine population trends and establish harvest regulations. White-wing doves have been included in the surveys since 1999 due to expansion of their range.

The observer drives a 20-mile survey route, stopping every mile and listens for cooing doves for three minutes exactly. All doves heard and observed while stopped and all doves observed while driving are recorded. Since fluctuations in survey data from year to year are normal, long-term population trends based on several years of information are analyzed when making decisions regarding mourning dove harvest regulations. Thus increases or decreases in one year's survey results would not justify a change in bag limit, unless it was consistent with a long-term trend.

Mourning doves arrive at nesting areas beginning in February or March and continue into May. A breeding pair of mourning dove will remain paired throughout the nesting season, with both male and female participating in nest building, egg incubation and the feeding of hatchlings.

According to "Mourning Dove in Texas," a Texas Parks and Wildlife information bulleting written by Ron George, "Both Parents feed their young a secretion from their crops known as "pigeon mil,." This substance is very similar in chemical composition to milk produced by female mammals. After about seven days, the pigeon milk is gradually replaced by a diet of regurgitated seed.

"Although mourning doves normally nest in trees or shrubs, ground nesting does occur. Normal clutch size is 2 eggs, however, clutch sizes of 1, 3 or 4 eggs occur on occasion. An incubation period of 14-15 days is required before hatching.

Fledging normally occurs approximately 2 weeks after hatching with the young becoming independent of the parents about 30 days after hatching. A nesting cycle is completed in approximately 32 days. Afterwards nesting may be attempted several more times. Important food items for mourning dove include sunflower, crotons, ragweed and agricultural crops such as wheat, sorghum, corn and peanuts.

Technical assistance concerning wildlife management is available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's private lands enhancement program. To request technical assistance in the Snyder area, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist, at 915-863-2755. For technical assistance in the Panhandle, contact Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist, at 806-655-3782 for the wildlife biologist in your area.

Scurrying Around Snyder

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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

PEACH LEAF CURL

At first glance, the disease resembles glossy, bright green insect galls with tints of red dotted over the peach leaves, but is actually a fungus that infects leaves, flowers and fruits. The affected leaves begin to pucker, curl and thicken, usually becoming light green to pale yellow in color, and are finally shed. The pathogen is Taphrina deformans, a close relative of the Taphrina species that cause oak leaf blister disease.

According to Dr. Larry Barnes of the Plant Pathology Department at Texas A& M University, Taphrina deformans over-winters in the bud scales, and infects newly emerging leaves, blossoms and fruit. The blossoms and fruit soon drop after infection by the fungus and may not be noticed by the grower. By the time leaves are fully expanded, they will no longer be susceptible to the fungus.

The likelihood of disease development is related to optimum conditions of air temperature at the time of bud opening, combined with good surface moisture conditions. Air temperature above 86 degrees F. and below 40 degrees F. inhibit growth of the fungus. Dr. Barnes says that control measures are usually not needed. Because it is not possible to control the outbreak after symptoms are visible, the best preventive would be to apply a fungicide such as Daconil at the beginning of dormancy and / or just prior to bud break.

Information taken from Horticulture Update, March 2002.

Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren

It takes a lot of work every day, to be a patient, kind, skillful, communicative, active, optimistic parent for your grandchildren. All parents make mistakes. Good parents learn from them. There are no perfect parents, but thoughtful, joyful, committed parents are truly grand parents.

The Numbers

Grandparents raising grandchildren is not a new phenomenon, but the numbers have almost doubled since 1970. Research indicates it is affecting all ethnic groups and income levels across the nation. According to the 1997 Children's Defense Fund, the number of children living in grandparent-headed households increased 66% since 1990. This was an increase from 3.2% in 1970, 3.6% in 1980, 4.9% in 1990, and 5.5% in all children (nearly four million) in 1997. According to the 1998 U.S. Census report, approximately 3.9 million children (5.6%) are being raised by 2.5 million grandparent-headed households.

Since 1990, every state had some grandchildren less than 18 years of age living with grandparents. About half of the grandchildren living in grandparent-headed households were from the following eight states: California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Ohio (1990 U. S. Census Data).

Why are the Numbers Increasing?

A multitude of societal changes contribute to the increasing number of grandchildren living with grandparents: death of a parent(s), unemployment of the parent(s), lack of financial resources, divorce of parents, parent(s) abandoning children, parent(s) with drug and/or alcohol abuse/addition, incarcerated parent(s), teen pregnancy, child abuse/neglect, and AIDS.

Challenges Facing Custodial Grandparents

In a survey of 4,700 grandparents conducted by the American Association of Retired Persons Grandparent Information Center, the length of time grandparents served as primary care giver was 31% for less than a year, 20% for one to two years, and 49% for more than two years. More than 7 out of 10 grandparents indicated their role as the primary care giver was permanent, 11% temporary, and 17% were unsure of the status. Permanent and temporary custodial grandparents will encounter a variety of parental concerns, for example, discipline issues, financial support resources, legal issues (i.e., grandparents' rights, custody options), and most importantly, taking care of themselves. In addition, many grandchildren may have special medical, psychological, and educational needs, often caused by parental mistreatment or neglect.

Grandparents raising grandchildren may also experience stress in dealing with adult children. For example, there may be concerns about: conflict over disciplinary decisions,

visits from parents under the influence of drugs or alcohol,

the adult children will assert their parental rights, shame related to their adult child's behavior.

Finally, grandparents may also have fears about what will happen to their grandchildren if they are not able to take care of them.

Help is Available

Support is available and grandparents should never feel that they are alone. Social agencies and organizations are available to assist custodial grandparents to deal with their many responsibilities and concerns.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Grandparent Information Center provides information and resources to help grandparents cope with their primary care giving roles. For information, contact the AARP Grandparent Information Center at 601 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20049, telephone (202) 434-2296 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The opportunity for grand parents to take on the responsibility of raising a grandchild is usually not planned. As a result, many grandparents may feel alone and unprepared. Fortunately grandparents can find support from many available sources to assist them in this new role.

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"Nearly 4 million children are being raised in grandparent-headed households."

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LAKE J. B. THOMAS (204,000 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5/20/01	LAST WEEK 5/13/02	THIS WEEK 5/20/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	17.70	17.73	17.60
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	21,691	21,752	21,488
PERCENT FULL	10.63	10.66	10.53
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0	0
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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	ONE YEAR AGO 5/20/01	LAST WEEK 5/13/02	THIS WEEK 5/20/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	48.72	41.60	41.45
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	77,780	53,080	52,623
PERCENT FULL	13.91	10.00	10.77
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5/20/01	LAST WEEK 5/13/02	THIS WEEK 5/20/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	36.43	30.15	29.83
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	312,794	240,090	236,638
PERCENT FULL	56.43	43.31	42.69
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0	0

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

CITY	LAST WEEK'S DAILY AVERAGE 5/13/02	THIS WEEK'S DAILY AVERAG 5/20/02	THIS WEEK'S PEAK DAY 5/20/02
	5/7/02	5/14/02	5/14/02
BIG SPRING	6,195,714	6,698,571	7,120,000
ODESSA	27,070,714	26,929,286	28,163,000
SNYDER	2,288,000	2,871,857	3,621,000
MIDLAND	28,055,857	29,232,286	29,998,000
SAN ANGELO	14,362,000	15,309,571	18,406,000
STANTON	211,857	205,857	267,000

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 692 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 16, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-47
Canner and low cutters: 35-41
Slaughter bulls: 52-59.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 95-115
400-500: 82-95
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 72-78
700-800: 65-74
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-100
400-500: 75-90
500-600: 70-77
600-700: 65-73
700-800: 65-73
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 72-81
700-800: 62.50-70
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-830
Grade: 500-675
Springers: 400-650
Baby calves: 50-185
Doodlers: 185-275

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,425 head of cattle for the Saturday, May 18, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher. Bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady to $75/pr. higher. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 107.50-116
300-400: 94-99
400-500: 81-85
500-600: 73.75.50
600-700: 68-71.50
700-800: 63.68
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-90
400-500: 76.50-79
500-600: 73.50-75
600-700: 67-72.50
800-900: 59.51-61

Lawn, garden tips presented

Keeping the planet and your garden green may be easier if you take advantage of the latest gardening tools.

For example, there are ways to keep lawns green and conserve water. With a correctly designed, installed and maintained irrigation system, you can minimize the amount of water you use to water your lawn and still keep that lawn looking healthy.

Here are some tips on the intelligent use of water for gardening from Rain Bird Corporation, a leader in the irrigation industry:

• Avoid over-watering lawns and gardens. The greatest waste of water comes from applying too much too often. Instead of watering for 20 minutes straight, water four times for five minutes each session. This allows water to soak in while minimizing runoff.

• Watering in the evening isn't a good idea because leaf surfaces can remain wet overnight-inviting fungal diseases.

Try to water between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. when the sun is low, winds are calm and temperatures are cool. Use a low-angle nozzle in areas where wind is a factor.

• Divide your yard and landscaping into separate irrigation zones so grass can be watered separately and more often than groundcovers, shrubs and trees.

• Trim grass at a higher mower setting to shade roots from sunlight and encourage deeper roots.

• If you have an underground sprinkler system, make sure the sprinkler heads are adjusted properly to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways.

A properly adjusted sprinkler head should spray large droplets of water instead of a fog of fine mist, which is more susceptible to evaporation and wind drift.

• Consider direct application of water to roots using low volume "drip" emitters.

By applying water slowly to soil, drip irrigation is by far the most efficient way to water. The water flows through emitters, bubblers or spray heads placed at each plant.

• Mulch, a layer of non-living material covering the soil surface around plants, conserves water by significantly reducing moisture evaporation from the soil.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS



NHS INDUCTEES — Twenty Snyder High School juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society at Worsham Auditorium Tuesday evening. Members are selected according to their grade point average, involvement in school and are nominated by a teacher. On the back row, from left, are Amanda Hartzog, Jackie Beccue, Cindy Nachlinger, Catherine Whitworth, Zach Starnes, Aaryn Stewart, Tyler Kerr, Bonnie Cleveland, Kentara McDonald, Kasey Wemken, Patricia Vargas, Cozy Jones, Glenn Burns; front row, Afton Schwertner, Erin Cooley, Jacinda Judah, Lilli Valdez, Kellie Dodson, Kristina Mayer and Sara Cantu. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Aid will do little good unless Afghanistan becomes stable

WASHINGTON (AP) — A $1.4 billion aid package for Afghanistan that passed the House will do little good unless President Bush moves quickly to improve the war-torn nation's internal security, lawmakers say.

"Neither we, nor our Afghan friends, have the luxury to wait until a future security force is fully trained and deployed," said Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif. "I fear that a failure to do so will lead to a failed Afghanistan."

The aid package, passed on a 390-32 House vote Tuesday, includes an amendment by Lantos that requires Bush to prepare, within 45 days, a strategy for improving security within Afghanistan. Lawmakers are concerned that local warlords and thugs will undermine the shaky interim government headed by Hamid Karzai, creating violence and chaos.

"It is vitally important that we not flounder over there," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House International Relations Committee.

Senate Democrats, and many Republicans, want to do more than ask Bush for a plan. Sen. Joseph Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, recently urged Bush in a letter to back an expanded international peacekeeping force to secure Afghanistan, especially outside the capital of Kabul.

"We can't cut and run if resistance increases," Biden, D-Del., said in a recent Senate floor statement. "The greater the uncertainty about American commitment to security, the greater incentive our enemies will have to challenge our resolve."

Biden said "an excellent place to start" would be to shift $130 million in Pentagon funds to expand the peacekeeping force.

The Bush administration is resisting, arguing that the best course is to swiftly train an Afghan national army and police force that can do the job itself. Critics say that would take as long as two years, but White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Afghanistan "will, as any nation that's going to develop on this earth, have to take care of its own business."

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. commander of the war in Afghanistan, said he hopes to complete the difficult task of training 2,000 to 3,000 Afghan soldiers for a new national army.

Nuclear arms cuts finalized

MOSCOW (AP) — A landmark U.S.-Russian agreement slashing each nation's nuclear arsenals by two-thirds has been finalized, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Wednesday, a day ahead of President Bush's arrival in Moscow to sign it.

"The text ... is fully ready for signing," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement, following meetings in Moscow between U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton and Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Mamedov. No details of the final agreement were announced.

Bush announced last week that the deal had been reached after months of tense negotiations, but U.S. and Russian officials have been scrambling to work out final details in recent days.

Bush arrives in Moscow on Thursday. On Friday, he and Putin are to sign the deal, which foresees cuts in each country's arsenal to 1,700 to 2,200 warheads from the current 6,000 each is allowed.

U.S. officials have said that the deal could be the last arms reduction agreement between the two countries, which are increasingly working as partners rather than foes. But Russian officials say the 30-year-old U.S.-Russian arms control efforts should continue.

"I'm convinced that we will continue to work with the American side, including preparation of additional agreements on increasing ... transparency" of nuclear weapons cuts, Mikhail Lyssenko, head of the Russian Foreign Ministry's security and disarmament department, said Wednesday.

A second accord to be signed by the two presidents on Friday, a declaration on shared political and security priorities, is still being negotiated, said a high-ranking Russian diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity. That document will include a meaty section on cooperation in the missile defense field, including early missile warnings.

Navy research sub catches on fire; only minor injuries

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Navy research submarine caught fire and partially flooded, but all 43 people aboard were rescued, military officials said today.

The submarine Dolphin reported the fire and flooding at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday as it was operating on the surface about 100 miles off the coast of San Diego.

The crew was evacuated by small boat to the McGaw, another Navy vessel in the vicinity at the time, and was on its way to San Diego this morning.

Two crew members who fell in the water during the rescue were recovered by a Coast Guard helicopter.

Navy spokeswoman Lt. Kim Marks said there were a few minor injuries but could not elaborate what they were.

The fire and flooding were controlled and the submarine was stabilized early today, military officials said. The vessel remained at the accident site being assisted by two other vessels and was expected to be transported back to San Diego later today.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

The submarine had been on a training mission since Monday, said Cmdr. David Koontz.

Israel cuts Gaza Strip in half

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel troops were active in both Palestinian territories today — they cut the Gaza Strip in half by blocking the main north-south road, and rounded up hundreds of men in a West Bank village as they searched for militants.

Two Palestinian men died in the West Bank. One had explosives that went off prematurely while he was on foot at a road junction outside the town of Jenin, the military said.

The second man, Moussa Daraghmeh, 35, was shot dead at the main checkpoint on the edge of Bethlehem after a shouting match with soldiers, according to Palestinian witnesses and the man's cousin, Amer Daraghmeh.

After the argument began, soldiers fired one warning shot in the air. The argument continued, and Daraghmeh was hit in the chest by a second shot, the witnesses said. The army said it was checking the report and declined to comment immediately.

In Israel, parliament gave preliminary approval today to an economic emergency plan after the initial defeat of the bill Monday triggered a crisis in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's broad-based coalition.

The measure was adopted 65-26. However, the vote did not defuse the coalition crisis, and it remained unclear whether two rebellious religious parties, who had initially opposed the measure and were sacked by Sharon, would return to the coalition. In today's vote, most legislators from the two parties — Shas and United Torah Judaism — were absent.

Without the two parties, Sharon would command only 60 of the 120 seats in parliament.

Several arrests occupy police

•Arrests

Deputies arrested Roy Diaz Mojica, 30, of 2111 47th Street in Lubbock at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday on a Lubbock County warrant warrant for organized criminal activity.

At 9:10 a.m. Tuesday a 48-year-old woman was arrested from justice of the peace court for permitting an unlicensed person to drive and violation of compulsory school law.

A 17-year-old male was arrested at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday from the 1800 block of 39th for assault and possession of cigarettes.

A 41-year-old man was arrested at 8:20 p.m. from the 3000 block of Ave. U for driving while intoxicated, no driver's license, no liability insurance, failure to control speed and failure to meet requirements upon striking a fixed object.

At midnight Wednesday officers arrested an 18-year-old female from the 2100 block of Ave. M for minor in possession of alcohol.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old man just before 3 a.m. Wednesday from the 1000 block of 26th Street on city warrants for excessive acceleration and failure to appear.

•Thefts

Eva Alonzo called police just before 5 p.m. Tuesday regarding her brother's necklace being stolen on the school bus. The woman called later and reported the necklace had been found.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday an employee at Wal-Mart reported the theft of several DVD's.

Marcus Clay requested officers around 6 p.m. Tuesday in the 3400 block of Ave. H in reference to items being taken from his residence. A close patrol was requested, but no offense report was filed.

•Accident

At 8:06 p.m. a 1991 Ford Escort driven by Curtis Mann, 41, struck a Snyder city sign at the 1900 block of 28th Street. A one-vehicle fixed object offense report was submitted and the vehicle was towed.

•Criminal mischief

Just after 5 p.m. Tuesday officers were requesteed in the 1500 block of 20th Street concerning windows being broken at a rental house. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

•Close patrol

A man requested a close patrol of his residence at 9 p.m. Tuesday regarding a suspicious vehicle parked across from his house.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town & Country North reported a gas drive off worth $20.01 just before midnight Tuesday.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Judy Barkowsky, Judy Grimmett and Betty Thompson will be from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

WTC summer class schedule

The complete list of summer classes offered through Western Texas College may be viewed on the hour over WTC's Channel 22, the college's cable channel.

Nine-week evening classes and the first six weeks day-time session begins Tuesday on campus. The schedule runs beginning at 8 a.m. each morning and continues through 4 p.m.

To register individuals should go to the admissions office located in the student center prior to their first class meeting.

Evening classes which meet once per week will end July 28. The first day time schedule ends July 3 and will be followed by a second six weeks session July 8-Aug. 15.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Poppies, Memorial Day dinner

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will accept donations for Buddy Poppies from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets.

The auxiliary and Post 8231 will also sponsor a dinner for all veterans and their families from 6-8 p.m. on Memorial Day, next Thursday.

Bake sale

Word Is Life Deliverance Church will host a bake sale starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at Davidson's Supermarket. Proceeds will be used for youth church camp.

Gateway Family Services

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

Camp Springs homecoming

The Camp Springs homecoming will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 2, at the Northeast Community Center. There will be a potluck meal. Call 573-8948 for more information.

Swanson reception

A reception to honor Nan and Rollin Swanson will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 2, in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church where the Rev. Nan Swanson has resigned as minister. The public is invited.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts who register for the 2002-2003 membership during May will receive a patch. Cost is $7. See your Girl Scout leader to register.

Trinity Methodist Church study

Trinity United Methodist Church will host the Beth Moore study, "Breaking Free," Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Melissa Petty will lead classes at 6:30 on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, and Ellie Dryden is leading classes at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays beginning June 6. Everyone is invited. Call 573-3988 to reserve a study book.

American Legion election

The American Legion Post 181 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 17, to elect officers.

Colonial Hill VBS

Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the Amazon Outfitters for Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church June 3-7. Call 573-8596 for registration and transportation.

Avenue D VBS

Avenue D Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 10-14 and the theme is Amazon Outfitters: On Expedition with the One True God. It is for K-6th grade and will be held 9 a.m. until noon. Call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552-7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool hours

May: Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. Open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. June: M-F 6:30-8 a.m. and mnoon-1 p.m. Open swim: M-F 2-5 p.m. Thursday nights: 7-9 p.m. for $5 family swim. Cost of each visit is $2 or $25 for a two-month membership. Swimming pool will close June 27 for maintenance work

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

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STAR GREENHANDS — Snyder FFA 2001-2002 Star Greenhands from left are Michael Parsley, Sarah Carpenter, Logan West. West is also the freshman medal of scholastic achievement winner. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



STAR CHAPTER AWARDS — Snyder FFA Star Chapter Award recipients from left are Amanda Greenwood, Emily Long and Beth Parsley. Long is also the recipient of the sophomore scholastic medal of achievement. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman's online lover has right words, wrong moves

DEAR ABBY: For the past three months, I have had a long-distance relationship with a man I met through an Internet dating Web site.

He claims he's not interested in meeting anyone else, but has not yet deleted his Internet profile. He still receives e-mail from women — and has continued to meet them — all the while insisting he wants a serious relationship with me!

This situation is making me very uncomfortable. While he says all the right things, I cannot completely trust him.

When I confronted him, he said these women are just looking for friends (oh, really?), and he feels sure about where to "draw the line."

What do you think, Abby? Should I trust him? — **HANGING IN THERE IN TUCSON**

DEAR HANGING IN THERE: No. You are looking for an exclusive relationship, while he is still looking — period. Actions speak louder than words, and it's clear that he's not leveling with you.

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DEAR ABBY: Last week, I visited my Aunt Bess in Mississippi. She is a great cook and served a delicious trifle to us and the 30 or so relatives who came for the family reunion. Although the dessert she presented was wonderful, I was disappointed she hadn't served the wonderful fresh fruit dessert she served last summer when my children and I visited. I told her how much we had enjoyed the fruit dessert and asked her for the recipe. Sadly, she said she no longer had it. She said she had loaned her Dear Abby Cookbooklet to a friend who had subsequently lost it.

Abby, does a fresh fruit dessert ring a bell with you? If you give me the recipe, I'll send her a copy — or better yet, how can I get your cookbooklet? I'm sure with a recipe that good, your cookbooklet must have others that are also outstanding. — **TRICIA IN TAMPA, FLA.**

DEAR TRICIA: As a matter of fact, it does ring a bell. That dessert has always been a favorite summer taste-treat in my family. It's called Summer Surprise Dessert and is extremely easy to make.

My cookbooklet set can be ordered by sending a business-size, self-addressed, stamped (57 cents) envelope, plus check or money order for $10 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Fruit is plentiful in the markets now, so I'll go ahead and give you the recipe for the Summer Surprise Dessert, and since you've made my mouth water, I may make one for myself this weekend.

SUMMER SURPRISE DESSERT

1 cup fresh seedless grapes, halved
1 cup fresh whole blueberries
1 cup fresh strawberries, halved
1 cup fresh peaches, cut in bite-sized pieces
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 cups dairy sour cream

In shallow 9-by-12-inch glass dish, combine all fruit and mix well. Sprinkle brown sugar over the fruit. Top with sour cream. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate 3 to 4 hours or overnight. The sour cream will seep through the brown sugar to the fruit.

To serve, gently stir the fruit; spoon into sherbet glasses.

TIP: Any combination of fruits may be used: fresh plums, kiwi, raspberries, pitted bing cherries, etc. However, FRESH peaches, FRESH grapes and FRESH blueberries are a necessity. Frozen or canned fruits are NOT recommended.

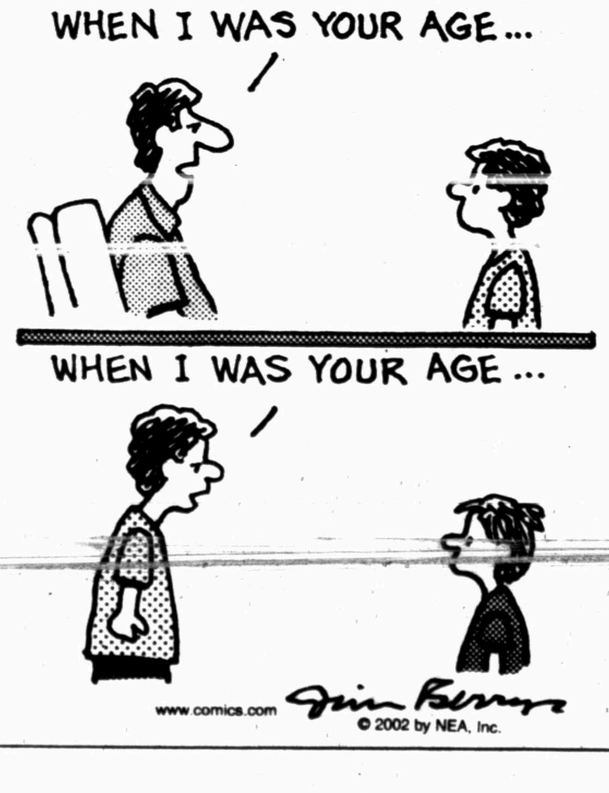
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Enron's legal fees. expenses ran almost $6 million

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron's primary law firm in its bankruptcy proceeding has billed the company almost $6 million in legal fees and expenses for January.

Weil Gotshal & Manges had billed the company for $6.2 million in fees and expenses for December, its first month of work.

Enron's commodity trading business was sold in January to UBS Warburg.

Judge Arthur Gonzalez appointed a committee to review all of Enron's legal expenses, which total about $20 million a month.

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