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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The good ole days can only be remembered by those who can't remember."

For those who pine for the good ole days, consider the following — sent in from a Houston reader.

"Next time you wash your hands and complain because the water temp isn't perfect, think about how things used to be...

"Facts from the 1500s: Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.

"Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, next all the other sons and men, next the women and finally the children. Babies were last.

"By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it; hence the saying: Don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

"Houses had thatched roofs (thick straw) piled high, with no wood beneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small animals lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof; hence the saying: It's raining cats and dogs.

"There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house, posing a real problem in the bedroom. A bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. Canopy beds came into existence. The floor was dirt, and only the wealthy had something other than dirt; hence the saying: dirt poor.

"In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and not much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence came the rhyme: Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

"Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came, they would hang up their bacon as a sign that a man could bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests, sit around and chew the fat.

"Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leak onto the food causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

"Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top or the upper crust."

If that's the real truth, history is not all boring.





SPRINGTIME CHORES — Bud House, left, and Bill Early were hard at it Monday afternoon repairing an in-ground sprinkler system, which got a break last week thanks to cool temperatures and generous rains. The recent wet weather has caused an explosion of color on many area roadways with the bloom of wildflowers. (SDN Staff Photos)

New dorms at WTC on hold

Action comes during Monday evening board meeting

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Western Texas College trustees Monday night put the possible construction of a new dormitory on hold for at least a year.

The board voted to reject a request for qualifications from Tamkin Development Corp. of Los Angeles after WTC president Dr. Greg Williams suggested that taking on the project at this time would not be in the school's best interest.

"Through our own research we have found that moving forward with a new dorm is not the best move right now," he said. "We would like to request that we table construction of a new residence hall for at least a year."

Dr. Williams cited low reserve funds and said the college "needs some cushion" before undergoing a construction project.

Dr. Williams told the board some adornments would be added to the present dorms to make them more attractive, but said major renovations will be necessary in two to three years.

In other business, trustees cancelled the May 4 board election. No contested races developed before the filing deadline and incumbents Drew Bullard and Jackie Greene are duly elected for new six-year terms.

An agreement with Borden County ISD to provide concurrent classes to high school students was unanimously approved.

The school district has agreed to pay $35,000 to the college for an instructor and other costs, Dr. Williams said.

The contracts of 71 employees were renewed with little discussion and a tax refund of $2,519.62 was approved to Wilson Supply Co.

The company was improperly assessed for equipment, which did not belong to it, but director of fiscal services Patricia Claxton said the money would come back to the college as it will be added to the rolls of another taxpayer.

Following suit with most taxing entities in the state, the WTC board voted to exempt travel trailers from ad valorem taxes, which were mistakenly added to new legislation this year, but will be removed in the upcoming legislative session.

"Even if we did collect taxes on the travel trailers, the money would most likely have to be refunded next year," Dr. Williams said.

The board heard several items for information and discussion, including a report on the college's kickoff fundraising campaign.

Development officer Dennis Noblett said the campaign totaled $43,865, of which $33,580 will be used for the baseball and softball programs.

The remaining $10,285 was donated specifically to other programs and student non-athletic scholarships.

Noblett also said a brick and stone walkway with donor's names will soon be constructed in front of the administration building.

Information on Wednesday's career fair was presented. The fair will highlight public safety with several local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in attendance to talk with area high school students.

Helicopters and field emergency vehicles will be on display, to include ambulances, police cruisers and fire trucks. The fair will be held in the WTC gym.

The board also discussed bidding information for a book contractor for the college bookstore.

WTC has contracted with Texas Book Company for six years and will seek to extend the contract.

Construction of a website featuring board members also was discussed, as was an updated map of baseball and softball fields and merging memberships of the WTC and country club golf courses.

The board also reviewed the April calendar and heard the president's report.

Board president Lee Presswood presided over the 40-minute meeting and board members present were Greene, Scott Richburg, Bullard and Jay Kidd. Absent were Carolyn Barbee and Eddie Peterson.

Guilty plea is expected from Andersen auditor

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior Arthur Andersen auditor was charged today with a single criminal obstruction charge, and has agreed to plead guilty to thwarting the government's investigation into the collapse of Enron Corp., people familiar with the matter said today.

The precise charge against David B. Duncan, who was fired in January shortly after Andersen acknowledged massive shredding of Enron documents, was outlined in court papers filed today in federal court in Houston. It said Duncan did "knowingly, intentionally and corruptly persuade and attempt to persuade other persons ... to withhold records, documents and other objects from an official proceeding, namely an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission."

Duncan was expected to appear later today in federal court in Houston, where the government filed the two-page criminal information.

The charge against Duncan said the shredding took place between Oct. 23 and Nov. 9.

Duncan also has agreed to cooperate with prosecutors pursuing obstruction charges against Andersen and in the broader investigation of the collapse of Enron, people familiar with the matter said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Duncan's attorney, Robert Giuffra, said late Monday that he had no comment on his client's decision to plead guilty, which was initially reported by The Washington Post and The New York Times.

"As we have said from the outset, Mr. Duncan is continuing to cooperate with the government's investigation of this matter," Giuffra told The Associated Press.

A grand jury indicted Andersen on March 7 on a single count of obstructing justice, accusing the firm of destroying "tons of paper" at offices worldwide and deleting enormous numbers of computer files on its audits of Enron.

Supt. Jerry Church...

Contract extension on Hermleigh's agenda

An executive session to consider the contract extension of Supt. Jerry Church will highlight this evening's Hermleigh ISD board meeting.

Six members of the board were at last month's meeting and the votes were evenly split to extend Church's contract beyond June 30, 2003.

Because of the tie vote in March, the item was placed on tonight's agenda.

Trustees also will consider the resignation of Harley Ethridge, the Cardinal's football coach who also serves other sports.

Supt. Church said Ethridge is moving to Central Texas to be closer to his family. Ethridge is completing his second year at Hermleigh, having moved from Cisco.

Trustees also are expected to approve the 2002-2003 school calendar.

Hermleigh resident Don Patten has also asked to be on the agenda, said Church. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. in the high school building.

Golden Apple awards tonight

Snyder ISD will honor its volunteers during the 7th annual Golden Apple awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. today at the Snyder Country Club.

Motivational speaker John Irvin of Tulsa is the featured speaker, addressing "hilarity therapy."

Public safety topic of career fair at WTC

Western Texas College and the West Central Texas Tech Prep will host its 2nd annual "Public Safety Career Fair" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the WTC gym.

John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction, said that last year's event was a tremendous success and even more exhibitors are anticipated this year.

Public safety agencies invited to participate in the career fair will include local and area law enforcement, fire departments and Emergency Medical Services, AeroCare, the Drug Enforcement Administration, FBI, ATF, the U. S. Marshall Service, the Border Patrol, TDCJ Correctional Officer Training, the U.S. Secret Service, and U.S. Customs.

Helicopters and several field emergency vehicles, including ambulances, police cruisers and fire trucks from the participating agencies will also be on display.

The career fair is an excellent opportunity for individuals to be exposed to career options and information regarding educational requirements for careers in public safety, said Gibson.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the Vocational Division office at 573-8511 ext. 250, e-mail WTC at VoCareers@wtc.cc.tx.us.

ASK US

Q— When is the Snyder High School all-sports banquet?
A— May 2.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 72 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 47; no precipitation; total for 2002, 5.67 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 45-50; SE winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, high near 75; S winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, low near 55.



Alexandria Hook
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:08 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 98 days in 2002, the sun has shone 93 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
—Eleanor Roosevelt

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C. Rice dismisses Iraq oil embargo

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — President Bush's national security adviser says she doubts Saddam Hussein can stick with his decision to stop shipping oil because Iraqis need the money too much.

"We ought to remind them that they're going to have a hard time eating their oil," Condoleeza Rice said.

Saddam said Monday he would stop Iraq's oil exports for 30 days or until Israeli troops withdraw from Palestinian territories. Global oil prices surged, although some energy analysts predicted that other oil-producing countries would intervene to offset a major shortfall in supplies.

Rice, in a speech to 2,500 people Monday at a Texas A&M auditorium, urged those countries she did not identify to step up and fill the void left by Iraq. In Washington, President Bush used Saddam's threat to press the Senate to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling and "diversify away from somebody like him."

Saddam's oil stoppage is the latest complication for the Bush administration as it tries to balance the war against terrorism with the ripple effects of Middle East violence.

Even as Rice spoke, Israel continued to snub Bush's demand that incursions in Palestinian cities be reversed "without delay." Secretary of State Colin Powell is in the region seeking a cease-fire.

Former President Bush, whose official library is at Texas A&M, introduced Rice as a "very seasoned, experienced hand in foreign affairs" who served on his national security team.

Praising her former boss, she drew a comparison between the challenges Bush faced during the Persian Gulf War and those facing his son.

"Just as no one predicted Sept. 11, 2001, no one predicted Aug. 2, 1990 — the date Saddam Hussein's Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait," she said.



WESTERN ART — Jennifer Calley, along with son, Brodie, (right) and nephew, Austin, admire her artwork by Theresa Martin of Lubbock. The items will be included in the Relay For Life auction April 19, to benefit the American Cancer Society. Martin is a breast cancer survivor who regularly supports the Scurry County Unit of ACS. (Contributed Photo)

Grassley urges critics and livestock farmers to talk

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP) — The livestock industry won't be free of controversy until producers show greater sensitivity to other farmers and city dwellers, a leading farm-state Republican says.

Among the most contentious issues is the waste produced by livestock farms.

"There does not seem to be the civility between livestock producers and other farmers and, even more so, people who work in town," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "Until we establish civility and understanding of this discussion, I don't think there's going to be a solution."

Grassley spoke during a taping of Iowa Public Television's "Iowa Press" program last week.

Grassley's views carry considerable weight. Serving his fourth term in the Senate, he is the senior elected Republican in Iowa and still actively farms a 710-acre corn and soybean operation with his son, Robin.

A bipartisan group of 12 lawmakers has worked to craft a compromise tightening regulation of livestock confinement operations in Iowa. That plan has come under heavy fire from all sides of the debate.

Environmental activists argue it doesn't go far enough in dealing with the millions of gallons of manure produced at hog confinement facilities. Countering that argument, nearly 1,000 farmers descended on the Statehouse recently, arguing the measure was so strict it would drive small producers out of business.

Wheat variety is aboard space shuttle

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A wheat variety developed for growing in space is being carried aboard space shuttle Atlantis for a project on the international space station.

The project is geared toward learning how to grow plants reliably in space, said Oscar Monje of Dynamac, a Rockville, Md.-based firm that was awarded a NASA contract for the study.

Atlantis blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Monday. The same shuttle in 1995 brought back the first Apogee wheat grown from seeds aboard Russia's Mir space station.

Apogee is a dwarf hard red spring wheat variety that was developed by Utah State University. It is intended to thrive in conditions where artificial light is always on, carbon dioxide levels are high and space is at a premium.

Levi will close 6 plants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Levi Strauss & Co.'s decision to move virtually all its remaining U.S. production to cheaper factories overseas reflects a sobering reality in the fashion industry — not even a company behind one of America's best known brands can afford to have clothes made in the USA.

The San Francisco-based company said Monday it will close six U.S. plants and lay off 3,600 employees, or 22 percent of its work force after concluding foreign contractors gave it a better chance to reverse a sales slide that began in 1997.

"This is a painful but necessary business decision," said Levi's CEO Philip Marineau. "There is no question that we must move away from owned-and-operated plants in the U.S. to remain competitive in our industry."

Labor leaders described Levi's move as a depressing sign of the times that proves the U.S. government isn't doing enough to prevent domestic manufacturers from being undercut by rivals with plants in countries with lower labor costs.

"When Levi's aren't being made in the United States, it says a lot about manufacturing trends that have become a threat to the U.S. economy," said Greg Denier, a spokesman for the United Food and Commercial Workers union, which represents workers at two of the plants targeted for closure.

San Francisco-based Levi's took another step down the path of other major clothing makers that have lowered prices and boosted profits by farming out production to Latin America and Asia.

After it completes the latest closures, Levi's will have shut 29 U.S. factories since the company's sales started crumbling in 1997. The plants to be closed between June and October are in San Francisco; Blue Ridge, Ga.; Powell, Tenn.; and the Texas cities of Brownsville, San Benito and El Paso.

The purge will leave Levi's with just two U.S. plants, both in San Antonio — a striking retrenchment for a 149-year-old company that used its blue denim jeans popularized by California gold miners to create one of America's best-known brands.

About 3,300 workers will lose their jobs at the six factories. The company also plans to jettison 300 of the 530 workers at one of the remaining San Antonio plants. The cuts come from a worldwide payroll of about 16,600 workers.

Levi's also will lay off about 645 European workers later this month after it closes to two Scotland plants, Butler said.

"It's a sad day," said Bruce Raynor, president of the Union of Needletrades Industrial and Textile Employees that represents workers at four factories.



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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-6-5

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DAR CITIZENSHIP AWARD — Kate Wright, Snyder High School senior, received the DAR Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter's citizenship award and scholarship at a brunch Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club hosted by Betty Richardson and Amy Hargrove. Maribeth Vestal presented the award. Kate is the daughter of Tommy and Linda Wright of Snyder. Pictured from left are Hargrove, Richardson, Kate and Linda Wright. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Salmonella is linked to reptiles

A recent study found the family pet can directly affect children's health. As a result, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has officially advised against owning reptiles as pets.

"Having a reptile in the home or classroom increases health risks to children," explains Dr. Teresa Telecky, director of the wildlife trade program for The HSUS. Telecky co-authored a study called Reptiles as Pets: An Examination of the Trade in Live Reptiles in the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control found that reptiles harbor the bacteria salmonella. Each year, there are 93,000 cases of reptile-associated salmonella poisoning in the U.S., resulting in thousands of hospitalizations and approximately 20 deaths. Children and infants are particularly vulnerable to salmonella poisoning because their immune systems are not yet completely developed.

In addition, the HSUS says some reptiles pose a physical threat to children. Constricting snakes (pythons or boas), for example, are associated with the strangulation deaths of youngsters. Lizards, in particular the popular green iguana and crocodilians, sold as small hatchlings, can grow to large sizes, become very aggressive and inflict injury.

If you own a pet reptile, it is important that anyone who handles the animal or its enclosure thoroughly washes his or her hands when finished.

Also, children should never be allowed to play with the pet outside of adult supervision and adults should explain to children the importance of following the rules about reptiles.

For more information, visit www.hsus.org.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	South ♠ — ♥ J 10 6 4 ♦ A K Q J 7 2 ♣ A Q J	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		2 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

The split could not have been worse

By Phillip Alder

On the second deal played by eight of my students, North opened a modern weak two spades. South bid what he hoped he could make — and right he was! The contract is unbeatable on any defense. West led the heart nine, East winning with the queen and cashing the ace. Knowing the king was on his right, South dropped a crafty 10. Suitably duped, East took the heart king. Now East tried a club shift, but South finessed the queen. Then, taking no prisoners, declarer crossed to the diamond 10, finessed his club jack, and claimed an overtrick.

At the other table, North passed. With such a weak suit and a rebid problem over a one-spade response by partner, East should have passed too. However, he opened one diamond. South correctly passed — when the opener bids your primary suit and your hand is unsuitable for a one-no-trump overcall, pass. Then, if you bid the suit on the next round, it is natural. West responded one spade, East rebid one no-trump, and South came out of the undergrowth with a penalty double. West tried two hearts, passed back to South. What would you have done?

Two hearts can be defeated, but it takes specific defense. South sensibly continued with three diamonds, which ended the auction.

West led the heart nine, East winning with the queen and shifting to a trump. Declarer won with dummy's 10, finessed the club queen successfully, drew trumps, and exited with the heart jack. East returned his spade, but South ruffed, cashed the club ace, and exited with the club jack, endplaying East to lead away from the A-2 of hearts to declarer's 10-6. Nicely done!

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LOCKS OF LOVE DONOR — Aleya Sharp recently donated her hair to the Locks of Love program. She had her hair cut at Nancy's Art Style Beauty Salon on her eighth birthday. Locks of Love is an organization that makes hair pieces for cancer patients. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program "Life of Lady Rancher," by Marge Mathis; 4 p.m.

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

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; dinner and meeting at country club; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club, 1910 25th St.; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Study Club; MAWC; program by Richard Hester, "Antiques and Depression Glass;" hostesses Mary Ann Key, Wyvone Davis and Beth Teal.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal; Paul Hudgins, program; Ann Walton, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Snyder Garden Club; clubroom at Golden Terrace Apts.; plant exchange; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary; for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Best Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Everything's Eventual" by Stephen King (Scribner)
2. "The Summons" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
3. "2nd Chance" by James Patterson with Andrew Gross (Little, Brown)
4. "The Nanny Diaries" by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus (St. Martin's)
5. "Widow's Walk" by Robert B. Parker (Putnam)
6. "Atonement" by Ian McEwan (Doubleday)
7. "Body of Lies" by Iris Johansen (Bantam)
8. "A Caress of Twilight" by Laurell K. Hamilton (Ballantine)
9. "The Stone Monkey" by Jeffery Deaver (Simon & Schuster)
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A Third Way?

When Jesus taught, he often ruffled feathers. He was gentle and humble, pure in heart and motive. He spoke the truth in love, but he spoke the truth. Not everyone wanted to hear what Jesus had to say, but he said it any way. Jesus bothered many people. What he taught hit home. It carried the authority that truth always does. It was the very Word of God. Some people recognized that fact while others resisted, but few people went away indifferent to Jesus. He forced you to make a decision about whether you believed Him or not. He forced you to really think about it before you decided to follow Him. Many rejected Jesus' claims and teachings and went their own way. Jesus gave them that choice. Some accepted the claims of Jesus and committed themselves to His way. That was the decision that they had to make.

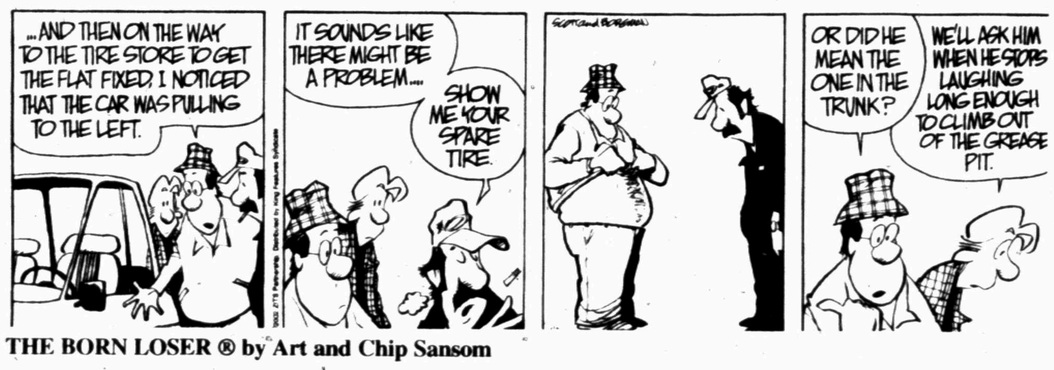
We have to make the same decision about Jesus today. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me," John 14: 6. Do we believe it? Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me," Luke 9:23. Will we do that?

Jesus taught that there were two paths to take in life, Matthew 7: 13, 14. One is the broad path to destruction and the other is the narrow road to life. Many people live as if there is a third way. On this third way, we believe in Jesus but we live less than committed lives. We believe, but we do not obey very much. It is good, we think to ourselves, to take the high road of commitment to Jesus. That is a noble thing, but not really necessary. We will applaud those who take the high road to salvation while we are content to follow the low road of something less than a commitment to obey Jesus. But is there a third path, a third option? According to Jesus, there is not. There are two ways, and a great difference between these two ways. The question Jesus' teaching forces me to ask is the really important one. Which way am I taking? Jesus encourages us to choose life, but he always gives us the choice.

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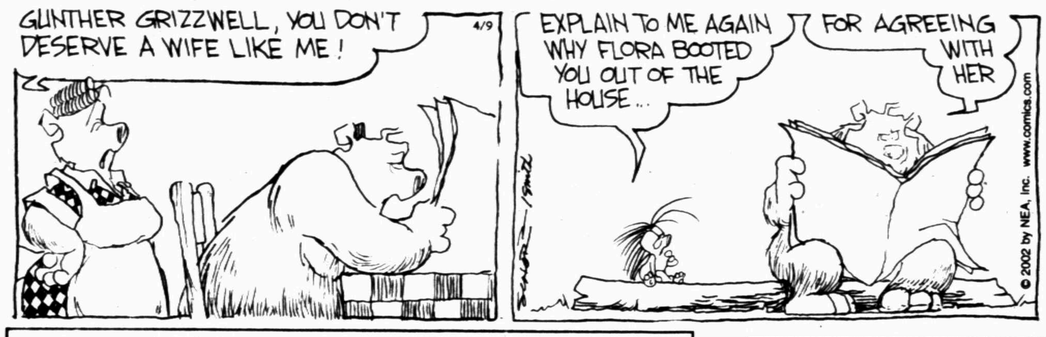
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8 Lemon drink
11 Foot part
12 Private eye Spade
13 Evergreens
15 Emmy's relative
16 High mountain
17 Gambler's town
18 Fairy-tale character
20 Vandal
22 Landscape
25 By way of
26 JFK visitor
27 Monopolize
28 Breezes
31 Omnia vincit —
33 New Haven student
34 Sorrowful cry
38 Tights
39 Bruce of kung fu
40 Variable star
41 Verse
44 Chair part
45 Ticket info
48 Courtroom VIPs
49 Conscious
51 Seasons
53 Spring mo.
54 "Alice" waitress
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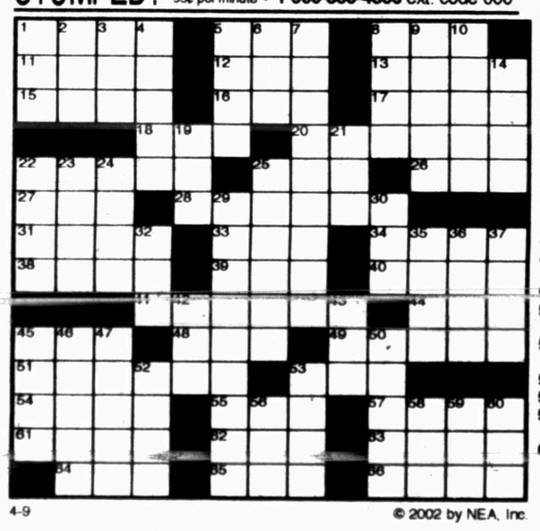
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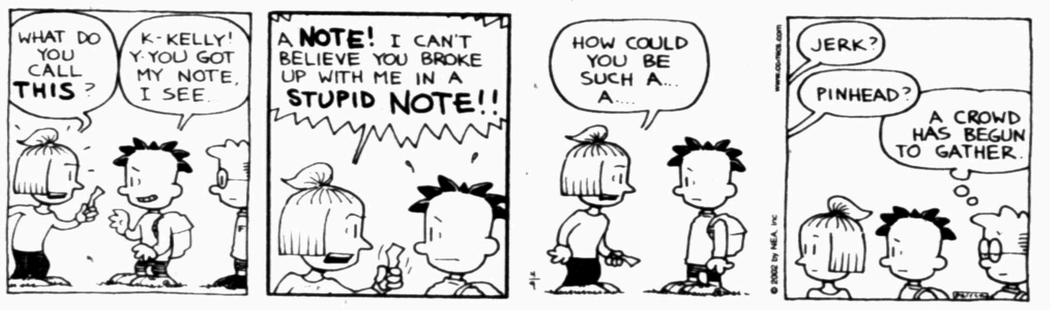
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers earn another trip to regional golf tourney

Snyder boys stretch lead over Frenship, Andrews

The Snyder Lady Tigers officially clinched their 14th consecutive regional berth on Monday, and the SHS boys moved one step closer to repeating as district champs.

The Snyder girls secured second place in the District 4-4A golf tournament, carding their lowest score of the three-round event at Lubbock's Elm Grove Golf Course.

The Lady Tigers followed up scores of 346 and 325 with a final-round 322 to finish 43 strokes behind first-place Andrews. The Lady Mustangs closed with a 319.

"I'm really pleased with how our girls finished the tournament," said Coach Matt Glenn. "We didn't get off to a very good start with that first round, but the girls continued to pick up their game as we went along.

"Last year, I think we might have peaked too early. This year, I don't think we've peaked yet. With two weeks off before regionals, we'll be able to improve on some more things and we'll be ready when it's time to tee it up."

The top two teams advance to the Region I-4A tournament April 22-23 at San Angelo's Riverside Golf Club.

The Lady Tigers finished ahead of Andrews II, which took third place. Snyder II turned in a 360 Monday to finish fourth.

Andra Lancaster's 74 was the low round of the day for Snyder. Katie Kerley and Lauren Day registered a pair of 82s. Kellie Dodson came in with an 84, and Hailey Putnam tallied an 86.

For Snyder II it was Paige Smith leading the way with a 78. Catherine Whitworth shot an 86. Cami Trout turned in a 94. Brooke Jackson carded a 102, and Kendra Martinez finished with a 108.

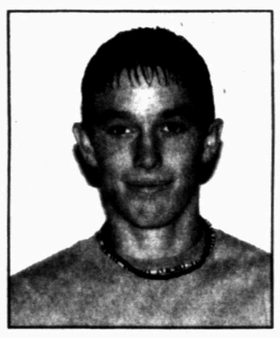
While the girls were closing out their district race, the Snyder boys widened their league lead Monday with one round left to play.

The Tigers fired a 295 at Plainview Country Club to stretch their advantage to 25 strokes over Frenship.

Snyder has a three-round total of 912, while Frenship sits at 937 after matching Snyder's 295. Andrews posted a third-round 302 to slip to third.



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"Our boys just keep plugging along," Glenn stated. "We're playing well right now, and I'd really like to see us close with a low score to help with our seeding at regionals."

The Tigers' effort was fueled by a 1-under par 70 from junior Brady Reed.

Britt Sharrock came in at 2-over 73. Stafford Gray and Zach Starnes posted matching 76s, and Clinton Calmes carded a 78.

The boys wrap up the district tournament Saturday at Andrews. The top two teams advance to the regional tournament set for April 22-23 at Quicksand Golf Club in San Angelo.

Snyder, Ira face league foes today

All three local baseball and softball teams are in action today as district play hits the home stretch.

The Snyder Tigers host San Angelo Lake View at 7 at Moffett Field, while the Lady Tigers visit Big Spring for a 4 o'clock match-up at Lady Steer Park. In Class A, the Ira Bulldogs travel to Rotan for a meeting with the rival Yellowhammers at 5 o'clock.

All three squads hold hopes of notching playoff berths in the coming weeks, and today's contests are key to their stretch runs.

"Every game is important, especially the later it is in district play," said Tiger skipper Roland Herrera. "We have goals that we want to meet and in order to meet them we have to keep winning, no matter who the opponent is."

The Tigers (7-1, 19-7-1) face the Chiefs (3-5, 8-12) for the second time in District 4-4A competition. Snyder won its league opener, 10-6, in San Angelo and have continued to improve ever since.

"Lake View seems to play well against us," Herrera remarked. "We've been hitting the ball to all parts of the park lately, and that's something that we weren't doing the first time we played them. But we still expect another tough game."

Herrera will send Tyler Trout to the mound. The junior lefty is 2-0 on the year with a team-best 2.31 earned run average.

While the Tigers look to remain atop the district standings, the Lady Tigers hope to jump back into the playoff race after consecutive setbacks to Lake View and Frenship.

Snyder (6-4, 15-10) posted a hard-fought 2-0 victory over Big Spring in their first meeting and needs another win today to keep its postseason hopes alive.

"I think the loss at Andrews kind of rattled us and we lost some of our focus over the next few games," said Lady Tiger coach Shelly Hayes. "We've been working hard on fundamentals during practice to regain that focus.

"We definitely need a victory. I think if we can get off to a good start in the first few innings, the girls will regain their confidence. I believe in this team's ability to win. The girls need something good to happen to them so that they'll believe it too."

At Rotan, the Bulldogs and Yellowhammers are set to continue their rivalry that has grown over the past couple of seasons. Ira (10-4) enters the game with a 1-0 mark in league play. It's the first district test for Rotan.

"We have a little rivalry going with them, because we've both been contending for the playoffs the last few years," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We have mutual respect for each other, but neither team likes to lose to the other.

"I think that's going to make for a well-played, hard-fought game. These are the kind of district games that make you a better team in the long run."

Biggio hits for cycle in Astros' victory

DENVER (AP) — Craig Biggio hardly seemed primed for a breakout game.

Despite a career that includes seven All-Star game selections and more than 2,000 hits, Biggio was hitting a team-low .174 (4-for-23) with no RBIs as the Houston Astros headed to Colorado for a three-game series.

But, the Rockies couldn't keep Biggio off the bases as he hit for the cycle for the first time in his career to lead the Astros to an 8-4 victory in Colorado's home opener Monday.

"It was a special day, considering the way things started out for me this season," said Biggio, who had a two-run homer, triple, two-run double and single.

Biggio needed a double to complete the cycle, but was walked intentionally in the sixth inning. He lined a two-run double down the left-field line in the eighth to put the Astros ahead 8-1.

"Well, you know what you need," Biggio said of his last at-bat. "But the last thing you're trying to do is hit a double. I was just trying to hit the ball hard."

Junior high girls earn gold at track meet

The Snyder Lady Tigers raked in the medals at the Levelland junior high track meet.

In the eighth grade division, Ashton Wall captured the runner-up spot in the high jump to lead the way.

Starla Bruton ran to a third-place showing in the 200, and Cierra Latta earned third in the 300 hurdles. Latta also took sixth in the 100 hurdles.

Shaela Thompson soared to fifth place in the high jump, while Ashton Wall was fifth in the 800. Another fifth-place finish went to the mile relay team of Latta, Wall, Glyn Wright and Lindsey Morin.

Morin finished sixth in the 400 as did Sequoya Powell in the 100. The sprint relay squad of Bruton, Powell, Ashley Pruitt and Wendy Reed was also fourth.

In the seventh grade division, the Lady Tigers came through with three first-place efforts.

LaCree Tippens won the 100. Candice Lee was tops in the 200, and Snyder's 800-meter relay also took first. Running on the relay were Lee, Tippens, Krista Dorsett and Sara Covington.

Jordan Stansell was runner-up in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the 100 hurdles.

Covington, Lee, Brianna Bernal and Courtney Tyrrell teamed up to capture fourth place in the mile relay.

Dorsett added to her day with a fifth place effort in the 200 and was part of the sprint relay squad that also finished fifth. Joining Dorsett on the relay were Tippens, Whitney Fulford and Aspen Mann.

Fulford was also fifth in the 100, with Mann taking sixth.

SJHS boys race to top finishes at Levelland

Snyder's eighth grade boys hit the ground running at the Levelland junior high track meet.

Snyder registered a trio of first place results and finished in the points in nine events.

Garrett Pinson won the 110 and 300-meter hurdle events, with Orlando Vasquez capturing the other top spot in the shot put. Pinson was also fifth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump.

A pair of fifth-place finishes went to Jason Cave in the pole vault and Alejo Gutierrez in the 100-meter dash.

The Tigers' mile relay team of Joel Tarin, Joseph Yruegas, Barrett Bowlin and Chris Smith earned fourth place, while the sprint relay team of Tarin, Smith, Pinson and Gutierrez was sixth.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New Jersey	49	28	.636	—
x-Boston	45	33	.577	4½
Orlando	42	34	.553	6½
Philadelphia	40	36	.526	8½
Washington	35	42	.455	14
Miami	33	43	.434	15½
New York	29	47	.382	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Detroit	47	30	.610	—
Charlotte	41	35	.539	5½
Milwaukee	39	37	.513	7½
Toronto	38	38	.500	8½
Indiana	37	40	.481	10
Atlanta	31	46	.403	16
Cleveland	28	49	.364	19
Chicago	18	59	.234	29

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Dallas	53	23	.697	—
x-San Antonio	53	24	.688	½
x-Minnesota	48	29	.623	5½
x-Utah	42	35	.545	11½
Houston	27	49	.355	26
Denver	24	52	.316	29
Memphis	20	56	.263	33

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	57	19	.750	—
x-L.A. Lakers	54	23	.701	3½
x-Portland	46	31	.597	11½
x-Seattle	44	34	.564	14
L.A. Clippers	38	40	.487	20
Phoenix	34	43	.442	23½
Golden State	20	57	.260	37½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Games

Orlando 83, Houston 74
Detroit 105, Atlanta 99
Cleveland 111, Indiana 99
Chicago 105, Boston 100
San Antonio 99, Portland 87
Dallas 105, Utah 96
Seattle 102, L.A. Clippers 100
Minnesota 100, Golden State 93

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	4	3	.571	—
Montreal	4	3	.571	—
New York	3	3	.500	½
Florida	3	4	.429	1
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	5	1	.833	—
Houston	4	3	.571	1½
St. Louis	3	3	.500	2
Cincinnati	3	4	.429	2½
Milwaukee	2	4	.333	3
Chicago	1	4	.200	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	6	0	1.000	—
Arizona	4	3	.571	2½
Los Angeles	3	3	.500	3
Colorado	2	5	.286	4½
San Diego	2	5	.286	4½

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh 1, Cincinnati 0
Houston 8, Colorado 4
San Diego 8, Arizona 0
Montreal 10, Florida 2
Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 1

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 1-0) at Philadelphia (Adams 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Quevedo 0-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 1-0) at Colorado (Thomson 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 0-0) at San Diego (Jones 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 0-1) at San Francisco (Ortiz 1-0), 10:15 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	6	1	.857	—
Boston	3	1	.750	1½
Tampa Bay	3	3	.500	2½
Toronto	2	4	.333	3½
Baltimore	1	5	.167	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	6	1	.857	—
Minnesota	5	2	.714	1
Kansas City	2	3	.400	3
Chicago	2	4	.333	3½
Detroit	0	6	.000	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	5	2	.714	—
Seattle	4	3	.571	1
Anaheim	3	3	.500	1½
Texas	1	5	.167	3½

Monday's Games

Cleveland 9, Minnesota 5
N.Y. Yankees 16, Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, ppd., rain
Seattle 5, Anaheim 4

Tuesday's Games

Kansas City (Reichert 0-1) at Boston (Wakefield 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 1-0) at Toronto (Halladay 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 0-1) at Cleveland (Finley 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wilson 0-0) at Baltimore (Johnson 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wright 0-0) at Detroit (Sparks 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 0-0) at Texas (Rogers 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 0-0) at Anaheim (Appier 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

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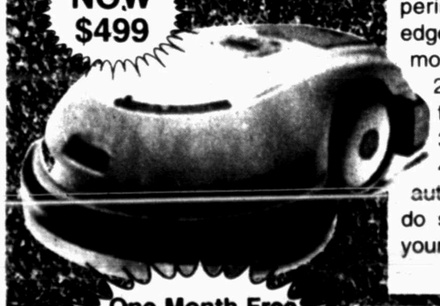
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Dr. Gott
By Peter Gott, M.D.

New drugs for reflux

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your advice to patients with acid reflux (don't go to bed with a full stomach) seems a little outdated. My doctor put me on Protonix, and I don't have symptoms of reflux anymore. Get with it.

DEAR READER: OK. I'm with it.

There are many, relatively new drugs available for treating peptic disease, reflux and other conditions marked by an over-production of stomach acid. These include Prevacid, Prilosec, Nexium and Protonix. The drugs are great. They work. They're also dreadfully expensive. It's a lot cheaper to treat occasional heartburn by avoiding spicy dinners, not going to bed on a full stomach and using inexpensive liquid antacids as needed.

However, the drugs I mentioned are certainly the best choice for many people with reflux.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been using Dristan nasal mist for 30 years to help with chronic sinus congestion. I am now worse than ever, which my doctor calls a "rebound" effect. An otolaryngologist insisted that I stop the mist, but I can't breathe without it. How can I quit? My doctor says there is nothing he can do for me. I'm suffering. Can you help me?

DEAR READER: Many over-the-counter nasal mists (including Dristan, Neo-Synephrine, Afrin and others) effectively block nasal congestion. However, they all have an unpleasant consequence called "rebound." After several days of use, they actually aggravate nasal congestion, instead of relieving it. In this instance, patients uniformly use the medicine more frequently, thereby setting the stage for chronic, troublesome, drug-induced nasal blockage.

Your physicians are correct: You should stop using the product, because — at this point — it's doing more harm than good. (Such sprays should only be applied for a week or less, to relieve nasal congestion that is usually secondary to a limited, upper respiratory viral infection.)

Having said this, I appreciate the difficulty patients experience when discontinuing these sprays. So I do not encourage you to go "cold turkey"; there are more appropriate options.

One of those choices is a steroid nose spray, such as Flonase, Nasacort and others. The steroids will combat nasal congestion but, more important, they will effectively neutralize the negative effects of the non-prescription sprays. Ask your physician about this. Another choice is over-the-counter antihistamine pills, such as Dimetapp or chlortrimeton. Yet a third is Ocean Spray, a safe, saline solution with which you can periodically lavage your nose.

If these suggestions fail to provide relief, you should return to your otolaryngologist for further evaluation and testing (such as a CT scan of your sinuses). If there is no evidence of a primary sinus problem, such as polyps or infection, the specialist may choose to refer you to an allergist.

My point is this: Although you should stop your nasal spray and try a prescription alternative, you may need more than that. Your doctors can assist you. You don't have to be permanently congested.

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IBM		88.52	87.10	87.68 + .27
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Penney JC		21.40	20.65	20.88—.09
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Towson president resigns following spending query

TOWSON, Md. (AP) — Towson University's president has resigned amid accusations of excessive spending on renovations at his university-owned home, including a $79,000 elevator and $25,000 entertainment center.

In a letter posted Monday on the university's Web site, President Mark L. Perkins said the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, which oversees Towson, passed a resolution calling for his resignation.

The resolution said that if Perkins did not resign, the board would seek his dismissal at a meeting Friday, according to the letter.

In his letter, Perkins said he was up front with the regents about $260,000 in cost overruns for renovations to the mansion.

Towson bought an $850,000 home in Baltimore as a president's residence, but the home needed renovations to remove asbestos and lead. Unspecified "personal and family health considerations" led to the installation of the elevator, he said.



RECEIVE AWARD — Larry Brown of Snyder, center, recently received an award from Hardin-Simmons University. Others pictured are Dr. Jimmie Monhollon, left, dean of HSU's School of Business, Professor of Economics & Finance, and the Johnson Chair of Economics & Finance; and Dr. Jesse Fletcher, HSU President Emeritus. (Contributed Photo)

Brown earns award at HSU

Snyder resident Larry Brown recently received an award at the 13th annual Hardin-Simmons University School of Business Lowell and Mildred C. Queen Business Scholars Awards program.

Brown, a computer science major, received the Ruby A. and Jesse N. Fletcher Award for the Outstanding School of Business Student. His goals for the immediate future include obtaining a job as a systems analyst and computer programmer at Texas Tech University.

He would also eventually like to create productivity software packages and interesting, interactive web sites that would help to make business easier and more productive.

Brown has received other honors such as membership in Delta Mu Delta Honor Society, being named to the SU President's List, and 1st & 2nd place awards at the AITP Programming Contest.

Doctors' protest are seen as symptom of lawsuit problem

EDINBURG (AP) — Dressed in white lab coats, bearing picket signs and gulping water under the South Texas sun, doctors swarmed the Hidalgo County courthouse lawn Monday to protest skyrocketing malpractice insurance premiums they blame on lawsuit abuse.

Some, like heart surgeon Dr. Francisco Bracamontes, have seen premiums more than triple in the past few years.

"I pay $5,000 every month just to have the right to practice," Bracamontes said. "I need to blame lawyers."

Counterparts hours away in Corpus Christi filled six buses headed to a march to deliver petitions to county judges. Doctors in San Antonio, El Paso and Wichita Falls staged news conferences.

It's not the first time doctors have played hooky to rally against insurance costs. In the past year, there have been similar events in West Virginia and Florida, and multiple events in Pennsylvania. Physicians held group lobbying days in state capitols in Nevada, Mississippi, and New York.

"Sadly, the liability crisis felt by patients and physicians in Texas also is taking place in numerous states across the nation," American Medical Association President Richard Corlin said. "There are too many patients whose physicians have been forced to discontinue high-risk procedures, leave the state and retire early because of out-of-control legal climates and skyrocketing liability premiums. Something must be done."

Critics of the walkout said doctors are being misled by groups backed by big business and seeking limits on jury awards. They say there's no guarantee insurance companies will pass savings from such limits onto policy holders. Meanwhile, they say, tort reforms give patients less recourse against medical errors that kill more people than car accidents, cancer or AIDS.

"Consumers can't walk out on their rising health insurance premiums or escalating health care costs," Texas Watch Executive Director Dan Lambe said. "These doctors should be turning their frustrations on out-of-control insurance companies — not their patients who trust and rely on their care."

The AMA recognizes South Texas and Philadelphia as the nation's top places for "venue shopping" by lawyers looking for sympathetic and generous juries.

"There are certain areas that have a pattern of for the same type of injury, the same severity, the same kind of result, having a substantially higher jury award," Corlin said.

Of 163 respondents to a 2001 survey of Valley doctors commissioned by Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, 60 percent have been sued and 76 percent say they cannot recruit new doctors to their practices. One in three reported that an insurance provider has stopped writing liability insurance.

Specialists are particularly prone to high-dollar claims, according to the lawsuit abuse organization. Just one neurosurgeon serves 600,000 people in the McAllen area, compared with 11 for Austin's Travis County. In the past two years, four South Texas head injury patients died before they could be flown successfully for medical attention.

Dr. Jose Igoa, a 47-year-old psychiatrist, said he paid $28,000 for medical malpractice insurance last year — three to four times what he paid five years ago. Now, he can't find a renewal policy.

"We're doctors. We train more than half of our lives to help people. "We don't want to cause harm to anybody," Igoa said. "We understand that when we cause some damage we want people to be fairly compensated. But when it comes to legal extortion ... it changes the way we practice medicine."

With staff from doctors' medical practices and clinics on hand, there were about 1,000 people at the Edinburg "Day of Awareness." Doctors took their turns at the podium, their speeches punctuated by riffs from a mariachi band. Politicians handed out baseball caps and pledged support for the cause.

Volunteers rescue two brothers and teen-age cousin

THIDA, Ark. (AP) — Volunteers digging by hand rescued two young brothers, their teen-age cousin and a dog from an abandoned lead mine Monday, more than 24 hours after they had become trapped while searching for gold.

The trio — ages 9, 11 and 19 — were pulled out of a small pocket about 250 feet inside the Civil War-era mine. They were cold and wet, but otherwise appeared OK, said the teen-ager's father, Terry Foster.

"I thought they were going to bring them out dead," Foster said. "I thought they were going to lose their air. I thought for sure the little one would be history."

Some people in area believe there is gold in the mine, and the Foster boys — brothers David and William, and cousin Jeffery — thought they could find it.

On a trip to the mine last week, "one of the younger boys had got some stuff on his shirt, which they thought was gold dust, so they went back in to see what they could find," sheriff's Capt. Bill Lindsey said.

Early in the search, a shovel and pick belonging to the boys was found near the face of the abandoned mine.

Searchers used shovels and their bare hands to remove sand and dirt at a rate of about a foot an hour.

Lindsey said there was no basis for the local legend that there was gold in the hill in Thida, about 90 miles northeast of Little Rock.

Judge demands release of transcripts

DETROIT (AP) — A federal judge has demanded the release of transcripts of closed deportation hearings for the founder of an Islamic charity who was detained after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

U.S. District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds was expected to hold a hearing today to clarify for the Justice Department, and an immigration judge who follows the department's guidelines, what documents should be released to the public, The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press reported.

Date Book

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Today is the 100th day of 2002 and the 22nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1790, the first U.S. patent law was passed.

On this day in 1912, the British luxury liner Titanic began its ill-fated voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.

On this day in 1925, "The Great Gatsby" was published. Unpopular at first, the novel vaulted F. Scott Fitzgerald to stardom posthumously and came to be considered one of the most important works of the 20th century.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Matthew C. Perry (1794 — 1858), U.S. Navy commodore; Joseph Pulitzer (1847 —1911), newspaper publisher; Harry Morgan (1915 —), actor, is 87; Max van Sydow (1929 -), actor, is 73; Omar Sharif (1932 -), actor, is 70; John Madden (1936 -), football commentator, is 66; Steven Segal (1952 -), actor, is 50; Mandy Moore (1984 -), singer, is 18; Haley Joel Osment (1988 -), actor, is 14.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1896, Greek runner Spiridon Louis won the first Olympic marathon, cementing his status as a national hero.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Working gets in the way of living." — Omar Sharif

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Andersen's survival still remains uncertain

CHICAGO (AP) — If Arthur Andersen LLP survives the Enron scandal, it will be as a shadow of its former self.

The once-proud accounting giant acknowledged that sobering new reality Monday in announcing plans to lay off 7,000 employees, a move that will strike hardest at audit and administrative staff in its headquarters and biggest U.S. offices.

The cuts will slash its U.S. work force of 26,000 by more than a quarter.

"To take this step in our history is obviously a very painful and difficult step, but a necessary step given the market realities we're dealing with today," said Grover Wray, an Andersen U.S. managing partner.

The taint of the Enron Corp. scandal has driven off Andersen customers on an almost daily basis, and the firm has been hit by a barrage of lawsuits by Enron shareholders and creditors.

More than 100 customers have left Andersen since the Justice Department indicted the firm on obstruction charges for allegedly shredding tons of Enron-related documents while the Houston energy trader was under investigation.

Andersen's lawyers began meeting Friday with Justice Department officials about a possible settlement.

The firm's chief auditor on its Enron account has agreed to plead guilty and cooperate with prosecutors pursuing the indictment, a person familiar with the case said. David B. Duncan was expected to plead guilty Tuesday to a single obstruction count.

Industry expert Ashish Nanda said the slimming-down won't help Andersen survive unless it can agree on a settlement and succeed in selling its tax and consulting businesses to improve its bleak cash situation.

"If they're able to arrive at an agreement with Justice, then they have a chance" to live on as a much smaller, audit-only firm, the Harvard Business School associate professor said.

The layoffs are to take place over the next several months, most of them at large Andersen offices that handled the vanished clients. That means its Chicago headquarters and Atlanta, Los Angeles and New York operations will take big hits, along with an expected 300 cuts in Houston.

"No one can believe this is happening," said Mimosa Unno, 22, who works in the audit division in Chicago.

The cuts will be felt most deeply in Chicago, where 5,300 people work at headquarters and another 1,200 at Andersen's training center in nearby St. Charles, Ill. Chicago Mayor Richard Daley said he was saddened by the news.

"These layoffs not only adversely affect individual employees and their families, but hurt the local and regional economy as well," Daley said.

Chicago-based tax accountant Julie Luptak expressed the frustration and anger of many that their jobs and firm may disappear because of something they had nothing to do with. "It wasn't our fault," she said. "I'm proud to be here."

With Enron's creditors eyeing Andersen's dwindling resources, the breakup of Andersen is being challenged. Insurers and other Enron plaintiffs are seeking a court injunction in Houston to block Andersen from selling its assets in the United States and abroad.

At an initial hearing Monday, an attorney for the embattled firm said the proposal to require that Andersen give the court 30 days notice of any assets sale could scare off buyers.

"This is a very sad, very difficult situation for everyone," attorney Sharon Katz said of the steps the firm is taking to survive. "Over time the assets of this company are losing value. If they cannot act quickly, they will not be able to do any of these transactions and the value will be lost."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Good grammar is sweet music to any language lover's ears

DEAR ABBY: I wish you would run your collection of "pet peeves" again. Seventy years ago I learned to conjugate verbs, and I am amazed at the number of people who use "got" when they should say "have." Thank you. — **MR. J.W. ANDERSON, LEVITTOWN, PA.**

P.S. Remember, Abby, "Got has got to go!"

DEAR MR. ANDERSON: It has been nearly 10 years since these rules of basic grammar appeared in my column — and we can all use this refresher course. Read on:

DEAR READERS: A while back, I wrote a column on the misuse of words and other irritants and named a few. I then asked readers to send their pet peeves concerning common mistakes in grammar and pronunciation. How's this for a collection?

The "lie" and "lay" confusion: To "lay" means to set or put; to "lie" means to recline. Remember, chickens lay eggs. People lie down.

The use of "all are not" when the person means "not all are." Example: Saying, "All women are not beautiful," when one means, "Not all women are beautiful."

We frequently hear "between you and I." Wrong! It's "between you and me." Another irritant is "try and" instead of "try to." For example, one may try to win — then lose. But how can one try and win — and then lose?

One hears supposedly educated people say "between she and I" instead of the correct "between her and me."

And how about the word "irregardless"? Just plain "regardless" will do, but regardless of how "irregardless" grates on one's nerves, it has nosed its way into the dictionary. (It means "regardless.")

Talk about overusing a word, I nominate "basically." People who start every other sentence with the word "basically" usually have limited vocabularies.

my pet peeve — double negatives: "I don't know nothing" and "We don't go nowhere" are the worst offenders.

Some people think the plural of "you" is "youse." It's not. "You" is both singular and plural.

The word "forte" (meaning strong point) is pronounced "fort" — not for-tay.

Also, people use the word "snuck" instead of "sneaked." Although "snuck" somehow sneaked into the dictionary, it's not used by people who use proper English.

Ask someone to define "hoi polloi," and it's a good bet that he will say "high-tone or upper class." Actually, it means "the masses" — or the general population.

"Nuclear" is pronounced "nuke-lee-er," not "nuke-you-ler"!

And how about "he's got," "she's got" and "they've got"? The better word is "has." ("He has," "she has," etc.) "Got" has got to go!

The month of February has two "R's" in it, but we keep hearing "Feb-yoo-ary."

We frequently hear that a man has "prostrate" trouble, when actually he has "pros-tate" trouble.

Another error — using the word "myself" instead of "me." Example: "If you have any questions, see Bobby or myself after the meeting." "See Bobby or me" is correct.

The "infer" and "imply" mix-up: The writer "implies"; the reader "infers." (It's like pitching and catching.)

Please do not say "o" instead of "zero." Or use the word "that" when "who" is correct. ("That" refers to inanimate objects, "who" to people.)

Now, lend me your ear: Don't use "loan" as a verb, as in, "Loan me a 20." It should be, "Lend me a 20." "Loan" is a noun; "lend" is a verb.

Finally, the misuse of the word "ask": Some say "ax" instead of "ask." I would much rather be "asked" than "axed." Wouldn't you?

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Drought wreaks havoc in Maine

BROWNFIELD, Maine (AP) — Carol Noonan knew the drought was bad when she ran out of water in the middle of her shower and had to rinse her soapy hair with the only water around: in her dog's drinking bucket.

After their 15-foot-deep well ran dry, Noonan and her husband let their dirty dishes pile up and started using paper plates. They stopped using their clothes washer and dishwasher. They recycled by dumping water from their pasta pot into the toilet tank.

The Noonans are among thousands of Maine residents whose wells have run dry or slowed to a trickle because of a severe drought gripping the state — and much of the country. It's so bad the Federal Emergency Management Agency is considering making Maine the first state ever to receive disaster funds for a drought.

Nationwide, droughts now cover about a third of the country, cutting huge swaths from Maine to Georgia in the East, and from Montana to Texas in the West.

Recent rains and snow have provided a respite for some in Maine. But forecasters warn that precipitation must run well above normal for several months to bring the state out of a drought that is the worst in 107 years of record-keeping.

In a state with thousands of lakes and rivers and an ocean full of water lapping at the coast, Maine residents are accustomed to plentiful water.

The state gets more than 40 inches of rain a year; there are 7,000 rivers and 5 million acres of wetlands; and the state's 5,785 lakes and ponds cover an area larger than Rhode Island.

Getting that water to the tap isn't as easy as it sounds given that about 280,000 Maine households, or roughly 45 percent of the state, get water from wells instead of a public system. Of those, about 53,000 are shallow-water wells that are only 10 to 20 feet deep and most susceptible to drying up.

Peter Mead of Brownfield, who uses a shallow well, thought his pump had gone bad when his tap ran dry in January. Wells run dry in the summer, he thought, not in the heart of winter.

Now he fills a pickup truck load of containers with water from town and transfers them to three plastic garbage cans in his front hallway. This is the household water for cooking, cleaning and the toilets.

To shower, Mead, 50, stands in a washtub-like receptacle and pours water heated on his wood stove over his head. The three children who still live at home shower at friends' houses.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

You may want to cultivate several new interests in the year ahead. They could turn out to be quite exciting and progressive in areas where you were previously traditional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Push hard to fulfill an ambition you've been harboring, but were afraid to launch. Your energy will be well directed, so stop procrastinating. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could be in for a surprise when you discover that someone who you figured didn't think highly of you actually admires your abilities and zest for life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Look out for something that might make a good second source of earnings. You're in a fortunate cycle where extra funds can be acquired.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The pursuit of practical knowledge — which can be used to further your ambitions — is one of your comfort zones. You'll find opportunities to collect valuable bits of wisdom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can rack up some impressive scores, both career-wise and financially, if you utilize the talents and industriousness that you possess.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you're attracted to someone, this might be the day to approach this individual and extend your feelings of admiration. Be bold in matters of the heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The primary reason for your success is your persistence in pursuing important objectives. Follow your natural inclinations to further your ambitions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Something worthwhile that will provide you with a sense of achievement can be accomplished if you look for ways to express your artistic and creative abilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Stick with any efforts to increase your earning base or your resources. You will make successful inroads in your endeavor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — People may automatically turn to you for leadership and direction. They'll sense that you're the one who can make things happen for them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Use a large dose of common sense, but do not underestimate your feelings on things either. Your intuitive perceptions can be extremely helpful for getting ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This is the time to get out and circulate, especially if things have been slow for you in the romance department. You could meet someone new and exciting.

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Powell, Arafat to meet later this week

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said today he will meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat later this week. He also said the United States is prepared to send U.S. observers to the region to help monitor enforcement of a Palestinian-Israeli truce.

"That would help with the confidence-building, the restoring of trust between the two sides, get us back to where we were a few years ago," Powell said after meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

U.S. participation on the ground has been a key demand of Mubarak and other Arab leaders the United States is trying to enlist in the peace process.

For the first time, Powell said positively that he intends to meet with the Palestinian leader during his peacekeeping trip, as well as with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. He said he would talk with both leaders about a truce and political talks leading to creation of a Palestinian state.

"I come here at a difficult time, a time when we see violence ... where young men, young women, children are dying on both sides," Powell said.

With Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher at his side, Powell said the United States will "do everything within our power to bring this violence to an end."

Maher said Arafat must be respected as the rightful leader of the Palestinian people. He also raised the issue of U.S. observers.

Date set for postal rate hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mailing a letter, bill payment or birthday gift will cost more starting June 30.

Higher postal rates, including a 3-cent boost to 37 cents for first-class mail, were approved in February. The effective date was announced today by the Postal Service board of governors.

"The governors recognize that raising rates is not the long-term solution to retaining universal service," board chairman Robert Rider said. He said the higher rates will help the agency cope with the economic downtown and the cost of last fall's terrorist attacks.

The increase will give the cash-strapped postal service a boost as it tries to cope with declining business and hundreds of millions of dollars in costs from the terror attacks and anthrax contamination last fall.

Postmaster General John Potter said last week that there won't be another increase until at least 2004.

The Postal Service suffered a $1.6 billion loss last year, before the terror attacks that cost it hundreds of millions more. The agency has halted new construction and cut its staff by 12,000 over the last year.

While this rate increase is expected to provide some financial breathing room, officials continue to stress that to achieve long-term health the agency needs changes in the way it operates.

Potter has announced an end to the self-imposed freeze on closing small post offices.

Officers investigate One Stop burglary

•Burglary

Snyder police this morning were investigating a break-in at Snyder One Stop at 2500 25th Street.

At 1:22 a.m. today, a burglar alarm sounded at the store and 9-1-1 dispatchers received a call from an unknown woman reporting the break-in.

Officers responded and found a back door forced open, but it was unclear if anything was taken.

Sgt. Terry Luecke said nobody was in the store at the time of the break-in and the case remains under investigation.

"Right now it doesn't appear that anything was taken," he said. "But it could take a few days to realize something is missing."

•Arrest

A 44-year-old man was taken into custody just after 6 p.m. Monday for driving with an expired license.

•Criminal trespass

A woman requested a deputy in Hermleigh Monday night to report a man with a criminal trespass warning was in her residence. Deputies responded and submitted an offense report for criminal trespass.

•Criminal mischief

A woman contacted officers at the police department to report criminal mischief to her vehicle.

•Unattended death

Officers responded to an unattended death at 3008 Ave. K Monday night.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a fuel drive off Monday afternoon in the amount of $34 and provided officers with a description of the vehicle and direction of travel.

2 SHS choirs earn ratings

Two Snyder High School choirs competed in Thursday's regional UIL concert and sight reading contest at Hemmle Recital Hall on the Texas Tech campus.

The Strictly Treble choir competed as a non-varsity women's choir and the A cappella Choir competed as a varsity mixed choir. Each choir sang three prepared songs for judges and then sight read a piece for judges.

Strictly Treble received a rating of excellent II in concert and a good rating III in sight reading. A cappella choir received a rating of excellent II in concert and an excellent II in sight reading.

The next performance from SHS choirs will be The Tiger Jazz and Master Singers Spring Show on Monday, April 22. The two choirs will perform Broadway selections and other popular songs with some choreography and feature several soloists on Broadway tunes. The annual high school Pops Concert will be May 16 in Worsham Auditorium.

Vote turnout minimal here

County Clerk Joan Bunch reported minimal turnout for today's runoff election.

By noon today, only 27 had cast ballots, seven Republican and 20 Democrats.

The polls will remain open until 7 p.m. and Bunch said both parties has only one polling place, in the hallway on the third floor of the courthouse.

On the Democratic ticket Ron Kirk and Victor Morales are in a runoff for their party's nomination for U.S. Senate to replace Phil Gramm.

The GOP ticket has four runoff elections to be decided.

Republican voters are choosing between Dale Wainwright and Elizabeth Ray for Supreme Court Justice, Place 2; and Tim Taft and Tom Price are vying for Court of Criminal Appeals Justice, Place 1.

David Richards and Paul Womack are running for Place 2 Court of Criminal Appeals; while Cathy Cochran and Guy Williams are on the ballot for Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3.

Obituaries

Robert Clayton

1915-2002

Robert Allen Clayton, a resident of Snyder since 1963, died Monday, April 8, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Clayton, 87, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dale Huff, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.



Robert Clayton

Born Feb. 12, 1915 in Austin, he married Ester Bailey on Sept. 3, 1938 in Cameron. Mr. Clayton was a retired farm worker and was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ. He moved from Cameron to Tahoka in 1958 and then to Snyder in 1963.

He was preceded in death by one sister and two half sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Ester Clayton of Snyder; three daughters, Estelle Young of Dallas, Velma Clay and Melinda Simmons, both of Snyder; nine sons, William Clayton and Arthur Clayton of Snyder, James Earl Clayton, Curtis Clayton and Roy Clayton, all of Lubbock, Robert Clayton Jr. of Austin, O.D. Clayton of Dallas, DeWayne Clayton of Brownfield and Billy Clayton of Henryetta, Okla.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Gladys Miller

1918-2002

HASKELL — Gladys Juanita Miller, mother of Kenny Miller of Snyder, died Monday, April 8, in the Haskell hospital.

Service for Mrs. Miller, 83, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper and the Rev. Charles Fischer officiating. Burial will follow in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

A lifelong resident, she was born June 18, 1918 in Haskell, graduated from Haskell High School in 1936 and married Jacob Melvin "Judge" Miller on Jan. 2, 1937. He died on Dec. 22, 2001.

A homemaker, Mrs. Miller was a member of the Pinkerton Baptist Church for more than 40 years and had been a member of the First Baptist Church for 10 years.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Effie Jenkins; and one brother, Sam Jenkins.

Survivors include another son, Dave Miller and his wife, Sue, of Haskell; a daughter-in-law, Debby Miller of Snyder; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John Lowrance

1935-2002

COLORADO CITY – John Robert Lowrance, longtime resident of Colorado City, died Monday, April 8, in the Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Lowrance, 66, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Ted Spear, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at 4 p.m. in the Goree Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 14, 1935 in Goree, he graduated from Goree High school in 1954 and earned a degree in accounting from Texas Tech University in 1958.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Mr. Lowrance served 5½ years as a supply officer on the USS Theodore Chandler and at the Naval Air Station in New Iberia, La.

Mr. Brown was owner of Colorado Pump and Supply for 24 years, retiring Jan. 1, 2000. He served as president of the girls softball association and was a former director of the chamber of commerce.

He married Sue Keen on Oct. 24, 1986 in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Melinda; a sister, Frieda; and his father, J.F. Lowrance.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Lowrance of Colorado City; his five children and their families: Galen Judy, Craig and Cole Lowrance of Abilene; Denise, Shawn, Zach and Hayden Finley of Lubbock; Carol, Michael, Hannah, Leah and Rachel Howard, Kyle, Adam and Kayla Beck of Stillwater, Okla.; Christy and Cary Ann Brown of Snyder; and Cathy, Monte, Kent, Cole and Kimberly Rogers of Andrews.

Also surviving are his mother, Lanna Lowrance of Colorado City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Glenda and Sam Byers of Lubbock and Sue and Ray Myers of Plano; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Doyle and Pat Lowrance of Colorado City and Buddy and Peggy Lowrance of Sudan.

The family suggests memorial to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or to a favorite charity.

Arch Floyd

1924-2002

William A. "Arch" Floyd of Snyder died early today in the Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Services for Mr. Floyd, 78, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born March 28, 1924 in Granville, Okla., Mr. Floyd was a retired painter and a member of the First Pentecostal Church. He moved to Snyder from Electra in 1974.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eula Mae Floyd, on Feb. 27, 1981; and by a daughter, Winnie Bell York, on June 19, 1999.

Survivors include three daughters, Brenda Fay Williamson of Bell Fountain, Ohio, Judy Cathleen Baker of Mansfield and Carolyn Clay of Oklahoma City; a son, Danny Arch Floyd of Wichita Falls; and his friend and former wife, Cathleen Scrogum of Olney.

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ONGOINGS

Calvary Baptist revival

Clark Bosher of Arlington is the evangelist for Calvary Baptist Church's revival that continues today and Wednesday. Weeknight services are at 7. The church is located at 2405 35th St.

Scurry County 4-H horse club

The Scurry County 4-H horse club will have its first fun night at the county rodeo grounds this evening with warmups at 6:30 and practice starting at 7 o'clock.

Baptist Association Mission Fair

The Baptist Association Mission Fair will be from 6-8 tonight at the First Baptist Church in Ira. Hot dogs, balloons and many activities will be a part of the fair, as well as meeting missionaries from different parts of the world.

Relay for Life

There will be a Relay for Life meeting at 5 p.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital's boardroom.

Alzheimer's meeting

A representative from the Alzheimer's Association of Midland will speak at 6 this evening at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Use the northeast entrance.

Relay for Life Mexican dinner

Hermleigh's Relay For Life team will have a Mexican pile-on dinner at 6:30 p.m. today in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 10.

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.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located at 2603 Ave. M.

Hometown performances

Snyder High School drama students have set four hometown performances for *Julius Caesar* which has advanced to regional competition April 19 at Angelo State University. Thursday through Saturday performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's matinee is set for 2. Tickets are $5 for adults and $4 for students.

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.

Community garden workday

Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday to plant a community garden at 26th and Ave. C for the Food Cupboard. Bring hoe, gloves and hat.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Golden K Kiwanis Club dinner

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will have a turkey and dressing dinner on Sunday at the Scurry County Senior Center. Serving will be from 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Tickets are $6, children under six are free.

Gospel concert

Evangelists Robert and Ramona Williams will present a Gospel concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene.

Avenue D Baptist revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., will hold a revival Sunday through Wednesday. Jim Mosley is the evangelist and John Bullock will lead the music. Sunday services are Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and evening worship is at 6. Weekday services are at 7 p.m.

Discovery School pre-registration

Discovery School will hold pre-registration for the summer session Monday. Classes start Tuesday, May 27, for children infant through the fourth grade. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Hermleigh ISD transfers

Hermleigh ISD is accepting applications for transfer for 2002-2003. Applications may be picked up in the high school office and all transfer requests must be turned in by the end of April.

Assistance fund

A special Bouher Family Fund has been established at Spur Security Bank. Josh and Ashley Bouher were in an automobile accident March 22 that took the life of Ashley, and resulted in hospitalization for Josh. Mail donations to the bank at Box 549, Spur, 79370. Grandparents are Kenneth and Joyce Smith of Snyder.

Basketball tourney

There will be a basketball tourney April 26-27 at the Hermleigh High gym for ages high school and up. Coed teams are welcome. Proceeds to benefit the Hermleigh junior and senior classes. Entry deadline is April 19. Call Reecie Sauceda at 863-2532 or Kentra Nachlinger at 573-2292 after 4:30 p.m. Cost is $100 per team and team size limit is 10.

CNA classes

Snyder Oaks Care Center will start free certified nurses' aide classes toward the end of this month. Go by 210 E. 37th for application. Call 573-9377 for more information.

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.