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At Snyder High School...

Thursday terrorist drill termed successful

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

A mock terrorist attack on Snyder High School — a drill that had been planned for months — went smoothly Thursday afternoon.

That's according to SISD Supt. Gayle Lomax and Sgt. Brian Haggard, coordinator of the drill.

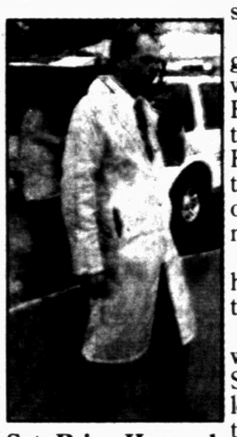
"The teachers did exactly as they have been trained to do," said Lomax. "We have been taught to close and lock classroom doors and don't open them for anyone until an administrator unlocks them from the outside."

SHS drama students participated in the drill and as many of their "wounded" classmates lay in the hallways with simulated injuries, others pounded on classroom doors pleading to be let in. No doors were opened.

The parents of one SHS student who apparently were anxious about the drill, went to the front door of the school and approached Police Chief Steve Warren.

The woman explained that she needed to take her son home and that he was waiting in the school office.

Chief Warren told the parents that the child was safe, that there was a drill in progress, and at that time, he could not get the student out of the office.



Sgt. Brian Haggard

"They've been taught not to open the door for anyone and that includes me," said Warren.

Chief Warren continued to take time to explain the drill to the couple and they were finally convinced that everything was okay.

Police scanner traffic around 1 p.m. said gunshots were heard in a hallway of the school and there were multiple injuries, and perhaps some casualties.

Snyder EMS, all law enforcement departments and the Snyder Fire Department were alerted and responded.

Sgt. Haggard and Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland set up a command post on the northeast corner of the school grounds and directed "rescue" efforts.

The drill was made as realistic as possible, including the discharge of a shotgun shooting blanks in the hallway in front of the high school offices.

Officers, deputies and DPS troopers with drawn pistols pursuing the shooter made the scene appear realistic.

As the drill progressed, the "victims" were transported by EMS and a school bus to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where hospital personnel carried out their own drill for mass injuries.

Sgt. Haggard said he was pleased with the drill.

"I thought overall, it went very well," said Sgt. Haggard. "We learned a lot, it was a test for all departments, and it gave us a chance to find out our weaknesses," said Sgt. Haggard.

"We plan on additional training, and following a meeting next week with some of the participants, we'll know what areas we need to improve."

The drill was observed by police officials from Sweetwater and Brownfield, as well as school personnel from Brownfield.

Sweetwater Police Chief Jim Kelley said he thought the drill was excellent. "It was well thought out and the drama kids did an outstanding job of acting out their parts. It was very realistic," said Chief Kelley.

"I think it was an excellent drill for your community to hold," added the Sweetwater police chief.





ALL TOO REAL — Police officers, sheriff deputies, DPS troopers, firefighters and paramedics responded to Snyder High School Thursday as part of a mock terrorism drill, in which an armed intruder was loose in the school and several students were "wounded or killed." SHS drama students acted the part of the wounded and officers and paramedics scoured the school for the shooter. (SDN Staff Photos by Brian Brisendine)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A newspaper without even one typo isn't worth a hoot unless it's delivered on time and in good condition."

Some people would describe her as a veteran newspaper carrier. At the Snyder Daily News, we call her the dean of newspaper distribution.



Becky Black

Becky Black started her SDN home delivery route almost 28 years ago. Her only son was two years old.

Since that time, Becky has evolved into one of the most dependable and versatile people associated with the Snyder Daily News.

She's seen it all on her route — sleet, ice, snow, blowing dirt, 118-degree temperatures and dogs bigger than her delivery vehicle.

Unlike many newspaper carriers, Becky will never get a ticket for speeding. She calls herself steady rather than slow.

Steady is a pretty good word to describe her. If you want to use more words, then she's "the get-the-job-done lady."

In addition to distribution duties, Becky has a variety of duties. None are glamorous, but all are extremely important.

Becky keeps up with the advertising insert schedule. Should the wrong one go into the newspaper, it would cause considerable problems for the merchant not yet ready for the sale.

Becky oversees the part-time people who insert the pre-printed advertisements, making sure it's done right. In addition to that, she labels the newspapers that go into the mail and bags the newspapers according to postal regulations. In the late afternoon, she answers the telephone for any missed newspapers.

For Becky, the newspaper business has been a family affair. As a baby, oldest son Jeff used to accompany his mother on the delivery route. Today, she's often seen on her route with grandchildren — Lane and Leah, Randy or Rachael or Cerise.

Jeff and younger brother, Michael, learned their printing trade at the Snyder Daily News. Today, Jeff works at a commercial print shop in Odessa. His wife, Laura, works at the Odessa American.

Michael Black went to work for the SDN as a DECA student in high school. After graduation, he became a pressman for the newspaper. Today, he is an offset pressman in Lubbock.

Daughter, now Michelle Wood, also put in some time at the SDN. She did everything from inserting to imputing addresses into the computer. Her husband, Donald, works for BJ Services.

After graduating from SHS, Michelle earned an associate degree in accounting from WTC and then decided she wanted to be a nurse. She earned her degree from Howard College and is a R.N. in Colorado City.

And with all these duties, Becky keeps on smiling. We suspect it has something to do with those grandkids.

Rainfall Reports

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Farmers Co-Op (E)	.30
Sc. County (W)	.60

Albany teen missing in flood

ALBANY — A 19-year-old woman whose family's trailer home was swept into a rain-swollen creek remained missing this morning after a thunderstorm unleashed 10 inches of rain or more in four hours on Albany.

The rains flooded homes and businesses Thursday, swept some mobile homes into North Hubbard Creek and forced the evacuation of a nursing home and several residences.

Holly Deann Sargent was last seen where the creek passes under a bridge on U.S. 180, Shackelford County Sheriff Richard Wagman said. The home crashed into the bridge.

The woman's parents, Stan and Yvonne Sargent, were rescued earlier. It was unclear whether their daughter was in the house when it collided with the bridge.

DPS trooper Sparky Dean said the search ended at midnight, and resumed at daybreak today.

Rescuers from Albany and surrounding towns pulled stranded residents from flooded autos and buildings.

Rain began falling about 11 a.m. and kept coming until mid- to late-afternoon. Officially, 8.3 inches of rain fell in Albany, but individuals reported totals of 10 to 12 inches.

Meanwhile, a few miles from town, only about 1.5 inches fell in Moran and less than an inch in Ibex.

City Manager Bobby Russell said at least a 100 homes or more were damaged.

Several homes have severe water damage, but roads have been clearn and are open.

Rabies clinic Saturday

Snyder pet owners will have a chance to learn about the dangers of rabies Saturday and then have their animals vaccinated.

Rabies vaccination day begins at 1 p.m. in the coliseum annex and continues until 6 o'clock.

A clinic will be held to educate audience members about rabies and vaccinations will begin at its conclusion.

Dog owners are asked to bring their pets into the annex on a leash, while all cats will be vaccinated inside the owner's vehicle.

Dr. Jerry Early of the Scurry County Veterinary Clinic will vaccinate the animals.

Cost for the rabies vaccination is $6 and a vaccination for other diseases can be had for $15. The charge for both shots is $21.

City tags will be provided at no cost and pet owners are asked to enter the annex on the north side.

ASK US

Q—Has there been any cases of food-borne Hepatitis A recently reported in Snyder?

A—No, according to food establishment inspector Cindy Nix. Doctors are required by law to report if a patient has been treated for the disease and there have been no reports for more than three months.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 84 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Friday; .50 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 6:17 inches.

Area Forecast: Cloudy, breezy, 60% rain chance; low near 60; S winds 15-25 mph. Saturday, sunny, breezy, high mid 80s; SW winds 15-25 mph.



Angel Guerrero
Sunny

Sunset:
8:20 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:03 a.m.
Of 115 days in 2002, the sun has shone 110 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The misfortunes hardest to bear are those that never come.
—James Russell Lowell

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Tentative deal reached on six-year farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers have reached a tentative agreement on a farm bill that would boost agricultural spending by about 70 percent, marking a reversal of a 1996 law that was intended to wean farmers from government support.

The market-oriented approach instituted by the 1996 law never had its intended effect. Commodity prices collapsed in 1998, and Congress has responded with a series of annual bailouts to supplement regular subsidy programs.

Terms of the new six-year deal were sketchy, and lawmakers said Thursday night it remains subject to change pending some final negotiations and revisions in cost estimates.

"I'll tell you who wins: the American farmer," said the lead House negotiator, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas.

His Senate counterpart, Iowa Democrat Tom Harkin, said the accord "transcends party lines, will bring prosperity back to rural America and charts a new course for farm policy."

The bill would increase total agriculture spending by about $7.4 billion a year.

Subsidy levels, known as loan rates, will be increased for grain, cotton and soybeans, and the bill revives a target price system, abolished by the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act, to provide additional income.

In a victory for Southern growers and large Midwest farms, no significant new limits will be set on payments that individual farms could collect.

Despite widespread support in the House and Senate for restrictions on subsidies to big farms, the agreement would keep alive a program that allows grain, cotton and soybean growers to collect unlimited amounts of crop subsidies.

"Any big cotton or rice operator or superlarge corn and soybean operator is now going to have absolutely no restraints whatsoever," said Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group.

According to lawmakers and congressional aides, the bill also will include a new subsidy program for dairy farmers; a requirement that meat, fish and produce be labeled with the country of origin, starting in two years; and a new $2 billion conservation program to reward crop farmers for improved environmental practices, lawmakers said.

Additionally, the deal was expected to restore food stamps to noncitizens. Dropped in the final deal was a Senate-passed ban on meatpacker ownership of cattle and hogs, one lawmaker said.

Lawmakers hoped to wrap up the agreement today after getting new cost estimates from congressional budget analysts.

"The whole thing could blow up. I don't think it will. It depends on those numbers," said Rep. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga.

The legislation will replace farm, nutrition and land-conservation programs set to expire this fall. The new bill would expire in 2008, a presidential election year.

Negotiators were stalled for weeks over regional differences on crop subsidies as well as the labeling proposal and the meatpacker restriction.

Election-year politics figured prominently in the talks.

The food-labeling rule was a major issue for Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, who is trying to secure the re-election of the bill's sponsor, fellow South Dakota Democrat Tim Johnson.

Southern Democrats, meanwhile, were pressing Daschle to drop proposals opposed by farms in their states.

Man gets probation for rape

LUFKIN (AP) — An East Texas jury that found a man guilty of repeatedly sexually assaulting his 12-year-old daughter has given the offender the lightest possible punishment — five years' probation.

Angelina County jurors on Thursday found the 32-year-old Lufkin man, who was unnamed in order to avoid identifying the victim, guilty of two counts of sexual assault of a child.

The punishment range for a conviction is five years' probation to 99 years or life in prison, Assistant District Attorney Dawn Armstrong said.

He said State District Judge David Wilson ordered that the man have no contact with his daughter.

The defendant was arrested and indicted last August. Assaults on the girl began during visits to his home after she turned 11, Armstrong said.

Her parents were divorced and her father had custody every other weekend and half the summer.

"The mother didn't suspect anything until two months before her daughter confided in her," Armstrong told The Lufkin Daily News in today's editions. "She noticed her grades began dropping and she had become irritable and moody."

The abuse progressed to the point of rape, at which point the girl finally told her mother, Armstrong said. The mother went to Child Protective Services, police and a doctor.

A nurse trained to treat sexual assault cases said the girl's account of what had happened matched physical evidence, Armstrong said.

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RESULTS

Cash Five

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

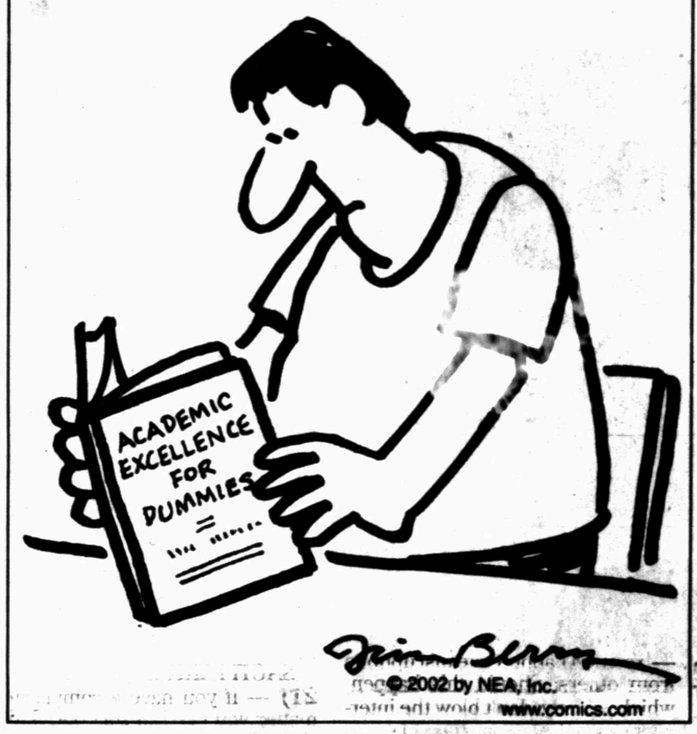
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Pick 3

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

7-4-9

Berry's World



Date Book

Friday, April 26, 2002

Today is the 116th day of 2002 and the 38th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1607, a group of English colonists, including Captain John Smith, landed at Cape Henry, Va. The first permanent English settlement in the New World was established there.

On this day in 1986, a disaster at the Chernobyl power plant in the Ukraine created a radioactive leak. It would eventually reach not only Belarus and other southwestern parts of the former Soviet Union, but Poland and Sweden as well.

On this day in 1994, Nelson Mandela was elected president of South Africa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John James Audubon (1785 - 1851), naturalist/painter; Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889 - 1951), philosopher; Bernard Malamud (1914 - 1986), writer; I.M. Pei (1917 -), architect, is 85; Carol Burnett (1936 -), comedian/actress, is 66; Duane Eddy (1938 -), musician, is 64; Jet Li (1963 -), actor/martial artist, is 39; Glen "Kane" Jacobs, (1968 -), professional wrestler, is 34; Kevin James (1965 -), actor, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1851, The Defaulter, Squire of Malton, Reindeer and Pulcherrima crossed the finish line simultaneously at a horse race in England.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If people did not sometimes do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done." - Ludwig Wittgenstein

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (April 26)

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$3750

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$5500


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$3750


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$6850


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4 Cycl., Automatic, A/C
$5500


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Member of TLC killed in car accident

ATLANTA (AP) — Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, the effervescent, sometimes volatile rapping member of the Grammy-winning trio TLC, was killed in a car crash in Honduras, her record company said early today.

Lopes, who would have turned 31 next month, was in the Central American nation for a vacation, Arista Records' senior vice president of publicity Laura Swanson told The Associated Press. Lopes was reportedly among seven people in the car Thursday night and the only fatality.

"No words can possibly express the sorrow and sadness I feel for this most devastating loss," said Arista president L.A. Reid, who helped shape the career of the Atlanta-based R&B group, one of the best-selling female groups in history.

"Lisa was not only a gifted and talented musical inspiration, but more importantly, she was like a daughter to me. My thoughts and prayers are with Lisa's family and friends. Her legacy will be remembered forever."

The location of the car crash was not immediately determined. It was unclear whether she was wearing a seatbelt.

TLC, which also includes Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins and Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas, were the group behind such hits as "Waterfall," "No Scrubs" and "Unpretty." Their latest album was "FanMail."

"We had all grown up together and were as close as a family," the surviving bandmates said in a statement today. "Today we have truly lost our sister."

The group made its debut in 1992 with the disc "Oooooh ... On the TLC Tip!" Their unique sound, which paired Watkins and Thomas' vocals with Philadelphia-born Lopes' fast-paced, squeaky-voiced rhymes, made them an immediate sensation, along with their baggy, condom-attached wardrobe.

Lopes' nickname came from her habit of replacing one lens of her glasses with a condom during performances.

In 1994, the band returned with "CrazySexyCool" — Lopes was dubbed the "crazy" member of the group, Thomas the "sexy" one and Watkins the "cool" one. The quadruple platinum album saw the women abandon their sometimes gimmicky image to evolve into a critically acclaimed group. The disc included the No. 1 hit "Creep" and won them the first two of their four Grammy Awards.

The band also soon became know for its flashy, hyper videos and picked up a clutch of MTV Video awards. Lopes even served as a host for MTV's daily show, "The Cut."

But with success came enough turmoil to fill a VH1 "Behind the Music" special. The trio declared bankruptcy a few years ago, citing poorly structured recording contracts.

In 1994, Lopes pleaded guilty to arson in a fire that destroyed the mansion of former Atlanta Falcons receiver Andre Rison, her boyfriend. Lopes was sentenced to a halfway house and five years probation, plus a $10,000 fine.

Lopes admitted she started the fire after an argument with Rison. The mansion was valued at more than $1 million. The two later broke up, only to reunite and break up again. However, last year they announced plans to marry.

Watkins was hospitalized several times, suffering from sickle cell anemia and infighting among group members also was reported. In 2000, after the release of the triple-platinum disc "Fanmail," Lopes publicly challenged Watkins and Thomas to put out solo albums, and let fans determine who was the most popular group member.

But in an interview with the AP later that year, Watkins dismissed talk of a serious rift.

"With three women, you agree to disagree. I'm not always going to agree with Lisa and she's not always going to agree with me, that's fine," she said.

TLC had been on hiatus, but had recently been in the studio working on a new record due to have been released this year. Lopes had tried to release her own album last year called "Supernova"; It was released internationally by Arista, but poor radio support for the record caused the project to be shelved in the United States.

Within in past few months, Lopes reportedly signed a solo deal with Suge Knight's Death Row label to put out a solo project under the pseudonym, "N.I.N.A." (New Identity Not Applicable). She also helped start the group "Blaque," an R&B trio who had the hit "Bring It Home To Me."

Swanson said that Lopes went frequently to Honduras to vacation.

"She just found it really peaceful and tranquil, and it was a very special place for her," she said.

Her manager has flown to Honduras to bring her body back to the United States, Swanson said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Muslim girl fears that boys will never see past her scarf

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11-year-old Muslim girl who is a faithful reader of your column. It has helped me remember that I'm not the only one with problems. Here's mine:

It seems like no boy has ever liked me because I wear a scarf. The fact that no guy has ever liked me really hurts, even though it's against my religion to have boyfriends or go out on dates.

Guys never like me — even as a friend. I know you're thinking that boys my age are sometimes afraid to approach girls, but it's not like that. This is bothering me something awful, Abby. Please help. — **SAD AND HURT IN FALL CHURCH, VA.**

DEAR SAD AND HURT: Speak to your parents or your religious leader about your feelings. You're not the only girl who has ever felt this way. Sometimes it's hard to be different — yet that's what makes all of us mature as individuals.

When the time comes, the right young man will be mature enough to see the person underneath the scarf. Trust me!

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DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Jenny," and I became engaged on New Year's Day. We've been together for four years, and both have children from previous marriages. Jenny has three daughters, and I have a son and a daughter. All five are grown and in college or settled down with careers and families of their own.

I immediately shared our engagement news with my side of the family. Everyone was excited and eager to know the wedding date. Trouble is, Jenny and I haven't yet picked a date, due to the fact that she hasn't told any of her family — including her daughters.

Since they all live out of state, none of her family would have any idea about our engagement unless they're told. Jenny's reluctance to share our "happy news" makes me wonder what she has to hide. Your opinion would be appreciated, Abby. — **STILL SINGLE IN SEATTLE**

DEAR SINGLE: She's hiding you, honey! If your fiancee hasn't notified her family by June, I urge you to rethink the engagement.

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DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers, "Doug," brought one of his active children into my office. One kid jumped on my chair and broke it. It doesn't belong to the company — it's my personal chair. I have a disability and need something more comfortable than my office chair. Doug tried to glue it back together, but unfortunately, it didn't hold.

I have hinted that I am going to have to replace my chair. Doug has not offered to pay for it. Although I know it was an accident, I'm upset about it. The replacement cost of the chair is $100, but I bought it two years ago, and would be willing to take $50.

How should I handle this without damaging my friendship with Doug? — **CHAIRLESS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR CHAIRLESS: Buy a new chair and ask your co-worker to pay half the bill. Then purchase a sturdy lock for your office door — and use it.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Claims over winning lottery ticket descend into dispute

HILLSIDE, N.J. (AP) — It might have started out as an innocent office pool, with co-workers chipping in a few dollars to buy lottery tickets.

But now a dispute has apparently erupted over a winning ticket in the $331 million-winning Big Game lottery, with two lawyers getting involved and the New Jersey State Lottery launching a review.

One lawyer represents a man who brought the winning $110.3 million ticket to a gas station where it was purchased to validate it. The other represents a group that claims to be part of an office pool whose money was used to buy tickets — including the winning one.

Carole Hedinger, acting executive director of the state lottery, confirmed Thursday that the commission has heard from the two lawyers, each claiming a share of the prize for their clients.

The lottery commission is reviewing its rules governing such situations, Hedinger said, declining further comment. She would not identify the lawyers.

The ticket was one of three winners in the April 16 drawing. The others were sold in Georgia, where 20-year-old Erika Greene claimed her share of the $331 million prize, and Illinois, where the winner hasn't come forward.

The jackpot was the second-biggest lottery prize in U.S. history.

The buyer of the New Jersey ticket chose to take the payout in a $58.9 million lump sum. After taxes, that leaves about $43 million.

A man took the ticket to the Gulf Gas/1-2-3 Food Mart the day after the drawing, had it entered into the lottery computer terminal for validation and left without saying a word, store owner Amit Ghetia said. He has not returned since.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, April 27, 2002

Friends and acquaintances will have a strong influence over various departments of your life in the year ahead, so select high-quality companions who are going someplace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You don't appreciate disruptions from others. Should this happen, which is likely, don't blow the interruptions out of proportion. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Gratitude and reciprocity keep the wheels of camaraderie rolling in this world. Someone who helped you recently would be delighted if you now help him or her.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There is a tendency for you from time to time to be possessive of those you love - this might be one of those days. If you tie people up, it makes them want to break loose.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Those you're responsible for are likely to have you looking out for them. You're not apt to tolerate anything or anyone taking advantage of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Others won't be offended if you make revisions upon their ideas or concepts, because what you modify will enhance their work. You won't make them look inadequate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This is one of those days where what you give out is what you'll reap. The gains you make will have to come from that which you devise rather than through the auspices of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Make certain you are in charge of what you want to accomplish, because you will be more effective in a managing role than as a second fiddle to someone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you have a complicated matter you need to sort out, find a private spot free from outside influences to resolve and reason things out. Reason abounds in quiet places.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you want a productive day, associate with those who are optimistic and hopeful, rather than with those who carry the weight of the world on their shoulders.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This will be a so-so day for you unless you get involved in some kind of competitive or challenging developments. You'll come alive when confronted.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Long-range reverberations are just as important as immediate happenings. Be concerned with far-reaching effects and not just with a moment in time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you're confronted by unexpected changes, they will be precipitated by influences beyond your control. You will be able to favorably adjust to the circumstances though.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Many drugs can cause alergic reactions

DEAR DR. GOTT: I took Nexium for about four months last summer and ended up having a very serious reaction to the drug. At first, my doctor was stumped because my only previous allergy had been to sulfa drugs. When I researched the topic, I discovered that Nexium contains sulfinyl, a fact of which most practitioners — and pharmacists — are unaware.

Please advise your readers to find out all they can about their medications and potential side effects.

DEAR READER: Excellent point. This is a troublesome subject for several reasons. One, there is an enormous array of medications, and it is often difficult for practitioners to keep track of the various side effects — especially the uncommon ones — of the medicines. This is not to excuse us by any means; it is a fact and is one that every physician must address. It is our responsibility to be knowledgeable about the drugs we prescribe. Fortunately, there are many reference sources we can turn to, including print publications and computer programs.

Two, some medications contain infinitesimal amounts of components that may not be listed on the labels. In rare instances, such as yours, these inactive ingredients can cause serious reactions.

Three, more and more patients — particularly the elderly — are being prescribed multiple drugs. The interactions between these drugs are often impossible to predict. How can a health professional possibly identify the interactions between, say, eight or more medications in the body of a person who is ill to begin with? Doctors need to appreciate more fully the implications of "polypharmacy"; they also must resist the temptation to overprescribe.

Four, some patients, when asked about their medications, may forget to tell Dr. A what Dr. B has prescribed — or patients may just naturally fail to mention over-the-counter products, including herbal remedies, that are not viewed as important. This can set the stage for unexpected adverse reactions.

Finally, patients can suddenly and without warning exhibit allergic reactions to drugs that they have taken for years without a hint of allergy. This can provide a diagnostic challenge.

One way to avoid the pitfall of medication sensitivity is to grill your pharmacist (when he or she fills your prescription) about potential drug allergies and interactions. This is one job pharmacists are trained to do and do well. Many pharmacies provide written handouts about the drugs that are prescribed. This, too, can be a valuable resource for consumers.

In summary, dangerous drug interactions and sensitivities are a major public health concern. Patients, physicians and pharmacists must learn to work closely together to help reduce the incidence of such preventable problems.

Don't forget that alcohol and grapefruit juice can also interfere with and disrupt the normal metabolism of many drugs, sometimes leading to significant toxicity. Again, ask your physician or pharmacist about this potential interaction.

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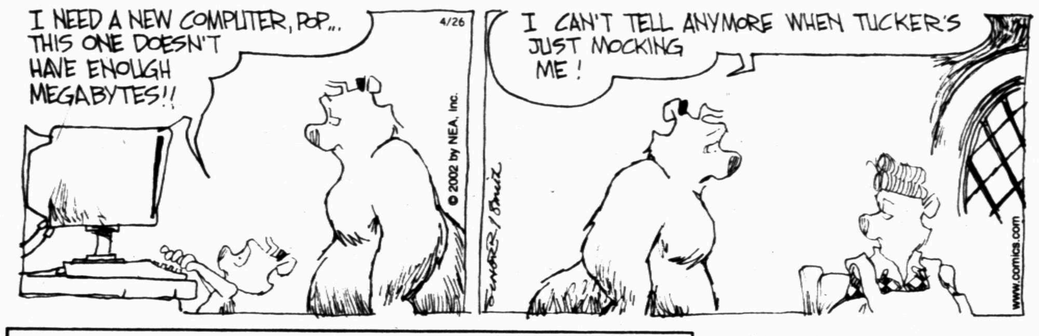
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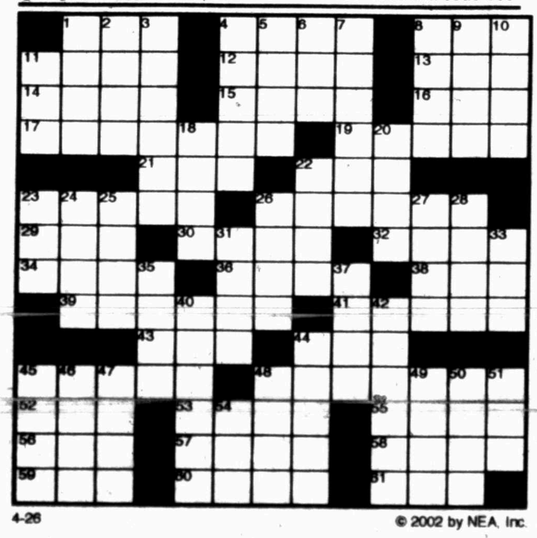
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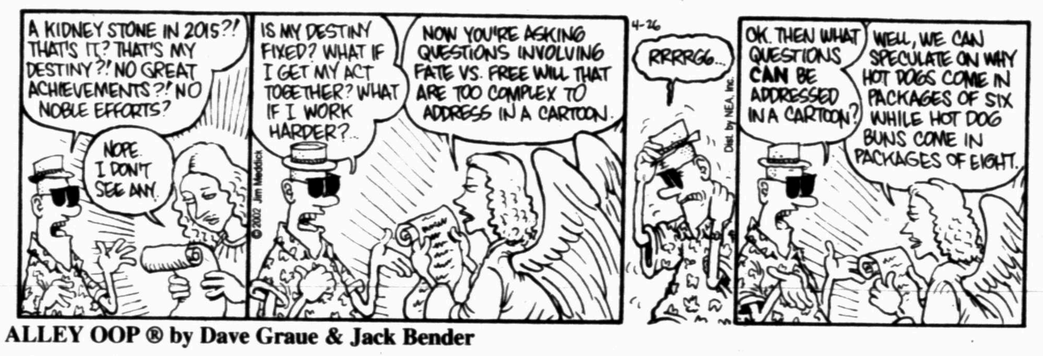
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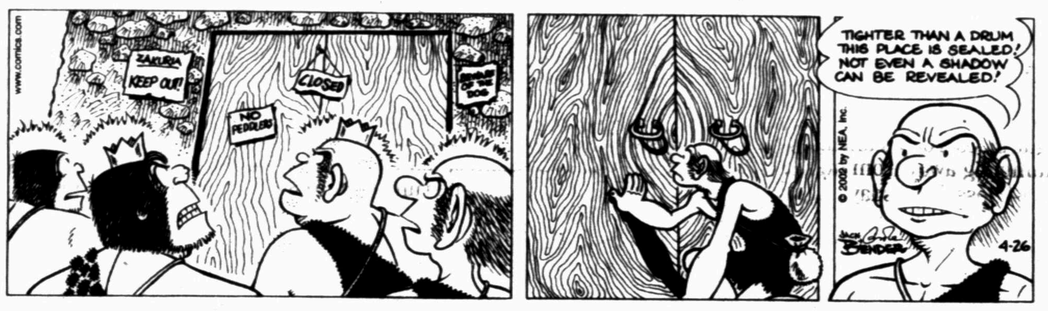
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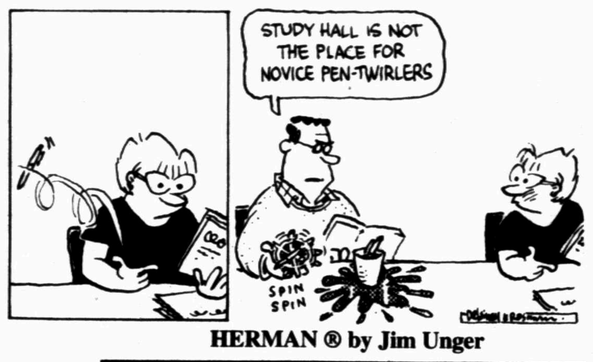
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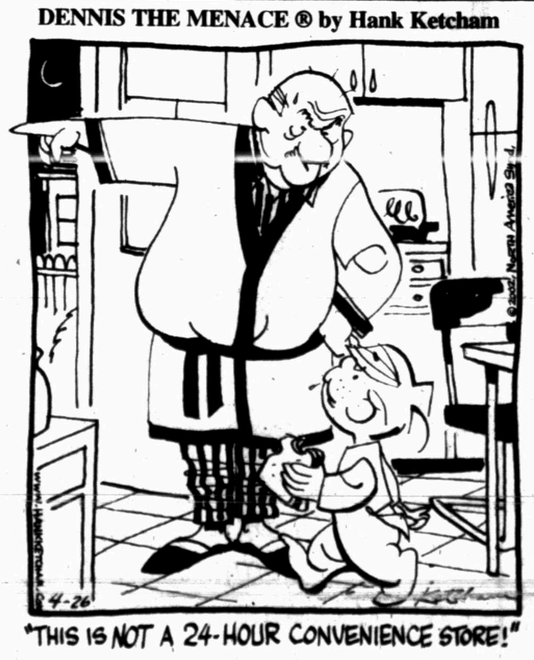
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SPORTS

Tigers, Mustangs await word on today's District 4-4A finale

The district title is still up in the air, and at this point, so is the regular season finale.

The Snyder Tigers and Andrews Mustangs are scheduled to square off tonight at Moffett Field, but Thursday's rain has put the contest in jeopardy. A decision on whether to play or postpone the game is expected early this afternoon.

Snyder (10-3, 22-9-1) comes in on the heels of two consecutive losses to Estacado and Plainview. The Tigers are tied with Frenship for second place in the District 4-4A standings, one game behind Andrews (11-2, 18-4).

"We haven't played well the last two games. We haven't played good enough to win," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "We'll have to play better than that if we hope to beat Andrews. And I think we can. We've had two good days of practice."

With Frenship expected to knock off Lake View today, the Tigers will have to beat Andrews then win a three-team district tournament to claim the league crown.

Victories by Frenship and Snyder would create a three-way tie atop the standings. Snyder, Andrews and Frenship would meet Saturday or Monday at a neutral site for a tournament to decide playoff seedings. The Tigers would receive a first-round bye in the tournament by virtue of their two-game sweep of Frenship.

Whenever the Tigers and Mustangs square off in the regular season finale, Herrera will send senior ace Tito Alaniz to the mound. The left-hander is 6-4 on the year with a 2.88 earned run average.

If the game is played today, the starting time has been pushed back from 5 to 7 o'clock. The two teams will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday if tonight's action is postponed.

The district's top seed receives a first-round bye in the Class 4A state playoffs. The runner-up will face Dumas, Pampa or Amarillo Caprock in the bi-district round. The third seed draws Canyon High.

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
*-Andrews	11	2	18	4
*-Snyder	10	3	22	9
*-Frenship	10	3	20	7
Big Spring	7	6	9	16
Estacado	5	8	9	15
Lake View	4	9	9	16
Plainview	3	10	10	17
Levelland	2	11	6	20

*-clinched playoff spot

Today's games: Andrews at Snyder; Levelland at Estacado; Lake View at Frenship; Big Spring at Plainview.

End of regular season

Western Texas squads open Tarleton rodeo

STEPHENVILLE — Sean Prater and Randus London carried the load for Western Texas in Thursday's opening performance of the Tarleton collegiate rodeo.

Prater recorded the best calf roping time of the night at 9.7 seconds, then finished seventh in the steer wrestling with a 7.7

London got off to a solid start with a 7.9-second effort in the goat tying to put her in second place.

Slack was scheduled for this morning with the second performance set for tonight. The final round is Saturday.

Rangers rally past Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers thought all along their hitting would offset shaky pitching.

The hitting has not delivered so far — the Rangers started the day ninth in the league with a .252 team batting average. But there was some life in the bats Thursday as Texas rallied twice for an 11-9 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Texas climbed out of an early 6-0 hole with a season-high seven-run fifth, then rallied from a 9-8 deficit with a three-run eighth.

In the eighth, pinch-hitter Herbert Perry tied the game with a single and Alex Rodriguez followed with a go-ahead double.

The Rangers also got a two-run homer from Carl Everett in the fifth. Texas took two out of three from Toronto, winning a series for only the second time this season.

Toronto, which wasted a 6-0 lead, was ahead 9-8 when Calvin Murray singled off Corey Thurman to start the eighth. Dan Plesac (1-2) relieved, and pinch-hitter Michael Young singled.

Murray raced home from second on Perry's single and Young scored on Rodriguez's double. Rafael Palmeiro added an RBI grounder.

The Rangers' Mike Lamb had a rough afternoon in his first major league start as a catcher. Lamb, trying to become a utility player after 135 games as a third baseman last season, was filling in for Bill Haselman, who was rested, and Ivan Rodriguez, who's on the DL with a back injury.

Lamb had a passed ball, was unable to block three wild pitches by starter Dave Burba and failed to come up with an outfield throw at the plate as a run scored. The Blue Jays also stole two bases on Lamb before Haselman entered as a pinch hitter in the fifth.

Astros struggle on the road

MIAMI (AP) — The National League's best road team last year is stumbling away from home.

A 5-4 loss Thursday night at Florida left the Houston Astros 5-7 on the road. That's far off the pace of last year's 49-32 record.

"Sometimes you go on streaks like this," second baseman Craig Biggio said. "We kind of got off to this start last year, too, a little bit, and then we got hot for a long time."

The Astros will try to get hot in Atlanta, where they begin a three-game series Friday night. They lost two of three to the Marlins, with both defeats by one run.

Houston rallied for a run in the ninth Thursday before Richard Hidalgo grounded out with a runner on first against Vladimir Nunez to end the game.

Florida improved to 5-0 at home in one-run games, and Houston fell to 2-5 in one-run games despite overcoming deficits of 2-0 and 3-2.

"It was just one of those back-and-forth things where we could never get out in front," manager Jimy Williams said. "We're playing good, we're just not winning."

With the score 5-3 in the ninth, Florida's Braden Looper retired the first two batters before Jeff Bagwell walked, took second uncontested and scored when Lance Berkman singled for his second RBI of the night and 26th of the season.

That was the first run allowed by the Florida bullpen in 13 1-3 innings.

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	14	8	.636	—
New York	12	10	.545	2
Florida	11	11	.500	3
Atlanta	11	12	.478	3½
Philadelphia	8	14	.364	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	13	7	.650	—
Cincinnati	13	8	.619	½
St. Louis	10	12	.455	4
Houston	9	12	.429	4½
Chicago	8	12	.400	5
Milwaukee	7	15	.318	7
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	14	8	.636	—
San Francisco	13	8	.619	½
Los Angeles	13	9	.591	1
San Diego	11	11	.500	3
Colorado	6	16	.273	8

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 2
Chicago Cubs 2, San Francisco 1
San Diego 6, Philadelphia 4
Montreal 5, Milwaukee 1
Florida 5, Houston 4
Cincinnati 4, Colorado 3
N.Y. Mets 7, St. Louis 6
Arizona 11, Atlanta 5

Friday's Games
Los Angeles (Perez 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-1), 3:20 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Villone 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
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San Francisco (Ortiz 2-1) at Cincinnati (Dessens 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Redding 0-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 3-1), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Adams 0-2) at Colorado (Thomson 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

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American League
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New York	14	9	.609	1
Tampa Bay	9	11	.450	4½
Toronto	8	12	.400	5½
Baltimore	8	13	.381	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	7	.682	—
Minnesota	14	8	.636	1
Cleveland	12	10	.545	3
Kansas City	7	12	.368	6½
Detroit	4	16	.200	10
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	17	5	.773	—
Oakland	12	10	.545	5
Anaheim	7	14	.333	9½
Texas	7	14	.333	9½

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 7, Baltimore 0
Texas 11, Toronto 9
Oakland 6, N.Y. Yankees 2

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-1) at Boston (Burkett 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 2-1) at Detroit (Greisinger 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 1-2) at Texas (Davis 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 0-3) at Kansas City (Reichert 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 0-1) at Anaheim (Appier 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 2-2) at Seattle (Baldwin 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
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Snyder squads hang on at hoops tourney

BROWNSBORO — Snyder teams got off to rough starts, but recovered quickly to stay alive at the boys National Dribblers Tournament.

Both Snyder squads fell in the opening round before notching victories to keep themselves in the hunt for the tournament title.

Snyder Junior was to have faced Navasota this morning at the same time Snyder Major took on Bryan. Both are elimination games.

The junior squad suffered a 55-14 setback to Jacksonville to open the tourney, but bounced back to register a 44-36 victory over Beaumont.

Rey Juarez and Jake Crenwelge dropped in 12 points each in the win. Alex Hernandez added six. Shade Roemisch and Kenyon Gafford tallied four apiece, and Anthony Taylor, TJ. Wright and Ty Burton chipped in two each.

In the major division, Snyder fell to Bryan, 46-37, before rebounding for a 31-21 win over Whitehouse.

Brent Bollinger's nine points spurred the team's victory. Ryan Claxton posted eight and Brooks Gafford had seven. Colton Brewster finished with four. Lance Day dropped in two and Travis Hatfield registered one.

The tournament wraps up Saturday night.

Timberwolves looking for answers against Mavericks

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — An emblem the Minnesota Timberwolves are using to promote this year's playoffs shows a silhouette of Kevin Garnett, arms raised high above his head to encourage the crowd.

Now the logo might more accurately be depicting Garnett throwing his hands up in frustration. As in, how do we stop the Dallas Mavericks from scoring so much?

Minnesota faces a sixth straight first-round ouster from the NBA playoffs unless it can slow things down in Sunday's Game 3 at Target Center. The Mavericks lead the best-of-five series 2-0.

"Hopefully, their shots don't go down in our building," said Wally Szczerbiak, who combined with Kevin Garnett and Chauncey Billups for 81 points in Game 2.

The Timberwolves must also hope to force the Mavericks into a few more mistakes. Dallas committed only six turnovers in its 122-110 victory Wednesday night after turning the ball a mere eight times in Game 1.

"It was something special," said Mavericks guard Nick Van Exel. "With our up-tempo game, that's pretty unbelievable. Maybe it's because we don't pass — whoever gets it, shoots it."

A fast start to get the Target Center crowd going would also be a big help for Minnesota.

"Their fans were something special," Szczerbiak said. "That's what we need. It gave them a lot of energy."

That's what the Timberwolves will need to hang with the Mavericks, who are brimming with confidence as they seek their first playoff series sweep in franchise history.

"We're a confident team right now," Finley said. "We feel we can go on the court and beat any team in the league."

Dallas, which has committed only 14 turnovers in the two games, could defy a bit of basketball logic that says up-tempo teams can't advance deep into the playoffs.

That looks quite possible, given the way the Mavericks are playing and Sacramento's struggles with eighth-seeded Utah. The Kings-Jazz winner (the series is tied at 1) plays the Mavs-Wolves survivor in the second round.

"We go with what's worked for us," Finley said. "The up-and-down game is what got us our success in the regular season, and we're not going to go away from it. We're a fun team to watch."

For everyone, maybe, but the Timberwolves. They didn't practice Thursday — perhaps to catch their breath.

The Wolves have tried unsuccessfully to keep up with the Mavericks, the NBA's highest-scoring team.

Said Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, who has 61 points and 30 rebounds in two games: "When we make our shots and we run the ball, I think we can beat anybody in the league."

The Timberwolves would find it hard to argue. After outrebounding Dallas 58-39 in a seven-point loss in Game 1, Minnesota figured it could even the series by cleaning up some sloppiness and playing better on offense.

In Game 2, the Wolves found themselves trailing by four at the half after shooting 61 percent in the second quarter.

Whether it was Nowitzki shooting a long jumper, Michael Finley speeding on a fast break or Steve Nash dashing to the lane on a drive, Dallas left Minnesota behind with a quick pace.

NBA Playoffs

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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)

Monday, April 22
New Jersey 95, Indiana 79, series tied 1-1
Seattle 98, San Antonio 90, series tied 1-1

Tuesday, April 23
Orlando 111, Charlotte 103, OT, series tied 1-1
Utah 93, Sacramento 86, series tied 1-1

Wednesday, April 24
Detroit 96, Toronto 91, Detroit leads series 2-0
Dallas 122, Minnesota 110, Dallas leads series 2-0

Thursday, April 25
Boston 93, Philadelphia 85, Boston leads series 2-0
L.A. Lakers 103, Portland 96, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0

Friday, April 26
New Jersey at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27
Charlotte at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 3 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28
Boston at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 29
Detroit at Toronto, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at Utah, TBA, if necessary

Tuesday, April 30
Charlotte at Orlando, TBA
New Jersey at Indiana, TBA
Dallas at Minnesota, TBA, if necessary

Wednesday, May 1
Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m., if necessary
San Antonio at Seattle, 8, 9 or 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, May 2
Indiana at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
Toronto at Detroit, TBA, if necessary
Minnesota at Dallas, TBA, if necessary
Utah at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

Friday, May 3
Philadelphia at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Orlando at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary
Seattle at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary
Portland at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

NHL Playoffs

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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Wednesday, April 24
Ottawa 3, Philadelphia 0, Ottawa leads series 3-1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Toronto 3, series tied 2-2
Carolina 3, New Jersey 2, OT, Carolina leads series 3-2
San Jose 2, Phoenix 1, San Jose leads series 3-1

Thursday, April 25
Detroit 4, Vancouver 0, Detroit leads series 3-2
St. Louis 5, Chicago 3, St. Louis wins series 4-1
Boston 5, Montreal 2, series tied 2-2
Los Angeles 1, Colorado 0, OT, Colorado leads series 3-2

Friday, April 26
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 27
Montreal at Boston, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 28
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 3 p.m., if necessary
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m., if necessary

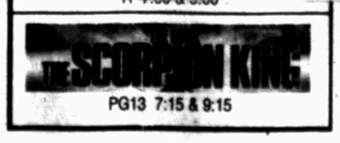
Monday, April 29
New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m., if necessary
Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9:30 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, April 30
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m., if necessary
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary
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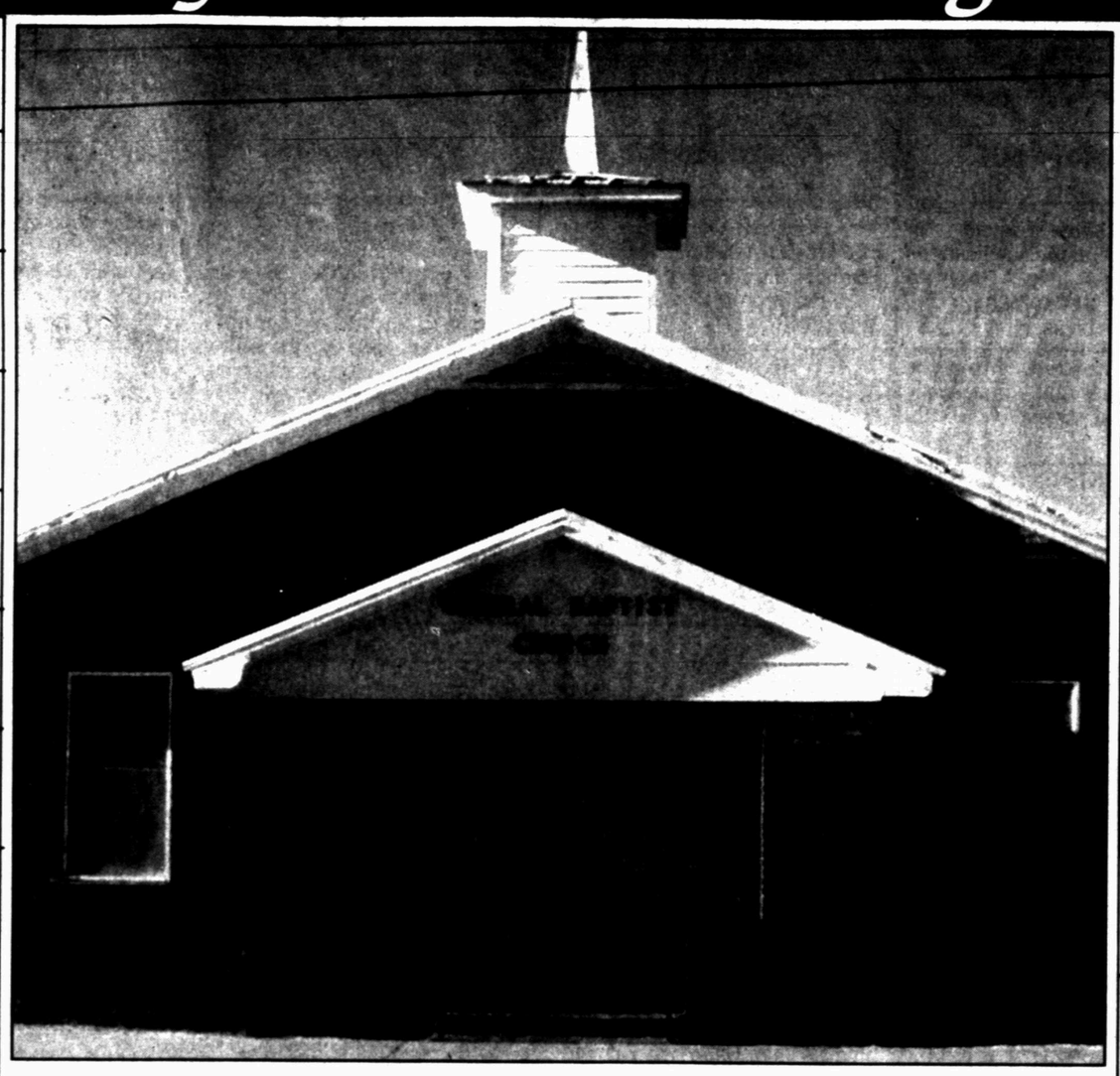
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Justice rejects Andersen's proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has rejected a proposal from accounting firm Arthur Andersen for settlement of a criminal obstruction charge stemming from the shredding of Enron Corp. documents, an Andersen attorney said today.

"They rejected our proposal," said the attorney, Rusty Hardin. "So I think all kinds of discussions with them are probably over for now. ... So we just proceed to trial. ... I think we're probably through talking to the government about the case."

Hardin declined to give any details of Andersen's proposal or the government's reasons for rejecting it.

Andersen, which is scheduled to go on trial May 6 in Houston on the obstruction-of-justice charge, had sent a letter to the Justice Department Wednesday laying out its position in response to the government's request last week.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo on today said only that the department issued a response to the accounting firm.

In a related development Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved an Enron-inspired bill that would create new criminal penalties for securities fraud. The action came a day after the House passed legislation that would tighten oversight of the accounting industry and toughen some corporate rules — a measure assailed by consumer groups and some Democrats as too weak.

Bush, prince try to renew peace effort

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush and Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah tried to breathe new life into Abdullah's Mideast peace initiative, a point of agreement in a relationship tarnished by disputes over terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian crisis itself.

No concrete progress resulted from the five-hour session on Bush's ranch Thursday, but both camps said that by building a personal relationship, the two leaders had made progress in improving U.S.-Saudi relations and perhaps the Mideast peace process.

"I'm convinced that the stronger our personal bond is, the more likely it is relations between our (countries) will be strong," Bush said after the two toured his ranch and dined on pecan-encrusted smoked beef tenderloin.

The relationship between the United States and the desert kingdom has seen more conflict than cooperation recently, and the crown prince delivered a stern warning to Bush that his support for Israel was damaging prospects for Mideast peace and undermining U.S. credibility in the Arab world.

"America is a country that was based on justice and freedom and doing what's right. America should pursue those principles in its foreign policies," the crown prince told Bush, according to Abdullah's foreign policy adviser, Adel Al-Jubeir.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon "is doing great harm to America's credibility in the Arab and Muslim world," he said in a telephone interview.

Abdullah urged Bush to pressure Israel to free Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from house arrest, and "explained to the president the dangers of the continuing stalemate and the importance of negotiating with the Palestinians," Al-Jubeir said.

"This is the closest ally of the United States from the Arab world, who has communicated to the president that Arab-American relations are on the brink of instability," said Clovis Maksoud, former Arab League ambassador to the United States and the United Nations.

Bush went no further after the meeting than repeating his demand that "all parties" — Israelis, Palestinians and Arab neighbors — have "responsibilities" in pushing for peace.

Nevertheless, Abdullah decided to remain in the United States for a couple more days — a sign that the crown prince did not view the session as fruitless.

Former student kills 17 in school shooting in Germany

ERFURT, Germany (AP) — An expelled student dressed all in black and carrying two guns opened fire in a school today in eastern Germany, killing 17 people before shooting himself as commandos closed in, police and witnesses said. During the rampage, a girl hung a sign out a window calling for help.

The death toll exceeded the April 1999 shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where 13 people and the two teen-aged gunmen died, and matched that of a 1996 shooting at an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, where 16 children, a teacher and the gunman died.

At Johann Gutenberg Gymnasium, the 19-year-old gunman, who was kicked out of the school several weeks ago, fired at random with a handgun and another weapon, apparently a shotgun, police said. The dead were found lying in hallways, some in bathrooms, they said.

"We found a horrible scene when we searched the building," police spokesman Manfred Etzel told N-TV television.

As police closed in, the gunman shot himself in a classroom where he was barricaded. The dead included two girls, as well as 10 men and five women. Among those killed were at least two teachers and a policeman who was among a group of officers who the first to charge into the building after a janitor called for help at about 11 a.m., police said.

After searching the building, police said they could not confirm accounts by school students that there was a second gunman.

When the shooting began, hundreds of students from grades five through 12 were in the school in Erfurt, about 150 miles southwest of Berlin in former East Germany.

During the rampage, a handwritten sign reading "HILFE" — Help — was pasted to a fourth-floor window and the face of a girl could be seen through a window.

Shocked students who fled the shooting reported seeing a man dressed all in black roaming the hallways with a gun.

"I heard shooting and thought it was a joke," said 13-year-old Melanie Steinbrueck, chocking back tears. "But then I saw a teacher dead in the hallway in front of Room 209 and a gunman in black carrying a weapon."

"The guy was dressed all in black — gloves, cap, everything was black," said Juliane Blank, 13. "He must have opened the door without being heard and forced his way into the classroom."

"We ran out into the hallways. We just wanted to get out," she said.

Obituaries

Dick Roberts

1923-2002

Richard T. "Dick" Roberts, a former reporter for the Snyder Daily News, died Wednesday, April 24, after a brief illness.



Dick Roberts

Funeral service for Mr. Roberts, 78, is set for 4 p.m. Sunday in the Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel with the Rev. San Williams, pastor of the University Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Japonica Cemetery in Kerr County.

Born July 14, 1923, Mr. Roberts served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a multi-engine pilot instructor and in the Southwest Pacific with the Far East Air Service Command.

Mr. Roberts moved to Austin from Snyder in 1965. He was retired from the Texas Department of Transportation where, for several years, he was editor of the department's travel literature.

Survivors include his wife, Jan Jones Roberts of Austin; his nieces, Elizabeth Armentrout and Leslie Sutter of Ohio; and cousins, Ann Alton Haynes and Jean Alton of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to University Presbyterian Church (2203 San Antonio, 78705), Hospice Austin (4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 100, 78759), the Humane Society of Austin (124 W. Anderson Lane, 78752), or to the Texas Nature Conservancy (Box 1440, San Antonio, 78295).

'Slim' Bailey

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KERMIT — Henry "Slim" Bailey, died early this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Services for Mr. Bailey, 85, are pending at Cooper Funeral Chapel in Kermit.

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Community choir concert slated tonight

The community choir will hold a concert at 7:30 this evening.

The event will be held in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre.

Tickets are $3 each.

Officers make felony arrest

Arrests

Erica Vasquez, 21, of 4700 Ave. R was taken into custody Thursday on a felony warrant for forgery of a financial instrument and for motion to revoke probation.

A 20-year-old man was taken into custody from the Justice of the Peace office Thursday morning and booked into the jail to lay out his fines.

At 12:20 p.m. officers arrested a 26-year-old woman from the 1300 block of 26th Street on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Disturbance

Officers responded to McDonald's Thursday night after a disturbance between two people was reported.

The officers contacted a man and woman who said a verbal disagreement had taken place and an offense report for family violence was submitted.

Theft

A clerk at Allsup's reported a theft just before 6 a.m. today and a Class B report was submitted.

Big Country sets meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its annual membership meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday at Hamlin High School.

A barbecue meal by Johnny's Barbecue of Midland will be served as one of the highlights of the meeting.

The business meeting will follow with a report from Jerry Stapp, general manager, and from the board of directors.

Three directors are to be elected at the meeting.

Unopposed District 1 nominee is John Ben Glover, while Roger Blackwelder is unopposed to represent District 5.

District 6 has two candidates - Jerry Upshaw and Andy Moore.

Throughout the evening, there will be entertainment and door prizes given.

Births

Todd and Rhonda Whatley of Blanket announce the birth of their daugher, Raylee Ann Whatley, at 4:06 a.m. on April 17 in Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Raylee Ann weighed five pounds, 13 ounces. She has two brothers, Brandon and Jared.

Maternal grandparents are Don and Shirley Head of Snyder and paternal grandparents are Alma Nell Whatley of Belton and the late Ray Lee (Skeet) Whatley. Great-grandparents are Thula Whatley, Rosalia Floyd and Audrey and Bonnie Head.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bake sale

Snyder Oaks Care Center will conduct a bake sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Seniors' parents meeting

A meeting of parents of SHS seniors will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the student center.

SJHS showcase

Snyder Junior High will host a showcase for incoming 7th graders at 6 p.m. Monday. Parents and students are asked to meet in the auditorium and then tour the building. Various departments will have displays and information available.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Angels: The Other Part of God's Creation," followed by "Deliver Us from Evil."

Ira kindergarten registration

Ira Independent School District will hold kindergarten registration Monday through next Friday from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration is for students who will turn five before Sept. 1. At the time of registration, a birth certificate, social security card and updated immunization record is required.

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.

Cancer board meeting

Directors of the Scurry unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Society members will discuss the latest information they have learned about an ancestor and explain the steps taken to find it. Visitors are welcome.

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.

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.

Prayer breakfast

Everyone is invited to Colonial Hill Baptist Church from 7-7:45 a.m. Thursday to observe the National Day of Prayer. The church is located at 37th St. and El Paso.

Car show, cruise

Classic cars will be on display from 7 to 9 p.m. next Friday in the American State Bank parking lot as the weekend's car show gets underway. The show will feature live music from the 1950s, '60s and 70s. The Snyder Wheels Sonic Drive In cruise will be held Saturday, May 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. following the swap meet and car show from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the square.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

A Pyron Cemetery meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, in the Hermleigh community center, followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira sports banquet is set for 7 p.m. Monday, May 6. Reservations can be made at the Ira school office.

End of school dance

An Snyder 8th grade end of school dance with a Hawaiian theme will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club. There will also be games and cost is $5.

American Legion officers

The American Legion will elect officers Monday, May 13, in a 7 p.m. meeting at the legion hall. All members are urged to attend.

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

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

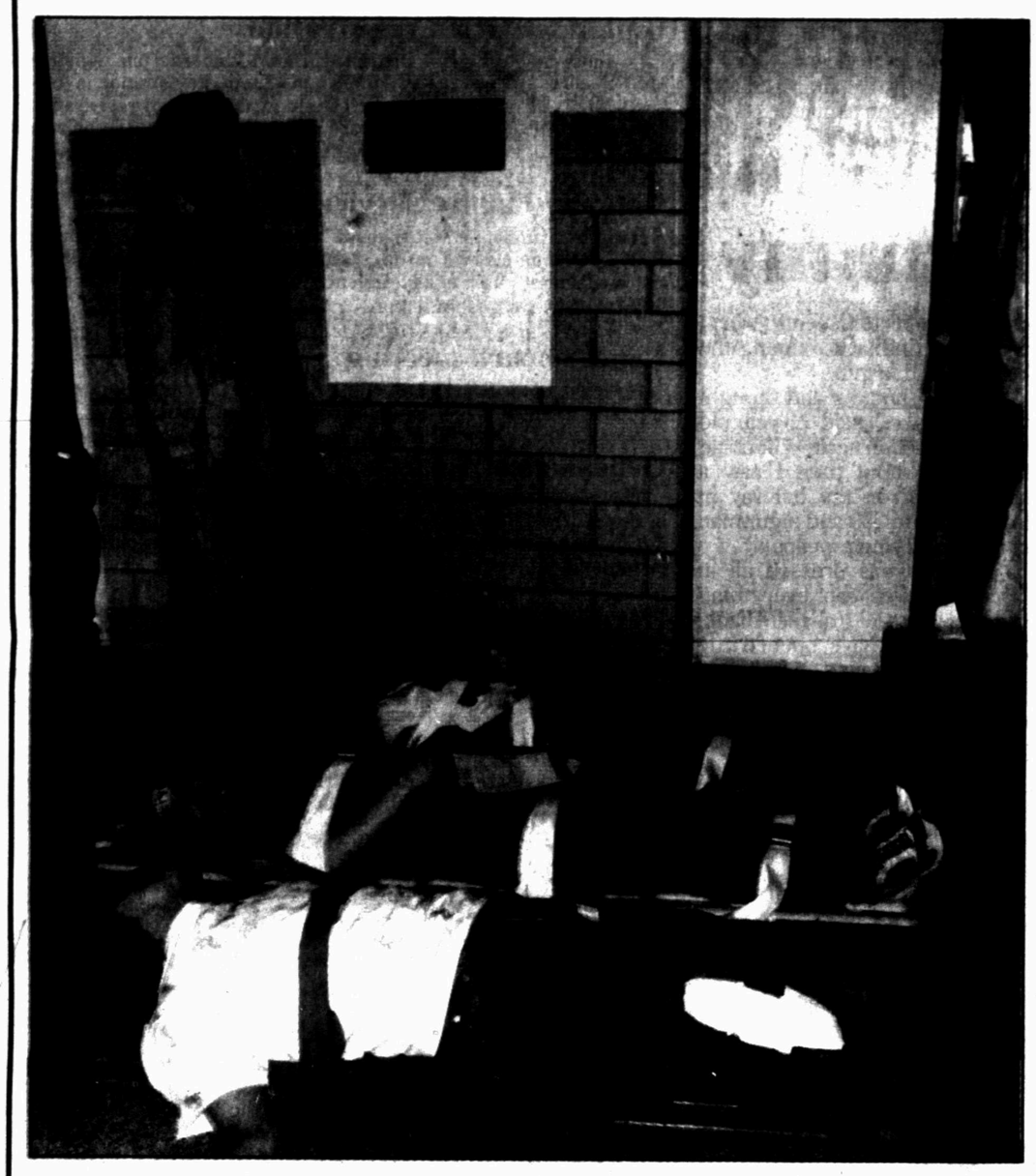
ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

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Scenes from the mock terrorist attack at Snyder High School Thursday. Participating were local law enforcement officials, Snyder EMS, Snyder Fire Department and Cogdell Memorial Hospital staff

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