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Two area soldiers killed in Iraq

From staff, wire reports

Two West Texas servicemen have been killed in Iraq and a third one is missing in action.

Scott Jamar, 31 and a 1989 graduate of Sweetwater High School, was killed Wednesday when his Black Hawk helicopter was shot down.

Chad B. Metcalf, 20, a 2001 graduate of Coahoma High, died Thursday in a vehicle accident while traveling in a convoy.

And yet another third area resident is missing in action as Nathan White, a 1991 graduate of Abilene Cooper High, is believed to be the pilot of an F/A-18 Hornet that was shot down over Iraq Wednesday.



Scott Jamar

Jamar was born in Abilene and attended school in Sweetwater from the fourth grade until he graduated.

His father, Wayne Jarmar of Granbury, said after learning of his son's death that Scott always said he would do whatever the commander-in-chief wanted him to do.



Chad Metcalf

"And he did it," said Wayne Jarmar.

Jamar had two sons, ages 5 and 7, who live with their mother in Alabama.

The parents of Chad Metcalf said Friday that their son was killed in an accident during a bad sandstorm.

"He loved what he was doing. He was over there fighting for us, and now he's above guarding us. His fight is over," said Ginger Metcalf, wearing a gray T-shirt that read, "My son is a U.S. Marine."

Outside, a U.S. Marines flag flapped in the breeze.

Military officials notified the family early Friday, said John Wayne Metcalf, the Marine's stepfather.

"We want to tell everybody how proud of him we were and how proud of him we still are," the stepfather said. "We can't quit praying for our troops. We need to press on and continue to support them and welcome them home."

Metcalf was born in Lubbock and grew up in Coahoma. He has two half-sisters and two half-brothers. His parents said services are pending.

"We will get through it, and I believe the righteous will prevail," the stepfather said.

Metcalf had been stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif., and was deployed Jan. 18 to Kuwait and then to Iraq with the C556-11 Transportation Company.

Four other soldiers with Texas ties were identified Friday as among those killed in the war.

The families of Army Spc. James Kiehl, 22, of Comfort and Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Villarreal Mata, 35, of Pecos were informed Friday that their sons were among the nine soldiers found dead when an American POW was rescued from a hospital in Iraq. Both were with the 507th Maintenance Company out of Fort Bliss in El Paso.

Master Sgt. George A. Fernandez, 36, a native of El Paso and member of the Army's Special Operations Command, died Wednesday after being shot in northern Iraq, the Defense Department said.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Don't worry about Peter Arnett. The former NBC war correspondent can always get a job as a public relations advance man for the Dixie Chicks."

Tuesday was an interesting and fun day at the SDN office. We got to visit with some of Snyder and Scurry County's finest — our subscribers.

Approximately 700 customers took advantage of the SDN April Fool's subscription renewal special.

The action began early — about 7:30 a.m. — and continued until closing time. We told some that Jack Denman arrived at 4:30 a.m.

During those hours, we actually had waves of people — often standing in line eight or 10 deep.

But no one seemed in a rush, as the event turned into a reunion of sorts. Folks hugged, visited and swapped children and grandchildren stories.

A few believed the offer was too good to be true, and thought it indeed was an April Fool's prank. Others got on the horn and called family and friends to make sure they were not missing out.

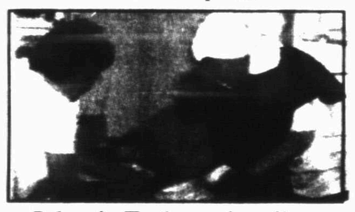
Some wanted assurance that we weren't making a financial mistake. The answer is simple.

We have often offered specials to attract new customers, but have rarely done something on behalf of our subscribers, many who are long-time and loyal.

We think it was M.J. Merritt who said she had been a subscriber since 1942. That led us to another idea, a search for the longest continual subscriber of the Snyder Daily News. And we'll have to take your word for it.

And many customers were especially kind, telling staff how important a hometown newspaper is to them. We're glad the SDN bunch got to hear some of those comments.

And we even learned that the beauty shop can wait if there's a good bargain in town. Johnnie Taylor was in the middle of getting a hairdo when she remembered that she needed to take advantage of the one-day offer. She arrived at the office about mid-afternoon with towel wrapped around wet hair and still wearing the shop's black cape. She even allowed a picture.



Johnnie Taylor subscribes

And during one visit, China Grove's Bill Hairston told us about another rural school that we had overlooked. Bill said Red Top was located about a mile north and a half-mile west of the Lone Wolf Cemetery, near the Mitchell County line.

Bill, a former Scurry County commissioner, said the school didn't operate long before it merged with Pyron.

And Jim Pemberton commented on those columns about black walnut trees.

Nobody wants to cut down a tree in West Texas, but Jim told us that trunks of a black walnut are valuable because of the beauty of the wood.

April 1 was a good day...and thank you, Snyder.

SHS one-act play advances to region

Snyder High School drama students are regional bound, their one-act play, *The Tempest*, advanced from the area contest held Friday at Midland College.

The SHS thespians also picked up seven acting awards in the William Shakespeare production, including another best actor nod for Tanner Beard, who earned the same recognition at the district contest.

Caleb Durham, Bobby Sands and Clark Reed were named to the all-star cast.

Honorable mention all-star cast recognition went to Malorye Miller, Nicole Sloboda and Sara Cantu.

"One thing (Jerry) Worsham (former SHS drama director) told me as a student," said current director Brad Vincent, "Is sometimes a judge will stop taking notes and just watch the show."

That's what happened Friday afternoon, Vincent said. The judge, Dan Mendoza of Lee College in Baytown didn't have much to say in his critique because he stopped to watch. He was impressed with the students and thought they did a good job.

Seminole High School's *Summer Tree* also advanced.

Members of the Snyder cast include Tanner Beard, Sara Cantu, Rachel Cave, Erin Cooley, Caleb Durham, Jason Hook, Paul Jackson, Reed Clark, Blake Robertson, Bobby Sands, Jeffrey Scott, Nicole Sloboda, Cole Welch, Josh Knox and Malorye Miller.

Crew members are Jerry Ashley, Marissa Chaidez, Justin Cox, Jeff Stanfield, Lacee Kincaid and Bret McClendon.

Emergency system now on COX cable

It's tornado season again, but Snyder citizens have an extra safeguard this year.

The Snyder Fire Department, in cooperation with Cox Communications, now has the ability to broadcast emergency messages on all Cox channels in Snyder.

Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said the new system will help keep residents safe during dangerous weather.

"We can activate a scroll line across the bottom of the screen for every Cox customer, even the digital subscribers," the chief said. "And we also have the ability, using a telephone, to talk and give emergency messages and cable subscribers will be able to hear us."

Westmoreland said the system can be activated from the fire station or even by cellular phone if necessary.

The system will require testing from time to time, but the chief said all tests will be clearly announced as such.

"If an actual emergency is underway, the alert will come on and tell viewers to stand by for a message," he said. "If we're just testing, it will announced that at the start."

This isn't the first time Snyder has had such a warning system, but Westmoreland said it has been several years.

"There were a few years there when the cable was owned by a few different entities and this kind of got left behind," he said. "But now that Cox is here, this was part of the franchise agreement with the city. We wanted this."

Westmoreland said if severe weather strikes, residents should stay inside and monitor their televisions to find out what's going on. The fire department will position tornado spotters at locations around the county.

All Snyder paid and volunteer firefighters went through a tornado spotting school in February.

Tornado season began April 1 and continues through the end of August. Texas is centered in the region of the U.S. known as Tornado Alley, but Snyder hasn't seen a tornado in decades.

"The last tornado that came near Snyder was in 1982," Westmoreland said. "It went right over the hospital, but it never touched down. It didn't do any damage."

Snyder also is equipped with tornado sirens for those citizens who don't have televisions or who don't subscribe to cable.

There are nine sirens placed throughout the city, but three are in need of repair.

The fire chief said even with three of the sirens not working, if the rest start to sound, everyone in town will hear them.

"If those go off, it's time to get inside," he said. "If you're in your house and you hear those sirens, don't go out to see what's going on. Just trust that we set them off for a reason.

"When there is bad weather in and around our city, we have a lot of eyes on it."

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

SPRING FORWARD— Millions of Americans will lose an hour's sleep Saturday night as daylight-saving time returns.

The change comes officially at 2 a.m. Sunday. People who fail to spring forward will be an hour late for church, work or other activities.

Daylight-saving time brings an extra hour of evening sunshine until Oct. 26, when standard time returns.

It's also a good time to replace batteries in smoke detectors, safety advocates say.

Some parts of the nation don't observe daylight-saving time. They include Arizona, Hawaii, the part of Indiana in the Eastern time zone, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

Monday morning...

Commissioners to discuss delinquent tax collection fees

Scurry County commissioners' court will discuss a proposed amendment to the contract for the collection of delinquent taxes when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The amendment calls for raising the attorney fees from 15 to 20 percent in the collection contract, according to Diana Williamson, tax collector.

Also on the agenda is consideration of a resolution for a National Airspace Data Interchange Network.

Rodger Sullenger, Winston Field manager, said the system will put Scurry County's weather information into a national database so pilots can find out what they might encounter when landing at the county airport.

TxDOT grants will pay 75 percent of the cost of the system and Patterson-UTI Energy has agreed to contribute $1,000. The county's share would be the same.

Representatives from Cielo Windpower also will be present to again discuss company plans to locate wind turbines in Scurry County.

Other business includes consideration of the annual Boy Scout fishing tournament at Towle Park set for May 9-10.

County Librarian Janie Romine will present a 2002 Texas public library survey and the court will consider proclamations declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Any line-item transfers and budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The court will meet in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Chicken Express...

Work has started on new fast food facility

Work is underway in the 4300 block of College Avenue for a Chicken Express restaurant that is expected to open by June 15.

Cleburne resident Todd Morgan owns the franchise. He and a partner operate six other Chicken Express facilities including Abilene, Eastland, Alvarado, Burleson, Cedar Hill and Midlothian.

A building permit for the 2,100 square-foot facility was granted Thursday by the city for $190,000.

Morgan said the restaurant would employ about 20 persons, most of them part-time.

Food can be ordered to go, or to dine in.

"We'll bring in a manager to train the residents hired locally," said Morgan. He also said he is using as many local sub-contractors and suppliers as possible during the construction process.

"I think we have a good location in Snyder," said Morgan who described the community as "neat."

Morgan said he had only been to Snyder one time before he began scouting for a location here.

"I spent one night there on the way back home from a skiing trip," said Morgan.

"Basically, I picked Snyder because I like the town and feel the business will do well there."

Morgan said the restaurant would sell a full line of fried chicken, including chicken tenders, regular fried chicken, livers, gizzards and the trimmings.

"And we sell a lot of sweet tea," said Morgan.

ASK US

Q—Is Texas Tech's weather recording station at the industrial park in operation?
A—Yes, find the information at www.mesonet.ttu.edu.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Judy Holmes...

...is the pastor's ministerial assistant at First Baptist Church. She has lived in Snyder eight years. Her husband, Clifton, is the field supervisor for Pool Well Service. They have two daughters. Haley attends Angelo State University and Heather is a sophomore at Snyder High School. Judy enjoys participating in youth activities.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Time is the least thing we have.
—Ernest Hemingway

Bring our troops home
See Page 2 for details

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Fish fry fundraiser

New Hope Baptist Church will hold a fish fry with all the trimmings until 5 p.m. Saturday. Plates are $7 for adults and $3.50 for those 12 and under. Carry-outs are available by calling 573-7243.

Fireman's reunion

A Fireman's Reunion will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center. All firemen (volunteer, retired, former, paid) and their families are invited. Bring salad, vegetable or desert to go with meat, beans and drinks that will be provided.

St. Elizabeth sausage festival

St. Elizabeth will have its annual sausage festival Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the parish center. Tickets are $7 for adults and all take-outs; and $4 for children 12 and under. Game booths, raffles and country store will be available. Sausage also sold by the pound, $3 uncooked and $4 cooked.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider 16 felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Mo at The Shack. Tom Pritchard, state president of the retired teachers associauon, will speak on the current legislative session.

Book fair

Northeast Elementary will have a book fair Monday through Wednesday. Hours Monday and Tuesday are 8 a.m.–5 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the school.

Hermleigh Cemetery Association

The Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Hermleigh Community Center.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "I Choose Death," followed by "The Resurrection."

VFW auxiliary meeting

The VFW Post 8231 Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. All members are urged to attend.

SISD volunteer banquet

SISD's 8th annual Volunteer Banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. The theme will be patriotic.

Mexican salad supper

Hermleigh's Relay for Life team will sponsor a Mexican salad supper starting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school. Cost is $5 for adults and $3 for children under 10. Take-outs are available. Chances also will be sold for two chairs and a table donated by Brice and Joyce Fugua. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Mission Fair

Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association will hold its third annual Mission Fair from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Snyder. There will be more than 20 booths of food and activities for all ages.

FFA booster club

Snyder High School's FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the ag building. Officers are to meet at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

Bake sale

Snyder Healthcare Center Family Council will have a bake sale starting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the back hallway. Enter on the south side.

Free income tax help

Free income tax help is available for persons earning low to moderate incomes. There is no age restriction. Assistance is available from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Antique tractor, farm equipment club

Antique tractor and farm equipment club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Jack's Road Boring on the Colorado City Hwy. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Bobby Grice at 573-3081.

Easter egg hunt

Knights of Columbus Council #8875 will host its fourth annual Easter Egg hunt at 1 p.m. next Saturday at Towle Park for children 12 years and under.

New support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a new support group session on Monday, April 14. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday to focus on the educational needs of adult victims of family violence and sexual assault. Help in the area of literacy, GED progress and computer skills will be offered in both group and individual settings. Children's support group will meet at the same time and childcare will be available. Call 573-1822 for more information.

High school orientation

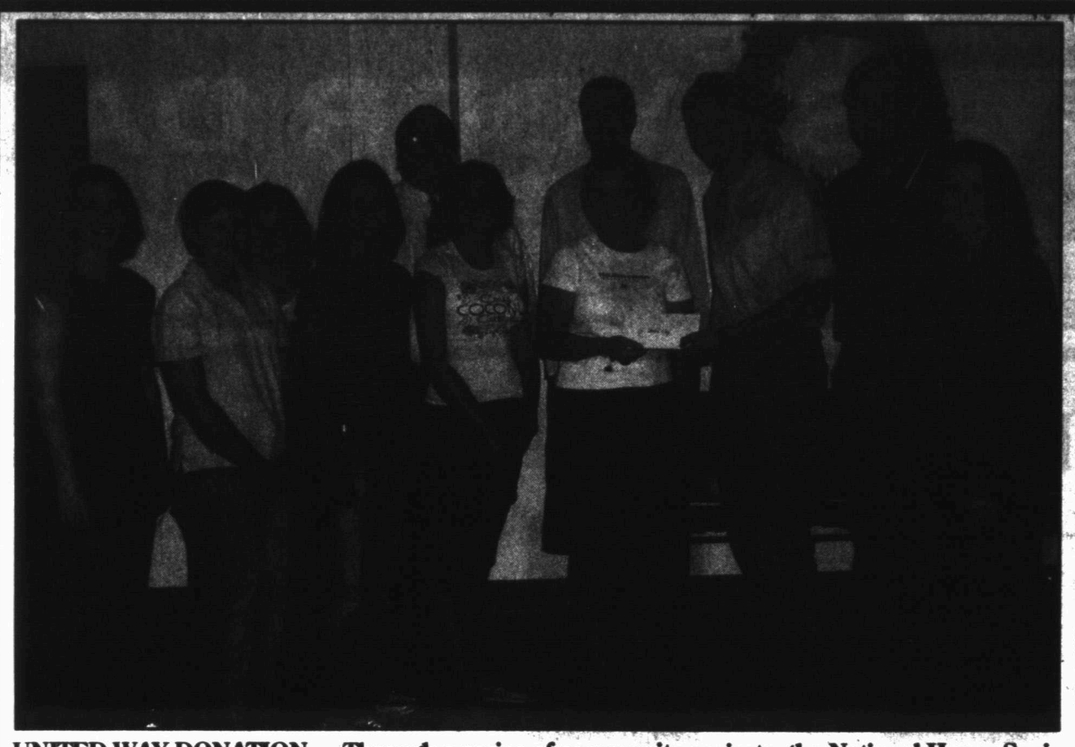
Parents of 8th grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14, in the junior high auditorium. Debbie Phillips, high school counselor, will provide information concerning high school registration, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs. 8th grade students also are invited to attend.

Lions Club meeting change

The Snyder Lions Club will attend Holy Week Services on Tuesday, April 15, in place of its regular meeting. Holy Week Services are at noon April 14-18 at First Presbyterian Church except for Friday when a 7 a.m. breakfast will be served at First United Methodist Church.

AARP recognition coffee

A come-and-go AARP recognition coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, at the Senior Center.



UNITED WAY DONATION — Through a series of community projects, the National Honor Society at Snyder High School raised $3,476 for the United Way. Catherine Whitworth, center, presents the check to United Way representatives Stephen Covey, Trent Driggers and Delinda Roberts. Other NHS members pictured front row from left are Jacinda Judah, Kellie Dodson, Hailey Putnam and Aaryn Stewart. Also pictured back row from left are Lynda McCormack and Ron Hester, NHS sponsors, and Larry Scott, principal. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Doctors eye tobacco marketing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas Medical Association is urging the Legislature to dedicate all state tobacco settlement money to health programs, especially anti-smoking and cessation projects.

TMA said Friday it does not want lawmakers dipping into the $17 million tobacco settlement to pay for general government expenses or capital projects.

The state's largest physician group adopted the policy during its annual business meeting in San Antonio. About 2,000 doctors are in the Alamo City through Saturday for business meetings and professional education programs.

"What we wanted to do is come out very strongly in support of using that money for its original designated purposes," said Dr. Catherine A. Ronaghan, a Lubbock surgeon and chairwoman of the committee that drafted the proposal.

Facing a $9.9 billion budget shortfall, some Austin lawmakers have talked about selling future tobacco settlement earnings for cash. Gov. Rick Perry has expressed opposition, but others, including Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, have favored the plan.

TMA wants settlement money to be used for a comprehensive tobacco prevention advertising campaign, statewide tobacco cessation programs, school-based tobacco education curricula, and screening and treatment of patients with tobacco-related diseases.

TMA also urges a ban on cigarette vending machines and mail or Internet sale of tobacco products.

The policy also calls for requiring tobacco products to be sold in plain white packaging with only the brand name and a large warning label on the dangers of smoking printed on the front. The doctors said they support regulation of tobacco products by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

In other measures, TMA delegates endorsed stronger penalties for alcohol-related offenses, including confiscation of vehicles from people convicted of driving while intoxicated, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The delegates did not endorse a proposal to seek regulation of all-terrain vehicles and require licensing of vehicle operators. The proposal was referred to a committee for further study.

KEY TO THE KINGDOM
"I Choose Death"
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
The Resurrection
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Join SNB in supporting our troops

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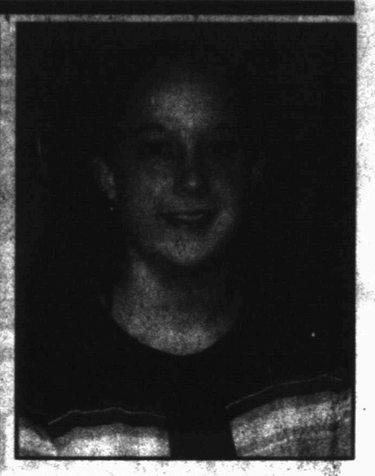
- ★ Sunscreen
- ★ Batteries (assorted)
- ★ Recent Paperback Books
- ★ Wet Wipes
- ★ Toiletry items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, etc.)
- ★ Hand Sanitizers
- ★ Hand lotion
- ★ Chap Stick
- ★ Individually-wrapped pieces of hard candy
- ★ Snack items: sunflower seeds, jerky, peanuts, etc.

(No home-made items please)

If you have family members currently serving in the armed forces, you are invited to bring a current photo by SNB for display on our community bulletin board.

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Kayla Phillips

Kayla Phillips joins Alpha Chi Society

Kayla Phillips of Snyder was inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society while attending McMurry University in Abilene.

Eligibility is limited to students in the top 10 percent of the university's junior and senior classes who have maintained a minimum scholastic average of 3.5, and have been selected by a faculty committee on the basic of character.

Kayla is majoring in communication and religion at McMurry University. She is the daughter of Al and Debbie Phillips of Snyder.

Roemisch inducted into PEK fraternity

Jennifer K. Roemisch, a senior at McMurry University, Sunday will be inducted into Phi Epsilon Kappa, the national fraternity for physical education.

The McMurry chapter was chartered in 2002 as Epsilon Pi. To be eligible for membership students must have attained a high level of scholarship and service in the semester preceding their induction. A GPA minimum of 3.0 is required.

Roemisch, a 1999 graduate of Hermleigh High School, will graduate next month with a bachelor of science degree in education.

At McMurry, Roemisch is involved with the PE Club, Serrant Leadership Mentor, and she is the vice president of Delta Beta Epsilon (women's social club). She also volunteers at Disability Resource Center, Abilene State School and Challenger Little League.

She is also employed by the Abilene Teachers FCU.

Roemish is the daughter of Joe and Debbie Roemisch of Hermleigh. She has one brother, Jeremy. Her grandparents include Julius and Jayme Roemisch of Hermleigh and W.D. and Linda Myers, both of Snyder.

Dean writing book for Simon &Shuster

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean has taken one more step that demonstrates he's a presidential candidate: He's writing a book.

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(Night) 4-8-1
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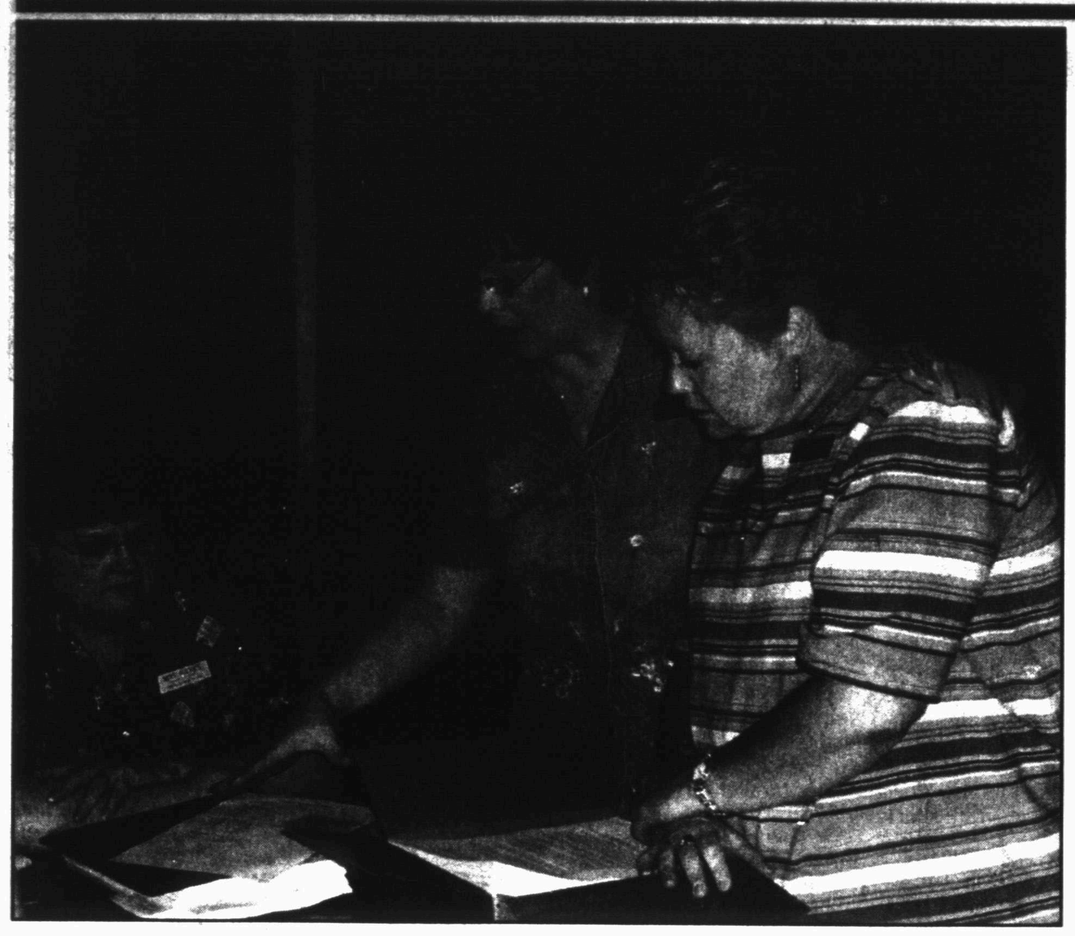
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GT CONSULTANT — Tammy Newman (center), gifted and talented consultant with the Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene, met with SISD teachers and administrators Thursday morning. Kellye Starnes, right, is junior high principal; and Sonya Hanks teaches junior high science. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

State Farm to stop covering customers who change homes

AUSTIN (AP) — State Farm, which in September 2001 stopped writing homeowners insurance policies for new customers in Texas, said Friday it would no longer offer coverage to its existing policyholders who move into a different home in the state.

State Farm Lloyds, the State Farm affiliate which writes homeowners insurance coverage in Texas, also will not write policies for State Farm customers who move to Texas from another state.

The move, effective immediately, was made primarily because the company has suffered tremendous losses on its homeowners insurance policies over the past two years, said Keith Androff, spokesman for State Farm, the state's largest homeowner insurer, with about 1.2 million policyholders.

"We are struggling financially and it doesn't make sense to bring on more business," Androff said. "This is financial decision we have to make."

The decision comes as lawmakers are contemplating changes to how the state regulates homeowners insurance.

The Senate approved a bill this week that would bring most homeowners and auto insurance companies under rate regulation, forcing them to seek permission from the state when they want to raise rates. The insurance industry has been critical of the bill.

Currently, about 95 percent of homeowners insurance companies are not rate regulated.

Androff said the company is watching all the legislation being considered, but said State Farm could not wait until legislation changing the market is signed into law.

State Farm would not say how many customers it expects to lose through the change.

Texas Department of Insurance spokesman Robert Black said the department does not believe the move will have a significant impact on the homeowners insurance market overall because there are "more than adequate" coverage options for consumers.

Already, Farmers Insurance Group, the state's second-largest homeowner insurer, is not writing homeowners insurance coverage for new customers.

"We're disappointed any time an insurer decides they want to stop writing policies in Texas, however we recognize that this is a business decision that will allow State Farm to remain in the Texas market," Black said.

Jerry Johns, a spokesman at the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service, Inc., said he believed the market is tight and said it is difficult to predict what impact State Farm's decision will have on the market.

"No one can say whether there is sufficient capacity among other insurers to absorb these customers or even if they are willing to do so," Johns said.

For every $1 in premium State Farm Lloyds collected last year and in 2001, the company incurred about $1.80 in claims and expenses, for a loss of about $1.8 billion on homeowners insurance policies, Androff said.

He said the only way State Farm has been able to stay in Texas is because of more than $1 billion in surplus loans that it has taken from its parent company, State Farm Mutual. Those loans have to be repaid, he said.

The company decided in 2001 not to write policies for new customers in Texas because of the financial losses, mostly due to continued increases in weather-related claims and a sharp increase in mold and water claims, Androff said.

Despite that, State Farm Lloyds wrote about 90,000 new policies last year, which the company did not expect, Androff said.

That doesn't necessarily mean the company grew by 90,000 customers because some of those policies could be for existing customers who moved and some customers may have left State Farm, Androff said.

Androff also said that rating agencies have downgraded State Farm Lloyds' financial strength and further downgrades could jeopardize the company's standing with mortgage companies and its policyholders.

Fortinbras to open at WTC

Fortinbras opens Thursday at Western Texas College. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. next Sunday.

For reservations, call 573-8511, ext. 234.

Written by Lee Blessing, Ray Newton, director, described the play as a "wacky comedy, but it makes you think."

A modern man of action, young *Fortinbras*, enters *Hamlet* in the last act. He orders the bodies of the royal family taken away. Then he looks for the best way to secure his ascension to the thrown of Denmark.

Many of the characters in *Fortinbras* are the ghosts of people who have died in Hamlet. *Fortinbras* and the ghosts have to battle a mistaken invasion of Poland.

Characters include Hamlet, played by Chris Shoemake; Osric, played by Chris Hensley; Horatio played by Jacob Brumley; and English Ambassador, played by Michael Hembry.

Others are Fortinbras, Ryan Ballard; Captain, Lacey Rowe; Marcellus/First maiden, Holly Gwynn; Barnardo, second maiden, Brandy Birkenfeld; and Polonius, Tedrick George.

Also in the cast are Ophelia, Monica Rose; Claudius, Clinton Hill; Gertrude, Mandy Mitchell and Laertes, Michael Gonzales.

Man convicted of practicing medicine without a license

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A man who castrated another man on his kitchen table was convicted of practicing medicine without a license.

Shuo-Shan Wang, 29, was found guilty by a jury Friday for performing the voluntary castration. Police arrested him in June after they found a 48-year-old man hemorrhaging outside of Wang's home in the Detroit suburb of Oak Park.

Authorities said Wang operated at the table in his home and then he and the man shared some pie at the same table. Wang did not charge for the surgery.

Avalanche dogs play and train in the snow

ALTA, Utah (AP) — As the helicopter landed, the dogs stared intently at the craft while blinking back the bits of snow propelled through the air.

The pack, mostly Labrador retrievers and German shepherds, waited with their handlers for their turn to hop in for a ride to a staged avalanche slide.

Once there, the dogs searched for and dug out volunteers buried in the snow.

"It's kind of a boot camp for dogs. They're out here for four days from 10 a.m. to 4 in the afternoon. They get to do three or four search problems per day," said Ben Meyerson, a 15-year veteran of the Alta Resort's ski patrol.

More than 20 teams of highly trained avalanche rescue dogs and their handlers from throughout the West gathered in Little Cottonwood Canyon for four days of training and mock rescue scenarios.

Wasatch Backcountry Rescue was founded in 1976 and is made up of volunteers from nine Utah resorts and helicopter skiing company Wasatch Powderbird Guides. Every two years the rescue group holds the seminars.

On the seminar's third day Wednesday, handlers exchanged information with colleagues from resorts from Nevada to Canada, while the dogs became acclimated to riding on a snowmobile and jumping into a helicopter while its blades whirl overhead.

Troy Quesnel, from Idaho's Sun Valley Ski Resort, waited with his 3-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever, Kintla, for her first helicopter ride.

"It's extremely helpful to get together will all these other handlers. You learn things you could never get training on with the little groups you have back home," Quesnel said, looking at his dog. "We're having a good time at camp."

Avalanche rescue dogs are usually purebreds: Labrador retrievers, German shepherds, border collies and golden retrievers. They have to be smart and athletic and preferably of a medium size, as those are easier to load into a helicopter or on a snowmobile.

"You can't have a submissive dog. They have to be a high energy, high-drive dog," Meyerson said.

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Reinforced cockpit doors due next week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every large commercial plane flying in the United States will have bullet-proof cockpit doors by next week, but airline security experts say the design doesn't provide the best possible protection against a hijacker entering.

Federal regulations require that cockpit doors be locked during flight, according to Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Les Dorr. But there are times when a pilot may open the door — to visually check wing surfaces, use the bathroom or change flight crews during a long trip.

That leaves the possibility the cockpit could be rushed by a hijacker.

"It's a barrier when it's closed, it's an entry when it's open," said Capt. Steve Luckey, chairman of the Air Line Pilots Association's national security committee.

The need to open cockpit doors was one reason pilots lobbied for guns in the cockpit, Luckey said. Under a test program, about 48 pilots will be begin training to carry weapons while flying commercial passenger planes this month. Thousands more could be carrying weapons by the end of the year.

Luckey would like to see another safety measure — a Kevlar curtain that acts as a secondary barrier when the cockpit door is opened. He said the curtain would delay a terrorist long enough for passengers to attack him. Luckey wants Congress to order all planes to have it.

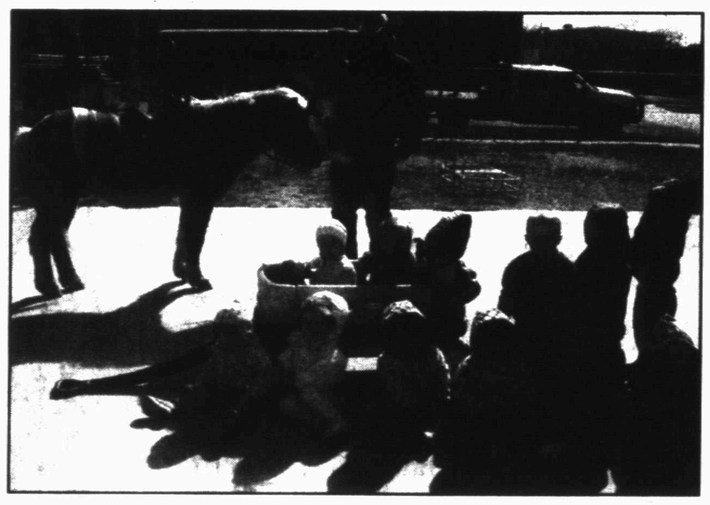
Israel's national airline, El Al, has among the most stringent security requirements. All its planes have double doors separated by a narrow hallway, said Offer Einav, former security director for the airline. Pilots must close one door before opening the other, he said.

That might not work for U.S. planes, Einav said: The narrow-body planes used for most domestic U.S. flights can't accommodate a double-door system, and there's a matter of stringency.

"How strongly are they going to impose the law of flying with a closed door, and are they going to enforce it?" Einav said.

Before the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackings, cockpit doors were designed to provide a quiet office environment for pilots. After the attacks, Congress decided cockpit doors should be designed to protect pilots from attackers.

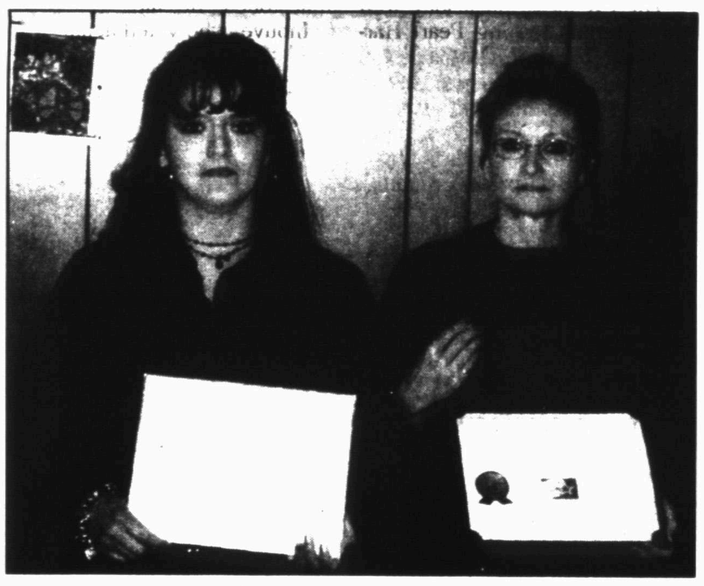




LEARNING ABOUT ANIMALS — Students in First United Methodist Church's Discovery School learned about animals last month. Borden Gray brought a horse and a cow for the children to see. Students in the top photo are Eric Garcia, Michelle Brazil, Hannah Downing, Kerrington Biggers, Avery Price, Josh Owens, Hayleigh Hernandez, Jaden Medrano, Reed Owens, Hannah Jones, Taylor Freinsod, Anthony Ortegon. Kyler Roemisch, Lainey Kiker, Lindsey Northcott, Hayley Gray, Borden Gray and Jana Edmonds. Students in the bottom photo are Allyssa Hudson, Madison Moore, Shyla Garcia, Kayla Garcia, Kaitlin Bowen, Rena Morrell, Taylor Wood, Kooper Shook, Matthew Brazil, Blake Miller, Kaytlin Hernandez, Zach Smith, Katie Gray and Borden Gray. (Contributed Photos)



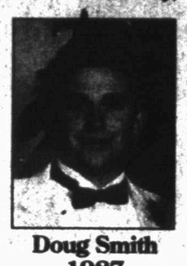
LEE MARCH WINNER — Gina Lee of Cogdell Hospital Home Health Service is the March winner of The Big Payoff, a project sponsored by The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection. She won a family dinner at Kerry's Pit and Grill. Each month, a local company or group of businesses will be selected to receive in their paychecks flyers that promote family time. Employees are encouraged to then turn in their favorite family time activity, and a winner is drawn from those entries. Lee said her favorite way to spend time with the kids is to garden and play games with them. Pictured from left are Leroy Ochoa and Jayson Bohannon, representing The Connection, Lee, and Ruth Kerry. (Contributed Photo)



MHMR AWARDS — Judy Garza (left), a vocational rainer in the vocational technical center in Snyder, has received her five-year award from West Texas Center for MHMR. Carol Graves, a vocational/technical trainer in the Snyder resource center, has received her two-year award from WTC MHMR. (Contributed Photo)

Whatever happened to...

Sgt. Arthur Doug Smith graduated Snyder High School in 1987 and received his master's degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in May, 1999.



Doug Smith 1987



Doug Smith 2003

Following SHS graduation, he attended Western Texas College and Abilene Christian University and graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 1994.

He completed basic training in the United States Marine Corp. in 1991 and served two years and has served in the reserves since 1993.

Smith taught the sixth grade in Parkway Elementary from 1995-97 and was assistant principal from 1998-2001. Later, he the was assistant principal at Bennett Intermediate School in Frenship ISD from 2001-02. He was principal at Crestview Elementary in Frenship when he was called for active duty in January.

Sgt. Smith was deployed in February from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to Iraq..

Awaiting his return are his wife, Katrina of Lubbock; his three children, Kirsten, 9; Reagan, 6; Luke, 23 months; his parents, Terry and Billie Smith of Benicia, Calif., and Jane Gogan of Fort Worth; and his grandparents, A.P. and Virginia Smith of Snyder.

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Three suspects held in deadly robbery at check cashing store

HOUSTON (AP) — Three suspects have been arrested in the shooting deaths of a police officer and a 27-year-old single mother during a check cashing store robbery.

Police said charges were pending against the men, who were arrested separately Friday.

Houston police officer Charles R. Clark, who would have celebrated his 20th anniversary with the department Friday, and store employee Alfredia Jones were shot to death during a robbery Thursday at the Ace America's Cash Express.

Clark, 45, was the first to respond to a panic alarm at the check-cashing business. Fellow officers found his body just outside the store.

Jones, the single mother of a 10-year-old son and a 3-month-old daughter, had just returned to work after a three-month maternity leave. She was working alone when she was killed.

Investigators who worked through the night on the case descended on a southwest Houston-area motel at about 7:30 a.m. Friday and arrested one man. He was led to a waiting police cruiser still wearing his boxer shorts.

Police said a gun was recovered and was being tested Friday to determine whether it was one of the weapons used in the slayings.

Homicide Lt. Nelson Zoch said it was unknown whether the man arrested at the motel was one of the two gunmen sought in the double homicide, or the driver.

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Financial Focus

Lessons from the Bear Market

You might think there's nothing positive in a stock market that has slumped for a long time. After all, the value of your holdings is down, and you're having a hard time seeing where to invest. And yet, even a long bear market can teach investors some valuable lessons — if you know where to find them.

Here are a few to consider:

•**Stay in the market** — When prices keep falling, many people try to "trade their way to success" — or they get out of the market altogether. But constant stock trading is expensive and usually ineffective. Furthermore, it's hard to develop a solid, disciplined investment strategy if you're always making trades based on short-term considerations. And if you jump out of the market, you could miss the early stages of a recovery. It's generally a good idea to stay invested rather than try to time the short-term ups and downs of the market.

•**Know your own risk tolerance** — We all have different investment personalities. Some of us are willing to take more risk in exchange for potentially higher returns. Others accept lower returns in exchange for greater stability of principal. Most investors are somewhere in-between. A bear market provides a good opportunity to gauge whether your risk tolerance is really what you thought it was.

•**Diversify** — You can't totally elude a bear market. But you can blunt its impact by diversifying across a range of investments - stocks, bonds, government securities, money market accounts and others. If all your investments are alike, they may all move in the same direction at the same time — a problem in a down market.

•**Be "price-conscious"** — Even during a prolonged market downturn, some stocks can still be expensive. Before you buy any stock, make sure its price is supported by solid fundamentals — such as a strong track record of earnings. You need look back no further than the bursting of the technology "bubble" to find an example of stock prices that could not be sustained due to low — or non-existent - profits.

The upside of a bear market is that some high-quality stocks are attractively priced, because a bear market tends to drag everything down. Eventually, good stocks are likely to bounce back — but the best time to buy them is now.

Ultimately, a bear market can be quite educational. You'll become acquainted — or reacquainted - with the importance of finding attractively priced companies that offer solid business plans, competitive products and far-sighted management. You'll gain a greater appreciation of just how much risk you can handle — and how much discipline you can impose upon yourself. These are all-important insights — and they'll serve you well today and long into the future.

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Live remote will focus on Relay For Life

KSNY will further the cause of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life on from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19 when the Snyder radio station will host a live remote to highlight team fundraising efforts and facts about cancer from Tiger Health and Fitness.

Each of the 42 teams entered in the relay have been invited to set up a table at the Snyder Shopping Center location and promote their fundraising efforts. The team from Tiger Health and Fitness will give away either a bandana or a water bottle with their logo on it with each donation of $10 or more.

The water bottles are provided by AeroCare Medical Equipment.

Tiger Fitness owner Melody Martin is the team captain, and she is excited to be part of the Relay For Life.

She had planned to join another team, but Margaret Presswood, team recruitment volunteer, urged her to get her own team together. "We're in the health and fitness business and we formed a team to show others we care about our health and everyone else's," she said.

Other team members are Lane Martin, Logan Martin, Melissa Martinez, Joe Salinas, Melinda Merrill, Angie Clayton, Tabitha Lewis, Dana Eaton, Becky Buchanan and Krisi Early.

KSNY will provide the remote as a donation to the Relay For Life.

"We hope that everyone will come out and see what all we have to offer. Many of the teams are having drawings, bake sales and neat things for the kids to do, and we just plan to have a fun day introducing our teams and getting the word out about the April 25-25 relay," said event chairperson Terrisu Mann.

Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society nationwide. Just before Christmas, the local unit held a style show to honor local cancer survivors and proceeds from that went to the relay. Mrs. Mann said the style show may become an annual event.



RELAY FOR LIFE — Pictured are Joe Salinas, Melody Martin and Krisi Early, members of the Tiger Health and Fitness team for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. KSNY will host a live remote April 19 from Tiger Health and Fitness. (Contributed Photo)

"There will be many teams set up with their fundraising stuff, but we are not in competition with each other. We have all come up with these great ideas to raise money to fight cancer. The money may be divided among teams when it's turned in, but it all goes to the same place, and that's why we want to see people out at our remote," said volunteer Wendy Barnett.

The local ACS unit will have information available about early detection and prevention of cancer.

Luminaria, the candles in white bags that are lit during a special ceremony at the relay will be available during the remote. The luminaria can be either in honor of someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has lost the battle. A minimum donation of $5 is requested. By purchasing a luminaria early, citizens will have the opportunity to personally decorate their bags.

Teams that will participate in the live remote are:

The Misfits: Bake sale, lemonade and chicken fajitas for donations and tickets for their April 25 drawing. Winners will receive either a $100 gift card to United Supermarket; four tickets to a Texas Ranger baseball game; a DVD player donated by Roe's Furniture; personalized autographed items from Tim McGraw or hair cuts from Hair Razors. Ticket donations are 3 for $5.

Stanfield Freedom Fighters: Donations for a drawing for five hours of decorating labor, courtesy of Terrisu Mann or an extra large basket of Mary Kay products from Linda Cozart. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.

The Wiggles from WSI: Donations for a drawing to win either a DVD player, a cordless telephone, a hair care gift set from The Cutting Edge, or and Advocare gift set from Independent sales agent Shirley Newman. Tickets for this drawing are $2.

Tiger Health & Fitness: Patriotic tattoos for the children or adults for any donation and either a Tiger Health and Fitness water bottle or bandana for a donation of $10 or more and a chance to win a one-year membership with a donation of $50 or more.

Basic Energy Services: Tickets for drawing at the relay for a Kodak digital camera with loading dock, camera bag and extra memory card. Donations for these tickets are $2 or 3 for $5.

Walkers Without Boundaries (formerly known as Abel DeLoera's team): Air Castle jumping for the children with a donation to the team.

Angels of Courage: Tickets for their drawing for a painting by Jess Everett for $1 each and a bake sale.

Hermleigh ISD: Tickets to win two chairs and a table handmade and donated by Brice Fuqua are $5 each.

Friends for Life: each $2 donation is a chance to win a specially-designed quilt, or a $5 donation gets three chances to win.

Tough Enough — SISD Administration Building: Entries to the drawing for a GE DVD/CD player are $2 each.

Other booths may set up at the Snyder Shopping Center on April 19.

Economist criticizes some budget cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — A well-known economist on Friday warned that proposed funding cuts to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program would hurt the state economy and end up costing taxpayers more.

Also Friday, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Teel Bivins said ideas to delay certain payments in the next state budget to help close a $9.9 billion gap have gotten "a bad rap."

If lawmakers go through with proposals to slash state funding to the health care programs, it could mean higher local taxes, increased health insurance premiums, slower business and increased costs to hospitals and doctors who would be forced by law to treat the uninsured, said economist Ray Perryman, president of the Perryman Group in Waco.

Perryman estimates that every $1 cut in state spending would mean local taxes go up by 51 cents and a loss of $2.81 in federal matching money. He was commissioned by the Texas Medical Association and the Texas Hospital Association to study the impact of proposed budget cuts.

"This is one of the least efficient wants to achieve the fiscal balance that we're trying to achieve right now," Perryman said. "You don't cut the system so much as you reallocate who pays for it."

Dr. Lewis Foxhall of the Texas Medical Association said lawmakers must consider the ripple effect. "It looks to me like it's more of a tidal wave at this point," he said.

Various money-saving proposals moving through the Texas House this session would mean some 275,000 children would no longer be eligible for CHIP, a low-cost insurance program for low-income working families.

Tens of thousands more also would lose Medicaid services under the recommendations.

Some lawmakers have been vocal about the possibility of passing down costs to local taxpayers. GOP leaders say they're doing the best they can to balance the budget without state taxes and are trying to fairly distribute the fiscal pain.

Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, a Burleson Republican on the Appropriations Committee, said budget writers have come a long way in the past several weeks from deep slashing proposed earlier to nursing homes and other areas.

"I'm very proud of where we are," she said Thursday.

Meanwhile, Senate budget chairman Bivins defended proposals to delay monthly state payments such as those to local school districts and from the Teacher Retirement and Employee Retirement systems.

The $1.6 billion idea has been criticized by GOP Gov. Rick Perry, who called such recommendations "budgetary sleights of hand."

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn also criticized the budget-balancing proposal by Bivins and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. It also would delay payments for textbooks and spend funds such as the emergency Rainy Day Fund.

Strayhorn must OK any budget ultimately passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor before it can take effect Sept 1.

"I have expressed publicly — and privately with the leadership — deep-seated reservations about using one-time funding sources, delaying payments and raiding the Rainy Day Fund. I am hopeful that the Senate will pass a budget that I can certify," she said.

Strayhorn has offered her own money-saving ideas, including video lottery gambling she said could raise $712 million for public education.

Bivins, R-Amarillo, said delaying payments is a legitimate tactic budget writers used in 1989, 1991 and 1993. The payments were eventually repaid in 1995 when Texas had billions in surplus.

Putting off the payments due Aug. 31, the last day of the fiscal year, until the first day of the next fiscal year, Sept. 1, would have minimal effect on schools and teacher and state employee insurance, he said.

Veterans of 442nd mark 60th celebration

HONOLULU (AP) — They were scrutinized, shunned and classified as "enemy aliens" by their own country, but that didn't stop thousands from volunteering to fight and die for the United States.

The Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team was made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans, some whose families were held in internment camps by the government they served. They had their loyalties questioned after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor but their unit emerged from World War II as one the most decorated in U.S. military history.

One of them is a U.S. senator.

More than 800 members of the 442nd from across the country, including five Medal of Honor recipients, are in Honolulu this weekend to attend the 60th anniversary of the unit's founding.

The 442nd veterans, including members of the 100th Infantry Battalion it was attached to, will celebrate their valor in Europe and their victory over bigotry at home. They will also honor the thousands in their unit that gave their lives.

"Certainly, this is the last hurrah," said veteran Ed Ichiyama, 79, co-chair of the anniversary committee. The average age of the 442 is 82, he noted, "so we're probably not going to have a 70th."

The events begin Friday with the veterans touring Pearl Harbor and the USS Missouri, on whose deck the Japanese surrendered in Tokyo Bay in 1945. On Saturday they will attend a memorial service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Their events conclude with a banquet Sunday to honor 442nd veteran U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

In 1945, Lt. Inouye was leading a platoon of the 442nd's 2nd Battalion in Italy when it came under a hail of fire and he was shot in the stomach. He managed to toss two grenades before his right arm was shredded by a German rifle grenade. He continued to fight, throwing another grenade with his left hand and firing his Thompson submachine gun until he was hit in the right leg.

In the attack, 25 German troops were killed and eight were captured. Inouye was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2000 by President Clinton.

Inouye, 78, said that being a member of the 442nd is a key part of his decades of public service.

"There are certain milestones in my life that stand out, I think this is one of the most important milestones," he said.

Inouye, who voted against giving President Bush broad authority to use military force to disarm Iraq, said firsthand knowledge of war has helped him in the Senate and as ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations defense subcommittee.

Ichiyama said his service has shaped both who he is today and his outlook on life. "Every morning I sit up and if I can listen to the birds, it's a bonus," he said.

Ichiyama has met with fellow members of the dwindling 442nd Veterans Club in Honolulu every month for more than five decades. Their motto "Go For Broke" is still prominently displayed there. He said they always tell the same stories, and because many have gotten hard of hearing, they seem like they are arguing instead of talking.

"Every month we win the war," he said. "That's what keeps us going."

Ichiyama can't forget the horrors of war, including hearing fellow U.S. servicemen crying out for their mothers as they slowly died at the Vosges Mountain in France during a bloody rescue of the 1st Battalion of the 141st Regiment.

Philip Morris asks court to lower bond in Illinois lawsuit

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Saying it cannot come up with $12 billion, Philip Morris USA asked an Illinois court Friday to lower the bond it must post before appealing its loss in a lawsuit over "light" cigarettes.

The company asked Judge Nicholas Byron to reduce the bond to at most $1.5 billion.

Philip Morris has warned that the full bond amount might keep it from making payments required under a landmark 1998 tobacco settlement with 46 states — including Illinois. The company has also raised the possibility of bankruptcy.

William Ohlemeyer, Philip Morris vice president and general counsel, said Illinois gave up its right to further damage awards when it agreed to the 1998 settlement.

He also said the company's net worth is less than $12 billion and that it would go bankrupt if forced to put up the entire amount.

For 2002, Altria Group — the new name for the holding company Philip Morris Cos. Inc. — reported net income of $11.1 billion.

On Friday, Washington state Attorney General Christine Gregoire and 45 other state attorneys general notified Philip Morris that they will bring legal action if the next payment is late. Gregoire also said she plans to file a brief in Illinois supporting Philip Morris's request for a lower appeal bond.

"It's not only important that we get the payment, but that we get the payment in a timely manner," Gregoire said Friday. Washington's $53 million, due April 15, is already budgeted for health care and tobacco prevention programs.

Byron ordered Philip Morris last month to pay $10.1 billion in damages and $2 billion in legal fees for tricking smokers into believing two of its "light" brand cigarettes are less toxic than regular ones.

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SPORTS

Sweetwater 7, Snyder 4...

Miscues, long balls doom Tigers

On a night when nearly everything went wrong for the Tigers, two pitches were the difference.

Sweetwater freshman Kendal Carrillo belted a two-out, three-run homer in the bottom of the first inning, and Bubba Moncada nailed a two-run shot in the sixth to give Sweetwater a 7-4 victory over the Tigers Friday.

The loss was the first in district for Snyder (12-9, 4-1), which still holds a half-game lead over Sweetwater in the standings.

"They played better than we did," Snyder skipper Charles Bollinger said. "We gave them extra outs and didn't take advantage of our opportunities."

The Tigers jumped to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a solo home run by Chance Greenwood.

Carrillo's two-blast came after Snyder starter Logan Hill (5-4) looked to be out of a first inning jam after walking leadoff batter Mychal Carrillo. But cleanup hitter Reid Bishop walked on four pitches and Carrillo drilled a 1-0 fastball deep over the left field fence.

Hill struggled through three innings of work, loading the bases in the fourth inning before a two-run single by Mychal Carrillo chased Hill with nobody out.

Ty Collier pitched the final three innings. His only mistake came in the sixth inning, when he served up a two-out, full count fastball that Mustang left fielder Bubba Moncada crushed to give Sweetwater its final two runs.

"When you play a quality team like a Snyder, Merkel or Seminole, the difference is two-out hits," Mustang coach Connie Cochran said. "When Snyder and Sweetwater play you know its going to be exciting. Those kids in black and gold made some big plays."

Snyder battled back, scoring a run in the fifth on an RBI groundout from Blake Grimmett. The Tigers plated two more runs in the top of the seventh after back-to-back-to-back singles from Marcus Villarreal, Grimmett and Billy Pena.

Pena drove in Grimmett and was chased around the circuit on a base hit by Logan Hill to pull the Tigers to within three with two outs.

The Tigers were plagued by miscues throughout the night, including four errors and some base running blunders that stopped rallies.

Sweetwater starter Reid Bishop improved to 3-0, scattering eight hits and walking one, while working around three errors from the freshman Carrillo at shortstop.

Bollinger had some advice for his club on how to deal with the loss.

"Forget it," he said. "We're still on top of the district. If we fret over this, it will affect the next game."

Cochran said he thinks District 3-3A will be a horse race between the top clubs.

"I think it's still a four-team hunt," he said. "We have four of our next six games at home, and I have to feel like it's an advantage. I think it will come down to the last week of the season."

The Tigers have two winnable games next week, as they travel to Lamesa Tuesday, then host Denver City Friday night. Snyder beat Lamesa, 8-1, to open district play, and pounded Denver City, 15-1, March 25.

Snyder then has two road games at Merkel and Seminole, before closing out the regular season at home April 22 against Sweetwater.

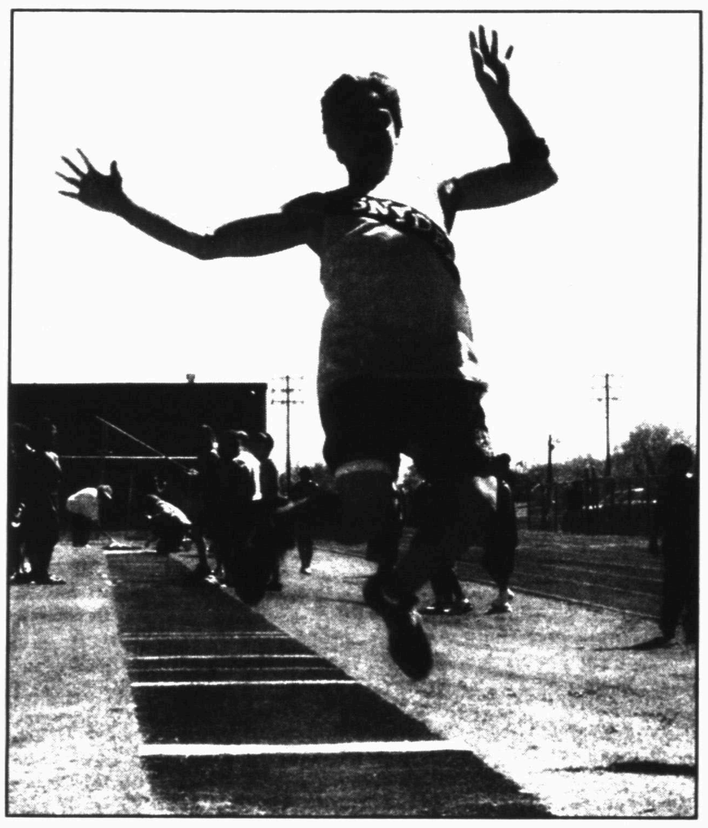
In other district action Friday, Merkel crushed Denver City, 14-3, and Seminole cruised past Lamesa, 15-8.

Snyder's scheduled game with the Golden Tors Tuesday will be played in Lamesa, after thunderstorms forced the teams to shuffle the schedule.

The first pitch will be at 5 p.m.

District 3-3A Standings

	District		Overall	
Snyder	4	1	12	9
Sweetwater	3	1	15	6
Seminole	3	2	12	7
Merkel	3	2	8	8
Lamesa	1	4	5	16
Denver City	0	4	6	15



FLYING TIGER — Seventh-grader Ryan Claxton makes a long jump attempt at the Snyder Jr. High district track meet Friday at Tiger Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dusters split with Howard College

The Lady Dusters split an afternoon twinbill with Howard College Friday, dropping the first game, 5-1, before rebounding with a 5-4, comeback victory in the nightcap.

After falling behind 3-0, the Dusters (29-15, 13-7) raced back to a take a 5-3 edge in the fifth inning.

Amber House threw the complete game, and has seized the number one spot in the rotation after a string of solid outings.

"Right now, House is getting it done," Duster head coach Rodney McNeill said. "And she'll have to keep doing it until the others come along."

Patricia Gonzales was tagged with the loss in the opener, as her recent struggles on the mound spilled over into the first game.

"Pat didn't have it," said McNeill. "Our team was ready to play, but our pitching took us out of it."

Sarah Thornton and Brandy Jordan pitched in relief in the first game.

"I think if our pitching can keep us in games, our kids are ready to make the jump," McNeill said.

The team was slated to challenge Howard College (26-16-1, 13-9) in a Saturday doubleheader.

House was to get the start in the nightcap, with Jordan taking the ball in the opener.

The first game of Saturday's twinbill was scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

Lady Tigers rout Cooper, 17-3

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Cooper stormed out of the gates Friday, jumping on the Lady Tigers for three runs in the first inning.

It wasn't nearly enough.

Snyder (30-3, 6-0) responded with nine runs in their half of the first to blow out Lubbock Cooper, 17-3, and solidify its position at the top of District 3-3A.

Cooper smacked five hits in the first inning off starter Jacque Alvarez (11-1), but could only muster one more the rest of the way, as the Lady Tigers moved around their defense to stifle Cooper the rest of the way.

Snyder finished the day with 13 base knocks.

"They hit a few shots deep onus, and a couple went between first and second," said head coach Shelly Hayes. "I shifted Val over at second and played Kelsi and Missy deep in the outfield. We made the adjustments we needed to."

All nine Snyder batters scored in the first inning, with several Lady Tigers having big games on offense.

Dara Chambers went wild at the plate, smacking a triple and two singles to plate four runs.

Ashley Martinez continued to drive the ball in the cleanup slot, going 3-for-4 with three doubles and two RBI. Martinez' second double narrowly missed going out, striking the top of the fence and bouncing back into play.

Shelley Fisk broke loose with two singles and a double, gathering two RBI in the process.

"Dara had a great game, and Ashley is really playing well," Hayes said.

Alvarez helped herself at the plate, driving in two runs with a triple and slapping a sharp single in four at bats.

Hayes said everything came together for the team after the first inning hiccup.

"The girls had a lot of fun — which is the most important thing — and they played good ball," she said.

A-Rod earns more than entire Devil Rays' roster

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez, at $22 million, makes more money than any other baseball player — and the entire Tampa Bay Devil Rays, too.

Pity the poor Devil Rays, who play the top-spending New York Yankees in a series that starts Friday night. Tampa Bay's skimpy payroll is even smaller than the gap between the Yankees and runner-up New York Mets.

Baseball's average salary shot past $2.5 million for the first time on opening day this week.

Culp qualifies for area track meet in 3,200

Hermleigh senior and West Point selectee Terrel Culp placed third in the 3,200M run, qualifying him for the area meet April 17 in Highland.

Culp used a time of 11:49.96 to vault him into third at the district meet in Throckmorton Thursday, and a shot at the area crown in the 3,200M competition.

Culp also ran the 1,600M event, crossing the line in 5:49.75 for fifth place.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Baseball: Snyder JV at Lamesa, 4 p.m.
Track: Snyder varsity and JV at Lamesa, district meet.

TUESDAY

Baseball: Snyder at Lamesa, 7 p.m.
Ira vs. Roby, 5 p.m.
Softball: Snyder vs. Merkel, 5 p.m.
Golf: Snyder girls at Denver City, final district round.

WEDNESDAY

Golf: Snyder boys at Lamesa, final district round.
Tennis: Snyder at district tourney, Midland.

THURSDAY

Track: Snyder varsity and JV at Lamesa, district meet.
Tennis: Snyder at district tourney, Midland.

FRIDAY

Baseball: Snyder vs. Denver City, 7 p.m.
WTC vs. Odessa JC, DH, noon.
Softball: Snyder vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, 4 p.m.
Snyder JV vs. Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball: Ira at Aspermont, 2 p.m.
WTC vs. Odessa JC, DH, noon.
Snyder JV at Wylie, DH, 1 p.m.
Softball: WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, 11 a.m.

Sports Briefs

Booster club meeting changed

The football booster club meeting scheduled for Monday has been moved to April 14 due to the district track meet in Lamesa.

MGA monthly tournament

The MGA will hold its monthly tournament Saturday at 1 p.m. at the WTC golf course. Format is two-man scramble and entry fee is $7.

Men's golf association

The Scurry County Golf Association will begin its weekly Tuesday scramble at 5:30 p.m. The Men's Golf Association will also begin its weekly event Thursday. Call Rick at the Scurry County golf course pro shop to enter or for more information.

Girls softball signup

Snyder Girls Softball Association signups will take place today and also Thursday and Friday at Texas Savings Bank. Times are 5:30 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Ages four and up are eligible but players must have turned four by Jan. 1. Cost is $30, or $25 for an additional child. Participants should bring birth certificate, social security card and a parent or guardian.

SGSA board meeting

The Snyder Girls Softball Association board will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday at the BP Pipeline office.

Teenage baseball signups

Signup for Babe Ruth League for 13-15-year-olds will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club.

Baseball buddies

The SHS baseball team will host "Baseball Buddies" from 11 a.m. until noon next Saturday. The skills session are free to youngsters aged 7-14.

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SPORTS

M's upend Rangers in Arlington opener

ARLINGTON (AP) — When the Texas relievers messed up, they blew the lead. After Kazuhiro Sasaki made a mistake, the Seattle closer accomplished a rare feat.

Sasaki struck out four batters in the ninth Friday to save Seattle's 6-4 victory that spoiled the home opener for the Rangers, whose bullpen gave up three late runs.

Only 40 other pitchers since 1900 have had four strikeouts in an inning. The last two strikeouts for Sasaki came after he threw a wild pitch on a third strike to Carl Everett.

Sasaki, who had elbow surgery after last season, blew his only other save opportunity, giving up a run and two hits in an inning against Oakland on Thursday.

"I wanted to go in there today and do my job, and I did that," Sasaki said.

Texas relievers weren't as fortunate.

Ben Davis, batting ninth for Seattle while filling in for injured catcher Dan Wilson, hit a two-run double in the seventh to put the Mariners ahead 5-4 and cap a two-out rally against reliever Francisco Cordero.

After relieving Ismael Valdes to start the seventh, Cordero (0-1) got two quick outs, including a strikeout against Mike Cameron on a 97-mph fastball. He then walked Mark McLemore and Jeff Cirillo on full counts before Davis doubled to the center field wall.

"He was throwing pretty hard, but I choked up and was able to hit it in the gap," Davis said.

Cordero acknowledged his error.

"I left a fastball over the plate. That's what happens," said Cordero, who threw just 20 of his 41 pitches for strikes.

Esteban Yan, signed to improve the bullpen, took over in the eighth. Like Cordero, he got two quick outs and had two strikes on the third hitter.

Yan then gave up three straight singles, and after McLemore's RBI single, he hit Cirillo to load the bases. Aaron Fultz struck out Davis on three pitches.

Since a season-opening win at World Series champion Anaheim in new manager Buck Showalter's first game, the Rangers have lost three straight, giving up 21 runs in two losses before Friday. They are right back where they finished the last three seasons — alone in last place in the AL West.

"Overall, the whole team is pressing a little bit," said All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez, who was 0-for-4 to fall to .167 on the season.

Pitching woes continue for Westerners

The pitching woes that have troubled WTC's inaugural campaign once again came to the forefront Friday, as the team dropped a pair of games to Howard College at Big Spring.

After dropping a tight, 6-5 game in the opener, the Westerners (9-29, 2-16) were shelled in the second tilt, 13-3.

"We're out of pitching," WTC head coach James King said. "We are pretty well spent."

Shawn Thomas was charged with the loss in the finale. He gave way to Roy Vernon trailing, 4-2.

King said Vernon was being squeezed by the home plate umpire, and didn't help his cause with poor location.

"Vernon threw too many balls down the middle, instead of spotting them" King said, adding that he is still forced to go with position players in some games in an effort to save what few arms he has left.

Shay Franks and John Bewley are still down with sore arms, as is Travis Clark.

Shaun Hanson — and his 1.75 ERA — was lost for the season last month with a torn labrum in his pitching shoulder.

The teams were set to battle in a noon twinbill Saturday.

Jed Anderson was to get the call for the Westerners in the first tilt. King had not determined a starter for the last game of the series.



BASEBALL BUDDIES — Kutter Derryberry, 6, takes a swing while Tiger outfielder Bradley Price gives instructions at Saturday's free skills session with the SHS baseball team. The team is giving the free baseball camp again next Saturday, and it is available for kids up to age 14. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ausmus homer lifts Astros over Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Brad Ausmus was a one-man show for the Houston Astros.

The light-hitting catcher had a grand slam, hit the winning homer in the 12th inning and threw out three baserunners in the last three innings of a 6-5 victory Friday night.

It was the first multihomer game for Ausmus, a career .259 hitter who entered the year with 59 homers in 3,877 at-bats and has never hit more than nine in a season.

"It only took me 10 seasons, and 12 innings," Ausmus said. "I'm not going to complain, especially with a win. It certainly is the best game I have enjoyed in the big leagues on a personal level."

Jim Edmonds went 4-for-4 with two home runs, two doubles and his first four RBIs of the season to lead the Cardinals back from a five-run, first-inning deficit. St. Louis lost for the first time in four games, squandering six baserunners in the last three innings.

"That's a tough way to lose," manager Tony La Russa said.

After giving the Astros the lead, Ausmus closed the game out. With two runners on, rookie Brad Lidge struck out Albert Pujols on a 3-2 pitch and Ausmus threw out Fernando Vina trying to steal third to end it.

"It wasn't a hit and run," La Russa said. "You just get the runners started to stay out of the double play."

Earlier in the inning, Ausmus blocked what would been a wild pitch to keep Vina at first.

"I don't know if you could have a much better game than he had," manager Jimy Williams said. "I really don't. That's an outstanding ballgame."

Ausmus hit a 1-1 pitch from Russ Springer (0-1) over the left-field wall leading off the 12th. It was his second five-RBI game, both against the Cardinals, who lost for the first time this season.

Texas will deal with vaunted Syracuse D

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — When Kueth Duany wants to know what opponents think of Syracuse's defense, he knows exactly what to do.

"You just have to look in their eyes," he said. "We call it bug eyes. Their eyes get real big, and they just look at each other like they're lost."

For the third time in the last 16 years, the Orangemen's vaunted 2-3 zone, one of the nation's best defenses, is back in the Final Four. Now it's time for T.J. Ford and the Texas Longhorns to cope with it in the national semifinals Saturday night.

The matchup has come down to this: the Orangemen's long arms against a bunch of hungry Longhorns.

"He's got probably a team that right now he would tell you is the perfect zone team because of the length, the reach they have and the quickness," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "And they know what they're doing."

Besides the 6-foot-6 Duany, the team's lone senior, Syracuse starts 6-8 forwards Hakim Warrick and Carmelo Anthony, 7-foot center Craig Forth and 6-2 guard Gerry McNamara.

"I really don't think they've seen a team play the zone like we play it. That's going to be the toughest thing for them," said Warrick, who has a 7-foot armspan.

"It's really tough seeing this zone for the first time. There's a lot of long guys, a lot of arms and legs. It's really tough to get past and penetrate."

If anybody can, it's the speedy Ford. He led the nation in assists last season, the first freshman in NCAA history to do so, and drives the lane as well as anybody.

"A zone has some type of weakness," said Ford, who had 10 assists and 19 points last week in the South Regional final against Michigan State. "You just try to relax and attack, drive, penetrate, just stay aggressive and find the open shot."

The Orangemen plan to put most of the pressure on Ford, who is shooting just 30.2 percent and is 0-for-5 on 3-pointers in the tournament.

"We want to make him do everything," Syracuse guard Josh Pace said. "We're going to make him shoot. If anybody scores, we want to make him score. And if he starts heating up, we're going to have to get up on him."

Final Four

All Times Eastern
FINAL FOUR
At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans
Semifinals
Saturday, April 5

Marquette (27-5) vs. Kansas (29-7), 6:07 p.m.
Syracuse (28-5) vs. Texas (26-6), 8:47 p.m.

Championship
Monday, April 7

Semifinal winners, 9:22 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
x-New Jersey	47	29	.618	—
x-Philadelphia	45	30	.600	1½
Boston	41	35	.539	6
Orlando	39	36	.520	7½
Washington	34	41	.453	12½
New York	34	42	.447	13
Miami	23	54	.299	24½
Central Division				
x-Detroit	47	28	.627	—
x-Indiana	45	31	.592	2½
x-New Orleans	42	34	.553	5½
Milwaukee	38	39	.494	10
Atlanta	30	45	.400	17
Chicago	26	50	.342	21½
Toronto	24	51	.320	23
Cleveland	14	61	.187	33
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Dallas	56	19	.747	—
x-San Antonio	56	20	.737	½
x-Minnesota	47	29	.618	9½
Utah	45	31	.592	11½
Houston	39	37	.513	17½
Memphis	26	50	.342	30½
Denver	17	59	.224	39½
Pacific Division				
x-Sacramento	55	22	.714	—
x-Portland	47	28	.627	7
L.A. Lakers	45	31	.592	9½
Phoenix	39	35	.527	14½
Seattle	37	38	.493	17
Golden State	36	40	.474	18½
L.A. Clippers	23	52	.307	31

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Friday's Games

San Antonio 124, Toronto 98
Houston 88, Philadelphia 79
New Jersey 99, Miami 83
Sacramento 93, Boston 92
L.A. Lakers 102, Memphis 101
Indiana 98, Detroit 92
Milwaukee 95, Cleveland 93
New York 94, Utah 92, OT
Seattle 101, L.A. Clippers 93
Portland 122, Golden State 100

Saturday's Games

Memphis at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Washington at Boston, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 1:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Montreal	3	1	.750	—
New York	2	2	.500	1
Philadelphia	2	2	.500	1
Atlanta	1	3	.250	2
Florida	1	3	.250	2
Central Division				
Pittsburgh	4	0	1.000	—
Houston	3	1	.750	1
St. Louis	3	1	.750	1
Chicago	2	2	.500	2
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	3
Milwaukee	0	4	.000	4
West Division				
San Francisco	4	0	1.000	—
Colorado	2	2	.500	2
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2½
San Diego	2	3	.400	2½
Arizona	1	3	.250	3

Friday's Games

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

Saturday's Games

Montreal (Armas Jr. 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 0-0) at Cincinnati (Haynes 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Ainsworth 0-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Redding 0-0) at St. Louis (Morris 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 0-1) at Colorado (Oliver 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D'Amico 0-0) at Philadelphia (Millwood 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 0-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 1-0) at San Diego (Lawrence 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida (Penny 0-0) at Atlanta (Ramirez 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-0) at Cincinnati (Wilson 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 1-0) at Philadelphia (Myers 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 0-0) at Milwaukee (Franklin 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 1-0) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 0-0) at Colorado (Jennings 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 0-0) at San Diego (Eaton 0-1), 5 p.m.

American League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
New York	4	0	1.000	—
Boston	4	1	.800	½
Baltimore	1	3	.250	3
Toronto	1	3	.250	3
Tampa Bay	1	4	.200	3½
Central Division				
Kansas City	4	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	3	1	.750	1
Cleveland	2	2	.500	2
Chicago	1	3	.250	3
Detroit	0	4	.000	4
West Division				
Oakland	3	1	.750	—
Anaheim	2	2	.500	1
Seattle	2	2	.500	1
Texas	1	3	.250	2

Friday's Games

Seattle 6, Texas 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 2
Boston 8, Baltimore 7
N.Y. Yankees 12, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 7, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1
Oakland 7, Anaheim 3

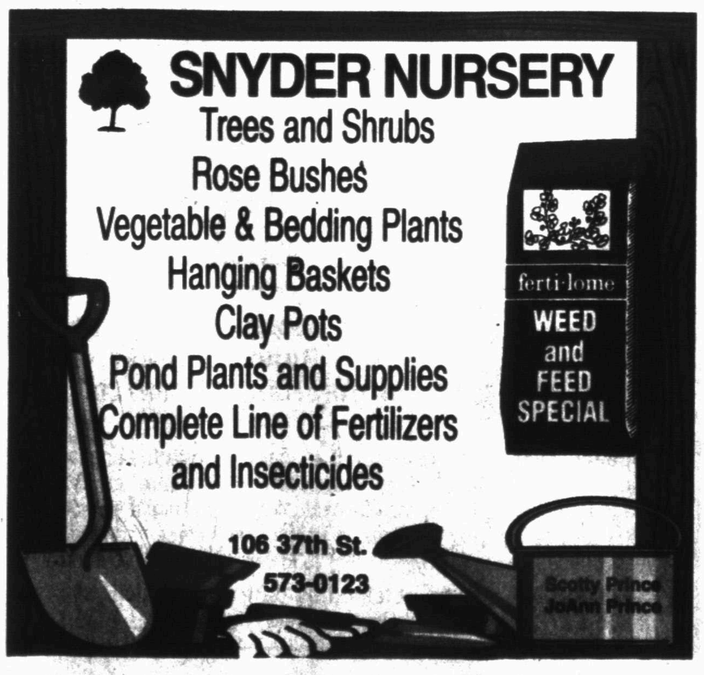
Saturday's Games

Boston (P.Martinez 0-0) at Baltimore (Johnson 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 0-0) at Kansas City (Hernandez 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 0-0) at Oakland (Halama 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 0-0), 6:15 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 0-1) at Minnesota (Rogers 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 0-0) at Texas (Lewis 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 0-0) at Baltimore (Lopez 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Toronto (Lidle 0-1) at Minnesota (Ra-0), 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Westbrook 0-1) at Kansas City (Affeldt 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Knotts 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Stewart 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 0-1) at Texas (Park 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 0-1) at Oakland (Hudson 1-0), 8:05 p.m.

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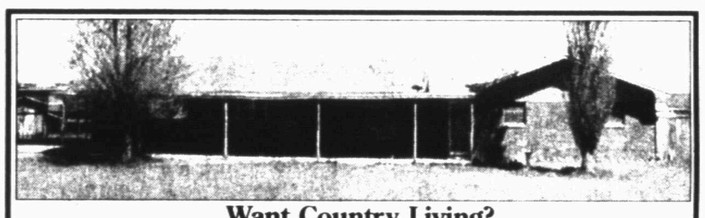
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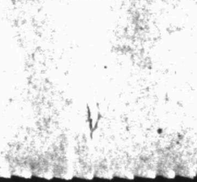
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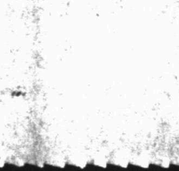
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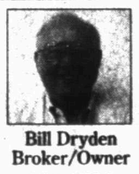
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Senior Center News

Senior citizens in need of transportation or meals should call the Scurry County Senior Center at 573-4035 for information. Transportation is provided Monday-Friday mornings. Ask for Valerie to schedule a ride. Seniors in need of meals should ask for Glenda. Applicants for meals must meet certain criteria before qualifying to receive meals. A visit to the home of the applicant may also be required.

Make plans to join us at the Senior Center Fundraiser May 3rd at the Scurry County Coliseum beginning at 2 p.m. May Day is a great day with entertainment, food booths, a silent auction, a barbecue, and the quilt auction. The barbecue tickets are available at the Senior Center office and volunteers are asked to sell tickets to the public.

The seniors selling the most tickets will receive a cash prize: Highest seller — $25, 2nd — $15, and 3rd — $10. The ExxonMobil cooking team will prepare the brisket again this year.

Volunteers are asked to call the center if they can gather silent auction items or work in booths. If you have parents or grandparents that participate at the center, or even if you don't, and you would like to help at May Day, call 573-4035.

Volunteers who have no need for their old award pins are asked to turn them in at the center for recycling. This benefits the center budget.

MONDAY

Bridge players are encouraged to join us at 9:30 a.m. We now have extra tables in the pool/domino room. Juanita Ellington leads the daily exercise at 11 a.m. Please join her and feel free to participate at your own speed and level of ability.

TUESDAY

Attendance of the swimnastics class at Western Texas College has reached 34, and there is room for more. The class is lead by a senior volunteer with a lifeguard on duty. The class and parking are free. This is a service offered by WTC and we invite all seniors, sixty plus, to join the group. The class is from 10-11 a.m. in the physical education building. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. at the center. Forty-two players welcome — we'll teach you how to play eighty-eight. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. All senior citizens are encouraged to visit and/or join the Golden K Kiwanis in their weekly meetings at noon. Social Security agents will be at the center 10-noon and 1-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

April 9th will be the last Wednesday that the tax aide volunteers will be at the center. Their hours are 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. Ladies may join us at 9 for billiards. If you would like to learn to play pool, we have a volunteer available to help newcomers. Join us for exercise at 11 a.m. Afternoon activities include pinochle at 1 in the bridge room and line dancing, followed by clogging, at 1 in the dining room.

THURSDAY

Enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College 10-11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will entertain the residents of Snyder Healthcare from 10-11 a.m. Newcomers are invited to join this group. Join Juanita for daily exercise at 11 a.m. The center will open at 6 p.m. for game night. Seniors are invited to play bridge, eighty-eight, pool, dominoes, or other table games.

FRIDAY

Seniors may check their blood pressure from 9:30-11 a.m. Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Eighty-eight begins at 10 a.m. and continues until noon. Exercise with us at 11 a.m. The class lasts for 20-30 minutes. The Friday sing-a-long has been canceled.

SATURDAY

The Community Sing begins at 6 p.m. in the center dining room at 2603 Avenue M. The entertainment is provided by volunteers.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Boneless BBQ Rib
Green Beans
Steak Fries
Sliced Peaches
Oatmeal Cookie
TUESDAY
Pepper Steak
Spinach
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce
Carrot/Raisin Salad
Cherry Cobbler
WEDNESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
W/Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Sliced Pineapple w/Cheese
Salad
Coconut Pudding
THURSDAY
Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Peas
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FRIDAY
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THANK YOU

The family of Weldon "Shorty" Halford wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to our family in our time of sorrow. We give our sincere gratitude for the cards, flowers, food, and loving words of kindness shown by our many friends.

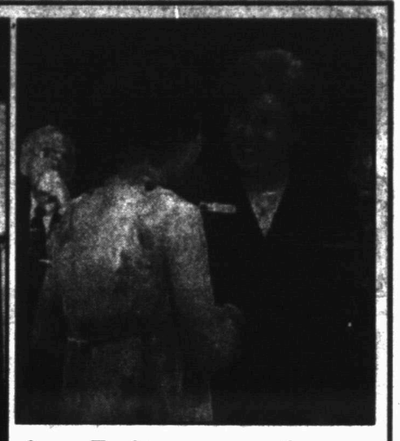
We wish to express special appreciation to Dr. Kerr, Tracey Williamson, Cogdell Memorial Hospital staff, EMS Personnel, Kenneth Minyard and the personnel at Western Auto for helping our Husband and Daddy in his time of need.

A special thank you to Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Rev. Larry White, Friendly Flower Shop, the two young soldiers from Ft. Hood, Texas who took the time to fold and present the American Flag, and all the personnel of the United States Army, who made it possible to give tribute to our Husband and Daddy. May each and every one of you have friends such as these in a time of sorrow.

Bennie Halford
Ronnie Halford and family
Sharon Fritz and family
Sam Dennis and family
La Donna Halford and family

Fogleman receives 3rd place in school safety essay contest





Amy Fogleman recently won third place with her essay on school safety. She received her award in Austin.

The Texas School Safety Center recently held its fourth Safety Summit in Austin. The theme was Charting the Course for School Safety.

Amy Fogleman, a sixth grader at West Elementary, was named the third place winner in the sixth grade essay contest.

The contest was statewide for sixth through eighth graders. She is the daughter of Thomas and Kem Fogleman of Snyder.

The sixth grade English classes participated in the annual essay contest sponsored by the Texas School Safety Center. The essays had to be about topics related to school safety.

Amy's topic was anger management. There were over 1,000 essays submitted.

The center is based at Southwest Texas State University and is funded by the governor's office in Austin. The center focuses on school safety in Texas.

Conference delegates were able to attend various sessions dealing with safety topics including: Crisis planning, law enforcement first response, Post Sept. 11, 2001 school safety and prevention issues, character education, gangs, child safety, Texas Schools and bomb threats.

Amy received an all expense paid trip to Austin to attend the summit to receive her plaque and a check for $200.

All winners were able to meet Attorney General Gregg Abbot before the conference began.

Following the morning session, essay winners and their parents attended a special luncheon. The previous evening, they were guests at a supper buffet held at the Hilton.

While in Austin, Amy toured the Capital and visited Rep. Scott Campbell's office. Campbell announced Amy's award in the House of Representatives

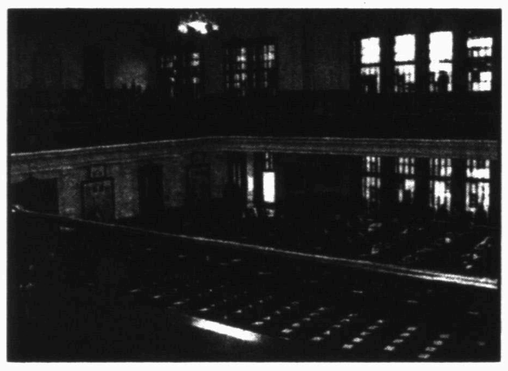


Amy Fogleman meets Greg Abbott, attorney general.



Rep. Scott Campbell announces Amy's award to the House of Representatives.

Contributed photos



The Fogleman family sat in the gallery of the House of Representatives.

Four die in shooting in Roanoke, Va.

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A gunman killed four members of a family and wounded a fifth early Friday, police said.

Clinton Brathwaite, 30, was arrested after the slayings and charged with murder, use of a firearm in a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, police spokeswoman Shelly Alley said.

Found dead in their home were Angela Arrington, 32; her 8-year-old daughter; a 10-year-old son; and a 13-year-old daughter.

Another daughter, 14, was wounded and taken to a hospital. The family asked that the girl's condition not be released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Brathwaite and Arrington had a relationship, but he was not related to the children, Alley said.

Brathwaite was being held in jail and authorities did not know Friday night if he had an attorney. He is scheduled to appear in court Monday.

A next-door neighbor, who identified herself only as Charlotte, said Brathwaite lived at the home. She said that he pounded on her door about 3 a.m. and said he had come home to find the family dead in the house.

U.S. backs off stern rules for convicted agents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department, citing security concerns, held five Cubans in isolation cells where lights burned 24 hours a day and some detainees wore only underwear.

The department relaxed the extraordinary restrictions this week following an interagency review. The restrictions had been in place for a month.

State Department officials, sharply critical recently of Fidel Castro's crackdown on dissidents in Cuba, had been discomfited by the restrictions.

The Cubans are held in separate U.S. penitentiaries after being sentenced in 2001 to long prison terms for conspiracy to commit espionage and other charges.

The Cuban government complained bitterly about their treatment, arguing that the restrictions were preventing them from properly preparing an appeal.

The Special Administrative Measures are designed to ensure that prisoners loyal to a foreign power do not carry out activities on behalf of that country through phone calls or other contacts.

Dagoberto Rodriguez, Castro's chief representative in Washington, said in an interview earlier this week that there was "strong psychological pressure" on the five.

Aside from the solitary confinement in a small punishment cell, he said that in some cases, "they were prevented from wearing clothes. They had nothing more than underwear without shoes. The lights were on 24 hours a day so they didn't even know whether it was day or night. They had no right to a piece of paper or pencil." A lawyer for one of the convicts said his client was barred from contact "with any human being."

In two cases cited by Rodriguez, lawyers were allowed to visit their clients but had difficulty showing them legal documents because of a glass barrier.

Justice Department and Bureau of Prisons spokesmen declined comment on the allegations.

The administration refused to say why the measures were lifted. One official, asking not to be identified, said the measures failed to take into account the full range of U.S. interests, including international obligations to allow Cuban consular officers access to the prisoners.

The Bush administration has been highlighting its concerns about Cuba's biggest crackdown on dissidents in years. The trials in Havana against 78 dissidents got under way Thursday in what State Department spokesman Philip Reeker described as a "kangaroo court" proceeding.

The five, arrested in Miami, were convicted in a Miami court on charges of trying to infiltrate U.S. military bases and Cuban exile groups in South Florida. They are serving sentences ranging from 15 years to life.

One, Gerardo Hernandez, was found guilty of contributing to the deaths of four American anti-Castro activists whose planes were shot down on Feb. 24, 1996, by Cuban MiGs off the island's coast. The fliers belonged to a group that rescued migrants who attempted the 90-mile crossing to the United States in rubber rafts.

Cuban authorities say the men are patriots who sought to prevent violent Cuban exile groups in Florida from launching terrorist acts against their homeland.

In Cuba, the five are venerated as heroes in poems, songs and on billboards.

Serving Overseas

Sgt. Jason M. Sealy lived in Snyder until he graduated from Snyder High School in 1997. He is stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky. but is currently in Iraq with the 101st Airbourne.

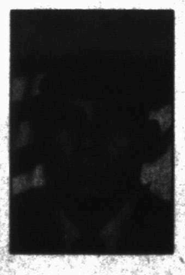


Jason Sealy

Sealy is the son of Mike and Debbie Morris and the grandson of Leona Ford and Bob and Bernadene Sealy. He has two siblings, a sister, Skylar Morris, and a brother, Eldon Morris.

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SPC Johnny Alaniz left for Kuwait last Friday. He is stationed with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood.



The 2000 graduate of Snyder High School, is the son of Luis Alaniz Sr. and Janie Alaniz, both of Snyder.

Alaniz' wife, Kym, and son, Reese, are at Fort Hood.

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Isidro E. Villasana, stationed at Fort Hood, left for Kuwait last Friday. His wife, Angela, remains at Fort Hood.



Isidro Villansana

Villasana graduated from Snyder High School in 2000, and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He is the son of Lila and Encarnacion Villasana of Snyder. Mary Villarreal of Snyder is his grandmother.

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AMERICA AT WAR

U.S. armored vehicles storm Baghdad

By The Associated Press

U.S. armored vehicles drove through Baghdad on Saturday, smashing through Iraq's Republican Guard to reach — at least briefly — the ultimate destination of their two-week surge across southern Iraq. In one skirmish, Marines with bayonets battled Arab fighters from abroad in a marsh on Baghdad's outskirts.

The U.S. incursion was not an attempt to capture large sections of Baghdad, which remained under tenuous Iraqi government control. Rather, said Air Force Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart, "it was a clear statement of the ability of coalition forces to move into Baghdad at the time and place of their choosing."

The intent, Renuart said in a briefing at Central Command in Qatar, was to show the Iraqi leadership "that they do not have the control they speak about on their television."

Though another Central Command officer had said earlier that U.S. forces were in the city to stay, Renuart described only a brief sweep by one unit in and out of the capital. He declined to say if any troops remained inside, though U.S. military officials — speaking on condition of anonymity — later said several unspecified objectives had been seized on the north and northwest edge of the city.

Iraqi TV played patriotic music, and soldiers and militiamen loyal to President Saddam Hussein vowed to keep fighting. Renuart said the American armored unit encountered "pockets of very intense fighting" from Republican Guards and irregular fighters using rocket propelled grenades and air-to-air artillery weapons.

Thousands of U.S. troops had gathered on Baghdad's outskirts — the 3rd Infantry Division arriving from the southwest and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from the southeast.

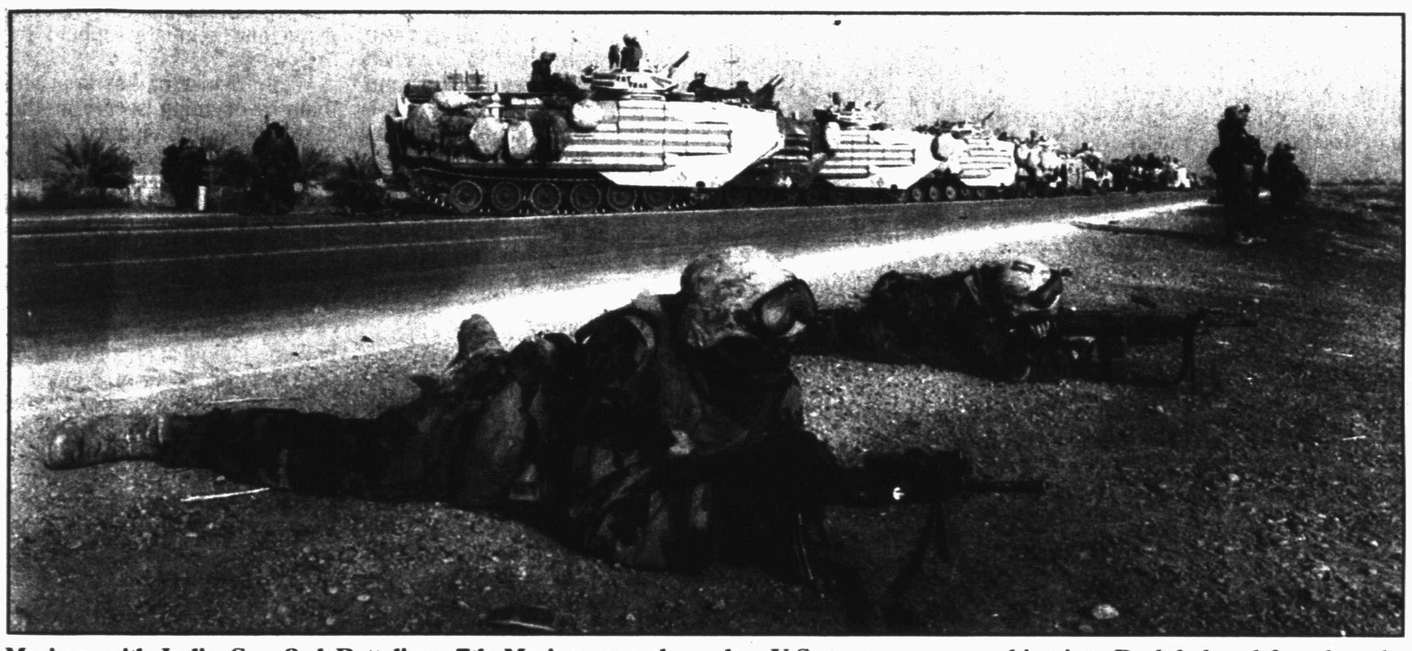
The Iraqi military, in a statement read on satellite television, said U.S. forces were repulsed when they tried to advance on Baghdad from the south. "We were able to chop off their rotten heads," the statement said.

On the southern outskirts, Marines engaged in close-quarters fighting with pro-Saddam volunteers from Jordan, Egypt, Sudan and elsewhere, according to Lt. Col. B.P. McCoy of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines.

"It's like a jihad. They were given a rifle and told to become a martyr," said McCoy, whose troops used bayonets while battling in the reeds of a marsh.

As other Marine units advanced north, Iraqi civilian vehicles fled south, packed with bundles and bearing improvised white flags made from torn-up towels or T-shirts.

Explosions and machine-gun fire could be heard across Baghdad, and armed Iraqis in pickup trucks and police cars raced through the streets. Members of the Fedayeen, a militia led by Saddam's son Odai, appeared in downtown for the first time since the war began, identifiable by distinctive black uniforms.



Marines with India Co., 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines guard a convoy stopped along a road just south of Baghdad on Saturday. U.S. troops were pushing into Baghdad and found pockets of resistence from Iraqi troops. (AP Photo)

Iraq war: as it unfolds

By The Associated Press

Key developments in the war in Iraq:

— A U.S. Central Command spokesman said substantial numbers of coalition troops were near the center of Baghdad on Saturday and had no plans to pull back. Earlier, U.S. tanks and armored vehicles rolled into the capital for the first time, making reconnaissance probes.

— Marines and infantry on the edges of Baghdad sought to encircle the city and impose a "choke hold" on President Saddam Hussein's seat of power.

— U.S. Army soldiers captured the headquarters of the Republican Guard's Medina Division in Suwayrah, about 35 miles southeast of Baghdad. Two tank companies and an infantry company of the 3rd Infantry Division rolled through the headquarters unopposed and quickly took over the entire base.

— Military officials said elements of the 1st Marines Expeditionary Force had penetrated the Al Nida division of the Republican Guard on the southeastern outskirts of Baghdad.

— Iraq's information minister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf held his daily briefing Saturday and claimed that Iraqi forces had retaken the Baghdad airport. U.S. officers say their hold on the airport is firm.

— The Pentagon identified eight dead soldiers found during the rescue of American POW Jessica Lynch as being in her ambushed convoy. They include the first combat death of an American woman in the war.

— Secretary of State Colin Powell proposed that an interim administration be set up quickly with exiled Iraqis and people inside the country who oppose Saddam.

— Two pilots were killed when a Marine Cobra attack helicopter crashed in central Iraq.

Peter Arnett reports for Arab network

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Peter Arnett, fired by NBC earlier this week for giving an interview to state-run Iraqi television, is reporting for pan-Arab satellite channel Al-Arabiya, the station said Saturday.

"He (Arnett) is an able reporter who has covered wars before and who knows Iraq well," the Dubai-based station's editor-in-chief Salah Nejm told The Associated Press.

"I think he is unbiased and has a lot of experience," Nejm said.

Arnett started reporting for Al-Arabiya on Friday, becoming its third correspondent in Baghdad. His reports are voiced over in Arabic.

NBC fired him for giving an unauthorized interview to Iraqi TV, during which he said the U.S.-led war effort had initially failed because of Iraq's resistance.

NBC said the company was angered because Arnett gave the interview without permission and presented opinion as fact.

Arnett, a New Zealander, has since apologized for his "misjudgment" but described himself as a "casualty of the information war."

He won a Pulitzer Prize reporting in Vietnam for The Associated Press and covered the 1991 Gulf War for CNN, a network he also left under a cloud.

Arnett was the on-air reporter for a retracted 1998 CNN report that accused U.S. forces of using sarin nerve gas in Laos in 1970. He was reprimanded and later left the network.

Since being fired by NBC, Arnett has been hired by a private Belgian TV network.

Several branches play role in rescue of POW Lynch

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar (AP) — Frightened and seriously wounded, a 19-year-old supply clerk who was held by Iraq for more than a week at first hid under a sheet when a team of U.S. military commandos stormed into her hospital room.

"Jessica Lynch," called out an American soldier, approaching her bed. "We are United States soldiers and we're here to protect you and take you home."

Peering from behind the sheet as he removed his helmet, she looked up and said, "I'm an American soldier, too."

In the first details released about the daring rescue of Pfc. Lynch, a Central Command spokesman told a briefing Saturday that a team of Navy Seals, Marine commandos, Air Force pilots and Army Rangers worked with U.S. Special Forces in the rescue Tuesday in Nasiriyah.

While troops engaged the Iraqis in another part of the city, the team persuaded an Iraqi doctor to lead them to Lynch, said Air Force Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart.

Lynch, now recuperating at the military's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, had suffered a head wound and fractures in her right arm, both legs, her right foot and ankle, and an injury to her spine. The rescue team quickly evaluated her medical condition, secured her to a stretcher and carried her to a waiting helicopter, Renault said.

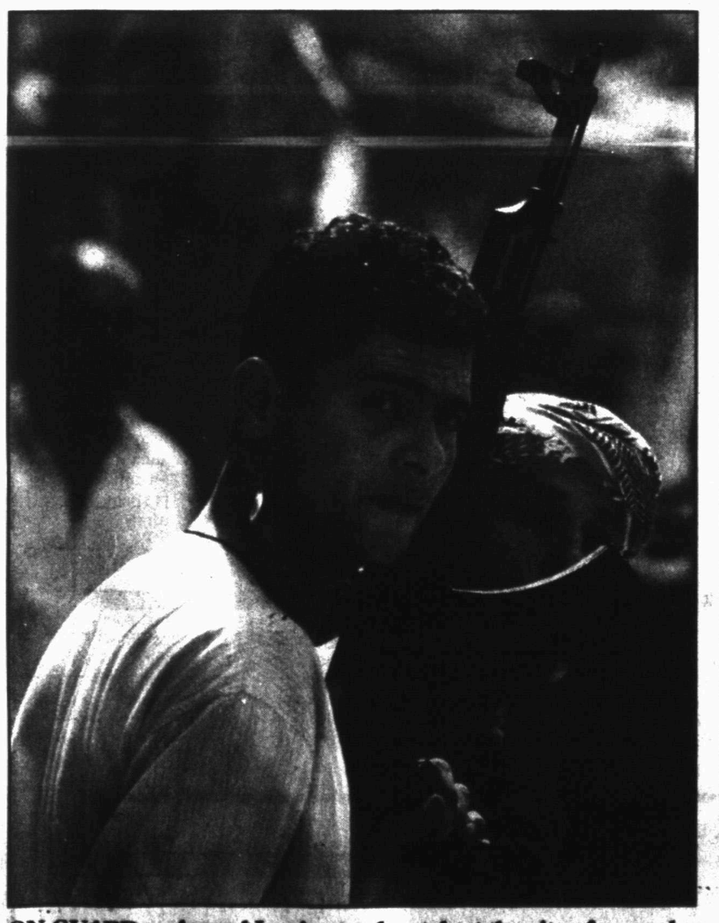
"Jessica held up her hand and grabbed the Ranger doctor's hand, and held onto it for the entire time, and said, 'Please don't let anybody leave me,'" Renault said. "It was clear she knew where she was and didn't want to be left anywhere near the enemy."

Meanwhile, the Iraqi doctor told the team there were remains of other U.S. forces nearby, and they were led to a burial site. Because they had not brought shovels, Renault said, the team dug up the bodies with their hands.

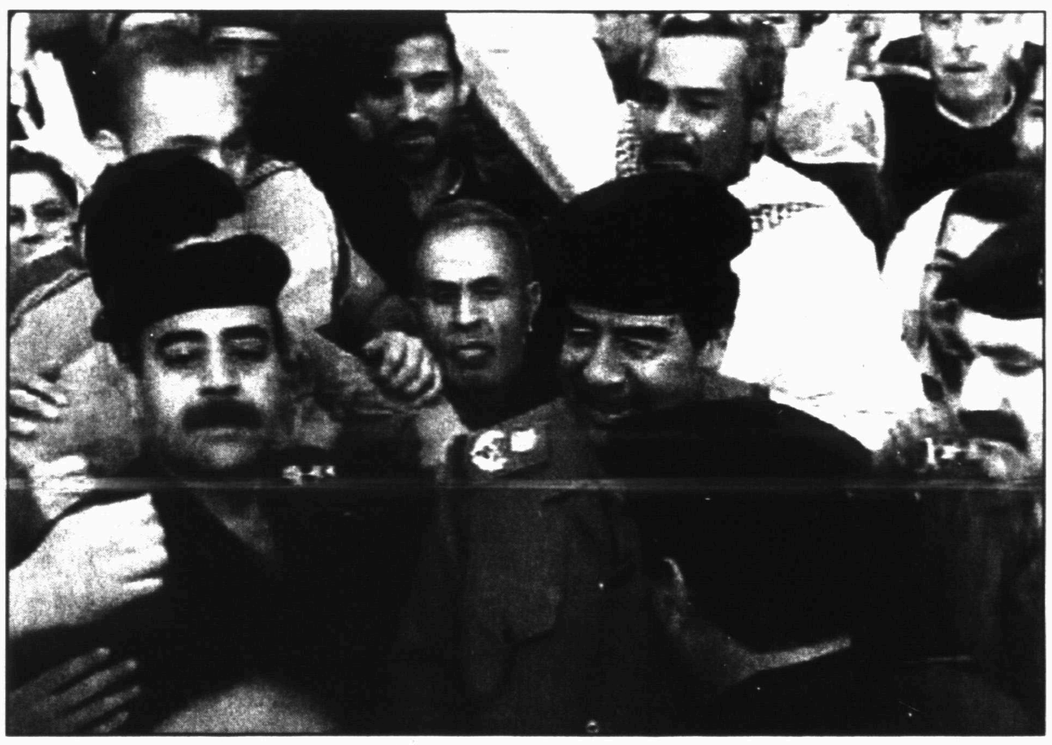
"They wanted to do that very rapidly, so they could race the sun and be off the site before the sun came up," Renault said. "It's a great testament to the will and desire of coalition forces to bring their own home."

Renault did not shed any new light on how Lynch sustained her wounds — whether she was injured in captivity or when the 507th Maintenance Company was ambushed March 23 when they made a wrong turn in Nasiriyah.

Eight of the dead soldiers found during the rescue were members of the ambushed unit, Renuart said.



ON GUARD — Armed Iraqis stand watch at the site of an explosion in Bagdhad Saturday. Coalition forces were reported closing in on the center of the capital. (AP Photo)



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, according to Iraqi television, is seen in this image from video that was shown Friday. Iraqi television showed footage from Baghdad in which the Iraqi president appeared walking in the street with a small entourage. (AP Photo)

U.S. nears center of Baghdad

CAMP AS SALIYAH, Qatar (AP) — Coalition troops were near the center of Baghdad on Saturday, a U.S. Central Command spokesman said.

"As of this morning, coalition forces are actually in the city of Baghdad," said Navy Capt. Frank Thorp. "As we moved into the city, we saw sporatic fighting, we've actually moved through the republican guard divisions to pretty much the center of the city."

"We have substantial forces now moving into the city," he said.

Asked if the U.S. Army's V Corps and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force were on a probing mission, Thorp said, "they're not coming out."

"That's not the intent to come back out," he said. "They're in Baghdad."

Thorp said the best way to classify the situation in the city is that it was under control despite sporadic fighting.

"We'll continue to operate where we find opportunities to move forward, we'll move forward," he said. "Its been a steady deliberate pace as we move forward."

He declined to be specific on how many troops were moving in the city, describing the numbers as "substantial."

But he said that elements of the 1st Marines had penetrated the Al Nida division of the Republican Guard moving in the vicinity of Baghdad.

"We have reports of engaging the special Republican Guard in a limited basis, and as we move into the city," Thorp said.

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GETTING READY — Alisa Cain, left, and Gayle Kubena worked together this morning preparing dessert for Sunday's Sausage Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. (SDN Staff Photo)

Karzai ally gunned down in Afghan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A close ally of Afghan President Hamid Karzai was gunned down in southern Afghanistan in an attack provincial officials blamed on the Taliban Saturday.

Haji Gilani and his nephew were killed outside their home in the town of Deh Rawood on Thursday night, said Dad Mullah, a spokesman for the Uruzgan provincial government.

He said six gunmen shot the two men and fled. Police said they were investigating; but Mullah said there was no immediate evidence of a personal feud and he suspected Taliban operatives were behind the killing.

But Karzai's spokesman said a tribal feud may have been the motive.

"This was not a political murder. There was some enmity, some personal differences between two villages or two tribes," presidential spokesman Sayed Fazel Akbar said.

Gilani was the first man to give Karzai shelter in the province of Uruzgan as he launched his anti-Taliban revolt weeks before the religious militia collapsed under heavy U.S. bombing in late 2001.

Karzai entered Afghanistan secretly with only a handful of close followers and relied heavily on anti-Taliban sympathizers for support and protection. He slipped past Taliban checkpoints on the back of motorcycles, and lived for days in homes of followers who risked their lives to protect him and helped rally support against the Taliban.

Akbar said Karzai had asked his brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai — who serves as the president's representative in the southern city of Kandahar — to attend memorial services.

Government secrecy in Mouassaoui case disturbing to judge

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Warning prosecutors that she was disturbed by government secrecy in the case of Zacarias Moussaoui, a judge is questioning whether the government can offer a fair trial to the lone U.S. defendant accused of conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers.

U.S. District Judge Leona Brinkema's written comments Friday criticized the government's "shroud of secrecy" and could make it more likely the government would have to consider moving the case to a military tribunal.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has said Moussaoui could receive a fair trial in a civilian court. However, military and intelligence officials have classified huge amounts of documents and have fiercely resisted any defense access to al-Qaida prisoners who potentially could help Moussaoui's case. Tribunal rules would allow the greater secrecy sought by the Defense Department and intelligence officials.

Brinkema said the court was "disturbed by the extent to which the United States' intelligence officials have classified the pleadings, orders and memorandum opinions in this case; and further agrees with the defendant's skepticism of the government's ability to prosecute this case in open court in light of the shroud of secrecy under which it seeks to proceed."

Her two-page order directed the government to respond to Moussaoui's motion for more information from a Jan. 30 hearing he was not allowed to attend as well as a secret court opinion of March 10.

Justice Department spokeswoman Barbara Comstock said: "We regularly hold terrorists and spies accountable in court while safeguarding both national security and due process. We are confident in the ability of our system of justice to try these cases under the procedures adopted by Congress and regularly upheld by the courts."

While Brinkema has kept virtually everything secret in the case for months, a judge normally doesn't second-guess the government's designation of classified information. However, when the need for secrecy conflicts with a defendant's ability to receive a fair trial, the matter can become a major legal issue.

"It seems the judge has become skeptical about some of the national security concerns being presented to her," said defense attorney Frank Dunham Jr.

Dunham, a federal public defender, is the lead lawyer on a team appointed by the court to represent Moussaoui's interests as he defends himself.

Former Croatian Serb leader arrested in PM's assassination

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP)— Police investigating the killing of Serbia's prime minister said Saturday they have arrested a former Croatian Serb leader, a top secret service official and lawyers working for an underworld group.

Borislav Mikelic, who briefly served as the prime minister of the self-declared Serb mini-state in wartime Croatia, was arrested on charges of having ties to the Zemun Clan believed responsible for the March 12 sniper attack on Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic.

"Mikelic is believed to be responsible for liaising between assassins and other Serbian hardliners in Bosnia," a police statement said.

Police also arrested Milorad Bracanovic, a former ranking official in Serbia's secret service, for allegedly masterminding the abductions and assassinations of people who opposed former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Police also announced the arrest of "two mafia lawyers" working for the Zemun Clan.

On Friday, police issued an arrest warrant for Mirjana Markovic, the wife of Milosevic. No details of the warrant were released, but police have accused the couple of being connected to the murder of former Serbian President Ivan Stambolic.

Stambolic was preparing to challenge Milosevic in presidential elections when he was abducted in August 2000 while jogging in a Belgrade park. His body was found last week on a northern Serbian mountain by police officers investigating Djindjic's assassination.

Members of an elite polite unit with ties to the Zemun Clan are suspected in the killings of both Stambolic and Djindjic. The unit, formed by Milosevic, was disbanded last month.

Markovic is believed to be in hiding in Russia, and Serbia is expected to ask for her extradition. In a letter release Monday, she denied the accusations.

International team and health experts search for SARS origin

GUANGZHOU, China (AP) — An international team is turning up possible clues to the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome as it tries to follow the disease's tracks across the bustling landscape of southern China.

Chinese experts in hard-hit Guangdong province told the scientists they have found a rare form of airborne chlamydia in some of their SARS patients, raising the possibility that more than one germ may be involved. Other Chinese cases suggest the disease might be passed by touching something tainted by a sick person's mucous or saliva.

SARS continued to spread Saturday even as health officials stepped up their efforts to contain the disease. New cases were reported in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, while Hong Kong reported three more deaths and 39 new cases, while Malaysia announced its first death.

In Hong Kong, workers covered head to toe in protective gear captured rats and roaches at an apartment complex where at least 250 people were infected. They also rounded up pets — eight dogs, 14 cats, two hamsters and two turtles — after a cat was found to carry a coronavirus.

Coronaviruses are commonly found in animals, but microbiologists believe SARS is caused by a new form of coronavirus. Scientists are trying to determine if animals somehow carried the virus through the complex.

Authorities at United Christian Hospital in Hong Kong announced Saturday that they would temporarily suspend all non-urgent services after more than 10 medical staff contracted the disease. The hospital has been one of the main care centers of SARS patients.

China responded Saturday to criticism of its handling of the outbreak by promising to create a disease warning system and keep its public better informed.

Vice Premier Wu Yi called for establishment of such a system "with emphasis placed on a public health information system," the official Xinhua News Agency and official newspapers said.

Wu's comments were the highest-level response yet to demands that the reflexively secretive communist government change how it handles such outbreaks. It followed an extraordinary apology Friday by the country's top disease-prevention official amid complaints that China released information too slowly.

On Saturday, the World Health Organization team met experts at Zhongshan University who collected hundreds of specimens of blood, lung fluid and other materials from people who died of SARS and those who recovered, said Dr. Robert Breiman, the team leader.

Four arrested in Snyder

• ***Arrests***

DPS troopers arrested George Bingham, 48, of 130 CR 464 in Lipan at 8:57 p.m. Friday for felony driving while intoxicated.

A 41-year-old male was arrested by city officers at 9:09 p.m. Friday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers took a 21-year-old male into custody at 11:27 p.m. Friday on outstanding warrants for public intoxication and criminal trespass.

At 4 a.m. Saturday, a 17-year-old male was arrested for minor in consumption of alcohol and evading arrest.

• ***Assault***

Officers were called to the high school coach's office at 6:41 p.m. Friday in reference to a coach reporting an assault. A report for Class C assault by physical contact was filed in reference to an 8th grade student assaulting a second grade student.

• ***Criminal trespass***

Officers were called to the La Posada Apartments at 10:40 p.m. Friday in reference to a tenant saying she could hear someone breaking bottles. Officers filed a report for Class B possession of marijuana against four individuals and a 19-year-old male and three 17-year-old males were served with criminal trespass citations.

• ***Threats***

Officers made contact with a juvenile at 10:46 a.m. Friday in reference to threats made against a teacher at the Hobbs Alternative School.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Deputies were notified at 11 a.m. Friday that someone had damaged a power pole at the intersection of CR 4156 and 644.

• ***Loud music***

Officers responded to two reports of loud music and an unusual amount of traffic in the 3600 block of 40th Street around 11 p.m. Friday.

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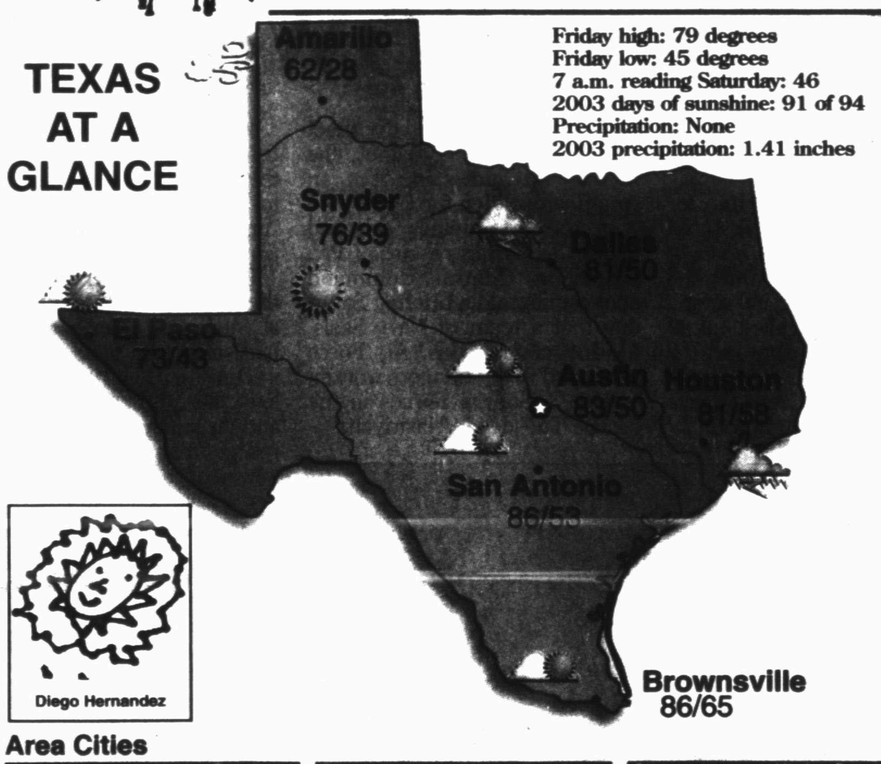
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Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 4/6	Mon 4/7	Tue 4/8
76/39	68/37	57/34
Mainly sunny. High 76F. Winds W at 15 to 25 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 6:26 AM / Sunset 7:07 PM	Sunrise 6:24 AM / Sunset 7:08 PM	Sunrise 6:23 AM / Sunset 7:08 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Friday high: 79 degrees
Friday low: 45 degrees
7 a.m. reading Saturday: 46
2003 days of sunshine: 91 of 94
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches

Diego Hernandez

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	44	sunny	El Paso	73	43	mst sunny	Midland	75	43	windy
Amarillo	62	28	windy	Fort Stockton	77	47	sunny	Raymondville	88	62	pt sunny
Austin	83	50	pt sunny	Gainesville	78	43	t-storm	Rosenberg	81	57	t-storm
Beaumont	79	57	t-storm	Greenville	78	45	t-storm	San Antonio	86	53	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	65	pt sunny	Houston	81	58	t-storm	San Marcos	84	51	pt sunny
Brownwood	84	46	mst sunny	Kingsville	86	58	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	46	t-storm
Corpus Christi	82	60	pt sunny	Livingston	80	52	t-storm	Sweetwater	79	42	sunny
Corsicana	80	49	t-storm	Longview	78	49	t-storm	Tyler	78	51	t-storm
Dallas	81	50	t-storm	Lubbock	72	35	windy	Weatherford	81	44	pt sunny
Del Rio	89	55	sunny	Lufkin	78	53	t-storm	Wichita Falls	75	38	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	54	t-storm	Houston	81	58	t-storm	Phoenix	75	52	mst sunny
Boston	44	30	windy	Los Angeles	68	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	48	pt sunny
Chicago	41	30	sn shower	Miami	85	74	pt sunny	Seattle	52	40	rain
Dallas	81	50	t-storm	Minneapolis	41	27	cloudy	St. Louis	47	43	rain
Denver	40	23	sn shower	New York	49	34	mst sunny	Washington, DC	55	41	cloudy

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Sun 4/6	Mon 4/7	Tue 4/8
High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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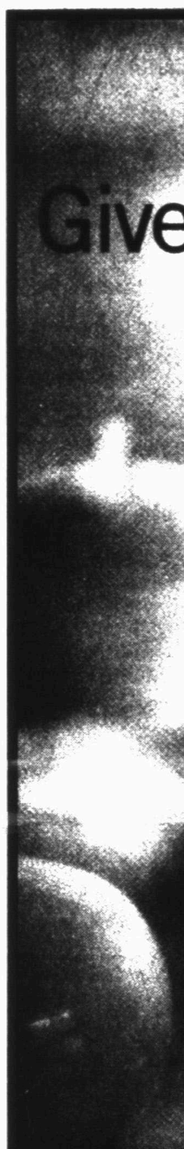
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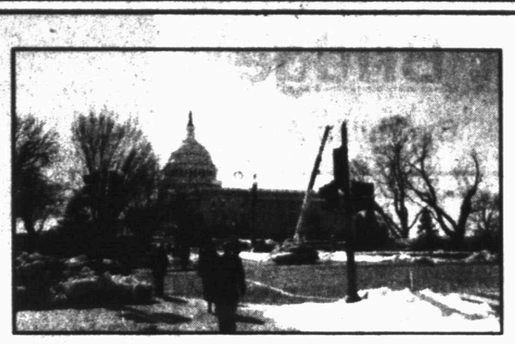


SHS students attend NYLC in Washington

Josh Kemp and Austin McCormack, both Snyder High School students, recently attended the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) in Washington D.C.

This leadership development program invites high school students based on scholastic merit, community involvement, and leadership contributions, to interact with today's natural leaders.

NYLC scholars work through many issues facing our nation today through a series of simulations and meet face-to-face with members of the U.S. Congress or their staff as well as other influential personalities.





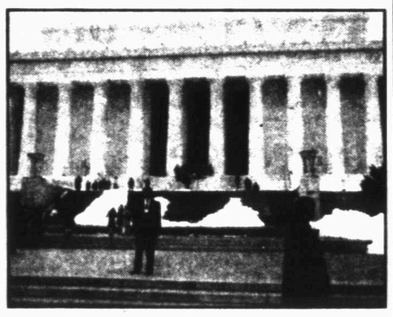
Behind Austin McCormack (top photo) is the Capitol as seen from the Senate Building. McCormack stands next to some of the statues (middle photo) that have been donated by foreign diplomats. The building (bottom photo) is where Texas' senators, Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, work.

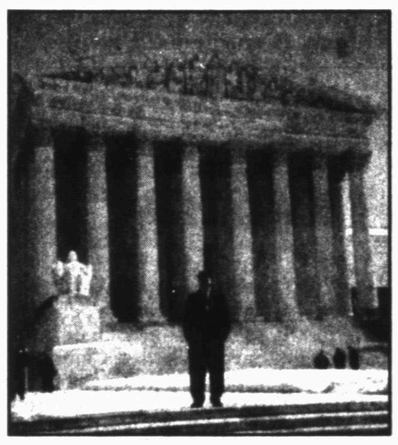
The Lincoln Memorial (top photo) can be seen behind Josh Kemp. The bottom photo shows the building where the statue is housed.



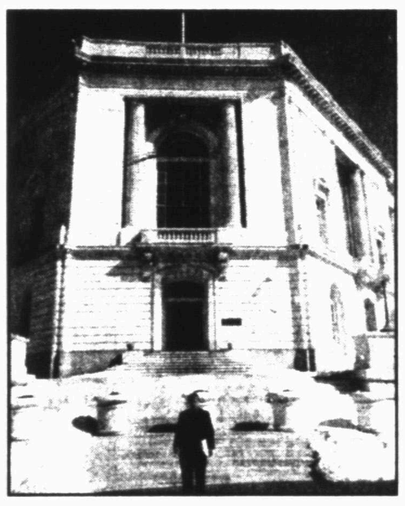
The White House can be seen behind Josh Kemp.







Josh Kemp visited the U.S. Federal Supreme Court Building.



Photos are contributed

Cuba begins to try critics in crackdown on anti-Communists

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's communist government tried the first of 80 dissidents in hearings that stretched late into the night, moving forward with a campaign to steamroll a growing opposition movement.

While the relatives of those tried Thursday anxiously awaited word on sentences, more trials opened Friday as authorities pressed its harshest crackdown on the opposition in recent times.

Prosecutors were seeking life sentences for at least 12 of the defendants in the trials, which local human rights activists predicted would wrap up by the end of Monday. Although sentences here generally are issued two weeks after trial, the defendants' relatives said they believed the sentences would be announced within days.

International media and foreign diplomats were kept out of Thursday's hearings. There was a greater police presence Friday around the three Havana courthouses where trials were being held.

"This is a judicial Tiananmen," said opposition member Manuel Cuesta Morua, referring to the 1989 Chinese military assault on pro-democracy student protesters in Tiananmen Square.

Local human rights activists said that those going to court Friday included the poet and well-known independent journalist Raul Rivero. He was being tried alongside Ricardo Gonzalez, who recently launched the first independent general interest magazine of its kind in communist Cuba.

Prosecutors were seeking 20 years for Rivero and life for Gonzalez, said Elizardo Sanchez, whose Cuban Commission on Human Rights and National Reconciliation is monitoring the trials.

The Committee to Protect Journalists sent a letter to President Fidel Castro this week asking him to free the two men, along with 25 other independent journalists it said were arrested in last month's roundup of dissidents.

The CPJ asked that the confiscated computers, research materials and other equipment seized from the reporters' homes during the crackdown be returned. It also asked that Cuban authorities "respect international guarantees for freedom of expression and cease harassing the independent press."

Leaders of independent labor unions and opposition political parties, as well as activists involved in the pro-democracy Varela Project movement, were among those rounded up over five days beginning March 18. Cuban authorities accuse them of working with U.S. diplomats on the island to subvert Castro's government.

Although Cuban authorities publicly announced the arrests and labeled many of the defendants traitors, they have not commented on the trials or disclosed specific charges. But court documents provided by relatives showed that many dissidents are being tried for state security crimes under laws that prohibit Cubans from working with foreign powers to undermine the socialist system.

The crackdown ended several years of relative government tolerance for the opposition. It began when Cuban officials criticized the head of the American mission in Havana, James Cason, for his active support of the island's dissidents.

Rising Cuba-U.S. tensions have coincided with a string of hijackings by Cubans trying to leave the communist-run island.



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FIRST AG CREDIT ANNUAL MEET — First Ag Credit's annual meeting was held in the Scurry County Coliseum last Friday evening. Among 175 members attending were its directors Don A. Jones of Fluvanna, Dean Turner of Matador, Dan Henard of Wellington, Keith Corzine of Stamford, Dr. Paul Weyerts of Alpine and Thomas Helton of Wheeler, shown from left. First Ag Credit has 36 offices serving 113 counties. Robert Lehrer, president, disbursed a total of $63,000 in patronage dividends from the Snyder office. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-05-03
♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ K J
♣ J 6 3

West
♠ 6
♥ Q 7 6 3 2
♦ 8 6 5 3 2
♣ 7 4

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

South
♠ A K J 8 3
♥ K J 9
♦ Q 10 7
♣ 8 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1 ♣
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 7

Saturday, April 5, 2003

Count to avoid the guess

By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master started his monthly class by asking his students, "What separates experts from lesser players?"

After hearing several suggestions, the SLM continued.

All of those ideas tell part of the truth, especially the one about having card sense — the ability to place unseen cards from those already played. However, the three main reasons an expert plays better than a less capable performer is, first, that he counts more. The second reason is that he counts more. And the third reason is that he counts more.

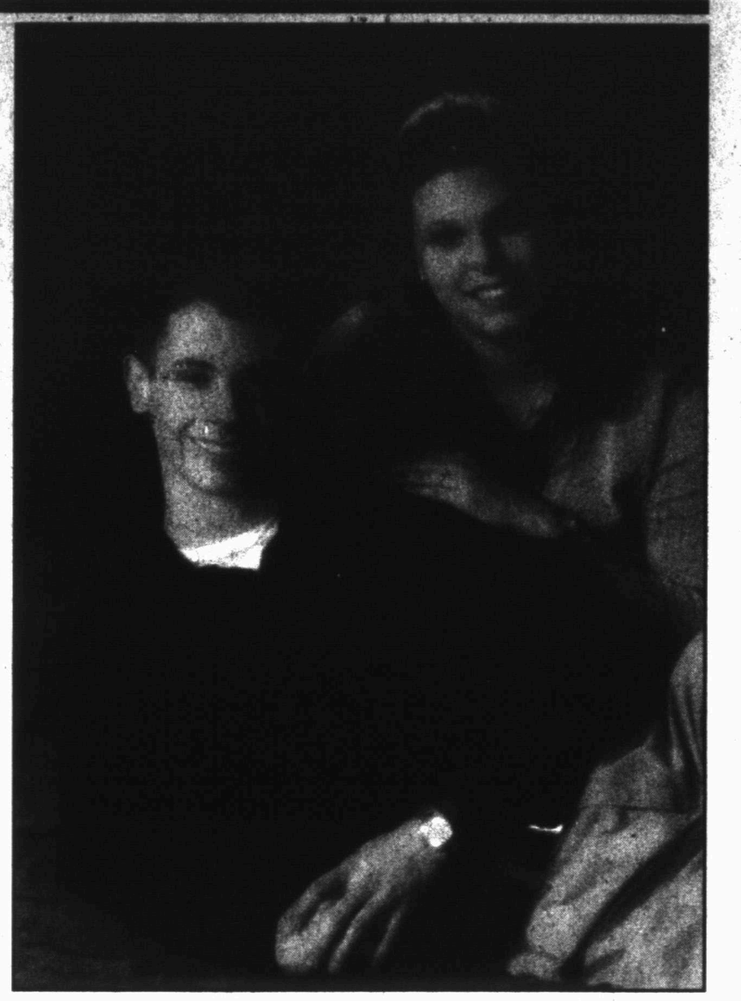
Consider this declarer-play problem. (The SLM's students could see only the North and South hands in today's diagram.) North made a limit raise, showing a maximum pass with at least four-card support.

West leads the club seven: three, nine, five. East cashes the club queen: eight, four, six. East continues with the club king. How would you plan the play?

With three top losers, you must find the heart queen. Your immediate reaction may be that East, because he opened, will hold that card. But try to obtain a count of the deal. Ruff the third club high, noting that East started with six clubs. Then, draw three rounds of trumps, seeing East follow throughout. Now play a diamond to dummy's king. When East wins with the ace and returns a diamond, you win with the queen and cash the 10, observing that everyone follows.

At this point, you know that East started with three spades, at least three diamonds and six clubs. That leaves room for at most one heart. So, cash your heart king and confidently finesse through West.

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CORNETT-BALL TO WED — Dennis and Gloria Ball of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Jay Bradley Ball, to Allison Dawn Cornett, daughter of Richard and Susan Cornett of Mansfield, and Phil and Laura Tanner of Dallas. The couple will marry at 2 p.m. on July 26 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Bridal Registry

Vanessa Jones and Chad Ambrose
Christina May and Brett Gibson
Riley Tatum and Russell Wall
Lisa McNair and Brandon Jones
Laurie Kerley and Jerry Burton
Ellen Strayhorn and Hisham Muballam
Whitney Webb and Michael Loper
Jemma Richburg and David Sutton
Jodi Dennis and Cory Mansfield
Jina Miller and Brandon Rollins
Jessica Perkins and Danny White
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Jacinda Judah

Judah receives DAR citizenship award

Jacinda Judah, Snyder High School senior, is the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter citizenship award.

Jacinda has been active in National FFA organization, Technology Student Association, National Forensics League, Outstanding Speech and Drama students of America, SHS Forensics Team, A Cappella Choir, UIL Accounting Team, UIL Prose, National Honor Society, SWAT Team, Web Design team and named in Who's Who.

She is the daughter of Jim and Deborah Judah and the granddaughter of Geneva Judah and Nolan and Frankie Joe Toole.

SHS class of 1973 needs addresses

To plan a reunion for the Snyder High School class of 1973, addresses are needed for the following classmates.

Information is needed on Deborah Albritton, Keith Baize, Raymond Bell, Gerald Dewayne Bowlin, Judy McCullough Brown, Richard Castillo, Jackie Maxine Collazo, Clarence Ray Derrick, Ivory Lee Grear, Johnny Darrell Guynes, Becki Laree Hall, Leonard Darwin Harber, Connie Lynn Harris, Juan Hernandez, Rudy Hernandez, Delio Luna Herrera, Melinda Kay Huffman, Randell Wayne Ille, Lindy Faye Jackson, Annetta McDermitt Keller and Jacqueline Sue Kerns.

Also Carolyn Sue King, Jennie Lynn McCain, Angela Jane Mosley, Mary Rose Moss, Ronald Ray Nobles, Linda Paul, Donna Marie Pemberton, Donald Ray Phariss, Henry Ramos, Danny Edward Reeves, Patricia Jane Richardson, Daniel Rios, Daniel Leon Roberts, Sheryl Lyn Scott, Marcia Ann Shields, Darlene Smith, David Alan Smith, Dyana June Smith, Jana Sue Smith, Michael Grevan Smith and Linda Marie Sowell.

Others are Vickie Lynn Perkins Stanfield, Patricia Ann Pointer Stanley, Karen Elaine Stewart, Revin Lee Stoker, Debra Denise Strickland, Julian Zamora Suarez, Richard Wayne Sullenger, Roy Darrel Sumruld, William John Tate, Tony Clifton Thomas, Angelita Erica Thompson, Josephine Thompson, Mary Francis Thompson, Cynthia Marie Tullis and Mike Valadez.

Anyone knowing the address for these classmates should call Janis McMullan Key at 573-0830, Kay McBeth Hopper at 573-0398 or Suzanne McCommas Doolittle at 573-6704.



SHS Class of '73

Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, March 28
North-South
1. Tizzy Hall, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Alta Cates, Suzy Reed.

East-West
1. Pat Floyd, Peggy Hardin.
2. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.

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In some states, Arbor Day, Bird Day and Flag Day are school holidays.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Atheneum Study Club; meet for business at MAWC and then tour the hospital; LaDean Rhodes and Barbara McGee, hostesses; 4:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters' Club; 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building on west 37th St.; Lila Guinn, program; Rachel Martin, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Snyder Garden Club; at Golden Terrace Apartments, Sandra Browning will lead in making garden ornaments, plant markers, wind chimes, etc., and plant exchange; 11:30 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.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 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 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings & Loan community room, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850.

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.

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School Menus

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All meals are served with milk and the breakfast menu offers juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Sausage
Toast
Tuesday
Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday
Dry Cereal
Toast
Thursday
Biscuits/Gravy
Friday
Pancakes
Ham

LUNCH
Monday
Chili Cheese Tots
Sliced Pickles
Fritos
Pears
Tuesday
Beef Tips over Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce
Wednesday
Barbecue Chicken
Potato Salad
Ranch Style Beans
Hot Rolls
Peaches
Whipped Cream
Thursday
Taco
Lettuce & Tomato
Refried Beans
Spice Cake
Friday
Barbecue on a Bun
Pickles & Onions
French Fries
No Bake Cookies

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

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pancakes
Sausage
Tuesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs
Biscuit
Bacon
Thursday
Breakfast Burritos
Friday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Peanut Butter Surprise

LUNCH
Monday
Poor Boy Steak w/Brown Gravy
Parsley Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans]
Bread
Cowboy Cookies
Tuesday
Pizza
Bread Sticks
Salad
Corn
Jell-O
Wednesday
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit
Thursday
Beef Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Salad
Sopapillas
Friday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Peanut Butter Surprise

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Milk is served with all meals and juice is served with breakfast.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Ham, Egg & Cheese in a Biscuit
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Pancakes & Sausage
Hot Oatmeal w/Spiced Fruit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Breakfast on a Stick
Chocolate Donut
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
No School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH
Monday
Swiss Steak or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Cheese & Chives Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Texas Toast
Tuesday
Turkey Cheese Sub Sandwich or
Barbecued Chicken
Broccoli Wedges w/Dip
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Peach Cup
Wednesday
All-American Chili Dog or
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Scalloped Potatoes
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Dinner Roll
Thursday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Chocolate Brownie

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Monday
Swiss Steak
Chicken Nuggets w/Dip
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheese & Chives Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Texas Toast
Tuesday
Turkey Cheese Sub
Barbecue Chicken
Pepperoni Pizza
Corn on the Cob
Broccoli Wedges w/Ranch
Chilled Peach Cup
Wednesday
Sliced Roast Beef w/Gravy
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Pepperoni Pizza
Buttered Kidney Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Dinner Roll
Thursday
Chef Salad w/Crackers
All-American Chili Dog
Pepperoni Pizza
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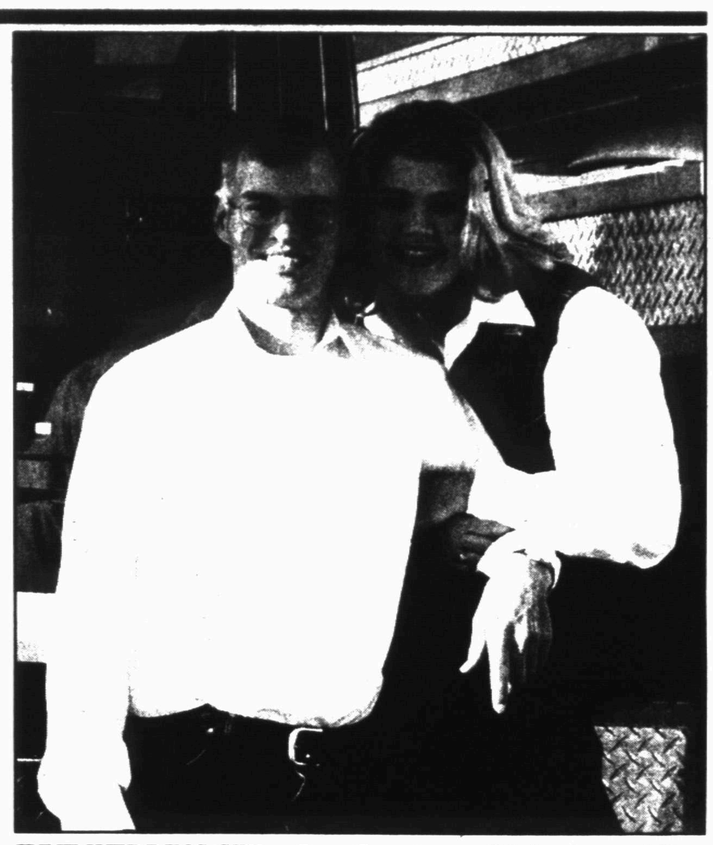
Best Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION
1. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
2. "The King of Torts" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
3. "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold (Little, Brown)
4. "The Jester" by J. Patterson, A. Gross (Little, Brown)
5. "The Vanished Man" by Jeffery Deaver (Simon & Schuster)
6. "Back Story" by Robert B. Parker (Putnam)
7. "The Reluctant Suitor" by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss (Morrow)
8. "Dating Game" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)
9. "Someone to Watch over Me" by Judith McNaught (Atria)
10. "The Confessor" by Daniel Silva (Putnam)

NONFICTION/GENERAL
1. "Atkins for Life" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (St. Martin's)
2. Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life" by Queen Noor (Miramax)
3. "Stupid White Men... and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation" by Michael Moore (ReganBooks)
4. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
5. "The Power of Engagement: Managing Energy, Not Time,..." by Jim Loehr & Tony Schwartz (Free Press)
6. "Jarhead" by Anthony Swofford (Scribner)
7. "Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...and Others Don't" by Jim Collins (HarperBusiness)
8. "The Hunt for Bin Laden" by Robin Moore (Random House)
9. "The Savage Nation" by Michael Savage (WND Books)
10. "Dereliction of Duty" by Robert Patterson (Regnery)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS
1. "Dr. Atkins New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
2. "Three Fates" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
3. "The Wailing Wind" by Tony Hillerman (HarperCollins)
4. "Dreamcatcher" by Stephen King (Pocket)
5. "The Summons" by John Grisham (Dell Island)
6. "City of Bones" by Michael Connelly (Warner Vision)
7. "Body of Lies" by Iris Johansen (Bantam Books)
8. "Gone for Good" by Harlan Coben (Dell)
9. "Widow's Walk" by Robert B. Parker (Berkley)
10. "Chopping Spree" by Diane Mott Davidson (Bantam Books)

TRADE PAPERBACKS
1. "The Nanny Diaries" by Emma McLaughlin & Nicola Kraus. (St. Martin's/Griffin)
2. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin USA)
3. "Atonement" by Ian McEwan (Anchor)
4. "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham (Picador)
5. "Trading Spaces: Behind the Scenes" by Meredith Books, Brian Kramer (Meredith Books)
6. "Mrs. Dalloway" by Virginia Woolf (Harcourt/Harvest)
7. "Shopaholic Ties the Knot" by Sophie Kinsella (Delta)
8. "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall (Smith Anchor)
9. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (Quill)



JUNE WEDDING SET — Lora Sweetman of Palestine and Ben Poe of Snyder set their wedding for June 14 in the Palestine Crockett Road Church of Christ. Following a Caribbean cruise, they will reside in Snyder. Parents of the couple are Ted and Ginger Sweetman and Johnny and Jennifer Poe, all of Palestine. Ben's grandparents are Bob and Rachel Martin and his aunt and uncle are Lane and Melody Martin, all of Snyder. Lora will graduate from Trinity Valley Community College with an associate degree and plans to transfer to UTPB in Odessa. Ben is employed at the Snyder Fire Department and the Snyder EMS. (Contributed Photo)

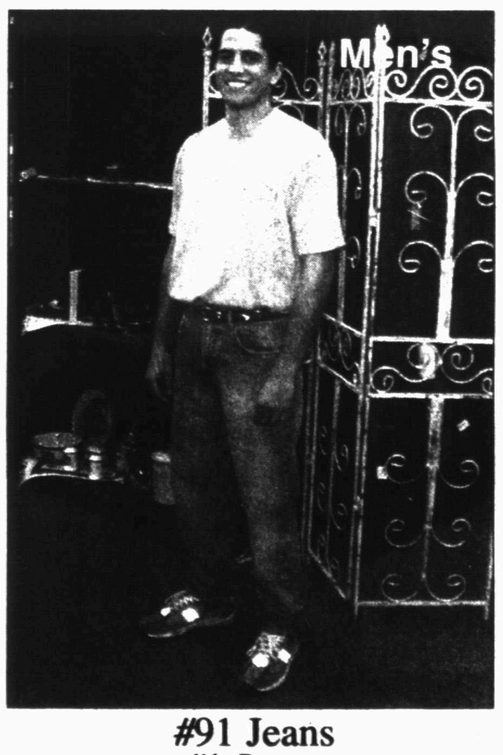
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Black can be used in gardens

By ED HUTCHISON

As a color in the garden, black is often associated with something gone wrong.

It can be that, but on an upbeat note, the opposite is true: Black can be a stunning color solo in the garden or as an accent with traditional colors and pastels.

While the foliage of some plants looks truly black, the real color is more likely rich ebony, deep purple or similar dark colors. The distinction is easy to spot in bright light but much less so on cloudy days or late in the afternoon when dark equals black.

Why bother with black colors when so many bright ones are available? Actually, there are three reasons. Before diving in, be aware that it is typically the foliage of these plants that is darkly pigmented and not the blossoms. Indeed, there are some very dark flowers — a few varieties of tulips, petunias, roses, dahlias and gladioli — but it is foliage that is the main player as a black element.

Soft pastel colors such as pale yellow, pink, lavender, cream, apricot and lemon look especially elegant against the depth of ebony foliage. The dark foliage accentuates the clarity of the pastels, making them glimmer even more.

Zinnias, marigolds, celosia, petunias, snapdragons and several other popular annuals boast varieties with boldly colored blossoms in red, yellow, orange, orchid, gold and chartreuse. These in-your-face colors are visually tamed by the framing effect of the dark foliage. The effect is interesting — the colors are still hot but more contained and thus, easier on the eye.

To be visually effective, you need a good number of dark-leaved plants. Use eight to 15 plants of the same type in clusters or swaths to create the best contrast. A handful of plants will simply not provide the punch needed. The exception here may be with a plant called elephant ear; some varieties grow 5 feet tall, so a few of these monsters may be all you need.

The shapes, as well as the color, contrast. Many dark-leaved plants bear foliage unlike the shape of popular annuals. Take sweet potato vine Blackie, for example. Its foliage is about as big as an adult's hand with three, rather than five, serrated fingers. Then there is the versatile canna Red Wine. Like other cannas, its leaves are broad, elongated sheaf-like. This variety has dark burgundy foliage and deep red blossoms. It is a dwarf canna, growing just 2 to 3 feet tall — its thick upright shape creates a wonderful backdrop for brighter plantings.

Texture is another consideration. Most plants with dark foliage are fairly coarse — meaning they grow fast, the foliage is large or the overall plant is large, or all of the above. This is OK, but you may not want to plant these adjacent to diminutive plants such as bacopa or alyssum. Instead, choose plants that can visually defend themselves alongside the bigger plant.

Look for these plants, and others, at garden centers across the country. Each is easy to grow and adapts to a variety of conditions. Most do best in full to partial sun; check the care tag that comes with the plant to be sure.

Elephant ear Black Magic — matte-black leaves shaped like, yes, an elephant ear — unfurl to a length of 2 feet each. The plant grows about 5 feet tall, making it excellent as a background or screen. Illustris is another outstanding variety, growing just 30 inches high with heart-shaped, gray-green leaves about 18 inches across. Coral bells Bressingham Bronze leaves are dark and shiny, and this perennial does well in the shade, growing to a dense, mounded shape. Like other coral bells, it bears flowers but it is the foliage this plant is grown for.

Other dark-leaved varieties include Pewter Moon, Pewter Veil, Palace Purple, Whirlwind and Chocolate Veil, all more correctly known as heuchera. These are extremely versatile for their color, shape, size and ease of growth.

Then there is the coleus. A generation of gardeners has grown up missing the beauties of this shade-loving, colorful annual.



COSMORAMA VIEWS QUILTS — "Janelle Pollard and Friends" was the title for Cosmorama Study Club's program on March 19 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Paula McWilliams, Wanda Short, Marsha Kubena, Betty Sorrels and Pollard, from left, quilt together and showed samples of their handwork and vintage collection. Hostesses for the meeting were Jo Ann Stewart and Marge Mathis. Cosmorama will meet again April 19 at noon at the Garza Restaurant in Post for a museum tour. (Contributed Photo)

Scurry County Library News & Views

Janie Romine, librarian

This week is National Library Week so come by the library for a special gift. This week express your library support by contacting your commissioner.

In the past weeks you have read about four different library positions and their duties, and today you discover the varied duties of the library director.

The Texas State Library requires a library director of a small Texas library to have either a master's degree in library science, or to attend small library management classes over a period of several years.

The library director shares the circulation desk duties with other staff and assists persons in research and in finding books. Specific clerical duties involve preparing the quarterly report for the library board, and preparing the annual report to be submitted to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The library director organizes and formulates spreadsheets for reporting monthly statistics.

In addition, the library director writes, implements and oversees all grants. She also writes letters of support for school grant requests. All correspondence is written by the library director, including the yearly periodical donation requests. Each year the library director is responsible for preparing the yearly budget and oversees its expenditures throughout the year.

The library director represents Scurry County Library at all regional and state library meetings, and represents the Scurry County Library on the SISD Technology Task Force. She schedules the library board meetings, and serves as the library representative to the board meetings.

She is also responsible for settling disputes with patrons, and if necessary, bringing those disputes to the attention of the library board. The library director also presents the quarterly report, annual report, and other library business to the commissioner's court.

Whereas large libraries have a technology staff member, small libraries do not, so the library director is the computer technician and trouble-shooter. She, therefore, is in charge of maintaining the Local Area Network (LAN) which includes keeping the Internet computers and the library system safe and running. The library director must install all library system updates, conduct backups, and make sure the automated library program is working properly.

Policies must be written by the library director and must be presented to the library board or the state for approval. These policies include the circulation policies, Internet use policy, filtering policies, and the State Technology Plan. In order to write policies, the director must be current on relevant court cases and new laws in order to avoid legal complications.

The library director reads over 200 book reviews a month in order to utilize the book budget to the fullest advantage, and she consults award lists and best-seller lists. In addition, she consults teachers about school curriculum needs and then orders the books, videos, and audios that are appropriate for our population, and assists with the cataloging.

When memorials are given, the library director chooses an appropriate title for the person honored. She has supervisory duties such as hiring and supervising the staff, scheduling hours and initiating safety procedures. She also supervises the upkeep and maintenance of the library building, and arranges maintenance agreements with companies.

As an advocate for literacy, the library director speaks to many different groups and assists the children's librarian with school tours and with school groups coming for research.

She is currently assisting the Texas Education Agency by conducting workshops on the Texas Library Connection for teachers and librarians. The library director is responsible for creating new programs and schedules special evening programs for the public.

The library director maintains and updates the Scurry County Library Web page, and writes two or more library articles each month for the Snyder Daily News.

As you can see, the library director at a small library has many different duties, but the duties are performed so that you can have the library that you deserve.

Happy National Library Week.

Students sold toys for injured dog

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. (AP) — Students at a southwestern Michigan elementary school sold their own toys to raise money that will be used to help provide medical care for a badly burned and homeless dog.

Shelby, a 5-year-old Rottweiler mix, was found March 15 wandering on a street in Ottawa County's Georgetown Township.

The dog suffered second- and third-degree burns to her face, head, chest and front legs, and had neck wounds.

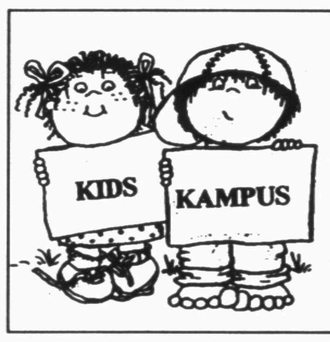
After hearing of Shelby's plight, students at Ferry Elementary School received permission to hold a weeklong toy sale. They raised $160 by selling items for as little as a penny and for no more than $2.

On Tuesday, the children presented a $160 check to Heidi Yates, the development director of the Harbor Humane Society, where Shelby is recuperating.

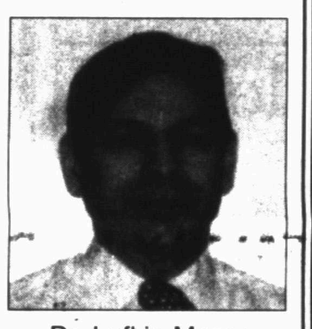
"I really want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," Yates told the students. "I'm overwhelmed. It means a lot to the shelter, and I know it does to Shelby, too."

After receiving the check, Yates delivered thank-you notes from Shelby to each of the children and answered their questions about the dog's condition.

She said there are some long-term concerns regarding Shelby's tear ducts and her ability to taste and smell. But the animal is recovering and starting to wag her tail and trust people.



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Donny and Paula Fox to Eddins-Walcher Co., a 0.32-acre tract in Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Brenda Cody to David Bowman, an 0.25-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Terry R. and Theresa A. Stephens to Wesley and Nicole Coe, the south 50 feet of Lot 16 and the north 25 feet of Lot 17, both in Block 3, Scott and Browning Addition.

Cornel and Janis Mot to Russell Jones Jr., Lot 3 in Block H of the Highland Park Addition.

Lisa Dennis Lee and Theresa Dennis Bawcum to Nancy Sue Dennis, Lot 14 in Block 1 of the Forrest Addition.

Helen Ann Daniel, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Mary Ann Morris, John Ken Morris and David Lewis Morris to Harold Loyd Nichols, the west 20 feet of the north 75 feet of Lot 1, and all of Lot 2 and the north 25 feet of Lot 3, all in Block 5 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Lisa Murphy to Kimberly Sanchez, the north 140 feet of the west 68 feet of Lot 2, Block 37 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Jimmy A. and Jolene M. Chaidez to Lupe and Teresa Morin, Lots 17-20 in Block 25 of the Replat of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Louis and Melissa Midwell to Roxanne Kendrick, Lot 7 in Block E of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Wanda Janelle Pollard, independent executrix of the estate of Eva Bell Moore, to Wanda Janelle Pollard, Section 155, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kenneth and Kim Dierschke to Ricky L. and Barbara J. Wheeler, Lot 5 in Block T of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Loretta Bryce Lee, independent executrix of the estate of L.C. Bryce, to Loretta Bryce Lee and Margaret Nolene Lloyd, Lot 12 in Block A of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Don F. and Joanne M. Sleeman to Alton L. and Sherry L. Patterson, Lots 3 and 4 in Block 8 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Ralph E. Lewis, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Ronnie Clyde Lewis, and Randy Todd Lewis, to Patricio Ruiz, tract one being Lot 7 in Block 21 of the Green Hills Addition; tract two being 4.016 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 21 of the Green Hills Addition.

Winifred P. Custer to Russell F. Custer, 6.352 acres in Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Gloria Cato, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Gerrel Watson Bigham, to Williams and Morris Inc., 1.016 acres in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lora Bonita Moore to Casey and Adriana Jones, 2.649 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mayzell Fenton, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Lynn Fenton, to Fernando and Mary F. Romero, 20.72 acres in Tract 19 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 19, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Benjamin T. and Irene T. Orosco to Martin and Jennifer Orosco, Lot 4 in Block 33 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Janell Bearden to Benjamin T. and Irene T. Orosco, a 0.559-acre tract in the south one-half of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Bobby and Carolyn J. Stansell, to Greg and Patti Cole, an 0.87 acre tract in Section 483, Block 97, H&TC survey.

The Heirs of Mary Frances Allen to Three J's Petroleum Inc., 20 acres in the southeast corner of Section 75, Block 20 Lavaca Navigation Co. survey.

Teresa Bigham to Rodney Clifton, 2.0 acres in Section 183, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Pickup driver killed

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — A freight train smashed into a pickup truck stopped on a crossing, killing the driver before he could move his vehicle.

Street traffic was backed up through the crossing and the pickup was trapped when the crossing's warning gates were lowered for the approaching train, police said.

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King's anti-war views are remembered

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — On the 35th anniversary of his death, Martin Luther King Jr. is being remembered by those who knew him as a man of peace who would have spoken out against the war with Iraq.

"He was a drum major for peace and justice," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, a longtime civil rights leader and former King associate. "He was very committed to the anti-war movement."

Lowery is among the many King admirers and former associates scheduled to help commemorate the anniversary of King's death on Friday. Events include a march, panel discussions and historical reviews of King's life and a candlelight prayer vigil at the National Civil Rights Museum.

Though King's main focus was civil rights, he also took part in marches and protests that helped end the Vietnam War. His anti-war beliefs and protests are not scheduled for a specific discussion but they undoubtedly will come up.

"I don't know how we can avoid it," Lowery said. "That would be pretty hard in the midst of all these cruise missiles and super bombs and smart bombs on dumb missions."

With America at war with Iraq, King's campaigns for nonviolent social change and world peace are as timely as ever, said Julian Bond, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Bondwill direct a panel discussion on King's life that will include members of the Organization of American Historians, which is holding its national meeting in Memphis this week.

"I'm sure somebody among the panelists will make this (anti-war) connection," said Bond, who also opposed the Vietnam War. "Dr. King is a constant reference for today's problems, including war."

King was in Memphis to lead a garbage workers' strike on April 4, 1968 when he was shot on the balcony of the former Lorraine Motel, now the home of the civil rights museum.

Escaped convict James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the murder. He died of liver disease in prison in 1998.

Frank McRae, a retired Methodist preacher who took part in efforts to peacefully resolve the sanitation workers' strike, said King's anti-war protests were based on religious beliefs.

"It was a Jesus thing for King, as it is for me," McRae said. "I just can't see Jesus manning a tank."

Lowery, a former president the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said King, a leader in forming the SCLC, remained firm with his anti-war protests though they sometimes caused conflicts with other civil rights leaders.

"There were some in the SCLC who, while they were not necessarily for the war, weren't sure we should divide our energies," Lowery said.

Many of King's admirers share his anti-war beliefs today, Lowery said, and think the United States was too quick in going to war without more support from other nations.

"It's a kind of dangerous arrogance that assumes that all the world is wrong except us," he said.

It's common for people involved in all kinds of social protests to claim King would be on their side today, though no one can say for sure.

Opponents of the war with Iraq use King's name with ease.

"I can't speak for Dr. King because he spoke so eloquently for himself," Lowery said. "But as I knew him and worked with him for peace and justice, there is no way in God's world that I can believe Martin would do anything but condemn this war."

Couple accused of sexual assault

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police have arrested a couple after an Arlington woman said the man sexually assaulted her and shocked her with a stun gun and his wife tried to help restrain her. The woman said she was attacked after confronting the man about nude photographs secretly taken of her.

Charles Apodaca, 46, and his wife, Cecilia Marie Francis, were being held in the Mansfield Jail on Thursday after being arrested on warrants accusing them of aggravated sexual assault. They were arrested Wednesday.

Police Sgt. Paul Ware said a 20-year-old woman had been staying with the couple at times because of problems at home, but was in the process of moving out.

Police said the attack occurred Tuesday night after the woman confronted Apodaca about nude photos she found of herself that apparently were taken as she showered, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its online editions Thursday.

The woman said Apodaca grabbed her from behind and threatened to break her neck, handcuffed one of her arms and then zapped her several times in the abdomen with a stun gun as she struggled to escape.

"She had injuries that were consistent with a stun gun," Ware said.

According to an affidavit, the woman said that the man told Francis to get shackles to secure her feet, but Francis returned with duct tape, saying she could not find the shackles.

"The duct tape was never used because she was basically pleading not to be restrained and stopped fighting," Ware said.

The woman said that after she was sexually assaulted, Apodaca pointed a rifle at her. She said Francis then drove her to her Arlington residence, where she later called police.

While serving a search warrant, police seized two stun guns, restraints and numerous photographs and videotapes. Police were reviewing the tapes to see if any portray the victim.

The woman said Apodaca showed her a videotape in which she was blindfolded and nude on a bed in a room that she did not recognize or remember.

She said she did not give permission to be photographed or videotaped.

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A devastating earthquake struck San Francisco on April 18, 1906. It was followed by raging fires.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

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

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Prevention and awareness focuses for the month of April include alcohol, child abuse and youth violence. Our columns this month will therefore reflect these issues.

The month has been deemed Alcohol Awareness Month to promote information about alcohol use, abuse and dependence.

With local proms slated in April and graduation on the horizon, such a promotion is timely. It is important to educate young people about alcohol as well as the possible consequences of consuming it. We should be instilling our youth with respect for themselves and the lives of others, and education is essential in doing this.

When a child has been taught about issues like drinking and driving, he or she is more likely to make the right decisions when faced with a situation like riding in a car with a driver who has been drinking or getting behind the wheel when he or she has consumed alcohol.

The other two prevention focuses — National Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Youth Violence Prevention Week, April 7-11 — go hand in hand with alcohol awareness. The introduction of alcohol into a situation increases the possibility for abuse and violence. Such issues can cycle for generations with the abused becoming the abuser and so forth.

Making people aware that there is a different, better way than what they have seen growing up is essential. Our young boys need to know that it is not okay to get falling down drunk and beat your girlfriend or wife. It is not acceptable behavior to spend your whole week's pay on beer and whiskey when you have a family at home depending on you. Our young girls need to know that they do not have to get drunk to impress a guy. Respect and love do not require that. They need also to understand the consequences of drinking too much and what could happen if they pass out in a strange place around strangers.

The major alcoholic beverage companies tout the "drink responsibly" message, but they go right on glamorizing the lifestyle and giving little play to the drunken crashes that claim lives, the women raped while passed out or the man with his name on a donor list dying of cirrhosis.

Sure the lifestyle can be fun and the camaraderie memorable, but sooner or later the party does end. You either grow up or it takes you down. As it is commonly expressed in the Twelve-Step programs, "Jails, institutions and death, oh my!"

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

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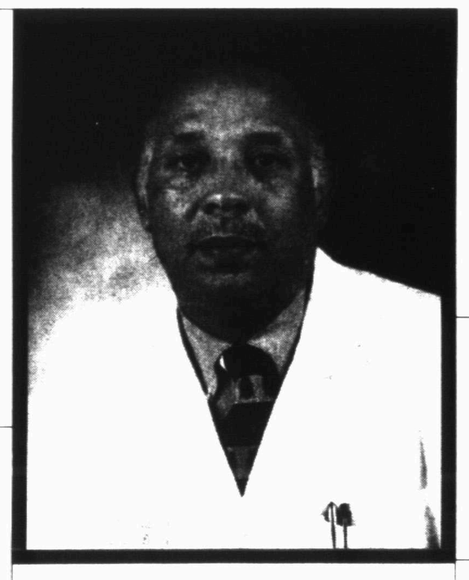
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Music industry sues students over alleged swapping of files

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The recording industry is expanding its fight against illegal Internet content swapping by suing four college students for allegedly offering more than 1 million copies of popular music.

In lawsuits filed Thursday in federal courts in New York, New Jersey and Michigan, the Recording Industry Association of America asked that the sites be shut down and that it be paid maximum damages of $150,000 per song.

The RIAA said the file-sharing systems were being run by students at Princeton University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Michigan Technological University. The schools were not named as defendants.

The RIAA said the offenses were akin to those committed by Napster, which was ordered shut down after the courts found it violated musical copyrights.

"These systems are just as illegal and operate in the same manner," RIAA President Cary Sherman said in a statement.

The action reflects a recent trend in which the entertainment industry has become more aggressive in pursuing copyright infringers.

Four entertainment industry groups sent a letter to 2,300 university presidents last year, urging a tough stand on copyright infringement, and in January a federal judge in Washington, D.C., ruled that Verizon Communications Inc. must identify an Internet subscriber suspected of illegally offering more than 600 songs from well known artists. The RIAA had sought the user's identity with a subpoena approved under the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

In February, the RIAA joined with the Motion Picture Association of America in sending a six-page brochure to Fortune 1000 corporations that suggested corporate policies and offered a sample memo to employees warning against using company computers to download content from the Web.

Lotto Texas game will change in May

AUSTIN — The Texas Lottery Commission approves the new Lotto Texas game rule. Sales for the new game will begin Sunday, May 4, with the first drawing to be held on Wednesday, May 7.

"The new lotto Texas game will provide players with a chance to win higher-level jackpots and increase their overall chances of winning," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan Greer. "And, we anticipate the changes to generate additional sales, and that translates into more revenue for the State of Texas.

Greer said it is estimated that the new game may generate more than $50 million in additional revenue during the first full fiscal year of sales.

The new Lotto Texas will be a bonus ball-style game similar to Texas Two Step. Players will choose five numbers from one field of 44 numbers, and then choose a bonus ball number from a second field of 44 numbers. The odds of winning the jackpot prize will change from 1 in 25.8 million to 1 in 47.7 million.

The game also will include the following features:

- High jackpots (the possibility of three to four jackpots between $65 and $100 million during a 52-week period)
- Increased numbers of prize tiers from four to eight.
- Increased number of guaranteed prize tiers from one to three.
- Change in overall odds of wining any prize from 1 in 71 to 1 in 57.
- Approximately 25 percent increase in the number of overall winners.

"Our sales figures confirm that players are speaking with their dollars and want to participate when the jackpot gets to a higher level," said Greer. "The new Lotto Texas game gives players what they told us they want — higher jackpots. We hope that players will try the new game — and appreciate what we've done when they see the higher level jackpots, as well."

Players will continue to choose the jackpot payment options at the time they purchase their lotto Texas tickets, and the cost to play will continue to be $1. Drawings still will be held every Wednesday and Saturday night at 10:12 p.m.

Since the Texas Lottery began in 1992, more than $10 billion has been transferred to the State of Texas. Total FY '03 sales-to-date is $1.74 billion, up 8.4 percent from FY '02 sales-to-date of $1.61 billion.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at http://www.txlottery.org.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Drunk driver still mourned by those she left behind

DEAR ABBY: Ten years ago this month, a drunk driver killed my girlfriend. She was only 29. I still miss her and think about her every day. I think about all the things that intoxicated driver could have done to avoid the tragedy of that night things such as calling a cab, letting someone else drive home, or giving the car keys to a designated driver.

However, I cannot admonish the driver or ask why these precautions were not taken; I do not have that luxury. You see, Abby, the driver was my GIRLFRIEND.

She got into her car that night without thinking it would be the last ride of her life. She got behind the wheel without considering all those who loved her and would miss her smile, her voice, her presence. She did it without thinking of her two little boys who would have to grow up without a mommy.

I know it's a cliche, but if this letter makes just one person out there stop and think before getting behind the wheel while impaired, my girlfriend's death may not have been in vain. — **KURT E. WERTHEIM, SAN ANTONIO**

DEAR KURT: It is clear that you are still in mourning. Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Your letter points up one sobering fact: The person most at risk is the one who can't think clearly and believes "it can't happen to me."

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DEAR ABBY: I've been dating "Collin" for nine months. I fell for him hard and fast. My problem is I recently met his former girlfriend, "Patty." She has a 10-month-old son. Abby, I've done the math. I suspect Collin is the father. He told me he broke up with Patty 10 months before we met. I asked Collin if he is the baby's father, and he said he "didn't think so," because Patty never mentioned it to him.

I don't think Collin really wants to know but I do! This is driving me crazy. Should I ask Patty if Collin is the father of her child? Help! — **SUSPICIOUS HEART IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: By all means ask Patty who the father is. It's a fair question, and one that could affect your future with Collin romantically and financially. If he is the daddy, he may be required by law to support the child at least until he is 18. And if he's not the father, it will put your mind at ease.

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DEAR ABBY: We recently hosted a bat mitzvah for our daughter and invited two families (parents along with their children). In both cases, the parents attended but the children did not.

A few months later, these two families hosted similar parties for their own children. In each case, my husband and I were invited but our children were not. I thought if we invited their children, they should invite ours. Is this considered proper etiquette? — **PUZZLED ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER**

DEAR PUZZLED: Not that I know of. A bar mitzvah and a bat mitzvah are important rites of passage in a young Jewish person's life, and when I was growing up it was a celebration in which contemporaries were always included -ñ particularly if the children were in the same age bracket. I, too, am puzzled that parents would attend or be expected to attend without their children. (The exception to this would be if the children were toddlers who might be disruptive.)

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DEAR ABBY: My late husband and I had a relationship spanning 30 years. When he was sober, he was a good husband and wonderful father to our two children. We separated 10 years before he died, and he moved out of state with his young mistress, "Eve," who did everything she could to damage my relationship with our daughter, "Beth." She finally succeeded. Beth went to live with her father, and she and Eve became friends. At Beth's wedding, Eve appeared in almost every photo, taking my place as the "bride's mother." (My son and I were not invited.)

To my husband's credit, it was his wish that I receive his insurance and pension when he died. When our son tragically died at age 23, Beth and I reconciled. I then remarried and after two years was widowed again — which made me a wealthy woman. I have chosen to help Beth and her family financially, and I know they are grateful.

Eve is still on the scene 11 years after my husband's passing, and my 6-year-old grandson refers to her as Grandma. At times he blurts out that he has "three grandmas" — his father's mother, Eve and me.

I feel I should be at center stage without an "imposter" waiting in the wings. Should I make this an issue or ignore it? I feel my daughter is disloyal by allowing this to continue. — **FEELING BETRAYED IN NEW YORK CITY**

DEAR FEELING BETRAYED: I'm not sure I agree. The person who was "disloyal" was your first husband. He left you for a younger woman. When your daughter went to live with them, she was young and impressionable and Eve befriended her. It is understandable that her child thinks he has three grandmothers. He is too young to understand why.

I see nothing to gain and much to lose by trying to rule via the purse strings. Please resist the temptation. One day your grandson will realize what the facts are. Be patient and take the high road.

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DEAR ABBY: "Rhonda" and "Errol" were married last summer. At the wedding, Rhonda's 2 1/2-year-old niece, "Laurel," stole the show on the dance floor. She was cute as the dickens.

Last weekend, Rhonda and Errol were in town, and little Laurel's name came up in conversation. Referring to Laurel's performance on the dance floor, I remarked how she was the star.

Rhonda turned to me and said, "Excuse me. I was the star."

"Oh," I said. Then I smiled and remarked, "Well, you were upstaged."

Later that day, Rhonda said, "I was deeply hurt by your comment. You owe me an apology."

Have you any thoughts on how I can avoid "deeply hurting" Rhonda in the future? — **WONDERING IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR WONDERING: Absolutely. Refrain from making any more tactless put-downs. Every bride is the star on her wedding day.

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DEAR ABBY: I met a blond-haired stallion on my birthday. We hooked up that night and he gave me an awesome birthday present.

I would like to see him again, but I didn't give him my phone number. I have been back to the place where we met, but we keep missing each other. What should I do? — **EAGER IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL.**

DEAR EAGER: You can pray that the stallion returns to the stable, but don't count on it. Some studs prefer a filly who says "neigh" over one who is hot to trot.

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Husband accused of keeping wife on chain

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Central Texas man is accused of keeping his wife on a 25-foot chain similar to those used for dogs.

Jerry Wayne Thomason, 41, was arrested after a witness contacted San Antonio police Thursday. The witness noticed the chain around the woman's neck as the couple dropped off their two sons, ages 11 and 14, at school. Police said the witness asked the husband about the chain.

Police said that the man told the witness, as he jerked the chain, that he used it so that his wife couldn't run off.

Thomason was arrested after police went to their home and found the couple in the driveway. He was charged with aggravated assault with serious bodily injury and unlawful restraint.

Officer Kenny Hagen said the woman was standing next to a vehicle with the chain still around her neck, while her husband slept in the driver's seat.

The chain was wrapped around her neck twice and held in place with a padlock, police said in Friday's edition of the San Antonio Express-News. The woman, who had bruises on her face, was holding the length of the chain in her arms.

"She had a really tough time talking," he said. "She was distraught, kind of like beat down, almost like you had accepted your fate in life."

San Antonio firefighters had to use bolt cutters to cut the chain.

When questioned by police, Thomason said he loved his wife and wanted to take care of her.

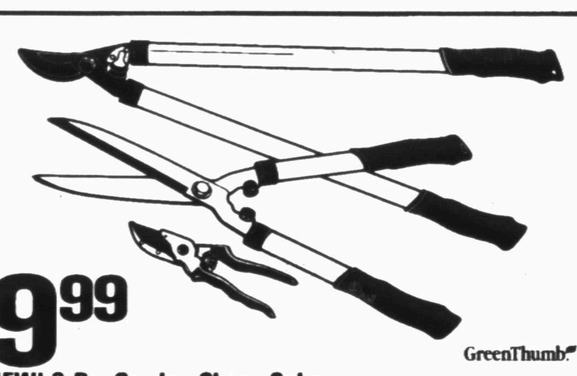
Thomason was in Bexar County Jail on Friday morning. Bond was set at $53,000.

His 45-year-old wife was taken to Southeast Baptist Hospital, where she was treated and released.

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Saturday, April 5, 2003

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On this day in 1961, "Secret Agent" made its television debut.

On this day in 1987, "The Tracy Ullman Show" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Lister (1827-1912), physician; Booker Taliaferro Washington (1856-1915), educator; Bette Davis (1908-1989), actress; Gregory Peck (1916-), actor, is 87; Colin Powell (1937-), Secretary of State, is 66; Michael Moriarty (1941-), actor, is 62.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1913, Ebbets Field, home of the Brooklyn Dodgers, opened in an exhibition game against the Yankees.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Getting old is not for sissies." - Bette Davis

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 1) and first quarter (April 9).

Sunday, April 6, 2003

Today is the 96th day of 2003 and the 18th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was founded.

On this day in 1868, Brigham Young, a Mormon Church leader, married wife No. 27, his last.

On this day in 1917, the United States entered World War I.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Merle Haggard (1937-), singer and songwriter, is 66; Billy Dee Wiliams (1937-), actor, is 66; Marilu Henner (1952-), actress, is 51; Paul Rudd (1969-), actor, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: 1980, the 52-year-old Gordie Howe played his last regular-season hockey game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There's always been a lot of misunderstanding about Lando's character. I used to pick up my daughter from elementary school and get into arguments with little children who would accuse me of betraying Han Solo." — Billy Dee Williams

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 1) and first quarter (April 9).

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Greenspan says balance needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the fruits of ever-changing technology play an increasing role in the U.S. economy, the country must strike the right balance in developing legal protections for innovative ideas or "intellectual property," Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Friday.

"Are the protections sufficiently broad to encourage innovation but not so broad as to shut down follow-on innovation?" Greenspan asked in remarks prepared for delivery via a satellite video link to a Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta conference in Sea Island, Ga.

"How appropriate is our current system — developed for a world in which physical assets predominated — for an economy in which value increasingly is embodied in ideas rather than tangible capital?" Greenspan asked.

A copy of Greenspan's remarks was distributed in Washington.

Among the thorny issues raised by intellectual property rights is how to define precisely what should be legally protected by a copyright or patent.

The evolution of the Internet into a communications tool that people use at home and at work has raised intellectual property rights issues concerning musicians, movie makers and others in the new digital world.

"Ownership of physical property is capable of being defended by police, the militia or private mercenaries," Greenspan said. "Ownership of ideas is far less easily protected."

In his speech, Greenspan did not talk about the current state of the economy or discuss the future course of interest rate policy.

Payments to retirement accounts suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — More companies are suspending their matching contributions to workers' 401(k) retirement accounts in an effort to cut costs.

Such a move by broker Charles Schwab & Co. won wide attention in March because the company has been outspoken in its support of the investment vehicle. But Schwab is not alone.

El Paso Corp., CMS Energy Corp., The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Ford Motor Co. and Tech Data Corp. are among the companies that have suspended matching contributions to 401(k) accounts over the past year. This week, Prudential Securities became the latest employer to do so.

"We needed to look for ways to achieve expense reductions that were temporary in nature and did not threaten our ability to grow and take our business forward when things turn around," said Schwab spokesman Glenn Mathison, whose comments generally were echoed by other companies suspending matches.

Many employers adopted 401(k) accounts during the late 1980s and 1990s as a replacement for traditional pension plans. They became widely popular with workers, who saw the spiraling stock market as a way to ensure a comfortable retirement.

Employers' average matching contributions, which peaked at 3.3 percent of workers' pay in 1998 and 1999, fell to 2.5 percent in 2001, according to the most recent data available from the Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America, an industry group.

While many companies have pared or suspended their contributions to retirement accounts recently, most have been employers with so-called "variable" matches that are linked to profits, said David Wray, president of the profit sharing council.

Companies have reduced these variable matches during past economic downturns, he said.

"I think it remains rare that fixed matches are being eliminated or suspended," Wray said.

But the distinction — usually written in fine print — means little to workers accustomed to years of consistent employer contributions, said Joe Hessenthaler of Towers Perrin, a human resources consulting firm.

The change is part of broader, and in most cases temporary, efforts to cut expenses. When companies do return to matching, Hessenthaler said, many will more clearly tie 401(k) plans to company profits.

"What's the message you (the employer) are trying to get out? You're trying to get out that this isn't guaranteed. If we do well, you're going to do well. If we don't do well, you're not going to do well," Hessenthaler said.

Some of the companies that have suspended matches said worker participation in 401(k) accounts has dipped slightly. The 401(k) council reports overall participation in the large plans it surveys has dropped from 82.9 percent in 1998 to 78 percent in 2001.

GOP assails Kerry for saying Bush, like Saddam, needs to go

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry came under fire from top congressional Republicans for saying the United States, like Iraq, needs a regime change. Kerry would not back down.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said the statement by the Massachusetts senator called into question Kerry's fitness to be the nation's chief executive.

"Free and open discourse is one thing, but petty, partisan insults launched solely for personal political gain are highly inappropriate at a time when American men and women are in harm's way," Frist said in a statement Thursday.

In a speech Wednesday in Peterborough, N.H., Kerry said President Bush so alienated allies prior to the U.S.-led war against Iraq that only a new president can rebuild damaged relationships with other countries.

"What we need now is not just a regime change in Saddam Hussein and Iraq, but we need a regime change in the United States," Kerry said.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said that in the midst of war, the nation should pull together to support the troops and commander in chief.

"Once this war is over, there will be plenty of time for the next election," he said in a statement.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, also issued a statement, calling Kerry's words "desperate and inappropriate."

"America before New Hampshire," DeLay said.

Kerry dismissed the criticism, saying patriotism is not mutually exclusive with questioning the war.

Students interested in military life may attend Academy Day sessions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm announce the beginning of the 2004 United States Academy cycle.

At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination at any military academy.

Congressman Stenholm will again sponsor Academy Day orientations for all high school students interested in learning about opportunities at one of the academies. Parents, counselors and friends of students are welcome.

Two Academy Day programs will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. April 26 at Granbury High School.

In Abilene, Academy Day will be from 3-5 p.m. April 26 in Science Hall 100 of the Sid Richardson Building on the Hardin-Simmons University campus.

On Sunday, April 27, Congressman Stenholm will host an Academy Day from 2-4 p.m. in Room 100 of the math-computer science building at Angelo State University.

The Academy Day program will include the introduction of congressional staffers and academy representatives who will work with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of nomination procedures, and a video of life at each academy. There will also be opportunities for students and parents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives.

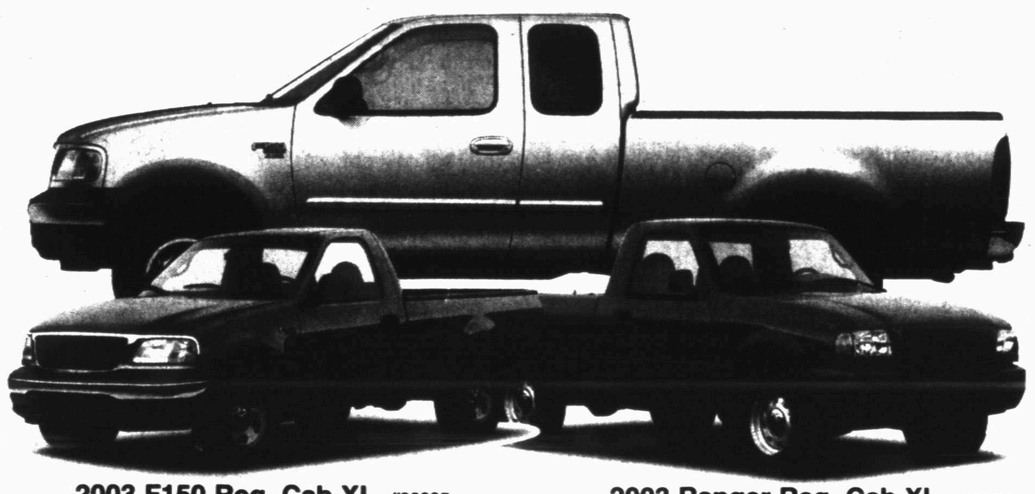
To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 23 years of age by July 1 of the year of admission, unmarried with no dependents, and a U.S. citizen. Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U.S. representative in whose district the applicant resides, from each of the two U.S. senators from Texas, and from the vice president. Congressional nominations account for about 80 percent of all nominations awarded annually.

Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidate's high school record, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores. Involvement in athletics and school and community extracurricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure.

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Letters to the editor

Something good

Dear Editor:

It is time to say something nice about Cox Cable, ESPE C/Ally.

It you are a baseball fan.

- Ranger Games
- 73 Syndication games on Ch. 18.
- 2 games on ESPN Ch. 26.
- 1 game on Fox Ch. 10.
- 87 Braves games on Ch. 24.

Probably other games if you are not a Ranger or Braves fan.

Thank you,
Truman L. Wilson

Addresses needed

Dear Editor:

Hello, My name is Meredith Goodwin Clark. We are in final planning stages of our 15-year class reunion. I am not sure who or how to go about getting the names of the individuals we do not have their addresses for. I would like to have the ones we do not have addresses for listed in the paper, if that is possible.

The Class of 1988 15-year reunion is scheduled for July 4-5.

On July 4, we will have a come-and-go place to meet across from the swimming pool, and that evening will have an ice cream social. Each classmate will be responsible for bringing enough ice cream for their family. We will then watch the fireworks.

On July 5, we will have a catered dinner and dance two miles west of Union at 7p.m.

RSVP: $25 per person by June 1 or afterwards it will be $30 per person. RSVP to Meredith Goodwin Clark, Box 1003, Gatesville, TX 76528.

The following are the classmates that have either moved or we do not have an address for:

Anna Alvarez, Becky Becerra, Gina Brooks, Deana Brown, Tony Dodd, Mark Faulkenberry, Shea Fenton, Shannon Fontanillo, Donna Foree, Manual Fuentez, Mike Gandy, Terry Garza, Bekki Graham, Ricky Graham, Ann Marie Guerrero, Perry Greathouse, Chad Hall, Mandy Hood, Paul Jaramillo, Stacy Kellams, Dan Krenek, Roy Lentz, Valentin Martinez, Kelli McLarty, Shawn McMillon, Joy McSpadden, Loy McSpadden, Marc McQueen, Judson Morrison, Brad Newman, Tricia Phillips, Frank Pointeau, Diana Puente, Lupe Ramirez, Tommy Reynolds, Annette Salinas, Michael Steelman, Carol Tankersley, Joanie Taylor, David Trevey, Tammie Wadkins, Michael Ward, Steve Warner, Thomas Wesley.

Thank you for your assistance.

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What's wrong

Dear Editor:

What is wrong with our government? What is our President thinking? Why are we sending our young men and women thousands of miles from the motherland and putting them in harm's way? Why don't we just stay in the good-ole-USA and mind our own business and let poor old Saddam Hussein lead his country the best he knows how?

I mean, after all, he has done such a fine job up to this point, and he is, after all, only looking out for his people's welfare, isn't he? Good grief, it's not as if he has something against us or something. From the way President Bush is reacting you would think Saddam had sponsored terrorist training and terrorist activity.

President Bush probably even thinks Saddam is trying to build weapons of mass destruction like some chemical, biological or nuclear weapons or something. If that were true, wouldn't there be some kind of evidence of his having such weapons? I mean, if he had developed such weapons, he probably would have used them to quell any type of insurrection that might have occurred in his country.

Please, give me a break! That would mean he would use them against his own people. How absurd of a claim is that? Of course, that is very unlikely, because all the people in Iraq love him and worship him. They even put his picture up everywhere. Besides all that, he has told us he does not have such weapons. Why can't we just believe him? Oh, and another thing, why didn't we just let the diplomatic process work? I mean, after all, it's not like Saddam or the fine diplomats from Iraq would lie, (perhaps the word "mislead" would be more politically correct) to us. I mean, gosh, from the way some people are reacting you would think he had established a track record of lying to the world over the last 14 years.

Why don't we just stay here in our country and mind our own business? After all, it's not like some terrorist would be so stupid as to try something in our country. We are the greatest nation on earth. No one in his right mind wold dare try to do something here in this country, would he? I bet as long as we didn't do anything to upset any of the Muslim extremists, they would just let us live in peace. I mean, after all, what are they going to do, fly a jet airplane full of fuel into the World Trace Center? Surely, if we don't do anything to them, they have no cause to hate us or to try to hurt our people.

I just don't get it. Why can't President Bush just understand that if we ignore this "perceived" threat and pretend that it does not exist, it will go away? Look at the example of Hitler during World War II. Many people ignored what was happening with Nazi Germany as Hitler's SS Troops tortured and killed millions of people during their reign of terror, and it all worked out all right, didn't it? That should be a pretty good example of people not getting involved until it affected them personally. Yep, I think if we had just pretended that everything was okay it would have all worked out pretty well. But then, what do I know? After all, I am just a lowly "infidel."

Steve Tyler

Keep funds

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter to inform the public of the potential loss of services to our children in Snyder and Scurry County.

President Bush started an initiative to "leave no child behind" in education and more specifically, literacy. We support this plan in theory but have grave concerns in the details. The administration is proposing to block grant federal Head Start funds directly to the states. This will allow states to combine Day Care dollars, Pre-K dollars, Head Start dollars and Early Head Start dollars.

Sounds good doesn't it? Wrong! Unfortunately, Texas ranks at or near the bottom in every category of funding for education and children's services. This includes public schools, day care, uninsured children (CHIPS) and etc. Our state is facing a $9.9 billion dollar deficit. Our elected officials at the state and federal levels are proposing to eliminate or reduce funding for CHIPS, direct funds for public schools, teacher's insurance, Pre-K curriculums and supplies (until 2007), Regional Service Centers (teacher training), After School Programs and Early Head Start (pre-natal through three).

Texas has never pulled down the maximum of federal Day Care dollars even when our state had million dollar surpluses, (50-50 match is required) leaving millions of dollars on the table and thousands of children unserved. Our federal government and state government are in financial trouble and appear to be trying to make up shortfalls by cutting services to children and education.

You may be asked, "What does this mean to me?" This means lost jobs in our community and less money coming into our town. Also, studies have shown that every dollar spent on children's programs save us thirteen dollars later. For example, graduates of Head Start are much less likely to commit crimes, need welfare services or have babies as teenagers. Without subsidized Day Care or Head Start, working mothers will be forced to stay home and unemployed (more welfare).

The U.S. House and Senate will be voting this week on the reauthorization of Head Start. If any of this concerns you, then please call Cong. Charlie Stenholm, Sen. John Cornyn and Sen. Kay Baily Hutchison at 202-225-3121. Ask them to fully fund all Children's Programs and allow Head Start to stay: as is."

Our question is, "How can we cut funding, increase spending and leave no child behind?"

Sincerely,
Chloanne Lindsey
Rodger Sullenger
Officers of the board of directors of Scurry Community Services dba Snyder Child Day Care Center, Scurry County Head Start and Scurry County Early Head Start
Sedalia Malone

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Hermleigh ISD	5
Snyder ISD	3
Ira ISD	2
DCOS	1
City of Snyder	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
Scurry County	0
WTC	0

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Fog of war

A local sports columnist of note once declared to his readers after the opening game of the baseball season in which the hometown team had lost badly: "Won't this damned season ever end?"

War is not a game, but some of the same psychology seems to be at play as the war in Iraq ventures into its second week.

Perhaps technological hubris and some ill-conceived boasting about "shock and awe" contributed to early expectations that the war would be a cakewalk for U.S. forces.

Dust storms of biblical proportions and stiffer than anticipated Iraqi resistance, not to mention all sorts of dirty tricks and battlefield atrocities by the Iraqis, slowed the American advance on Baghdad. At that point, the tone quickly changed.

"Quagmire," declared at least one nationally syndicated columnist.

A faulty battle plan was pronounced by many pundits after the Army's senior ground commander, Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, told reporters on Thursday, "The enemy we're fighting is different from the one we'd war-gamed against."

The remarks were met with private recriminations from the White House, which sought to put the best light on the situation even while administration officials conceded privately that Iraq's tactics had forced the military to change its battlefield strategies.

A national television talk show host earnestly asked several editorial page editors from around the country on Friday whether Americans were losing patience with the war. ("Won't this damn season ever end?")

Mistakes were made. They're inevitably made in every war.

The timing and strength of U.S. force deployments is certainly open to critique.

But the question is whether they are mistakes from which coalition forces cannot recover.

Austin American-Statesman

Vietnam ghost

There's a good reason why President Bush and his administration are having to explain why we haven't won the war in Iraq already, and the reason is Vietnam. Lurking close below the surface of Americans' majority support of the attack on Saddam Hussein is fear of getting bogged down in an endless war.

But as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said of the war on Sunday, "It's been going on nine days. It's a little early for post-mortems."

Besides, there are big differences between this war and the Vietnam War. One is that Saddam's military force has no real sanctuary, as Communist forces did in Indochina. Though we heavily bombed North Vietnam's rather rudimentary infrastructure, Ho Chi Minh and his government knew we were not going to invade North Vietnam itself; there was no race to Hanoi by American troops. Today, there are troops just 50 miles outside of Baghdad and we've made no secret of our intentions of going after Saddam himself.

Also, before the Americans came, Ho Chi Minh had a long record of resisting outside forces, including French colonialists and Japanese invaders. However cruel his regime may have been, Ho Chi Minh clearly had much support among many Vietnamese. Saddam, in contrast, is best known for invading Iran and Kuwait, using chemical warfare against his people and adhering to no religion or ideology beyond his own dictatorship built on terror.

Still another difference is that the North Vietnamese government benefited from much military and economic aid from the old Soviet Union and China. Last week, the United States snapped at Russia for supplying high-tech military equipment to Iraq and warned Syria against smuggling supplies into Iraq, but Saddam has no major source of help from outside his country.

Finally, guerrilla warfare is much more difficult to wage in the desert than in the jungle. If we destroy Saddam's regime and remove whatever weapons of mass destruction we find, guerrilla resistance would likely not be organized or effective.

San Antonio Express-News

Only soldiers know

"He had read of marches, sieges, conflicts, and he had longed to see it all. His busy mind had drawn for him large pictures extravagant in color, lurid with breathless deeds." — Henry Fleming, a young Union soldier in Stephen Crane's novel of the Civil War, "Red Badge of Courage"

Images this week of a blinding sandstorm and the choking black smoke engulfing a besieged Baghdad in an apocalyptic pall may be opening eyes to the real costs of war.

It's easy for politicians, pundits and citizens responding to a pollster to voice enthusiastic support for war in the abstract, that is.

It's equally easy to pay lip service to the "costs of war" before those costs come due.

It's easy to plot grand strategy on paper before paper becomes flesh and blood.

It's a story as old as Homer and as new as "Jarhead," Anthony Swofford's recently published memoir about life as a Marine during the first Gulf War. Between periodic bouts of war, humankind seems to suffer collective memory loss of wartime's death, destruction and horror.

When images and reports of men and women dying, children suffering and communities devolving into desperate chaos begin to appear, memory returns, and the true cost of war becomes manifest.

Replaying the anniversary gestalts

By Joe Klock, Sr.

According to my impressively obese dictionary, gestalts can be described as "configurations of psychological elements so unified as a whole that their properties cannot be derived from a simple summation of their parts."

If that be so, there is a measure of gestalt in such diverse configurations as an expertly prepared gourmet sauce and a long-enduring marriage.

It is of the latter subject that this is being written, by one who has never concocted a single sauce, but who has been blessed for what seems like forever with a priceless partnership.

Within a few days of this writing, two elderly (statistically, anyway) people will break bread with an only-begotten son, seven heaven-sent daughters and their more-than-just-significant others.

Except for the 'm-t-j-s others,' it will be a reenactment - live, in full color and with stereophonic sound - of hundreds of such family meals over the dozens of earlier years throughout which they grew up and before they went away, all to become remarkable adults and exemplary contributors to society, not to mention progenitors of nineteen grandchildren and two great g-babies.

The reunion meal will be to memorialize the event, fifty-five years ago, which preceded and legitimatized their entrances into the world, unintended at times, but never to this day regretted.

As an archival reference to that happening, there hangs in our living room an enlarged candid photograph of two preposterously young and naive kids in traditional wedding costumes, descending, as though from the bright clouds behind them, down the steps of the church wherein they had just been legally designated "man and wife."

In fact, "man" had not yet attained majority and "wife" was still a teenager, but both were unshakably sure that the clouds behind them would always thereafter be under their feet. (Young love may not be blind, but it is usually deaf to practical considerations.)

Well, the anticipated fairy tale hasn't exactly played out that way over the ensuing 20,000-plus days and nights, as their heads left those clouds and their feet hit the ground of reality.

As part of the nuptial ritual, the priest had solemnly noted that "the two shall become one," defining, you might say, a gestalt-to-be, but he had neglected to warn them that such a becoming would entail a whole heap of doing in the bye-and-bye.

Cutting to the present, I don't really relate to the cloud-dwellers in that picture of yesteryear, any more than I can to the time-worn faces reflected in our unisex bathroom mirror each morning, this despite the undeniable truth of who and what they were then and are now.

But come that coming sit-down with our major works in collaboration, the evening will be joyously seasoned with our efforts to extract from the whole of a (so-far) lifetime together, some of the elements of which it was composed. Among them should be dumb luck - or, if you prefer, highly skilled guardian angels.

Had someone told that starry-eyed teen about cumulative years of pregnancy, and her post-pubescent lothario about the frightening responsibilities ahead, both might have bolted from the foot of those church steps like scalded cats.

At the time, they neither knew nor cared what problems might lay ahead; and, as luck - or the angels, if you'd prefer - would have it, none of the burdens proved to be unbearable.

What were destined to follow were the half-million or so hours during which they would grow together, learn together, change together, play together, laugh together, cling together, dream together and, of course, fight together - sometimes intramurally, but more often against common enemies and challenges.

They would love together, too, in a process that subtly advanced from and through the passion of youth to the compassion of later years, but never with any loss of tenderness and mutual caring (not counting the occasional and fortunately brief periods of pure loathing which occur in all marriages except those involving big fat liars).

They were friends who became lovers, then lovers who became - and remain - best friends, having come full circle from a single pairing through decades of human livestock management, back to the original - albeit physically degraded - configuration.

There is much in the "gestalt" of all this that we don't understand, including how the hell we got through it all, the while avoiding bankruptcy, suicide, murder and/or life-threatening violence.

Therefore, the successes we'll celebrate at our family dinner will remain partially shrouded in mystery; but one thing is clear to me, and it is more than enough cause for celebration every day of my life.

It is this: To all the world, that former teenage bride may be just one person, but to this particular one person, she is all the world!

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How to clean up your 'permanent record

by Rix Quinn

Somewhere in the bowels of the earth — hidden from your view, but not your employer's — lies your "permanent record." It's a little like a cold sore…it only shows up when you need to make a good impression.

The pesky document surfaces every time a kid gets in trouble. "What, Rupert? You want to take girls' P.E.? That's highly unusual...so we will have to add it to your permanent record."

This paper trail follows you to college, to your first real job, to the military, even to the bathroom. (I know a guy whose buddies held him upside down in a toilet. Now every time the boss brings the subject up, it makes his face flush.)

How do companies find your permanent record? Here's my guess:

There's this huge data bank. When an applicant fills out the employment form, a company can access information the job-seeker never wants them to see.

That way, the interviewer can ask surprise questions like: "Bob, you once told a school counselor that your nose runs and your feet smell. Does that mean you are built upside down?"

Suppose you could get hold of your "record?" How would you correct it?

1. Search for key words like "regurgitated," " perpetrated," and "experiment." Also delete any reference to "altered state," " body stocking," and "alien abduction."

2. Answer negative questions about your record with "I do not recall that incident. Do you have a videotape?"

3. Never, ever try to dispose of your official record. Because whoever's organized enough to keep track of your worst transgressions... is sure to keep copies.

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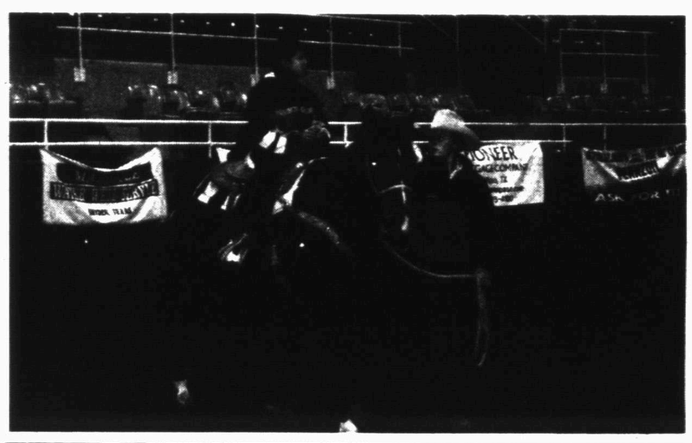
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Rodeo Team members volunteer time for kids



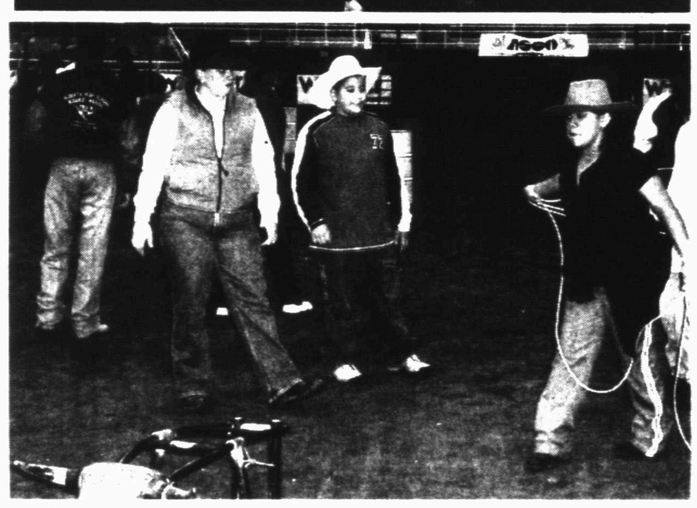






Rodeo Time

WTC rodeo team members volunteered their time last Friday to conduct the annual "Exceptional Rodeo." The event is held each year in conjunction with the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Over 40 students from the community with special needs participated in rodeo activities assisted by team members. Coach Rhodes says the event is always a big hit with the students as well as with the team members. (WTC Photos)



Let's See What Develops



By Dennis Noblett, Director of Development

You have read before in this column the virtues extolled of the giving nature of the people of this area.

Well, some of our local and area businesses need to be recognized for their generosity in our car giveaway and in two employee drawings, one we've had and another we will have Monday, April 7.

In our car giveaway we gratefully acknowledge:

(1) Albert DeLoera and staff at **Texas Finance, Inc**. and **Texas Rapid Returns.**

(2) Carolyn Barbee and staff at **Barbee Medical Supply**.

(3) Drew Bullard and staff at **Bullard Computer Solutions**.

(4) Fran Farmer and staff at **First American Bank**.

(5) Bill Wilson III and **Wilson Motors** for donating the 2003 Ford Focus – there wouldn't have been a giveaway without it!

In our employee drawings we thankfully recognize:

(1) Sarah and Robbie Peterson of **The Auto Clinic**, a *WTC Business Partner.*

(2) Melody Martin and **Tiger Health and Fitness**, another *WTC Business Partner.*

(3) Tracy Toland and her staff at **Techno Salon, and**, yes, still another *WTC Business Partner*.

(4) Angie Strickland and her "pit crew" at **Fast Oil Change**, and, yes, you guessed it – another *WTC Business Partner.*

(5) Jamie Phillips, **ING** representative for WTC and based in Midland. (No, not a *WTC Business Partner*, but many employees partner with him in retirement investments.)

(6) Carolyn Barbee, AGAIN, and **Barbee Medical Supply**. (Did I mention that she is also a *WTC Business Partner*?)

More acknowledgements to come in the future!

Teacher Certification Program begins with UT Permian Basin

Area residents will have the opportunity this Fall 2003 semester to pursue Teacher Certification Programs in Snyder as the result of a partnership between Western Texas College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB). This fall, UTPB will offer the teacher education core courses, which satisfy introductory requirements for those wishing to teach elementary grades up to Grade 4 and those wishing to teach Grades 8-12.

The concept behind the joint effort would allow individuals to stay in Snyder while earning their bachelor's degree and teacher certification. While it may not be possible to complete 100% of the necessary coursework in Snyder, a significant amount could be available making the pursuit of the degree attractive. Junior and Senior level coursework and education classes will be provided by UTPB. Planned course delivery from UTPB to Snyder this fall will be via interactive television (ITV).

'This program would allow individuals to stay in Snyder while earning their bachelor's degree and teacher certification.'

Proposed teacher certification fields will include "Early Childhood – Grade 4" and "Secondary Certification – Grades 8-12". Undergraduates in UTPB's teacher education program earn their bachelor's degree in an approved area while fulfilling certification requirements. Students typically complete a multidisciplinary major or an academic major and supporting minor, and will consult with faculty members in Education and the academic discipline for help in planning a program. Students who already hold a Bachelor's degree may be eligible to pursue Post-Baccalaureate certification.

UTPB coursework scheduled for this fall is as follows:

EDUC 3352 901	The Exceptional Child	TTH	2:00-3:15 (ITV)
EDUC 3362 901	Bilingual/Multicultural Education	TTH	4:15-5:30 (ITV)
EDUC 3370 901	Foundations of Education	MW	5:40-6:55 (ITV)

A related Education course offered by WTC for Fall 2003 and transferable to UTPB is PSYC 2308 Child Growth and Development (equates to UTPB's EDUC 3341 Child/Adolescent Psychology).

Individuals interested in taking UTPB courses this fall are strongly encouraged to make application to UTPB and meet with UTPB Educational staff to set up a degree plan.

For questions about the UTPB Education Program
Visit the UTPB School of Education website at: http://www.utpb.edu/educ/index.htm
Direct questions concerning Education programs to Dr. Pete Ienatsch
Email: ienatsch_p@utpb.edu
Phone: (915) 552-2120
Campus Website: http://www.utpb.edu

WTC Contact: John Gibson Dean of Vocational Instruction
Email: vocareers@wtc.edu
Phone: (915) 573-8511 ext 250

UTPB Contact for Admissions and Enrollment: Ms. Vickie Gomez, Vice President of Enrollment Management
Phone: (915) 552-2605
Email: gomez_v@utpb.edu

To apply online to UTPB
1. UTPB website: http://www.utpb.edu/
2. Click on Prospective Students
3. Click on Admissions Applications
4. Click on Transfer Student Application (if you have 24 hours or more. If not then click on appropriate application).
5. Click on Electronic Application
6. Just follow the directions. If you have any problems, please feel free to contact Ms. Gomez.

Getting to Know You

Tammy Wesson: Talent Search Director
Hired: April 29, 1985



What led you to WTC:

After receiving my bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University in 1983, I married and lived in Tyler, TX, where I worked as an office assistant for a doctor. I then moved to Snyder in May 1985 with my husband, Jay. Snyder is his hometown, and he needed a career change and wanted to be closer to his family. My first job was working in the financial aid office here on campus. After working in that position for a few months, I started teaching part time in the Computerized Business Technology Department and eventually stepped into full time for 17 years. Recently, I assumed a new grant director's position for Educational Talent Search. This is a federally funded TRIO grant that provides guidance services for students 6th – 12th grades and individuals up to 27 years of age to pursue a college education.

Where do you go from here:

I'm excited about the possibility of the addition of more TRIO grants in the future. Just in the few months that I have been working with Talent Search, I have already seen positive results from secondary students, parents, and WTC.

Most memorable moment:

Being a part of the WTC family is special. While attending a conference in Houston with several WTC instructors, I went into premature labor with my now 13-year-old son. Janet Halbert, retired English instructor, missed her plane and stayed with me until family arrived at the hospital. We laugh now about the taxi ride to the hospital and the look on the driver's face, but at the time, it was anything but funny. When I was allowed to return to Snyder, I was overwhelmed by concern shared by all here at WTC. Coming to work each day is more than just a job; it's a place where you are surrounded by friends who care and encourage you to be your best.

Most difficult decision:

Stepping out of a teaching career into a grant director's position is the most recent hardest decision I've made. I loved teaching and miss the students, but this new position gives me the opportunity to use different skills and develop new ones. I believe that knowledge is power. With this new job, this message will be delivered to approximately 600 students across seven counties each year.

Favorite Book and Author:

Alexander and His Terrible, Horrible Very Bad Day (Not sure on the exact title) . . . It's a children's book.

Favorite Movie:

Hunt for Red October and *Patch Adams*

Spare Time Activity:

Family activities such as hunting, water skiing, snow skiing, Florida beaches, and tennis.

Family Members:

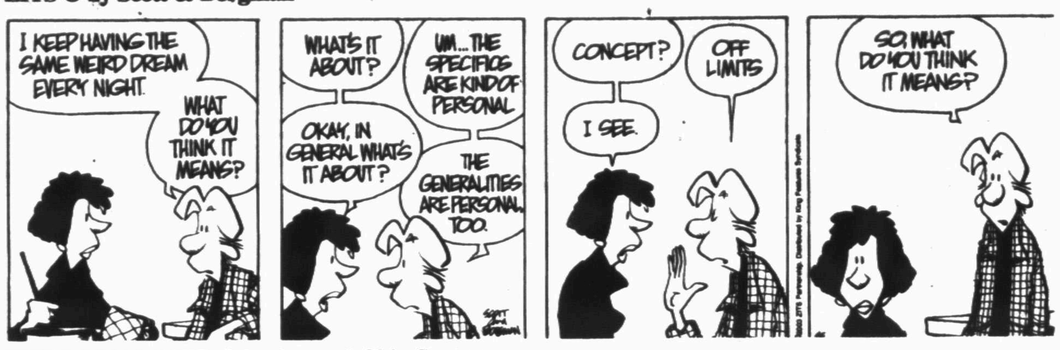
Jay Wesson, Plant Operations Director, Cogdell Memorial Hospital
Kalli – sophomore at Snyder High
J.W. – 7th grader at Snyder Junior High
Tayla – 5th grader at Northeast Elementary

If you could spend an hour talking with any person, living or dead, who would it be:

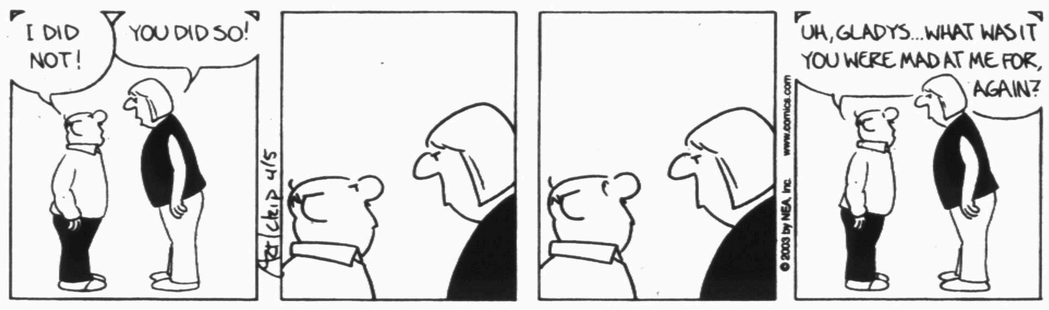
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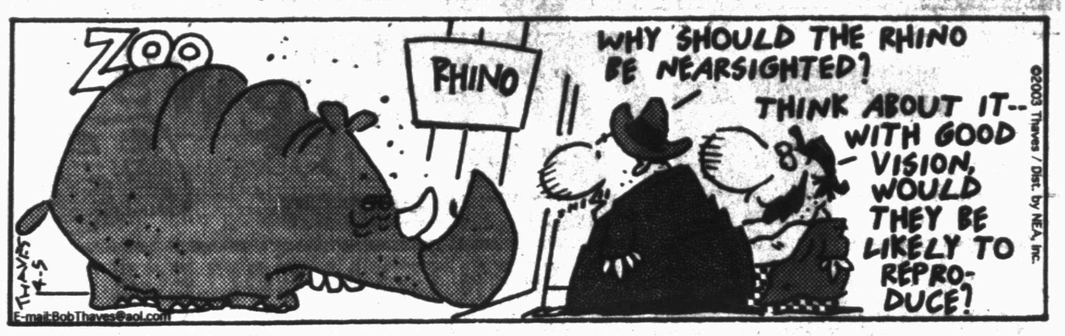
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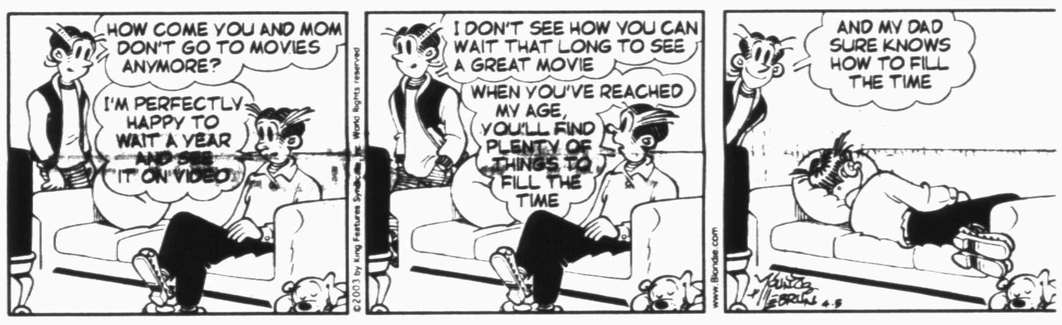
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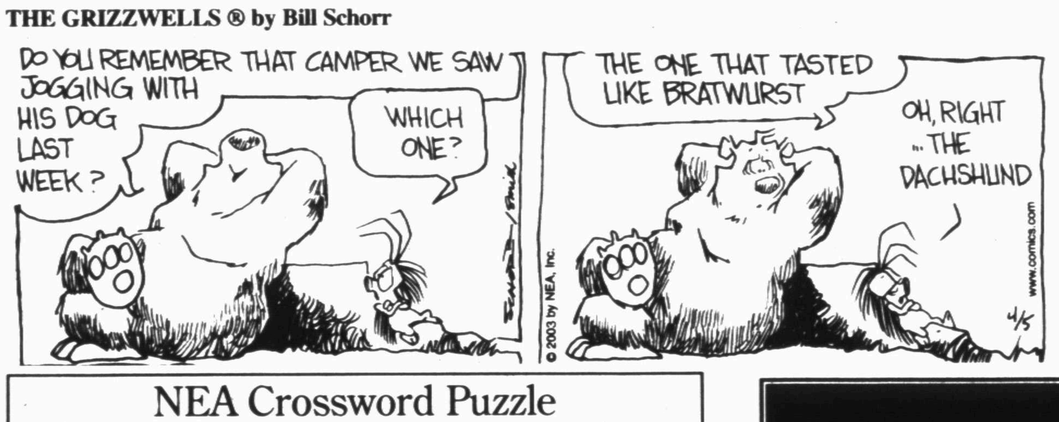
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Scribble
4 Disencumber
7 Agents
11 Wide st.
12 Lisbon lady
13 Woodwind
14 Topeka loc.
15 Every
16 Painted tinware
17 Tribal advisers
19 Crept away
21 Tool set
22 "Orinoco Flow" singer
23 Bored
26 Not up yet
28 Impress
29 She, in Seville
31 Commotions
35 Mirth
37 Excuses
39 Noah's vessel
40 Good friend
42 Brindled cat
44 Don Ho's home
46 Author — Rand
47 Not neatniks
49 Venus or Mars
53 Exotic island
54 Play award
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57 Similar
58 Jogs
59 DC gun lobby
60 Posse's quarry
61 Joule fraction
62 "Alley —!"

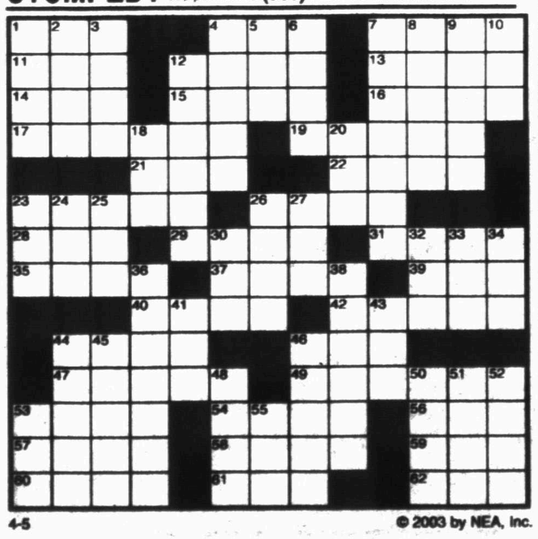
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2 Cameo shape
3 Look after
4 Bake
5 Co.
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8 Black
9 Oktoberfest tune
10 Gaze at
12 Mock
18 Barely manage (with "out")
20 Spike or Bruce
23 Rip
24 Leather punch
25 Kiki or Joey
26 Grad
27 Flying mammal
30 Coach — Holtz
32 Apply makeup
33 Moon, in verse
34 Starry vista
36 Repeating
38 Vogues
41 Center
43 Nurses org.
44 Japanese port
45 Bushed (2 wds.)
46 Imitating
48 Hurting
50 Mama's warning (hyph.)
51 Lira successor
52 Ambush
53 Suitcase
55 Prickly seed

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Your Birthday

Sunday, April 6, 2003

The year ahead may start out a bit slow for you, but will gradually pick up speed and turn out to be both exciting and gratifying. You'll get involved in a broad range of interests that will be quite stimulating.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What may start out looking like an unpleasant situation today will take a turn for the better by midday, with you being the benefactor of what you where trying to do for another.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There's no need to be concerned about going someplace today where there will be lots of people you don't know. With no effort at all you will fit in smooth as silk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Temporarily set aside any activities today that you find distracting and could keep you from giving your full attention to an important matter that needs to be taken care of first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — View all situations objectively today, not emotionally. Any feelings of uncertainty could deprive you of opportunities to get in the thick of things and have a fulfilling day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A joint venture that hasn't been looking too promising lately will make a change for the better today. Smiles will be replacing those frowns of discouragement you've been wearing on your face.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Save any joint decision-making to later in the day today. It isn't likely you'll find people in the mood for compromise when they first get up, but they'll eventually become amenable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It might take some time for you to get going today and do something worthwhile, but you'll soon tire of being a couch potato and want to advance an ambitious interest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't let a pessimistic and negative companion dissuade you from doing something today you believe could be fun. Leave this person to his or her own devices and go do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When out shopping for a big-ticket item today, let the other guy do the selling and make the proposal. You'll get far better terms if the salesperson feels she or he has to make a deal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Get all the nasty jobs out of the way early in the day. Once they're off of your back and out of your mind, you'll be able to enjoy yourself with whatever it is you choose to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Some spender's remorse over what you spent last night might grip you when you first get up today, but try to put it behind you or you'll make yourself miserable the entire day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Only if you rely more upon yourself and less upon others will things work out rather well for you today. Unfortunately, the capabilities of others may not be equivalent to your own.

Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Monday, April 7, 2003

It might be a "who you know" time for you in the year ahead. Friends and acquaintances could play remarkable roles in both your successes and failures. Team up only with the doers of the world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your ability to analyze situations is likely to be far superior to those of your associates today. You'll make no assumptions and will evaluate everything with hard, cold, realistic scrutiny.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Basically you're a very sharing and generous person, but today you might be overly cautions about how you use your resources and will be exceptionally protective of them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The reason you'll be victorious in your undertakings today is because you'll have no illusions about your hopes and aspirations. You won't rely on luck, only on hard work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Whatever you set your mind to accomplishing today, you'll make sure it will play itself out so that you can prove victorious. Thus, it's very important that you do not think negatively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — In order to forge a metal that will withstand the stress of testy challenges today, temper your hopes with the right amount of realism so that your actions will bend without breaking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though Lady Luck may be nowhere to be found today, important objectives and goals can still be achieved by doing things the old-fashioned way: working for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There's a strong possibility that you could be faced today with a similar situation you found difficult to manage in the past. If you don't have a memory lapse, things will come easier for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be careful about being drawn into another's complicated affairs today. Once you open that door, you might find yourself buried in a big mess that won't be easy for you to dig out of.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Time might catch up with you today regarding a decision you've been putting off, because you know it might require tough love. The matter needs to be resolved, so get it over with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is one of those days where you cannot treat your duties or obligations frivolously. Place your responsibilities uppermost in your mind, roll up your sleeves and do what you have to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Take seriously the responsibility of caring for those who are dependent. Be certain all your demands and directives are reasonable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Nothing will be more important to you today than the needs of your family. You won't mind the responsibility that comes with doing for those who are part of your clan.

Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Record industry, webcasters OK royalty rates for online music

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recording industry and Internet music broadcasters hope a new agreement will prevent a repeat of their recent battle over online music royalties, allowing them to focus instead on providing better music services for consumers.

The two sides agreed Thursday on how much big webcasters like Yahoo!, America Online, Microsoft and RealNetworks must pay to broadcast songs over the Internet during 2003 and 2004.

The new deal, if approved by the U.S. Copyright Office, will allow the two industries to avoid a lengthy arbitration process to set the royalty rates.

"We are delighted to have reached an agreement that will bring compensation to musicians without a costly arbitration," said Thomas Lee, president of the American Federation of Musicians. "We hope webcasting will bring more music to more fans."

Jonathan Potter, executive director of the Digital Media Association, which represents webcasters, said that by saving his industry millions of dollars in legal fees, the agreement will allow webcasters to focus on providing "high-quality programming that is enjoyed by millions of listeners."

Internet radio — either simulcasts of traditional over-the-air radio or Internet-only stations streamed over the Internet to computers — is becoming more popular as people get high-speed connections.

A 1998 law required that organizations broadcasting music and other radio content over the Internet pay fees to record companies to compensate artists and music labels for use of their songs.

After the two sides were unable to agree on rates on their own, the Copyright Office ruled in June that webcasters must pay about 70 cents for every song heard by 1,000 listeners as counted by the webcasters.

The larger webcasters complained the fees, which they paid retroactively back to 1998, cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars for each year, more than some of them get from advertising or listener contributions.

The Copyright Office was to begin another arbitration between the parties next month to work out royalty payments for 2003 and 2004. The new deal, if approved, will make that process unnecessary.

The agreement proposes a per-song rate similar to that set by the government last year, but allows 4 percent of a webcasters' songs to be free from royalties. The proposal also gives webcasters the option of paying royalties as a percentage of their revenue or at an hourly rate.

Potter said those choices will allow webcasters to save money by picking the method that works best for them.

The new proposal does not apply to Internet simulcasts of traditional over-the-air radio or to noncommercial webcasters such as college radio stations.

Small webcasters — typically operations that are listener-supported and reach, at most, just a few thousand people — had complained the Copyright Office rates would force them out of business. Legislation passed last year allowed them to pay less.

Those small webcasters can choose to keep paying those rates or follow the new ones.

No credible domestic terror threats in U.S since Iraq war began

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although no credible domestic terror threats have emerged since war with Iraq began, federal law enforcement officials say the United States will remain at high terror alert status while hostilities continue.

Authorities are convinced there continues to exist a "hidden network of cold-blooded killers," as Attorney General John Ashcroft recently put it. But officials who spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity acknowledged being pleasantly surprised that the war has not so far triggered a response by terror groups or "lone wolf" extremists.

The Bush administration raised the terror alert from yellow, or elevated, to orange, the second-highest level on a five-color scale. The move came on March 17 when President Bush completed his speech giving Saddam Hussein and his two sons 48 hours to leave Iraq or face a U.S.-led invasion.

Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, Iraqi officials and other Muslim extremists have sought to make the war a pretext for attacks on America, renewing calls for a jihad, or holy war.

But so far, no attacks on American soil have occurred and no evidence of plans to conduct terrorism have been uncovered. Still, law enforcement officials said it makes sense to keep government at a heightened state of vigilance.

Efforts to identify and disrupt those who might try to harm America continue. As of Thursday, the FBI had interviewed more than 9,000 of the 11,000 Iraqis living in the country who officials believe recently traveled to Iraq or have some ties to the Iraqi mili-

President proposes changes to fed voucher housing program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration wants to give states control of federal vouchers that help nearly 2 million families pay the rent, a major shake-up for one of the government's largest housing programs.

Administration officials say states could more efficiently manage the vast Section 8 rental program covering 2,600 local housing authorities. About $1 billion in vouchers went unused last year, roughly 8 percent of the program budget.

"Section 8 is sort of broke" and in need of repair, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez told a Senate subcommittee recently.

Critics of the proposed shift — mainly Democrats and low-income housing advocates — worry that states would establish a variety of different standards governing who could qualify for the housing subsidies. They also say the change would further burden states, many of which already are struggling with budget problems.

"The voucher program could use some improving," said Irene Basloe Saraf, legislative director for the National Low Income Housing Coalition. "But not to the extent and the type of change that the Bush administration is proposing."

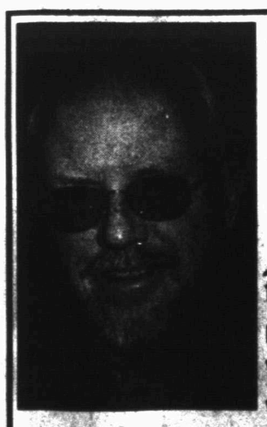
The Section 8 program was started in 1976 to help low-income residents afford housing. Families that make less than 50 percent of an area's median income are eligible for vouchers, with some exemptions available for the elderly and disabled.

People apply for vouchers locally and recipients can use the money to rent private housing.

Typically, participants pays no more than 30 percent of their monthly income in rent, with vouchers covering the rest. Nationally, a voucher on average covers $500, though that varies widely from city to city.

The proposal could improve the Section 8 program if there is limited federal regulation and adequate funding to the states, said Barbara Thompson, executive director of the National Council of State Housing Agencies.

Some cities have long waiting lists for vouchers. Federal regulations require that three-fourths of those families who do get vouchers after being wait-listed be from the lowest income brackets.



Vick Chambers

City Of Snyder
Employee of the Month
March 2003

Vick Chambers began working for the City on Oct. 3, 1983 as a draftsman for the Planning & Zoning Dept. Vick was born and raised in Snyder. Vick and his wife Lana have two daughters, Mandi who is a junior at Texas Tech and Shannon who is a freshman at South Plains College. Vick's hobbies are golfing and cooking. Vick was nominated because he always does a good job, always ready to help others, a very good employee.

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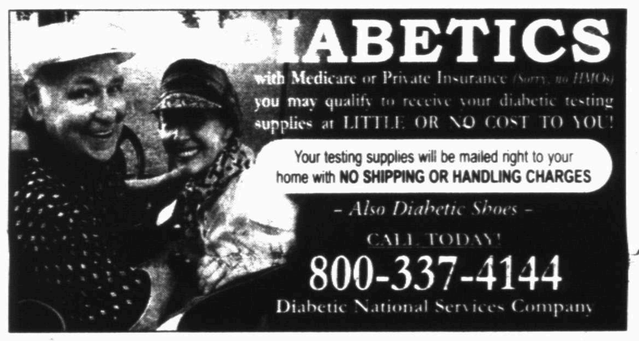
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Management of chronic cough

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had a persistent, dry cough that my doctor writes off as "allergies." I've been treated unsuccessfully for months with a prescription antihistamine. I take no other medications, feel healthy, maintain my normal weight, don't smoke and have no sputum. Should I consult another doctor about this problem?

DEAR READER: By all means. Although your doctor may be correct that your problem is allergic in nature, a persistent cough deserves further investigation. You don't mention whether you have had a chest X-ray. If not, you should without delay. Moreover, I'm concerned that your cough hasn't responded to antihistamine therapy; I expect it would have if allergies were involved.

Assuming that your chest X-rays are normal and that you don't have an obvious basis (such as a post-nasal drip) for your cough, I'd want to know about the state of your sinuses. Could you have an undiagnosed sinus infection?

Other issues to be considered are: Do you work in a dusty environment? Is your heart in good shape? (Heart failure often causes a dry cough.)

Depending on your medical history, the pertinent findings on your exam, and the results of testing, I'd recommend a second opinion from an allergist, an otolaryngologist or a pulmonologist.

Getting a second opinion is good medical practice. I frequently refer puzzling cases to colleagues, who may not be (but usually are) smarter than I. In such instances, a different approach and perspective are often helpful - and, frankly, I might have forgotten or disregarded a minor detail that could be the key.

As an aside, I was on the receiving end in such a situation several years ago, when a fellow practitioner asked me to see a woman who had a chronic and troublesome cough. The patient had undergone thousands of dollars of testing — all normal. I hit on the cause within 15 minutes of our interview. She was taking Vasotec for hypertension. The drug, one in the class of angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, can cause cough in about 20 percent of users. I changed her medication and, within 48 hours, her cough disappeared. She was elated, and I was gratified to have been able to help her.

A persistent cough should not be ignored. Follow your instinct to get a second opinion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I lowered my cholesterol from 290 to 190 by using red yeast rice, but the distributor, whom I called, advised a liver test. Why?

DEAR READER: Red yeast rice lowers cholesterol levels because it contains the equivalent of a "statin" drug. For this reason, it (like other statins) can cause liver inflammation. Therefore, at the times you have your cholesterol level monitored (every six to 12 months), I advise you to have a liver enzyme blood test. This is also recommended policy for patients taking prescription statin medication.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I got a pneumonia shot several years ago, I was told it was for life. But my doctor recently insisted on a booster shot. Is he correct?

DEAR READER: Yes, he is. The current recommendation (which differs from the original) is to obtain a booster five to 10 years after the initial injection. There are, as yet, no advisories about a second booster.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can a person ever die from a hiatal hernia? The pain I experience is sometimes so severe that I find myself unable to function. Unfortunately, the cycles of pain are increasing in severity.

DEAR READER: No one dies from hiatal hernia, although on occasion the pain from acid reflux, which I'll describe in a moment, is strong enough to mimic a heart attack.

Hiatal hernia is a weakened opening in the diaphragm that permits part of the stomach (or, at least, the junction of the esophagus and the stomach) to protrude up unto the chest. Ordinarily, the hernia itself causes few, if any, symptoms — other than occasional bloating and gas.

However, many cases of hiatal hernia are complicated by gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), the backwash of highly irritating stomach contents into the esophagus, leading to marked heartburn and indigestion that can, at times, be severe, even incapacitating. The dyspepsia of GERD not only resembles the pain of peptic ulcer, but may be misinterpreted (by both patient and physician) as angina or acute heart attack.

There are many treatments for this condition, all of which are directed toward reducing stomach acid and keeping it out of the esophagus. The most successful therapy is Nexium, Prevacid or Protonix. Liquid antacids often help ameliorate acute indigestion, especially if it occurs at night or after a rich meal.

Chronic acid-burning of the esophagus may lead to pre-malignant changes in the cells of the esophageal lining. Called "Barrett's esophagus," the condition needs aggressive medical therapy and monitoring by a gastroenterologist.

The majority of patients with GERD can be successfully treated with medication. In chronic, resistant cases, however, or with large hernias associated with intractable indigestion, surgical repair may be necessary.

Ask your doctor to prescribe one of the medicines I mentioned. If this is ineffective, you should — in my opinion — be referred to a gastroenterologist for further testing (such as endoscopy) and advice.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm taking atenolol and digoxin for supraventricular tachycardia, with great success. Please explain the difference between my condition and ventricular tachycardia.

DEAR READER: As I recently mentioned in a recent previous column, the cardiac muscle contracts when stimulated by tiny electrical impulses. Normally, these impulses originate in the sino-atrial node (the natural pacemaker), spread into the low-pressure chambers (atria), then sweep into the high-pressure chambers (ventricles), which lie below the atria. In the healthy heart, these electrical events are finely tuned and coordinated, leading to efficient contractions that pump blood throughout the body.

Sometimes, however, the system malfunctions, especially when the cardiac muscle itself generates impulses that directly interfere with the sino-atrial node. Such disturbances are commonly classified as ventricular (coming from the high-pressure chambers) or supraventricular (arising from the atrial muscles ABOVE the ventricles.

These competing electrical charges are often very rapid (tachycardia), causing palpitations, chest discomfort, lightheadedness, shortness-of-breath and other symptoms.

Ventricular tachycardia is ominous. It is frequently the result of coronary artery blockages, may herald a life-threatening runaway cardiac rhythm and is treated with strong prescription drugs.

In contrast, supraventricular tachycardia is not nearly as dangerous (although it is scary to most patients). SVT can be the consequence of over-stimulation (from caffeine and prescription medications), an over-active thyroid gland, anemia and other medical ailments. It is ordinarily treated with the drugs you mentioned.

You seem to be receiving appropriate therapy. If the atenolol and digoxin fail to control your attacks of SVT, you should seek advice from a cardiologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an elderly woman with only one kidney. For the past year, I've passed blood in my urine constantly. My urologist indicates that there is no cause for alarm. Need I worry?

DEAR READER: Blood in the urine (hematuria) is never normal. It can arise from any portion of the urinary tract: kidneys, bladder and so forth. Urinary infections commonly lead to hematuria and are easily treated.

Polyps or growths in the tract, kidney stones and cystitis (bladder inflammation) also often cause bleeding.

Although the basis of a problem is not always serious, your doctor should, in my opinion, make a concerted effort to identify the source of your bleeding, especially since you have only one kidney. Therefore, I recommend a urine culture (for infection), blood tests (to assess kidney function), ultrasound examination (to check for stones), a kidney X-ray and cystoscopy (when a specialist examines the lower tract with a lighted fiberoptic tube).

Your urologist has probably performed these needed tests but may not have taken the time to explain the findings to you. Return to him for a thorough discussion. If some (or all) of the testing has not been performed, ask for a referral to another urologist or to the urology clinic in a teaching hospital.

If, on the other hand, the tests are normal, you can relax. Low-grade urinary bleeding of unknown cause (idiopathic hematuria) is common, does not need treatment and will not alter your health status.

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James Garner is giving $500,000 to OU

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Veteran actor and Oklahoma native James Garner is giving $500,000 to help aspiring actors at the University of Oklahoma.

Garner's gift will be used to endow a $1 million faculty chair in the university's School of Drama.

The university will request matching funds from state regents to create the James Garner Chair in Drama, the drama school's first endowed position. The chair will be designated for the director of the school.

"It is appropriate that the first endowed chair in drama would come from James Garner, who has remained so dedicated to the university and to his hometown of Norman throughout his nationally acclaimed career as an actor," OU President David Boren said.

Garner, 74, got choked up as he spoke to the standing-room-only campus crowd that gathered for the announcement.

"Oh, has somebody got a Kleenex?" the Norman native said. "Strangely enough, I have a fear of public speaking. I don't have it in front of a camera because I know I can always do it over."

Garner has starred in several TV series including "Maverick" and "The Rockford Files." He also has made more than 40 movies, including "Murphy's Romance," for which he received an Academy Award nomination in 1985.

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