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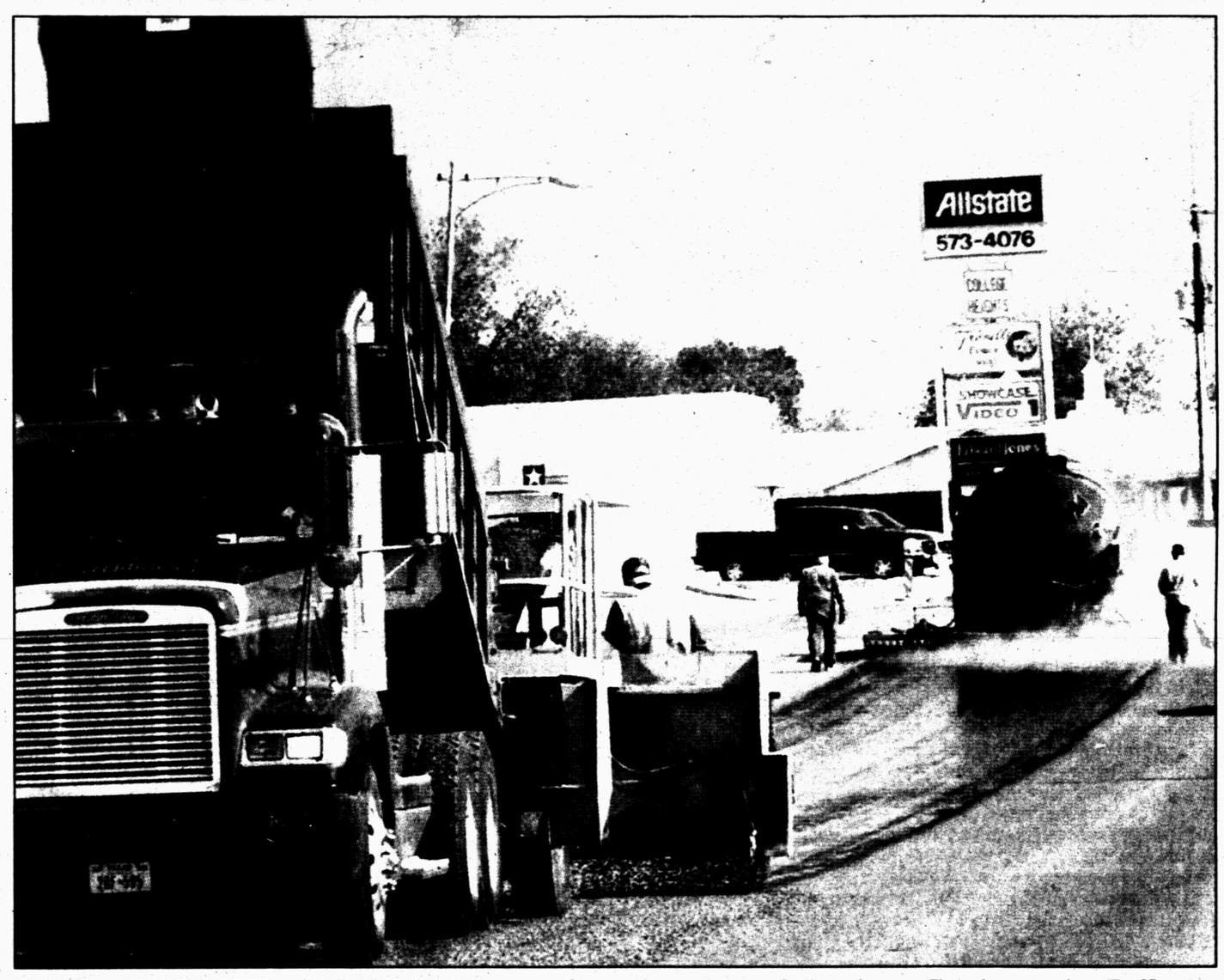

TARRED AND GRAVELED — TxDOT crews laid a coat of tar and gravel down College Avenue Tuesday morning. Traffic wasn't affected as the gravel truck followed the tar process and the traffic lanes immediately opened for use. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

New postmaster looks to improve delivery service

The Snyder post office has a new postmaster and he hopes to improve mail service in Scurry County with the public's help.

Jimmie Wilhelm may be new to Snyder but he's familiar with the U.S. Postal Service and the area as he last served as postmaster in Stamford until he took over the Snyder post about two weeks ago, and has been working for the postal service for 30 years.

"I started as a part-time carrier 30 years ago and have worked as postmaster in Knox City and Hamlin before returning to Stamford," he said.

He has also had temporary assignments as officer in charge in Rotan, Roscoe, Anson and Sweetwater.

He has worked in Snyder before as he conducted an audit of second class postage for the *Snyder Daily News* several years ago.

He and wife Vickie have a son Coby and daughter Natalie and an eight-year-old granddaughter Kayele. His children still live in Stamford.

Wilhelm is in Snyder because he wants to be here, he said.

"You have to apply for the job and I wanted to come because it's a bigger office and considered a promotion."

While he is still adjusting to the office, he already has some initial impressions.

"We have some good people in the office here," he said.

One of the challenges Wilhelm faces is to make sure that rural mail customers are using the newest addresses, called 9-1-1 addressing.

"I've been told there are some people who are resistant to using the new box numbers after we moved into the new building, he said. We also have to make sure everyone is using 9-1-1 addressing. The old rural route addresses are not valid anymore," said Wilhelm.

He said he would try to send letters to those still using old addresses to remind them of the changes.

Jimmie Wilhelm

"We're going to give good service, but to do that we need good addresses. Getting your mail delivered in a timely manner is our objective," said Wilhelm.

Wilhelm is the first permanent postmaster in Snyder since Dale Lipsett transferred to Ozona.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Maturity is the time in life at which you begin to realize there are more things you don't know than you do."

We don't yet know the maturity level of the city council in Lubbock, but that august body had been debating the weighty issue of cats roaming at-large.

Cities, including Snyder, have been successful with a leash-law dealing with dogs, but nobody has mastered keeping felines in check.

Our editor friend in Plainview, Danny Andrews, noted that teens and felines are about alike — you can't live with 'em or without 'em.

The Panhandle editor explains what cats and teens have in common:

—Neither teens nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.

—No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all humane efforts are barely adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot.

—You rarely see a cat walking outside of a house with an adult human being, and it can be safely said that no teen in his or her right mind wants to be spotted in public with his or her parents.

—Even if you relate jokes as well as Jay Leno, neither your cat nor your teen will crack a smile.

—No cat or teenager shares your taste in music. I well remember the day I let my oldest son out on the parking lot at high school. I had the radio on a country music station. This must have been the days before country got hot again. As he exited the car, he reached over and turned off the radio. Didn't want his friends knowing he was listening to uncool music.

—Cats and teens can lie on the living room sofa for hours on end without moving — and barely breathing.

—Cats and teens yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy — a sense of complete and utter boredom.

—Cats have nine lives. Teenagers often carry on as if they did.

—Cats that are free to roam outside sometimes have been known to return in the middle of the night to deposit a dead animal in your bedroom. Teenagers are not above that kind of behavior.

The editor concluded: "Be patient, you can survive both cats and teens."

Chamber banquet plans are finalized

Directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce capped plans for the annual banquet set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Scurry County Coliseum when they met for their regular board meeting Monday.

At least 500 people are expected for the banquet that will feature Texas Tech head basketball coach Bob Knight.

Also, two requests for hotel/motel tax money were approved.

Hotel/motel funds distributed included $500 to the chamber for five tables to be used for the banquet and other functions at the coliseum Wednesday. Another request for $9,000 was approved for the Western Swing Music Festival that will be held the first week in June.

Upcoming events reviewed were the chamber's team for the Relay for Life event Friday and Saturday at Tiger Stadium; Snyder Wheels, April 30-May 1 on the downtown square; and the Senior Center May Day on May 8 in the coliseum.

An open house will be at 8:30 Friday morning for the Wal-Mart remodeling, said Vicki Shroyer, executive director.

Attending were president David Harrell, Elois Pruitt, Jeffrey Martin, Ann Smartt, Joni Gonzales, Dr. Greg Williams, David Boyd, Dayton Robertson, Anita Talbott, Mike Thornton and Billy Grimmett. Staff members included Shroyer and Sandra Salinas, assistant director.

Jail investigation ongoing

An investigation continues into allegations that staff at the Scurry County Jail brought a male inmate into the female wing of the jail and allowed physical contact between the inmates.

"It's a policy of mine not to comment on ongoing investigations," said District Attorney Dana Cooley. "The only thing I can say is everyone involved is taking this investigation very seriously."

Sheriff Darren Jackson also refused further comment but said he would release a statement when the investigation is completed.

Texas Ranger John Billings said the investigation could take another week or more to complete but said he is still finding a number of conflicts between inmate's accounts of what might or might not have happened.

"We started this investigation long before anyone on the outside became aware of it." Cooley said. "I think the Ranger is doing an extremely thorough job."

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.6
East of city	.2
West of city	None
CRMWD office	Sprinkle
Lake Thomas	Sprinkle
Hermleigh	Trace
Polar	.1
Loyd Mountain	.1
Camp Springs	.1
Dunn	Trace
Ira	Trace
Dermott	.11
Union	Sprinkle
Gail	None
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	None
Sc. County (W)	Trace
Inadale	None

Totals as reported by area residents for Monday and early today.

Special session now underway

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers convened at the Capitol today in pursuit of a fix for Texas' ailing school finance system.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry has offered the only proposal so far to replace the system, but it has little support from lawmakers.

At Perry's direction, a 30-day special legislative session began to replace the so-called Robin Hood plan, which depends on property taxes from property-wealthy districts to help pay for schools in poorer areas.

With no consensus on an alternative plan, Perry laid out his own suggestion to a joint committee Monday. His plan would replace the share-the-wealth system.

RETAINING WALL WORK — Buck Lemmons (with drill) and Hank Teague of Stamford work to build a retaining wall for Betty Christy on 26th Street. (SDN Photo by Jeff West)

ASK US

Q—Are there any fund-raising activities planned to help with medical expenses of Mike Rodriguez and Ken Minyard?

A—Yes. There is a dance from 9 p.m. until midnight Friday at the VFW.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Treva Moore Hawthorne...

... has lived in Snyder for 58 years, off and on. She has a daughter Stephanie Martin and her husband Keith, two sons Brandon Weaver, Andy Weaver and his wife Melody and grandchildren Mattie, Rand and Ely Martin and Jax and Ike Weaver. She is the owner of WSI Cased Hole Specialist and Weaver Pipeline. She spends her free time on her grandkids, photography and her German shorthair dog. She says her kids call it the village idiot "but he inherits everything."

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A national debt is a national curse.
—Andrew Jackson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry Lodge 706

Scurry Lodge 706 will meet this evening to work on the E.A. degree. A chili supper begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting follows at 7 p.m.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

The Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 tonight at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

SHS band boosters

The SHS band boosters will meet at 7 tonight in the band hall. Plans will be made for the May 1 banquet. All parents urged to attend.

What's up guidelines

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

2004 AREA ACTING AWARDS — Following Area II one-act play competition April 9 at Midland College, Paul Jackson (from left) received honorable mention all-star cast recognition; Logan Martin and Coleman Welch were named to the all star cast; and Tyler Price received honorable mention. Not pictured is Blake Robertson who was named best actress. The regional contest is set Friday at Odessa College. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Changes sought at PUC

AUSTIN (AP) — The Sunset Advisory Commission on Monday recommended abolishing the consumer watchdog Office of Public Utility Counsel and giving the Public Utility Commission greater oversight of the competitive wholesale electric market.

The Office of Public Utility Counsel and other consumer groups criticized the report and argued that eliminating the office would hurt electric customers.

"If our office is abolished, there will be a considerably lower level of representation for residential and small commercial customers in the electric industry," said Clarence Johnson, the office's director of regulatory analysis.

The commission said its report sought to recommend changes that would help the state best govern the electric and telecommunications industries in competitive deregulated markets.

The Office of Public Counsel was formed in 1983 to represent consumers when the PUC sets public utility rates.

The commission staff found that the need for a stand-alone agency to represent consumers has diminished as the PUC's role has changed. The commission now makes rules to regulate competition rather than deciding fair electricity and telecommunication rates, the report said.

Under the sunset report, the Texas Attorney General's Office and the PUC would take over the counsel's office duties.

Johnson said the transition to competitive markets has made the counsel's office increasingly valuable.

"Not surprisingly, industry pushes hard for rules that are convenient for them but that could harm customers," he said. "These kinds of proceedings keep us very busy currently, and we expect that they will keep us busy into the future."

The commission staff report also included a recommendation to make sure the PUC has authority to maintain fairness in the wholesale electricity and telecommunications market.

The report said the PUC should select a private company to monitor manipulations of the wholesale electric industry, such as when a distributor creates congestion on the network and then charges for reducing the congestion.

PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said the report is intended for lawmakers, and the PUC "will respond to their questions as they come up through the sunset review process."

Court rules for Jackson in memorabilia lawsuit

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Pop star Michael Jackson has won a legal fight to shut down a pay-per-view Web site operated by a New Jersey man once awarded a warehouse full of Jackson family memorabilia.

A ruling last week in Los Angeles federal court also said Henry V. Vaccaro Sr. could not sell Jackson's possessions, but the New Jersey man said he shipped the goods to a European buyer weeks ago.

"The goods are gone and God bless them," Vaccaro said Monday.

A lawyer for Jackson said he'll seek a court order to have the memorabilia returned.

Vaccaro has not revealed the sale price, but indicated it exceeded $1.4 million. The collection included gold-trimmed costumes, financial documents, letters, awards, and one of Jackson's first outfits worn with the Jackson 5.

Vaccaro, a construction company owner, said he was awarded the Jackson family possessions following years of legal wrangling stemming from a failed business venture that wound up in bankruptcy court.

Jackson attorney Brian Wolf said the pop star's possessions should not have been included in the goods given to Vaccaro. He said the bankruptcy case allowed Vaccaro to get property belonging only to Michael Jackson's brothers Tito and Jermaine and their parents.

Before shipping the hoard to the European buyer whom he declined to identify, Vaccaro spent 18 months photographing and cataloguing it for his Web site.

The site was shut down two weeks ago when Jackson's lawyers notified Vaccaro's bank of the lawsuit, Vaccaro said. Wolf said viewing it was still possible more recently; the site was not online Monday night.

National Disaster Medical holds conference in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Emergency medical responders need to work together to ensure a seamless system when they react to disasters, Surgeon General Richard Carmona told a group of such workers Monday.

"All of us have a piece of the puzzle," Carmona said during the opening ceremony for the National Disaster Medical System's "Catastrophic Care for the Nation" conference.

"The threats upon us know no geopolitical borders."

About 3,000 people who work in the medical field attended the Dallas conference.

Members of the National Disaster Medical System respond when an emergency exceeds the scope of a community's hospital and health care resources. Its 8,000 medical and support personnel come from state, federal and local governments.

It was founded 20 years ago and is coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is now part of the Department of Homeland Security.

"The mission of the (National Disaster Medical System) is more critical today than ever before," said Michael Lowder, director of operations for FEMA's Response Division.

Sessions during the conference, which runs through Wednesday, include everything from learning more about the system's integration last year into the Department of Homeland Security to a session on managing the stress of disaster response.

Carmona told the group that the public needs to be educated about potential disasters. For instance, the amount of radiation from a "dirty bomb" may be negligible, but the psychological effect could be great, especially if people aren't fully informed.

"People have to understand these threats," Carmona said. "We need to step up and educate the public."

Carmona impressed attendee Kim Silverstein with his various jobs in the medical field before becoming surgeon general. Carmona has worked as a paramedic, registered nurse and doctor.

Silverstein is a registered nurse with the Manalapan Board of Health in New Jersey and is also coordinator of the Manalapan Medical Reserve Corps and the Community Emergency Response Team.

She said the conference is a good opportunity to talk with other medical professionals, and that Americans are better prepared for disasters today than a couple years ago.

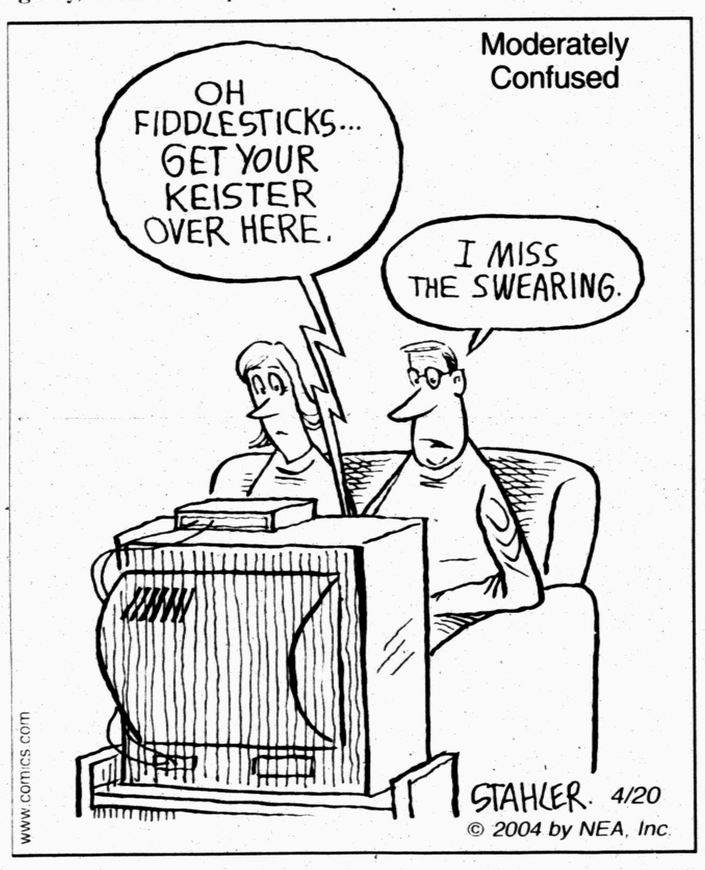
"People can't get complacent," she said.

During opening comments, Carmona paused to remember the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, which marked its ninth anniversary Monday. "We saw what true devastation was — maybe for the first time," he said.

"Oklahoma City drove our systems to become better," he said.

One of the sessions Monday was a look back at the Oklahoma City bombing, lead by the son of one of the victims.

"They don't often get to see someone nine years later who is past the grief," Ken Thompson said after the session in which he discussed the bombing and some of the lessons learned from it.



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LOTTO TEXAS
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RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-19-24-25-29.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 136. Prize: $483.

Matching three of five: 4,325. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 44,098. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 5-4-9
(Night) 7-5-3

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COSMORAMA STUDY CLUB — Members of Cosmorama Study Club enjoyed spring music by Emily Hataway at its recent brunch March 20 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Hostesses for the occasion were Tizzy Hall, left in the top photo, and Paula Gilbert. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; "Being a Child Again," by Linda Devitt and her Barbie Dolls; Jo Flynn and Sandra Robinson, hostesses; placed to be announced; 4 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

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.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 04-20-04 ♠ Q J 7 6 ♥ A K Q ♦ J 3 ♣ 9 5 4 2	
West ♠ K 9 5 4 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ K Q J 10		**East** ♠ 10 8 3 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ A 8 6 3
	South ♠ A 2 ♥ J 10 8 7 5 ♦ A K Q 10 9 ♣ 7	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Devilish defense

By Phillip Alder

Some deals offer both sides the chance to be clever. For example, on today's layout, after West leads the club king, how can the defenders defeat six hearts for sure? Take your time. Then, after you've worked out the killing defense, how can South make his contract if the opponents begin with two rounds of clubs?

North's sequence showed four or five spades, exactly three hearts, and game-going values. South used Roman Key Card Blackwood to learn that his partner had two key cards (either two aces or one ace and the trump king) plus the trump queen.

With this distribution, the best defense is for East to overtake at trick one with his club ace and to shift immediately to a spade. South will have no option but to finesse, and when it loses, he is quickly one down.

If South is forced to ruff a club at trick two, he might still rely on the 50-50 spade finesse. But it is better odds to bank everything on a 3-2 trump break, which occurs some two-thirds of the time.

At trick three, declarer plays a diamond to dummy's jack, then he ruffs another club. Back to the board with a trump, South ruffs the last club with his penultimate heart. Now he draws trumps, discarding his spade loser on the last round, and runs his diamonds for these 12 tricks: one spade, three top hearts on the board, five diamonds and three club ruffs in hand.

It is a perfect dummy reversal, which is suggested by dummy's excellent trumps.

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RTA held monthly meeting April 12

Scurry County Unit of Texas Retired Teachers Association had its monthly meeting April 12 at The Shack.

Ben Sum, associate professor of art at Western Texas College, demonstrated pencil portrait art by sketching a picture of president James Littlepage.

Reports from officers and various committee chairmen were given.

The group will meet again at noon on May 10 for installation of officers.

Indy Jazz Festival set for June 18-20

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Isaac Hayes, Patti LaBelle and Buddy Guy will headline the Indy Jazz Fest on June 18-20, which is returning to a three-day format this year.

Ramsey Lewis, Poncho Sanchez and John Scofield also will be featured.

Last year, organizers scaled back the event to a single day due to financial troubles. This year's operating budget is $1.1 million.

On the Net:
http://www.indyjazzfest.net

Wesson speaks to BSP

Janet Wesson spoke to members of Beta Sigma Phi when they met last Tuesday evening at the Snyder Country Club.

A retired secondary school counselor, Wesson told members of her experiences with her grandchildren. She discussed the importance of being involved in the lives of one's children and especially grandchildren, noting that in today's society children need someone they can count on to be their support system.

She emphasized that involving yourself in your grandchildren's lives can be as much fun and rewarding for grandparents as well as the grandchildren.

She related activities that she and her husband, James, known as Gram and Pop, have done to keep themselves involved in their grandchildren's lives, that have included baby activities to notes and emails to the ones in high school and college.

Some of the activities they have had for many years for their grandchildren every summer have been at their home in Snyder, known as "Gram Camp." Many of the activities have included games, cooking, hunting, backyard team games, wiener roasts and eating favorite foods.

The program concluded with members telling about some of their memories and activities with their grandparents and grandchildren.

Lois Cave, program chairman, introduced Wesson.

President Dena Ellis asked for committee chairmen's reports. Jacalyn Lowrance reminded members of Founder's Day banquet to be held next Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club. She also reported on Couples Founder's Day celebration Friday, April 30, at the home of Carolyn and John Greene.

The meeting concluded with Ellis thanking membership for a successful sorority year and sharing "happy moments," followed by the closing ritual and mispah.

BSP HEAR CHILDREN CONCERNS — Janet Wesson, retired secondary school counselor, center, spoke to members of Beta Sigma Phi last Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club about grandchildren's needs. Standing with Wesson are Lois Cave, left, and Dena Ellis. (SDN Staff Photo)

When raising kids actions speak louder than words

When it comes to developing healthy habits, parents must remember that they are under constant observation by their children and that actions speak louder than words ever will, says Steve Green, a child development specialist at Texas Cooperative Extension — a member of the agriculture program of The Texas A&M University System.

"Anyone who has spent time around children understands that they are very observant, even at a young age," he says. "Children watch carefully what others do, and more often than not, they imitate the behaviors of those closest to them."

Most of the time, "closest" means their parents, and that means "do as I say, not as I do" is not good parenting advice, he explains.

To start children on the road to healthy living, begin when they are young, Green recommends. "What happens during those early years can impact children for the rest of their lives," he notes. "This includes eating and exercise habits."

He advises parents to let their children see them taking care of their own physical health by eating fruits and vegetables, snacking on healthy foods, and exercising on a regular basis.

He also encourages "fun-for-the-whole-family" activities that emphasize a physical aspect such as jumping on a trampoline for exercise, playing hide-and-seek both indoors and out, bowling and freeze tag, he said. It's important, he says, for parents to talk to their children about healthy habits, in age-appropriate terms — even when it comes to eating vegetables. "We encourage our children to eat carrots, green beans and other vegetables by discussing their health benefits in language they can understand," Green says.

Many of these discussions take place at family meal time, he says.

"We eat family meals together five or more times per week," he notes. "This gives us a great chance to communicate with each other. We talk about food, exercise and whatever else comes up.

"Research shows that families who eat frequent meals together eat more nutritious meals. Related to this, when we prepare our own meals we don't rely so much on fast food. We encourage our children to help prepare the meals by helping with simple chores like mixing ingredients and setting the table. " Parents need to remember to make sure these family meal times are not spent in front of the television, he says. Parents don't need to eliminate technology, Green explains, but they should use it wisely. Computers, televisions and other forms of technology are a major part of life in the 21st century.

Unfortunately, as use of technology in the home increases, so does sedentary time spent watching TV or playing on the computer he notes. "While there is nothing inherently wrong with such activities, they do take away from time that can be spent in physical activities," Green says. "The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children spend no more than two hours of media time per day."

In light of that recommendation, Green says parents might want to be aware of their own TV and/or computer time and how that impacts on their children. "Children who typically watch a lot of television may complain when it is turned off, but it is remarkable how quickly they come to enjoy other activities if you offer them alternatives, and do so with an enthusiastic attitude," Green says.

Parents should be aware of the ways they communicate with their children, both verbally and nonverbally, Green says.

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The Commands of Jesus

"Commands" are something those in the military understand. The chain of authority is clear and when commands are given by those in authority, everyone understands what this means. Matthew 8 records a story of a soldier, a centurion with soldiers under him. He asked Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus offered to come to his house, but the centurion told Jesus that was not necessary. He understood authority. If Jesus would command, he knew the sickness would respond to Jesus' authority his servant would be healed. Jesus did what was asked and was amazed at his faith.

Jesus does have authority, all authority in heaven and on earth Matthew 28: 18 says. He gives commands to those who would follow them. His commands are commands of life and peace, but they are not always easy. He commands his disciples to turn away from anger, lust, marital infidelity, dishonesty and to return good for evil, Matthew 5: 21 -42. For those who will obey, Jesus commands them to love their enemies and pray for those who hurt them, Matthew 5:43-48. He commands his disciples to be sincere in their giving and their religion. Don't do good things for show, Jesus commands in Matthew 6: 1-18. The commands of Christ call us to focus our attention on God and love him above all material things, Matthew 6: 19- 24. With authority Jesus commands his disciples not to worry about daily necessities. Seek the kingdom of God and the righteousness of God, and God will take care of them, Matthew 6:25-33.

Jesus has many other things to say. He died for our forgiveness. Those who seek forgiveness must turn from sin to righteousness. Acts 2: 38. This is also a turn from disobedience to obedience. The commands of Jesus lay out the life of the disciple. The real question for us is whether we will accept his authority and seek to carry out his commands. If we do, everything changes.

Dale Huff

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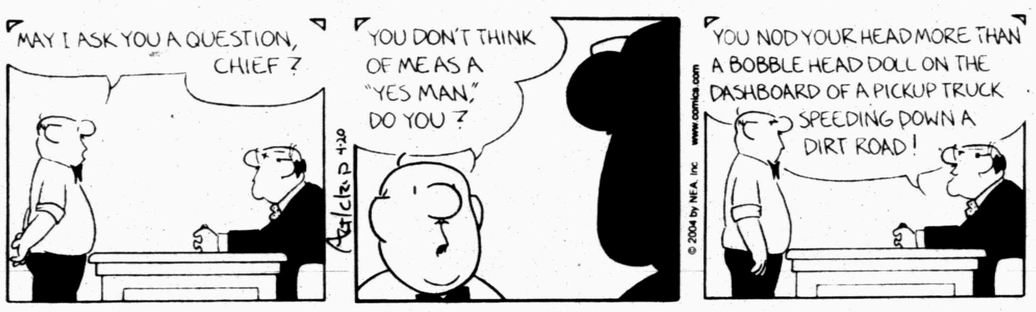

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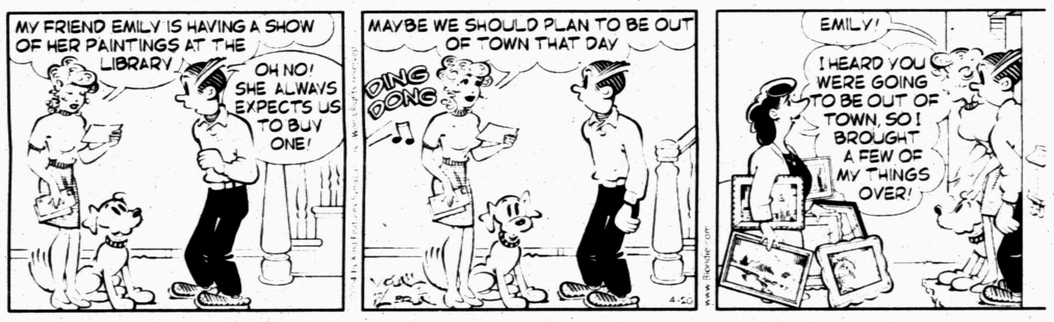

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15 Car import
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20 Melt
22 Arab VIP
25 Loop trains
26 Tokyo, formerly
27 Roam around
28 Orion's follower
31 "Now hear —!"
33 Turf
34 Aunt Bee's kin
38 More than satisfy
39 Keats opus
40 Went down
41 Gentlest
44 Country addr.
45 Forum hello
48 Gave food
49 Dairy-case buys
51 Divide in two
53 Once named
54 Bear in the sky
55 Greek P
57 Hunter's need
61 Week da.
62 Charged atom
63 Edict
64 Fast jet
65 High note
66 Skirt vent

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5 She, in Seville
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7 Rainy season hazards
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9 In a huff
10 Bare
14 Late-night host
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25 Crumbled away
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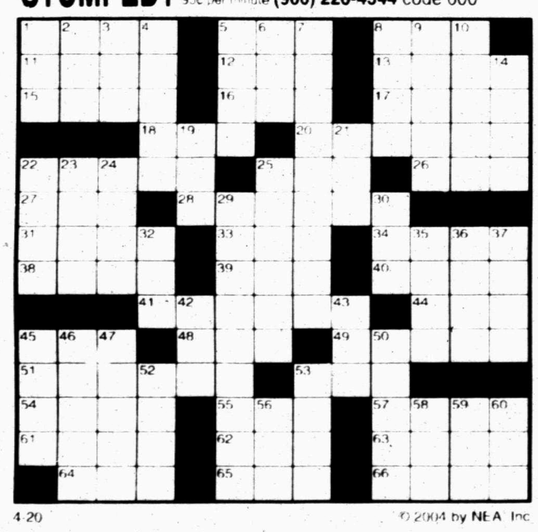

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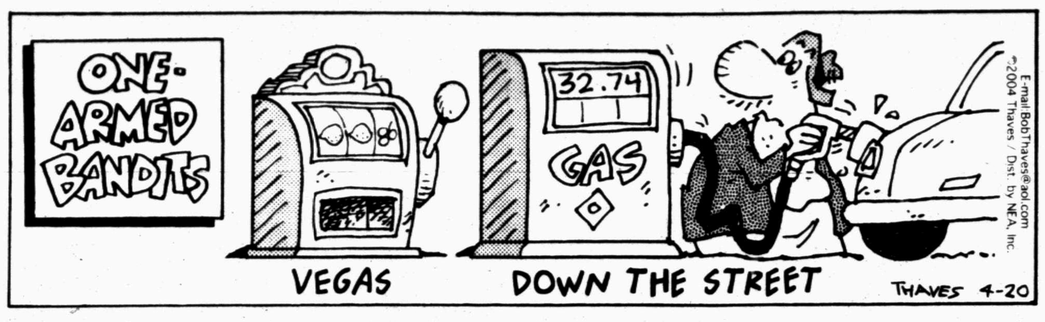

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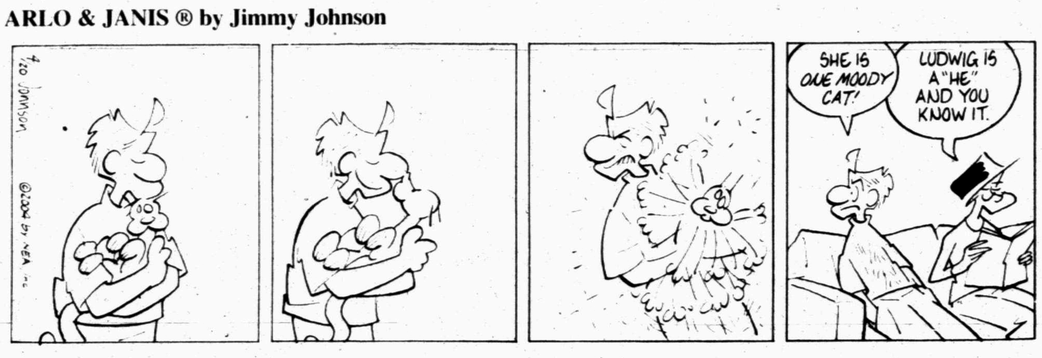

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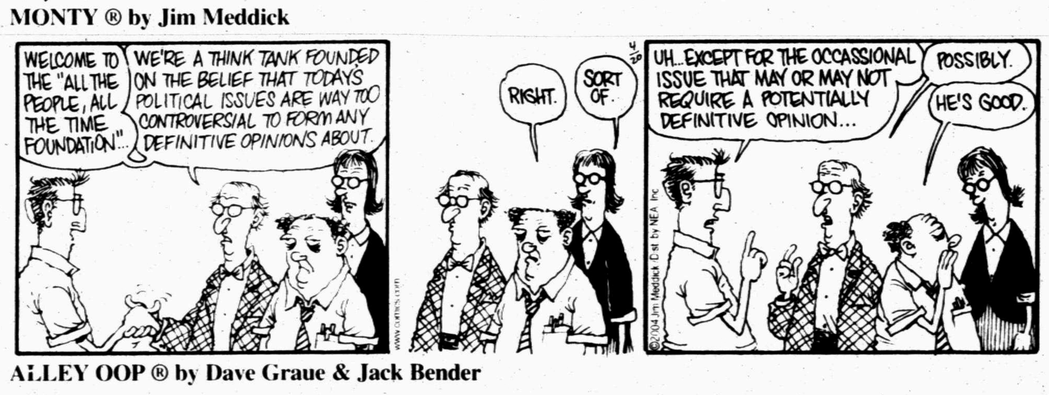

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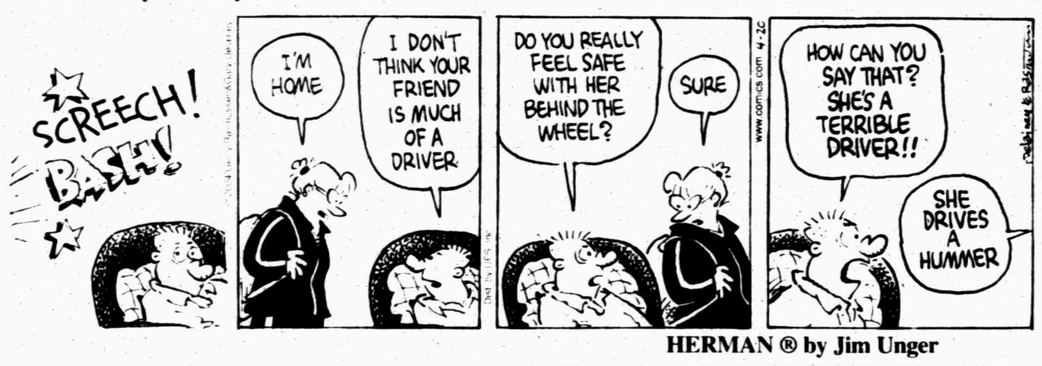

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SPORTS

Clarett denied entry into draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Maurice Clarett is facing another major obstacle on his way to the NFL.

On Monday, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals put on hold a lower-court decision to allow the former Ohio State star and other athletes to be eligible for this weekend's draft.

The appeals court said it stayed the earlier ruling to safeguard the NFL from harm and to ensure a more thorough review. Its final opinion will probably be issued after the draft, perhaps weeks from now.

Players are barred from the NFL until three years after high school graduation under current league rules.

If a subsequent ruling makes Clarett eligible, the NFL could hold a supplemental draft, something it has done for players who entered the draft late since 1977, NFL lawyer Gregg A. Levy said.

The ruling came on the same day Southern California receiver Mike Williams filed his own lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan, saying the NFL had issued conflicting statements about eligibility for the draft, thus causing him to sacrifice his college career.

But Williams' college coach, Pete Carroll, said it was possible the wide receiver could return to school.

"We'll continue to help our guy out, just like we did when he was making his decision," Carroll said.

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS — Snyder varsity tennis players open the regional tournament in Odessa at 8 a.m. Wednesday. They are, from left, doubles players Matt Hale and Joseph Ynguanzo, boys singles representative Tanner Reed and girls singles qualifier Andra Dunham. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder netters open regional tennis tournament Wednesday

Andra Dunham and the rest of the girls singles division will kick off the 2004 Region I tennis tournament at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Seedings for both the boys and girls division will be determined at coaches meetings tonight.

The first-round girls doubles matches begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, followed by the girls singles second round at 2 p.m.

Tanner Reed and the boys singles will start at 10 a.m. Wednesday with first-round matches, and Joe Ynguanzo and Matt Hale will take the court at 1 p.m. for the boys doubles matches.

The boys singles second-round matches are slated to start at 3 p.m., with the boys doubles second round at 5 p.m.

On Thursday, the boys and girls singles semifinals matches are scheduled to start at 9 a.m., with the finals and third-place matches for both getting underway at 1 p.m.

The boys doubles semifinals are slated to begin at 10 a.m., with the finals and third-place matches set for 2 p.m.

The tournament is being held at the Ratliff tennis courts in Odessa.

JV blows out Merkel, 16-6

The junior varsity Tigers ran roughshod over Merkel Monday, 16-6, in five innings.

Zack Garcia blasted what coach Brock Rumfield said was, "one of the farthest home runs I've seen hit at the high school level."

Runfield estimated the bomb traveled over 430-feet to dead center.

Chris Smith went the distance for the victory.

"Chris has done a great job this year on the mound. Every time I give him the ball he goes the distance," Rumfield said. "He's consistent at throwing strikes and lets his defense work behind him."

The junior varsity will close out the season Saturday at 1 p.m. at Seminole.

Knight wins national title

Clell Knight

Air Force Academy senior Clell Knight won his second national title and led Air Force to its sixth straight national team title at the National Collegiate Boxing Association tournament in Reno, Nev., earlier this month.

Knight, of Justiceburg, is a 1999 graduate of Post High School and attended West Elementary in Snyder from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Knight, a three-time All-American, defeated Matt Pride of West Point in the 156-pound division and was named Outstanding Boxer of the tournament. He also won the 165-pound title.

Knight is the son of Brent and Jenny Smith of Justiceburg and the grandson of Riley and Mary Miller, also of Justiceburg.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	8	4	.667	—
Atlanta	7	5	.583	1
New York	6	7	.462	2½
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	2½
Montreal	2	11	.154	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	9	4	.692	—
Cincinnati	7	5	.583	1½
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583	1½
Chicago	7	6	.538	2
St. Louis	6	7	.462	3
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	3	.750	—
San Diego	6	7	.462	3½
San Francisco	6	7	.462	3½
Colorado	5	7	.417	4
Arizona	4	8	.333	5

Monday's Games

Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 1
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 1
San Francisco 4, San Diego 3

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Willis 2-0) at Philadelphia (Padilla 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Day 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Thomson 1-0) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Dessens 0-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 2-0), 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Suppan 0-2) at Houston (Miller 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 2-0) at Colorado (Kennedy 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 1-1) at San Francisco (Hermanson 1-0), 9:15 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	4	.636	—
Boston	7	5	.583	½
New York	6	7	.462	2
Tampa Bay	5	6	.455	2
Toronto	3	9	.250	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	8	4	.667	—
Minnesota	8	4	.667	—
Detroit	8	5	.615	½
Cleveland	5	9	.357	4
Kansas City	4	8	.333	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	8	5	.615	—
Anaheim	7	6	.538	1
Texas	6	7	.462	2
Seattle	5	8	.385	3

Monday's Games

Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Detroit 10, Cleveland 4
Seattle 2, Oakland 1, 14 innings

Today's Games

Boston (P.Martinez 1-1) at Toronto (Halladay 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 0-1) at Baltimore (Ponson 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Anderson 0-0) at Cleveland (Durbin 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Graman 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Johnson 1-2) at Minnesota (Silva 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Harden 0-1) at Seattle (R.Franklin 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 2-0) at Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 0-1), 9:05 p.m.

Lady Tigers two shots back at regional golf tournament

The Snyder girls held a tentative grip on second place after the first round of the Region I golf tournament at Ratliff Ranch in Odessa Monday, firing a 321 to trail Monahans by two strokes.

Bridgeport, Sweetwater and Pecos were all separated by two strokes, with Bridgeport in third, just five shots back at 326.

Freshman Shannon Mangis led the Lady Tigers with a first-round 79, and Cami Trout fired an 80.

Brooke Jackson and Ashley Luecke each carded an 81 in the first round, and Christi Williams shot an 88.

The boys were in seventh place after the first round at Nueva Vista in Midland, but had the fifth-lowest team score with a 323.

Monahans leads the pack with a 307, while Canyon and Slaton are tied for third and Dalhart and Muleshoe sharing fifth, one shot ahead of the Tigers.

Jay Weaver stroked a 78, Tanner Bloom added a 79 and Wyl Wiggins finished the round at 80.

Alan Gray ended with an 86 and Jake Cottrell carded a 91.

Region I Class 3A
Boys Tournament
At Ratliff Ranch, Odessa
First day results
Team Totals

1. Monahans 307; 2. Graham 311; 3. (tie) Canyon and Slaton 314; 5. (tie) Dalhart and Muleshoe 322; **7. Snyder 323;** 8. Abilene Wylie 325; 9. Fort Stockton 329; 10. Vernon 334; 11. Sweetwater 335; 12. Clyde 340; 13. (tie) Bridgeport and Glen Rose 356; 15. Kennedale 357; 16. Sanger 361.

Individuals (Top 6)

1. Andrew Bryant, Graham, 72; 2. (tie) Braxton Brin, Monahans and Kyle Shuman, Canyon, 74; 4. (tie) Six players tied at 76.

Girls Tournament
At Nueva Vista
Midland
First day results
Team Totals

1. Monahans 319; **2. Snyder 321;** 3. Bridgeport 327; 4. Sweetwater 328; 5. Pecos 329; 6. Borger 363; 7. (tie) Canyon and Vernon 366; 9. Abilene Wylie 367; 10. (tie) Breckenridge and Slaton 377; 12. Glen Rose 382; 13. Comanche 387; 14. Sanger 405; 15. Brownfield 422; 16. Kennedale 427.

Individuals (Top 6)

1. Lauren Espinosa, Lake Dallas, 66; 2. Lauron Cheves, Bridgeport, 72; 3. Brittyne Lewis, Canyon, 74; 4. (tie) Kalee Mahaffey, Breckenridge Britteny Mercer, Sweetwater, and Whitney Mitchell, Monahans, 75.

Bengals trade Dillon to Pats

CINCINNATI (AP) — The New England Patriots filled one of their biggest holes Monday by trading a second-round draft pick for Corey Dillon, who hopes to extend their run of two championships in three years.

He wanted to go to a winner, but never expected to go all the way to the top.

"They were winning Super Bowls without me," Dillon said. "There's no pressure on me to come in and have the weight of trying to carry the load."

He carried that burden in Cincinnati, where for seven years he was the focus of a lost franchise. The Bengals built around him, but all of Dillon's stiff-arms and rushing records couldn't turn them into a winner.

It pained him when the Bengals started winning without him last season. Dillon, 29, strained his groin, and backup Rudi Johnson won fans' hearts.

Midland protest dismissed

Midland College's protest over its 5-4 loss to Western Texas College Saturday was summarily denied by the WJCAC Tuesday, leaving Midland as the third seed.

WTC athletic director Dave Hanes said there were three reasons given for the denial of the protest.

First, NJCAA by-laws do not allow protest over umpires after the fact. Secondly, the protest board found no action by the umpires that affected the outcome of the game and also said that the protest should have been lodged prior to the start of play.

WTC will play New Mexico Military Institue at 10 a.m. Thursday in El Paso in the conference play-in game.

The winner will face Midland College in the first round.

Lady Tigers can clinch today

The Snyder Lady Tigers can clinch the District 3-3A title outright today, when they head to Lamesa to battle the Lady Tors and close out the regular season.

Snyder (18-9, 10-1) clinched a share of first with a 14-4 win over Denver City Friday. They are one game ahead of second-place Lubbock Cooper.

Snyder topped Lamesa, 10-0, in five innings when the teams met March 30 in Snyder.

Tigers ranked 13th in state, face rematch with Badgers

The Snyder Tigers will try to extend their winning streak to eight games when they travel to Merkel today.

Snyder (17-3, 7-0) is ranked 13th in the Texas Baseball Coaches Association poll, one spot ahead of district rival Sweetwater, which Snyder beat 12-2 on April 9.

The Tigers are coming off a 14-4 victory over Denver City Friday. The win, combined with Seminole's loss to Sweetwater, clinched a playoff berth for the Tigers.

Merkel (8-9, 3-4) topped Lamesa, 10-0, Friday in five innings.

The teams met April 2 in Snyder, with the Tigers taking an 8-0 lead and hanging on for a 9-7 victory.

Ty Collier will get the start for the Tigers today.

Girls Little Dribblers

Majors

Liberty 39, Mystics 11
Liberty: G. Arredondo 14; H. Newton 11; S. Valdez 10; K. Medina 2; K. Moreland 2. Mystics: H. Farmer 7; K. Pilcher 2; T. Tyrrell 2.

Lady Raiders 26, Fast Break 15
Lady Raiders: T. Stack 12; L. Richardson 6; K. Fulford 4; K. Grimes 4. Fast Break: M. Gutierrez 7; V. Guzman 6; N. Davis 2.

Jazz 38, Storm 26
Jazz: S. Medrano 16; M. Clanton 10; J. Brooks 8; A. Hand 2; S. Morris 2. Storm: A. Ware 18; B. Nickerson 6; A. Gutierrez 2.

Sting 24, Panthers 8
Sting: M. Thompson 14; L. Reigh 4; R. Cault 4; R. Jones 2. Panthers: M. Redman 4; C. Harlan 2; M. Robbins 2.

Magic 31, Sonics 19
Magic: B. Perry 12; J. Floyd 9; A. Swigert 6; J. Hamilton 4. Sonics: J. Ibarra 5; L. Arellano 4; J. Ornales 4; B. Rose 4; K. Henderson 2.

Sting 24, Shock 21
Sting: M. Thompson 19; L. Terry 2; R. Jones 2; K. Peterson 1. Shock: K. Brewster 6; K. Anderson 4; B. Toombs 4; S. Arizmendi 3; S. Arizmendi 2; T. Wesson 2.

Liberty 41, Jazz 22
Liberty: S. Medrano 26; M. Clanton 11; J. Brooks 2; E. Olivera 2. Jazz: H. Newton 10; S. Valdez 6; K. Moreland 4; K. Medina 2.

Juniors

Hot Shots 24, Rockets 7
Hot Shots: A. Gutierrez 10; D. Dacus 8; S. Naizer 4; K. House 2. Rockets: S. Kellner 4; K. Perlaes 2; K. Sander 1.

Comets 30, Fever 11
Comets: A. Hernandez 18; C. Gill 8; H. Medrano 4. Fever: M. Warren 5; S. Mitchell 3; M. Warren 2; T. Autry 1.

Starzz 26, Hot Shots 17
Starzz: S. Bernal 10; T. Kubena 6T. Kubena 6; T. Garcia 4; V. Ornales 4; S. Castillo 2. Hot Shots: A. Gutierrez 15; D. Dacus 2.

Sharpshooters 35, Fever 6
Sharpshooters: K. Freeman 25; L. Richardson 8; A. Downing 2. Fever: M. Warren 4; P. Holdren 2.

Eight-year-old

Hornets 23, Suns 4
Hornets: K. Massingill 12; M. Jones 11. Suns: R. Dunn 2; S. Dezarae 2.

Red Hots 13, Hornets 11
Red Hots: K. Pierce 10; A. Hernandez 3. Hornets: M. Jones 7; K. Massingill 4.

Little Tigers 9, Red Hots 8
Little Tigers: V. Jaramillo 4; K. Brock 2; K. Rankin 1. Red Hots: A. Hernandez 4; K. Pierce 4.

Sports Briefs

Ladies play day

The WGA hosts a ladies play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Scurry County golf course. Format is queen of the hill.

Friday swingers

The SCGA hosts a couples play day at 5:30 p.m. each Friday. Format is handicap scramble, and the cost is $10. Call the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Sammy Baugh tournament

The Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament will be held May 1 Sammy Baugh Golf Course at WTC. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Artest named Defensive Player of the Yeat

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's Ron Artest was the runaway choice for NBA Defensive Player of the Year on the same day he was suspended for one game for leaving the bench during a confrontation in the Pacers' playoff win over the Boston Celtics. He received 476 points out of a possible 605, including 80 of 121 first-place votes.

Area Sports Calendar

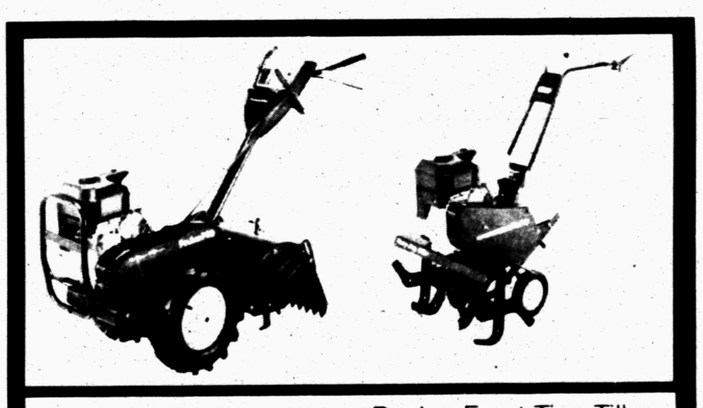
TODAY	
Golf:	SHS boys at regional tournament, Nueva Vista, Midland
	SHS girls at regional tournament, Ratliff Ranch, Odessa
Baseball:	SHS varsity at Merkel, TBA
Softball:	SHS varsity at Lamesa, 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Tennis:	SHS in regional tournament, Ratliff, Odesssa
THURSDAY	
Tennis:	SHS in regional tournament, Ratliff, Odesssa
Rodeo:	WTC at Tarleton State Rodeo
FRIDAY	
Baseball:	SHS varsity vs. Seminole, 7 p.m.
Softball:	WTC at Midland College, DH, 4 p.m.
Rodeo:	WTC at Tarleton State Rodeo
SATURDAY	
Baseball:	SHS JV at Seminole, 1 p.m.
Softball:	WTC at Midland College, DH, 4 p.m.
Rodeo:	WTC at Tarleton State Rodeo

Stanley Cup

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, April 18
Ottawa 2, Toronto 1, 2OT, series tied 3-3
Monday, April 19
Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20
Ottawa at Toronto, 6 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Monday, April 19
San Antonio 87, Memphis 70. San Antonio leads series 2-0.
L.A. Lakers 98, Houston 84. L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0
Tuesday, April 20
New York at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21
Milwaukee at Detroit, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 7 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.



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"We aren't going to stop just because we have 12 charges," Police Chief Rick Easley said Monday.

Lorenzo J. Gilyard, 53, was arrested Friday. He was being held on 10 counts of first-degree murder and two of capital murder.

Authorities said he preyed on prostitutes and teenage girls, sexually assaulting all but one of the victims and strangling them .

The victims ranged in age from 15 to 36. Eleven of them were prostitutes; the other was a mentally ill woman who roamed the streets and accepted rides from strangers.

If Gilyard is convicted of all the murders, he would be the worst serial killer in the city's history, police said.

Gilyard has prior convictions for child molestation, burglary and making a bomb threat. The molestation conviction came after he was charged with raping a 13-year-old girl in 1974.

Police had no reason to suspect that a serial killer may have been prowling Kansas City's streets and back alleys because they did not connect any of the cases until 1994, when two of the homicides were linked.

It took another decade before advances in DNA technology gave them enough confidence to make an arrest. Police said they linked Gilyard to the deaths this month after analyzing a blood sample taken from him in 1987, when he was a suspect in one of the killings with which he is now charged.

The technology to compare that sample with DNA found on the victims' bodies did not exist until 2000, officials said. A federal grant in 2003 paid for authorities to analyze DNA samples in the old cases.

"This is another example as to what DNA evidence can do for us in law enforcement and really for the entire community," prosecutor Mike Sanders said.

Catherine Marie Barry Belke, who died in 1986, was the mentally ill victim. Timothy Barry, her former husband, said the family, including the couple's three children, was relieved to finally know what happened.

Panhandle helium to head for space

AMARILLO (AP) — When the satellite designed to test two of Albert Einstein's fundamental predictions about the universe heads for orbit, its travel will be aided by helium from the Texas Panhandle.

On Monday, NASA postponed the launch of Gravity Probe B only minutes before it was to leave Vandenberg Air Force Base atop a Delta II rocket. The launch director said the mission was postponed for almost 24 hours because officials were unable to verify whether some last-minute data had been loaded aboard the rocket.

On board Gravity Probe B are among the most precise gyroscopes ever manufactured, cooled to within a couple of degrees of absolute zero by 645 gallons of liquid helium.

"This will be the largest Thermos bottle ever flown in space," NASA scientist Anne Kinney said.

The gyroscopes were manufactured to be as perfectly round as possible. Scientists say if the gyroscopes were the size of the Earth, the biggest hill on the sphere would be 61/2 feet tall.

"At the heart of experiment are four tiny ping-pong size gyroscopes," Program Manager Rex Geveden told the Amarillo Globe-News in Tuesday's online edition. "They are immersed in a bath of superfluid liquid helium and maintained at a temperature of about 450 degrees Fahrenheit below zero."

By keeping the spacecraft at super-cold temperatures, the spheres' coating becomes superconductive. That permits the Superconducting Quantum Interface Devices or SQUIDs to measure the spin of the telescope.

The satellite has been 45 years and $750 million in the making.

About the size of a delivery van, the 7,000-pound craft will point towards a faint star, IM Pegasi, in its orbit for two years. The mass of Earth, according to Einstein's theory of General Relativity, will force the spacecraft to rotate a tiny amount to keep the star in view. IM Pegasi is barely visible to the naked eye in dark skies in the constellation Pegasus.

"Gravity Probe B is one of the few space missions NASA has conducted with relevance to fundamental physics," a review of the mission undertaken by the Space Studies Board of the National Research Council states. "If successful, it would assuredly join the ranks of the classical experiments of physics. By the same token, a confirmed result in disagreement with General Relativity would be revolutionary."

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BellSouth	26.80	26.14	26.43	+.38
BurlNoSFe	32.65	32.29	32.47	+.04
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ColgatePal	56.85	56.35	56.75	+.44
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TexInd	36.22	36.03	36.16	+.11
TexasInst	28.80	28.33	28.49	+.09
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Suspect details four North Texas slayings

DALLAS (AP) — The shootings at a North Texas home just over a month ago that left four people dead followed a gunman's attempt to settle a debt, according to police records released this week.

One of three people arrested last week in connection with the slayings told authorities during a videotaped conversation about the attack at the McKinney home Rosa Barbosa, 46, shared with her nephew Mark Barbosa, 25. The statement was the break that led to two arrests late last week, the documents show.

Authorities have charged Jecory "Corn" May, 22, of McKinney; Calvin Walker, 28, of Dallas; and James Jones, 33, of McKinney in the March 12 attack. Each man was charged with four counts of capital murder and was being held on bond of $4 million.

Jones was arrested last week along with May and Walker in the slayings of Rosa Barbosa, Mark Barbosa and his two friends Austin York, 18, and Matthew Self, 17.

Jones, 33, told police in a videotaped conversation that May was the mastermind behind the shootings. He said May was armed when they pulled up to the house, and Mark Barbosa was the target. York and Self were also at the house.

Police documents released Monday show that detectives were able to break the case with Jones' statements, which led to the arrest of May and Walker. Both men have denied their involvement.

On April 1, Jones told police he had information about the shootings and knew where the gun used in the crime was located.

Jones, however, declined to give up more details until after he developed trust with the detectives.

But when police picked up Jones on April 15 on burglary and kidnapping charges, he confessed to his involvement and implicated Mays and Walker, according to police records.

"These three names did not just come up all at once. They've been coming up the entire investigation," McKinney Officer Peter Schulte told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

In his statement, Jones described details from the attack that only an insider would know. He said May and Mark Barbosa got into an argument in the front bedroom, ending when May shot the victim. A few feet away, the two teenage high school football players were pleading for their lives. More shots were fired, this time fired by Walker, the affidavit states.

The records said Rosa Barbosa was restrained on the floor with an object was placed around her neck to choke her and tape wrapped around her head.

May ordered Jones to shoot the woman with a gun that he had provided, according to the affidavit. Jones described shooting her once in the head.

The suspects left the house and went to Cliff's Check Cashing, where Rosa Barbosa worked. Jones told police Mays used the woman's keys to open the door.

Police have said an alarm sounded at the business the night of the killings, but they didn't notice anything suspicious when they arrived.

They said Jones described the position of Rosa Barbosa's body after he shot her. He also said he shot the woman with a magazine-fed handgun, consistent with investigators' findings.

Meanwhile, Walker, 28, said in an interview from jail Monday that wasn't involved in the shootings and is willing to take a polygraph test. He said he barely knew May and had never met Jones.

"I don't know how my name came up," he told the newspaper. "I didn't shoot anybody — no ifs, ands or buts."

McDonald's faces abrupt transition after CEO dies

CHICAGO (AP) — After the successful turnaround of its U.S. business, McDonald's Corp. faces a new challenge: a young and unproven leader put in charge after the sudden death of CEO Jim Cantalupo.

Charlie Bell has risen impressively within McDonald's and helped craft the strategy Cantalupo, 60, employed to revive its flagging U.S. sales and performance. But after spending most of his career in regional posts in his native Australia, the 43-year-old Bell must prove himself quickly in a job he was elevated to ahead of schedule.

Analysts and franchisees attending the McDonald's convention in Orlando, Fla., where Cantalupo was stricken with a fatal heart attack, voiced confidence Bell will be able to keep the world's largest restaurant company on the upswing. Nonetheless, a nearly 3 percent drop in the stock price showed shareholders have a wait-and-see outlook.

"As far as day-to-day operations, it's not going to affect anything," said Stephen Dietz, who owns six McDonald's restaurants in Biloxi, Miss., and has been involved with McDonald's for more than 40 years. "Everything is going to go on like it has."

Added his wife, Jane Dietz: "It's hard to lose somebody like him (Cantalupo) but it's a big company and they'll go on. ... It's the front counter where it counts."

It was a focus on the front counters — a back-to-basics approach emphasizing more efficient operations and swifter service — that enabled more than 13,000 U.S. McDonald's under Cantalupo to lift sagging sales and revive a lackluster brand.

The fast-food giant slowed its breakneck expansion pace and sharply boosted U.S. sales with help from three new products — entree-sized salads, McGriddles breakfast sandwiches and white-meat chicken nuggets — as well as by keeping more of its domestic restaurants open late at night.

The company reached out to younger consumers with a new global advertising campaign and the tag line "I'm lovin' it." It also has been trying to attract more diet-conscious consumers with not only its salads but last week's announcement that it will introduce adult Happy Meals, featuring salad, bottled water and a pedometer, and fruit and lower-fat options for its kids' Happy Meals.

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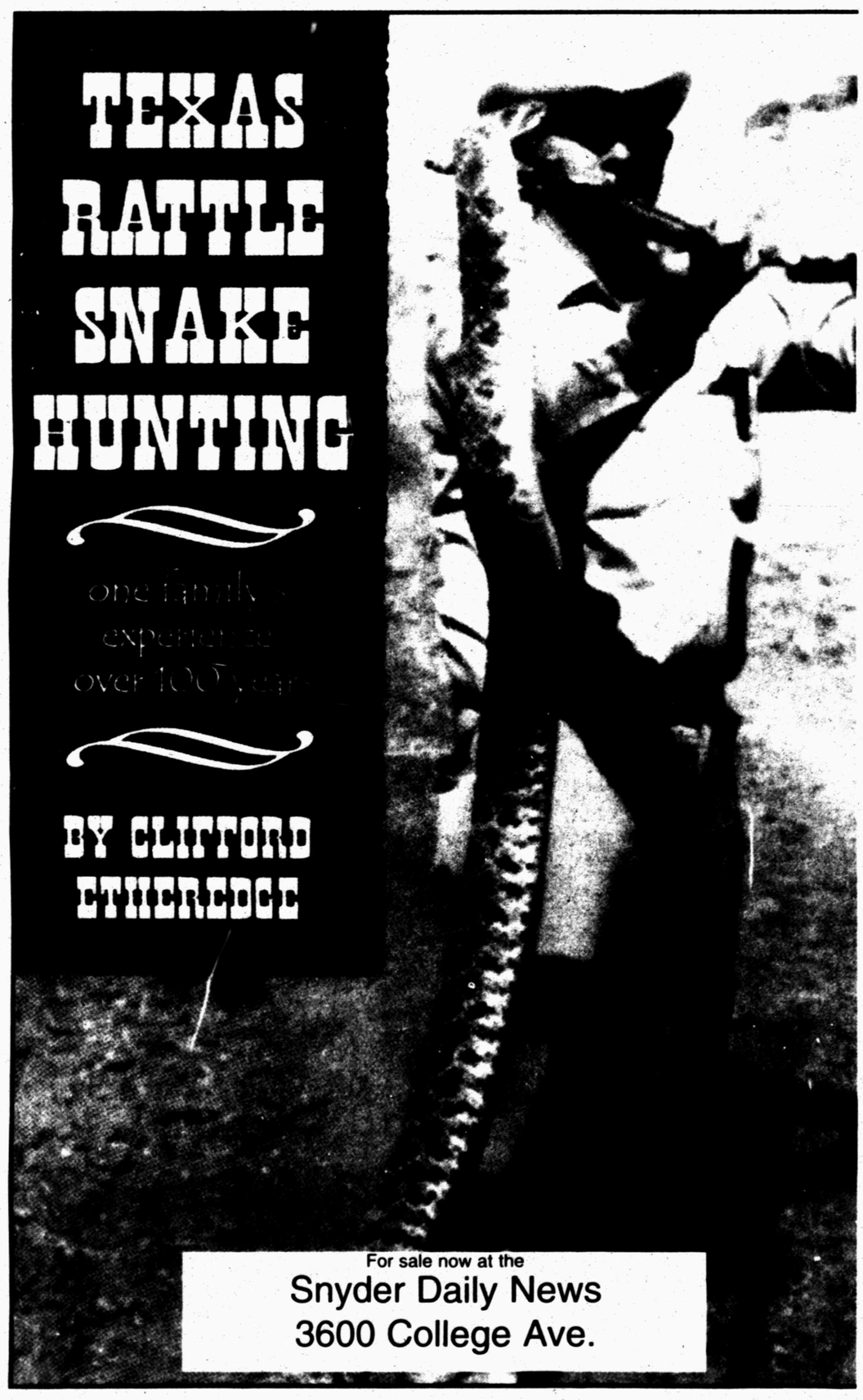

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Does this cheap, safe remedy have merit?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because arthritis seems to be a rite of passage to old age, I would like to inform you of my battle with it — and how I succeeded. I'm 81 and have hesitated writing you because people don't take me seriously in spite of the fact that I've had arthritis for many years and am a huge success story.

Simply put, success is due to castor oil. Not taken internally but rubbed on my joints. It alleviates the pain in minutes.

I have arthritis in most of my major joints. I have been told I have rheumatoid arthritis. I can keep the pain at bay with castor oil and the product causes no side effects.

This remedy was first brought to my attention about 30 years ago, when my son's knees were severely inflamed from Osgood-Schlatter disease. I rubbed the oil on his knees twice a day. This was around Thanksgiving. By Easter, his knees were completely pain-free and he was back to running. He will be 47 next month and is in great health. He occasionally uses topical castor oil.

I hope that your readers might try this home remedy.

DEAR READER: In keeping with my policy to publish information about home remedies that are safe, inexpensive and may hold promise, I am sharing your letter.

Over the years, castor oil, a traditional and unpleasant-tasting laxative, has been touted to cure myriad diseases. Most of these claims are bogus. But your experiences piqued my curiosity because 1) the product is applied topically, and 2) your successes seem stunning.

Therefore, I'm going to rely on my readers' (bless their hearts!) analyses before coming to a conclusion.

Folks, those of you who are willing to try castor oil (rubbed over an arthritic joint, twice a day) will be my experimental subjects from whom I would love to hear — both pro and con — after a period of castor-oil usage. I cannot tell you how long this will take, but I'll certainly write a follow-up after I hear from you.

As for the discoverer of the castor-oil cure, to give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." 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: Are the jokers who inhale helium to change their voices harmed in any way?

DEAR READER: Helium is plentiful in our environmental air. However, when it is inhaled in high concentrations, it alters the timbre and raises the pitch of the voice, leading to speech that sounds like that of cartoon characters. The practice of occasionally inhaling helium is not considered by most authorities to be a health hazard.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Sept. 11 relatives bond with families of Oklahoma blast

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — United by tragedy, a group of 13 family members of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks attended a solemn ceremony for those killed in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Some relatives of those killed in the terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon have forged a bond with those who lost loved ones in the Oklahoma City bombing of April 19, 1995.

"They're ahead of us on the path and they've kind of been pulling us along," said Barbara Salvadore, whose brother, New York City firefighter Lt. Peter Freund, died in attack on the World Trade Center. "They know how we feel."

The ceremony at the Oklahoma City National Memorial on Monday began at 9:02 a.m., the minute the federal building was destroyed by a fuel oil and fertilizer bomb on April 19, 1995.

Several hundred people in attendance observed 168 seconds of silence, one second for each of those who died. Children of bombing victims read victims' names as survivors and relatives marked nine years since the devastating blast.

Jason Smith, 31, of Oklahoma City, read names including that of his mother, Linda McKinney, who worked at the U.S. Secret Service office on the ninth floor of the Murrah building.

"To be able to come down and be able to read my mom's name along with the rest of the victims is a tremendous honor," he said. "Even though it's been nine years and a lot of us have moved on in our lives and grown, it's nice to take a step back and remember that fateful day and honor their memory."

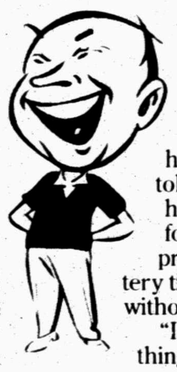
Timothy McVeigh was executed for his role in the bombing conspiracy.

Today's chuckle

False undercover agent arrests neighbor

KINSTON, N.C. (AP) — A man claiming to be an undercover agent hauled in a handcuffed neighbor for booking — but ended up facing charges of his own.

Reginald Suggs was charged Sunday with kidnapping, aggravated assault and possession of a concealed weapon. He was in jail Monday with bond set at $15,000.



Wilbur Grady said Suggs, 49, approached him Sunday and told him he was under arrest. He brandished a wooden stick and a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun, according to police reports. Grady said he recognized Suggs, who lives a few doors down on the same street.

"I was just in the yard washing the tires when this dude walked up in my yard and said he was an undercover agent," Grady said. "He told me I was under arrest. I told him to get out of my yard with that crazy talk."

The two exchanged words before Suggs rushed up and cuffed Grady's hands behind his back. Suggs then forced Grady, 68, into Suggs' car and drove him to the county jail. He told a magistrate that he had brought in a prisoner for possession of stolen property, selling illegal lottery tickets and selling alcohol without a permit.

"It was the darndest thing," said Joe Grady, a 12-year veteran in the Lenoir County Magistrate's office who quickly realized Suggs didn't have the authority to make arrests. "I've never seen anything like that before."

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Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Today is the 111th day of 2004 and the 32nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1770, Captain James Cook discovered Australia.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1999, two students went on a rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, killing 13.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Adolf Hitler (1889-1945), German dictator; Harold Lloyd (1893-1971), film comedian; Lionel Hampton (1908-2002), jazz musician; Jessica Lange (1949-), actress, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1939, Ted Williams appeared in his first major-league baseball game, striking out in his first at bat and finishing 1 for 4.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The secret is keeping busy and loving what you do." — Lionel Hampton

TODAY'S FACT: Theodore Roosevelt was the first president to ride in an airplane, in 1910 (as an ex-president), in a 4-minute ride in a Wright Brothers' plane.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 99.2 — Weight in pounds of the world's largest revolver, a six-shooter built in Poland.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 19) and first quarter (April 27)

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Unanswered questions torment parents

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — For nearly five years, unsettling details have trickled out from dusty file cabinets and evidence vaults about just how much authorities and others knew before Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold slaughtered 12 classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School.

Misplaced police reports, prophetic videos made by the killers at the school itself, a father's secret journal, a Web site and essay promising death — families of the victims say the warning signs were clear.

"How many times have we heard this was everything, only for something else to come out?" asked Dawn Anna, mother of murdered student Lauren Townsend. "The first time we heard that was back in 1999."

Some 30,000 documents in the case have been released over the years and 10,418 pieces of evidence ranging from a tooth fragment to propane tanks were put on public display this year.

Local authorities, the school district, a state commission and the Colorado attorney general have all investigated, but the question remains: Why didn't someone — a parent, a sheriff's deputy, a teacher, a fellow student — step in before the suicidal gunmen went on their rampage?

Victims' families have tried to get answers: Some sued the sheriff's department, the school district and the parents of the killers. They won damages, but a federal judge sealed many records.

At the heart of most questions is the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, which responded to the massacre and led the official investigation. Its track record is spotty at best.

After the shootings, sheriff's officials downplayed tips about Harris making death threats — even though they relied on them to get a search warrant for his home hours after the bloodshed.

Randy and Judy Brown, whose sons were threatened by Harris, made several attempts to get the sheriff's department to investigate.

The tips started in 1997, when one of the Browns' two sons gave a deputy a printout of a Web site in which Harris boasted of going on nighttime missions with Klebold, firing weapons and vandalizing property.

The Web site later included boasts by Harris and Klebold about building pipe bombs and referred to "ground zero."

The tip was forwarded to former sheriff's investigator John Hicks. A warrant was drafted to search the Harris home, but it was never executed. A report by Hicks was found tucked inside a training manual just six months ago, a stunning revelation that prompted new Sheriff Ted Mink to ask Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar to investigate.

Salazar said he found no negligence by the sheriff's department, though he found at least 15 instances of contact between law enforcement and one or both of the killers.

Other warning signs included violent videos made by Harris and Klebold for a class project and an essay by Klebold in another class describing a Columbine-like slaying of "preps." In one video project five months before the rampage, the two stalk through Columbine itself, offering hit man services to classmates tired of being bullied.

Harris and Klebold were arrested for a break-in a year before the attack, but parole officers were never told about the death threats tied to the teens. Both completed probation and were deemed to be likely candidates for success as adults.

"There was overwhelming evidence. Columbine should have been prevented," said Brian Rohrbough, whose son, Daniel, was one of the first to die. "We cannot turn back the hands of time, but we can put all this information out on the table. ... We can make this an example of what went wrong so that we can prevent it from happening again."

Most excruciating for some of those seeking answers is the fact that some information is being kept secret. The Harris and Klebold families were forced to give depositions to settle a lawsuit, but what they said remains sealed.

Joe Kechter, whose son, Matt, died at Columbine, said the lawsuit was settled because families were running out of money to fight the insurance companies whose homeowners' policies covered the Klebolds and Harrises.

"I hope some day the Klebolds and Harrises agree to get this information out so it can save other kids lives in the future," Kechter said. "I am doing this in respect of my son. I feel the police and the whole system let him down that day. I am not going to let him down."

U.N. appeals court verdict will influence future genocide cases

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — In a historic verdict that will resonate in the trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, a U.N. appeals court affirmed Monday that Bosnian Serbs committed genocide at the U.N.-protected zone of Srebrenica in 1995, but cleared a Serb general of being a "principal perpetrator" and reduced his sentence.

The war crimes tribunal, however, convicted Gen. Radislav Krstic of the lesser crime of "aiding and abetting genocide." It found that he assisted in the massacre of thousands of Bosnian Muslims but did not intend to wipe out the Muslim community.

Krstic's August, 2001 genocide conviction was the first in Europe by an international court since the destruction of European Jewry in the Holocaust by the Nazis. The ruling changed the parameters of the crime's definition and ensured its place in war crimes jurisprudence.

Krstic's sentence was reduced from 46 years to 35. The general, who lost part of a leg in a land mine accident, has no other appeal options. Now 56 years old, he could be eligible for early release in 20 years.

About 7,500 Muslim men and boys were slaughtered in the eastern Bosnian enclave during nine days in July 1995. Their wives and families were deported to clear the way for the creation of a Greater Serbia under the Milosevic, then the president.

The judges unanimously agreed Monday that the intention to kill all the men put the very survival of Srebrenica's Muslims at stake, even though a relatively small number of people were murdered.

Unlike in the Holocaust, it also found that the genocide law could be applied to a limited geographic area because of a wider threat. Srebrenica was meant to serve as "a potent example to all Bosnian Muslims of their vulnerability and defenselessness," the 130-page verdict said.

Two of the five tribunal judges were Muslims. One, justice Mohamad Shahabuddeen of Guyana, dissented on the decision to reduce Krstic's responsibility for genocide, saying he wasn't convinced Krstic had no genocidal intent — the key element required for a conviction.

"Genocide is one of the worst crimes known to humankind, and its gravity is reflected in the stringent requirement of specific intent," the verdict said.

"Convictions for genocide can be entered only where that intent has been unequivocally established," it said. Since the court had failed to prove intent, Krstic "is not guilty of genocide as a principal perpetrator."

Yet it argued that his knowledge of a plan by the Bosnian Serb leadership to wipe out Srebrenica's Muslims, which was assisted by troops under his command, was enough for a conviction as an "aider and abetter."

The outcome for Krstic could be an indication of what might happen in Milosevic's case. Like Krstic, the former Serb leader is accused of participation in "a joint criminal enterprise" targeting the Bosnian Muslims for destruction. Genocide and complicity in genocide are among other 66 charges against him.

As in the Krstic case, Milosevic's prosecutors acknowledge they have no "smoking gun" proving that the Serb leader ordered or instigated the destruction of the Bosnian Muslims. Legal experts said the largely circumstantial case may be too thin for a genocide conviction.

"The evidence in the Krstic case can be transferred to the Milosevic trial. The prosecutor has at least one incident of genocide proven, but Milosevic's own responsibility remains a problem," said Dutch lawyer Heikelina Verrijn Stuart.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Daughter yearns to drive despite mom's trepidation

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter, "Michelle," wants to take driver's education next year when she's in the 10th grade. Most of her friends will be taking the class. I explained to her that I'm so afraid something will happen while she's behind the wheel, I don't want to sign for the class or her permit.

Michelle has assured me that she's responsible and would never drive without my consent. She says I should trust her. She's a great child — a straight-A student and very trustworthy. I do trust her, but I can't get over my fear of losing her. She says she understands, but I see the hurt in her eyes whenever she tries to talk to me about it.

Yesterday a boy in a nearby city, driving with only his permit, was in an accident that killed seven children — ages 15 and under. I'm sure the boy's parents trusted their son or they wouldn't have signed for his permit. Now they have to live with this. I don't think I could handle the guilt. I'm afraid if I sign, Michelle may drive the way that boy did and wind up in a fatal accident. Children aren't perfect. Sometimes they do things they shouldn't.

Am I doing the right thing? Please help me, Abby. — **PROTECTIVE MOM, GLEN, MISS.**

DEAR PROTECTIVE MOM: Much as you might wish to, you cannot "protect" a child by keeping her ignorant. In her driver's education class she will learn basic rules of the road, including how to safely operate an automobile under strict supervision. After that, some states, including your own, place significant restrictions on teenage drivers. Only at age 18 is a person entitled to apply in Mississippi for a full, unrestricted one-year license.

If you wish to add restrictions of your own, the option is yours, particularly if the car is yours. I suggest making a contract with her that stipulates what grade average she must maintain to keep her driving privileges, limiting the number of passengers she can transport, and also setting distance limits. A version of the following contract has appeared in my column before:

DRIVING CONTRACT

I ( ), agree to the stipulations stated below granting me the privilege of driving. If, at any time, I violate this agreement, my driving privileges will be forfeited.

(1) Should I get a traffic ticket, I agree to pay for the ticket, as well as the difference in the insurance premium for as long as the premium is in effect.

(2) I agree to pay for damages that I incur not covered by insurance.

(3) At no time will I ever drink alcoholic beverages and drive, nor will there ever be any in the car.

(4) I will not drive the car until I and all passengers have buckled up.

(5) I will keep the car I drive clean, inside and out, be aware of its needs for gas, oil, etc., and wax it as needed.

I have read the above agreement and sign it in accordance with the rules.

Signed,
( ) Child
( ) Parent
Date:

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

You should be able to establish greater stability in your material affairs in the year ahead. Your returns may not flow in at an overwhelming rate, but they won't need to. Your growth pattern will be consistent and solid.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Devote as much time as possible today on projects that are personally important to you. Much can be accomplished at this time in advancing your self-interests and private affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you're hoping to be productive today, find an atmosphere in which to work that provides solitude and seclusion where others aren't likely to intrude on your concentration.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — In order to get the best out of yourself today, spend your time with associates who share interests similar to yours. Each will serve to inspire the other to become more positive and creative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be both patient and persistent today, but take things one step at a time. If you don't blindly rush forward into anything, many of your objectives and goals can be advanced at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Have faith in your ideas and don't let others dissuade you from them before you have a chance to try them out. Your imagination and creativity can earn you special rewards today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Gains are possible today in a joint enterprise you are involved in with another. However, nothing will come of it if you don't personally take the time to keep watch on the project yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although you may prefer to do things alone, today partnership situations can offer you greater benefits than would actions you take independently of ~~others. Don't be a loner.~~

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Pay close attention to the tasks at hand today and try to perform your duties up to the very best of your abilities. There are extra dividends in it for you at this time for jobs done well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Go out of your way to make a concerted effort to establish a good rapport with someone you could meet socially today. This individual could turn out to be a valuable contact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you stay on top of things and don't dilly-dally today, a matter that you've been anxious to finalize can be settled once and for all to your advantage. Strike while the iron is hot.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your mental faculties will be especially keen today and you should be able to learn or accomplish almost anything to which you set your mind. Set specific goals and go all out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Measures can be taken today to build upon your material holdings. Focus your attention and efforts on ways to strengthen your present position and enhance your financial security.

Taurus, 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.

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Iraqi police, civilians return to Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi security forces and civilians who fled days of street fighting in Fallujah began to return today in a critical test of an agreement between U. S. officials and local leaders to end the American siege of the rebellious city.

Attackers believed to be insurgents fired 12 mortars into Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, killing 22 detainees and injuring 92, said Col. Jill Morgenthaler. She said all the casualties were security detainees.

Brig Gen. Mark Kimmitt also acknowledged that U.S. soldiers shot and killed two Iraqis working for the U.S. funded al-Iraqiya television station a day earlier. He said the two had been filming a military checkpoint and drove toward it, failing to stop after repeated warning shots.

A U.S. military-run radio station urged Fallujah residents to hand over heavy weapons to Iraqi security forces or at the mayor's office.

It was not yet known whether guerrillas would abide by the call to surrender their arsenals. U.S. commanders have warned Marines might launch an all-out assault to take the city if the insurgents don't disarm.

By midday today, up to 200 members of the Iraqi security forces had returned to their jobs.

Dozens more police lined up at a Marine checkpoint to enter the city in the afternoon. Iraqi families lined up there as well to go home.

As part of a deal announced Monday, the military agreed to let 50 families a day back into the city, but people kept showing up after that limit was reached.

Marines turned away about 150 people, said Capt. Ed Sullivan, and they asked them to come back Wednesday.

About a third of the city's 200,000 people fled in the two-week siege that killed at least 600 Iraqis, according to hospital officials.

Hamdi Rashid, a schoolteacher driving a minivan with 17 family members inside, was one of the Fallujans who made it back today.

"We love Fallujah," he said while waiting in line. "The Americans are doing good. They are going to arrest the bad men. We are looking for peace. We want to live in peace."

Iraqi policeman Maj. Khamis Suleyman said he expects Iraqi security forces to begin searching houses for weapons.

Much depends on whether the Fallujah civic leaders who reached the deal with the Americans can persuade the insurgents to disarm — or whether the Iraqi police are effective in uncovering weapons.

For the city's guerrillas, any handover of their heavy weapons would mean weakening, if not ending, their monthslong resistance against the U.S.-led occupation.

Hearings focus on U.S. military and Iraq political plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top-level Bush administration, questioned sharply by a congressional panel on the difficult U.S. campaign with mounting casualties in Iraq, asserted anew today that Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator who had to be deposed.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy interrupted Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz's statement at a contentious hearing of the Armed Services Committee, calling the Defense Department official's testimony "somewhat disingenuous."

Kennedy, D-Mass., faulted Wolfowitz for offering testimony that focused on life under Saddam's rule rather than the administration's rationale for going to war in March 2003, including its allegations that Saddam had an arsenal of weapons of mass destruction.

The hearing was among a host of question-and-answer face-offs Congress scheduled for administration officials amid increased anxiety on Capitol Hill about the course of the war. Wolfowitz gave a half-hour statement focusing mostly on administration claims about the abuses of Iraqis under Saddam's rule.

As Wolfowitz testified on Iraqi operations before the Armed Services panel, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Dick Lugar criticized the administration, at another hearing, for the Pentagon's refusal to testify later this week on the planned June 30 transition to Iraqi sovereignty.

Saying success in Iraq depends on the administration's credibility, Lugar noted that over the past year and a half the administration has "failed to communicate" its plans to Congress and the American people. And it may be missing another chance by not showing up Thursday, he said today, opening the first of his committee's three hearings.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va. and chairman of the Armed Services panel, opened his hearing noting the rise in violence in Iraq this month and saying insurgents "seek to delay their inevitable defeat" by occupation forces.

"The importance of this hearing cannot be overstated," said Warner. "We are at a critical juncture ... in both Iraq and Afghanistan."

Throughout the week's hearings, officials are likely to face questions on what is being done to calm the increased violence in Iraq, whether troop levels are high enough and exactly how the administration intends to work with the United Nations. U.S. occupation authorities, who long shunned a substantive U.N. role in Iraq, are now counting on it to help devise a plan for forming a new Iraqi government to accept sovereignty on the turnover date.

Supreme Court hears first test of Bush administration tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has created a "lawless enclave" at a military base in Cuba where more than 600 men from 44 countries are being held without access to American courts, a lawyer for the men told the Supreme Court today.

Attorney John Gibbons said "it's been plain for 215 years" that people in federal detention may file petitions in U.S. courts.

The prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were mostly picked up in the fighting that toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan and Pakistan in the months following the Sept. 11 attacks. The government has labeled them "enemy combatants."

Their appeal, the first major challenge arising from the U.S. war on terror to reach the high court, asks a basic legal question: Can foreign-born prisoners picked up overseas and held outside U.S. borders use American courts to try win their freedom?

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist noted that the detainees are not on American soil, and asked how a judge in Washington is to deal with a case from Cuba.

Gibbons said the men should have some way to get their complaints before a judge. The United States holds the only real control over the Guantanamo Base, and U.S. law governs what happens there, Gibbons replied.

"No other law applies there. Cuban law doesn't apply there," he said.

Without that oversight by U.S. judges, there would be no checks and balances on the president's power at Guantanamo, Justice Stephen Breyer observed later.

"The executive would be free to do whatever they want," Breyer told the Bush administration's lawyer, Solicitor General Theodore Olson.

Not so, Olson replied. The United States routinely asserts temporary or nominal control over foreign territory such as military bases, he noted.

"It would be remarkable for the judiciary to start deciding," when and where the United States could do that, Olson said.

In addition to the jurisdictional issue raised by the Guantanamo case, the court next week takes up two related cases about the rights of American citizens labeled enemy combatants and held under similar restrictions.

The most important theme in all the cases is the power of the president to conduct a new kind of war as he sees fit.

Some spectators for today's argument camped out overnight, and a line of several hundred people snaked around the building.

"It's not acceptable to detain people without recourse. I think they should have at least a fair hearing to prove their innocence, if they are innocent," said Justin Briggs, 25, of Gaithersburg, Md. "It damages the credibility of the U.S. throughout the world."

In the Guantanamo case, the Bush administration's top Supreme Court lawyer argued in court filings that allowing the prisoners to go to court would "place the federal courts in the unprecedented position of micromanaging the executive's handling of captured enemy combatants from a distant zone."

The Bush administration asserts the right to hold and interrogate the men as long as necessary, without formal charges or the guarantee of a trial or access to a lawyer. The administration also asserts the men are not traditional prisoners of war, who would have guaranteed rights under the Geneva Convention.

The lawsuit before the high court was brought by lawyers who had not met their clients. Since then, a few Guantanamo detainees have been granted access to attorneys.

The lawyers say the men are in a nightmarish legal limbo. Furthermore, they say their clients had nothing to do with Sept. 11 and have never harmed Americans.

Sexual assault investigated

• ***Assault***

A sexual assault of a 14-year-old female was reported at 9:53 p.m. Monday by emergency room personnel at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Police have an adult suspect under investigation.

• ***Arrests***

At 10:20 a.m. Monday, a 23-year-old male was arrested in the 4000 block of College Avenue on charges of driving while license is invalid.

A 30-year-old male was arrested at 5:54 p.m. Monday in the 1300 block of N. Ave. R on charges of no driver license, racing on a highway and fleeing to elude in a motor vehicle.

Police arrested a 24-year-old male in the 200 block of 29th St. after they received a call at 11:53 p.m. Monday from a woman saying her husband was refusing to let her stay at the residence. Police responded and found the man had a city warrant for disorderly conduct/language and a warrant for theft by check out of Wise County.

• ***Thefts***

A theft was reported from a backyard in the 2400 block of Ave. E. at 11:43 a.m. Monday. A wheelbarrow was reported missing.

At 7:36 p.m. Monday a theft was reported in the 100 block of 20th Place. Personal property was taken.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A gas drive off was reported at Rip Griffins at 1:44 p.m. Monday in the amount of $38.53, and another at Allsup's at 10:11 p.m. The gas was later paid for.

• ***Accidents***

A traffic accident was reported at 12:24 p.m. Monday at the WTC west parking lot and another at US 84 and Business 84. No injuries were reported.

• ***Motorist assist***

Police responded to six motorist assists Monday.

• ***Loose emu***

Loose emus was reported on Hwy. 180 Monday afternoon. The animals were secured.

Obituaries

Buckshot Burns

1939-2004

Larry "Buckshot" Burns, former Snyder resident, died Monday, April 19, in Medical Center Hospital.

Service is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home with the Rev. John Lyons officiating. Interment will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.

Born on Nov. 12, 1939 in Ackerly to Buck and Ima Burns, he moved from Snyder to Odessa in 1984. He worked in the oilfield as a toolpusher, retiring in 1998. He married Linda Perdue on Oct. 17, 1958 in Cortez, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Robert Burns; and a sister, Linda Montgomery.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Burns of Odessa; two sons, Buck and Kevin Burns of Odessa; three daughters, Lyn Chaney and Teresa McDuffee, both of Snyder, and Jay Hobbs of Rockmart, Ga.; his stepmother, Glenna Burns of Lubbock; two sisters, Peggy Morris of Lubbock and Elizabeth Higginbotham of Victoria; two stepbrothers, Ted and James Johnston, both of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 4/21	Thu 4/22	Fri 4/23
84/58	**88/58**	**68/47**
Sunny skies. High 84F. Winds NW at 10 to 20 mph.	Fair. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise 7:07 AM, Sunset 8:18 PM	Sunrise 7:06 AM, Sunset 8:19 PM	Sunrise 7:04 AM, Sunset 8:20 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

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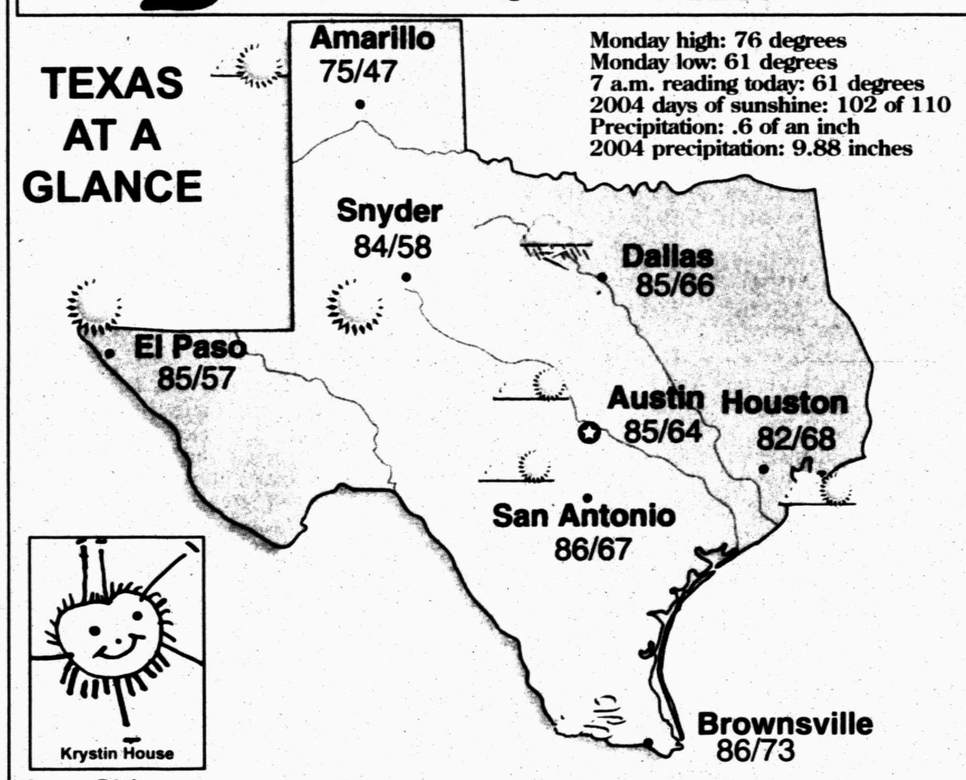
2004 precipitation: 9.88 inches



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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	63	mst sunny	El Paso	85	57	sunny	Midland	86	58	sunny
Amarillo	75	47	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	87	59	sunny	Raymondville	87	71	windy
Austin	85	64	pt sunny	Gainesville	83	62	t-storm	Rosenberg	83	68	pt sunny
Beaumont	82	67	pt sunny	Greenville	82	62	t-storm	San Antonio	86	67	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	73	windy	Houston	82	68	pt sunny	San Marcos	86	65	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	63	mst sunny	Kingsville	87	71	windy	Sulphur Springs	82	63	t-storm
Corpus Christi	83	72	windy	Livingston	83	65	pt sunny	Sweetwater	85	60	sunny
Corsicana	84	65	t-storm	Longview	81	64	t-storm	Tyler	82	64	t-storm
Dallas	85	66	t-storm	Lubbock	80	55	sunny	Weatherford	84	62	t-storm
Del Rio	90	67	mst sunny	Lufkin	84	65	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	85	56	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	79	55	pt sunny	Houston	82	68	pt sunny	Phoenix	89	64	sunny
Boston	54	50	cloudy	Los Angeles	69	56	mst sunny	San Francisco	64	50	windy
Chicago	66	43	rain	Miami	80	71	mst sunny	Seattle	56	44	rain
Dallas	85	66	t-storm	Minneapolis	62	40	rain	St. Louis	76	55	pt sunny
Denver	57	38	cloudy	New York	57	54	rain	Washington, DC	73	60	rain

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 19	Apr 27	May 4	May 11

UV Index

Wed 4/21	Thu 4/22	Fri 4/23
10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very 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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