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MY TURN

by Brian Edmondson



We read a news story this week from the New York Times that has us baffled, dismayed and disappointed.

President Bush and his advisers, already looking ahead to next year's reelection campaign, are planning to coincide his push for office with the anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington to enhance his fund-raising advantage.

It looks like a poor move to us. Exploiting a tragedy of that magnitude for political gain seems petty, wrong and distasteful.

Hardest to believe about this strategic move is that nobody in the White House is trying to deny it.

We would expect finger pointers and opponents to accuse the President of such a thing considering the unfortunate timing of planned events.

But we would expect it to be untrue and paired with strong denial from the President and those who advise him. Instead, they not only admit to the plan, but openly discuss the reelection strategy.

The nominating convention, set for Aug. 30-Sept. 2 and to be held in New York City, will be the latest since the Republican Party was founded in 1856.

President Bush's advisers aren't shy about the fact that they chose the date so the event would flow into commemorations marking the third anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks.

We have to wonder how the President will rebut the perception of exploitation as he shuttles between fundraisers at Madison Square Garden and memorial services at Ground Zero.

The President's leadership in the war on terror and in the liberation of Iraq has been impressive and served to show the world the U.S. is more formidable a force than ever there has been. That kind of power and dominance can be channeled for a lot of good.

We expect the President's campaign to center on homeland security and the war on terrorism abroad. Both are important issues, but they aren't the only issues.

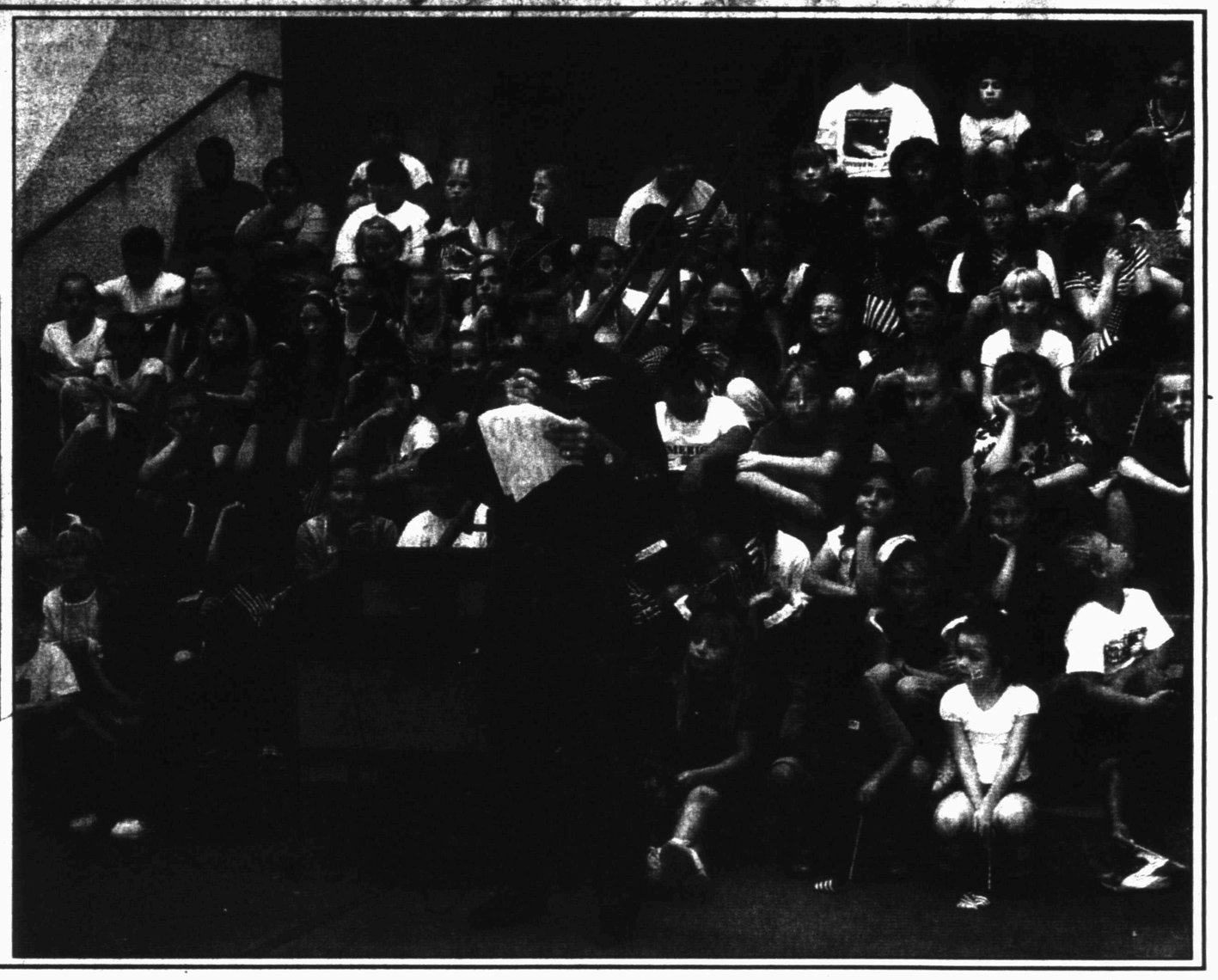
The economy continues to weaken, healthcare and insurance are on the verge of imploding and services for all Americans are dwindling.

We don't know who has the answers to these dilemmas, but we think they warrant discussion and debate.

This isn't an attack on the President. Like the majority of Texans, we voted for him the first time and hold him and the office in high esteem.

But that esteem may quickly diminish the first time we see a political ad featuring the twin towers or anything of the sort.

We sincerely hope that doesn't happen.



FREEDOM DAY — East Elementary students listen and wave flags as Army veteran Velton Buchanan reads names of other Scurry County army vets. Bob Sealy remembered navy veterans and Ken Minyard read the names of Air Force vets. Willy Pettijohn recited the names of Scurry County Marines. More than 100 citizens turned out to support current and past servicemen and eat hotdogs on the courthouse lawn. (SDN Staff Photo)

Relay for Life to honor cancer survivors

The annual Relay for Life gets underway at 8:30 a.m. Friday with registration.

The silent auction begins at 3 p.m. and bids can be submitted until an alarm sounds before the live auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

Betty House, ACS board member and a cancer survivor, is the auction chairperson. Her committee has been busy seeking items for the auction to be held at the north end of the track.

Local businesses have donated a variety of items.

Anonymous donors have provided a signed and framed picture of Dallas Cowboy great Roger Staubach, and a bandana autographed by former Texas Rangers catcher Pudge Rodriguez. A large WFAA Channel 8 umbrella has been donated also.

The auction will be conducted by Bobby Goodwin, Scott Richburg and Charlie Bell.

Lubbock artist Theresa Martin, a cancer survivor, has donated four painted gourds, a pewter mare and colt sculpture, and a wooden sculpture of several children riding a horse together for the live auction. Billy Joe Jay of Sweetwater has donated a framed picture of The Alamo, and Robert and Maria Patterson have provided a Seraphim Angel.

Basketballs autographed by Texas Tech coaches Marsha Sharp and Bob Knight also are on the block. Other sports-related items are a signed football from the Arizona Cardinals donated by David McGinnis, four Texas Rangers baseball passes with parking passes, a Tuff Hedeman signed hat with poster and cap, and a Larry Mahan signed hat with poster and cap.

Mamie Patterson, the longest-living known survivor of cancer in Scurry County, has donated a set of china-painted chickens. Other items include a hand-painted picture by Jess Everett, a handmade Americana basket by Janie Romine, a flag wall-hanging by Marsha Lovelady, a pewter buffalo by Mike Maloney, a picket yard bench by Bud House, and a hand-carved rocking horse by Grethryn Preece of Oakdale, Pa.

A rag quilt has been donated by Mary Batchelor and a baby quilt by Rita Sue Crouch. A king-sized quilt was donated by West Texas State Bank, and Beatrice Hargrove and LaBeth Montgomery also donated a quilt. Wanda Falls and Lorraine Bruns, Farmer's Designs and Gina Ferguson each donated an afghan.

The fourth-annual cancer survivors' victory lap is at 6 p.m. Friday. Local entertainers will perform until the 9 a.m. closing ceremonies Saturday.

There also will be a luminaria ceremony at 10 p.m. Friday where cancer survivors and those who have been lost to the disease will be honored. White bags with lit candles inside will line the track area, and names will be read of those who have been remembered and who bought the luminaria in their honor.

RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

Americana 2003
Relay for Life schedule

8:30 a.m. Friday — Gates open at Tiger Stadium
3 p.m. — Silent Auction opens
6 p.m. — Opening Ceremonies
Posting of colors — Boy Scouts
Poem — Bonnie Hodge
National Anthem — Glenda Hollingsworth
Drill team leads survivors — Star Squad
Speaker — Mamie Patterson (survivor)
Invocation — Dale Huff
Survivors introduction-lap — Terrisu Mann
Song — Doylene Gilliland
6:30 p.m. — Bluff Creek Addition — Ken Robinson, Ross Preston, D'Ann Preston, Cindy Nix
7:30 p.m. — Auction begins under tent
7:30 p.m. — Haley Holmes
7:45 p.m. — Mary Ann Leal, Calvary Baptist
8:30 p.m. — Star Squad — Sandra Fulford
9:30 p.m. — Colonial Hill quartet:
10 p.m. — Luminaries: Reading of names
Song
11 p.m. — Glenda Hollinsworth
11:30 — Kinney Robinson
Midnight — "Trichome"
1 a.m. Saturday — CDs and tapes, Terry Bowden
9:30 a.m. Saturday — Closing ceremony and last lap
Everyone come close with us

Hospital selects firm to collect bad debts

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning approved several reports, including the financial report that included a recommendation from Chief Financial Officer Jared Squires on a company to begin collecting delinquent accounts.

Squires said the company, Nationwide Collections, would charge 15.5 percent for collecting old debts.

Squires said six companies responded to the request for proposal, but this was the best deal for the hospital.

Currently, the hospital is carrying some $4 million in bad debt.

Squires said the collection process would begin as soon as the contract is finalized.

Hospital pharmacist Ken Roark also reported on pharmacy operations within the facility, and Jay Wesson, hospital safety officer, gave the year-end safety report.

Roark said the hospital's pharmacy generated $2.4 in revenue last year.

Wesson said his department's goal is to provide a safe environment for patients, employees and visitors.

Reports also were given by Cheryl Chance, director of nurses, and Jo Beth Hardegree, human resource director.

Chance spoke briefly on recruiting and retaining qualified, personnel.

She added she is in the process of organizing a citizens committee to help identify issues and offer solutions for recruiting professionals to the hospital.

In action items this morning, the board followed the recommendation of the medical staff in approving medical staff credentials for Elaine Weidman, CRNA.

Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of staff, said the nurse anesthesist would work on an as-needed basis.

The board also approved a resolution naming the hospital as the fiscal agent for a bioterrorism grant.

Hospital CEO George Parsley said the funds would pay for training and education for a number of area hospitals, and by being the fiscal agent, he expected some of the training would be conducted at the hospital.

Board president Carl Williams presided and all members were present to include Dink Foree, Bill Voss, Terry Williams, Dr. Charles Church and Bo Robinson.

ASK US

Q—When does the Texas no-call half-price offer expire for unwanted telemarketers?

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Juanita Carrisalez...

...has lived in Snyder all her 40 years and is a housewife. Her husband, Jesse, is a roofing contractor and they have seven children — Jesse Jr., Jonathan, Jennifer, Erica, Eric, Josh and Vanessa. Juanita loves to cook and watch TV. She also likes to take care of her grandkids.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.

—Doug Larson

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Avenue D Baptist revival

Avenue D Baptist Church is hosting a revival this week through Friday. Wes Massey is evangelist and the music evangelist is Don Thornton. There is a covered dish luncheon noon services daily, and evening services at 7.

Family council meeting

A family council meeting will be held at 6:30 this evening at Snyder Oaks Care Center to discuss individual care plans. All family members are invited.

Antique tractor and equipment club

Scurry County Antique Tractor and Equipment Club will meet at 7 tonight at Jack's Roadboring on the Colorado City Hwy. All interested persons are invited. For more information, call Lawton Taylor at 573-4414.

Hometown performances

Snyder High School's drama department will present hometown performances of *The Tempest* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Monday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults and $4 for students.

Joy School fall registration

Fall registration for Joy School, 201 31st. St., will be from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. beginning Friday for birth to pre-K children. For more information call 573-3554.

Ira pictures needed

Parents of seniors at Ira are asked to provide 3-4 pre-school or elementary-age pictures of their senior for a slide show being prepared for graduation. Send to Becky Hudgins at the Ira school no later than Friday.

Benefit dance

Snyder Babe Ruth League will have a fundraising dance from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday for 6th, 7th and 8th graders only at the Towle Park barn. Cost is $5 and concessions will be available.

Relay for Life quilt auction

The Friends for Life team is selling tickets for a hand-made pink ribbon quilt to be auctioned at the Relay For Life Friday. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5. For more information call the school credit union at 573-6568 or Rhonda May at Special Occasions at 574-1257. Tickets are available at either location.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

The Pryon Cemetery Association will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hermleigh Community Center. There will be a covered lunch.

Golden Trowel Award

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will present a Golden Trowel Award to one of its members at 3 p.m. Saturday. This will be an open meeting for all Masons, friends and family.

Biker Sunday

Snyder's Biker Sunday will be held Sunday at the First Baptist Church. Registration will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Following the 10:45 a.m. worship, there will be a noon meal, door prizes and entertainment.

Fluvanna Baptist program

Fluvanna Baptist Church will host the Lubbock Southcrest Baptist senior adult choir at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The choir will present "How about Some Good News." Lunch will follow.

Eighth grade end-of-year-party

Parents of eighth graders interested in helping with the eighth grade end-of-year party will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday at Texas Savings Bank. For more information, call Cindy Brewster at 573-6337.

Pancake supper

Ira Church of God will host an all-you-can-eat pancake supper from 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday in the church annex, sponsored by the Young Adult Ministries. Cost is $5 for adults, $2 for 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door and the proceeds will go for a summer trip to Canada.

Support group

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

TSA booster meeting

The technology student association booster meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the high school. Results from the Odessa show will be discussed and plans for the banquet will be finalized.

Caregivers dinner

Odyssey Health Care Hospice will host a caregivers dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels Car show featuring live music will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, in the American State Bank parking lot. Saturday's show May 3 will be from 10:30 to 4 p.m. on the Snyder square. The Saturday cruise will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 573-2171 or 573-3977 for more information.

Senior citizens May Day

The Scurry County Senior Citizen Center May Day will be Saturday, May 3, at Scurry County Coliseum. Booths open at 2 p.m. with the barbecue dinner from 4:30-6 p.m. Tickets are $6.

Midnight movie madness

Midnight movie madness, sponsored by the SHS senior class, will be held Saturday, May 3. Waiting on company bookings for Malibu's Most Wanted or Bullet Proof Monk. Tickets are $5 at the door and also are available at high school. All ages welcome and concessions will be open.

Lord's Acre lunch

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre chicken-fry lunch at noon on Sunday, May 4, in the Wesley Hall, 2700 College Ave. Adult tickets $7, children under 10, $4. Carryouts will be available.

Snyder Boy Scouts Fish-a-Thon

The Snyder Boy Scouts will hold the annual Fish-a-Thon from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at Towle Park Pond. $5 per person to enter and prizes will be given hourly for the largest fish. No fishing license will be required.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Bush wants Greenspan to serve fifth term

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after President Bush surprised financial markets by announcing his desire to have Alan Greenspan stay on for a fifth term, the Federal Reserve chairman gave his answer — he would be delighted to do so.

"The president and I have not discussed this, but I greatly appreciate his confidence," Greenspan, 77, said in a brief statement Wednesday. "If President Bush nominates me, and the Senate confirms his choice, I would have every intention of serving."

Bush's announcement and Greenspan's quick reply were seen by analysts as an orchestrated effort to send a strong signal to financial markets, where Greenspan enjoys near cult status, that there will be no change any time soon at the head of the central bank.

"This was an astute step to try to take one uncertainty off the table," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "In a very uncertain world, the fewer things that financial markets have to worry about the better."

Bush made his surprise announcement Tuesday during an interview with economics reporters, saying in response to a question that he believed Greenspan was doing a good job and deserved another term. The comment came a few hours before Greenspan had surgery to correct a noncancerous enlarged prostate.

The Fed said Greenspan, who was treated for the same prostate condition in 1994, returned home Wednesday after an overnight hospital stay and planned to be back at work later this week.

Greenspan's current term as chairman does not end until June 20, 2004, meaning that if Bush had waited to make his choice, the matter could have become embroiled in the presidential election campaign.

There had been speculation that Greenspan might not be renominated by Bush. Conservative Republicans were miffed when Greenspan, who had lent vital support to Bush's first tax cut in 2001, threw cold water on Bush's proposed second round of tax cuts during congressional testimony in February. Greenspan said any new tax cuts should be paid for in light of growing budget deficits.

While unnamed White House officials were quoted as saying that Greenspan should be dumped, the administration publicly played down any talk of a rift once the Iraq war began.

Bush has made a point of cultivating good relations with Greenspan — in contrast to his father, who blamed Greenspan's reluctance to cut interest rates for his re-election defeat in 1992.

In his statement, Greenspan said Wednesday it had been his privilege to serve five presidents in various positions. He was chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Gerald Ford in the mid-1970s. He was tapped to be Fed chairman by Ronald Reagan in 1987 and then renominated by Bush's father and twice by Bill Clinton.

Greenspan's statement did not mention whether he planned to serve a full four-year term, which would last until June 2008. If he does so, he would have to deal with a complicating factor — his current term as a member of the seven-member Fed board expires in January 2006.

Under law, a board member who has completed a full 14-year term, as Greenspan will have done, cannot be reappointed for another term. A board member can continue to serve once his term has ended until the president nominates and the Senate confirms a successor.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Couples who live together must tie up all loose ends

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Forever Single," the man who's in love with "Kit," but never wants to get married. He's not the only person who would rather just live together. My boyfriend of eight years and I have both been married before. We do not need a "piece of paper" to tell us that we love each other and will never stray.

I agree with your advice that they should talk to a lawyer in case something ever happens. I work for an attorney, so all our affairs are in order in case something ever does happen. My boyfriend has two children from a previous marriage and we have two together. So we made sure if anything bad happens to one of us, the other has control over everything, and not our exes. — **JULIE IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR JULIE: For your sake and your children's, it was wise for you to tie up all the loose ends. For the other side of the story, **read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I am an 81-year-old lady in good health and still driving. I lived with "Martin" for 15 years. He is now 87. Martin never wanted to marry me, although I proposed several times.

A year ago, his family made me leave his home. His money and their greed were the reasons. I didn't care whether or not Martin had money. We had each other, and still love each other dearly. I now live with my son 30 miles away.

I go to see Martin three or four times a week. He has major health problems and severe Alzheimer's. He no longer knows his children or grandchildren. He only knows me, although he remembers nothing we did together that he loved to do — like traveling, cruises, dancing three or four times a week, golf, his poker games, or the people we socialized with. When I visit him he says, "Tell me about the things we did, the folks we did them with, and the fun we used to have."

You gave "Forever Single" the right advice when you said mature people want to take care of those they love. Spouses have legal protection benefits that single people do not enjoy. If something were to happen, "Kit" would be left with nothing but memories.

I stayed with Martin for 15 years. He didn't look out for my future, and now he can't. His children declared him mentally incompetent. He has 24/7 attendant care. I had to go back to work in the home health-care field to support myself. It is "Kit's" choice to go or to stay. I wish I had insisted on marriage or future support. — **A YOUNG 81, GETTING ON WITH HER LIFE IN TAMPA**

DEAR YOUNG 81: So do I, because at least you would have had security or known where you stood. I find it sad that so many people get caught up in the "romance of the nontraditional" and forget that love includes responsibilities. Whether or not your beloved consciously intended to leave you vulnerable, with no choice but to reenter the job market as an octogenarian, that is exactly what happened because he refused to make a commitment. I hope others will benefit from your sad experience. You have been, and continue to be, a loyal and loving partner. You deserved better.

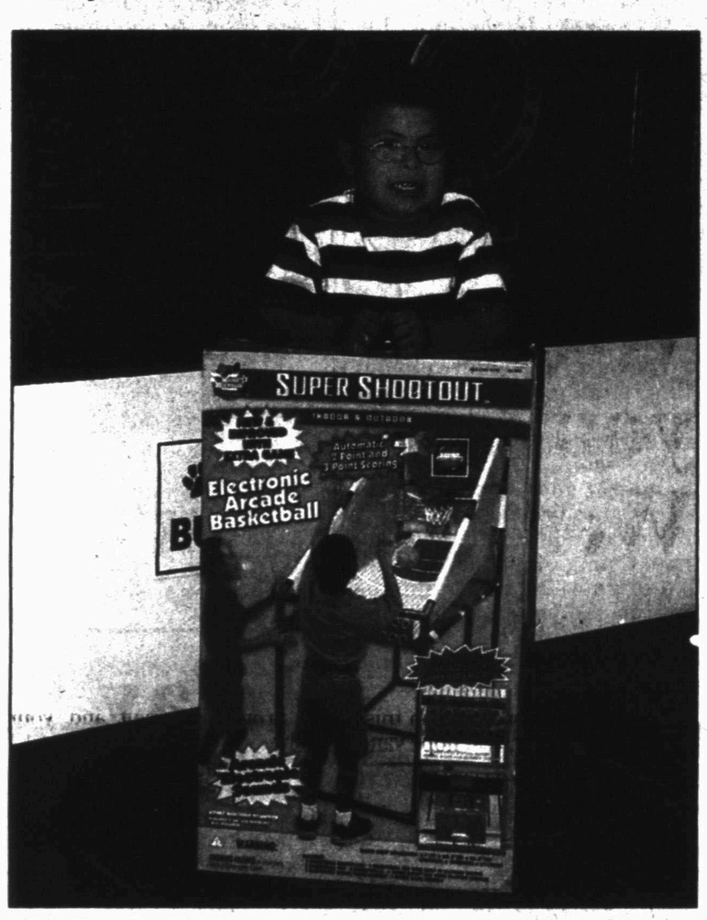
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TOP FUNDRAISER — During a fundraiser held by Ira ISD students in grades K-5, Andrew Ramirez, a kindergarten student, was the top salesperson, raising over $500. The class that sold the most was the kindergarten class. Andrew received a basketball game and the class, taught by Sandy Holmes, won a special bear. The event was held to raise money to be used in their Accelerated Reading program. Students sold a variety of items from candy to figurines.(Contributed Photo)

Date Book

Thursday, April 24, 2003

Today is the 114th day of 2003 and the 36th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1800, the Library of Congress was established after Congress passed an act providing "for the purchase of such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress ... and for fitting up a suitable apartment for containing them."

On this day in 1916, Irish nationalists took hold of key buildings in Dublin and declared an Irish republic. Though this rebellion was subsequently squashed, the Irish Free State, the predecessor of the Republic of Ireland, was established nearly six years later, in 1922.

On this day in 1970, China launched China I, its first rocket, and become the fifth nation to put a satellite in orbit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Bailey Thomas (1766-1846), founder and editor of The Farmer's Almanac; Anthony Trollope (1815-1882), writer; Robert Penn Warren (1905-1989), poet; Shirley MacLaine (1934-), actress, is 69; Barbra Streisand (1942-), singer, is 61; Eric Bogosian (1953-), actor and playwright, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, David Robinson became the fourth NBA player to score at least 70 points in a game, overtaking Shaquille O'Neal for the league scoring title on the season's final day.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The more I traveled the more I realized that fear makes strangers of people who should be friends." — Shirley MacLaine

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 23) and new moon (May 1).

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LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $35 million.

The ticket was sold in: Spring.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 1-2-11-22-32-33.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 1-1-3
(Night) 7-3-4
Cash Five
13-25-27-31-37

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Thursday, April 24, 2003

Avoid stepping on your own toes

By Phillip Alder

Do you agree with this comment by psychologist Erich Fromm? "The quest for certainty blocks the search for meaning. Uncertainty is the very condition to impel man to unfold his powers."

At the bridge table, one hopes to have no uncertainty, always being confident of the best call or play.

In this deal, you are South, the declarer in three no-trump. How would you plan the play after West has led the spade king? If South's red suits were interchanged, would you open one no-trump, or would you begin with one heart?

To take the second question first, I would start with one no-trump. If I open one heart and partner responds one spade, I have no rebid. I prefer to show my hand-type — balanced — and count — 15-17 (or 16-18) — as quickly as possible.

You have seven top tricks: one spade, three hearts and three diamonds. And, assuming the East-West diamonds are 2-2 or 3-1, there appear to be nine easy tricks. However, did you see the potential blockage in the diamond suit? As your only hand entry has been removed by the spade lead, you must be careful to unblock dummy's six, eight and nine of diamonds under your ace, king and queen. Then your four can squash dummy's three, leaving you in hand to win the fifth diamond trick with the two. Watch those spots!

Also, watch your partner. If (s)he pulls back the diamond three without being asked, think about getting a new partner. But if (s)he removes the nine without prompting, keep that partner! (Yes, both plays are illegal. Only the declarer can call cards from the dummy.)

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BABY SHOWER HELD — Stephanie Parham was honoree at a baby shower March 22 at Rudy's Restaurant. From left are Loyce Hayes and Janelda Davis, the honoree's great grandmothers; Debra Davis, her mother; Keagan Parham, her son; Starla Davis, her sister; the honoree; Carlene Webster, her mother-in-law; Jackie Greene, her sister-in-law; and Geraldine Green, her great-grandmother. Hostesses included Shelley Shields, Suzanne Kennedy, Omega Vargas, Christy Thompson, Annie Reeves, Teresa Ragland, Karie House, Anniece Trujillo, Linda Longoria, Starla Davis, Tammy Winter and Sheila Kemp. (Contributed Photo)

Texas patient to receive cancer vaccine

DALLAS — A Texas resident will be the next patient to receive an investigational vaccine to fight his cancer. His treatment is part of a nationwide Phase 3 clinical trial to explore the potential benefit of a personalized vaccine-like immunotherapy for follicular, low-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL).

Stephen Lange, 41, received his personalized vaccine targeting his lymphoma April 10 at Medical City, the only medical center in Texas to participate in this multi-center, nationwide trial.

When he enrolled, he underwent a course of standard chemotherapy to stabilize his disease and to prepare him for the vaccine. Following his chemotherapy and a standard recovery period, Lange began his series of seven vaccinations in January. He decided to participate in this trial not only for himself, but to advance cancer treatment to help other people like me who want the beat this disease.

Non-Hodgkins lymphoma is the fifth most common cancer in the U.S. with 54,000 new cases and nearly 24,000 deaths each year.

To be eligible for the study, patients must be diagnosed with follicular lymphoma and have not received prior treatment. A small biopsy will be taken from lymph node, bone marrow or another site of lymphoma and sent to Genitope Corp. to make a vaccine unique to the patient. Following a standard chemotherapy regimen, two-thirds of patients will receive a series of seven subcutaneous infections of the vaccine crafted from their own tumor cells. The other one-third will receive a vaccine using a non-specific immune stimulant, which may also activate the immune system in a beneficial way.

This customized active immunotherapy is designed to target the tumor-specific marker or idiotype, which — like a fingerprint — is unique to every lymphoma patient. Once injected, the vaccine is intended to direct the patient's own immune system to treat the tumor as a foreign invader and attack cells that have the tumor markets.

"Lymphoma, like other types of cancer, is difficult to treat because the immune system may not recognize the tumors as foreign invaders," said Dr. Brian Berryman, Lange's oncologist at Medical City. "This personalized immunotherapy uses the patient's own tumor markers to awaken the body's defense system and activate memory, should new tumors arise."

Data from an earlier clinical trial showed that about two-thirds of patients treated with a similar personalized immunotherapy agent mounted specific, positive anti-tumor immune responses. The goal of the current Phase 3 clinical research trial is to demonstrate a significant improvement in the time-to-disease progression in those treated with the cancer vaccine compared to a control group.

Medical City is a 598-bed tertiary medical center that includes the North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City. Some 1,250 physicians are on the medical staff, along with over 2,600 hospital employees. A recognized leader in healthcare, Medical City and North Texas Hospital for Children serve as referral centers for hospitals throughout the region. Many of the programs have received national and international recognition for the quality of care provided, including cardiovascular, craniofacial, oncology, pediatric and transplant services.

Patients interested in learning more about the lymphoma vaccine trial can call 972-566-2009 for more information.

Ways to protect yourself against West Nile Virus

When West Nile virus first turned up in the United States in 1999, striking 62 people and killing seven in Queens, N.Y., the hope was that the disease would not survive its first winter in this country. By spring, that hope vanished. At the end of 2001, the virus had spread to 27 states, and by the close of 2002, human cases of West Nile were confirmed in 41 states, securing its status as a nationwide public health issue.



MOSQUITO WATCH — In warm weather months, it's important to take precautions to protect against West Nile Virus.

A blood-borne illness, West Nile virus is transmitted by mosquitoes to a variety of hosts, including birds, horses, cats, dogs, bats, rabbits and humans. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that more than 4,100 human cases have been confirmed. Of these victims, 277 have died from the illness. People 50 and older are most susceptible to becoming ill from the virus.

Most cases of West Nile in humans show up in late summer or early fall, but can appear year-round in warmer parts of the country. Not surprisingly, late summer also is peak season for mosquitoes, says Orkin Pest Control.

"Mosquito season can start as early as April in some regions, but August and September are prime mosquito months in most areas," says Orkin entomologist Frank Meek. "Fortunately, a few easy control measures in the late spring or early summer can drastically cut down on the number of mosquitoes in your yard by August."

The following are some simple ways to keep mosquitoes at bay and protect yourself and your family:

- Eliminate breeding sites. Check for and eliminate any standing water around the home at least once a week. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as a thimbleful of water. Common locations include clogged roof gutters, birdbaths, pet bowls, wading pools, plant pots, swimming pool covers and toys.
- Replace outdoor light bulbs with yellow bulbs or sodium vapor bulbs that are less attractive to mosquitoes.
- Install or repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when outside.
- Apply insect repellent. Ideally, use a repellent that contains a high percentage of DEET. The higher the percentage, the longer it will repel mosquitoes.
- If possible, avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

To find out more about how to control the mosquito population in and around your home, visit www.orkin.com. For more information about the West Nile virus, ask your doctor or visit www.cdc.gov.

Teacher suspended

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — Usually, it's the students who get suspended for not asking permission.

A high school English teacher was suspended for three days after showing a class portions of the R-rated movie "Dracula" without the OK from administrators or parents.

Teacher Stephen McKee did not show any nudity or parts of the movie that prompted the R rating, but he should have sought approval before showing any movie rated anything other than G, Assistant Principal Terry Davis said.

Gill receives award

NEW YORK (AP) — Vince Gill is this year's winner of the PGA of America's Distinguished Service Award.

The award is given to those who show leadership and humanitarian qualities, along with enthusiasm for golf. Gill becomes the second entertainer to win the award, joining Bob Hope.

The 46-year-old country singer will be honored Aug. 13 at The Eastman Theatre in Rochester, N.Y.

"I don't see myself as an ambassador for the game of golf," Gill said Tuesday. "I'm someone who loves it."

Births

Teran and Chad Rice are parents of a son, Brock Rathe Rice, born at 8:20 a.m. on April 23 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Brock weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Doyle and Peggy Rice of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Andy and Molly Marcel of Houma, La.

Chelsea Marie Luna was born to Ricky and Lisa Luna of Snyder at 2:55 p.m. on April 16 in Abilene Regional Hospital. Chelsea weighed seven pounds, three ounces.

Grandparents are Bill Jr. and Nelda Luna of Hermleigh and Jessie and Gloria Medrano of Snyder.

Community Calendar

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.

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

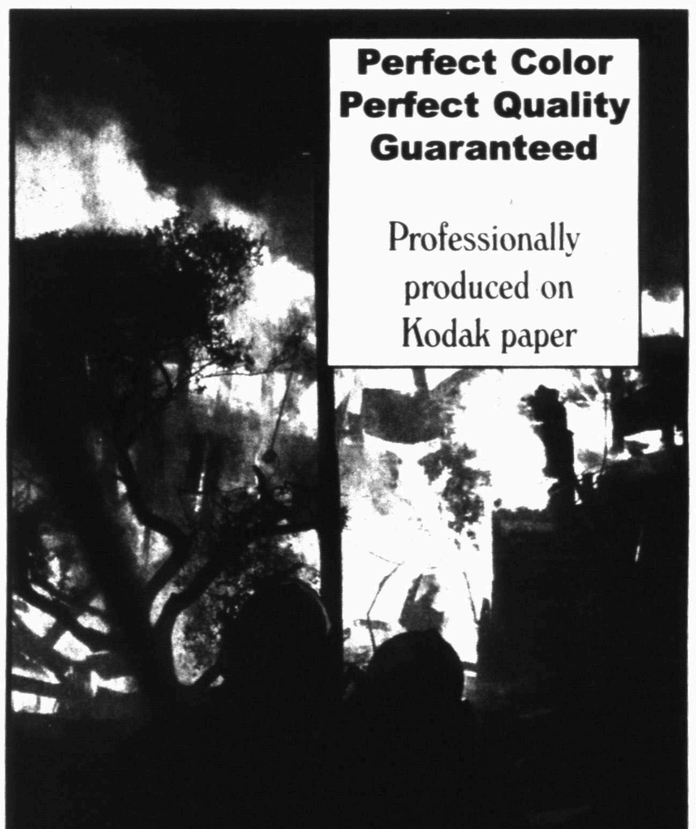
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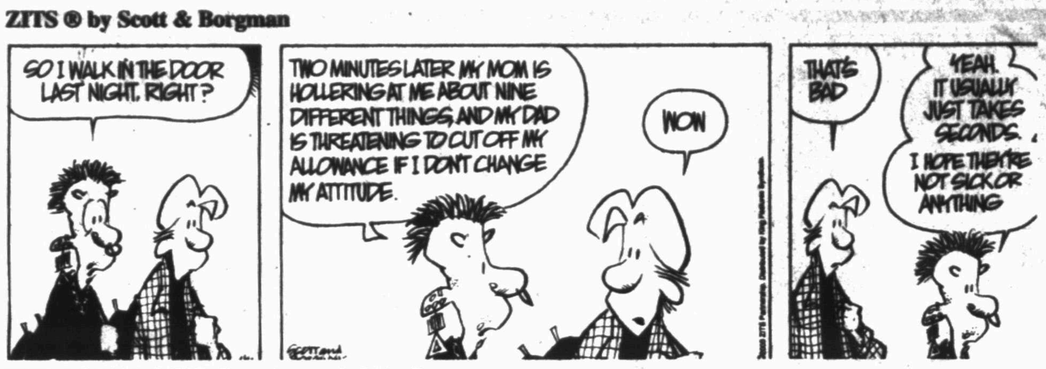
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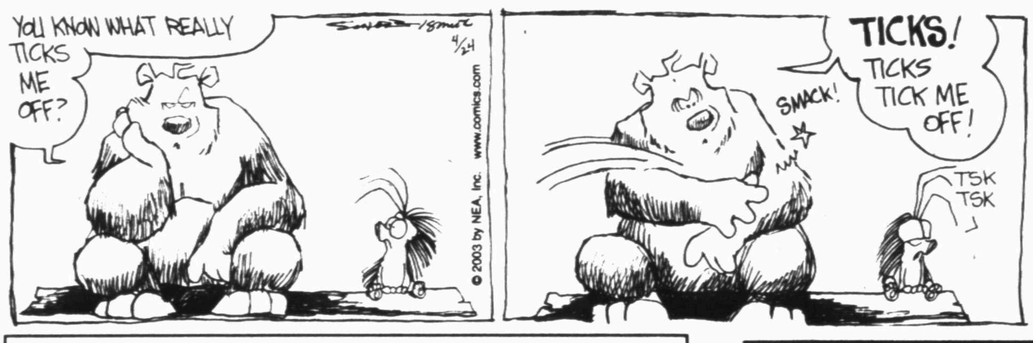
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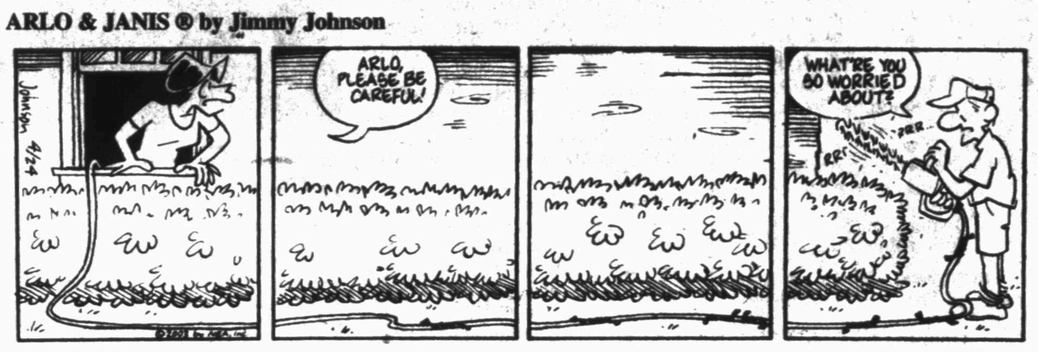
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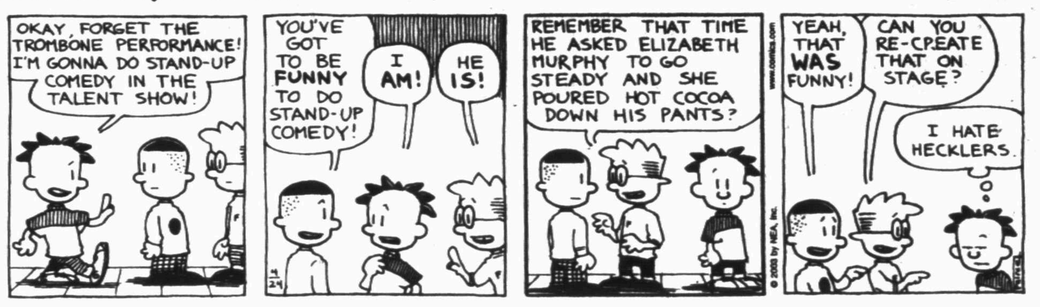
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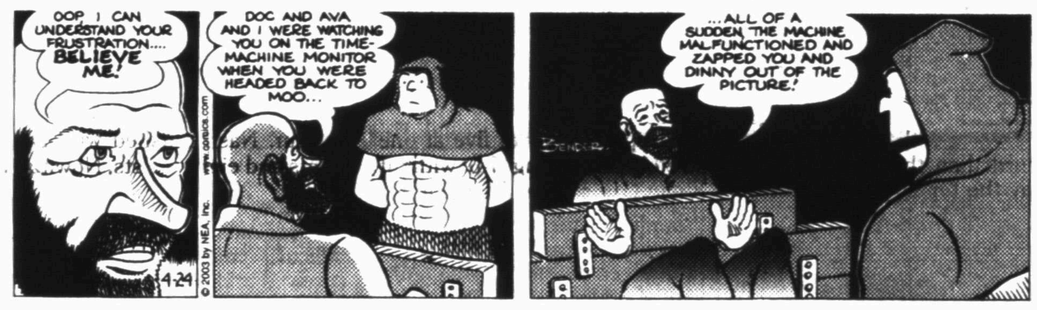
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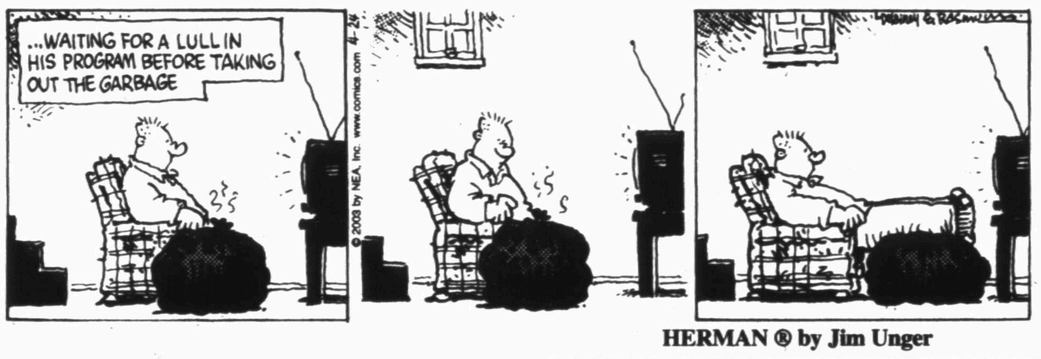
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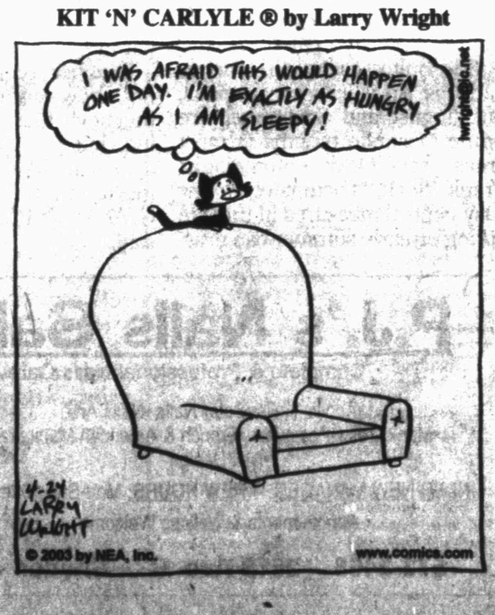


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19 Window frame
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24 Polite word
26 Bribes
29 Go courting
30 Valentine color
32 Greek letter
34 Wounded
36 — de cologne
37 Hindu Mr.
38 Warrior Princess
40 Golf peg
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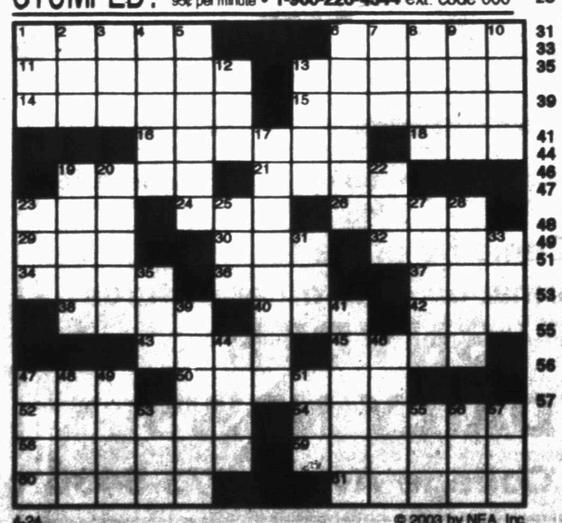
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20 Love madly
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SPORTS

Doubles teams advance to finals

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

ODESSA — As wind buffeted the Odessa College tennis complex, the Snyder netters chased their butterflies away.



Brumley

Early nerves gave way to late confidence, as the boys and girls advanced to the semifinals in three of the four divisions in the Region I tennis tournament.

Early today, the boys and girls doubles teams earned spots in the finals with straight set wins.

The duo of Adam Rodgers and Curt Phillips stopped Ft. Stockton's Eric Fierro and Bryan Rainwater, 7-5, 6-2. They will face the winner of the late contest between Vernon and Canyon.

Andra Dunham and Pat Vargas cruised past Alison Wilkinson and Katie Haynes of Vernon, 6-2, 6-3.

The pair had split their two meetings during the regular season, but both Vargas and Dunham were confident after the quarterfinals Wednesday.

"Of course, you're going to have nerves," Dunham said Wednesday. "But I feel good. We beat this team we're going to play next. We have a good shot at state."

Dunham's partner concurred with both of those sentiments.

"Everyone is nervous, but we feel pretty confident," Vargas said.



Rodgers

The second-seed duo of Vargas and Dunham made quick work of their quarterfinal foes, downing the pair of Angela DeCirro and Tiffany Cramp of Slaton, 6-2, 6-0.

"Overall, we are playing really well," said head coach Ted Phillips. "We are in three of the four semis, and when you do that, you are doing good."

The progression of Vargas and Dunham into the semifinals and finals came as no surprise to Phillips, but one player's success had everyone grinning.

Unseeded Kara Brumley moved on to the semis with a pair of convincing wins.

After cruising past Sanger's Kimberly White, 6-1, 6-0, Brumley ousted fourth-seeded Ann McClarty of Abilene Wylie in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

"We are all pleasantly surprised," Phillips said. "There is no pressure on her and she can just play. Sometimes when you are not favored, you can play a little loose."

Everyone seemed a bit shocked by Brumley's success — except Brumley.

"I felt I was pretty even with her (McClarty). I thought it could go either way. I'm really happy with the way I played," she said.



Phillips

Brumley admitted to some jitters at the outset of the tournament, but said those went away the minute the first set began.

"I was a little nervous, but once I'm on the court, I get relaxed and focused. I feel more confident now."

Brumley was slated to play Caroline Everett from Breckenridge this morning.

Rodgers and Phillips moved on to the semi-finals in the late match Wednesday, blazing past Bobby Garcia and Udaya Bhakta from Brownfield, 6-0, 6-2.

The pair smoked Ross McMillan and Jonathan Brown from 3A powerhouse Abilene Wylie, 6-3, 6-2, in the opening round.

In other matches, Horacio De Paz lost a tough, marathon quarterfinal match to Luke Hawk of Clyde 7-6(3), 6-4.

Phillips said Hawk is one of the top ranked competitors in the U.S. Tennis Association, adding that the gusting winds didn't help De Paz and his low swing.

"Horacio played him tough, but he needed the calm weather," Phillips said.

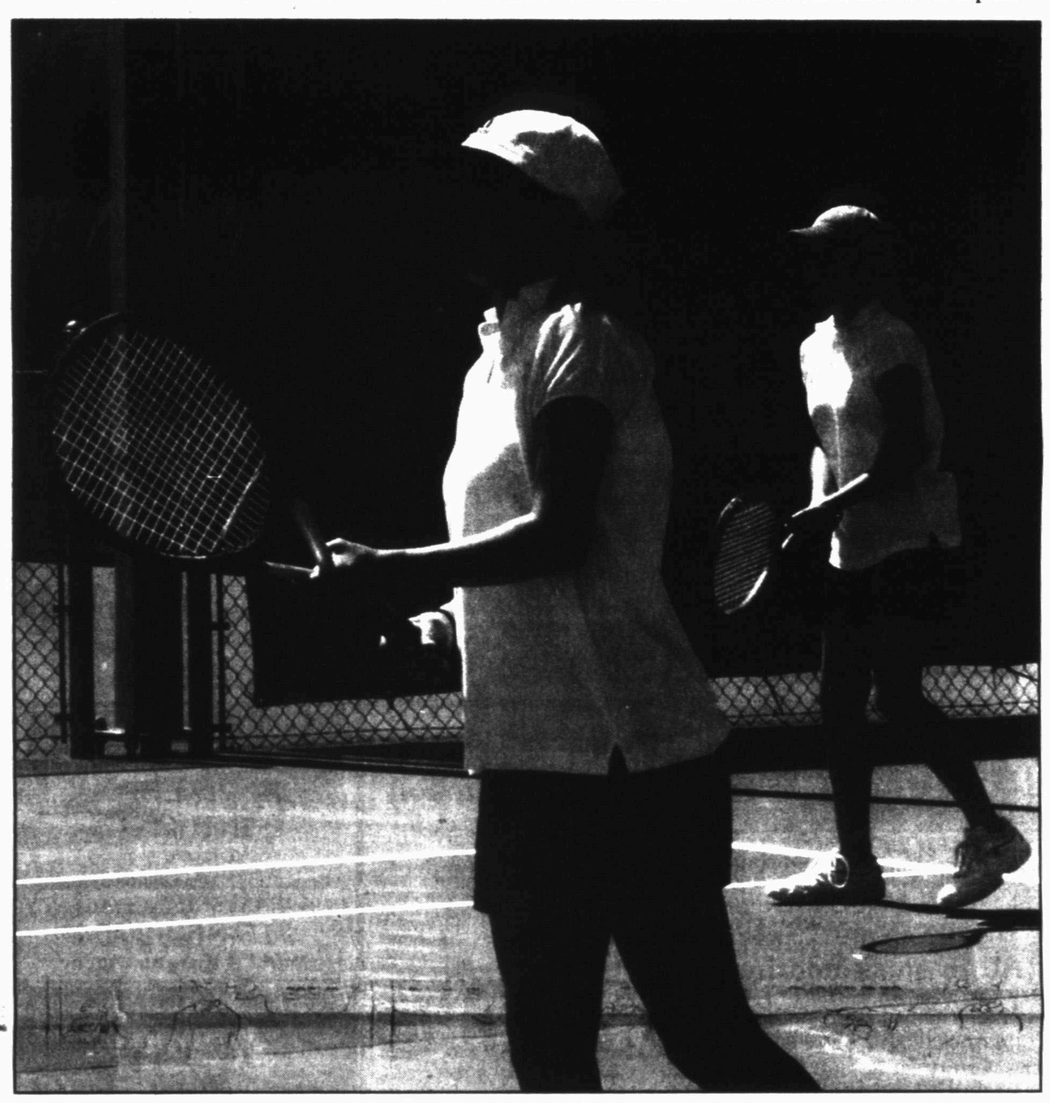
De Paz beat Josh Gorman of Vernon, 6-3, 6-0 in the first round of play.

Cozy Jones won a thrilling match over Kelli Quintero of Vernon in the opening round, 7-5, 6-3. Jones fell in the quarterfinals to 2002 state tournament competitor Hazel De La Torre of Abilene Wylie, 6-3, 6-1.

Tanner Reed made short work of his first-round match, eliminating Matthew Abeyta of Littlefield, 6-0, 6-1, before falling to Vernon's Roy Lehman in the quarters, 6-1, 6-0.

Afton Sutter and Jackie Beccue were bounced in the first round, 6-1, 6-1, after getting the unlucky draw of McClarty and Tracy Hennington of Abilene Wylie. Hennington was one half of the 2002 3A state champion girls doubles team, along with Jenafer Parramore.

The regional tournament will conclude today, with the finals matches scheduled for 2 p.m.



TWICE THE SKILL — Snyder girls doubles tandem Patricia Vargas, front, and Andra Dunham await the serve from their Slaton counterparts during the quarterfinal match Wednesday at the regional tournament in Odessa. Vargas and Dunham won the match, 6-2, 6-0, to advance to the semifinals. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mavs take 2-0 lead over Blazers

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are looking a lot more like the team that began the season with the NBA's best record than the one that gave away the top spot with a shaky final month.

With their Big Three of Dirk Nowitzki, Steve Nash and Michael Finley coming through when it mattered most, the Mavs withstood a career-high 45 points from Bonzi Wells to beat Portland 103-99 Wednesday night and take a 2-0 lead in the first-round series.

In other games Wednesday night, Philadelphia took a 2-0 lead over New Orleans with a 90-85 victory, and Detroit evened its series with Orlando by winning 89-77. On Thursday night, Indiana is at Boston, New Jersey at Milwaukee, and Minnesota at the Los Angeles Lakers. All three series are tied 1-1.

While it shouldn't be a surprise that a team that won 60 games was able to win twice at home against a No. 6 seed, the talk coming into the playoffs was that Dallas was vulnerable. The Mavericks blew their five-month hold on the best record by dropping four of five at one stretch and going 7-6 without Finley. He returned for the last two games, but wasn't sharp.

Questions remained even after Nowitzki scored 46 points in the opener. Where were Nash and Finley, who had a combined 23 in Game 1? Would Dallas be able to hang with Portland if the Trail Blazers got physical?

Game 2 provided plenty of answers.

Although Nowitzki missed his first six shots and didn't make a basket until 10:49 of the second, the Mavs were already up four. Nash finished with 28 points and eight assists, Nowitzki had 25 points and nine rebounds and Finley made 7-of-12 shots and had seven rebounds.

All three were on target in the fourth, even after enduring three quarters of what coach Don Nelson described as Portland's aggressive defense. Dallas made 10 of 14 shots in the final period, with the trio keying a spurt of eight straight baskets.

Rangers get solid outing from Thompson, top Red Sox, 6-1

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Thomson got all the help he needed to win for the first time in the American League.

Thomson pitched seven solid innings, Ryan Christenson hit a leadoff homer and Juan Gonzalez had a two-run single as Texas beat the Boston Red Sox 6-1 Wednesday night.

Thomson (1-2) allowed one run and six hits in winning for the first time since Sept. 8 for the New York Mets against Philadelphia.

Gonzalez's two-run single in a three-run sixth inning gave Texas a 3-1 lead. Ramiro Mendoza walked Michael Young with the bases loaded to make it 4-1.

Texas came into the game hitting .171 with runners in scoring position, but Gonzalez made the Rangers forget about their struggles offensively for at least one night.

Gonzalez ended a 10-game RBI drought with a home run and three RBIs on Tuesday.

After Hank Blalock singled with one out in the sixth, Tim Wakefield hit Alex Rodriguez with a pitch and walked Rafael Palmeiro before Gonzalez's tiebreaking single.



SIGNING DAY — Senior Zach Starnes accepted a golf scholarship from Abilene Christian University Wednesday. Present at the signing were, clockwise from left, SHS principal Larry Scott, golf coach Matt Glenn, father Rick Starnes, Starnes, and mother Kellye Starnes. (SDN Staff Photo)

Little Dribblers

Major

Panthers 34, Shock 20

Panthers: K'Ana Garcia, 17, Chelsea Robinson 7, Jessica Bilderback 4, Lacy Blauvelt 4, Erica Maldanado 2. Shock: Larissa Arellano 7, Megan Villegas 4, Roxann Renteria 4, Jacklyn DeLeon 2.

Sparks 37, Sonics 20

Sparks: Erma Rodriguez 20, Chassidy Pittman 9, Jami Robbins 4, Amanda Midwell 2, Mariah Robbins 2. Sonics: Avery Ware 10, Shandy McMullen 6, Lolita Ramos 4.

Fast Break 41, Liberty 39

Fast Break: Jessica Sandoval 25, Veronica Solano 7, Casey Williamson 5, Lindsey Urias 4. Liberty: Alexis Castillo 18, Britney Webb 17, Kelsi Fulford 3, Gabrielle Arrandando 2.

Junior

Fever 15, Little Tigers 14

Fever: Sadee Bernal 9, Brook Bollinger 5, Taylor Garcia 2. Little Tigers: Janee Payne 4, Tara Gordon 3, Sarah Cearly 2, Kendra Peterson 2, Laura Reigh 2, Taylor Reed 1.

Tracksters set for regionals

Seven Snyder tracksters will be traveling to Odessa for the start of the Region I track meet at Ratliff Stadium Friday and Saturday.

Jason Guynes, Justin Boyd and October Wells will represent Snyder High School in two events each.

Guynes won the 100M hurdles in the district meet, and will run in the 1,600M relay with teammates Boyd, Michael Murphrey and Zach Cain.

Boyd will compete in the high jump after a third place finish at regionals. Silver medalist Seth Gohlke of Merkel withdrew from the regional event, opening the door for Boyd.

October Wells, who claimed the gold in the triple jump at district, will also run in the 200M dash.

Erin Burleson is the other Lady Tiger at the regional meet after winning the district silver medal in the 300M hurdles.

Lancaster 11th in Sun Belt

Andra Lancaster carded the seventh-best individual score of the Sun Belt Conference women's golf tournament, after a final round 82 on Wednesday.

Lancaster, a freshman at the University of North Texas and a 2002 SHS graduate, finished in 11th place with a score of 230, which was 14 strokes shy of winner Alena Sharp of New Mexico State.

Two players tied for fourth with scores of 226, two tied at 227, and three golfers finished with a 229, resulting in Lancaster's position in the standings.

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Thursday, April 24
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 27
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Monday, April 28
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Wednesday, April 23
Philadelphia 90, New Orleans 85, Philadelphia leads series 2-0
Detroit 89, Orlando 77, series tied 1-1
Dallas 103, Portland 99, Dallas leads series 2-0

Thursday, April 24
Indiana at Boston, 6 p.m.
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Phoenix at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, TBA
Boston at Indiana, TBA

Tigers, Indians in playoff game

The Snyder Tigers and the Seminole Indians want to decide things the old-fashioned way.

The two clubs, tied for second in District 3-3A, will take the diamond Friday in what amounts to a district playoff game to decide the seedings for the postseason.

The game will be played at the baseball field at Lubbock Christian University at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder will hand the ball to Tyler Trout, who won his one district start this season.

Seminole has not named a starter.

Snyder won the first meeting, 1-0, and Seminole took last Friday's game, 6-5.

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capital Station, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Dist/Div. Office (s)
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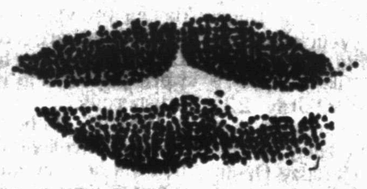
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE FOR THE COUNTY OF SCURRY PROPOSED ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY ORDER

The County Commissioners of Scurry County, will conduct a public meeting under the authority of Chapter 366, Texas Health & Safety Code to consider the regulation of on-site sewage facilities (including septic tanks) in Scurry County Texas, to prevent possible pollution or injury to public health. A copy of the proposed order is available for review at Scurry County Health Unit, Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. – Noon and 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. The public meeting will be held at:

Location: Scurry County Courtroom
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Time: 10:30 a.m.

All interested persons are encouraged to participate in the public meeting.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



'Beer belly' should be addressed

DEAR DR. GOTT: My middle-aged friend has a huge "beer belly" that he cannot get rid of, although he doesn't drink beer. His drug of choice is whiskey; he consumes about a pint daily. I contend that this could be his problem. He is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. What's your opinion?

DEAR READER: When gaining weight, some people add abdominal girth, others add inches to their buttocks and legs.

The problem is not the source of the calories but the number of calories itself.

Alcohol is a rich source of "empty" (non-nutritional) calories. Most men and women who drink heavily regularly gain weight, irrespective of whether the calories are contained in beer, wine or spirits.

In addition to supplying unneeded calories, alcohol affects the brain and the pancreas, as well as inflaming the liver and causing cirrhosis.

Therefore, the drinker with an enlarged abdomen is often dealing with a double whammy: increased abdominal fat plus a swollen liver. In the course of chronic alcohol abuse, protein deficiency may occur. This causes a loss of muscle mass (spindly arms and legs) and a protuberant abdomen that may be filled with fluid (ascites) due to malnutrition and diminished liver function.

Although your friend is not obese by customary standards, his abdominal problem suggests that whiskey is the source of excess calories. He probably would feel better — and look better, too — if he reduced or eliminated his consumption of alcohol. Show him my response to your question. In my opinion, your friend should be examined and tested by his physician and, perhaps, search for help with his drinking through a support group such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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 445092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My dentist told me that I have gingivitis for which there is no cure. I will eventually lose all my teeth. There must be some kind of treatment to help me.

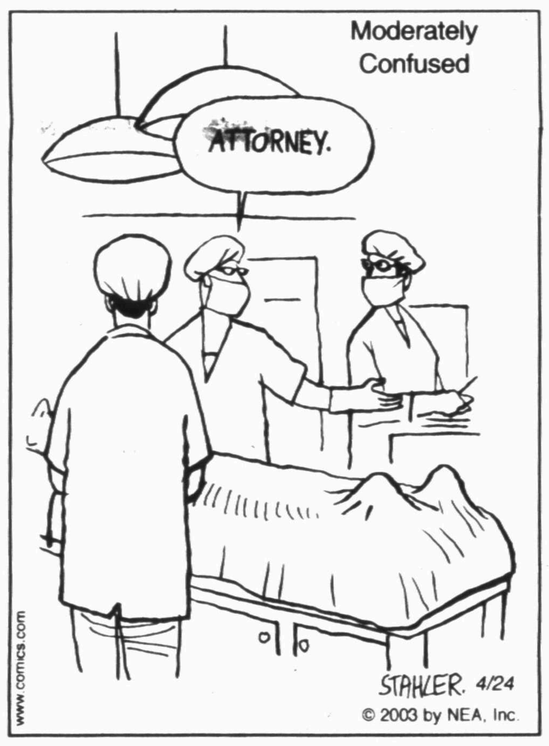
DEAR READER: Gingivitis is infected gums. In keeping with my policy of not analyzing dental issues that are beyond my training, I won't comment except to say that most cases of gingivitis can be helped by assiduously cleaning the teeth and gums, using antibiotics when necessary and relying on the expertise of periodontists.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do many baby formulas contain coconut oil? I understand this is not good because of its high cholesterol count.

DEAR READER: The tropical oils (coconut and palm) do not contain cholesterol. However, being saturated fats, they can raise blood cholesterol levels in susceptible individuals. Therefore, patients on low-cholesterol diets should also avoid tropical oils, which are commonly added to processed foods, such as dry breakfast cereals, as flavoring agents.

Cholesterol-raising foods are ordinarily not a problem for infants and young children, who need fats in their diets for growth. Coconut oil is probably added to infant formulas to make them more palatable. I suggest that you voice your concerns to a pediatrician. Such a specialist is qualified to offer dietary advice about youngsters and to make appropriate modifications on a case-by-case basis.

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AT&T Corp rs	16.95	16.10	16.46	—.55
Albertsons	19.31	19.14	19.31	+ .03
Alltel	47.12	45.52	46.70	+ .38
AmEl Pw	25.57	23.60	25.43	+ .49
AndarkPtr	46.97	46.35	46.40	—.26
ATMOS Egy	22.25	22.15	22.21	—.11
Aviall	7.94	7.90	7.90	+ .02
BP PLC	39.14	38.77	38.83	—.33
BakerHughes	29.10	28.76	28.81	—.09
Bank of Amer	74.55	73.30	73.49	—1.06
BellSouth	24.25	23.85	23.82	—.39
BurlNoSFe	28.10	27.55	28.10	+ .38
Caterpillar	53.09	52.30	52.64	—.22
CenterPoint	8.50	7.90	8.18	+ .33
ChevronTex	64.80	64.10	64.44	—.44
Citigroup	40.24	39.20	39.27	—1.02
CocaCola	39.95	39.47	39.57	—.43
ColgatePal	57.50	57.11	57.23	—.19
CmclMetals s	15.42	15.26	15.26	—.15
ConocoPhill	51.85	51.10	51.10	—.49
Cooper Inds	38.10	37.10	37.29	—.76
DaimlrChry	33.12	29.83	32.31	—1.50
DeltaAirl	12.39	12.00	12.30	—.20
Dillards Inc	13.20	13.02	13.07	—.06
DowChem	32.12	31.48	31.71	+ .23
DuPont	42.10	41.56	41.88	+ .03
EastmanChem	30.20	29.44	29.84	—.16
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EDS Corp	17.82	17.40	17.65	—.33
Entergy	48.68	47.90	48.33	+ .27
ExxonMobil	35.33	34.95	34.96	—.36
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GenDynam	62.75	61.75	62.16	—.28
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Textron	29.75	29.37	29.47	—.36
Trinityinds	15.93	15.82	15.82	—.10
TylerTech	3.83	3.79	3.83	+ .03
UnionPacif	59.49	58.85	59.12	+ .40
USSteel	13.82	13.57	13.79	+ .06
UnitedTech	61.30	60.63	60.93	—.31
Unocal	27.62	27.30	27.51	+ .21
VerizonComm	36.61	35.70	36.12	+ .09
WalMart	55.98	55.03	55.08	—.90
WellsFargo	48.17	47.25	47.37	—.80
WstnGasRs	36.20	35.86	35.92	+ .01
WinnDixie	12.53	12.31	12.50	+ .20
Xerox Cp	9.72	9.55	9.60	—.35
YumBrands s	25.21	24.13	25.00	+ 1.60

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Texas House set to debate school finance bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House members are set to have the chance to make good on the one promise they made voters: get rid of the state's school finance system known as "Robin Hood."

Today, the House is scheduled to begin debating a bill by Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, that would repeal the controversial system and give schools more money while lawmakers figure out a new plan.

Lawmakers will get their chance to ax Robin Hood but even House Speaker Tom Craddick says not to expect a replacement this session, which ends June 2.

Representatives dealing with a $9.9 billion budget shortfall approved a spending proposal last week that set aside money to help fund Grusendorf's $1.2 billion plan that has the backing of Craddick, R-Midland.

"We want to do, redo the whole thing if we're going to do it. We're going to look at the tax structure and look at school finance overall," he said.

"I think it's very tough to do in that short period of time," Craddick said. "I think we will have a special session either late fall or early spring and I think it will give us the time we need to put together the data we need to really look at this overall."

The issue is top priority for many of the rookie Republican representatives who ran their campaigns on the issue.

"This announces a death sentence for Robin Hood," Rep. Dan Branch, a Republican freshman from Dallas, said when the idea first appeared this session. "Ultimately, there will be a funeral."

While taxpayers from property-rich districts have been pushing for the bill, officials from poor and rural areas are critical of the idea that would automatically eliminate the share-the-wealth school finance law by 2005. It would give all school districts $300 more per student to tide them over until a new system is created.

Some of the divisive issues have already been settled.

Last week, Republicans who were against the bill struck a compromise that says the current system will remain in place if a new one isn't created by August 2004.

The current system relies mostly on local property taxes. Property-wealthy districts must surrender money — 118 are projected to give up $1.5 billion this budget cycle — to poorer and rural schools.

Teachers groups fear some lawmakers are rushing to fulfill campaign promises.

"In many ways, Texas has outgrown Robin Hood. But if we end our school's current funding system, it is critical that our leaders have a plan ready that ensures every student in Texas has equal access to a quality education," Doug Rogers, executive director of the Association of Texas Professional Educators, said Wednesday.

Texas prohibits a state property tax and hundreds of schools have reached the legal local property tax limit, making it difficult to raise more money locally for education.

Grusendorf insists that his plan, which replaces a repeal bill already passed by the panel, would preserve current funding equity standards imposed by the courts.

The $1.2 billion would come from cuts in other areas and from shifting the date of state payments to school districts.

In the Senate, leader Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is proposing a multibillion-dollar school finance tradeoff that would cut local school property taxes in half, expand the state sales tax and get rid of Robin Hood.

Dewhurst's plan also may include a new statewide property tax and a reduced sales tax rate for low-income Texans, during the remaining six weeks of this session, despite strong resistance from Gov. Rick Perry and House leaders to raising taxes.

The Republican Dewhurst views his proposal as a tax swap.

Under the proposal, which would address only revenues needed for school operations, the cap on local school taxes would go from $1.50 per $100 valuation to 75 cents. To make up the lost revenue — about $8 billion a year — the sales tax would be expanded to services that are now tax-exempt and, perhaps, the sales tax rate would be slightly increased.

Also, Dewhurst and some senators are said to be leaning toward wiping out local school taxes entirely and replacing them with a statewide property tax for schools at the 75 cents per $100 rate. That would require voters to OK a constitutional amendment.

Perry said he wants to revamp school finance but wouldn't comment on Dewhurst's plan.

"I've seen a rudimentary vague explanation of a very complex plan. Until I see that in total, I don't think it would be fair to the author or the people of Texas to make a statement," Perry said Wednesday.

The school finance bill is HB 5.

Internal FBI unit investigating interception of unclassified data

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is conducting an internal disciplinary inquiry into the seizure of an unclassified bureau lab report mailed between two Associated Press reporters, Sen. Charles Grassley disclosed Wednesday.

The Customs Service intercepted the package last September and turned over the contents to the FBI.

The FBI has publicly defended its handling of the package, but in an April 3 letter to Grassley, R-Iowa, the bureau said it "takes the potential violation of First and Fourth Amendments very seriously."

The FBI referred the matter to its Office of Professional Responsibility, which will delve into the details of the incident and take appropriate personnel actions as warranted, stated the letter by the FBI's Congressional Affairs Office.

Sent via Federal Express from AP reporter Jim Gomez in the Philippines to Washington AP reporter John Solomon, the 8-year-old FBI lab report was intercepted by the Customs Service, which has the legal right to examine packages sent from overseas at the point they arrive in the United States. Customs said the package had been selected for routine inspection.

The package was sent to the FBI in Washington after an FBI agent reviewed the document and said it contained some information that should not be made public.

In January, the AP was tipped that the package had been intercepted.

The lab report, which had been discussed in open court in two legal cases, dealt with materials seized from an apartment in the Philippines rented by convicted terrorist Ramzi Yousef.

The two AP reporters were working on terrorism-related stories.

"The interception was improper and clandestine" and "we're glad to learn from Senator Grassley that the FBI is conducting an internal investigation," said AP President and CEO Louis D. Boccardi. "We look forward to a full public accounting of how the seizure happened and what steps are being taken to ensure that this does not happen again."

Grassley said: "It's highly unusual for the government to intercept communications of the media and I want to make sure we don't have any attempts to censor or stymie the news."

"If so, the FBI should own up, take responsibility, apologize and ensure it does not happen again," the senator said.

The FBI promised Grassley it would brief the Senate Judiciary Committee on the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Today's chuckle

Pair of Siberian tigers scared of portrait

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tony and Emily, a pair of Siberian tigers at the San Francisco Zoo, are a couple of scaredy cats.



Their eyes bulge, their mouths loll and their ears fold back — the typical behavior of frightened felines — upon seeing a life-like portrait of their popular predecessor.

But the tiger siblings are just going to have to cope. The eight-foot oil painting of Sedova, a popular Siberian tiger who lived at the zoo for 19 years before her death in 1992, is going to stay hanging in their habitat, zoo officials say.

"Animals are more important than pictures. But it is a magnificent portrait — kind of a testimonial to one of the zoo's most beloved cats," said Linda Caratti, the tigers' keeper.

According to Caratti, there is no question that 11 year olds Emily and Tony are unnerved by the painting, which reportedly bears an impressive resemblance to its subject. The tigers often refuse to enter the exhibit at feeding time and won't turn their backs on the fierce gaze staring out at them from a wall.

"It's their instinct to feel threatened by another tiger," Caratti told the San Francisco Chronicle. "They just haven't figured out it's a picture. Instead, they look totally scared, like it's a giant ghost tiger."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, April 25, 2003

More interaction with others is in the offing for you in the year ahead. Even if you're not a joiner, there's a possibility that you may become a prominent member of a large organization.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Friends could play a more prominent role in your affairs today than they may have in the past. Make sure you show appreciation for their support by finding ways to reciprocate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Conditions that have a direct effect upon your standing in the eyes of others are trending in your favor. Today you could do yourself credit by your actions and gain much praise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — An important arrangement that has been out of sync lately can be brought back on track today. Openly air any points of disagreement that are out there and things can be righted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — One of your greatest benefits today is likely to come from a situation that has been engineered by another. You'll have the means to make a contribution that will enhance the endeavor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Relationship arrangements should work out better than usual today. It won't matter if it is a romantic or social arrangement in which you're involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't waste any opportunities you get today in which you have a chance to finalize something to your satisfaction. If you leave things hanging, your luck could wane.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It behooves you not to be timid today in matters where bold strokes are required. Ventures or enterprises that have only slight chances of working out could actually realize success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Something quite good is presently stirring that should make both you and your family feel more secure. What is likely to transpire could begin to blossom as of today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Some good news for which you've been anxiously awaiting looks like it may finally arrive today. Be expectant and hold positive thoughts until the facts are in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This could be a rather fortuitous day for you where things of a material nature are concerned. Lady Luck will be doing her best today to work out ways to make you more prosperous.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your excellent leadership qualities will be very much in evidence today to persons with whom you'll be involved. No one will have to ask you to assume more responsibilities when you're needed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Persons in high places are apt to do favors for you today that they would not readily grant to others. Take advantage of their assistance to achieve your objectives.

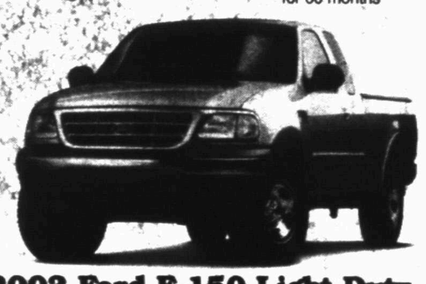
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FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE — East Elementary first graders in classes of Jana Glass and Cyndee Gayle presented *For the Red, White and Blue.* Students in Glass' class (photo at left) - top row from left are Nicholas Perez, John Culwell, Alex Paschall, Rachael Berniard and Jeremy Garza; middle row, Samantha Rodriguez, Jordan Davis, Shyanne McBeth, Victoria Jaramillo and Victoria Molina; bottom row, Dawna Pyburn, Blake Redman, Brian Graham, Lane Wood and Nikki DeLaCruz. Mariana Gutierrez is not pictured. Gayle's students (photo at right) from left front row are Lauren Floyd, Cristen Pyburn, Miguel Juarez, Kaprice Bloch and Joey Alvarez; second row, Julie Seguara, Alexxus Jackson, Leann Hall, Brent Thompson and Joe Mireles; third row, Cassandra Romero, Jay Williams, Jessica Gomez and Nathan von Roeder. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Man arrested near bridge in Detroit says he was targeted

DETROIT (AP) — A Yemeni man who says the FBI asked him whether he trained with al-Qaida after he and another man were arrested near an international bridge believes he was targeted because of his ethnicity.

"I tried to explain that I have been here since 1981," said Mohamed Elmathil, a native of Yemen. "Of course, I was profiled."

Elmathil, 26, and another man were arrested Sunday near the Ambassador Bridge, the busiest U.S.-Canada border crossing. They were questioned by FBI agents for having firecrackers, shotgun shells and a police baton in their car.

Elmathil said three FBI agents interrogated him for three hours, asking him if he trained with al-Qaida or had been to Afghanistan.

Neither he nor the other man, identified only as having Yemeni parents, was charged with a crime, but police said the case remained under investigation. Elmathil said he got a ticket for having tinted windows on his car.

FBI Special Agent Dawn Clenney would not comment beyond confirming that the two men were released and no federal charges were filed.

Detroit Police Cmdr. Jesse Banks said officers acted appropriately and did not profile the men.

"It had nothing to do with anyone being Arabic," Banks said. "The officers were on routine patrol and saw suspicious activity."

Officers initially said they found a collapsible baton, which they called illegal, shotgun ammunition, two quarter-sticks of dynamite, immigration paperwork and a video camera and audiotape recorder.

On Monday, police said the dynamite actually was two M80 firecrackers. Elmathil said they were left over from last July. He said the shotgun ammunition probably belonged to a friend who had borrowed his car. He said he carried the baton for protection but had never used it.

The immigration paperwork was part of a petition to bring his uncle to the United States from Yemen, Elmathil said.

Missing pilot's initials are found etched into Baghdad prison wall

WASHINGTON (AP) — American investigators in Iraq have found what may be a clue to the only American missing from the first Gulf War: the initials of Navy pilot Michael Scott Speicher, etched into a prison wall in Baghdad.

It is unknown who scrawled the letters "MSS" into a cell wall in the Hakmiyah prison, said U.S. officials, or whether the letters had anything to do with the missing pilot.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said an informant had also reported that an American pilot was held at that prison in the mid-1990s.

A joint team of officials from the CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency is in Iraq, searching for clues to Speicher's fate.

Lt. Cmdr. Speicher, an F/A-18 Hornet pilot from Jacksonville, Fla., and three other pilots flew off the USS Saratoga for a bombing run over Iraq on Jan. 17, 1991, the first night of the war. During the mission, another Hornet pilot saw a flash and lost sight of Speicher.

The next morning, the Defense Department announced that Speicher's plane had been downed by an Iraqi missile. Several months later the Pentagon classified the pilot as killed in action, but changed that last year to "missing in action, captured."

Intelligence reports from several sources led to the change, officials said.

Iraq officials have said Speicher was killed in the crash.

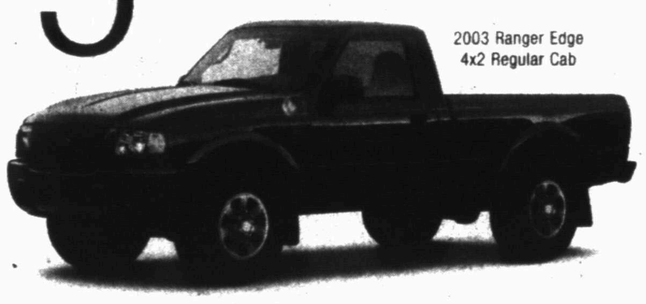
Speicher's flight suit was found at the crash site and there have been persistent intelligence reports about a U.S. pilot held in Baghdad.

Only one U.S. service member remains listed as missing from the second Iraq war — Army Sgt. Edward J. Anguiano, 24, of Brownsville.

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Red Lion, Pennsylvania...

Student kills principal, then himself

RED LION, Pa. (AP) — A heavily armed 14-year-old boy shot and killed his school principal inside a crowded junior high cafeteria this morning, then killed himself, authorities said.

The shootings happened about 15 minutes before the start of classes at Red Lion Area Junior High School, about 30 miles southeast of Harrisburg in south-central Pennsylvania.

The eighth-grader had multiple weapons and fired at least two shots with a handgun, said Red Lion Borough Police Chief Walt Hughes.

The principal, identified by school district officials as Eugene Segro, was transported to a hospital in critical condition where he was pronounced dead, police said.

Segro had been at the school for more than a decade and was believed to be in his early 50s, said Terry Robinson, the school district's business manager.

Neither Robinson nor Hughes was aware of any recent turmoil or student suspensions at the school.

"There's a lot of things we don't know right now," Hughes said.

Police and Red Lion Area Superintendent Larry Macaluso declined to name the teenager, but said he was not known for disciplinary problems. They did not know of any disputes between the student and Segro.

Other students said the principal was well-liked.

"He was fair and wasn't mean to anyone," said seventh-grader Matt Templeton, who was by the lockers when students started running from the cafeteria.

"Everyone ran out of the cafeteria yelling 'He has a gun,'" said eighth-grader Danny Dulin.

The school's approximately 875 students were taken to nearby Red Lion Area Senior High School after the shooting, and students from both schools were later dismissed for the day. Students who witnessed the shooting were being seen by counselors, police said.

"We have the basic security, the building has a locked door, we have (security) cameras, the things we have in every school," Robinson said. He said the school does not have metal detectors.

Palestinian suicide bomber kills guard

KFAR SABA, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber killed a guard in a rush-hour attack at an Israeli train station today, a day after the incoming Palestinian prime minister formed a Cabinet that clears the way for a new U.S. peace plan.

The bombing underscored the difficulties the designated prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, will face in subduing militants — a key condition of the plan. Many militants reject the new government as serving Israel's interests.

Abbas will be invited to Jerusalem for talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as soon as his Cabinet is approved by the Palestinian parlimanent, Sharon adviser Raanan Gissin said.

The United States and Israel have boycotted Yasser Arafat, accusing him of encouraging militants and failing to crack down on extremists. They also say he has links to terrorism and view the formation of the new Cabinet as a major step toward sidelining the Palestinian leader.

An apparent breakaway faction of a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement claimed responsibility for the attack in the town of Kfar Saba, near the West Bank. Witnesses said the bomber detonated explosives as he was being checked by a security guard at the entrance to the station. Ten bystanders were wounded.

In other violence, two Palestinians were killed during a clash with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank.

Arafat said today international mediators have assured him in recent days that the peace plan "is expected to be published as soon as possible."

White House officials said Wednesday the United States will formally present the plan once the Palestinian parliament has approved the Cabinet — a vote is expected within a week.

The blueprint, drafted late last year by the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations, calls for an end to Palestinian attacks and a Jewish settlement freeze in the West Bank and Gaza. It also demands that all settlements built since 2001 be dismantled.

Those actions could be followed as early as this year by the creation of a Palestinian state with provisional borders. Final borders, the status of Jerusalem and the fate of Palestinian refugees are to be decided in later stages.

The presentation of the plan was in question for days, as Abbas and Arafat faced off over the formation of the Cabinet, particularly Abbas' choice of former Gaza strongman Mohammed Dahlan for a key security post. Dahlan has said he will not hesitate to crack down on Palestinian militant groups.

On Wednesday, following intense Egyptian mediation, Arafat withdrew his opposition to Dahlan in exchange for assurances that he would be consulted on major security decisions — presumably including the disarming of militias.

American Airlines' $1 billion loss increases pressure on CEO

FORT WORTH (AP) — The board of cash-strapped American Airlines met today to consider a possible bankruptcy filing and the fate of chief executive Donald J. Carty as the airline tried to reconcile with labor leaders angry over executive perks that could scuttle key cost concessions.

Board member David Boren said he would call for Carty's replacement, saying most directors had been led to believe that the chairman and CEO had disclosed executive bonuses to union leaders before employees approved $1.8 billion in annual concessions.

"Mr. Carty has lost the credibility and trust necessary to effectively lead the company through challenging times," Boren, the president of the University of Oklahoma and a former U.S. senator, told the Tulsa World.

A spokesman said American had no comment on Boren's remarks.

On Wednesday, American's parent, AMR Corp., reported a worse-than-expected $1.04 billion first-quarter loss, and Carty and other executives met with union leaders in an effort to salvage the concessions deals, which American says it needs to avoid bankruptcy.

Union sources told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that no solid agreements resulted from the meeting, which lasted more than 12 hours and covered several topics.

Two elected officials who meet with both sides Wednesday said the Fort Worth-based airline was prepared to file for bankruptcy if it can't resolve differences with labor groups.

Employees remain angry after learning late last week about executive bonuses and pension payments that would be protected in bankruptcy. Two of the three unions now want new votes on concessions that Carty insists are necessary to ward off a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

Analysts say the labor unrest has increased pressure on the company's board of directors to remove Carty.

U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, D-Arlington, and Rep. Pete Sessions, a Dallas Republican, both said a possible bankruptcy filing would be on the board's agenda today. The meeting time was as yet undetermined.

"If it is left unresolved, there's a pretty good chance the board will approve a Chapter 11 filing," Frost said.

A person involved in Wednesday's negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said American was considering sweetening its original offers to the unions to stop new elections or to speed up the voting process.

Burglary of vehicle reported in Snyder

•Theft

Weldon Beck reported at 2 p.m. Wednesday items taken from his car at 4866 CR 4131. A deputy advised an offense report for burglary of a vehicle would be submitted. A close patrol also was begun.

•Noise complaint

A man in the 100 block of Browning reported loud music coming from a vehicle in the neighborhood at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Officers contacted subject in a red Nissan pickup and he agreed to lower the volume.

At 9:30 p.m. a music complaint was received from the 1200 block of Ave. L and several subjects were contacted and advised of the complaint.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the amount of $27.33.

WTC Awards Day to be held Friday

Academic achievement will be recognized Friday at Western Texas College during the annual spring Awards Day ceremony.

Sponsored by the WTC Faculty Association, the program begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theater. A highlight is the announcement of the outstanding academic male and female student.

Requirements for this recognition include sophomore status, being a full-time student a minimum of three semesters at WTC, maintaining at least a 3.75 GPA and being involved in campus or community activities and organizations.

Instructors nominate students and the winners are voted on by the faculty association.

In addition, departmental awards will be presented to students in individual divisions. All awards recipients and their parents have been notified so that they may attend.

In order for students to attend, class schedules on campus will be changed.

Classes which meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday (MWF) at 8 a.m. will convene from 8-8:30 a.m. MWF 9 a.m. classes will meet from 8:35 until 9:05 a.m. and MWF 10 a.m. classes will be held from 9:10 to 9:40 a.m.

MWF classes normally scheduled for 11 a.m. will meet between 9:45 and 10:15 a.m. Noon classes will remain unchanged.

Obituaries

Tommy Arnold

1932-2003

Tommy Ray Arnold, longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, April 23, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Arnold, 71, is set for 1 p.m. Friday in Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. David Phillips officiating. Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Mount Bethel Cemetery in Gary, Tex. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.



Tommy Arnold

Born Jan. 13, 1932 in Gary, he married Mollie Jo Atkerson on Jan. 22, 1954 in Gary. Mr. Arnold was retired from B&F Well Service and a member of Northside Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Aunelia Arnold; and a sister, Gladys Ruth Lazarine.

Survivors include his wife Molly Jo Arnold of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joey and Diane Arnold of Snyder and Eric and Kim Arnold of Overton; one brother and sister-in-law, Rudolph and Ellen Arnold of Carthage; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joann and Tom Hall of Pasadena and Peggy and Norman Vandiver of Longview; a brother-in-law, Dock Lazarine of Gary; four grandchildren, Jamie Arnold, Casey Arnold and Riley Arnold, all of Snyder of Snyder, Justin Arnold and Kerry Arnold of Overton.

The family suggests memorials to Northside Baptist Church.

Martha Hare

1933-2003

GRANDFALLS — Martha Emogene Hare, the sister of Sherry Nachlinger of Snyder, died Saturday, April 19, in Blanchard, La.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hare, 69, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Tamarisk Cemetery in Grandfalls with Leroy Hudson officiating.

Born May 22, 1933 in Brownwood, she was a homemaker and a former resident of Monahans.

Mrs. Hare was preceded in death by a son, Mike Hare; and a sister, Polly Lange Irby.

Survivors also include her husband, Delbert Hare of Blanchard; two daughters, Debra Copeland of Weatherford and Becky Terry of Monahans; two brothers, Bud Lange of Marlin and Sam Lange of Quitman; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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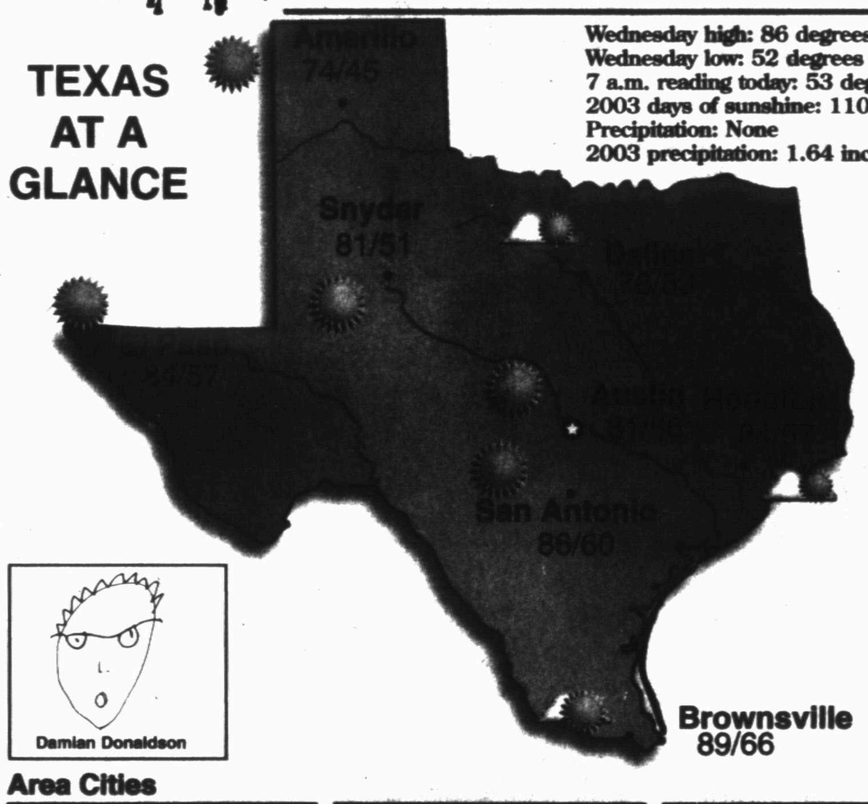
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A mainly sunny sky. High 81F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 7:03 AM · Sunset 8:21 PM	Sunrise 7:02 AM · Sunset 8:21 PM	Sunrise 7:01 AM · Sunset 8:22 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 86 degrees
Wednesday low: 52 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 53 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 110 of 113
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.64 inches

Damian Donaldson

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	78	54	mst sunny
Amarillo	74	45	sunny
Austin	81	56	sunny
Beaumont	83	58	sunny
Brownsville	89	66	mst sunny
Brownwood	83	52	sunny
Corpus Christi	85	61	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	51	mst sunny
Dallas	76	53	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	61	sunny
El Paso	84	57	sunny
Fort Stockton	88	58	sunny
Gainesville	73	49	mst sunny
Greenville	73	48	windy
Houston	84	57	pt sunny
Kingsville	88	59	pt sunny
Livingston	83	51	sunny
Longview	76	51	sunny
Lubbock	61	50	mst sunny
Lufkin	80	52	sunny
Midland	87	56	sunny
Raymondville	91	60	mst sunny
Rosenberg	84	56	pt sunny
San Antonio	86	60	sunny
San Marcos	82	57	sunny
Sulphur Springs	74	48	windy
Sweetwater	80	53	sunny
Tyler	77	51	sunny
Weatherford	74	48	mst sunny
Wichita Falls	72	48	windy

National Cities

Atlanta	66	55	t-storm
Boston	58	44	pt sunny
Chicago	59	39	cloudy
Dallas	76	53	pt sunny
Denver	68	44	pt sunny
Houston	84	57	pt sunny
Los Angeles	64	51	pt sunny
Miami	83	74	pt sunny
Minneapolis	63	43	pt sunny
New York	60	46	pt sunny
Phoenix	83	62	pt sunny
San Francisco	56	48	rain
Seattle	58	42	pt sunny
St. Louis	59	47	t-storm
Washington, DC	61	52	rain

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 4/25	Sat 4/26	Sun 4/27
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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