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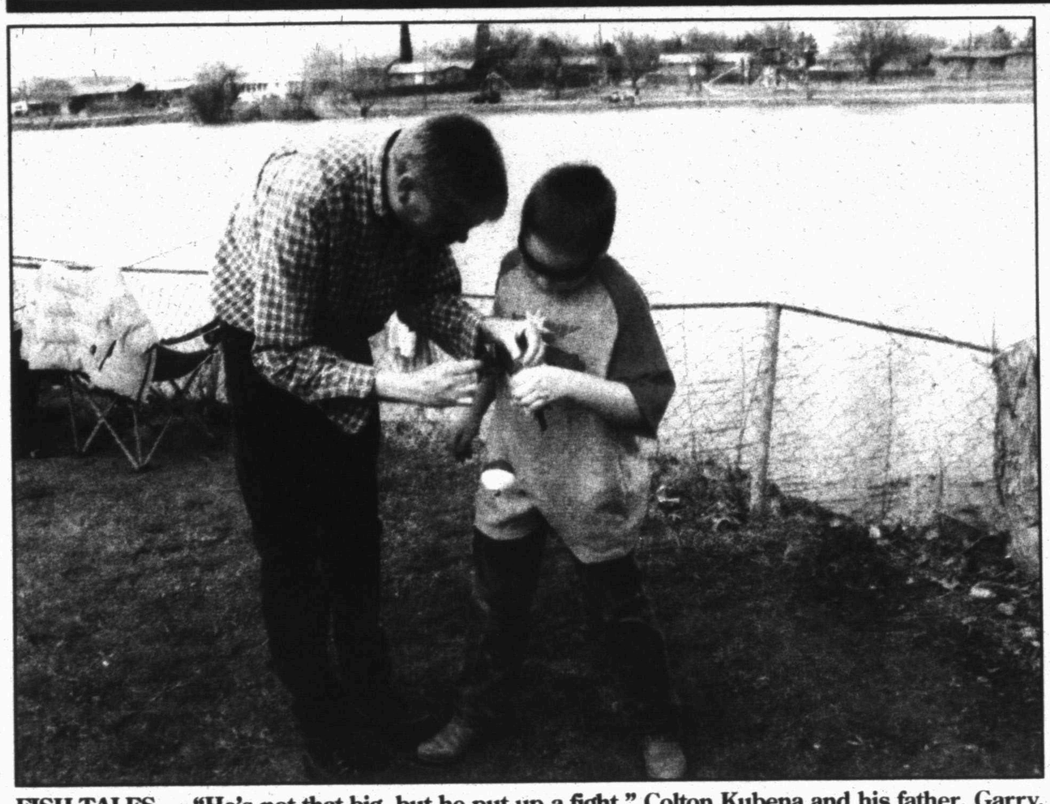

FISH TALES — "He's not that big, but he put up a fight." Colton Kubena and his father, Garry, enjoyed the sunshine and pleasant temperatures Monday at the Towle Park pond. Many Scurry County students are delighted with a week of freedom from classes during spring break. Classes resume Monday. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

School finance report said to be minus details on funding

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers were expected to release a long-awaited school finance report today, but sources familiar with the document say it fails to recommend a specific plan for increasing education funding.

The report, prepared by the Joint Select Committee on Public Finance, list several options for reducing local property taxes, including increasing sales taxes and cigarette taxes.

Lawmakers, however, have not reached a consensus on how to restructure school funding — something Gov. Rick Perry said he wants before calling a special session on school finance reform in early April.

"There's not a general consensus on which of those particular options we should pursue," said Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, co-chairman of the panel. "That's something we have to deal with over the next few weeks."

Three committee members, all from South Texas, didn't approve the report.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, wants to first gauge the reaction of local superintendents, his staff said.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, and Rep. Vilma Luna, D-Corpus Christi, questioned whether funding equity among school districts would be maintained.

Grusendorf said the report clearly states the new funding system will be equitable.

Local property taxes are a key source of local government revenue and pay for about 60 percent of public education costs in the state. The report sets a goal of reducing property tax rates by 50 cents to 75 cents per $100 property valuation.

Those familiar with the report said that the report doesn't break new ground. It has the same options listed in a draft report that included an increase in the sales tax rate and expansion of the sales tax to now-exempt items as ways to lower local property taxes.

The final report also suggests a statewide property tax or a split roll tax that would allow businesses to be taxed at the state level and residential property at the school district level.

A statewide property tax was part of a Senate plan last year and Perry's office has mentioned the split roll tax.

Two sets of idential twins are a rariety

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman gave birth Monday to two sets of identical twins — something the couple said their doctor told them is only likely to happen in about 1 in 11 million pregnancies.

Sheryl McGowen gave birth by Caesarean section at the Woman's Hospital of Texas to Jacob, Jacoby, Jason and Justin. The twins weighed from 2 pounds, 5 ounces to 3 pounds, 4 ounces.

McGowen, 35, had been taking fertility drugs. Two eggs were implanted in her and both split.

The McGowen babies were born during their mother's 30th week of pregnancy.

"I feel proud, happy and even a little scared," said the father.

Rep. Scott Campbell in Snyder Wednesday

State Rep. Scott Campbell, R-San Angelo, will be in Snyder Wednesday for a town hall meeting.

Rep. Campbell will be in the city council chambers at city hall at 1:30 p.m. to answer any questions.

City gets candidate on final day...

WTC only entity with contested race in May

Western Texas College has a board election only every other year, but this time WTC likely will be the only public entity required to hold an election on May 15.

Unless a write-in candidate surfaces before next Tuesday, three school districts in Scurry County and the city of Snyder can cancel the election and declare the unopposed candidates elected.

All seats that would have been on the ballot now have candidates, with a lone city council hopeful and two candidates for the Hermleigh school board signing up on Monday, the final day.

Filing the required paperwork Monday for place 3 on the city council was Dan Hicks, a former city police officer.

Hicks, 32, is seeking the seat vacated when James Ashley moved from the city.

Hicks attended Snyder public schools and graduated from high school in Arizona in 1989. He worked in law enforcement for seven years, five of those in Snyder. Hicks also served on the police department in Killeen and Colorado City. Currently, Hicks is employed by United Supermarkets.

His wife, Betty, is a dental assistant for Dr. John Best, and the Hicks have two children, ages 12 and 10.

Unopposed for re-election to the Snyder city council are Vernest Tippens, place 1; Stephanie Ducheneaux, place two; and Ron Shaw, place 4.

Dan Hicks

Filing Monday for two vacant seats on the Hermleigh school board were former trustees John Williamson and Burton Sandefur. They are seeking the seats held by David Higgins and Sherene Digby, both of whom chose not to seek another term.

The only contested race in the county is for place three on the WTC board. Incumbent Carolyn Barbee, owner of Barbee Medical Supply, is being challenged by Bob O'Day, a former WTC golf coach and athletic director.

Snyder ISD has not held a trustee election since 1996, and the terms of two board members were to expire this spring.

Incumbents Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples signed up for re-election and are unopposed.

At Ira, incumbent trustees Keith Clements and Kirk Dunn did not draw opponents.

Appraisal district reorganizes board

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County Appraisal District directors reorganized the board and approved amended budgets for 2003 at this morning's meeting.

Harold Lacik was named chairman, while Donald Tate was elected vice chairman and David Beaver was named secretary.

The amended budget was $605,173, with an actual expenditure of $586,592.99, leaving a balance of $18,580.01.

Income was $4,297.51, leaving a total appraisal carryover of $22,877.52 to be refunded.

Receiving refunds will be Hermleigh ISD, $544; Ira ISD, $1,599; Snyder ISD, $11,857; Scurry County, $4,860; Western Texas College, $2,765; and the City of Snyder, $1,239.

The members of the agricultural advisory board were reappointed and include Joe Hefner, Donald Tate and Sid Wall. A new member named to serve is Ray Myers.

Crooks discussed the tax ceiling recently adopted by Scurry County. Board member Fred Cross questioned the estimated loss of revenues to the county.

"There's no way to predict at this time what the cost will be to the county," Crooks said. "We can use trends, but there are a lot of other factors involved. For example, we don't know the exact number of people who will turn 65."

Funding request on BCD agenda

The Board of County Development will consider a request for funding from the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District when the board convenes on Wednesday at noon in the DCOS boardroom.

In other business, the board will review financial statements and approve the minutes from the meeting of June 18.

Sammy Baugh's 90th birthday bash Saturday is fundraiser for WTC

Memorabilia and donations continue to flood in to Western Texas College in response to the Sammy Baugh 90th birthday celebration slated for Saturday.

"It's been tremendous — more than I anticipated," WTC athletic director Dave Hanes said.

Hanes contacted every team in the National Football League and provided information to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, about the event and the school has received some unexpected prizes as a result.

"I called all the teams and let them know what was going on," Hanes said, adding that the Hall of Fame sent out a copy of the WTC information fax to every member of the Hall, and Baugh has already received two birthday cards, one from Roger Staubach.

Hanes said the Buffalo Bills contributed $5,000 to the athletic department, and the Minnesota Vikings sent a check for $1,000.

"Memorabilia has been coming in from the other clubs," Hanes said.

Bob O'Day, who helped organize the event, said one such piece of memorabilia is a football signed by every living member of the Washington Redskins who is in the Hall of Fame.

Others include a basketball signed by the Dallas Mavericks and a football from the New York Jets. The New Orleans Saints, Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions also have committed memorabilia to the celebration, and legendary punter Ray Guy — a scheduled speaker at the banquet — has signed some pieces, as well.

Along with Guy, other scheduled speakers include E.J. Holub, Spike Dykes, John David Crow, Don Maynard, Donny Anderson and Grant Teaff.

Other sports legends expected to attend include Darrell Royal, Sonny, Koy and Ty Detmer, Walt Garrison, Bobby Joe Conrad, Dave McGinnis and Billy Kilmer.

Hanes said between 150 and 175 tickets have been sold.

"We've had more response from outside Snyder than we have from Snyder," O'Day said. "There are still plenty of spots left."

The event has drawn great interest from the Baugh family, with 31 members of Baugh's family scheduled to attend.

The birthday bash will include a golf tournament for celebrities and corporate sponsors and a silent memorabilia auction at Scurry County Coliseum from 2-5 p.m.

A VIP reception for sponsors and celebrities is scheduled to be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Snyder Country Club, with the banquet from 7-9 p.m. at the coliseum.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A cruise ship can be educational. You can learn to say 'Kaopectate' in seven different languages."

Plainview editor Danny Andrews has an updated version of "You might be a Redneck, if...."

—Your standard of living improves when you go camping.

—Your prenuptial agreement mentions chickens.

—You have jacked up your house to look for a dog.

—Your neighbor has never asked to borrow a quart of beer.

—There is a belch on your answering machine greeting.

—You have rebuilt a carburetor while sitting on the toilet.

—None of the tires on your pickup are the same size.

—You hold the hood of your car with your head while working on it.

—Your town put the new garbage truck in the Christmas parade.

—Your local beauty salon also fixes cars.

—Your doghouse and your living room have the same shag carpet.

—You've ever slow-danced in the waffle house.

—Your garbage man is confused about what goes and what stays.

—You whistle at women in church.

—You actually wear shoes that your dog brought home.

—You've been in a fistfight at a yard sale.

—You carry a fly swatter in the front seat of the car so you can reach the kids in the backseat.

—You think people who have cell phones and e-mail are uppity.

And then there is a guy in East Texas who has written a book that contains a collection of good ole boy sayings. He's likely a Redneck.

—She's as ugly as homemade sin.

—She's so ugly she has to sneak up on a mirror.

—She's as common as dog tracks.

—Don't dare kiss an ugly girl. She'll tell the whole darn world.

—Her face caught fire and somebody put it out with an ax.

Also he includes marriage as a subject of expressions:

—She'd marry at the drop of a hat... and drop it herself.

—If I had to marry her, I'd draw straws, and marry the straw.

—If you have enough sense to treat your wife like a racehorse, she'll never become a nag.

—Every man is born free and equal. If he gets married, that's his own darn fault.

And we liked the story about the blonde who was playing Trivial Pursuit.

When it was her turn to roll the dice, she landed on Science and Nature.

The question was: If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?

The blonde pondered for a moment and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

ASK US

Q—Will last week's Snyder baseball tournament be rescheduled?
A—No.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Andy Sosa...

... has lived most of his life in Hermleigh, but will soon move to Abilene to accept a position with McMurry University. He and his fiancée, Louann Zamora, have a daughter, Madison, age 2 months. Hobbies are playing pool and hunting.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

As human beings, we were born to improvise.
—Butterfly McQueen

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Emmaus community meeting

The Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 this evening at Trinity United Methodist Church. Babe checks meet at 6 p.m.

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.

Free income tax help

There is free help with income taxes every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center at 2603 Ave. M.

Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will meet jointly with the Rotary Club at noon Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

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.

Stewart takes creative role at her company

NEW YORK (AP) — The business empire founded by Martha Stewart hasn't seen the last of the homemaking queen, who owns 61 percent of the company's stock and plans to retain a creative role with the company despite her conviction in a stock scandal and her departure from the board.

Stewart stepped down Monday as chief creative officer of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia and resigned from the company's board. But she was given the new title of founding editorial director, assuring her a role in developing new products and shaping company strategy.

The new position means Stewart, 62, will probably remain an influential part of the company, despite an impending prison sentence that could last more than a year.

Stewart also will have a role in choosing her successor on the board, the company said.

Chief executive Sharon Patrick said the company and its shareholders will "benefit most if we are able to continue to take advantage of Martha's creative inspiration and capitalize on her prodigious skills and experience in the domestic arts."

In Stewart's new role, she will provide creative inspiration for new products; write two books, "Homekeeping" and "Baking"; and provide advice on the company's brand and strategy, the company said.

Stewart resigned as chairman and CEO last June after being indicted.

"I am heartsick about my personal legal situation — and deeply sorry for the pain and difficulties it has caused our employees," she said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to collaborate on a wide range of creative ideas with the amazing, talented and hard-working people at this very special company."

The company's annual report, filed late Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission, offered a downbeat outlook. Because of the trial's outcome, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia said it could suffer substantial financial losses.

The company said it's considering rebranding some of its products, selling assets and cutting staff.

Stewart had been expected to relinquish her board seat ever since the verdict, but reportedly had been pressing to keep some creative non-officer role. Had she not stepped down, the SEC probably would have forced her to do so, because she is a convicted felon.

The shuffle is the latest fallout from Stewart's March 5 conviction on charges she obstructed justice and lied to the government about why she sold stock in a pharmaceutical company just before it plummeted in 2001.

Marketing experts offered mixed reviews on Stewart's decision to leave the board without completely severing ties to the company.

"I think they are walking a tight rope between her as an asset and her as a liability," said Jamelah Leddy, an analyst at McAdams Wright Ragen who owns 1,000 shares of Martha Stewart Living. But Leddy added that with Stewart still the largest shareholder, she will remain extremely influential in the company.

Seth Siegel, co-founder of The Beanstalk Group, a trademark licensing agency, said that retaining Stewart in a creative role was a "generous fig leaf that the company gave her."

"It allows them to say they stepped away from Martha, but still allows them to keep all options open," he said.

On the Net:
http://www.marthastewartliving.com

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Classmates lower the boom on girl who has lofty goal

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl in the eighth grade. For my Health and Human Services class, I had to do an oral report about my future career.

I have wanted to be president of the United States since fifth grade. But when I said that, my teacher laughed at me. He told me I had very little chance of making it, although he didn't say why.

Then, "Jim," another student, started laughing hysterically and said girls aren't allowed to be president. I said, "Yeah, and I'll bet the idiots who came up with that idea were guys!" I was so upset I ran out of the room.

Now, a group of kids at school have started calling me names and spreading rumors about me. Jim even tripped me and made me bite my lip. I try to ignore them, but it's hard. They keep laughing at me, and my teacher is no help. I am losing sleep and feel horrible.

Abby, I didn't realize so much trouble could come out of revealing a dream. It's not like I am not ambitious enough. I'm in the National Junior Honor Society and my poetry has been published in the paper more than once.

I have tried talking to the guidance counselors, but they have done nothing. And when I mention my career ambition to my family, all I get from them is, "That's nice, dear."

Please respond, Abby. My dream is turning into a nightmare. **— I HAVE A DREAM**

DEAR I HAVE A DREAM: Please clip this and show it to your male chauvinist teacher. Because a woman has never been president of the United States does not mean that it will never happen. Fifty years ago there was a saying, "A woman's place is in the home." Today, more women work outside the home than in it. And this year, for the first time, there were more female applicants to medical schools than male.

Please don't let your classmates get you down. If necessary, ask your parents to get involved to stop the harassment. The people who imply that you cannot fulfill your dreams are wrong. I expect to see a woman be elected president in my lifetime — and who's to say it won't be you? Certainly not this columnist!

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DEAR ABBY: I have been going out with my boyfriend for two years. He has two boys, 7 and 9. He has been divorced from his wife for six years. We do not live together, but we would like to share the same bed when I stay overnight.

My boyfriend's 9-year-old son won't allow it. He either tries to get into the bed with my boyfriend or makes comments that he doesn't want us to sleep together. This is trying my patience.

I have tried to be understanding. Am I wrong to be frustrated with the situation? My boyfriend wants to sleep with me, too, but doesn't talk to his son about it; he just gives in. **— BUMMED IN BEVERLY, MASS.**

DEAR BUMMED: Call me old-fashioned, but if you're looking for sympathy from me, you've come to the wrong place. What adults do in private is their own business. But I don't think unmarried adults should sleep together in front of children. It sends the wrong message. Children want to keep their illusions, and I think adults should let them.

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Police say shooting deaths of four people are not random

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) — As police looked for leads into the shooting deaths of four people, including two high school football players, the victims' relatives prepared for their funerals

A single funeral for Rosa Barbosa and her nephew, Mark Barbosa, was set for today, with separate services planned Wednesday for football players and family and friends of Austin York and Matthew Self.

Parents sold orange-and-blue ribbon pins to raise money to help the families defray funeral expenses and create a memorial scholarship.

"Kids have been putting in $5, $20, whatever," said Laurie Teer, mother of senior Beth, 18, and sophomore Kyle, 15, who played football with the victims.

Police tried Monday to calm the public's fears that the Friday night killings were a random act.

"We believe that this was an intentional act and was targeted at that particular location and/or one or two individuals at that location," Chief Doug Kowalski said Monday. He declined to discuss specifics.

Rosa Barbosa, 46; Mark Barbosa, 25; and York, 18, died at Rosa Barbosa's home. Self, 17, died at a hospital Saturday. All four were shot in the head.

The killings stirred uncertainty and fear in this quaint city of 70,000, where Self and York were members of McKinney North High School's football team.

"We haven't ruled out anything as a possibility," Kowalski said. "The main theory right now is that the two high school football players happened upon something at the wrong time and were at the wrong place. We don't believe they were initially targets of any acts."

Kowalski said police were combing the house for clues and had found no drugs. He asked for the public's help in locating a tan 1999 Chevrolet crew cab pickup taken at the time of the shootings. The pickup, last driven by Self, had a Texas license plate number of 3CPJ17.

"We really need to find this vehicle," Kowalski said. "This is a major clue to us and a major piece of our investigation."

Unanswered questions made dealing with the deaths all the more difficult for students at McKinney North High, where four flower-covered crosses were planted in the grass and orange and blue ribbons — the school colors — were tied around tree limbs.

More than 100 pastors, counselors and parent volunteers helped students deal with their emotions.

"We've seen a steady stream of kids leave class, which is fine, and come to the library or other areas and receive counseling and support," McKinney schools spokeswoman Diana Gulotta said. "There's been a lot of tears. It's been really sad, really solemn."

The spaces where the junior players normally parked their cars were spray painted in orange and blue, with their names, the dates of their deaths and their jersey numbers — "34" for Self and "38" for "Yorky."

"Always On Our Hearts," said a sign above a makeshift flower memorial outside the school.

"They were very high-profile, well-known kids in this school, and that's what makes it so difficult," said Danny Bryan, principal of the 1,900-student school. "They're the athletic kids, the honor society kids, the calculus kids, the student council kids."

Self and York were friends of the Barbosas and played football with Mark Barbosa's younger brothers, Lynard and Alex, who lived nearby with their mother. A second brother, Robert Barbosa, 22, lived at the home where the shootings occurred and found the bodies Friday night, a friend said.

The Dallas Morning News reported that of the people who lived in the home, only Robert Barbosa had a criminal record. McKinney police arrested him in May 1999 when he tried to sell fewer than 20 tablets of LSD to a man in a park, according to Collin County court records. He pleaded guilty and received five years' probation.

The police chief declined to discuss statements by several friends and relatives that at least one of the victims was bound with duct tape. He said he did not want to divulge any information that only the police and the "murderer or murderers" know.

Record firm out of bankruptcy

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Fabled music retailer Tower Records emerged from bankruptcy Monday with its creditors owning 85 percent of the company, its debt newly trimmed by $80 million and a last hurdle cleared on the way to selling itself.

The 93-store chain launched in 1960 during the "Twist" dance craze completed the process in near-record time, resurrecting itself only 35 days after filing for a Chapter 11 reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del.

"The effective date will be set shortly, but for all practical purposes, this is the last hearing," said Tower spokeswoman Maya Pogoda, who described the hearing as "brief."

Monday's action means a group of creditors led by London-based Barclays Bank, and including Highland Capital Management of Dallas, AIG Global Investment Corp. of New York and MW Post Advisory Group in Los Angeles now runs Tower Records, which is being marketed for sale by Los Angeles investment banker Lloyd Greif.

Body of missing passenger found

BALTIMORE (AP) — After an arduous search in cold, dark waters, divers found the last missing passenger from a capsized water taxi.

The body of Corinne J. Schillings, 26, of Alexandria, Va., was recovered Monday. She was the last passenger who was unaccounted for since the water taxi overturned in a sudden thunderstorm March 6 near Fort McHenry.

"We are very grateful for the recovery of Corinne and look forward to bringing her home," Schillings' family said in a statement.

Twenty-five people were thrown into the cold water as winds gusted up to 55 mph. Two people died that day and two bodies were recovered Sunday, including Andrew Roccella, the man Schillings planned to marry.

Eight-year-old Sarah Bentrem remained in critical condition Monday. She is the only victim still in the hospital.

Divers had to go into the water nearly 30 times before locating the bodies because of the cold and poor visibility. They had to feel their way through 3 feet of silt in waters 60 feet deep.

The break in the search occurred Friday when crews discovered the roof of the water taxi.

World Almanac

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Today is the 76th day of 2004 and the 86th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1802, Congress established the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

In 1945, U.S. forces captured Iwo Jima.

In 1988, Lt. Col. Oliver North and Rear Adm. John Poindexter were indicted in the Iran-Contra affair.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Madison (1751-1836), fourth U.S. president; Jerry Lewis (1926-), comedian, is 78; Bernardo Bertolucci (1941-), filmmaker, is 63; Chuck Woolery (1942-), TV game-show host, is 62; Erik Estrada (1949-), actor, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1997, the longest Senior PGA event playoff ever, lasting nine holes, was played.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I came here to tell you the truth, the good, the bad, and the ugly." — Oliver North

TODAY'S FACT: World War I pitted three first cousins against each other: Great Britain's King George V, German's Kaiser Wilhelm II and Russia's Tsar Nicholas II.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,078,162 — number of U.S. casualties in World War II.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 13) and new moon (March 20)

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Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 9-17-19-25-33.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $44,994.

Winning tickets sold in: Cotulla.

Matching four of five: 170. Prize: $119.

Matching three of five: 4,870. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 49,785. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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UNITED WAY OFFICERS — Leading the Scurry County United Way campaign for 2005 will be Trent Driggers, president; Barbara McGee, first vice president; Ann Smartt, second vice president; Peggy Vernon, treasurer; and Brenda Clem, recording secretary. Not pictured are Zola Schlegel, financial secretary and Rana Anderson, executive secretary. Agency applications for UW allocations are being accepted and are due on April 14. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

United Way accepting funding requests

Scurry County United Way will be reviewing allocation proposals in April. Any non-profit agency wishing to seek funding from the United Way for its program is welcome to apply.

The requests must be for the budget year 2005.

The proposals will establish the basis upon which the critical allocation decisions will be determined.

A budget review committee will screen each application to determine how each agency serves Scurry County and how the money raised for the agency will be spent.

Each agency is asked to limit their fundraisers to only one per year as a member of the Scurry County United Way, thus giving the agency more valuable time and resources to spend on their programs.

The proposals are to be delivered to the Scurry County United Way office no later than 5 p.m., April 14, to be considered for the year 2005 budget request. All forms must be complete and correct to be considered for an allocation request.

Any agency wishing to apply needs to contact the Scurry County United Way by calling 573-5311 or by mailing a written request to Box 1411, Snyder.

Proposals will be provided to the agencies affiliated with the Scurry County United Way in 2004.

These include Snyder Child Day Care Center, Boys & Girls Club, Gateway Family Services, West Texas Girl Scouts, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Scurry County Food Cupboard, American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Scurry County Youth Outreach and the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department.

Only agencies that provide services to the Scurry County area will be considered. All United Way money raised benefits local agencies. The United Way spends approximately 8 percent of the funds collected for administrative costs.

DESIGN PROGRAM AT BSP — Lois Cave, left, introduced Cecilia Scott who presented the program at the recent Beta Sigma Phi meeting at the Snyder Country Club. Also pictured is Dena Ellis, BSP president. (Contributed Photo)

Scott gives BSP program

Beta Sigma Phi members met last Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club for its monthly dinner meeting with Cecilia Scott of Colorado City presenting the program.

Mrs. Scott, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a double major in home economics and design, was one of the featured designers for Fort Worth Designer Show House.

Ms. Scott had previously taught interior design at Tarrant County Junior College and is involved in free-lance designing. She presented many ideas for decorating using color and fabrics throughout the home.

She brought numerous fabric samples and explained the need for a focal point in designing a room.

Following the program, a brief business meeting was held.

SHOWER HELD FOR COUPLE — Jennifer and Todd Hall were married on Jan. 24 and they were honorees at a shower on Feb. 28 in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Pictured from left are Carol Graves, aunt of the groom; Amy Hall, his mother; the honored couple; Neilda Word, his grandmother; and Lisa Hall, his sister. Decorations and corsages were of the bride's colors of maroon and white. (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

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary meeting; boardroom; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-16-04
♠ 8 5 3
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 4 2
♣ K Q J 10 9

West
♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ Q J 10
♦ 8 7
♣ 8 4 3

East
♠ 6
♥ 6 4 3 2
♦ J 10 9 6 3
♣ A 7 5

South
♠ A K 4 2
♥ A K 7
♦ A K Q 5
♣ 6 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

The count signal scrambled too

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, we looked at declarer's attempt to make the opening leader misread his partner's trick-one attitude signal. There are many opportunities to do that. Less common, but just as important, is the chance to counter a count signal.

South's sequence, a strong and forcing two-club opening followed by a two-no-trump rebid, shows a balanced hand with 23-24 points.

Declarer has seven top tricks: two spades, two hearts and three diamonds. He ducks the first round of spades, then takes the second after East discards a heart. Clearly, South needs two club tricks (unless a very friendly opponent is going to unguard diamonds). But how can he get them?

East wants to win with his club ace when declarer is playing his last club. But how does East know whether South has two clubs or three? (If declarer has four clubs, East can do nothing.) West gives a count signal, playing up the line with an odd number or high-low with an even number.

South must try to scramble West's signal. He does that by leading his second-lowest club, the six. West will play the three (low from an odd number), and dummy will win with the nine. When declarer continues with dummy's club king, East has a real problem. If West's three was from the doubleton three-two, East must duck (because South started with three clubs). But if declarer has hidden the club two and West started with three clubs, East should win this trick. If East misguesses, the contract makes.

Note, though, that if declarer first leads the club two, East will have no problem.

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Choice items for your spring shopping

By The Associated Press

A few choice items you'll find at the shops this spring:

•For an antidote to all that slush, snow and nose-red temperatures you suffered through all winter, you might choose the cheery pink pure silk boucle tweed jacket and matching short skirt by Harve Benard. This is a neatly fitted ensemble with rounded notch collar and flap patch chest pockets.

•Another cheery outfit is an islands-evoking pairing of a crinkled printed chiffon Fru Fru skirt with side tie, a la sarong, worn with a skin-hugging sleeveless tank in a color called "orange peel." Both are from the Worth Collection.

•They're laying on parfait colors around the corner at your local Gap store this season. An example is the soft popover shirt available in a subtle light printed pink or blue chambray. It has band collar and placket front, so you select your own cleavage level. And as you might expect at this store, there are T-tops of many colors, layered for contrasts.

Cooking Corner

Sweet Potato Bread is a delicious way to peel off weight while having a healthy serving of bread and vegetables.

SWEET POTATO BREAD

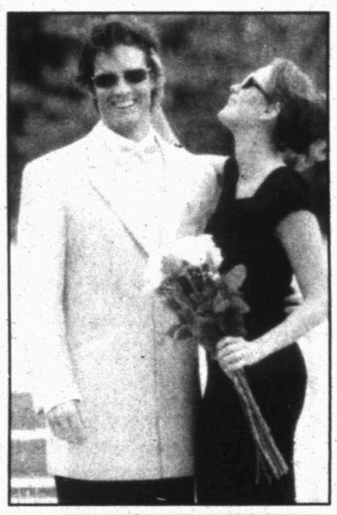
2 cups sugar
½ cup cooking oil
1 cup egg substitute
3 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
2/3 cup water
2 cups fresh sweet potatoes (yams), cooked and mashed or 2 (15 oz.) cans sweet potatoes, drained and mashed
½ cup chopped pecans (optional)

Combine sugar and oil; beat well. Add egg substitute and beat. Combine dry ingredients and add to egg mixture alternately with water. Stir in sweet potatoes and chopped pecans. Pour into three greased 9 x 5-inch loaf pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour. Will freeze well. Makes 36 1/4-inch thick slices.

For more information and recipes, visit www.sweetpotato.org.

Prom Time



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Cassie Callaway & Dale Cooper
Jessica (Bradshaw) Arnold & Colt Arnold
Jennifer Rosa & Bryan Billings
Trish Poter & Trey Shirley

Infant Registry...
Shana & Jody Holt
Shelley & Cody Shields

Special Occasions
507 Coliseum Drive 574-2004 Monday-Friday 10-5

Dale Huff, Minister

37th Street Church of Christ
2500 37th Street
Snyder, Texas 79549

What Was Offensive About The Cross?

Crucifixion was a tough topic. It was not something people enjoyed talking about. In Jesus' day the subjects of Rome feared it, and those who were Roman citizens no doubt often tried to forget that it was practiced throughout the empire. It was the worst of punishment reserved for the worst of criminals, especially for anyone who dared to rise up against Roman authority. Crucifixion was intended to cause the subjects of Rome to pause in any consideration of rebellion. It was fairly effective.

When the apostles of Christ began preaching after his resurrection, they talked about the cross. The apostle Paul referred to his message in I Corinthians 1:18 as "the message of the cross." It was not an easy message to preach. People did not always enjoy hearing that the Roman government with the help of the religious leaders of Jesus' day had put the Son of God to death by crucifixion. The message deeply troubled the people of Jerusalem when Peter preached it on the day of Pentecost. The thought that the Messiah had come to Israel and had been put to death was extremely disturbing. Acts 2:37 tells us that the people on the day of Pentecost were "cut to the heart" when they heard that the one who had been crucified was raised from the dead.

To the extent that we really think about what Jesus suffered, it is troubling. This disturbance in our thinking ought to lead us to ask questions. Why did He suffer like that? What does this mean? If God is a God of love, why did He allow His Son to suffer and die like that? These are some of the questions that we naturally ask when we really hear about the crucifixion and think about it. The answer to these questions is profound and powerful. Look to the Scriptures for the answer. What you find can have saving significance.

Dale Huff

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Diligent insect
4 Disfigure
8 Some
11 Mgmt. biggie
12 Dry the dishes
13 Gawk
15 CPR giver
16 Melodies
17 Fast sled
18 Grimy
20 "— the Barbarian"
21 Big Ten team
23 Take an oath
24 Skillfully
27 Give a big smile
29 Tie fabric
32 Murmurs
33 Water jug
34 Pollution control org.
35 Coal scuttle
36 Story
37 Spouted, as a whale
38 Chemical suffix
39 On the double!
40 Deli breads
41 Rubber-stamps
42 — Lanka
44 Places to store grain
47 Aims toward
51 Jazz's home
52 Not certain
55 Kind of neckline
56 Pierre's parent
57 Good soil
58 Tenet
59 Impractical
60 Like one Ranger
61 Do christies

DOWN

1 Handball points
2 Jules Verne captain
3 Dorothy's dog
4 Moves to and fro
5 Ll doubled
6 Showery mo.
7 Legal thing
8 Tolerate
9 Sentence starter
10 Gentle exercise
14 Russell or Olin
19 Fun things
20 Deep unconsciousness
22 WWII subs (hyph.)
23 Parking attendants
24 Feel a twinge
25 Favor, old-style
26 Prospector's quest
28 Fitzgerald of jazz
29 Depend on
30 Fencing sword
31 Mice feet
36 Clucks
37 Crusty cheese
41 — and aahed
43 Verse
44 Grand total
45 Squib
46 Zhivago's beloved
48 Hertz rival
49 Student's need
50 18-wheeler
52 Feverish
53 Egg — yung
54 Ceiling fixture

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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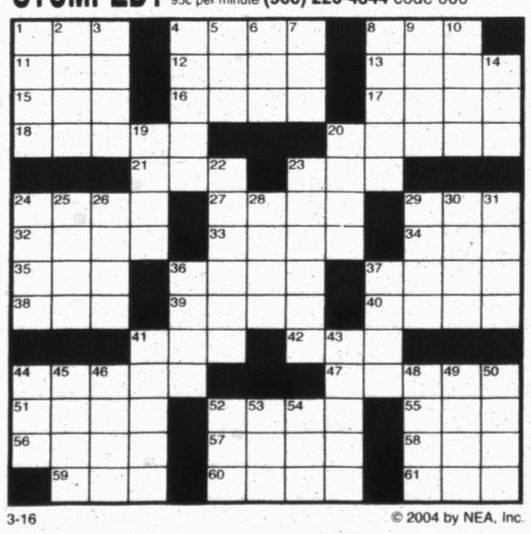

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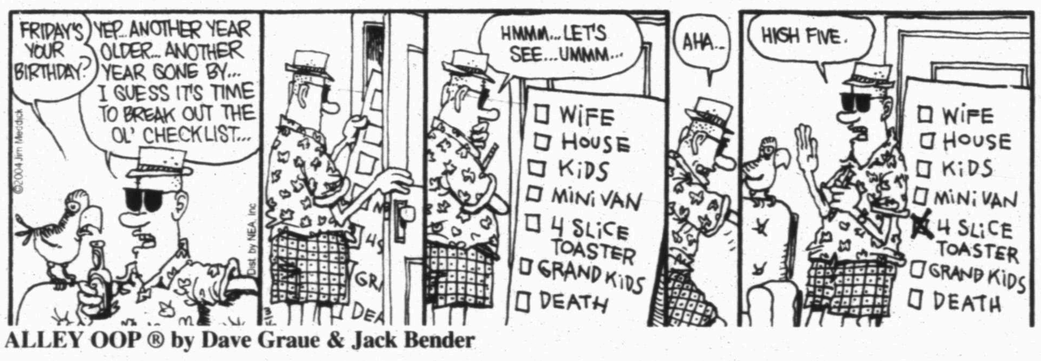

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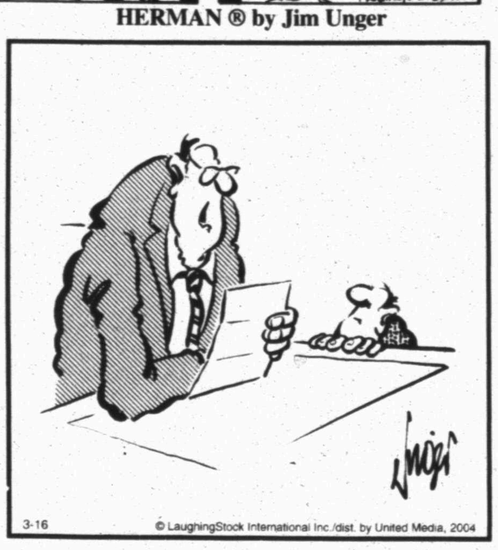

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Snyder Daily News Comics

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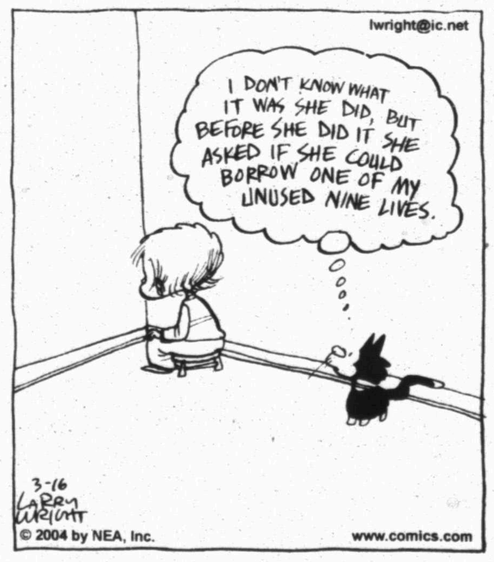

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SPORTS

Ladies claim district opener

The Snyder Lady Tigers got another solid performance from Ashley Martinez and some sound defense up the middle to hold on to a 2-0 win in the district debut Monday over Lubbock Cooper at Cates Field.

Martinez

Martinez pitched seven scoreless innings, not allowing a base runner to advance past second. She gave up just three hits in the game.

"It's important to jump out in district with a win," head coach Darren Pool said. "It wasn't pretty, but a win's a win. We struggled at the plate, but our defense played well and helped Ashley out a lot."

Centerfielder Laura Clanton nailed a runner at the plate on a single in the fifth inning, and Terann Ragland made a nice backhanded spear of a line drive in the same inning.

Snyder scored both of its runs thanks to the generosity of Lubbock Cooper.

After Kelsi Johnson walked to start the second inning, Ragland slapped a base hit and Johnson scored after a pair of throwing errors on the play.

In the fourth, Amber Luecke drew a bases-loaded walk — the fourth straight in the inning — to push across the other run.

Clanton

"I think the girls tried to do too much," Pool said. "Now we go to Sweetwater, and that's another team that if you let them hang around, they'll find a way to win."

Sweetwater (0-2) was dumped by Denver City Monday, 11-6, after falling to Merkel in its opener.

Johnson will get the 5 p.m. start today.

The junior varsity game was called after exceeding the designated time limit Monday, after putting up 15 runs in the third inning of a 23-5 win.

The JV girls had not recorded an out in the third when the game was terminated.

Tana Sullenger, who left the game in the second after being tripped up at first, got the win to improve to 3-0, and Sara Covington pitched the top of the third.

Covington, Joshlyn Tovar and Laura Zamora all cracked triples, and every player save Sullenger scored.

Jessica Calvert and Courtney Tyrrell each had four runs scored.

The JV improved to 5-1-1 and will take on Sweetwater at 7 tonight.

JV boys take second at Sweetwater Invitational

The Snyder JV boys took second place at the Sweetwater Invitational last weekend, falling 23 strokes shy of the host Mustangs.

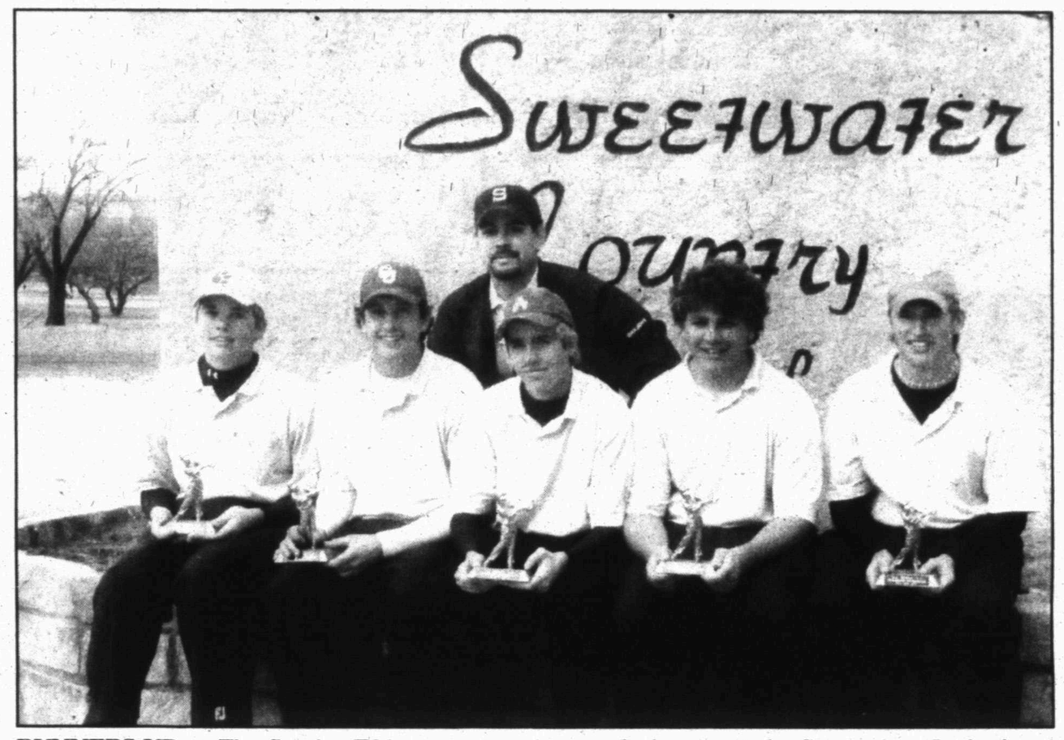
Sweetwater led the tournament from start to finish, almost doubling their first-round lead of 12 strokes.

Snyder shot a 314-322 636 to Sweetwater's 613.

Tanner Bloom paced the JV boys with a 78-77 155, the fourth best individual total of the tournament.

Cole Robertson shot a 79-78 157, Syd Wiggins fired a 79-80 159 and Matthew Schoolcraft carded a 78-87 165.

John Whitworth finished with an 85-87 172.



RUNNERS-UP — The Snyder JV boys captured second place at at the Sweetwater Invitational over the weekend. The team is, from left, John Whitworth, Tanner Bloom, Matthew Schoolcraft, Syd Wiggins and Cole Robertson. Coach Fernando Baeza is in back. (Contributed Photo)

Duke women land top poll spot

By The Associated Press

Add a chapter to Duke's basketball lore — a final No. 1 ranking for the women.

Duke was an overwhelming choice for the top spot Monday in the last Associated Press poll of the season. It's the first time the Blue Devils have finished at No. 1 in the women's poll, and they now turn their attention to a possible first national championship.

Coach Gail Goestenkors' team is the No. 1 seed in the Mideast Regional of the NCAA tournament and hosts Northwestern State in the first round Sunday.

"It's an awesome accomplishment for us now that I know this is the first time we've finished No. 1," Duke's Iciss Tillis said. "I wouldn't say it was a goal because we're always trying to finish as high as we can. But it shows that all the hard work and effort has paid off."

Duke (27-3) received 43 of 47 first-place votes from a national media panel and ended Connecticut's string of four No. 1 finishes in the poll. The Huskies dropped to sixth, their lowest finish since they were 10th in the final poll of the 1992-93 season.

The solid vote for Duke came after 2½ months of constant shuffling at the top of the poll. Connecticut, Tennessee and Texas also were No. 1 during that stretch and no team held that position for more than three weeks. The six changes at No. 1 matched the most in any season since the AP poll started in 1976.

Duke began the season at No. 2 and with hopes of a repeat trip to the Final Four, then lost to Texas 85-77 in the opener.

"That was the first time I ever lost the first game of the season in anything," Tillis said. "We always win the first game. That was a huge letdown, but we learned from it and now we're playing well. We're really excited to get started in the NCAA tournament."

Duke moved to No. 1 last week and held it after beating North Carolina to win the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. The Blue Devils finished with 1,168 points in the voting, 90 more than No. 2 Tennessee.

Purdue was third and Texas fourth, followed by Penn State, Connecticut and Louisiana Tech. Tennessee and Penn State each had one first-place vote while Louisiana Tech received two.

Kansas State was eighth, Houston ninth and Stanford 10th.

Stanford ends season on top

By The Associated Press

Stanford returned to No. 1 Monday for the final AP men's college basketball poll of the season.

The Cardinal (29-1) had been on top for three weeks before giving way to Saint Joseph's for one week.

The poll and the NCAA tournament selection committee disagreed on the top teams. Stanford and No. 2 Kentucky were both No. 1 seeds for the upcoming tournament, but the other No. 1s — Saint Joseph's and Duke — were fifth and sixth, respectively, in the vote of the national media panel.

Gonzaga and Oklahoma State, both No. 2 seeds in the NCAA tournament, were third and fourth in the poll.

Utah State, which was passed over for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, finished tied for 25th with Boston College. The Aggies will be the first ranked team since UNLV in 1993 to not participate in the NCAA tournament.

Stanford received 55 first-place votes and 1,771 points, 150 more than Kentucky (26-4), which was No. 1 on nine ballots.

Gonzaga (27-2) had two first-place votes, while Oklahoma State (27-3) had four.

Saint Joseph's (27-1) dropped from first to fifth after having its shot at a perfect regular season ended with a 20-point loss to Xavier in the Atlantic 10 tournament quarterfinals. The Hawks had one first-place vote.

Duke was sixth, followed by Connecticut (27-6), which had one first-place vote, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh and Wisconsin.

Cincinnati moved up two places to No. 11 and was followed by Texas, Illinois, Georgia Tech, North Carolina State, Kansas, Wake Forest, North Carolina, Maryland and Syracuse.

The last six ranked teams were Providence, Arizona, Southern Illinois, Memphis and the tie between Boston College and Utah State.

The Aggies (25-3) finished tied with Pacific regular season title.

Spurs lose big as Duncan sits

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tim Duncan stayed out of sight while his teammates tried to explain another loss without him. The ailing two-time league MVP remained in the safe confines of San Antonio's training room.

Duncan missed his second straight game and ninth out of 10 because of left knee irritation, and the Spurs lost 97-80 to the Golden State Warriors on Monday night.

"We miss him a lot," said guard Tony Parker, whose 29 points provided one of few bright spots for the cold-shooting Spurs. "But I still feel that if we made some open shots we would have had a chance to win that game."

Jason Richardson scored 22 points to help the Warriors snap a season-long nine-game losing streak.

Mike Dunleavy added 19 points and Erick Dampier 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Warriors, who hadn't won since point guard Speedy Claxton broke his right hand Feb. 27.

Golden State split the season series with the reigning NBA champions and swept them in Oakland for the first time since the 1996-97 season.

San Antonio fell to 5-4 without Duncan, who's averaging 22.9 points and 12.8 rebounds per game. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich would not speculate on Duncan's status.

"I don't know," Popovich said. "It's a weird injury."

Sports Briefs

Softball board meeting

The Snyder softball booster club will have a board meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Texas Savings Bank boardroom.

Boston shipped to Dolphins

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins acquired former Pro Bowl receiver David Boston from San Diego for a sixth-round draft choice in 2005 and a player to be named, Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said.

The deal is contingent on Boston passing a physical in Miami. The Dolphins tentatively plan to announce the trade today.

Smith said the player to be named won't be high-profile.

Boston caught 70 passes for 880 yards and seven scores in his only season with the Chargers. Teammates criticized his work ethic, and he was suspended for one game following an argument with a coach.

Bills sign CB Vincent

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vincent agreed to terms with Buffalo, ending a stellar eight-year tenure with Philadelphia.

Vincent's agent Linda Bodley told The Associated Press her free-agent client agreed to a six-year deal, choosing Buffalo ahead of two other teams — Cincinnati and Kansas City — that had courted him.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Softball: SHS varsity at Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
SHS JV at Sweetwater, 7.p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Burkburnett
WTC vs. Otero JC, noon

FRIDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Burkburnett
WTC vs. Trinidad JC, 1 p.m.
Softball: SHS varsity at Seminole, 5 p.m.
SHS JV at Seminole, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Burkburnett
WTC vs. Trinidad JC, noon
Softball: WTC vs. Midland, DH, 1 p.m.
SHS varsity at Lubbock Monterey, 1 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Philadelphia	37	17	14	6	94	211	168
New Jersey	37	22	11	2	87	180	147
N.Y. Islanders	31	26	10	4	76	199	186
N.Y. Rangers	25	35	7	6	63	187	218
Pittsburgh	17	44	7	4	45	160	272

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	35	16	14	7	91	184	163
Toronto	39	22	9	3	90	214	187
Ottawa	38	20	9	5	90	235	160
Montreal	38	26	6	3	85	190	168
Buffalo	31	31	6	4	72	191	199

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
y-Tampa Bay	41	18	8	5	95	215	166
Florida	26	29	14	3	69	158	186
Atlanta	29	34	7	3	68	194	220
Carolina	24	30	13	5	66	142	175
Washington	21	41	8	2	52	164	222

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	42	17	10	2	96	224	157
Nashville	33	26	10	3	79	189	192
St. Louis	33	27	10	2	78	167	178
Chicago	19	37	9	6	53	166	219
Columbus	20	40	8	4	52	154	212

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	38	17	12	5	93	218	170
Vancouver	37	22	9	4	87	205	173
Calgary	36	26	7	3	82	179	159
Edmonton	29	27	12	4	74	191	185
Minnesota	23	26	20	2	68	153	159

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	35	19	11	6	87	184	158
Dallas	36	24	12	0	84	166	154
Los Angeles	28	20	16	7	79	187	182
Anaheim	25	30	9	8	67	159	188
Phoenix	20	31	16	5	61	175	218

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y-clinched division

Monday's Games

Toronto 6, Buffalo 5, OT
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Atlanta 1, Carolina 0, OT

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	40	25	.615	—
Miami	30	37	.448	11
New York	30	37	.448	11
Boston	30	38	.441	11½
Philadelphia	28	39	.418	13
Washington	20	45	.308	20
Orlando	19	50	.275	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	49	17	.742	—
Detroit	43	25	.632	7
New Orleans	35	31	.530	14
Milwaukee	34	32	.515	15
Cleveland	30	36	.455	19
Toronto	28	38	.424	21
Atlanta	21	45	.318	28
Chicago	18	48	.273	31

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	46	21	.687	—
San Antonio	44	24	.647	2½
Dallas	42	24	.636	3½
Memphis	41	25	.621	4½
Houston	39	27	.591	6½
Denver	36	32	.529	10½
Utah	34	33	.507	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	49	17	.742	—
L.A. Lakers	44	23	.657	5½
Portland	33	33	.500	16
Seattle	28	38	.424	21
Golden State	26	40	.394	23
L.A. Clippers	26	40	.394	23
Phoenix	22	45	.328	27½

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Games

Phoenix 99, Houston 97, OT
Golden State 97, San Antonio 80
L.A. Lakers 113, Orlando 110, OT

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
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Timely Pawn	66.5	69.5
Anadarko	58.5	77.5
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Robert Early's Weld	49.5	86.5

High series: Shawn Roemisch, scratch, 583; Glenn Coy, handicap, 669.
High game: Cory Maxfield, 223; Roger Pavlik, handicap, 243.

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Team	W	L
Turkey Hunters	24	8
Renegades	23	9
Outcasts	21	11
Moments Captured	20	12
Snyder Lanes	18	14
WTP Energy	17	15
Replacements	15	17
JB's	15	17
Snyder Iron&Metal	14	18
Timely Finance	13	19
E.D. Walton	11	21
Phantom Team	1	21

High series: Scratch: Buddy Adams, 664, Daphene Thompson, 590; **Handicap:** Buddy Adams, 730, Daphene Thompson, 692.
High game: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 245, Daphene Thompson, 227; **Handicap:** Mark Thompson, 265, Daphene Thompson, 261.

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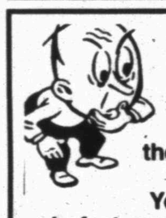

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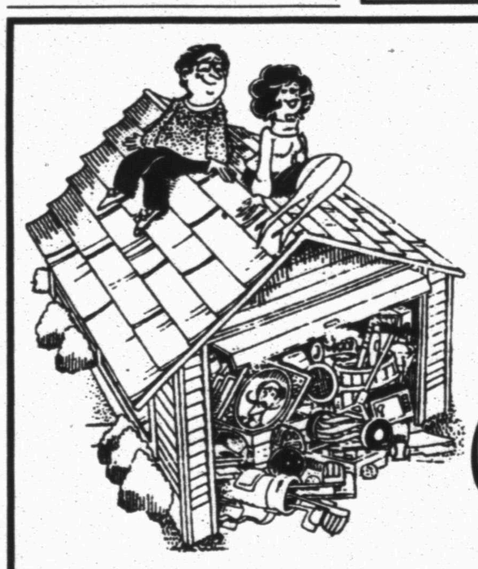

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Man killed in flood

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The body of a West Texas man was found a day after his car was swept off a flooded roadway in Bandera County, while six others whose cars also were submerged in water escaped without injury.

Roger Canter, 65, died after his Suburban was carried off Texas 187 on Sunday. Authorities said they found his body Monday in the Sabinal River, almost two miles downstream from where his vehicle was submerged.

Rescue crews from Vanderpool and Utopia pulled his wife, Alma Jo, 68, from the vehicle about an hour after it went into the river.

She was flown to University Hospital, where she was released late Monday, a hospital official said.

Four other people were plucked from a tree in Uvalde County on Monday after their GMC Yukon washed off Texas 127 by an overflowing Blanco Creek.

Rescued were Carol Lundshen, 47, of San Antonio, and her passengers, Kendall Lundshen, 14; Amanda Blackshaw, 13; and Brianna Apastolow, 8.

Sisters Melissa Gimenez, 20, and Laura Gimenez, 18, both of Austin, were also rescued after their car began to submerge at the same crossing.

"There was a flash flood in the area, and just that one creek came up really big," Sheriff Terry Crawford said in today's San Antonio Express-News.

"It came out of nowhere," Laura Gimenez said of the rushing water that engulfed their 1996 Ford Explorer.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	13.08	12.82	13.04	+ .32
AT&T Corp	19.07	18.90	18.98	+ .11
Albertsons	22.35	22.01	22.22	+ .10
Alltel	50.63	50.06	50.22	—.04
AmEl Pw	33.73	33.16	33.60	+ .27
AndarkPtr	51.62	51.15	51.44	+ .31
ATMOS Egy	26.20	26.06	26.10	+ .07
Aviall	15.35	15.20	15.21	—.07
BP PLC	49.72	49.44	49.45	+ .09
BakerHughes	35.75	35.38	35.47	—.08
Bank of Amer	80.15	79.65	79.96	+ .50
BellSouth	27.17	27.02	27.16	+ .19
BurlNoSFe	30.99	30.62	30.70	+ .10
Caterpillar	75.70	74.50	75.60	+ 1.62
CenterPoint	10.88	10.70	10.85	+ .15
ChevronTex	88.09	87.77	87.93	+ .27
Citigroup	49.65	49.40	49.54	+ .42
CocaCola	48.12	47.90	47.94	+ .23
ColgatePal	54.92	54.46	54.92	+ .44
CmclMetals	29.41	29.07	29.14	+ .14
ConocoPhill	68.70	68.45	68.50	—.04
Cooper Inds	54.12	53.20	54.01	+ 1.01
DaimlrChry	42.27	41.84	41.86	+ .83
DeltaAirLines	8.02	7.62	7.72	—.04
Dillards Inc	18.00	17.75	17.88	+ .17
DowChem	39.20	38.70	38.74	+ .41
DuPont	41.71	41.16	41.64	+ .63
EastmanChem	39.85	39.50	39.61	+ .42
EstKodak	25.80	25.34	25.46	—.26
EDS Corp	19.60	19.01	19.07	—.20
Entergy	58.08	57.76	57.81	+ .11
ExxonMobil	42.06	41.83	41.99	+ .21
FootLocker	23.54	23.05	23.32	+ .42
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HoneywellIntl	33.08	32.18	32.26	—.33
IBM	92.70	92.00	92.54	+ .72
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PilgrimsPride	21.50	21.08	21.14	+ .24
Praxair s	35.83	35.61	35.76	+ .63
ProctGamb	103.50	103.00	103.26	+ .74
RadioShack	32.84	32.16	32.40	+ .09
RoyalDut	48.24	47.85	47.94	—.07
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Sunoco Inc	60.30	59.46	59.48	—.38
TXU Corp	27.86	27.60	27.62	+ .09
TempleInland	61.67	60.85	61.13	+ .58
TexInd	32.45	32.12	32.27	+ .15
TexasInst	29.65	29.30	29.62	+ .50
Textron	52.17	51.58	51.81	+ .02
TimeWarner	16.44	16.23	16.32	+ .10
TrinityInds	27.03	26.60	26.75	+ .15
TylerTech	9.25	9.00	9.19	+ .19
UnionPacif	62.26	61.60	61.66	—.32
USSteel	34.75	34.10	34.21	+ .20
UnitedTech	89.00	87.15	87.16	—.74
Unocal	37.66	37.27	37.33	+ .07
VerizonComm	37.74	37.27	37.29	—.01
WalMart	58.38	57.91	58.16	+ .26
WellsFargo	58.00	57.66	57.73	—.05
WstnGasRs	50.64	50.39	50.47	+ .17
WinnDixie	6.84	6.65	6.79	+ .08
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Drive-by shooting in Iraq kills 3 missionaries

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Three American civilians killed in a drive-by shooting in northern Iraq on Monday were Baptist missionaries working to convert dirty water into pure rather than turn souls to Christianity, their employer and friends said.

The Southern Baptist International Mission Board identified the victims as Larry T. Elliott, 60, and Jean Dover Elliott, 58, of Cary, N.C.; and Karen Denise Watson, 38, of Bakersfield, Calif.

The Elliotts were scouting the best location in Iraq for a water purification project, said Michelle DeVoss of Cary, whose First Baptist Church in the Raleigh suburb was home when the Elliotts returned from Honduras, where they had been missionaries since 1978.

"They were fully aware of the risk and they were just called to do it," said DeVoss, who hosted a welcome-back party at her home for the Elliotts in January.

Watson was a detention officer with the Kern County Sheriff's Department in Bakersfield before joining the Richmond, Va.-based mission board in January 2003, said Bill Bangham, a spokesman for the group that coordinates missionary activities for the Southern Baptist Convention. She arrived in Iraq earlier this month to help the Elliotts and others study how best to allocate the mission board's humanitarian efforts, Bangham said.

U.S. Lt. Col. Joseph Piek, a spokesman for American forces in the northern city of Mosul, said in an e-mail message that the victims were traveling in one car on the eastern side of the city when they were attacked.

David E. McDonnall, 28, and Carrie Taylor McDonnall, 26, of Rowlett, Texas, were wounded in the attack and were being treated at the U.S. Army combat support hospital in Mosul, the group said.

The McDonnalls took a break in November from studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, to go to Iraq on a humanitarian aid mission, Greg Tomlin, Southwestern's director of public relations, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Tomlin said Southwestern officials were told David McDonnall was shot twice in the abdomen and that Carrie McDonnall was shot four times. He said it wasn't clear where she was wounded.

Larry Elliott had experience in disaster relief that included helping Honduras recover from Hurricane Mitch in 1998, DeVoss said. He first traveled to Iraq last month to survey the country's needs and his wife joined him a few weeks later, DeVoss said. The couple planned to return to their home in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa later this month and move permanently to Iraq in June, she said.

"These are two of the most tender-hearted and on-fire Christians I have ever met," said DeVoss, who lived in the Elliotts' home during a November mission trip to Honduras with her husband and 10-year-old son.

"Larry had a fantastic, deep, belly laugh. He enjoyed life and yet served with so much enthusiasm," DeVoss said. "Jean had a heart of gold. She opened her home every time there was a mission group. She just accepted people into her home like they were family."

Larry Elliott was born in South Boston, Va., and grew up in Granville County, Bangham said. Jean Elliott was born and grew up in Shelby.

Every few years, they would return to the U.S. on a furlough and live in Cary for a few weeks in the former parsonage behind the First Baptist Church, said Keith Stevens, chairman of the 2,000-member church's board of deacons.

Larry Kingsley, a church deacon who coordinated the mission work of First Baptist's members, said Larry Elliott had an engineering degree from North Carolina State University.

"He was a person who could just do anything," Kingsley said. He said during one trip to Honduras, he and the Elliotts poured concrete and stationed reinforced beams to raise a church and school.

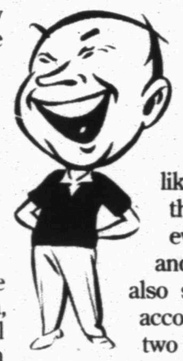
Unlike their years of working and preaching in Central America, Kingsley said, the Elliotts understood that their humanitarian work in Iraq would focus on helping human needs rather than ministering to souls.

Today's chuckle

Frank Sinatra tune can accompany burger

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — At a local Wendy's restaurant, customers can request a Frank Sinatra tune to go with their burgers and fries.

"My motto is if I know it, I will play it," said Joe Cervenka, a pianist who plays during lunch every weekday at a Wendy's in Grand Island.



Cervenka, 52, plays songs by Sinatra, Johnny Mathis and other artists on his portable piano.

"It's supposed to be portable," said Cervenka, who suffers from cerebral palsy and walks with crutches. "For me, it's not."

Before his current gig, Cervenka worked for various human services organizations, but the disease eventually forced him out of that work. The disease has not kept his fingers from tickling the ivories.

He said that's good news because his musical ability is primarily in his hands.

"I'm no singer," he said.

Cervenka said he likes the hours because they allow him to spend evenings with his wife and three children. He also said he feels like he accomplishes more in his two hours at Wendy's than he did in eight hours of work in other places.

"This music thing is just a lot more enjoyable," he said.

Utah mom accused of murder of unborn child pleads innocent

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The mother accused of homicide for not getting a Caesarean section that could have saved her unborn twin's life also faces a child-endangerment charge for the twin that survived.

Melissa Ann Rowland, 28, looking bedraggled in a jail jumpsuit, appeared in court via a video teleconference from jail Monday to plead innocent to criminal homicide.

She faced a new hearing today on a child-endangerment charge relating to the surviving twin, who prosecutors said had cocaine and alcohol in her system. The baby girl has since been adopted.

Prosecutors claim Rowland refused medical advise to undergo a C-section for delivery of her twins and as a result one was stillborn. They said she did not want a scar from the surgery.

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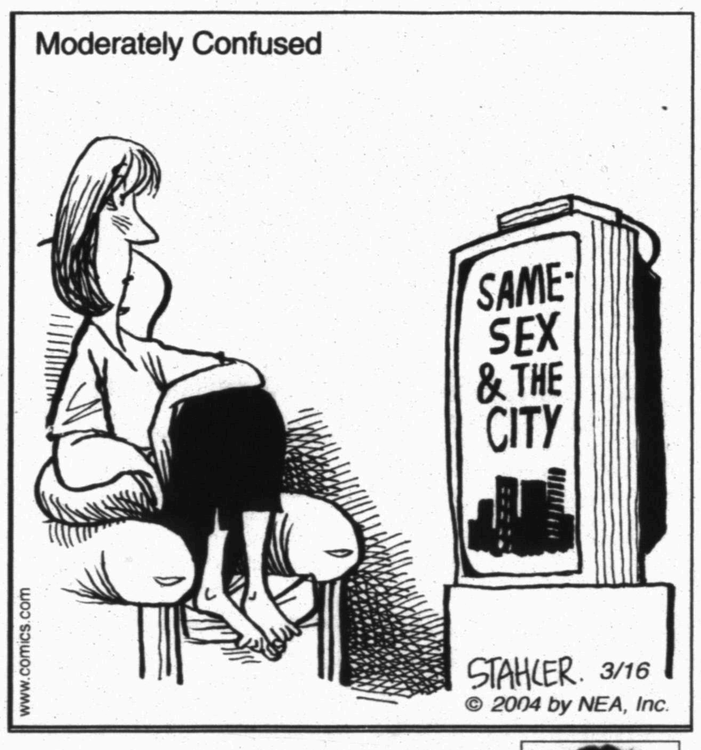

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Multi-drug therapy should be revised

DEAR DR. GOTT: I would like your opinion about the drugs my 55-year-old daughter has been prescribed. These include Xenical, Lipitor, Paxil, thyroxine, Axcid, Protonix, Neurontin, Cardizem, fish oil, Serevent, Flovent and Albuterol. This seems like a lot to me. Are all these drugs compatible with one another?

DEAR READER: I don't know, but I'd certainly be suspicious that the interactions between these prescriptions could cause problems. Also, I note that she is taking two, sometimes three medicines for each affliction.

Although you don't mention her diagnoses, I assume from the list of drugs that she has high cholesterol levels, depression, an underactive thyroid gland, acid reflux, nerve pain of some kind, heart or blood pressure problems and asthma.

This is an impressive collection of ailments for a middle-aged woman, so — obviously — some medications are justified. However, it would not be appropriate for me to give specific advice. She should resolve this issue with her family physician. Nonetheless, I am confident that her list of medications could be modified or shortened. Again, her doctor is the logical resource to do this.

One last comment. You noted in your letter that your daughter has been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, with resulting malaise and muscle pain. While I don't necessarily question this diagnosis, I urge your daughter to consider that the muscle pain may be a rare but dangerous side effect of cholesterol-lowering drugs such as Lipitor. Therefore, I believe that she should experiment (by stopping the Lipitor for 2 to 3 weeks) to see if the drug is to blame. If her pain disappears, her doctor needs to know this and take steps to deal with it. If, however, the muscle pain persists, my theory is shot down and she can restart taking the Lipitor. Let me know how this plays out.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 68 and experience discomfort (a sensation of painful pressure) behind my breastbone whenever I exercise. A cardiogram and an echogram were normal. Do you think that a stress test is necessary?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt.

Your symptom could be caused by coronary artery blockages, despite your normal cardiogram and ultrasound study. Therefore, I urge you to request that your primary care physician order a stress test, which should confirm my suspicion that you are suffering from angina. If I am correct, you may need to have the situation addressed aggressively with a coronary angiogram.

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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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Fate is likely to intervene in the year ahead where your job is concerned by setting into motion a set of peculiar circumstances that might cause change, but will end up leading to your advancement.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — For best results today, don't broadcast your intentions or objectives. Quietly go about your business being willing to adjust as needed and without attracting too much attention or notice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — One of your more remarkable talents today is being able to take the ideas of others and put them to practical uses in ways that others would have never dreamed of doing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A commercial situation in which you might get involved with another can be successfully pulled off today, provided both you and your counterpart keep an eye on your target at all times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's a fortuitous day to find as many hours as you possible can to spend with one with whom you're seeking a more desirable relationship. Conditions are ripe for enhancing all alliances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're especially adroit today at updating, enhancing or improving upon methods, systems and procedures where your work or career is concerned. Make the necessary revisions now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Diplomacy and tact will have far greater impact today than any form of aggressiveness can. Keep this in mind and put it to good use when confronted by a difficult individual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Should you be placed in the position today to be able to serve your fellow man, by all means do so. Tremendous satisfaction will be derived from deeds or jobs that work toward noble ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Important personal self-interests can successfully be promoted today if you do things with a touch of flair. Follow your instincts as a showman, but take care not to be overly flamboyant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your sixth sense can serve you better than usual today, especially concerning financial matters, so don't ignore any hunches you might get when trying to negotiate a bargain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Try to handle as many activities as you can by using the mental plane today where you'll be most effective. Besides, projects that require imagination will prove to be the most rewarding for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — In order to generate a steady flow from a business involvement today you may have to first plant some "seed" money and then prime the pump a bit. Tender care produces a harvest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Personal plans look hopeful for you today, especially in matters where you need to achieve the cooperation of another. Look for someone who shares your goals as well as ideals.

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Hunt continues for highway gunman

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Police today hunted for a 28-year-old man they believe was the gunman in two dozen highway shootings that have terrorized motorists for months.

Charles A. McCoy Jr. has had mental health problems and was believed to be armed and dangerous, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office said. He lived within miles of where the gunman's bullets killed a passenger, shattered windshields, dented school buses and drilled into homes and a school.

"The key issue for us right now is to locate this guy," Chief Deputy Steve Martin said. "We believe he bought another gun."

Martin would not say what evidence led investigators to McCoy, but newspaper and television reports said today that McCoy's family gave authorities at least one of his guns.

The Columbus Dispatch, citing unidentified sources, said a relative contacted police and said McCoy could be a suspect. It said McCoy's father, Charles Sr., later gave police a 9 mm Beretta handgun, and on Monday it was ballistically matched to some of the bullet fragments recovered in the shootings. A woman cleaning snow off her car in the driveway of the father's home refused to comment today.

Martin's office, which is in charge of the investigation, would not release any details about the case today morning.

A bulletin from investigators to other police departments said McCoy was believed to have a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition, said Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelly.

"McCoy has had mental health issues in the past and is currently not on medication," the notification read. "He is believed to have suicidal or homicidal tendencies."

Since May, two dozen sniper shootings have targeted vehicles and buildings around Interstate 270, which circles Columbus, and other highways. Most of the shootings have happened since October; the latest was on Feb. 14.

Investigators filed an arrest warrant late Monday for McCoy on a charge of felonious assault in a Dec. 15 shooting that damaged a house. No one answered the phone at that house late Monday.

In the three most recent shootings, witnesses described seeing someone aiming at them while standing next to a car. Their descriptions of the suspect and car were similar to information the sheriff's office released Monday.

Spain detains one in bombing probe

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Police said today they have detained an Algerian who allegedly talked about a terrorist attack in Madrid two months before it happened, and the death toll in the bombings rose to 201.

Ali Amrous was picked up Saturday in the Basque city of San Sebastian to learn if he had advance knowledge of Thursday's terrorist attacks in Madrid, police told The Associated Press.

Police identified five new Moroccan suspects in the bombings, a newspaper reported, and a French investigator told the AP he has found a direct link between prime suspect Jamal Zougam and the spiritual leader of a clandestine extremist group believed involved in last May's deadly bombings in Casablanca, Morocco.

Amrous was first arrested in January after a neighborhood disturbance and made the threatening comments while being questioned by police, saying that "we will fill Madrid with the dead," authorities said. They added that they doubted he was connected at a high level with any terrorist group but may have known about the attacks in advance.

He was expected to be brought to Madrid for questioning. Police said they did not believe Amrous had any contacts with the armed Basque separatist group ETA.

The death toll from Thursday's commuter train attacks in the Spanish capital rose to 201 with the death of a 45-year-old woman, authorities said.

Zougam has already been identified by a Spanish judge as a follower of Imad Yarkas, the alleged leader of Spain's al-Qaida cell, who remains jailed on suspicion he helped plan the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

Police believe the five new Moroccan suspects took part in the bombings, the Madrid daily El Pais reported today, without identifying the new suspects by name.

Interior Ministry spokesman Juan de Dios said he could not confirm the report.

El Pais also reported that two Indians who are believed to have sold telephone cards to three arrested Moroccans were released. De Dios said he could not confirm the report.

The bombs were triggered by cell phones, and investigators were able to find and arrest the three Moroccans and two Indians on Saturday because a cell-phone card was found in an unexploded bomb and traced.

Investigators scrambled to learn the scope of the operation that carried out the Madrid attacks.

A possible link between them and Casablanca gained credibility after French investigator Jean-Charles Brisard said he has found a direct tie between Zougam and Mohamed Fizazi, a spiritual leader of Salafia Jihadia, which allegedly was behind the Casablanca attack and which has been linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

Three arrests top police blotter

• Arrests

Three subjects were arrested in Scurry County on Monday.

At 3:34 p.m., a 27-year-old man was taken into custody on U.S. 84 near the Snyder city limits on a Denton County warrant for motion to revoke probation, failure to appear, failure to identify, driving while license suspended and no proof of liability insurance.

A 20-year-old man was arrested in the 3000 block of 40th St. at 7:45 p.m. for motion to revoke probation after failing to report to the jail as ordered.

At 10:42 p.m., a 60-year-old man was taken into custody on Hwy. 208 and Brick Plant Rd. for misdemeanor DWI and open container.

• Family violence

Officers were requested at 3:43 a.m. today to a home on 36th St. The caller advised that a subject had assaulted her and had fled. There were no serious injuries reported, but an offense report for family violence was submitted.

• Criminal mischief

A caller reported at 10:24 a.m. Monday some criminal mischief to vehicles parked at 1500 Ave. R.

• Missing pipe

Roy Bennett at 1014 North College reported pipe missing from the east side of his residence.

• Suspicious subjects

A resident in the 300 Block of 24th Street reported a vehicle repeatedly driving slowly by his residence. Officers made contact with two subjects in the vehicle and advised them of the complaint.

Police also were advised by a woman in the 2100 Block of 40th that a subject was knocking on her door and then leaving. Officers were unable to locate anyone.

• Attempt to locate

Shortly after midnight, a woman called to report that her daughter had not returned from a baseball game at Towle Park.

• Ambulance requested

An ambulance transported a woman to the hospital after she fell at Golden Terrace Village in the 1900 Block of Martha Ann Blvd.

• Gas drive-off

At 8:41 a.m. Monday, Town and Country East reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $20. The vehicle was located on the county line on U.S. 180 west of Snyder. The driver was escorted back to the store.

At 10:22 p.m., Allsup's on College Ave. reported that a customer had left without paying for $5.24 in fuel.

Obituaries

Margaret Weaver

1920-2004

Funeral service for Margaret Tipton Weaver, longtime Snyder educator, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church where she was a longtime member.

The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor, will officiate and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Weaver

Mrs. Weaver, 84, died Monday, March 15, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.

Born Feb. 29, 1920, a leap year, in Jacksonville, Texas, she graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1937 and received a bachelor's degree from McMurry University in 1941 and a master's degree from McMurry in 1954.

She married Frank Weaver on Aug. 3, 1940 in Rusk. Also a longtime Snyder teacher, coach and administrator, Mr. Weaver died Sept. 28, 1997.

Mrs. Weaver was a teacher in the Snyder public schools for 32 years, mostly teaching the fifth grade. She was a life member of the United Methodist Church, a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society, Altrurian Daughters, Martha Ann Woman's Club and Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Weaver also had served as Lucky 13 sponsor and a Girl Scout leader.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Chris Weaver of Del Rio; a sister, Ruth Shurley of Sonora; three grandchildren and their spouses, Todd and Resa Weaver of Plano, Ann and Darren Todd of Woodward, Okla., and Shana Weaver of San Antonio; and four great-grandchildren, Braden and Conner Todd of Woodward and Mason and Mitchell Weaver of Plano.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8:30 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road in San Angelo, 76904.

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3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Curtis Sterling

1924-2004

LUBBOCK — Curtis J. Sterling, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, March 14.

Graveside service for Mr. Sterling, 79, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

A memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. in the Second Baptist Church. Dr. Phillip Wise and the Rev. Stephanie Nash will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Born Sept. 26, 1924 in Scurry County to Thomas J. and Emma Pearl Sterling, he attended Bison, Ira and Snyder schools and graduated from Ira High School in 1941.

He entered Texas Tech in 1941, but his education was interrupted to serve one and a half years in the Merchant Marines after which he returned to Tech to earn his degree in business administration.

While at Tech he served as president of the student council, president of the Saddle Tramps and president of the junior class. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Mr. Sterling moved to Brownfield and was owner and publisher of the Brownfield News from 1950-62. He was named Outstanding Young Man of Terry County and was a member of the chamber board, Lions and Rotary clubs.

Mr. Sterling moved to Lubbock in 1963 to become a stockbroker with Rauscher Pierce. He also was a stockbroker for Schneider, Burnet and Hickman and then Thompson McKinnan. He retired from Prudential Securities in 2001.

He taught college and high school Sunday school classes at First Baptist Church and was a deacon and Stephen minister at Second Baptist Church.

Mr. Sterling served on the community development advisory council, was a past-president of the Texas Tech Ex-Student's Association and was a member of the Texas Tech University Century Club, a United Way volunteer and a member of Lubbock Country Club.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marijo "Josie" Sterling of Lubbock; two daughters and a son-in-law, Janice Haney of Dallas and Suzanne and Dr. Robert King of Lubbock; four brothers, J.M. Sterling of Howard County, Howard Sterling of Snyder and Buford Sterling and Mickey Sterling, both of Ira; a sister, Doris Spikes of Snyder; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Tommy Jr.

The family suggests memorials to the Interfaith Samaritan House, Box 1258 in Lubbock, 79408; or to the Second Baptist Church, 6109 Chicago Avenue in Lubbock, 79424.

Olga Perez

1940-2004

Olga Perez, 63, of Snyder died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Services are pending at Kerbow Funeral Home in Eldorado. Local arrangements are by Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

She was born on March 29, 1940.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 3/17	Thu 3/18	Fri 3/19
75/49	77/44	68/51
A mainly sunny sky. High around 75F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise 6:51 AM, Sunset 6:54 PM	Sunrise 6:50 AM, Sunset 6:54 PM	Sunrise 6:48 AM, Sunset 6:55 PM

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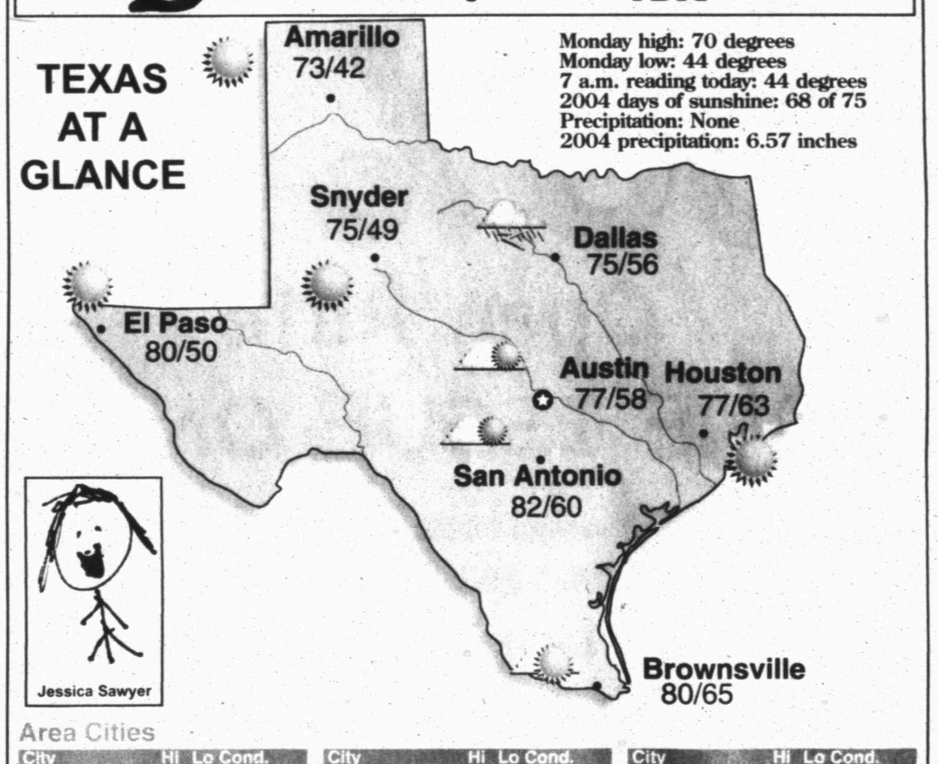
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Monday high: 70 degrees
Monday low: 44 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 44 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 68 of 75
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 6.57 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	54	sunny	El Paso	80	50	sunny	Midland	77	51	sunny
Amarillo	73	42	sunny	Fort Stockton	80	54	sunny	Raymondville	82	63	mst sunny
Austin	77	58	pt sunny	Gainesville	74	52	t-storm	Rosenberg	77	62	sunny
Beaumont	76	60	sunny	Greenville	75	53	t-storm	San Antonio	82	60	pt sunny
Brownsville	80	65	mst sunny	Houston	77	63	sunny	San Marcos	79	59	mst sunny
Brownwood	79	55	mst sunny	Kingsville	82	63	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	72	55	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	78	64	mst sunny	Livingston	77	57	sunny	Sweetwater	77	53	sunny
Corsicana	77	56	t-storm	Longview	74	56	mst sunny	Tyler	74	56	mst sunny
Dallas	75	56	t-storm	Lubbock	75	46	sunny	Weatherford	75	53	t-storm
Del Rio	84	60	sunny	Lufkin	77	59	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	74	50	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	62	40	sunny	Houston	77	63	sunny	Phoenix	91	62	sunny
Boston	33	23	sn shower	Los Angeles	80	58	sunny	San Francisco	78	52	sunny
Chicago	37	31	sn shower	Miami	79	62	cloudy	Seattle	56	45	rain
Dallas	75	56	t-storm	Minneapolis	36	27	cloudy	St. Louis	52	39	mst sunny
Denver	63	39	mst sunny	New York	36	29	cloudy	Washington, DC	43	31	cloudy

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 28	Apr 5

UV Index

Wed 3/17	Thu 3/18	Fri 3/19
8 High	8 High	8 High

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