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THURSDAY

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Home of Mel Reed



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — Snyder High School varsity cheerleaders for next year include from left, back row, Gerrico Greenley, Katie Chandler; front row, Anna Henson, Ashlye Amox, Heather Holmes, mascot Kelsey Shaw, Kristel Fitts and Laura Arellano. Not pictured is Molly Mason. Cheerleader sponsor is Rhonda Ward. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

County to host 'Freedom Day'

Veterans to be recognized with patriotic program Wednesday

"Freedom Day" will be observed on the grounds of the Scurry County courthouse from 11:30 a.m. until 12:40 p.m. Wednesday.

Snyder High School's band will perform as will the East Elementary Choir.

Representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will present the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

At noon, veterans will be introduced and there will be a reading of Scurry County men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Hot dogs will be served on the south side of the courthouse following the program with donations going to the Relay for Life.

Anyone knowing of any person who has served, or is serving in the Armed Forces is asked to send the names to the county judge's office at 573-8576, or fax to 573-1266. The information also can be called to the tax office at 573-9316.

Easter holiday will result in school, some offices closing

Easter holidays will prompt some closings around Snyder this weekend.

All county schools will be closed Friday — to include Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Western Texas College.

Snyder and Hermleigh students also will have Monday off, while Ira and WTC students will get back to work that day.

Some Snyder banks also will observe holiday hours.

West Texas State Bank and Snyder National Bank will close at noon Friday. Texas Savings Bank will shut its doors at 1 p.m. and American State Bank will close at 3 p.m., including drive through service.

First American Bank will continue with regular business hours.

The county library and county museum will be closed Friday and Saturday and will reopen Monday.

City and county employees also will get a long weekend. City hall and the courthouse are closed Friday.

The city landfill will remain open Friday, but will be closed Saturday.

Snyder Postmaster Dale Lipsett said mail would be delivered to homes and placed in boxes as normal.

City clean-up is next week

Friday is the deadline to schedule a free pickup of trash during next week's city-wide cleanup campaign.

Call 573-4960 or 573-4969 to schedule pickup of trash and unwanted items.

The service, provided by the city, will be limited to one load per household or business inside the city limits. Firms in the business of demolition are not eligible.

If the city's pickup schedule is full, residents may take a current utility bill along with the unwanted items to the landfill during the four-day clean-up campaign.

On Monday, city trucks will work the area west of College Ave. and south of 30th St. On Tuesday, the cleanup will be east of College Ave. and south of 30th St.

On Wednesday, trash pickup will be west of College Ave. and north of 30th St. On Thursday, the area will be east of College Ave. and north of 30th St.

The annual event is sponsored by the City of Snyder, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Snyder Beautification Committee.

SHS band earns two firsts

It was straight first division ratings for Snyder High School band students Wednesday at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview.

Band members earned an I in concert and an I in sight-reading at the Region XVI UIL concert and sight-reading contest.

Other 3A schools who competed were Slaton, Denver City, Lamesa, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Seminole, Lubbock Cooper and Brownfield.

Donnie Reston is the band director and Kay Kennedy is assistant director.

Texas House adopts $58.6 billion budget

AUSTIN (AP) — After three grueling days of debate on Texas' $58.6 billion budget and a looming deficit, House lawmakers who adopted a two-year appropriations bill containing cuts in state services early this morning were already looking to the future.

"We've still got work to do," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Talmadge Heflin shortly before the bill was adopted by House members. "I'm going to postpone my speech until we bring the bill back from conference committee because that's when we'll have a budget."

The 149-member House approved the bill by a 100-45 vote.

The Senate will craft its own version of the budget, before both are sent to a conference committee of members from both chambers to draft a compromise to be sent to the governor.

Lawmakers have worked since the session began in January to overcome a $9.9 billion revenue deficit for the next two-year cycle, making massive cuts to social services for Texans.

Both House Speaker Tom Craddick and Gov. Rick Perry, vowed early on that the vast shortfall would be overcome with cuts to spending, not with new taxes.

Holy Week services will end Friday

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance Holy Week services conclude Friday with a breakfast at First United Methodist Church.

Buddy Payne, pastor of the church, will deliver the message.

The public is invited to the final service at 7 a.m.

A free-will offering is taken to support the many ministries that are undertaken by the ministerial alliance.



EASTER EGG DROP — East Elementary fourth graders in the classes of Brooke Mackey, Meredith Schneider and Susan Brisendine participated in an egg drop today. Students used all sorts of packaging materials to wrap their eggs and then dropped them from atop a slide on the playground to judge what worked best. Pictured checking eggs from left are Staphany Arizmendi, Dyllan Vera, Brandon Elam and Kaylee Lord. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—When is Snyder High School's Jr-Sr Prom?

A—Saturday, April 26. It will be at Scurry County Coliseum.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

[redacted]

Modean Konvicka...

...a teller at American State Bank, has been a Snyder resident for 53 years. She and husband, Frank, have a daughter, Molly Tatum of Snyder.

The couple also have two grandkids, Riley and Chance. In her spare time, Modean enjoys sewing and painting and enjoys being around her grandkids.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The freedom to fail is vital if you're going to succeed.
—Michael Korda

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine



When growing up, a family trip to the coast was an annual event and some of our best memories are of time spent in Port Aransas.

On the other hand, the darkest 12 hours of our life were spent in the deep waters of the gulf. The fateful day came nine years ago this weekend.

We zipped down to the coast for a long weekend of fishing with our parents as we had many times before. But this time, Daddy decided the jetties and piers we normally cast from wouldn't do.

We were going to try our hand at deep-sea fishing. We eagerly agreed — we'd been on lots of boats — we were very stupid that day.

We booked three seats on the 12-hour trip to set forth the following morning. We awoke early the next day and partook in a hardy breakfast — the misery was about to begin.

The boat we boarded looked extra large when we saw it at the docks. Who knew that within an hour, the floundering vessel would feel like a leaky canoe in a hurricane.

We took our seats when the captain began making the rounds. He said his name was Stan and when he looked at us we were horrified to discover he had just one eye.

Then he mumbled an incoherent phrase and laughed heartily — he had one tooth too!

We were worried, but the boat set off. The first few minutes were fine, then we left the bay and fate began to take its course.

On the way to the docks that morning, Mother offered a patch that was supposed to ease the effects of seasickness.

We scoffed at the notion, but put one on to make her happy.

An hour into the voyage we were wearing 17 of the patches and chewing on two of them. We've never been sicker.

Stan slammed that tiny boat into every 15-foot swell he could find with his beady little eye.

We finally reached our destination 40 miles from shore. We were seeing double, but we grabbed a pole anyway and took a seat outside.

The crew worked its way around with a bait cooler. When they swung it open, we were greeted with the unpleasant smell of day-old squid parts.

We were no longer holding breakfast. We lost it around mile 27. This is when we met mankind's worst enemy — the dry heave.

We headed into the cabin to lie down, only to discover every padded surface had a pale green body sprawled on it.

We found an empty spot on the floor and laid down using a woman's purse as a pillow. We didn't know her and we didn't care.

Several times during the trip she'd move our head, retrieve an item from her purse, then pick our noggin back up and slide the purse under. We never met that woman stranger, but we love her still.

We looked at our watch a thousand times only to find that it had hardly changed. Finally we tossed it overboard.

After 11 grueling hours of sloshing around on that hard floor, we headed for shore. We ran from the boat on wobbly legs vowing never to leave our beloved land again.

We've been to the coast several times since and we're going again this summer.

But rest assured, there will not be a reunion with Captain Stan.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Walk for Christ

The Lord's Supper Church youth group will have a Walk for Christ at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Winston Park. Youth will be carrying crosses and all community youth are invited to participate. Afterwards, there will be a lock-in at the Boys and Girls Club. There is no charge. For additional information, call 574-1888.

Car wash, bake sale

Northside Baptist Church youth will have a car wash for donations and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Baked goods will be priced. All proceeds go to summer camp.

Remote for Relay for Life

Teams from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County will be set up in and around Tiger Health and Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday for an informational and fundraising event. The public is invited.

Calvary Baptist Easter services

"There's Room at the Cross" will be presented by the Calvary Baptist Church adult choir at 10:50 a.m. Sunday. At 6 p.m., The Calvary Kids will present "A Tale of Three Trees."

Resurrection Sunday at Northside Baptist Church

Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th St., will present "Holy is the Lord" at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome and there will be signing for the hearing-impaired.

Revival services

Snyder Church of God will hold revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 p.m.

Avenue D Baptist revival

Avenue D Baptist Church will hold a revival April 20-25. Wes Massey will be the evangelist and the music evangelist is Don Thornton. Sunday services include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. During the week, there will be a covered dish luncheon and noon services, and services at 7 p.m.

AARP meeting

The AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. There will be a guest speaker.

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.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. A meal will follow and all Master Masons are welcome.

Get-acquainted coffee

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold a get-acquainted coffee at 10 a.m. next Thursday in the old lobby at the hospital. The public is invited to learn of the Auxiliary's volunteer service and tour the hospital.

Medical account

A special account has been set up at West Texas State Bank (#3111245-20) under the name of LuLu Martinez) for Madalena Morelez who has cancer.

GED pre-registration and testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursday, April 24 at the GED testing center, WTC Building 7B. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 25. For more information about the test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

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, April 25.

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 on April 25. 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.

Fluvanna Baptist program

Fluvanna Baptist Church will host the Lubbock Southcrest Baptist senior adult choir at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 27. The choir will present "How about Some Good News." Lunch will follow.

Citizenship seminar

Texas Farm Bureau will sponsor a citizenship seminar June 2-6 at Angelo State University. Applications are being accepted by calling the Scurry County Farm Bureau at 573-9963. Deadline for applications is April 30. Any high school student entering the 11th or 12th grade in August is eligible. Registration and transportation fees provided by the local Farm Bureau.

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.

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.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S. L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Some vehicles banned

PROTECTING RIVERS

Motor vehicles would be banned from operating in the beds or banks of Texas rivers under legislation that won tentative approval in the Senate Wednesday.

Bill sponsor Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said that according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, studies show signs of erosion and decreased fish and vegetation in frequently traveled areas of Texas rivers, said bill sponsor.

"The practice of operating motor vehicles in Texas rivers is not sustainable and therefore it is our duty to address this issue," Zaffirini told lawmakers.

The ban would take effect Jan. 1, 2004. Several groups would be exempted from the ban, including a person responding to an emergency.

MILITARY LEAVE

Municipalities would be required to provide a military leave time account for firefighters or police officers to maintain their health, dental and life insurance coverage and benefits if the firefighter or police officer is called to active duty during a time of war under legislation approved in the Senate Wednesday.

The bill also authorizes a firefighter or police officer to voluntarily substitute for a firefighter or police officer who has been called to active duty during a time of war.

"It is only fair that we provide some relief to the men and women who volunteer to risk their lives to defend this country when they are called to active duty," said bill sponsor Mario Gallegos, D-Houston.

INSURANCE APPOINTMENT

The Senate approved Gov. Rick Perry's nomination of Jose Montemayor as insurance commissioner on Wednesday. Perry in January reappointed Montemayor to another two-years term to the job.

The commissioner oversees the Texas Department of Insurance, which regulates the industry.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I certainly am not going to lay down and not at least try to bring some ideas to this body. ... The children are our foundation, and we owe it to them to build on that foundation." — Rep. John Mabry, D-Waco, during debate over education funding as Democrats' amendments were repeatedly defeated.

The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.



EASTER EGG HUNT — The Knights of Columbus at our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church sponsored their fourth annual Easter egg hunt Saturday at Towle Park. Three of the egg finders were (from left) Angelica, Guadalupe and Briana Juarez, the daughters of Heraclio Juarez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Flight attendants OK concessions; airline doesn't file for bankrutcy

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines flight attendants reversed themselves and approved $340 million in labor concessions Wednesday, pulling the world's largest carrier back from the brink of bankruptcy. American welcomed the reprieve but warned that its troubles may not be over.

The Association of Professional Flight Attendants said 10,761 votes were cast for the concessions package and 9,652 against — a 1,642-vote swing from just one day earlier, when the attendants had narrowly rejected the package of layoffs, wage cuts and reduced benefits.

The union and company extended the balloting, saying some workers had run into difficulty in voting. American had vowed that if the concessions were rejected, the carrier would quickly file for bankruptcy protection.

"The people of American Airlines have together made history," said Donald J. Carty, American chairman and CEO. "These agreements represent the most ambitious effort to consensually restructure costs ever, not only in airline history but in U.S. history."

But in a statement, American parent company AMR Corp. said American's financial condition is weak and its prospects remain uncertain. Said Carty: "Given the hostile financial and business environment we find ourselves in and its inherent risks, the success of our efforts is not assured."

And a union spokeswoman said "this is not a day for rejoicing."

"Tough times lie ahead for our airline and our members," spokeswoman Lori Bassani said. "By ratifying this agreement, we will be giving up a great deal to try to keep our airline out of bankruptcy."

The board of directors of American's parent company, AMR Corp., had been prepared to meet by teleconference Wednesday night and approve the bankruptcy filing, company spokesman Bruce Hicks said. He said the company faced credit payments of at least $50 million Wednesday and would have filed to avoid those payments and conserve cash.

Airlines have been reeling for months, hurt by the sluggish economy, fallout from the Sept. 11 attacks, fears over the SARS virus and the war in Iraq. United Airlines is already in bankruptcy.

American has struggled against low-cost competition and AMR has lost nearly $5.3 billion in the past two years. To stay afloat, the airline asked its three biggest unions to approve $1.8 billion in labor cuts, including the layoffs of 2,500 pilots, 2,000 flight attendants and up to 1,400 ground workers.

Union leaders reluctantly backed the plan, saying cuts could be even worse in bankruptcy.

In voting that closed Tuesday, unionized pilots and ground workers approved their share of the concessions, saying they feared even deeper cuts if they forced the company into bankruptcy. But by the Tuesday deadline, the airline's 24,000 attendants had rejected the deal, which would cut their pay by 15.6 percent on May 1, by fewer than 500 votes out of 19,000 cast.

On Wednesday, attendants who gathered at union headquarters to support concessions as an alternative to bankruptcy reacted with joy when the new ratification results were announced. "There is a God!" screamed one.

But workers who opposed the deal said they were angered by the decision to extend voting, and they accused the company of improperly pressuring attendants to support concessions.

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LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-33-37-41-45-49.

Estimated jackpot: $25 million.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Matching five of six: 78. Prize: $2,549.

Matching four of six: 4,369. Prize: $112.

Matching three of six: 94,097. Prize: $5.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: $29 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-1-9
(Night) 9-6-6
Cash Five
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FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY — Senior Girl Scout Tressie Martin, right, correctly folds an American Flag for its proper disposal. Over several months, she collected several worn or damaged flags for a Girl Scout Flag Retirement ceremony, a project that completes her gold award, the highest award for Senior Girl Scouts. In June, she will be recognized in Austin with other scouts earning this award. Aiding in the ceremony are, from left, David Martin, her brother; David Martin, her father, and Judi Martin, her mother and Girl Scout leader. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Catalog firm sold to investment company

RYE, N.Y. (AP) — Lillian Vernon is selling the catalog company that she founded more than half a century ago at her kitchen table.

Lillian Vernon Corp., which has performed poorly in recent years, is being sold to Ripplewood Holdings, a Manhattan investment firm, for $60.5 million, the two parties said Wednesday.

The company, known for its thick catalogs featuring housewares, gadgets, knickknacks and garden ornaments, has performed poorly in recent years, with a loss of $9.1 million in 2002. The weak economy, compounded by the terrorist attacks of 2001 and the anthrax mail scare, dealt a blow to catalog sales.

Ripplewood is the financial backer of ZelnickMedia, which will manage Lillian Vernon. Strauss Zelnick, who will be chairman, said Ripplewood plans to take greater advantage of the Internet and television home shopping.

He said he expects the deal to close within three months, after approval from Lillian Vernon shareholders. Lillian Vernon herself, who at 75 is chairwoman and chief executive, and her son, David Hochberg, own 40 percent of the shares and will receive $24 million. She will retain a 5 percent stake in the company and be designated a "non-executive chairman."

Vernon founded the company in 1951 when she was pregnant and wanted to work. She used $2,000 of wedding gift money to start a mail order business out of her suburban Mount Vernon home selling embossed purses and belts.

She named the company Vernon Specialties after the town and later changed her name to match her company's.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North		04-17-03
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	♥ 5		
	♦ K 10 7 4 3		
	♣ A Q 8 2		
West		**East**	
♠ 10 8 6 5 4		♠ 9 7 2	
♥ 9 7 3		♥ A Q J 6 2	
♦ J 5		♦ A Q	
♣ 6 5 4		♣ 9 7 3	
	South		
	♠ Q J		
	♥ K 10 8 4		
	♦ 9 8 6 2		
	♣ K J 10		

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

Thursday, April 17, 2003

When should a defender falsecard?

By Phillip Alder

If you watch expert defenders in action, you will see them lead and signal accurately for the first few tricks, until each feels his side knows the key information. This, obviously, occasionally helps declarer, but you will witness an early defensive falsecard only when one player knows that his partner has a useless hand.

This deal occurred during the final of the Open Teams at the 2002 Norwegian Bridge Festival. Both tables got to three no-trump after the given auction. South's two-no-trump response was game-invitational, showing some 10 or 11 points (or a bad 12) with at least one heart stopper.

At the first table, West led the heart three, which was covered by the five, jack and king. The declarer, Odd Frydenberg, tried a diamond to dummy's king, but East won with the ace and returned the heart two. Judging the position correctly, the declarer put up his 10 and immediately claimed nine tricks: three spades, two hearts and four clubs.

At the other table, Havard Jensen (East) realized that his partner was, at best, playing third violin. So, at trick one, he put in the heart queen. South, after winning with his heart king, ran the diamond nine, but East won with the queen and led back the heart two. "Knowing" from trick one that West had the heart jack (when playing third hand high, one is supposed to play the bottom of equally high cards), declarer put in his eight. However, West won with the nine and returned a heart, giving the defense six tricks (four hearts and two diamonds) for two down.

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Deer strikes twice

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — It wasn't lightning that struck twice in the same place; it was a deer.

Workers and patrons at the Curves for Women fitness center saw the deer looking scared and disoriented early Monday.

The animal came running up and went through one window, then exited the same way, manager Tonia O'Hare said. The animal then came back and crashed through a second window, she said.

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.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 19112-35th; 7:30 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 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

Cosmorama Study Club; lunch at Garza Restaurant in Post at 12 and tour museum at 1 p.m.; hostesses, Betty Courtney and Tizzy Hall.

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

There are about 57 million children under the age of 15 in the U.S.

The greatest truths are the simplest—and so are the greatest men.

—Augustus Howe

Births

Elaine Nicole Pena was born April 11 in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater to Suzanne Pena. Elaine Nicole weighed five pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Ruben and Susie Pena.

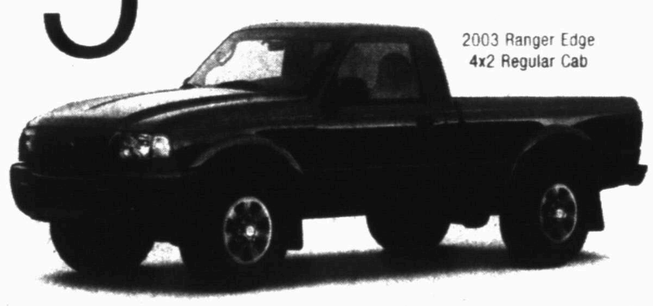
Jim and Janet Spence of Snyder announce the birth of their grandson, Eric James Seilhant. Parents are Wes and Jennifer Seilhant of Chanute, Kan. Eric was born at 10:13 p.m. on April 3, weighing seven pounds, two ounces. He was 19 inches long.

He was also welcomed by a sister, Jayla Nicole Seilhant; paternal grandparents, Buddy Seilhant and Marvin and L'Jean King, all of McKamey; and a great-grandmother, Bertha Holdridge of Snyder.

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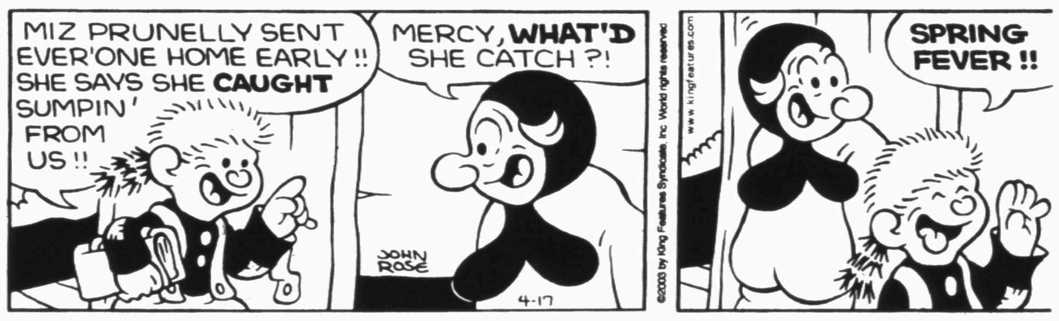
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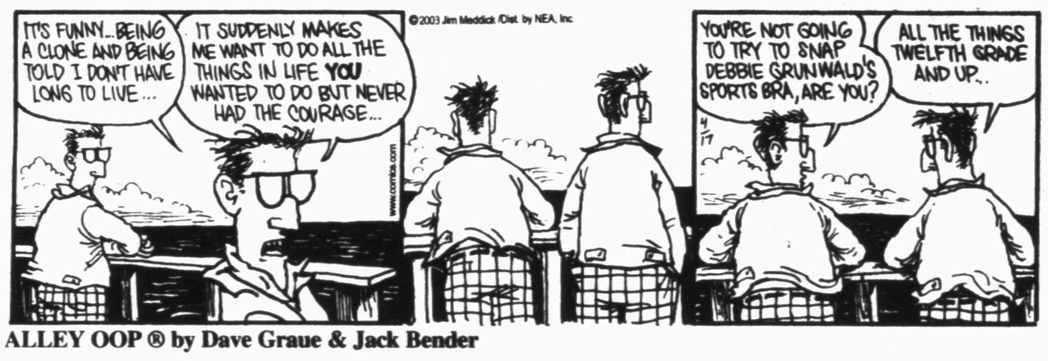
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13 Comment
15 Muss
16 Emergency
18 Years on end
19 Joke
21 Grant approval
22 Lalique or Russo
23 Verse forms
25 Green shade
28 Miss a syllable
30 Bonfire remains
31 Lick up
32 Andy Capp's wife
33 Play a part
35 Washstand items
37 W-2 info
38 The others
40 Robust
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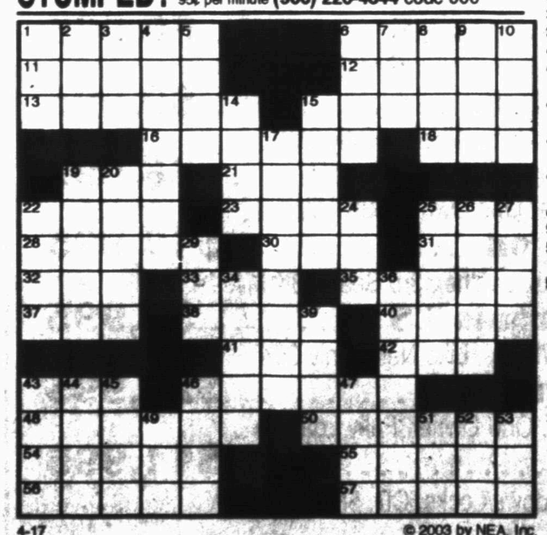
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SPORTS

Jordan: 'It's time to move on'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Jordan sat on the bench, smiling and joking with teammates as the sellout crowd chanted, "We want Mike! "We want Mike!"

Though he didn't want to go back in, Jordan wouldn't disappoint the fans in the final game of his NBA career.

Jordan pulled off his warmups, received yet another lengthy ovation, went back on the court, and was purposely fouled by Eric Snow. Fittingly, Jordan made his final two shots — both free throws.

One of the greatest players in NBA history, Jordan then exited for good with 1:44 remaining in the fourth quarter of Washington's 107-87 loss to Philadelphia on Wednesday night.

Another standing ovation followed, this one including the coaches and other players. Jordan flashed his familiar wide smile, waved to the crowd and took a seat on the bench one last time.

"It's time to move on," Jordan said. "It's easier to accept that because physically I know it and feel it."

Jordan finished with 15 points, four rebounds and four assists in 28 minutes — drawing several adoring ovations from a Philly crowd notorious for its boorish behavior.

The fans did boo, but only when they thought Jordan wasn't coming back into the game. He went to the bench with 4:13 left in third quarter, and didn't return until 2:35 remained in the game.

With the Sixers ahead by 21 points and 9½ minutes left, the chants of "We want Mike!" started. The chant grew louder as the period progressed with Jordan remaining seated, and fans ignored the game to stand and stare at the Wizards' bench, wondering why Jordan wasn't playing.

"The game didn't merit me going back in," Jordan said. "Obviously, they wanted to see me make a couple of baskets. That was very, very respectful."

While the fans implored Jordan to return, Wizards coach Doug Collins pleaded with him.

Jordan's final points almost looked scripted, with Snow fouling him in the backcourt for no apparent reason except to send him to the line.

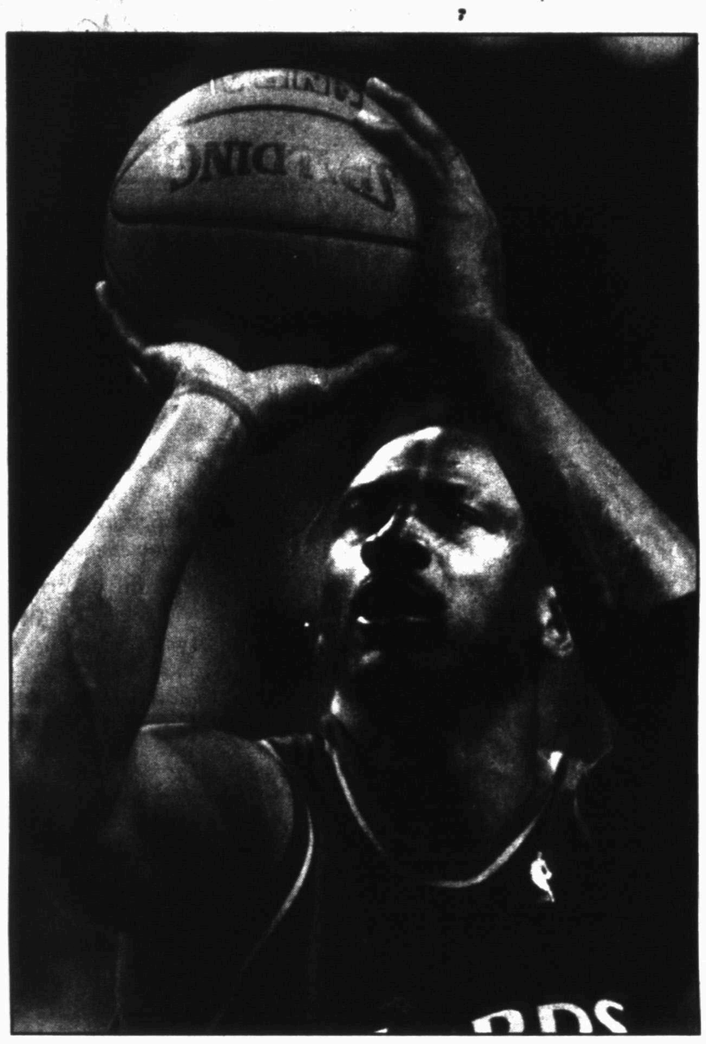
After both foul shots went in, the Wizards committed a foul a second later so that Jordan could be removed from the game and receive the proper send-off. In a rare scene, the players on the court turned to Jordan and applauded, too.

The 40-year-old Jordan would have preferred to end his career in the playoffs, but the Wizards never clicked during his two years in Washington and finished 37-45 in both seasons.

But that was merely a footnote on a stirring night in which the basketball public watched one of the greatest athletes in history playing the game one final time.

Jordan finished his career with 32,292 points — the third-highest total in league history, behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Karl Malone. Jordan's career average of 30.12 goes down as the best in NBA history, just ahead of Wilt Chamberlain's 30.07.

"I never, never took the game for granted. I was very true to the game, and the game was very true to me. It was just that simple," Jordan said.



LAST CALL — Michael Jordan nails a free throw on the final shot of his illustrious playing career. Jordan's Wizards failed to make the playoffs, and were beaten by the 76ers, 107-87. (AP Photo)

Anaheim slides past Texas, 9-8

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tim Salmon didn't want to run into an easy out for the Anaheim Angels, so he took a dive and avoided being tagged by Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez.

After that, Anaheim took advantage of a two-out error and scored four unearned runs, capping a wild seven-run eighth inning that gave them a 9-8 win over the Rangers on Wednesday night.

Rangers manager Buck Showalter and Rodriguez argued that Salmon went out of the baseline because he slid into the infield grass.

Rodriguez fielded the ball on the right side of second base and made a charge at Salmon. Rodriguez then threw to first thinking he had completed a double play, but umpire Jerry Layne ruled otherwise.

"Jerry's a good umpire. That's why I was surprised with the call," Showalter said. "I thought he should have been called out for a couple of reasons, but I'm not going to dwell on it."

Rodriguez left after the game without talking to reporters.

The Rangers never recovered after the disputed play. Anaheim sent 12 batters to the plate in the eighth, five of them after that.

"I heard the umpire say something like he missed me so that's when I popped up," Salmon said. "I think he (Showalter) was saying that I may have slid outside the baseline. But you could see my slide mark on the dirt. Half of my body may have been in the grass, but I slid in the dirt."

Darin Erstad and Salmon had consecutive RBI singles to make it 6-4 before Garret Anderson's grounder to Rodriguez. Erstad scored on the play and Salmon was replaced by pinch-runner Julio Ramirez.

Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said he didn't have a good angle from the third-base dugout but thought Salmon slid straight in his tracks.

Brad Fullmer was intentionally walked by Francisco Cordero (1-2) to load the bases. Scott Spiezio then hit a grounder that went through second baseman Michael Young's legs, allowing Ramirez to score the tying run.

Bengie Molina, who started the inning with a single, then hit a two-run single up the middle. Chone Figgins followed with an RBI single.

Molina almost left the game after being hit near his right elbow by a foul tip in the second. He was attended to by a trainer for several minutes before making a couple of throws and staying in the game.

"I was worried at first because I thought it was the bone and I couldn't feel my hand," Molina said. "Then, I figured they would test me."

On the next pitch, Young struck out swinging and Molina threw out Hank Blalock trying to steal second with a perfect throw.

"He got smoked, and then made a terrific throw on the next pitch," Scioscia said. "And he got the got the big hit."

Lady Tigers close out regular season

The Lady Tigers seniors will be honored today when Snyder closes out its regular season with Sweetwater at 5 p.m. at Cates Field.



Alvarez

Senior Jacque Alvarez (11-1) gets the start against the Lady Mustangs. She pitched a no-hitter against Sweetwater March 18, as the Lady Tigers set the tone for district with an emphatic 17-0 victory.

SISD Superintendent Dr. Ronny Collins will present the district trophy to the team following the conclusion of the contest.

Snyder (33-3, 9-0) is set to play District 1-3A second runner-up Perryton in the area playoff May 2 in Amarillo.

Head coach Shelley Hayes said the teams are working to find a field and time for the contest.

Mavs get 60th win; Spurs own top seed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks were not the opponent on the Spurs' mind.

San Antonio wrapped up the top seed in the Western Conference on Monday, and the Spurs appeared to be looking ahead to the playoffs in a 93-72 loss to Dallas on Wednesday night.

The Spurs gave Tim Duncan the night off to rest up for the first-round series against Phoenix.

Dallas, on the other hand, wanted its 60th win of the season, and got it behind Dirk Nowitzki's 25 points and 10 rebounds.

The victory gave the Mavericks, the No. 3 seed in the conference, a home-court advantage if they reach the second round of the playoffs.

"We had to play hard because we're looking forward to the second round," said Nowitzki, whose team will play Portland in the first round. "We want home court against Sacramento."

The Mavericks spent most of the season with the NBA's best record only to slide down the standings during an early April stretch in which they lost four out of five games.

"Right now our focus has to be to play tough and hard," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "We just have to control what we can control, and that is to continue to get better on the defensive end."

Duncan, San Antonio's top scorer and rebounder, and starting guard Stephen Jackson sat out the game after being placed on the injured list Wednesday to nurse minor ailments. Both will be in uniform when the Spurs host Phoenix this weekend.

The rest might be valuable. The Spurs defeated the eighth-seeded Suns only once in four tries this season.

"They don't play like a lot of other teams," Robinson said. "With a team like that, preparation is the key."

Leading by four at the half, Dallas quickly built its margin into double digits in the third quarter behind Nowitzki's eight points .

Detroit swept away by underdog Ducks

By the Associated Press

The Detroit Red Wings didn't even win a game.

The defending Stanley Cup champions were swept out the playoffs by the upstart Anaheim Mighty Ducks, with Steve Rucchin scoring 6:53 into overtime for a 3-2 victory Wednesday night.

It was the first time a defending champion was swept in four games in the first round since the Red Wings did it to Toronto in 1952 — before going on to win the Cup themselves.

The Red Wings lost all four games by one goal and Anaheim's Jean-Sebastien Giguere, in his first NHL playoffs, was the talk of both dressing rooms.

"Obviously, it's a big upset. When you look back, I don't think it's any secret that it was one guy that won the series for them — and he was between the pipes," Detroit's Mathieu Schneider said. "He was great, and he was lucky. That's playoff hockey."

Elsewhere, it was Philadelphia 3, Toronto 2 in three overtimes; Tampa Bay 3, Washington 1; Ottawa 3, the New York Islanders 1; Colorado 3, Minnesota 1, and St. Louis 4, Vancouver 1.

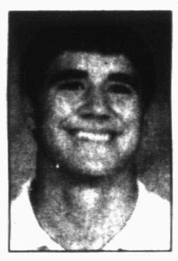
The Red Wings had a new coach, former assistant Dave Lewis, and a new goalie.

Curtis Joseph, signed as a free agent during the offseason as a replacement for the retired Dominik Hasek, faced 120 shots in the series and allowed 10 goals in the four games against Anaheim, a 2.07 goals-against average.

Giguere, however, faced 171 shots and stopped 165, a 1.24 GAA.

SHS grad earns diamond award

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State outfielder Brandon McGuire was named Lone Star Conference South Division Hitter of the Week Wednesday. McGuire, a 2002 graduate of Sndyer High School, went 12 for 21 (.571) with a home-run, four doubles, five runs scored and nine RBI to lead Tarleton to a perfect 5-0 record in last week's action.



McGuire

McGuire has raised his team-leading batting average to .385 for the season.The Texans, now 27-22 overall and 15-6 in LSC play, lead the LSC South division, and has clinched a postseason berth.

Sports Briefs

Man who attacked ump charged with felony

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who ran onto the field and attacked an umpire during a game between the Kansas City Royals and the Chicago White Sox was charged with felony aggravated battery.

Eric Dybas also was charged with misdemeanor criminal trespassing for attacking first base umpire Laz Diaz at the end of the eighth inning in Tuesday night's game in Chicago.

Seua traded to Dolphins

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Linebacker Junior Seau joined the Miami Dolphins after passing a physical, completing a long-anticipated trade with the San Diego Chargers.

The Dolphins sent a conditional 2004 draft choice to San Diego in return for Seau, a 12-time Pro Bowl selection.

Girls softball late signup

The late sign-up for girls softball will be today from 5:30 to 8 at Texas Savings Bank.

Sammy Baugh golf tourney

The 11th annual "Slingin'" Sammy Baugh golf tournament will be held April 26 at the WTC golf course.

Format is four-person scramble and the tax-deductible fee is $140 per team. Shotgun starts set for 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top four teams, with proceeds from the tournament to benefit the SISD boys and girls golf programs. Sammy Baugh will compete in this tournament.

Teams may register at the WTC pro shop. Entry deadline is April 25.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at the Scurry County golf course. Format is low net twosomes.

Pro-am tournament

The Scurry County golf course will host a pro-am tournament Monday. Tee times are 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

National Hockey League
Daily Playoff Glance
All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Monday, April 14
Colorado 3, Minnesota 0
Ottawa 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, 2OT
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3, 2OT
St. Louis 3, Vancouver 1
Anaheim 2, Detroit 1

Tuesday, April 15
Boston 5, New Jersey 1, New Jersey leads series 3-1
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3, OT
Dallas 3, Edmonton 1, series tied 2-2

Wednesday, April 16
Tampa Bay 3, Washington 1, series tied 2-2
Ottawa 3, N.Y. Islanders 1, Ottawa leads series 3-1
Colorado 3, Minnesota 1, Colorado leads series 3-1
St. Louis 4, Vancouver 1, St. Louis leads series 3-1
Philadelphia 3, Toronto 2, 3OT, series tied 2-2
Anaheim 3, Detroit 2, OT, Anaheim wins series 4-0

Thursday, April 17
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
Toronto at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 3 p.m.

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Saturday, April 19
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 12:30 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 20
Orlando at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Monday, April 21
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24
Indiana at Boston, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 11 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Detroit at Orlando, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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DATED the 7th day of April, 2003.

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Seven rescued American POWs arrive at U.S. base in Germany

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AP) — A smiling Army Spc. Shoshana Johnson of Fort Bliss was carried out on a stretcher from a plane and taken for medical examinations at a military hospital Wednesday night along with six other American POWs who were rescued in Iraq.

The seven, all from posts in Texas, were brought on a C-141 transport aircraft from Kuwait to this U.S. base, the latest stop on their return home after three weeks in Iraqi captivity.

Six of the former POWs, dressed in military fatigues, walked down the aircraft's rear ramp, two of them shaking hands with air base workers and three waving at reporters who waited about 50 yards away.

Johnson, who was shot in the foot during the ambush that led to her comrade's capture, was carried off the plane on a stretcher, partly covered by a blue blanket and wearing fatigues. Smiling and wearing a blue baseball cap, the 30-year-old, was greeted by applause from a group of about 20 air base workers.

The seven boarded a blue bus with red cross symbols for the trip to the nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Five of the freed prisoners were comrades of former POW Jessica Lynch from the U.S. Army's 507th Maintenance Support Company at Fort Bliss, the other two were freed Apache helicopter pilots from the 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment at Fort Hood.

None of the group was expected to stay long at Landstuhl. Also wounded was Spc. Edgar Hernandez, 21, of Mission who was shot in the elbow.

The transport plane that brought them also carried 41 wounded soldiers, about half of whom had combat injuries.

Whether the seven former POWs will return to the United States together depends on their medical conditions, Landstuhl spokeswoman Marie Shaw said.

"Most seem to be in very good health," Shaw said. "First we have to see them."

Since reaching Kuwait on Sunday after their dramatic rescue from a house south of the Iraqi city of Tikrit, the former POWs have been kept away from news media and undergone medical checks, both physical and mental, and debriefings.

The freed members of the 507th are Johnson, Hernandez; Spc. Joseph Hudson, 23, of Alamogordo, N.M.; Pfc. Patrick Miller, 23, of Park City, Kan.; and Sgt. James Riley, 31, of Pennsauken, N.J.

The freed pilots are Chief Warrant Officer David S. Williams, 30, of Orlando, Fla., and Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Young Jr., 26, of Lithia Springs, Ga..

Landstuhl is the largest U.S. military hospital outside the United States, and so far has treated more than 200 patients with battlefield injuries from the war in Iraq.

Among them was Lynch, who was flown back to the United States on Saturday.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Hypertension and weight training

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 44 and taking medicine for hypertension. I've been lifting weights for the past 12 years with my doctor's approval. However, recent media reports emphasize that straining can worsen high blood pressure and should be avoided by hypertensives. Must I forgo my workouts?

DEAR READER: No, but you may need to alter them.

Straining raises the blood pressure. Therefore, most authorities agree that power-lifting or the strenuous use of weights is inadvisable for patients with hypertension.

On the other hand, if you use relatively light weights and engage in repetitions, you're probably not harming yourself. In addition, when you lift, exhale; this maneuver will prevent you from straining too hard.

Be sure to describe your weight-lifting workout to your doctor. Depending on the seriousness of your hypertension, he or she may advise you to modify your training program or engage in alternative conditioning pursuits, such as running, swimming and bicycling.

According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, March 13, 2003, page D1, the weight-lifting fitness craze in the United States may have produced negative consequences, such as strokes and aneurysms, in people who over-do. For example, medical authorities at Yale University School of Medicine and the Stanford University Medical Center recommend that people over 40 should bench press no more than half their body weights.

For most hypertensives, exercise is beneficial. Also, blood pressure can be lowered by maintaining an ideal body weight and limiting salt consumption.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I love your "no sugar, no flour" diet, but have a question about the sugar. Are you referring to "sugar added" only? Does the prohibition include natural sweeteners, such as dairy products and fruit?

DEAR READER: If the label mentions glucose, sucrose, corn syrup (commercial sweetener) or "sugar added," avoid the product. Natural fruit sugars (fructose) and milk sugar (lactose) are acceptable. The purpose of the diet is to reduce unnecessary calories. Thus, table sugar (cane sugar), which is commonly added to processed foods, is best avoided.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Weight Loss" to include my "no flour, no sugar" diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 43-year-old man who had a dozen lipomas removed from my abdomen a few years ago. Since then, about 35 more have appeared on my arms, back and chest. Is liposuction an option I should consider, and how do I prevent them from occurring in the future?

DEAR READER: Lipomas are soft, painless, movable nodules of fat under the skin. They commonly form on the trunk, forearms and back of the neck, more frequently in men than in women. The cause is unknown, and there is no preventive therapy.

These benign, fatty tumors rarely cause symptoms and do not have to be removed unless they are cosmetically unsightly or become inflamed because of their location — under belt-lines or bra-straps, for example. In very rare instances, lipomas can undergo malignant change; therefore, rapidly growing lesions should be biopsied or surgically excised.

Liposuction, a technique to vacuum out fatty material through a hollow needle, is a method frequently used to remove lipomas that are large or annoying, enabling patients to avoid major surgery. However, most people with lipomas prefer to leave them alone and forgo the discomfort and expense of surgical treatment. Follow your primary care physician's advice about whether you need surgery or liposuction.

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	High	Low	Last	
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AOL TimeWrn	12.80	12.29	12.46	—.02
AT&T Corp rs	14.24	13.52	14.16	+ .50
Albertsons	18.35	18.09	18.27	+ .07
Alltel	46.30	45.99	46.26	+ .02
AmEl Pw	24.96	24.79	24.88	+ .06
AndarkPtr	45.65	44.74	45.50	+ .63
ATMOS Egy	21.93	21.75	21.75	+ .10
Aviall	8.13	8.01	8.05	+ .03
BP PLC	38.98	38.65	38.95	+ .39
BakerHughes	27.85	26.95	27.65	+ .44
Bank of Amer	72.35	71.90	72.20	+ .21
BellSouth	22.20	21.82	21.95	—.13
BurlNoSFe	26.67	26.48	26.64	—.03
Caterpillar	51.25	50.40	50.80	—.61
CenterPoint	7.55	7.45	7.49	+ .09
ChevronTex	63.95	63.45	63.84	+ .34
Citigroup	38.48	37.91	38.40	+ .14
CocaCola	40.33	38.91	40.06	+ .16
ColgatePal	56.35	54.85	55.37	—.98
CmclMetals s	14.87	14.72	14.74	+ .02
ConocoPhill	51.27	50.77	51.18	+ .41
Cooper Inds	37.40	36.80	37.33	+ .61
DaimlrChry	32.22	31.91	32.07	+ .73
DeltaAirl	12.06	9.50	11.59	+ 1.10
Dillards Inc	13.01	12.85	13.00	+ .15
DowChem	29.98	29.65	29.97	+ .27
DuPont	40.59	40.25	40.50	+ .25
EastmanChem	29.50	29.28	29.42	+ .12
EstKodak	31.24	30.77	30.94	—.18
EDS Corp	17.83	17.64	17.75	—.05
Entergy	48.05	47.65	47.72	—.03
ExxonMobil	34.78	34.47	34.76	+ .07
FootLocker	10.41	10.20	10.41	+ .16
GenDynam	59.22	58.56	58.68	+ .40
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GaPacific	14.12	13.82	14.05	+ .08
Goodrich	14.43	14.19	14.24	—.14
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Halliburtn	20.49	19.98	20.47	+ .20
Hanson ADS	26.14	25.80	26.14	+ .91
HarteHanks s	17.92	17.74	17.75	+ .19
HomeDepot	27.25	26.80	27.14	+ .49
Honeywellntl	22.09	21.45	21.95	—.43
IBM	83.00	81.89	82.66	—.22
IntlPaper	33.56	33.17	33.39	—.05
JohnsonJn	55.44	54.50	55.19	+ .80
KinderMorg	45.35	44.79	45.30	+ 1.07
Kroger Co	13.88	13.70	13.80	+ .11
LockheedM	44.95	44.35	44.65	+ .30
Lowes Cos	45.10	44.33	45.10	+ .40
Lubys	1.27	1.27	1.27	+ .01
LucentTech	1.50	1.46	1.46	—.03
MarathonOil	23.35	22.93	23.31	+ .19
MayDeptStr	20.35	19.93	20.29	+ .17
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Scripps EW	78.45	78.06	78.33	—.07
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SherwinW	27.73	27.50	27.62	+ .07
SouthernCo	28.67	28.53	28.55	—.01
SwstAirl	15.39	15.19	15.28	+ .03
SprintFON	11.19	10.93	11.18	+ .01
SprintPCS	4.31	4.12	4.30	+ .22
Sunoco Inc	37.59	37.13	37.55	+ .35
TXU Corp	18.00	17.87	17.92	—.19
TempleInland	41.94	41.44	41.58	+ .08
Textind	19.58	19.40	19.40	—.04
TexasInst	19.00	18.62	18.83	—.17
Textron	29.50	28.99	29.47	+ .61
TrinityInds	15.44	15.17	15.24	—.05
TylerTech	3.87	3.80	3.80	+ .02
UnionPacif	58.40	57.72	58.38	—.35
USSteel	12.14	11.95	12.14	+ .16
UnitedTech	62.99	60.51	60.57	—1.70
Unocal	26.89	26.59	26.83	+ .24
VerizonComm	33.42	32.80	33.10	—.23
WalMart	55.15	54.37	54.99	+ .45
WellsFargo	47.07	46.70	46.96	+ .22
WstnGasRs	34.70	34.31	34.63	+ .33
WinnDixie	12.66	12.48	12.54	—.12
Xerox Cp	8.95	8.82	8.86	—.10
YumBrands s	24.70	24.31	24.43	+ .10

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Co-workers raise money to help mom visit injured son, a soldier

CONROE (AP) — A Southeast Texas woman whose son was injured in Iraq is traveling to Washington, D.C., to visit him at a military hospital.

Bonnie Lara has her co-workers at a Montgomery County car dealership to thank for the trip she's making today. They raised enough money to buy her plane ticket and to give her $750 for expenses.

Lara's son, Dennis Wallace, an infantryman, was wounded when his convoy, the 3rd Battalion of the 3rd Infantry Division, attacked the Baghdad airport.

Wallace, 20, was shot by a rifle round that grazed his spine and temporarily paralyzed his legs, Lara said.

"When I heard from his wife that he'd been wounded, it just took the legs out from under me," she said. "I'd been so afraid, and now my fears had come to pass."

Wallace has 42 staples in his body — six in his back to close the exit wound and the rest in his stomach area where doctors performed exploratory surgery to make sure none of his major organs had been hit, his mother said.

"His legs are numb right now, but he can wiggle his toes, so we know he'll come through this all right," Lara told The Courier in Conroe.

She said she didn't push her son, who will celebrate his 21st birthday Tuesday, for too much information during their conversation.

Lara was told about the injury last week and learned Tuesday that Wallace would be leaving a U.S. base in Germany to return to the United States.

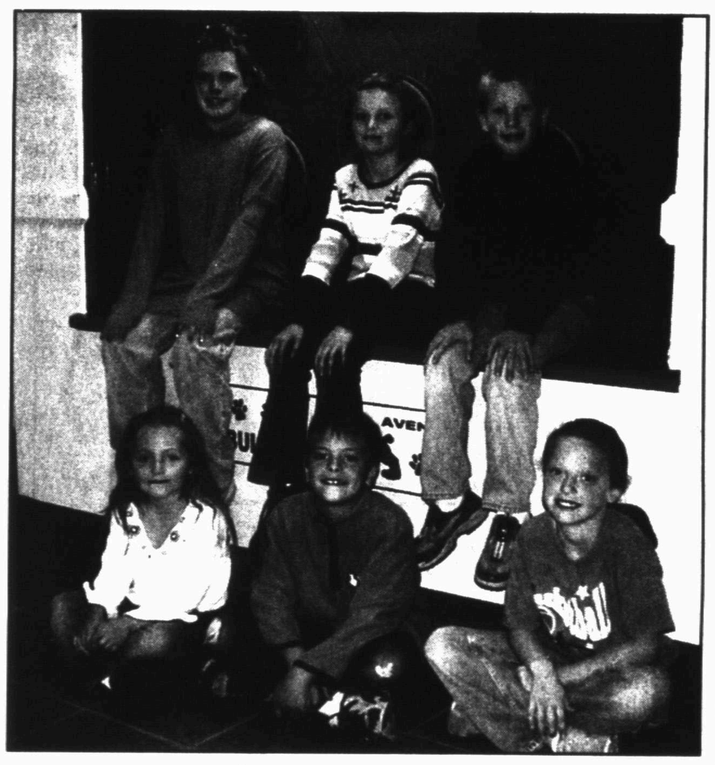
Lara, who hasn't seen her son in almost five months, was worried about how she would get to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., to see her son. Concerned co-workers rallied Tuesday to raise the money for her trip and presented her with the gift on Wednesday.

A teary-eyed Lara, who has worked as a make-ready manager in charge of preparing the dealership's new-car inventory for sale and delivery for five years, was grateful.

General manager Howell Weisner said the gesture grew out of the common bond felt by the company's 200 or so employees.

"We're a big family — it's how we are here."

Wallace was once part of that family.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART — Ira students recently raised $236 for the American Heart Association with its annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Winners in each grade K-5 were: (back row) Averie Pearcy, 5th grade; Laramie Gilbert, 4th grade; Travis Hartman, 3rd grade; (front row) Savannah Umphress, kindergarten; Kurt Shafer, 1st grade; and Sarah Kellner, 2nd grade. Pearcy won the 4th and 5th grade contest. Hartman won the 2nd and 3rd grade contest. Shafer won the kindergarten and 1st grade contest. (Contributed Photo)

Sniper suspect in trouble for letter

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo is facing more disciplinary action in jail after allegedly writing a letter to another inmate saying that a deputy sheriff should be "fatally injured," jail officials said.

Malvo, 18, is being held at the Fairfax County jail on capital murder charges in the Oct. 14 shooting of Linda Franklin, 47, outside a Home Depot store.

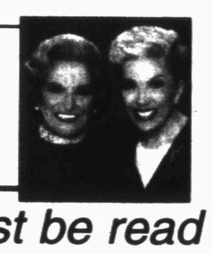
Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, have been linked to 20 shootings last year, including 13 deaths, in Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and the District of Columbia.



GOOD THROW — Alexis McNiel was one of the students at Northeast Elementary who paid for chances to throw wet sponges at Malcolm Crawford, coach Chris Porter and Joe Green. The activity was a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Principal Carmen Carpenter stands behind Alexis. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



'Prenup' offers protection, but it first must be read

DEAR ABBY: I hope the woman whose niece is marrying the rich doctor who wants her to sign a prenup sees my letter. When "Harold" and I married, he had considerably more property and a bigger income than I did. I wanted him and his adult children to know I wasn't after his money, so I volunteered to sign a prenuptial agreement.

Harold's attorney drew up the agreement, and I foolishly signed it without reading it. I assumed that anything either of us owned prior to our marriage would remain our respective personal properties — but that after we married, we'd accumulate assets together.

Early on, it became clear that Harold wanted our finances kept separate. We never had a joint checking account, and he made me feel like I needed his permission to spend a penny. So I kept my job and never once asked Harold for money.

Well, I finally got around to reading the agreement I had signed. To my astonishment, it specified that we would never own anything jointly, nor have access to anything the other acquired during our marriage. I was crushed. In my eyes, that document made a mockery of our union. I told Harold I didn't know I had married someone who cared so little about my welfare. He maintained that the agreement was a standard prenup.

After that, I knew I had to "make my own way." I divorced Harold, got a higher-paying job and bought a home. I feel more secure now than I did during our entire marriage.

The sad part is, Harold and I always got along great. It was only our difference of opinion about money that wrecked our marriage. Now I am asking myself if I made too big a deal over the whole thing. Abby, your opinion, please. — **ON MY OWN IN TEXAS**

DEAR ON YOUR OWN: A prenuptial agreement is supposed to be a pact that is satisfactory to both parties regarding the division of property should anything happen to either one of them or to the marriage. Such agreements are usually negotiated, and as with any legal document, should not be signed unless it has been carefully read and understood — and checked by an independent attorney. Your mistake was not taking the document to a lawyer of your own and having it explained to you before signing it.

In my opinion, Harold took advantage of your trust. And no, you did not make "too big a deal" out of the whole thing. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I used to be against prenuptial agreements. Now, after a nasty divorce from my ex, who bilked me out of my inheritance from my grandmother and walked away with 90 percent of the assets we acquired during our marriage, I'm sorry I didn't insist on one. I have since remarried, and thought you'd like to know how my current husband describes a prenup: He says the agreement is like saying, "I love you so much that I'm willing to protect you from what 'I' might do if we ever split up." In essence, you are protecting not only yourself, but the person you love. A noble sentiment to be sure. — **HAPPILY MARRIED WITH TWO KIDS**

DEAR HAPPILY MARRIED: The document actually does more than that, but I like your husband's definition. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I signed a prenup with my fiance before we married. It was nerve-racking, but we worked it out. The document protects us both. It gave my fiance the peace of mind that I loved him, not his money. And it protects me because I know I'll have financial stability should we ever divorce. My parents thought I was foolish to sign it, but I think they were foolish to object. — **SECURE AND HAPPY**

DEAR SECURE AND HAPPY: You're not only secure and happy, but you are also a smart woman.

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Embargo sought for Iraqi artifacts

PARIS (AP) — The United Nations should impose a temporary embargo on Iraqi cultural objects, and "heritage police" should be set up in Iraq to prevent further looting of the country's antiquities, the head of UNESCO said today.

Koichiro Matsuura, director-general of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, made the proposals at the start of a meeting of experts trying to save Iraq's cultural treasures.

Iraq's top museums were looted and the National Library was burned in the aftermath of the U.S.-led invasion. Looters pillaged the irreplaceable Babylonian, Sumerian and Assyrian collections that chronicled ancient civilization in Mesopotamia.

Matsuura said there is an urgent need to keep the treasures from falling into the hands of those who traffic in stolen objects.

He said he would ask U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to seek a resolution imposing an embargo on the acquisition of Iraqi cultural objects.

Date Book

Thursday, April 17, 2003

Today is the 107th day of 2003 and the 29th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1949, "The Fred Waring Show" made its television debut.

On this day in 1961, the Bay of Pigs was launched, during which more than 1,500 U.S.-backed Cuban exiles staged an unsuccessful campaign to overthrow Fidel Castro.

On this day in 1975, the Khmer Rouge captured Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, thus beginning Pol Pot's brutal campaign against the people of Cambodia that left as many as two million Cambodian's dead.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Chase (1741-1811), signer of the Declaration of Independence; Thornton Wilder (1897-1975), playwright; Rod Steiger (1925-2002), actor; Olivia Hussey (1951-), actress, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, Mickey Mantle hit a home-run shot that was measured at 565 feet.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Ninety-nine percent of the people in the world are fools and the rest of us are in great danger of contagion." — Thornton Wilder

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 16) and last quarter (April 23).

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Today's chuckle

Man picked the wrong bank to rob

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The suspect in a bank robbery made it easy — and very convenient — for the authorities to arrest him.



The man allegedly robbed a bank located in the same downtown building as the local FBI office. The bank is also across the street from the city police department.

"If you rob the bank in the same building as the FBI, it won't take long," Assistant U.S. Attorney John Green said.

Jonathan Waldon was charged in federal court with attempted bank robbery, which carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Police say a man entered the American National Bank on Tuesday morning, said he had a bomb and demanded $50,000. The man was arrested inside the bank.

No bomb or other weapons were found, Green said.

On Tuesday, U.S. Magistrate William C. Beaman ordered Waldon to undergo a mental evaluation, which was requested by Waldon's public defender.

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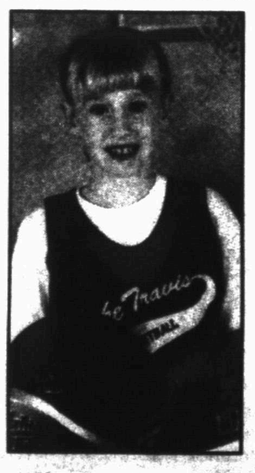
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

U.S. congressmen meet with Arafat

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — A U.S. congressional delegation met Yasser Arafat today in the first high-level American visit since Washington effectively boycotted the Palestinian leader last year.

The meeting came as the newly appointed Palestinian Prime Minister, Mahmoud Abbas, moved closer to naming his government. A new Cabinet is a requirement for the unveiling of a U.S.-backed "road map" to peace.

The congressmen also met with Abbas. On Sunday, the delegation would meet with Syrian President Basher Assad. Senior U.S. officials have accused Syria of providing Iraq with war material and harboring terrorists.

"We had a very good meeting with Arafat, and he is fully committed to the peace process," said Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif. "There is a road map that has been worked out ... and we should now pursue peace."

Jeffery Feltman, a spokesman for U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem, said the State Department did not sanction the visit.

"The administration does not believe that Mr. Arafat is an interlocutor for peace," he said.

Issa was joined by Reps. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., and Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y.

Rahall said Arafat agreed to share power with Abbas, known as Abu Mazen.

"That is what the three of us told him," Rahall said. "He has to give Abu Mazen the freedom and authority to lead the Palestinians in this final phase. Arafat agreed."

Last June, President Bush followed Israel's lead, boycotting talks with Arafat and saying Palestinian statehood was dependent on his resignation.

Another U.S. aircraft carrier leaves Gulf as war winds down

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second U.S. Navy aircraft carrier departed the Persian Gulf today, leaving only the USS Nimitz battle group on station in the Gulf, defense officials.

With the air campaign winding down, both the Navy and the Air Force are bringing aircraft home to allow pilots and crews a respite after one of the most intense air campaigns in history.

The USS Constellation, on its final overseas mission before going into retirement, left the Gulf today, one day after the carrier USS Kitty Hawk departed for its homeport in Yokosuka, Japan, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Two other carriers that participated in the air war from positions in the eastern Mediterranean — the USS Harry S. Truman and the USS Theodore Roosevelt — are going to alternate on port visits in the Mediterranean in coming days but not head home yet, the officials said.

The war's commander, Gen. Tommy Franks, briefed President Bush from inside one of Saddam Hussein's palaces in Baghdad Wednesday. In visible disgust at the opulence, Franks said, "It's the oil for palace program" — a biting reference to the U.N. oil-for-food effort.

At the Pentagon, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said Franks probably would move some sort of military headquarters operation into Iraq soon.

"Whether it will be located in Baghdad proper, I can't say," McChrystal, vice director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters. "But at some point, I think as he transitions to the next phase, he would probably recommend and stand up that kind of headquarters and put it right within Iraq."

The head of U.S. reconstruction efforts in Iraq, retired Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, also is expected to move his headquarters into Iraq from Kuwait soon. Garner held a meeting Tuesday in the ancient city of Ur to bring together about 80 representatives of various groups within Iraq to begin discussions about a post-Saddam government.

In northern Iraq, a confrontation under murky circumstances around a bank in the city of Mosul Wednesday left three Iraqis dead. Some Iraqis charged they were innocent victims shot down when local police tried to drive away looters.

Man arrested for assault

•Arrest

Snyder officers arrested Javier F. Alfaro, 27, of 3501 Irving Ave. at 12:06 a.m. today on felony charges of assault, family violence.

•Assault

9-1-1 operators received an emergency call from a child reporting that his father was assaulting his mother. Two officers responded to the residence and advised an offense report for assault, family violence would be submitted.

•Disturbances

A man requested officers at 3 p.m. Wednesday to contact his mother and advise her not to return to his residence. He reported that they had a verbal altercation and officers advised they would attempt to contact the woman.

At 5:10 p.m., a woman on Ave. V reported three male juveniles creating a disturbance. Officers contacted the kids and advised them not to return to that location.

A woman in the 1200 block of Harlan requested an officer at 6:10 p.m., in reference to receiving threatening calls from a male subject.

At 7:20 p.m. a woman reported a vehicle parked in the alley in the 3700 block of Ave. U and advised that the driver and his family were verbally harassing her. A close patrol was initiated.

A woman reported at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday that she was involved in a verbal altercation with a male subject when he produced a handgun. She advised the man left her residence when she told him she was calling the police.

The woman said she would call again if he returned and officers advised they would attempt to locate the man.

•Close patrol

A man reported a possible break-in in the 1200 block of 25th Street Wednesday evening and reported finding drug paraphernalia in a vacant house. Officers responded and confiscated the items and initiated a close patrol.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at McD's reported a gas drive off at 1:08 p.m. Wednesday in the amount of $33.

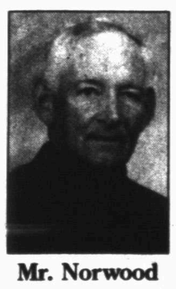
Obituaries

Dexter Norwood

1935-2003

Gerald Dexter Norwood, 68, died Tuesday, April 15, at his home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mr. Norwood is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Slaters Chapel Cemetery south of Sweetwater.



Mr. Norwood

Born March 6, 1935 in Hull, Mass., Mr. Norwood married Dorthey Hanks on Sept. 5, 1997 in Abilene. A resident of Snyder since 1989, Mr. Norwood was retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Dorthey Norwood of Snyder; his mother, Martha Norwood of Boothbay Harbor, Maine; three daughters, Brenda Sue Threadgill of Anton, Tammy Lynn Early of Sugar Land and Tracie Diane Norwood of Brewton, Ala.; a son, Gerald Brian Norwood of Humble; three stepsons, James Hanks of Irving, Richard Hanks of Abilene and Bob Hanks of Snyder; a stepdaughter, Suzy Hanks of Snyder; two brothers, Ralph Norwood of South Bristol, Maine and Robert Norwood of Boothbay Harbor; four sisters, Priscilla Reece of Hingham, Mass., Wanda Bridges of South Deerfield, Mass., Faye Anchor and Georgia Emerson, both of Boothbay Harbor; four grandchildren, Matthew and Jason Early of Sugar Land and Richard Hanks and Cathy Giron, both of Abilene.

The family suggests memorials to the Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring 79720; or to Gideons International, Box 534 in Snyder.

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Ennis Powell

1913-2003

Funeral service for Ennis Powell, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. William Jackson of Tatum, N.M., will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.



Ennis Powell

Mr. Powell, 90, died Monday, April 14, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born on April 14, 1913, in Waskom, Tex., he married Willie Mae Bell on Sept. 13, 1962 in Snyder. She died in 1981.

Mr. Powell was a self-employed contractor.

Survivors include one sister, Ethel Powell of Reno, Nev.; three nephews, Tony Davis of Dallas, Roderick Hamlett of Snyder and William Powell of Reno; two nieces, Kay Davis of Dallas and Veronica Powell of Reno; one sister-in-law, Ola Powell of Reno.

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Dorothy Prescott

1922-2003

ASPERMONT — Dorothy Marie Prescott, the aunt of Robert Potter of Snyder, died Tuesday, April 15, in a Rotan nursing home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Prescott, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Aspermont First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jason Covington officiating. Burial will follow in the Aspermont Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born in Caraway, Ark., she married Eldon "Slim" Prescott on March 3, 1942. She was a homemaker and had been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1944.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Eula Murry.

Survivors also include her husband, Slim Prescott of Aspermont; and two brothers, Albert McDowell of Vicksburg, Mich., and Clint McDowell of Chester, Va.

SARS likely spread through sewage pipes

HONG KONG (AP) — A SARS patient with diarrhea infected other people in a Hong Kong apartment complex as the disease apparently spread into homes through a sewage pipe linked to poorly sealed water drains, an official report said today.

Also today, India, the world's second most populous nation, confirmed its first case of severe acute respiratory syndrome — a man who recently visited Hong Kong and Singapore.

Universities in Beijing canceled some classes, and officials in both China and Singapore said economic growth would slow as a result of the flu-like illness.

SARS has killed at least 166 people worldwide, out of more than 3,000 infected. Symptoms include fever, shortness of breath, coughing, chills and body aches.

Mainland China and Hong Kong have reported 65 deaths each. Singapore has 15 SARS deaths, Canada 13, Vietnam five, Thailand two and Malaysia one.

The outbreak at Hong Kong's Amoy Gardens apartment complex has been the most alarming in the former British colony, where the disease has infected 1,297 people. Four new deaths and 29 new cases were reported in the territory today.

About 40 percent of the 324 SARS cases at Amoy Gardens occurred in one building, called Block E. The disease was brought to the building by an infected man who visited his brother there on March 14 and March 19, Health Secretary Dr. Yeoh Eng-kiong said.

As more people came down with SARS, contaminated feces spread the virus into bathrooms through malfunctioning seals between a sewage drain and water pipes. Fans apparently helped suck the virus particles into homes, he said.

The disease apparently also was spread through person-to-person contact and possibly by rats and cockroaches, Yeoh told a news conference.

"They were just passive, mechanical carriers," Yeoh said, adding that rats captured by the investigators did not come down with SARS symptoms.

In India, officials said a 32-year-old man in the west coast state of Goa caught SARS after traveling to Hong Kong and Singapore. India's government has been slow in imposing screening of airline passengers from SARS-affected countries.

Air travel has been instrumental in spreading SARS around the globe. Singapore has begun scanning incoming air passengers for fever using military-grade heat sensors adapted for the war on SARS, while Hong Kong is taking the temperature of anyone boarding a plane.

Malaysia lifted restrictions imposed last week on tourists from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam and Canada because it is satisfied with efforts in those places to contain SARS, an official said.

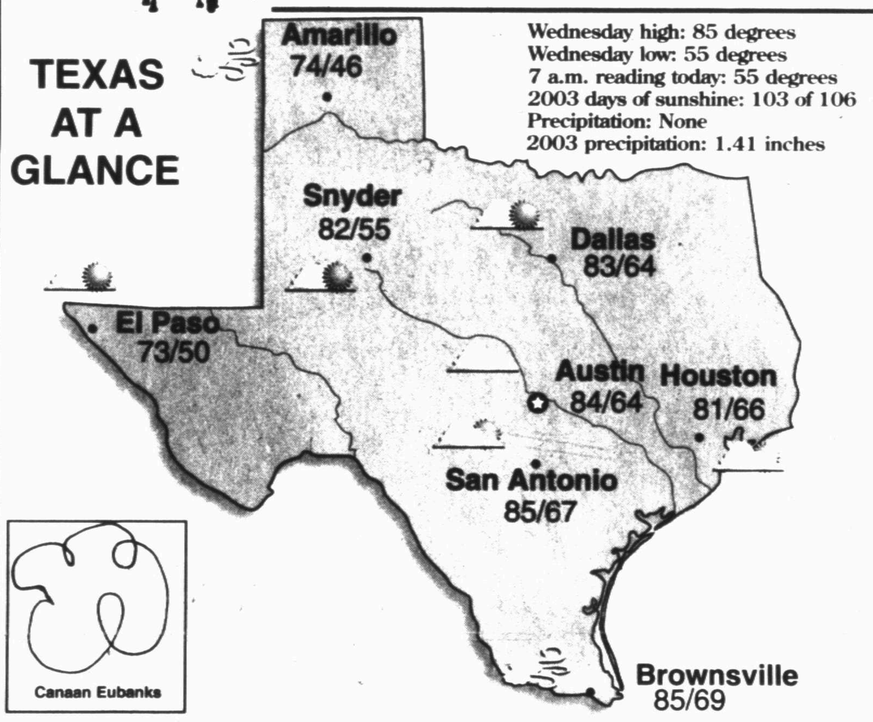
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 4/18	Sat 4/19	Sun 4/20
82/55	78/46	77/46
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 82F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise 7:11 AM, Sunset 8:16 PM	Sunrise 7:10 AM, Sunset 8:16 PM	Sunrise 7:09 AM, Sunset 8:17 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 85 degrees
Wednesday low: 55 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 55 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 103 of 106
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	60	pt sunny	El Paso	73	50	pt sunny	Midland	82	54	mst sunny
Amarillo	74	46	windy	Fort Stockton	86	56	mst sunny	Raymondville	87	67	windy
Austin	84	64	cloudy	Gainesville	82	60	t-storm	Rosenberg	82	66	cloudy
Beaumont	81	64	pt sunny	Greenville	82	61	pt sunny	San Antonio	85	67	cloudy
Brownsville	85	69	windy	Houston	81	66	cloudy	San Marcos	84	65	cloudy
Brownwood	88	62	pt sunny	Kingsville	85	67	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	82	60	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	81	69	cloudy	Livingston	82	62	cloudy	Sweetwater	85	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	63	cloudy	Longview	82	60	cloudy	Tyler	83	63	cloudy
Dallas	83	64	pt sunny	Lubbock	80	50	windy	Weatherford	83	60	pt sunny
Del Rio	89	68	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	63	cloudy	Wichita Falls	82	58	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	55	pt sunny	Houston	81	66	cloudy	Phoenix	72	55	cloudy
Boston	45	40	cloudy	Los Angeles	64	51	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	48	windy
Chicago	59	48	cloudy	Miami	82	70	pt sunny	Seattle	52	41	cloudy
Dallas	83	64	pt sunny	Minneapolis	53	45	cloudy	St. Louis	72	60	pt sunny
Denver	59	29	rain	New York	46	43	cloudy	Washington, DC	58	51	rain

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 4/18	Sat 4/19	Sun 4/20
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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Father wants soldier's funeral held at boy's home in Georgia

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Edward Jason Korn came to the Bethesda Home for Boys in 1984 as a troubled 12-year-old suffering through his father's second divorce.

The rambunctious youth spent five years attending school and working the farm on Bethesda's 500-acre campus, and grew up to be an Army captain. He came back for the last time Wednesday, in a flag-draped casket bound for Arlington National Cemetery.

"As an early teen, Jason had some growing-up problems, discipline problems," said the soldier's father, Dick Korn, who insisted the funeral be held here. "If it wasn't for this place, he wouldn't have become the man he was."

Korn, 31, of Savannah, was killed April 3 in Iraq while inspecting the wreckage of an Iraqi tank. He was shot by U.S. soldiers who mistook him for an Iraqi fighter.

Korn found himself in a war he could have easily skipped.

After enlisting in the Army straight out of high school, Korn fought as a tank gunner in the first Gulf War, earning a Bronze Star. He returned to the military after college, this time as a commissioned officer.

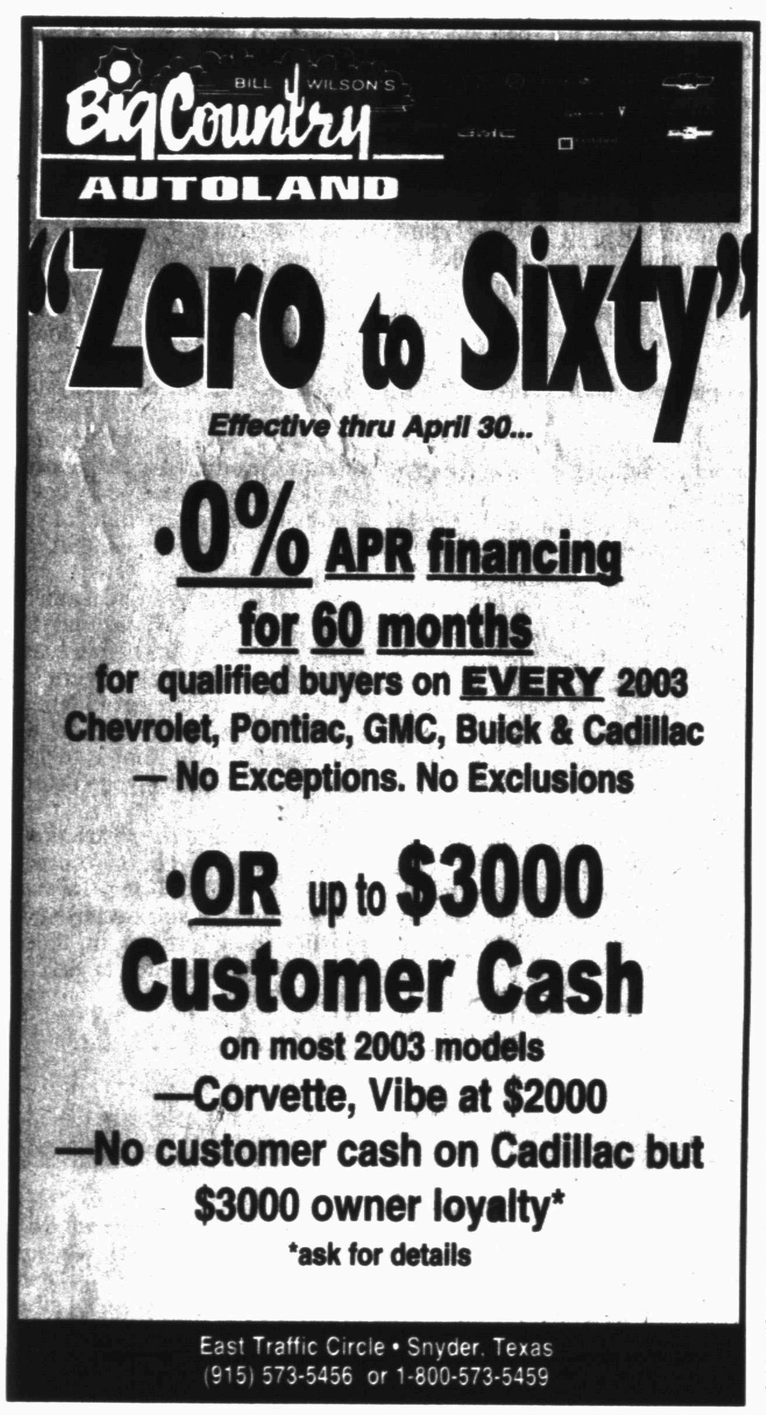
But Korn refused to stay at Fort Knox, Ky., doing paperwork. At his request, Korn was assigned to the 64th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart in March, and was deployed a second time for the Gulf.

Eager fan or stalker?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Britney Spears' request for a restraining order against a Japanese fan will be dismissed as part of an out-of-court agreement between both parties, court officials said Wednesday.

Masahiko Shizawa's attorney had said Spears' misunderstood his client's interest in her. "He's not a stalker," Simon R. Hiller said during a February hearing. "He's an avid fan."

In asking for a court order keeping Shizawa at least 1,000 yards from her, the 21-year-old pop star said he had sent hundreds of love letters and photographs and tracked her to her homes in Louisiana and California. She said one photo bore the words, "I'm chasing you."



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, April 18, 2003

Conditions look very encouraging for you in the year ahead financially. Influences that will have an effect upon your earnings will be more stabilizing and you should be able to achieve greater accumulation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Assume a more assertive role today in an arrangement in which you have a vested interest with another. It needs the momentum you can generate, as it may be on the verge of falling apart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could receive some happy news today from someone far away with whom you have close ties. Make certain you let this person know how glad you are for him or her.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Rectify any mistakes that you might have made yesterday concerning work-related issues. You're much more adept today and will have excellent chances of cleaning things up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Everything should go happily for you and yours today in the romance department. The time you spend together during this period could provide some loving memories.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Spend some time today doing what you can on creative endeavors that would beautify your surroundings. You'll have that magic touch in which you'll be able to take genuine pride.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your greatest asset today is your ability to sort out everybody's plans and meld them together into one common cause. Everybody will be happy following your blueprint.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There could be a change for the better today concerning your financial involvements, and you'll actually be quite fortunate in a material matter that had been left hanging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You might even surprise yourself with the skills you'll have today in selling or promoting ideas or things that you personally develop. Show your stuff to the right people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There is something very hopeful going on today that could affect you personally. It won't necessarily be known to you right away, but you'll hear of it before the day is out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you might have been a bit discouraged yesterday, today is another day. Something on which you've been working now has good chances for success. Don't give up on your hopes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Important personal interests can be quietly advanced today, allowing you to take action that won't appear pushy or self-serving. You won't need recognition, only success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Today, you could hear about a good idea that can benefit you in the future. It might come in two parts and from two separate sources, yet you'll tie them together into a single use.

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Actors protest proposed merger

LOS ANGELES (AP) — About 50 actors gathered outside the Screen Actors Guild headquarters to oppose SAG's proposed merger with the leading television and radio actors' union, saying screen actors would not be properly represented after the consolidation.

The actors also complained at Wednesday's protest that they had been shut out of discussions that led up to Monday's merger vote by the boards of SAG and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

At least 60 percent of the members of each organization must vote in favor of the merger for it to go through. Ballots will be mailed in early June, with results expected later that month.

Elliott Gould, Valerie Harper, Tyne Daly, Kent McCord, Esai Morales and Rob Schneider were among those who opposed allowing the fate of screen actors to be charted by the new umbrella union, which would represent the interests of broadcasters and movie and television actors.

"We can't take back the Screen Actors Guild if this thing doesn't work out in three or five years," said McCord, a SAG board member who voted against the merger. "This is a 'til death do us part marriage."

The star of the old "Adam 12" TV series said the merger would also cost $20 million to administer over five years and add an unneeded level of bureaucracy.

Prior attempts to merge have failed in large part because SAG members, mainly film and prime-time TV actors, have been unwilling to share power with the day-time TV actors, broadcasters and recording artists represented by AFTRA. The new consolidation plan proposes a unified umbrella group and three autonomous affiliates, representing actors, broadcasters and recording artists.

The protesters said the structure does not provide enough protection for screen actors.

"We believe as screen actors we have a unique talent and we want our union to represent the needs of screen actors," Schneider said.

Supporters dismissed much of the opposition as "fear mongering," adding that they believe an education effort to begin this week will allay many concerns.

"Actors are grouping together to form a power base against management," said Armin Shimerman, who voted against the last merger attempt but supports the present effort. "If this does not pass, we will have a battle between the two unions for jurisdiction."

