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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best things about dogs and cats is that they get to ignore the tax man."

To get your mind off the approaching tax deadline imposed by the Infernal Revenue Service, here's some deep thoughts by a cat-loving reader:

—Managing computer programmers is like herding cats. - Dave Platt

—There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast. –Unknown.

—Thousands of years ago, cats were worshiped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this. - Anonymous

—Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow. - Jeff Valdez

—In a cat's eye, all things belong to cats. - English proverb

—As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat. - Ellen Perry Berkeley

—One cat just leads to another. - Ernest Hemingway

—Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later. - Mary Bly

—Cats are rather delicate creatures and they are subject to a good many ailments, but I never heard of one who suffered from insomnia. - Joseph Wood Krutch

—People that hate cats, will come back as mice in their next life. - Faith Resnick

—There are many intelligent species in the universe. They are all owned by cats. - Anonymous

—I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior. - Hippolyte Taine

—No heaven will not ever be Heaven; Unless my cats are there to welcome me. - Unknown

—There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats. - Albert Schweitzer

—The cat has too much spirit to have no heart. - Ernest Menaul

—Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God. - Colette

—Some people say that cats are sneaky, evil, and cruel. True, and they have many other fine qualities as well. - Missy Dizick

—You will always be lucky if you know how to make friends with strange cats. - Colonial American proverb

—Cats seem to go on the principle that it never does any harm to ask for what you want. - Joseph Wood Krutch

—I got rid of my husband. The cat was allergic

—My husband said it was him or the cat ... I miss him

—Cats aren't clean, they're just covered with cat spit.

We heard a cat fight outside last night, now we know where the saying about "the fur flying" came from.

Let's rodeo!

Gates open today for annual WTC event

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

To call the Western Texas College rodeo program one of the most successful in the nation wouldn't be a stretch. It's hard to argue with the 26 regional championships and six national crowns garnered by WTC competitors over the last four years.

But ask Coach Greg Rhodes about his teams' success, and he'll tell you that being the best is about what happens outside the arena as well as inside.

"Since I got here my objective has always been the same," said Rhodes, now in his fifth year at the college. "I want to have a rodeo program that challenges for the national championship, is a leader in the classroom and an asset to the community.

"If we've been able to that, I can only answer partly. We have challenged for national titles and our team members keep high academic standards. Whether or not we're an asset to the community, you'd have to ask the people of Snyder."

Local fans can see Rhodes' teams in action when WTC hosts its annual NIRA rodeo starting at 7 tonight at Scurry County Coliseum.

The three-day competition continues at 7 p.m. Friday and again Saturday for the short round. Tickets at the gate are $5 for adults and $3 for students with kids under 12 getting in free.

The WTC men's team begins the event just 10 points shy of Vernon Regional Junior College in the chase for the Southwest regional lead. The Lady Westerners also sit second behind Tarleton State.

"You always want to do well in front of your home town," said Rhodes. "People will be cheering for us and we don't want to let them down. But we don't approach things any differently than we would for any other rodeo.

"I believe if you do things the right way at every rodeo you compete in, then things will work out for you in the end."

One of the highlight events of this year's rodeo is the bareback riding where three of the best bareback riders around are slated to compete.

Vernon's Will Lowe leads the regional bareback standings, followed by WTC's Tyson Thompson and Texas Tech's Wes Stevenson.

"Those three guys will be three of the best in the world at what they do," Rhodes remarked. "There are two potential gold buckle winners in there. Anybody who likes to see a good bareback ride will really enjoy this rodeo."

On the women's side, fans will be treated to some familiar faces. In the three women's events, eight of the nine top competitors are either current Lady Westerners or former WTC team members.

In barrel racing, WTC's Kassie Mowry sits second in the region behind ex-Lady Westerner Talina Bird and in front of WTC alum Jamie Standifer.

Western Texas breakaway roper Randus London is also second between two Western Texas exes, Tibba Smith and Jill Childers.

Jennifer Freeland holds down the second spot in the goat tying in front of former teammate Tibba Smith.

"It's kind of interesting how many WTC women or WTC exes are near the top in the standings," said Rhodes. "I think that helps show the strength of our program here."

In addition to the nightly performances, slack is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday. Ben Clements will handle the public address duties during the performances, with Joe Spivey grabbing the microphone for the slack.

A HELPING HAND — Western Texas rodeo coach Greg Rhodes gets a hand from his son, Brenon, as they make last-minute preparations for tonight's opening performance of the NIRA collegiate rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

SISD to cancel election

No contested races develop for three board places

Declaring three unopposed candidates duly elected and canceling the May 4 election is among the agenda items for this evening's meeting of the Snyder ISD board of trustees.

Incumbent trustees Glenn Clarady, Place 1, and Mark McCormick, Place 4, will serve another term, while board newcomer Doug Neff in Place 5 will go on the board for his first term.

Neff was the lone candidate for the seat vacated by Janet Stribling who is the Democratic nominee for county judge.

Trustees will also review a recommendation to turn over the past due tax account of Lorber Industries of Texas for early collection efforts.

Normally, past due accounts are turned over to attorneys for collections in July, but potential legal actions involving Lorber creditors is prompting possible early action by the board.

Trustees also will review minor revisions to the district's code of conduct book, and revisions to the board's policy manual as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards.

The meeting is at 6 o'clock in the administration building's boardroom.

Robin Hood lawsuit stopped by state court

AUSTIN (AP) — The 3rd District Court of Appeals has refused to let a lawsuit challenging Texas' school finance system go forward.

The court today released a ruling that denies a group of property-rich school districts' request to reinstate its legal challenge arguing that the so-called Robin Hood school finance system is unconstitutional.

State District Judge Scott McCown of Austin dismissed the lawsuit last year, saying the system works.

The wealthy districts — West Orange-Cove Consolidated, Port Neches-Groves, Coppell and La Porte — claimed that the funding system is unconstitutional because it caps the property tax rate for all school districts in the state at $1.50 per $100 of valuation.

District lawyers say about one in four districts in Texas now has reached the state-set cap. They say effectively it is a statewide property tax, which is prohibited by law.

By former Enron official...

Attorney general's office orders suicide note release

SUGAR LAND (AP) — The Texas attorney general's office today ordered a suburban Houston police department to release the suicide note and other effects left behind by former Enron Corp. executive John Clifford Baxter.

The family of Baxter, who resigned as vice chairman in May 2001 and was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in his car on Jan. 25, has opposed release of his handwritten suicide note, citing privacy issues.

The attorney general's office had until Friday to make a decision.

The note was handwritten in all capital letters on a blank sheet of paper.

An attorney for the family, Pike Powers, has said it was left on the console of the car driven by his wife, Carol Baxter.

Baxter wrote:

"Carol,

I am so sorry for this. I feel I just can't go on. I have always tried to do the right thing but where there was once great pride now it's gone. I love you and the children so much. I just can't be any good to you or myself. The pain is overwhelming. Please try to forgive me.

Cliff"

The office turned aside arguments that the note might embarrass or invade the privacy of Baxter's family, instead finding that its release could further the public interest.

"Given the substantial public interest in the causes of Enron's failure and its far-reaching consequences, we conclude that the contents of the note and the investigation of Mr. Baxter's death have a logical nexus to the investigation into Enron's business practices, which is a matter of public concern," according to the opinion, written by Yen-Ha Le in the open records division of the attorney general's office.

Le also determined Baxter, who had been a defendant in investor lawsuits because of Enron stock sales that netted him about $35 million before the energy giant's stock price began falling last year, became a public figure related to the company's collapse.

Since Baxter's death, many of the suits have been amended to name his estate as a defendant.

The state ordered police to release the note, a copy of Baxter's driver's license, photographs of Baxter's body and the Mercedes-Benz in which it was found and the crime report and accompanying attachments.

According to the opinion, police can withhold some items, including a photograph of a child and account numbers and financial information from credit cards and automatic teller machine receipts found on the scene.

Sugar Land police and Pike Powers, an attorney for Baxter's family, did not immediately return calls seeking reaction to the decision.

Baxter, 43 when he died, quit five months before revelations of questionable financial partnerships and alleged accounting abuses led the company into the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history last December.

In an August warning letter about the issue to then-chairman Kenneth Lay, Enron executive Sherron Watkins said Baxter had shared her concerns about a partnership called LJM that Enron used to conceal debt.

"Cliff Baxter complained mightily to (then-chief executive Jeffrey) Skilling and with all who would listen about the inappropriateness of our transactions with LJM," Watkins wrote in the memo, which was released the week before Baxter's death.

Carol Baxter, his wife, turned the note over to police after Baxter's body was discovered about 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 25, with a gunshot wound to the head.

Several news organizations had requested the note, but Sugar Land City Attorney Joe Morris said in January that the note's contents "raised confidentiality issues."

ASK US

Q—What percentage of Scurry County registered voters turned out for Tuesday's runoff?

A—Of 11,018 possible voters, the turnout was 295, or 2.6 percent.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 79 degrees; low, 47; 7 a.m. Thursday, 56; no precipitation; total for 2002, 5.67 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 55; variable winds 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance; high near 85; SE winds 10-20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy, low 55-60.

Stephani Arizmendi
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:10 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:19 a.m.
Of 100 days in 2002, the sun has shone 95 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

—John Barrymore

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State prison populations in U.S. leveling off

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people incarcerated in the United States reached a new high last year, though the prison population grew at its slowest rate in three decades.

Overall, 1,965,495 people were in custody in the nation's federal and state prisons and local jails in June 2001, a 1.6 percent increase from the previous year, the Justice Department reported Wednesday.

Put in perspective, the number of people behind bars last year was slightly less than the population of Nevada. About one in 145 U.S. residents were in prison or jail.

Tougher anti-crime policies, more facilities and longer sentences are the reasons cited for the decades-long increase in the prison population, which rises to a high nearly every year.

Most of the growth between 2000 and 2001 came in federal facilities.

"It appears the state prison population has reached some stability," said Allen Beck, a statistician with the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Crime rates are down and parole violations have stabilized, while state legislatures in recent years have not enacted the kind of sweeping sentencing reforms passed in the early 1990s.

Beck said the federal system could continue to grow at its current pace as federal court caseloads swell with drug, immigration and weapons prosecutions.

The population in U.S. and state prisons combined rose 1.1 percent, the slowest annual growth since 1972, when there was a 1 percent decline.

The bulk of the prison population is at the state level, which rose 0.4 percent. The number of federal prisoners rose 7.2 percent.

"The federal government is out of step with states that are finding more economical and humane ways to hold nonviolent offenders accountable for their actions," said Vincent Schiraldi, president of the Justice Policy Institute, a Washington think tank that urged federal reforms.

Prisons usually hold convicted criminals sentenced to terms longer than one year. Jails generally keep inmates awaiting trial or serving shorter sentences.

Long-standing racial and ethnic disparities remained, particularly among younger black men. For instance, 13.4 percent of black males age 25 to 29 were in prison or jail, compared with 4.1 percent of Hispanic men and 1.8 percent of white males.

"This also relates to federal versus state policy on crack cocaine sentencing which unfairly impacts minorities and particularly African-Americans," said Raag Singhal of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"Of course, this eventually leads to minorities being disenfranchised," Singhal said.

Some of the increase in the federal prison population can be attributed to the U.S. government assuming responsibility for District of Columbia prisoners. That transfer ended last year.

In the first half of 2001, 7,372 inmates were added to the federal system, the largest six-month increase. State systems gained 7,048 inmates in the same period.

The number of people being held in local jails in June 2001 rose 1.6 percent from the previous year.

Concealed weapons ban is unconstitutional

CINCINNATI (AP) — An appeals court in Ohio upheld a lower court's ruling that the state's ban on carrying concealed weapons violates the state constitution.

The 1st Ohio District Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday that the decades-old ban, which bars both carrying a concealed weapon and having a loaded weapon in a vehicle, infringes on the right to self-defense.

"I feel like a burden's been lifted off my shoulders," said Pat Feely, 31, a food delivery truck driver and one of five people who challenged the law.

Feely was arrested in 1999 because he kept a gun in his waistband while delivering pizzas.

The framers of the state constitution "put the citizens' rights up front," said Mark Painter, presiding judge of the appeals court. "We believe they meant what they said."

Lawyers for Cincinnati, Hamilton County and the state had argued that government has the right to regulate the manner in which weapons are carried. Ohio's attorney general asked the state Supreme Court for an immediate delay of the ruling to hear an appeal, said spokesman Joe Case.

The appeals court upheld Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Robert Ruehlman's Jan. 10 ruling that the state ban was unenforceable in the county. The court also said the ban is confusing to citizens and police, making it likely that various agencies would enforce the law differently.

Ohio law allows only law enforcement officials and state and federal government officers to carry concealed weapons.

The plaintiffs, who include a private investigator, say their jobs take them into areas where they need self defense. Their attorneys also argued that conflicting enforcement by different police agencies makes it difficult for people to know how to exercise their constitutional right to self-defense.

They said Cincinnati police have arrested people for carrying concealed weapons, and city officers have testified they probably would arrest someone who tried to openly carry a weapon.

Meanwhile, an Ohio State Highway Patrol officer testified that the patrol has caught motorists carrying loaded guns and let them go.

Forty-three states allow concealed weapons in some form.

Date Book

Thursday, April 11, 2002

Today is the 101st day of 2002 and the 23rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was relieved of his Korean War command because of his criticism of the administration's war policy.

On this day in 1970, the Apollo 13 began its' journey towards the moon. The mission had to be aborted two days later.

On this day in 1979, Idi Amin was overthrown as the president of Uganda, which ended a reign of terror that saw over 300,000 people die in eight years.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christopher Smart (1722 — 1771), poet; Charles Evans Hughes (1862 — 1948), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Dean Acheson (1893 — 1971), U.S. secretary of state; Joel Grey (1932 —), actor, is 70; Louise Lasser (1939 —), actress, is 63.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1907, New York Giants catcher Roger Bresnahan became the first catcher to openly wear shin guards to protect against foul tips.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When we lose the right to be different, we lose the privilege to be free." — Charles Evans Hughes

TODAY'S MOON: Between the last quarter (April 4) and the new moon (April 12)

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, April 12, 2002

Your leadership and organizational qualities might be in great demand in the year ahead. Interestingly, the more you take on, the more you'll accomplish, and the more successes you'll achieve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The indelible imprint you'll leave on others is due to the strong influence you exude when involved with associates. Personal desires can easily be fulfilled now. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's just like you to be of assistance to others at a drop of a hat. What's even more impressive, however, is that you'll do so without seeking praise or attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although your sphere of influence might not be too extensive, you could have an enormous impact on the few with whom you'll be involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — When challenged in competition, you might surprise yourself with how motivated you'll quickly become. This will be especially true if it has anything to do with your reputation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When faced with finding the solution to a dilemma, the answer can be found in a past experience you once had. Check your memory bank before searching elsewhere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Get involved with as many people as you can, because your greatest opportunities are likely to come through others. They are engineering something wonderful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Check the small print when negotiating any contracts or legal agreements. Of course, they're always important, but it is doubly so this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You're good at juggling several things simultaneously once you get organized, and that's good, because you may have to juggle several things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When involved in organizing a social endeavor, your custodial instincts will become very pronounced. You'll favor and protect those who have been close to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The cycle you're in for completing complicated assignments continues again. Don't waste your time on situations that aren't too meaningful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Someone you've wanted to get in touch with is reachable and might even be anxiously waiting to hear from you. Get on the phone or send that e-mail.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Financial prospects look especially encouraging. Take care of anything in this area where you might need to get a fresh start going in order to become solvent again.

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Berry's World

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 12-15-29-37-53-54.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3-5-1

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	04-11-02
	♠ J 6	
	♥ A 10 5 3	
	♦ 9 7 5 2	
	♣ K 7 3	
West		**East**
♠ K 9 5 2		♠ A Q 10 7 4 3
♥ 8 7		♥ 4
♦ Q 10 4		♦ K J 6
♣ Q 9 6 2		♣ J 5 4
	South	
	♠ 8	
	♥ K Q J 9 6 2	
	♦ A 8 3	
	♣ A 10 8	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	2 ♠
3 ♥	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

Thursday, April 11, 2002

The shift must be in time

By Phillip Alder

The fourth deal played by my students was a dull four spades, laydown for an overtrick. In this, the fifth, the most interesting contract was four hearts by South. Can East-West defeat it?

At the table I was watching, no one knew who could make what. On the second round, South bid four hearts in the hope it would succeed, but when West went on with four spades, South wasn't sure what to do. Reasonably deciding it was too close to double, he passed it out. Declarer (East) correctly finessed dummy's club nine at the key moment and lost four tricks: one heart, one diamond and two clubs.

At the other table, South rebid a quiet three hearts, not four. This worked very well when, after West contented himself with three spades, South continued with four hearts and bought the contract. I must admit that if I had been West, I would have sacrificed in four spades. In teams scoring, if you go one down at both tables (East and West fail in four spades while their teammates win only nine tricks in four hearts), the loss is small (four international match points) compared to the cost if four hearts makes and your opponents are one down in four spades (11 imps).

West led the spade two, East winning with the ace and finding the lethal club shift. Now the defenders were a step ahead, getting one spade, two diamonds and one club. But note that if East, say, tries to cash a second spade trick, declarer can ruff, draw trumps, and play on diamonds, benefiting from the 3-3 split. South gets his club loser away on dummy's diamond nine.

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Breeders work to improve look of roses

By ED HUTCHISON

The Queen of Flowers is not without blemishes and no one understands this more than the people whose job it is to improve the looks and performance of the garden rose.

Breeders in the United States, France, Germany and England are working hard on several counts: Disease-resistance, fragrance, more flowers, improved winter hardiness, better bush shape and other qualities they believe will convince gardeners that the rose is, indeed, a worthwhile garden plant.

"Most of the improvements have been incremental," according to Dr. Keith Zary of Jackson & Perkins (J&P). "The most significant progress has been made in disease resistance, the number of blooms on each plant and the shape and form of the plant." Zary is J&P's vice-president for research and an expert breeder in his own right. He's created dozens of commercially successful varieties in his 17 years as a breeder, and six have been awarded the industry's top recognition for garden-worthiness: the All-America Rose Selection (AARS) designation.

Bringing a new variety to market takes about 10 years, beginning with when a cross is first made until the time enough bushes of the new variety are available for sale. Even with the most perfect growing climate and care, the timing can't be rushed. The first five years are needed to see if the cross is worthy of introduction, based on what is already available. What the breeder initially hoped would result from the cross may or may not come true — be it fragrance, novelty color, disease resistance, flower production and so on.

"It is at the end of the fifth year when we pretty much know if the variety has some merit," Zary said, "then it's a matter of testing in enough climates to see how it will behave as a commercial variety. This is something you just can't do quickly."

He said some things about a rose are easier to improve than others. Disease resistance and an ever-blooming nature for a new hybrid tea variety are more difficult than with miniatures, floribundas and shrub roses, he said.

For example, a breeder may look to create a disease-resistant hybrid tea by crossing one variety (or maybe an unnamed seedling of a different cross) with a miniature rose. Miniatures tend to be disease resistant naturally. The offspring that results is no longer a hybrid tea. It may have many of the hybrid tea's attributes but because one parent is something else, its genetic character has been changed.

Zary echoes a truism that probably keeps breeders from going mad: "It's not impossible, it just takes longer," he said, referring to the quest for a disease-resistant hybrid tea.

Tom Carruth, research director for Weeks Roses, Upland, Calif., and a competitor to J&P, has a similar list of breeding objectives for his company:

"We want to get past the image that roses are difficult to care for, and one way to do this is to select for better disease resistance, fragrance, a cleaner bush and one that is more attractive naturally — one that will provide you with tons of flowers and hopefully satisfy your sense of beauty.

"For our company, we are looking for stuff that will make our varieties different from those of other growers and still live up to standards of being clean, novel, unusual and vigorous and all at the same time," he said.

Carruth has been breeding roses for 26 years, a passion that has been stirring within him since at age 11 when he sold seeds and did chores to earn enough money to buy his first 10 roses.

Among his creations are three AARS winners: "Scentimental," a bush with a distinctive scent and peppermint stripes; "Betty Boop," a bush bearing multi-colored blooms and named after the vintage cartoon character; and "Fourth of July," a velvety red-and-white striped rose and the first climbing rose to win the AARS designation in 23 years. In the industry, Carruth is known as Mr. Stripe because of his penchant for developing roses with striped blossoms — still a novelty in the rose world.

While Carruth and Zary may have different breeding objectives, they agree on one thing: Progress is being made.

"If you were to line up the key roses from breeders around the world and using the AARS designation as a benchmark, you would see huge improvements in the last five years of introductions compared to what was available and considered tops 20 years ago. Going through 70 years of AARS, it is amazing to see the changes that have taken place in the quality of plant, quality of the blooms and so on. It is a pretty stunning picture of breeding progress," Zary 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.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary; for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

Births

Jacob and Stephanie Fuentez of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel Cyson Fuentez, at 8:57 p.m. on April 10 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Nathaniel weighed eight pounds, three ounces.

Grandparents Bert and Val Molina of Snyder and Jessica Fuentez of Weatherford, and great-grandparents are Joaquin and Rosa Alarcon of Snyder.

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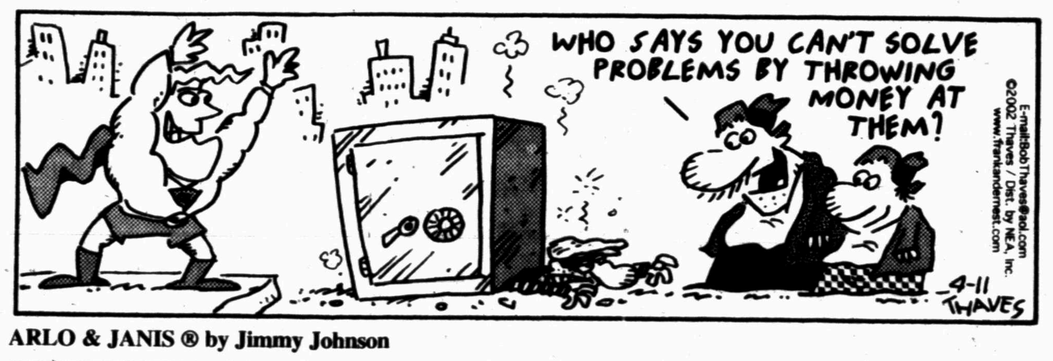

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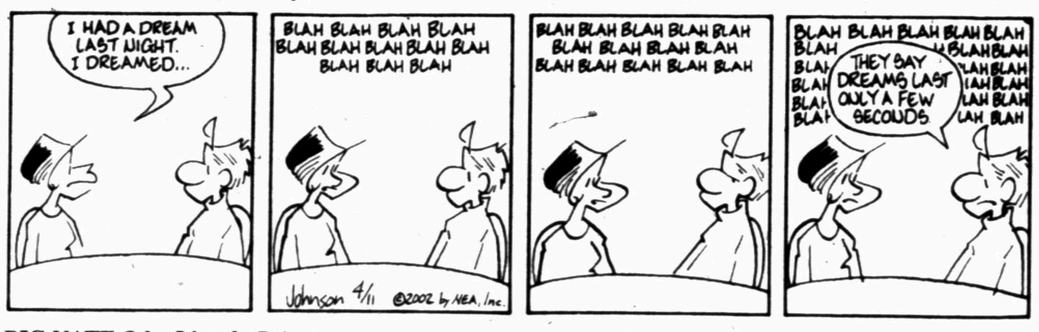

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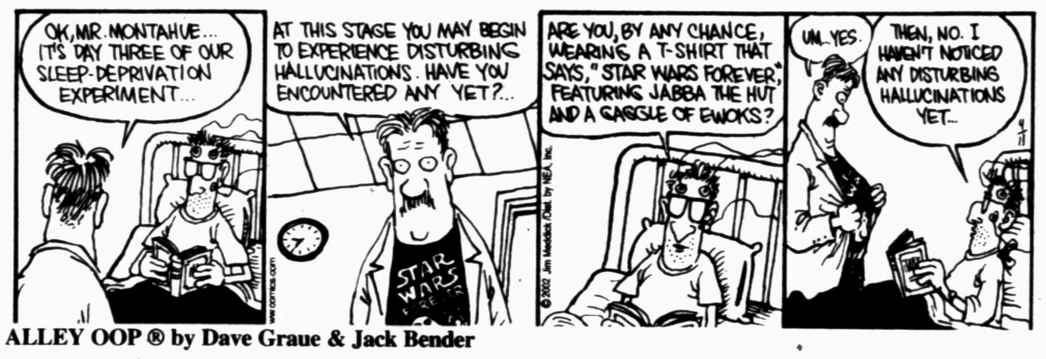

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6 More slippery
11 Accident
12 Chicken soup ingredient
13 Busy
14 Chronicles
15 Jungle charger
16 Hazard
17 Fossil fuel
19 Avoid
23 Circle of flowers
26 Gangbuster Eliot
28 Gorilla
29 Deep-red stone
31 Had
33 Fragile layer
34 Faints with pleasure
35 Motel offering
36 Can. law enforcers
39 Glove leather
40 "Et tu" time
42 Ph.D. exam
44 Bites
46 Strong desires
51 Casts about
54 Colorful percher
55 Small wave
56 Changed into
57 Bassoon cousins
58 Goddesses' statues

DOWN

1 Wis. neighbor
2 — spumante
3 Face part
4 Wrack and ruin
5 Unseal, to a poet
6 Atom fragments
7 — out (dozes off)
8 Spud st.
9 Building wing
10 Thing, in law
11 Mess up the finish
12 Hits dead-center
16 "Norma —"
18 Que. neighbor
20 Asian capital
21 Capsize
22 Buntline and Beatty
23 Took it easy
24 Blow away, as soil
25 Tavern
27 Piglet's mother, e.g.
29 Mongolian desert
30 Always, to Keats
32 Stir-fry pan
34 Nautilus locale
37 Grove
38 Bride's new title
41 Take potshots
43 Tempted
45 Maladies
47 Wealthy, to Pablo
48 Aim
49 Shade trees
50 Get the picture
51 To and —
53 Soldier's addr.
54 Kimono sash

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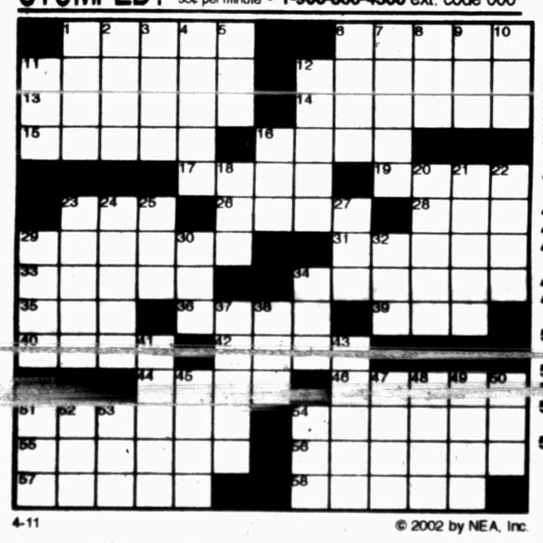

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SPORTS

The Masters tees off on revamped course

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Arnold Palmer started what could be his final Masters with a four-putt.

The four-time Augusta champion received a raucous welcome when he arrived at the first tee this morning, wearing a peach-colored sweater on a damp, overcast morning.

The 72-year-old Palmer actually reached the fringe of the green with his second shot, but his putt rolled over a hump — far left of the flag — and curled down the other side. He stared incredulously at his ball while the crowd groaned in disappointment.

He then putted about 12 feet past the cup and missed the comebacker, the ball catching the left lip before spinning out. He tapped in for double-bogey.

"Well, that was four good putts," Palmer quipped to the gallery.

About 30 minutes later, a player who actually has a chance to win the green jacket this year hit his opening shot. Tiger Woods teed off with a booming drive, but pushed it right into the bunker on the newly lengthened hole.

A year ago, Woods won his second Masters and completed an unprecedented sweep of all four major tournaments.

This year, much of the attention has focused on the supersized course — nine holes were redesigned, adding nearly 300 yards — and the decision to drop three aging exchampions from the field.

Palmer was allowed to play, but there's plenty of speculation this will be his final trek through the Georgia pines. He hasn't made the cut since 1983.

Sam Snead participated in his 62nd straight Masters, hitting a ceremonial first tee shot that flew right into the gallery and broke a spectator's glasses.

The 89-year-old Snead is recovering from strokelike symptoms that surfaced about six weeks ago.

He has hit the opening tee shot every year since 1984, although this might have been the most eventful.

"I got it off the ground," Snead said after walking off the first tee.

Woods gave a quick tip of the cap as he stepped up to No. 1, which was extended by some 30 yards. Tom Fazio, who oversaw the redesign, watched from under a giant oak tree nearby.

"The bunker must be in the right place," Fazio said as he watched the drive plop into the sand. "I wish he'd hit in the middle of the fairway, put it on the green and make a 3. But the truth is, the bunker wasn't in play for the long hitters before this. Now it is."

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	5	4	.625	—
Philadelphia	4	4	.556	½
New York	4	4	.500	1
Atlanta	4	5	.444	1½
Florida	3	5	.375	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	5	2	.714	—
St. Louis	5	3	.625	½
Cincinnati	4	4	.500	1½
Houston	4	5	.444	2
Chicago	2	5	.286	3
Milwaukee	2	6	.250	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	7	1	.875	—
Los Angeles	4	4	.500	3
Arizona	4	5	.444	3½
Colorado	4	5	.444	3½
San Diego	4	5	.444	3½

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 4, Houston 1
Montreal 9, Florida 7
Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 5
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 5, 11 innings
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 5, 11 innings
San Diego 2, Arizona 1
San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 1

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee (Neugebauer 0-1) at St. Louis (B.Smith 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 1-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshii 1-0) at Florida (Tavarez 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 1-0) at Philadelphia (Coggin 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 2-0) at Colorado (Jennings 0-1), 9:05 p.m.

American League
By The Associated Press
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	2	.778	—
Boston	4	2	.667	1½
Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	2
Toronto	3	5	.375	3½
Baltimore	1	6	.143	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	8	1	.889	—
Minnesota	5	4	.556	3
Chicago	4	4	.500	3½
Kansas City	3	4	.429	4
Detroit	0	8	.000	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	6	3	.667	—
Seattle	6	3	.667	—
Anaheim	3	5	.375	2½
Texas	2	6	.250	3½

Wednesday's Games
Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 5
Kansas City 6, Boston 2
Toronto 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 3
Texas 4, Oakland 2
Seattle 8, Anaheim 1

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 1-0) at Toronto (Eyre 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 2-0) at Texas (Davis 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Durbin 0-1) at Boston (F.Castillo 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 0-0) at Cleveland (Colon 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 0-1) at Baltimore (Ponson 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 0-2) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Pro-Am golf tournament

The Scurry County Golf Association Pro-Am Tournament is set for April 22 at the country club golf course. There will be shotgun starts at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Players will team up with pros from around the area in a two-man lowball format. All amateurs will use their full handicap. Cost is $35 per player. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly play day Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Sunday couples tournament

A couples golf tournament will be held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 at the country club golf course.

WTC athletic fundraiser

The Harlem Entertainers basketball team will take on several local teams next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the SHS gym. The event is a fundraiser sponsored by the WTC Athletic Committee.

Chances will be offered on a variety of items during the game. Tickets at the gate are $15 for adults and $10 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased for $10 and $7 at Barbee Medical Supply, Teachers' Credit Union, Purple Sage Motel, Snyder Daily News, KSNY and the WTC administrative offices.

For more information, call the college at 573-8511 or click on the activities link at the WTC Web site www.wtc.cc.tx.us.

SHS netters eye district titles

Snyder High School tennis players have competed against some of the state's best competition over the last two months for one reason — to prepare for the district championships.

SHS netters put their preparation to the test Friday and Saturday at the District 4-4A tennis tournament at Levelland High School.

On the line are berths in the regional tournament later this month, and SHS coach Ted Phillips likes Snyder's chances of sending several players to the next level.

"We have a good shot at getting several players to regionals," said Phillips who is in his first year at the helm of the SHS program. "The kids are confident in their abilities and they're ready to get started."

Snyder tandems are the ones to beat in the boys and girls doubles competition. Curt Phillips and partner Adam Rodgers are favored on the boys side, while the duo of Pat Vargas and Andra Dunham get the nod in girls doubles.

"Everybody will be gunning to knock off those two doubles teams, because they're considered to be the best in the district," Phillips stated. "Our kids just have to play their game and keep their focus, especially Curt and Adam. That boys doubles draw is pretty tough from top to bottom."

Also competing in boys doubles are Charlie Gorman and Alex Best, with Jackie Beccue and Afton Sutter playing for the Lady Tigers.

Snyder's regional hopes don't end with the doubles competition though. Horacio DePaz, Tanner Reed, Cozy Jones and Kara Brumley have shown the ability to post top finishes in singles play as well.

"There are players from other schools that are favored in the singles, but our kids are right there with them," said Phillips. "Any of our kids could jump up there and grab one of those spots if they play like they're capable of playing."

The tournament gets underway with girls singles at 8 a.m. Friday followed by boys singles at 9:30. Girls doubles competition begins at 11 and boys doubles start at 12:30.

The first two rounds are scheduled for Friday, with the finals slated for 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The top two finishers in each event advance to the regional tournament April 22-23 at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

Rocker saves Rangers' second victory over A's

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Rocker didn't want to compound the misery for the Texas Rangers.

A night after blowing his first save, Rocker had three strikeouts in a dominating ninth inning Wednesday night, and the Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 4-2 for just their second win.

Rocker entered Tuesday night with a 3-2 lead, but gave up a run in a game the A's went on to win 5-4 in 11 innings. He wanted to make up for that, and didn't have to wait long for another opportunity.

"Especially with the way we're playing, we are struggling for wins now," Rocker said. "To have a win right in the grasp and let it get away, it hurt a little more."

Rocker threw 11 of 12 pitches for strikes Wednesday, getting Greg Myers, Olmedo Saenz and Jeremy Giambi on called third strikes around a single to Carlos Pena.

"John Rocker, tonight he did as well as you can outside a first-pitch strike for a hit," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "His command, he's hitting the glove. If he does that, we're going to be successful."

The Rangers are 2-6, their worst start since 1995. They are 31/2 games behind the AL West-leading A's.

Rusty Greer hit his first homer since last June, a one-out solo shot in the fifth off Cory Lidle (0-2) that broke a 2-2 tie.

Both Texas wins have come against Lidle.

After Carl Everett hit an RBI single in the eighth to stop a 2-for-26 slump and give the Rangers a 4-2 lead, Rocker made consecutive appearances in Texas for the first time.

"It's just a matter of going out and getting work, consistent work," Rocker said. "Being a power pitcher like myself, we've got legs and arms and limbs and stuff going in all different directions. It takes a while to feel consistent with mechanics and all of that."

Rangers starter Dave Burba (1-0) allowed two runs and four hits over 5 2-3 innings, with five walks and three strikeouts. Hard-throwing rookie Colby Lewis, who had never pitched above Double-A before this season, struck out four in 2 1-3 innings before giving way to Rocker.

"John just came out there and showed what he's capable of doing. I'm sure everybody in this clubhouse is glad to see it," Burba said. "He can be dominating and tonight was a perfect example of what he can do. That's the John Rocker we need."

Girls Little Dribblers Results

Suns 12, Swifts 11
Suns: Ryanna Martinez, 12. **Swifts:** Taylor Autrey, 4; Kylie Freeman, 3; Megan Murdock, 2; Jentri Driggers and Bridget Davis, 1.

Wildcats 24, Magic 12
Wildcats: Heather Newton, 22; Blaire Toombs, 2. **Magic:** Megan Thompson, 6; Kelly Martinez, 4; Kellie Pilcher, 2.

Starzz 18, Red Hots 16
Starzz: Lindsey Urias, 14; Lindsey Daniell and Olivia Juarez, 2. **Red Hots:** Taylor Tyrrell, 6; Kelsi Fulford and Brianne Perry, 4; Marcie Phillips, 2.

Sharpshooters 22, Rockets 18
Sharpshooters: Akura Thomas, 10; Kylie Moreland, 4; Kana Grimes, Bailey Nickerson, Abria Thomas and Evian Olvera, 2. **Rockets:** Larissa Arellano, 7; Chelsea Roemisch, 6; Casey Williamson, 3; Tai Dea, 2.

Sparks 21, Panthers 17
Sparks: Audrey Jones, 19; Kimberly Harlan, 2. **Panthers:** Jessica Bilderback, Nicole Means and Ashley Trotter, 4; Alexis Castillo, 3; Roxann Renteria, 2.

Little Tigers 44, Swoopsters 0
Little Tigers: Samantha Medrano, 22; Avery Ware, 6; Monica Clanton, Lucero Espinosa and Jessica Ibarra, 4; Amber Baker and Janee Payne, 2.

Mystics 32, Lady Raiders 29
Mystics: Erin Hogan, 23; Alex Urias, 8; Brittany Mitchell, 1. **Lady Raiders:** Shaquita Sneed, 13; Kelly Holdren, 8; Tatum Norwood and Lauren Zamora, 4.

Comets 26, Jazz 11
Comets: Devin Davidson, 14; Erma Rodriguez and Brandy Stansell, 4; Allison Cox and Gina Hermosillo, 2. **Jazz:** Vallie Foreman and Dusty Holt, 4; Allison Sharrock, 2; Tanya Adams, 1.

Magic 12, Hot Shots 10
Magic: Kelly Martinez, 8; Lea Holmes and Megan Thompson, 2. **Hot Shots:** Kayli Brewster, 6; Cassie Cochran and Savanah Valdez, 2.

Wildcats 24, Red Hots 11
Wildcats: Heather Newton, 14; Blair Toombs, 4; Autumn Castillo, Stacey Clifton and Xalee Northcott, 2. **Red Hots:** Taylor Tyrrell, 6; Bailey Minor, 4; Kelsi Fulford, 1.

NBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New Jersey	50	28	.641	—
x-Boston	46	33	.582	4½
x-Orlando	43	34	.558	6½
Philadelphia	41	37	.526	9
Washington	36	43	.456	14½
Miami	34	44	.436	16
New York	29	48	.377	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Detroit	47	31	.603	—
Charlotte	41	37	.526	6
Milwaukee	39	39	.500	8
Toronto	39	39	.500	8
Indiana	38	40	.487	9
Atlanta	32	46	.410	15
Cleveland	29	49	.372	18
Chicago	19	59	.244	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Dallas	54	23	.701	—
x-San Antonio	54	24	.692	½
x-Minnesota	48	30	.615	6½
x-Utah	42	36	.538	12½
Houston	27	50	.351	27
Denver	24	54	.308	30½
Memphis	21	56	.273	33

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	59	19	.756	—
x-L.A. Lakers	55	23	.705	4
x-Portland	46	32	.590	13
x-Seattle	44	35	.557	15½
L.A. Clippers	38	40	.487	21
Phoenix	35	43	.449	24
Golden State	20	58	.256	39

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Wednesday's Games
Boston 70, Miami 65
Cleveland 106, Milwaukee 81
Atlanta 101, Charlotte 95
Washington 90, Philadelphia 77
Chicago 102, Detroit 101
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San Antonio 87, Denver 79
Sacramento 118, Golden State 116

Thursday's Games
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

College Rodeo Standings

Southwest Regional Standings
(Through seven rodeos)
MEN

Team: 1. Vernon Regional JC, 1,385.00; 2. Western Texas, 1,364.99; 3. Howard County JC, 1,064.16; 4. Tarleton State, 955.00; 5. Texas Tech, 835.00; 6. Odessa, 505.00; 7. New Mexico JC, 401.66; 8. Frank Phillips, 362.50; 9. Eastern New Mexico, 342.50; 10. West Texas A&M, 330.00; 11. Sul Ross State, 303.33; 12. South Plains, 160.00; 13. Mesalands CC, 130.83; 14. Weatherford, 30.00.

Saddle bronc: 1. Sam Spreadborough, WTC, 405.00; 2. John Jones, Odessa, 265.00; 3. Neal Daniel, Texas Tech, 250.00; 4. J.W. Todd, WTC, 226.66; 5. Jesse Kirby, Vernon, 155.00. Also: 12. Sean Prater, WTC, 38.33.

Bareback riding: 1. William Lowe, Vernon, 540.00; 2. Tyson Thompson, WTC, 360.00; 3. Wes Stevenson, Texas Tech, 325.00; 4. Cimmaron Gerke, Odessa, 175.00; 5. Austin Griffith, Tarleton, 110.00. Also: 8. Justin Foltyn, WTC, 35.00; 11. Nathan Reid, WTC, 10.00.

Bull riding: 1. Dustin Higgins, New Mexico, 278.33; 2. Chad Castillo, Tarleton, 250.00; 3. Douglas White, Vernon, 135.00; 4. Lee Herring, Howard, 115.00. 5. Gerald Yates, Tarleton, 100.00.

Calf roping: 1. (tie) Joshua Swor, Vernon and Jake DeGreer, Howard, 180.00; 3. Monty Lewis, West Texas A&M, 150.00; 4. Joseph Gernentz, WTC, 140.00; 5. Brady Brock, Vernon, 135.00. Also: 12. Derrick Traylor, WTC, 50.00.

Steer wrestling: 1. Bray Armes, Howard, 350.00; 2. Patrick Maas, Tarleton, 210.00; 3. Tony Sauter, Howard, 160.00; 4. Brady Brock, Vernon, 145.00; 5. J.W. Todd, WTC, 135.00.

Team roping (header): 1. Colby Schneeman, Howard, 122.50; 2. Marshall Atwood, Eastern New Mexico, 117.50; 3. Shandon Stalls, Texas Tech, 110.00; 4. Kellen Morris, West Texas A&M, 90.00; 5. Edward Hale, Howard, 75.00. Also: 9. Clint Cooper, WTC, 30.00; 13. Reg Cully, WTC, 20.00.

Team roping (heeler): 1. Jed Middleton, Texas Tech, 165.00; 2. Tommy Gililland, Eastern New Mexico, 160.00; 3. Chris Irwin, Tarleton, 90.00; 4. Cole Hudgens, Odessa, 60.00; 5. Paul Gutierrez, New Mexico, 57.50.

WOMEN

Team: 1. Tarleton State, 1,128.33; 2. Western Texas, 895.00; 3. Texas Tech, 710.00; 4. Odessa, 485.00; 5. Eastern New Mexico, 440.00; 6. Frank Phillips, 188.33; 7. Vernon Regional JC, 175.00; 8. New Mexico JC, 140.00; 9. West Texas A&M, 105.00; 10. Weatherford College, 70.00; 11. Angelo State, 30.00.

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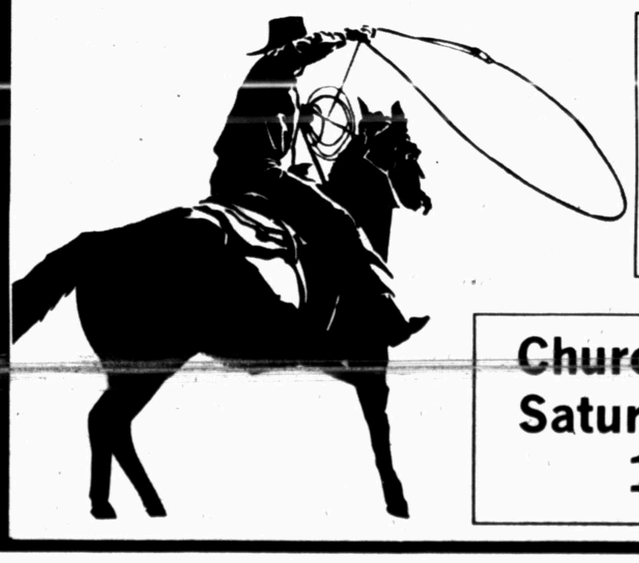

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FEC asked to change debate rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several news organizations that sponsor debates are asking federal election officials to change a rule they contend improperly meddles with news judgments about which candidates they invite.

The petition filed Wednesday with the Federal Election Commission is prompted in part by challenges TV stations and newspapers are increasingly facing from minor-party candidates denied a spot in their debates.

To avoid having debates counted as illegal corporate campaign contributions, news organizations now must follow "pre-established objective criteria" in deciding which federal candidates may participate.

The FEC rule does not spell out the criteria, but notes that nomination by a particular political party cannot be the sole factor in a candidate's inclusion in a general-election debate.

A federal agency or court "should not be reviewing the decisions of news organizations as to whether the public is better served by a debate between the two leading candidates or whether you should also have to include these five other candidates," said CBS attorney Howard Jaeckel.

"It's a news judgment and it's for journalists to make, not the government," he said.

FEC spokesman Ian Stirton declined comment, saying the commission does not discuss pending petitions.

Ralph Nader, the Green Party's 2000 presidential nominee, said the FEC's action will let voters "see if its intent is to restrict debate to the two-party duopoly and their Republican and Democratic candidates, or to expand it" to include more diverse views, larger audiences and third-party challengers.

Jaeckel said several complaints were filed against CBS-owned television stations by minor-party candidates in the past few elections. The criteria the stations use when inviting House or Senate candidates to debate varies from standing in polls to public prominence to stands on prominent issues, he said.

He noted a minor-party candidate's unsuccessful effort to get the FEC to override WCBS-TV's decision not to include him in a Senate candidate debate between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Rick Lazio.

President Bush's recent signing of a new campaign finance law makes this a good time "to put this to rest," Jaeckel said.

The new law leaves it to the FEC to create a new rule on debates or keep its old one.

Former Reform Party presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan said networks' campaign coverage decisions should be treated as a contribution to the political parties and candidates.

In 2000, Buchanan and Nader fought their exclusion from nationally televised debates sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates. Nader's lawsuit against the commission goes on trial in Boston next week.

The commission, founded by the Democratic and Republican parties, only allowed candidates with at least 15 percent support in national polls to participate. Nader and Buchanan did not qualify.

"If 100 million people could have seen me debate Al Gore and George W. Bush, I think a significant slice of them would have taken a good second look at the Reform Party candidate," Buchanan said.

Larry Noble, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics and a former FEC attorney, said the commission rule is not just aimed at major broadcasters. One problem is how broadcaster is defined, especially in these days of the Internet and cable, he said.

"If you open up the door, you could see a lot of organizations claiming they're broadcasters" and staging debates, Noble said.

Based on the FEC's history, it is unlikely it would find that a major network made an illegal contribution based on a debate it sponsored, Noble said.

The last time in recent memory the FEC stepped into such a complaint came in 1980, when it threatened action over a New Hampshire newspaper's decision to invite only Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush to a GOP primary debate. The newspaper pulled out and Reagan helped pay to hold the debate.

Those making the FEC request Wednesday include CBS Broadcasting, American Broadcasting Companies Inc., Belo Corp., Cox Enterprises Inc., Gannett Co. Inc., the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Broadcasting Co. Inc., News America Inc. and The New York Times Co.

Others include Post-Newsweek Stations Inc., the Radio and Television News Directors Association, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Tribune Co.

Rare white thoroughbred foal born

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Barry Ezrine was thrilled when Patchen Beauty, a popular racehorse at Kentucky tracks, went into labor last week to deliver her first foal.

He was downright ecstatic when he saw the gangly colt was pure white — just like his mother and grandmother.

"The odds are not good that you're going to get a white foal," said Ezrine, manager of the Patchen Wilkes Farm. "But like I told somebody else, the odds are better if you have a white mare to start with."

The Jockey Club, which registers thoroughbred births in the United States, has recognized only 16 U.S.-bred white thoroughbreds since 1896. Four of them have been born at Warren Rosenthal's east Lexington farm.

Although farm officials hoped that the offspring would be white, they knew better than to expect it.

"But when (Patchen) started to foal, you could tell immediately it was going to be white," Ezrine said. "The white is a different type of white and really stands out — like a white sock mixed in with a bunch of dark socks.

"When that white started coming out, I said to myself, 'This is the one we've been hoping for. It was exciting.'"

The first registered white thoroughbred, a filly named White Beauty, was born at Patchen Wilkes in 1963 and gained national attention for her striking hue. She became one of five white thoroughbreds to race competitively.

Patchen Beauty's mother, Precious Beauty, followed in 1981. Patchen Beauty, a 7-year-old daughter of Hatchet Man, was born in 1995 and raced from 1997 to 2000.

The new snow-white colt, which has not yet been named, frolicked for nearly an hour in the spring sunshine Wednesday, galloping quickly on occasion but never straying far from his mother's side.

"If he stays healthy and strong, he'll be at the racetrack," said Rosenthal, watching proudly as the colt scampered around a small paddock. "I love the white horses. It's easiest to pick mine out during the races."

Both mother and son approached the paddock fence curiously as a handful of photographers and television cameramen collected the rare white-on-white images, complete with granddam Precious Beauty grazing on a distant hillside in the background.

Precious Beauty's sister, a white mare named Late 'N White who was never raced or bred, is also at Patchen Wilkes Farm.

Thoroughbreds are usually born either black, bay, dark bay, brown, chestnut, gray or roan. White ones are born so infrequently that some horse enthusiasts may never have seen one.

"I've been shocked by all the attention, frankly," Ezrine said. "We got a lot when Patchen was born and was racing. She even has her own fan club. But I never expected this one to generate this much attention."

Gus Cothran, a University of Kentucky professor of veterinary science, said there are several reasons why white thoroughbreds are born so infrequently, including mutations of genes that help determine color.

"First of all, the majority of white thoroughbreds are not bred very often," he said. "So the gene that causes it becomes very rare because it is not passed on frequently.

McKees re-creating Munsters' home

WAXAHACHIE, Texas (AP) — Sandra McKee has lost count of how much she has spent on memorabilia from the 1960s TV show "The Munsters."

Now she and her husband, Charles, are spending $250,000 to build a Victorian-style house to replicate the creepy home from the show.

From video clips and photos acquired from "Munsters" collectors around the country, the McKees are re-creating the home inhabited on TV by Herman, wife Lily, Grandpa, cousin Marilyn and son Eddie.

Sandra McKee, 44, owns copies of all 70 episodes about the family of odd characters headed by Herman, a lookalike of Frankenstein's monster.

McKee, a retired insurance agent, has made a "Munsters" fan out of her husband, who went along with building the two-story, 5,800-square-foot house.

Charles McKee, a 46-year-old plumber, said he understands the appeal of "The Munsters."

"It had good, clean humor," he said. "My mother's church thought it was satanic. I told them to go home and watch it. Those people are as far from satanic as could be."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is sinus lavage out of style?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 68 and in good health. However, for the past few months, I've had balance problems; I sometimes stagger when I walk and frequently experience unsteadiness. In the process of investigating this symptom, my otolaryngologist performed a CT scan and was surprised to discover that I have a serious infection in two of my sinuses. He feels that the irritation is somehow affecting my inner ear, which throws off my balance. He gave me a two-month course of antibiotics without benefit. Now he says that sinus surgery is necessary. I'd like to avoid an operation and wonder why my affliction wouldn't respond to sinus lavage, a popular treatment years ago.

DEAR READER: Sinus lavage, during which warm salt water is introduced under pressure through the nose to wash out the sinuses, was — as you pointed out — a routine procedure years ago but has been largely superceded by antibiotic therapy and surgery (to promote sinus drainage and remove polyps). I don't know why your doctor might reject this option out of hand. Why not ask him? If the technique were to work, it could save you the expense, discomfort and inconvenience of surgery. Let me know what he says.

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Nonetheless, if you are truly frightened by the possibility of damage from this product, ask your physician to consider alternative therapy, such as a non-steroidal inhaler (Serevent and others) or pills (including Singulair and Accolate), which are marketed to prevent (not treat) asthma and are relatively free of side effects.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take large amounts of aspirin to control the pain of arthritis. Why have I suddenly developed ringing in my ears?

DEAR READER: Tinnitus is a common consequence of aspirin toxicity. Your body may be trying to tell you that you're taking far too much of the drug. I suggest that you discontinue the aspirin, substitute Tylenol for the pain and wait a few days. If aspirin is the culprit, the tinnitus will disappear. If the ringing persists, see an ear-nose-and-throat specialist.

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AMR Corp		25.60	24.85	25.03—.21
AOL TimeWrn		20.45	19.60	19.78—.92
AT&T Corp s		14.25	13.50	13.54—.88
Albertsons		34.65	34.42	34.58 + .16
Alltel		53.61	52.71	52.87—.59
AmEl Pw		48.49	48.16	48.42 + .36
AndarkPtr		55.60	54.37	55.47 + .47
ATMOS Egy		24.40	24.29	24.29—.17
Aviall		8.95	8.84	8.91—.04
BP PLC		51.58	51.01	51.07—.88
BakerHughes		36.15	35.28	35.68 + .07
Bank of Amer		69.93	69.20	69.21—.73
BellSouth		32.81	31.70	31.82—.98
vjBeth Steel		.41	.39	.40
BurlNoSFe		29.30	28.87	28.90—.39
Caterpillar		59.25	58.80	59.04—.45
ChevronTex		88.00	87.32	87.73 + .13
Citigroup		48.62	47.65	47.82—.81
CocaCola		54.12	53.51	53.52—.70
ColgatePal		58.38	57.50	57.51—.90
ComclMetals		45.30	45.17	45.18—.31
CooperIn		45.95	45.50	45.50—.47
DaimlrChry		45.55	44.62	44.68—.25
DeltaAirl		30.35	29.70	29.86 + .21
Dillards Inc		25.25	24.59	24.99 + .68
DowChem		33.80	33.28	33.49—.01
DuFont		47.80	47.15	47.36—.26
EastmanChem		49.55	48.85	48.86—.18
EstKodak		34.25	33.53	33.72—.58
EDS Corp		52.19	51.00	51.33—.62
Entergy		45.40	44.70	45.25 + .66
ExxonMobil s		43.14	42.65	42.80—.38
FstBksAm		41.60	41.40	41.40—.15
FootLocker		17.00	16.70	16.71—.29
GenDynam		96.10	95.00	95.40—.67
GenElec		36.77	34.90	35.09—2.11
GenWillis		49.97	49.71	49.88 + .04
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MarathonOil		28.82	28.53	28.74—.01
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NCR Corp		44.55	43.60	44.19 + .09
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PepBoys		16.40	16.22	16.28—.05
PepsiCo		52.50	51.77	51.80—.49
Pharmacia		45.85	45.19	45.28—.29
PhelpDodge		40.93	40.25	40.75 + .51
PhilipPet		60.22	59.80	60.13—.22
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Praxair		59.83	59.40	59.67 + .43
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ReliantEngy		24.74	24.41	24.53—.20
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SouthernCo		26.97	26.82	26.88 + .08
SwstAirl		18.87	18.53	18.65—.06
SprintFON		14.86	14.35	14.40—.45
SprintPCS		10.35	9.44	9.81—.81
Sunoco Inc		39.00	38.15	38.71—.29
TXU Corp		55.62	55.19	55.56 + .32
TempleInland		58.30	57.73	57.81 + .08
Textind		42.09	41.65	41.90 + .20
Texasinst		32.09	31.00	31.14—1.01
Textron		53.27	52.23	52.40—.61
TriconGlbR		63.48	62.30	63.08 + .79
TrinityInds		25.38	25.08	25.11—.22
TylerTech		6.01	5.60	5.74—.16
UnionPacif		59.23	58.53	58.53—.70
USSteel		19.10	18.80	18.80—.10
UnitedTech		75.09	74.00	74.48—.52
Unocal		38.04	37.80	37.90 + .02
VerizonComm		43.50	41.77	41.97—1.93
WalMart		61.81	60.65	61.27 + .70
WalterInds		42.72	42.20	42.27—.33
WetnGasRs		38.49	38.02	38.37 + .18
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Astronauts working on space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts clamped a giant girder to the international space station today, then a pair of spacewalkers went out to permanently bolt it into place.

The 240-mile-high construction job is considered one of the most difficult yet, and will spill into next week.

The tense work got under way early in the morning, a day after space shuttle Atlantis docked at the space station and delivered nearly $1 billion worth of new parts, including the 44-foot girder.

Shuttle astronaut Ellen Ochoa and station astronaut Daniel Bursch used the station's 58-foot robot arm to grab onto the girder and its attached railcar, anchored in Atlantis' payload bay. Then they slowly hoisted the 27,000-pound structure toward the station.

Nearly four hours after the operation began, the girder was firmly clamped to the space station's laboratory. But it was only a temporary connection. The permanent attachment, with bolts and struts, fell to the spacewalking team.

Atlantis crewmen Steven Smith and Rex Walheim floated outside shortly after the clamp was fastened. They used the space station exit. "Beautiful day," Smith said.

The transfer of the girder from the shuttle to the station was more suspenseful than usual because of last month's malfunction of a wrist joint on the robot arm. The crane worked fine today, to NASA's relief.

"Hats off to you and Dan on some nice flying," Mission Control told Ochoa and Bursch.

The $600 million aluminum girder is considered the second-most complicated space station part, the first being its laboratory, which was installed a year ago.

The girder, 141/2 feet wide and packed with electrical cables and plumbing, will serve as the backbone for a framework that eventually will stretch 356 feet and support solar wings and radiators. This piece alone has 475,000 parts, including four computers.

A train track also extends the length of the girder. The $190 million railcar will be used to haul parts from one end of the expanding outpost to the other. It has a top speed of one inch per second.

Four spacewalks will be needed to install the girder and hook everything up. During Atlantis' weeklong visit, two teams of shuttle astronauts will take turns going out to complete the job.

Bursch and space station Alpha's two other residents were thrilled to have company after 4 long months in orbit.

Man arrested for marijuana possession

Arrest

DPS troopers arrested a 31-year-old man on U.S. 84 just after noon Wednesday for Class B possession of marijuana.

Snyder officers arrested a man for disorderly conduct Wednesday in the 3000 block of Ave. N. The officers were standing by at the request of a woman and the man was taken into custody for using vulgar language.

Accident

Officers responded to an accident on 37th Street Wednesday morning near Austin Ave. No injuries were reported.

Involved were a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Debbie Morris, 42, of 9343 CR 1137 and a 1997 Chevrolet driven by Felipe Gutierrez Jr., 18, of 126 20th Place.

Burglaries

Stanley Clark requested an officer at Ave. E and College Wednesday evening to report a burglary of the car wash. Officers were dispatched and advised an offense report for burglary of a coin operated machine would be submitted.

A woman reported her purse stolen at Allsup's on College Ave. and a report for Class B theft was filed.

Attempted suicide

A man requested an ambulance at 12:10 a.m. today in the 100 block of 37th Street after a 21-year-old man cut his arm.

Paramedics were dispatched and advised no transport was necessary. Snyder officers took the man to meet with MHMR representatives and he was transported to Big Spring State Hospital.

Gas drive off

A clerk at United Fuel reported a gas drive off at 9 p.m. Wednesday and provided officers with a description of the vehicle and its driver.

Woman will serve one-year probated jail term for DWI

A 42-year-old Snyder woman will serve a one-year probated jail term following a guilty plea on a Class A misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

Originally, Connie Irene Gonzales of 4012 Eastridge was charged with a felony offense, but it was later reduced to a misdemeanor.

The offense occurred on Sept. 2, 2001.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Gonzalez to the one year in the Scurry County Jail, probated one year.

She must serve 240 hours in jail, and pay a $750 fine.

Obituaries

Birdwell Burney

1925-2002

Funeral service for Birdwell Burney, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Burney

Mr. Burney, 76, died Wednesday, April 10, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Born Aug. 30, 1925, Mr. Burney was a retired butcher, having worked many years for Piggly Wiggly. He also was a stock farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Burney served in the Coast Guard from 1943-1946.

He married Patsy Anne Ross on Jan. 3, 1951 in Lovington, N.M., and she died March 7, 1995. He also was preceded in death by a son, Steve Burney, on Dec. 18, 1991; and a sister, Barbara Burney; and a brother, Shorty Burney.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Bear Bryant of Sonora; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Burney Kotarski of Cortez, Colo.; two sisters, Norma Cumbie and Billie Holladay, both of Snyder; three grandchildren, Kevin Shifflett and wife, Kim, of Gustine, Tyson Shifflett and wife, Amy, of Snyder, and Blaine Burney of Cortez; and five great-grandchildren, Ty and Tanner Shifflett of Gustine, Lacey Shifflett of Mesquite and Jordan and Sadie Shifflett of Snyder.

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 1510 Gregg, Big Spring, 79720, or Scurry County Senior Center.

Robert Clayton

1915-2002

Robert Allen Clayton, a resident of Snyder since 1963, died Monday, April 8, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Clayton, 87, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dale Huff, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Robert Clayton

Born Feb. 12, 1915 in Austin, he married Ester Bailey on Sept. 3, 1938 in Cameron. Mr. Clayton was a retired farm worker and was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ. He moved from Cameron to Tahoka in 1958 and then to Snyder in 1963.

One sister and two half sisters preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Ester Clayton of Snyder; three daughters, Estelle Young of Dallas, Velma Clay and Melinda Simmons, both of Snyder; nine sons, William Clayton and Arthur Clayton of Snyder, James Earl Clayton, Curtis Clayton and Roy Clayton, all of Lubbock, Robert Clayton Jr. of Austin, O.D. Clayton of Dallas, DeWayne Clayton of Brownfield and Billy Clayton of Henryetta, Okla.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

William Baker

1929-2002

William Baker, 72, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 6, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Graveside service was held at 10 a.m. today in Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Walter McCall, chaplain of Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Born on Oct. 7, 1929 in Clyde, Mr. Baker was reared in Clyde and lived most of his life in Big Spring. He was a truck driver. He is survived by many friends.

Arch Floyd

1924-2002

William A. "Arch" Floyd of Snyder died Tuesday, April 9, in the Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Floyd, 78, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Bear Williams will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Arch Floyd

Born March 28, 1924 in Granville, Okla., Mr. Floyd was a retired painter and oilfield worker, and a member of the First Pentecostal Church. He moved to Snyder from Electra in 1974.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eula Mae Floyd, on Feb. 27, 1981; and by a daughter, Winnie Bell York, on June 19, 1999.

Survivors include three daughters, Brenda Fay Williamson of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Judy Cathleen Baker of Mansfield and Carolyn Clay of Oklahoma City; a son, Danny Arch Floyd of Wichita Falls; his friend and former wife, Cathleen Scrogum of Olney; 10 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mary Crawford

1906-2002

SAN ANTONIO — Mary Elizabeth Crawford, the mother of Nan Swanson of Snyder, died Tuesday, April 9, at her home in San Antonio.

A memorial service for Mrs. Crawford, 96, will be held at a later date.

Born Sept. 19, 1906 in Kansas City, Mo., she was reared in Guthrie, Okla., and married Weldon Crawford in 1935 in Guthrie.

The family moved to San Antonio in 1942. She also lived in Australia, Mexico, and South America and was an avid golfer into her '90s. She also was active in the Girl Scouts and the PTA.

Survivors include her husband, Weldon Crawford of San Antonio; two other daughters, Susan LeVieux of Austin and Lucy Piper of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Jerry Crawford of Tulsa; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Janie Dever

1907-2002

Janie Dever, 94, died Wednesday, April 10, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Dever was set for 2 p.m. today in the Cottonwood Cemetery with Billy Hudnall officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home in Rotan.

Janie Dever

Born Aug. 28, 1907 in Hud, Tex., she was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Frank Garrison in 1937 and Harvie Dever in 1987; her parents, J.B. and Ida Guinn Hudnall; two sons, Burrell Foy and Joe Mark Garrison; and seven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Nona and Carl Williams, E.H. and Freda Dever, all of Snyder, and Gene and Mary Hudnall of Rotan.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Hometown performances

Snyder High School drama students have set hometown performances for *Julius Caesar* which has advanced to regional competition April 19 at Angelo State University. Performances today through Saturday will be at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's matinee is set for 2. Tickets are $5 for adults and $4 for students.

Community garden workday

Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday to plant a community garden at 26th and Ave. C for the Food Cupboard. Bring hoe, gloves and hat.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Golden K dinner

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will have a turkey and dressing dinner on Sunday at the Scurry County Senior Center. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $6, children under six are free.

Gospel concert

Evangelists Robert and Ramona Williams will present a Gospel concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene.

Avenue D Baptist revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., will hold a revival Sunday through Wednesday. Jim Mosley is the evangelist and John Bullock will lead the music. Sunday services are Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and evening worship is at 6. Weekday services are at 7 p.m.

Discovery School pre-registration

Discovery School will hold pre-registration for the summer session Monday. Classes start Tuesday, May 27, for children infant through the fourth grade. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Hermleigh ISD transfers

Hermleigh ISD is accepting applications for transfer for 2002-2003. Applications may be picked up in the high school office and all transfer requests must be turned in by the end of April.

Assistance fund

A special Bouher Family Fund has been established at Spur Security Bank. Josh and Ashley Bouher were in an automobile accident March 22 that took the life of Ashley, and resulted in hospitalization for Josh. Mail donations to the bank at Box 549, Spur, 79370. Grandparents are Kenneth and Joyce Smith of Snyder.

Church garage sale

Trinity United Methodist Church youth will have a garage sale Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church Fellowship Hall at 5200 Trinity Blvd., across from the hospital. Funds will go to a summer mission trip.

Eighth grade parents meeting

Parents of all eighth grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, in the SHS auditorium. Debbie Phillips, counselor, will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs. Students also are welcome to attend.

Basketball tourney

There will be a basketball tourney April 26-27 at the Hermleigh High gym for ages high school and up. Coed teams are welcome. Proceeds to benefit the Hermleigh junior and senior classes. Entry deadline is April 19. Call Reecie Sauceda at 863-2532 or Kentra Nachlinger at 573-2292 after 4:30 p.m. Cost is $100 per team and team size limit is 10.

CNA classes

Snyder Oaks Care Center will start free certified nurses' aide classes toward the end of this month. Go by 210 E. 37th for application. Call 573-9377 for more information.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Family anniversary party is grand-slam celebration

DEAR READERS: I received a mountain of mail responding to "Karen in Virginia," whose twin sister resented her selecting a wedding date near her own:

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I married on Dec. 10, 1961. Nineteen years later, our first daughter was married on Dec. 10. Three years after that, my son was married on Dec. 10, and two years after that, our second daughter married on Dec. 10. We think it's great. My wife and I are honored.

The most enjoyable thing about it is when we go out for our anniversary dinner together. The server asks, "Whose anniversary is it?" And we all raise our hands! — **HAPPY CHARLIE IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR HAPPY CHARLIE: I like your style!

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DEAR ABBY: Two years ago my husband and I celebrated our 50th anniversary. Our oldest granddaughter wanted to be married around that same time. We ended up combining our anniversary party and her wedding — and it couldn't have been a more wonderful day for everyone.

Those twin sisters should embrace each other and celebrate together from now on. — **HAPPY WIFE, MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER**

DEAR HAPPY: In the best of all possible worlds, they would.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a twin, and one of the many advantages of being a twin is the ability to share important times in our lives. My sister was married July 20; I was married July 19 of the following year. Unfortunately, we don't live close enough to celebrate our birthdays and anniversaries together or we would. What Karen's sister doesn't realize is that plenty of twins would love to share an event together but have lost their sister or brother.

Shame on her. She doesn't deserve to be a twin. She should have been a "singlet." — **GINNY IN CINCINNATI**

DEAR GINNY: It's sad to say, but not all twins view twinship as you do.

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DEAR ABBY: My twin sister, "Sue," was planning her wedding when my husband asked me to marry him. Sue was the first person I told. She immediately said, "Do you want to get married on the same day? That would be great!" As it happened, I was unable to be married on that day, but she insisted that I announce my engagement at her rehearsal dinner so our family and friends could hear it from me.

She didn't begrudge me stealing the spotlight from her wedding; instead, she was happy for me. She helped me plan every part of my wedding (I was doing it long-distance) and was an unfailing support to me. We even wore the same dress in a different color. Sue has been my best friend from the day we were born and will always be the closest person to me on Earth. — **A NON-COMPETITIVE TWIN**

DEAR N-C.T.: Bravo to both of you.

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DEAR ABBY: You said Karen's twin was being childish. Well, I think Karen is the competitive twin. There are many other dates that fit the parameters she mentioned. Her twin isn't the one insisting on being married close to the same day. Even her fiance said it's not a good time.

Karen's sister can't change the date of her anniversary. By insisting on being married close to her sister's date, Karen is being childish and competitive. I think she needs counseling to find out why she's so obsessed with her twin. — **HAPPY TO BE AN ONLY CHILD**

DEAR ONLY CHILD: Thank you for pointing out that there are two sides to every story.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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South Texas superintendent indicted on perjury charge

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas school superintendent faces indictments in connection with misapplication of a district's property for his own use.

A Karnes County grand jury on Wednesday indicted Kenedy School District Superintendent Joe N. Garza on two charges of tampering with a government record and three counts of aggravated perjury.

All five charges are third-degree felonies, punishable upon conviction by two to 10 years in prison and up to a $10,000 fine.

According to the indictments, Garza lied in October in testimony to another Karnes County grand jury about having a school district employee use the system's property to make fencing materials for Garza's personal use.

That testimony occurred while the grand jury was investigating "misapplication of property belonging to the Kenedy Independent School District by Joe N. Garza," the indictment stated.

At least two prisoners killed in van accident near Odessa

PECOS (AP) — A van carrying 13 federal prisoners from El Paso to Odessa careened off Interstate 10 and plunged down a steep embankment, killing at least two of the inmates.

The van was about halfway between Van Horn and Pecos when it drifted off the road about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, struck a guardrail, went across the eastbound lane, spun around and rolled down a steep incline, said Cpl. Kathy Briggs of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Jeff Davis County Justice of the Peace George Grubb pronounced two prisoners dead at the scene. Both were ejected from the van, Briggs said. The van came to rest upright on an access road.

Two guards were in the front seat; the inmates sat in four seats behind a mesh barrier. None of the prisoners was wearing a seat belt, officials said.

Names of the dead and the 11 injured prisoners were withheld pending notification of relatives.

At the time of the accident, the van was about halfway between Van Horn and Pecos, a stretch of about 100 miles.

Jack Dean, U.S. marshal for the Western District of Texas, said in a prepared statement that the van was en route from El Paso County to the Ector County Correctional Center in Odessa. The facility is managed by a private firm, CiviGenics, which also operated the van involved in Wednesday's accident.

According to the Massachusetts company's Website, federal prisoners are detained at the Ector County facility under contract with the U.S. marshal's office for the Western District.

"Initial reports indicate that the van left the highway and rolled over as a result of tire failure," Dean said.

Briggs said the accident is still under investigation, but that driver fatigue might have been involved.

The van left Odessa about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday en route to El Paso and was returning when the accident occurred.

Killer is executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A man who killed his girlfriend and checked into a motel with her corpse was executed Wednesday after telling her family he was sorry.

"I hope and pray they can forgive me," Jose Santellan said of Yolanda Garza's relatives. "I loved Yolanda a lot."

None of the relatives attended, but Santellan said he hoped they would read his words after his death by injection.

Santellan confronted Garza outside the Hill Country Memorial Hospital as she left her nurse's aide job on Aug. 22, 1993. Santellan shot her four times and drove off with her body.

Police said he drove west for 80 miles, committing an armed robbery along the way, before stopping at Camp Wood.

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