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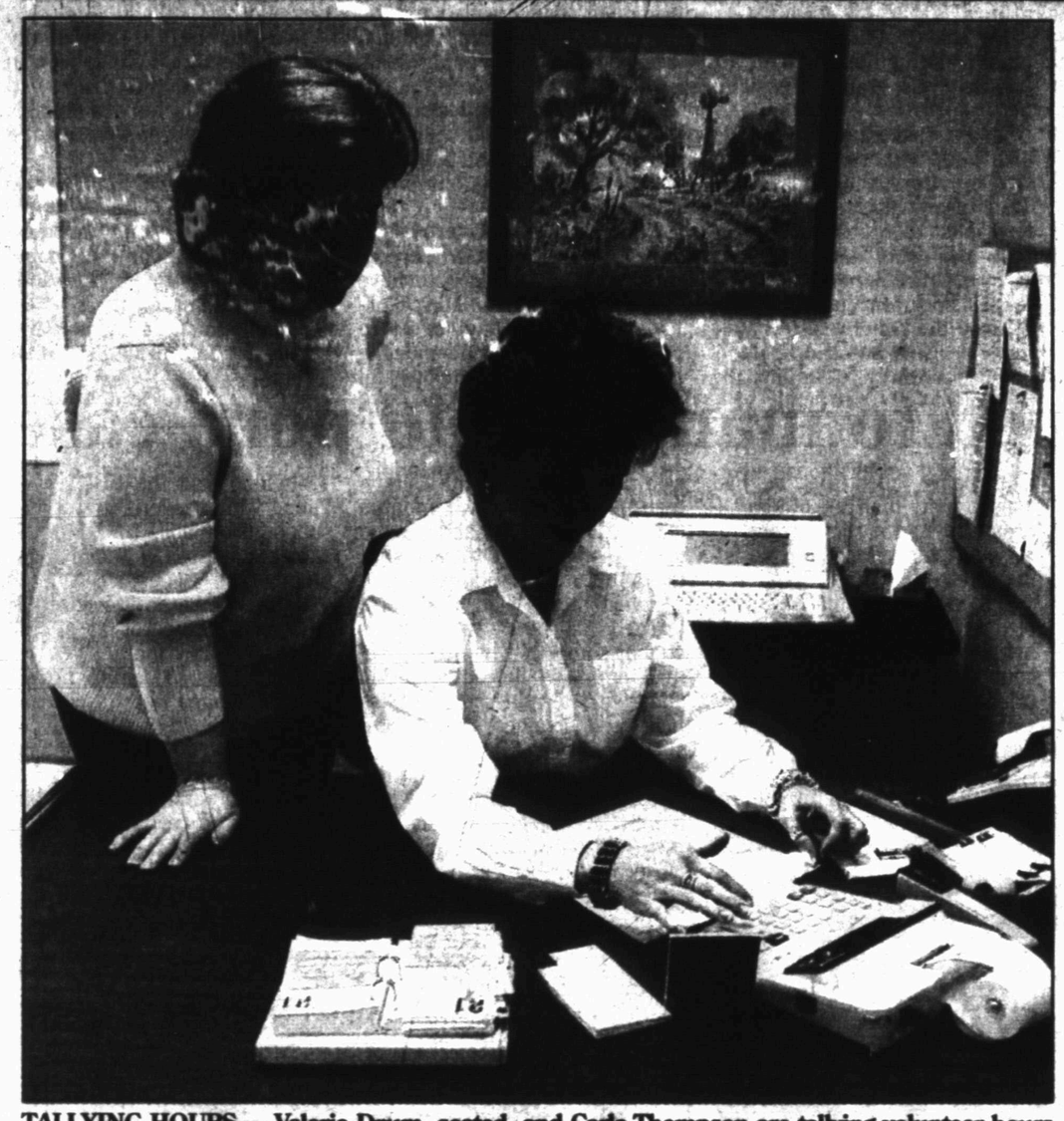

TALLYING HOURS — Valerie Drum, seated, and Carla Thompson are tallying volunteer hours at the Senior Citizens Center. The annual recognition banquet begins at 6:30 this evening. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

AHNTECH employees find housing shortage

The anticipated influx of people moving into Snyder when the Air Force's remote scoring site opens at Winston Field may not be what was first hoped.

During Thursday's Development Corporation of Snyder's board meeting, executive director John DeLille shared correspondence with the board that indicated some of the 22 families to work at the site might be forced to live elsewhere.

Bill Clingenpeel, site manager for AHNTECH, wrote that several of the families who will be transferred here have visited the community looking for housing.

"Their reports on the housing situation in Snyder have not been very good," wrote Clingenpeel. "Most employees are planning to rent with two or three attempting to buy."

"In nearly every case, they report not enough rentals of the quality and price range desired to support everyone is available," said Clingenpeel.

"They are starting to look at Big Spring, Colorado City and Sweetwater as an alternative to Snyder," said Clingenpeel.

DeLillle said the DCOS has sent packages of information to the families who will be moving here in order to assist them in locating housing.

"Looking at their addresses in Arkansas in relation to where their job is now, I don't believe they will hesitate to commute if appropriate housing is not available in Snyder," DeLille said.

This morning DeLille said that the DCOS would be compiling a list of persons who own rental property to send to those moving here.

Repairs necessary to lease the former Williamson Automotive building for a retail establishment was another topic of discussion.

Plumbing and gas line repairs have totaled almost $600 thus far, and estimated expenditures to bring the electrical system up to date, and repairs to the roof total $11,915.15.

The electrical work, plus parts, is expected to be $3,370, while Lydick-Hooks Roofing of Abilene estimates it will take $11,915.15 to repair the roof.

The building has been leased by Rhonda May for her Special Occasions & Gift Shop for $150 per month for the first six months, and then $250 per month.

The building was donated to the DCOS in December 1999.

By repairing the building in order to lease it, it will go back on the tax rolls, DeLille reported.

Board president David Cotton presided and directors in attendance were Dayton Robertson, Mike McWilliams, Mark Cypert and James Brown.

THESDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "All folks are ordinary. The extraordinary ones are those who know it."

(This is the second in a series about the individual staff members of the Snyder Daily News.)

It's a unique signature - one that has been seen numerous times by readers of the Snyder Daily News.

Several years ago, on one of Warden Wilhelmenia Howard's early visits to the newspaper office, she was accompanied by her sons, Kasey and Horatio.

We figured they might want to see some of the equipment run. Nope, they had a specific request.

Shirley Gorman

The two elementary students announced, "We want to see Shirley A. Gorman."

Her name is at the end of most school pictures published by the Snyder Daily News. How many? Shirley lost count many years ago.

How many years? She's been the Snyder Daily News wire editor, news editor, page layout person, general assignment reporter and photographer for almost 21 years.

Shirley's early life was a moving experience. Her father was a self-employed paint contractor, so she attended high school in, Cheyenne, Wyo., Levelland, Clovis, Plainview and the last half of her senior year at Abilene Cooper, graduating in 1965.

Shirley finished West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) with a degree in journalism and minor in English in 1976.

Her first newspaper job lasted 3½ years at the State Line Tribune in Farwell. She spent 18 months at the Levelland News Press before moving to Snyder in May, 1981.

Shirley has conquered the learning curve in the industry. She started on a manual typewriter, progressed to an electric model and was introduced to her first computer at the SDN.

One of the last upgrades was a front-end system with pages being actually built or paginated on computer.

"I was afraid," Shirley said. "It was hard learning, but I wouldn't want to go back doing it the old way."

We figure that Shirley, a single lady, has probably attended more schools plays and awards presentations than most parents with school-age kids. And she loves it!

And school folks love her. In addition to numerous pictures in Snyder schools, Shirley is the primary contact of school folks at Ira and Hermleigh. Schools have recognized her efforts with plaques and certificates.

Shirley's also a determined and conscientious lady. She's first to arrive at the office daily, and often the last to leave. A couple of Christmas holidays back, she got stranded while visiting her mother in Amarillo.

Shirley called in several times daily, worried about not being able to do her job. We tried to assure her that she had earned the extra time off, but she still fretted. That's Shirley, and the Snyder Daily News and its readers are better off because she does really care.

Sr. Citizen banquet tonight

A Mardi Gras theme is planned for the 23rd annual Senior Citizens Center recognition banquet to begin at 6:30 this evening.

The banquet recognizes volunteers for hours this past year and accumulative hours. Pins are presented to volunteers for every 500 hours earned. Pamela Fenton will present the pins.

Bernhard Bartels will recognize the Star Volunteers, those who have accumulated more than 5,000 or 10,000 hours.

Volunteers in 2001-2002 worked a total of 43,082 hours. Valerie Drum also will name the top 15 volunteers. Carla Thompson, director, will welcome everyone and recognize special guests. Thompson and Fenton also will present door prizes.

Rev. Miller Robinson will give the invocation.

The meal will consist of roasted beef au jus, creamed potatoes, Italian green beans, garden salad, chocolate layer dessert and dinner rolls.

America's Funniest...

You Star video on TV

A video filmed by Tommy Williams of You Star Video will air tonight on *America's Funniest Videos*, which begins at 7 on ABC, Cox Cable channels 8 and 12.

The video was shot during the Miller Ranch's 100th Centennial Anniversary and shows a man being thrown over the fence during the rodeo.

SHS play advances to district

The judge liked Snyder High School's dark and apocalyptic interpretation of *Julius Caesar* so much that she told Brad Vincent and the drama students she wished she could be in their play.

SHS earned Kathleen Cochran's praise at the south zone district one-act play contest hosted Thursday by San Angelo Lake View. Cochran is a theatre instructor at McLennan Community College in Waco.

Clark Reed's portrayal of Brutus captured best actor honors. Hayli Henderson and Bobby Sands were named to the all-star cast. Henderson plays Cassius and Sands is Julius Caesar.

Honorable mention recognition went to Jeff Scott as Metellus and Sterling Millhollon who portrays Decius.

Justin Cox also won the best sound award.

"We're excited," drama director Vincent said. "We wanted to do the best show we could. The judge's comments are an extra pat on the back."

He noted that they had a great turnout of Snyder fans for their 6 p.m. performance. Vincent said their performance also had special meaning because they were the first to perform a Shakespeare play at the new Lake View High.

Now it's on to the district contest competition set Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium. Snyder will perform at 4 p.m.

Following the zone contest, Andrews High School also advanced. Andrews performed *Inherit the Wind*.

Guilty pleas send two to prison

Two Snyder men will serve lengthy prisons terms in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following guilty pleas entered Thursday in 132nd District Court.

One was sentenced to serve 27 years in prison on a cocaine possession charge and another will serve concurrent 20-year prison terms for sexual assault and for felony theft.

Hadley Dees Vineyard, 22, of 2744 CR 3126 pleaded guilty to the March 22, 2001 burglary of the rural home of Glenn Patterson.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Vineyard to 20 years on the burglary charge and revoked Vineyard's 10-year probated sentence for a 1999 sexual assault. He will now serve 20 years on the sexual assault charge.

Vineyard also pleaded guilty to a July 14, 2001 charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle belonging to Manuel DeLorea, to the felony theft of Sterling Grocery in Ira on May 19, 2001 and to a Sept. 11, 2001 charge of felony theft from Durwood Kruger.

On each of the three counts, Judge Armstrong sentenced Vineyard to concurrent two-year terms in a state jail facility.

Hector Perez, 39, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 2C7, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, cocaine. The offense occurred July 25, 2001.

Because of prior convictions, Judge Armstrong enhanced Perez' punishment to 27 years.

PROM MOMS — Danita Covey, top, and Sheryll Reed were among the parents working Thursday afternoon to decorate Scurry County Coliseum for Snyder High School's Junior-Senior prom slated for Saturday night. Being constructed was a waterfall to match the event's theme, "Midnight in Paradise." (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Is WTC enforcing travel restrictions for all employees?

A—To save costs, all employees must gain approval for travel from the college administration. Restrictions do not apply to sports recruiters or the rodeo team.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 63 degrees; low, 24; 7 a.m. Friday, 25; no precipitation; total for 2002, 2.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 40; S winds 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, breezy; high mid 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy; low lower 40s.

Shelby Grice
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:57 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Of 80 days in 2002, the sun has shone 76 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When we do the best we can, we never know what miracles await.
—Helen Keller

MAR 22 2002

Dog owner convicted in dog-mauling death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rejecting defense arguments that the attack couldn't have been foreseen, jurors returned a murder conviction against a woman whose dogs ripped open a neighbor's throat, killing her in their San Francisco apartment hallway. The woman's husband was convicted of manslaughter.

Marjorie Knoller — believed to be just the third person ever convicted of murder in a U.S. dog-mauling case — fought back tears as jurors announced Thursday that she was guilty on all counts. Behind her, a large group of victim Diane Whipple's friends and her domestic partner, Sharon Smith, began to weep in the courtroom.

"There's no real joy in this but certainly some measure of justice for Diane was done today," Smith said later. "I'm glad to see the jury didn't buy some of the smoke screens that were put in front of them."

Knoller, owner of two huge Presa Canario dogs named Bane and Hera, was convicted of second-degree murder in Whipple's death. She was also found guilty, along with her husband, Robert Noel, of the lesser charges of manslaughter and having a mischievous dog that killed someone.

Each of the lesser charges carries a sentence of up to four years.

Experts said the 120-pound Bane delivered the fatal wounds and prosecutors said Hera tore at Whipple's clothing during the attack. Both dogs were later destroyed.

One legal expert said Thursday's verdict was likely to send a message across the nation.

"This does not mean that every dog mauling case will end up as a murder case," said Loyola University Law Professor Laurie Levenson. "But it does mean if people have prior warning they will have to take it seriously."

After the verdict, jurors said they thought Knoller, 46, and Noel, 60, had been "arrogant" to ignore warnings from more than 30 people that their dogs, each of which weighed more than 100 pounds, were dangerous.

Knoller looked stricken upon hearing the verdict, turning to look at her parents and apparently mouthing the word "help."

Her husband showed no reaction to the verdict.

Sentencing was set for May 10 in San Francisco, where the fatal attack on Whipple, a 33-year-old lacrosse coach, occurred last year as she was carrying groceries into her apartment. Knoller was walking the dogs at the time.

The case was moved to Los Angeles because of heavy pretrial publicity.

In all, jurors deliberated for 111/2 hours over three days before convicting the couple. They decided the most serious second degree-murder charge last.

"It was a painful decision," said Don Newton, 64, foreman of the seven-man, five-woman jury. "The question of implied malice was a difficult question to decide, but we did decide there was implied malice in her actions."

He said Noel, who was not present during the attack, nevertheless "was equally responsible."

Jurors said Knoller was her own worst witness, unbelievable at every turn in her testimony. They also said Noel, whose letters about the dogs were admitted as evidence, "doesn't seem to be a very nice person."

Even so, juror Shawn Antonio, 27, said the panel resisted making a decision based on personalities, carefully weighing the evidence instead.

The jurors, who met with reporters after the verdict, said Knoller's situation was worsened by the behavior of her flamboyant lawyer, Nedra Ruiz.

Ruiz, who was admonished by the judge for interrupting the prosecutor during his closing argument, had crawled on the floor, kicked the jury box and cried during her opening statement.

"She's an amazingly dramatic person," Newton said. "She's an incredible actress and I think to some extent she was counterproductive."

Levenson, the law professor, gave high marks to the prosecutors, Assistant District Attorneys Jim Hammer and Kimberly Guilfoyle-Newsome. They set out to prove that the husband-and-wife lawyers knew their two powerful Presa Canarios were "time bombs."

"We've gotten so used to TV trials we forget how important evidence is and how competently it is presented," said Levenson. "Lawyers sometimes get distracted from their mission. The prosecutors kept their eye on the prize."

Prosecutors repeatedly showed jurors a TV interview in which the couple disavowed responsibility for Whipple's death and appeared to blame the victim.

"It's not my fault," Knoller said in the interview. "Ms. Whipple had ample opportunity to move into her apartment. She could have just slammed the door shut. I would have."

Antonio said that had a powerful impact on him and on other jurors.

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Bond denied to man in child porn case

TYLER (AP) — A federal magistrate has denied bond for an unemployed East Texas truck driver after learning that the accused ringleader of an Internet child pornography site had prior convictions on child molestation charges.

During a detention hearing Thursday, FBI Special Kirsten Sheldon testified that Mark Bates was convicted in 1987 of fondling an 8-year-old boy and two 6-year-old boys while living with his family at Fort Polk, La. Sheldon said Bates admitted after being jailed that he had abused more than 100 other children and had earlier arrests in Missouri for assault and resisting arrest.

U.S. Magistrate Judith Guthrie ordered Bates, 32, of Athens held without bond on charges of conspiracy to distribute and transport of child pornography.

Bates was arrested on Monday as the result of a yearlong sting dubbed "Operation Candyman" that focused on three Internet discussion groups on Yahoo's Web pages. Authorities said Bates operated the Candyman Web site for two months starting Dec. 6, 2000, and was the site's moderator. Officials shut down the site two months later.

Investigators said they first learned that the site was moderated by someone who used the e-mail address "thecandyman31" and then determined the address had been obtained by an AOL subscriber.

AOL records showed that the AOL subscriber also used the name "loverofpictures" and that the AOL subscription was paid for with a credit card billed to Bates' address in Anderson County.

Sheldon said the FBI served Yahoo with a federal grand jury subpoena on Jan. 22, 2001 for the e-mail addresses of "Candyman" members.

Bates' computer was seized as well as a computer at a club owned by Bates' mother.

Sheldon said child pornographic images were discovered on both computers, some involving youths "down to toddlers" engaged in sexual activities.

The FBI said Bates' Web site attracted an estimated 6,800 members within two months. Subscribers are being arrested as they are identified, Sheldon said.

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Berry's World

Date Book

Friday, March 22, 2002

Today is the 81st day of 2002, and the third day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1638, religious activist Anne Hutchinson was expelled by the Puritans from the Massachusetts Bay colony.

On this day in 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act, which taxed several goods in their American colonies. The unrest that followed was one of the factors that contributed to the Revolutionary War.

On this day in 1972, the Equal Rights Amendment was passed by the Senate and sent to the states. However, it eventually fell several states short of ratification.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Chico Marx (1887 - 1961), actor/comedian; Marcel Marceau (1923 -), mime, is 79; William Shatner (1931 -), actor, is 71; Andrew Lloyd Webber (1948 -), composer, is 54; Bob Costas (1952 -), sportscaster, is 50; Lena Olin (1955 -), actress, is 47, Matthew Modine (1959 -), actor, is 43; Reese Witherspoon (1976 -), actress, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Debi Thomas became the first black woman to win figure skating's world championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My notion of sports broadcasting is that it's a combination of enhancing and enjoying the drama and excitement of sports, but at the same time there should also be a place for journalism and commentary. I don't think that they are incompatible." - Bob Costas

TODAY'S MOON: In between the first quarter (March 21) and the full moon (March 28)

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RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

5-18-23-29-32

Pick 3

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

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Gov. Perry spares one-legged man

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Rodolfo Hernandez didn't get the artificial leg he wanted so he could walk himself into the Texas death chamber.

He did even better.

He got his life.

Gov. Rick Perry, in a surprising move, spared the 52-year-old former auto mechanic at the request of San Antonio police who met with Hernandez this week on death row and believe he has valid information about unsolved murders he either participated in or is aware of.

Hernandez, 52, got the word just two minutes before he could have been taken to the death house in a wheelchair because he can't walk. His left leg was amputated below the knee last year.

"The police department in San Antonio apparently was able to corroborate two of the other murders that he said he participated in and they would like the time to talk with him to try to solve some more of these cases," Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said. "The governor thought that it was important that if this inmate could help solve even one more murder that the 30-day reprieve should be granted, so he did."

During Perry's 11/4 years in office, he has presided over 23 executions and stopped one before Thursday's execution. On Sept. 11, Perry halted an execution because of the terrorist attacks on Washington and New York. The punishment was carried out two months later.

The Texas governor has the authority to issue a one-time 30-day reprieve like the one given Hernandez, who is from San Antonio.

Perry's predecessor, former Gov. George W. Bush, stopped one execution during his nearly six years in office when 152 convicted killers were put to death. The one inmate Bush reprieved, while DNA tests were conducted to confirm his guilt, eventually was executed.

"I feel relieved," Hernandez said after an officer informed him at 5:58 p.m. "Now I can breathe.

"I've got strong faith and therefore it was in God's hands what to do with me," Hernandez added. "God is the one who runs this operation. If it weren't for him, I wouldn't be here. I want to thank him first before thanking anybody, then I can start thanking my attorneys."

Hernandez gained notoriety as Texas' one-legged condemned killer whose health blocked him from being fitted with the artificial limb. He accused prison officials of refusing to provide him with the prosthesis because of cost and because he was about to die, but prison authorities said a staph infection on the end of his amputated leg prevented him from being fitted for the device.

The amputation in July was the result of complications from diabetes.

Walt said the reprieve had nothing to do with Hernandez's health.

Hernandez was condemned for robbing and shooting five undocumented Mexican immigrants in March 1985 in a remote area of Comal County, just north of San Antonio. One of the five, 20-year-old Victor Cervan, of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, died. He had been shot once in the back and three times in the neck.

Hernandez contended he was innocent of the shootings.

Bill Schroeder, who prosecuted the former auto mechanic, said two of the men who survived their wounds identified Hernandez as the gunman. Hernandez's brother-in-law, who was at the shooting scene, also testified against him.

"Hernandez was not a nice guy," Schroeder said. "He had made some comments that people coming in from Mexico should be done away with."

Hernandez, who had a previous robbery conviction, would have been the seventh Texas prisoner to receive lethal injection this year. At least 14 others have execution dates, four of them in April and six in May.

Court records show in early March 1985, five men climbed boarded a freight train that took them from southern Mexico to Texas. When they reached San Antonio, Hernandez offered to take them to Denton, north of Dallas, where the Mexican men hoped to find work.

Hernandez and his brother-in-law, Jesse Garibay, drove the men north into Comal County where the Mexican men were ordered out of the car at gunpoint, then shot and robbed, testimony showed.

"It was pretty much a cold-blooded execution," Schroeder said. "He fit the sociopathic profile. He had no empathy for anybody. When you shoot young men laying down on the ground it pretty much shows your inability to empathize."

A jury took about an hour to convict Hernandez and about an hour to decide he should be put to death.

Garibay, in exchange for his testimony, received a four-year prison term.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, March 23, 2002

In the year ahead, you'll be better able to control important matters than you have in the past. Once you get a handle on things, success should follow in your wake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be able to finalize a domestic matter that you've been eager to dispose of. You'll breathe a sigh of relief that it is finally over. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This might be a good time to incorporate emotional thinking into your mental considerations. It will coat the harshness of reality and make it more palatable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even if you spend a bit more than you should, you'll still feel good about it, because it's likely to be something a loved one would greatly appreciate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Center your efforts on advancing your personal desires, because it looks like you might be able to do just about anything you want without outside interference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A quiet place free from outside disturbances could help you figure out a complicated issue that you need to unravel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An intriguing departure from your usual interests could take a beneficial turn, which will quicken your hopes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Nice people finish on top, as you'll find out. Your pleasant demeanor, coupled with kindness and consideration for all those you meet, will win you many gold stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll use your sensitivity to season your logical evaluations, and you'll be endowed with wisdom. Others will take your thoughts seriously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll constructively use all the resources at your disposal, and a project in which you'll participate will work out remarkably well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There shouldn't be any trouble getting the cooperation you need from your mate or from those with whom you share a partnership situation. They'll go right along with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Settle down to business, and you can make this both a productive and a profitable day. Don't let frivolous interests distract you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Tackle that project that you want to reorganize, and you will be able to get it off on a fresh footing. You'll begin to be able to control it, instead of it controlling you.

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More remains of WTC firefighters recovered at site

NEW YORK (AP) — The remains of one of the city fire department's highest-ranking Sept. 11 victims, as well as those of as many as nine other firefighters, have been retrieved by workers at the World Trade Center site, officials say.

Assistant Chief Donald Burns, 61, was among seven firefighters found late Wednesday or early Thursday, said firefighter Mike Prendergast, a department spokesman. The remains of what appeared to be another three firefighters were discovered Thursday evening, he said.

Two civilians also were found, Prendergast said.

Burns was setting up a command post when the trade center's south tower collapsed. He had been cited for valor five times during his 39-year career.

His remains were found along with personal possessions and were identified using dental records, department spokesman Frank Gribbon said.

Workers have been excavating the last mountain of debris at the site, a six-story heap where the south tower once stood.

Recovery crews at the twin towers complex have said they believe so many remains are being found in the south tower pile because the 110-story building collapsed first, leaving those inside little time to escape.

The fire department lost 343 members in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. The remains of about 160 have been recovered and identified.

When the remains of uniformed officers are found in the rubble, recovery efforts are temporarily halted and the remains are removed on a stretcher covered with an American flag while colleagues salute.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Men suffering domestic abuse can find the help they need

DEAR ABBY: In the past, you have printed letters from men who have been physically abused by their wives. We want to thank you for helping to make the public aware of this aspect of domestic violence. Male victims of domestic violence face grave difficulties. Chief among them is having few places to turn for information and help.

One of the first things these men need to know is that they are not alone. A national survey funded by the Centers for Disease Control found that nearly 40 percent of all domestic violence victims — or 835,000 men a year — are physically abused by their intimate partners.

SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone) has a Web site where male victims (straight and gay) and lesbian women can share their stories with others. It is www.safe4all.org. The Web site lists services that are sympathetic to this underserved population, as well as a number of highly qualified professionals ready to provide training to law enforcement, health-care providers, social service, crisis lines, etc. in how to identify, support and properly refer male victims of domestic violence.

SAFE also provides a brochure for male victims and their concerned family and friends. It identifies domestic violence, lists typical reactions and provides specific advice.

Anyone wishing a copy of this brochure should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with a $1 suggested donation to SAFE-Male Victims Brochure, P.O. Box 951, Tualatin, OR 97062. SAFE is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and donations are tax-deductible. **— PHILIP COOK, NATIONAL VICE-CHAIR, SAFE**

DEAR PHILIP: Thank you for your important letter. The complex problem of domestic violence will not be resolved until government, private agencies and the public become aware that domestic violence is not a gender issue — but a human one.

My mail tells me that not all law enforcement agencies are sensitive to the issues concerning female-to-male abuse. I am pleased your organization is providing training to law enforcement for this ugly, often ignored problem.

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DEAR ABBY: I am being married in June and have no one to walk me down the aisle. My father is deceased, and I have no brothers or male family members who can escort me.

This isn't so much a problem for myself as it is for my mother. She insists it would be "horrific" (her word) if I go it alone — which is exactly what I want to do!

What do you think, Abby? Would it be acceptable for me to walk down the aisle solo? I have been reading your column since I was little, and I'm eager for your opinion. **— READY TO GO IT ALONE IN MISSISSIPPI**

DEAR READY: Some women ask their mothers to escort them down the aisle when there is no male relative available. Others ask a respected male friend to do it, or walk down the aisle alone and "give themselves away" as a feminist statement.

Do as you wish, dear. It's your wedding and your decision.

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Texas man pleads guilty to distributing Crowe's music

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A Texas man has pleaded guilty to distributing copyrighted music performed by actor Russell Crowe's band, Thirty Odd Foot of Grunts.

Billy Joe Acosta of Austin, Texas, will be sentenced by U.S. Magistrate Patricia Trumbull in San Jose on June 11.

Acosta said he offered at least 10 copies of a live performance of Crowe's band for sale on Internet auctions conducted by San Jose-based eBay and Sunnyvale-based Yahoo!

The performance was recorded in Austin on Aug. 4, 2000, and contained copyrighted songs, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Acosta said he earned about $700 from selling the recordings, but stopped selling them after eBay and Yahoo! refused to continue to offer the items for sale on their sites.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-22-02
♠ A K Q
♥ J 10 9
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ 5 4 3

West
♠ 10 8 6
♥ 3 2
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ K Q J 2

East
♠ 9 5 4 3 2
♥ 8 7 5
♦ A
♣ A 10 7 6

South
♠ J 7
♥ A K Q 6 4
♦ K Q 8 7
♣ 9 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

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

Opening lead: ♣ K

Work's work gave way to Vanderbilt's improvements

By Phillip Alder

Auction Bridge suffered from one major drawback: You didn't need to bid high to score high. As I've already mentioned this week, if you played in one no-trump and won nine tricks, you received the game bonus. So, it was potential suicide to go higher than necessary.

In 1925, Harold S. Vanderbilt codified the rules of Contract Bridge. He introduced two particularly important ideas: having to bid a contract worth at least 100 points to collect a game bonus, and vulnerability. After some early stutter-steps, Contract Bridge took over in 1929. From its May 1929 issue, Auction Bridge Magazine (which began in England in May 1926) dropped the first word, concentrating on contract, and has been Bridge Magazine ever since.

I found it interesting how many deals in Milton C. Work's "Auction Bridge Complete" (John. C. Winston Co., 1926) feature themes I have used in classes. Here is one. How should the defense proceed against four hearts?

North has an uncomfortable initial response (unless using one-no-trump forcing). He would prefer one spade to two diamonds, as long as partner isn't going to raise spades.

South appears to have only three losers: one diamond and two clubs. However, East can produce a fourth defensive trick. He should overtake the club king with his ace, cash the diamond ace, and return the club six. Even the most soporific of partners will win with the club jack and lead a diamond to deliver the lethal ruff.

If you can see how to defeat the contract, take control.

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MOVIES

ICE AGE PG

VOICES by Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary

This digitally-animated family film, set during the Ice Age, finds a moody wooly mammoth, a goofy giant sloth and a sinister saber-toothed tiger stumbling upon a human infant who has been separated from his parents.

ET PG

The Extra-Terrestrial: 20th Anniversary

The 20th anniversary reissue of the Steven Spielberg classic includes excellent computer generated effects that allow the visiting alien a more expressive face and more mobile neck. The most successful additional scene shows ET experimenting with toothpaste and taking a bath.

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9:00 p.m.

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7:15 p.m.,
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ACROSS

1 Hearth residue
4 French friend
7 Consumer protection org.
10 Pipe joint
11 Orchestra
13 Loyal
14 Historical period
15 — spumante
16 Antler
17 Wall paintings
19 Woosnam and Fleming
20 Pasture
21 Some Iraqis
23 Mythical archer
26 Coarse files
28 Stir-fry pan
29 Links goal
30 Web-toed mammal
34 Come next
36 Larry King's channel
38 "I Like —"
39 Unwanted sound
41 Dregs
42 Uses the key
44 Vexation
46 Que. or Ont.
47 Pools
51 Competent
52 Sonic bounce
53 Luau stringe
55 Debt securer
56 The other guys
57 Youngest Cratchit
58 Corporate abbr.
59 McMahon and Sullivan
60 Mach 2 flier

DOWN

1 Devoured
2 Vassal
3 Listen to
4 Humiliate
5 Cosmetics buy
6 Division word
7 Wide
8 Smolders
9 Uncle — (rice brand)
12 Floppies
13 Be parched
18 Loop trains
22 "Once — a time . . ."
23 Wool — producer
24 Director Howard
25 Rubber-stamps
27 Spark coil outputs
29 Lowly laborer
31 Tenth inning cause
32 — out a living
33 Legal matter
35 Lopeided
37 Whinnied
40 Dot in a river
41 Sign before Virgo
42 Moon's path
43 Plied a gondola
45 Dorm units
46 Become tiresome
48 Long for
49 Bolt holders
50 Schusses
54 911 responder

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	B	Y	S	S				B	E	L	O	W
I	R	E	N	E				L	A	U	R	A
M	A	N	O	R	S		C	U	R	S	E	S
			W	E	E	P	E	R		H	O	P
	S	I	P		L	A	D					
J	A	D	E		F	R	A	U		P	I	T
A	H	E	A	D		A	R	M		R	O	O
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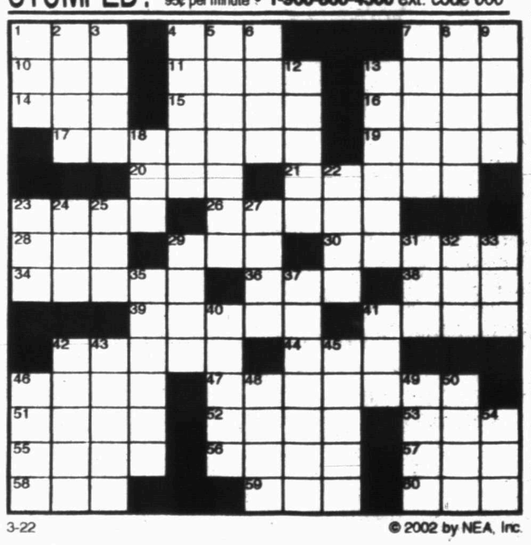

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Snyder Daily News Comics

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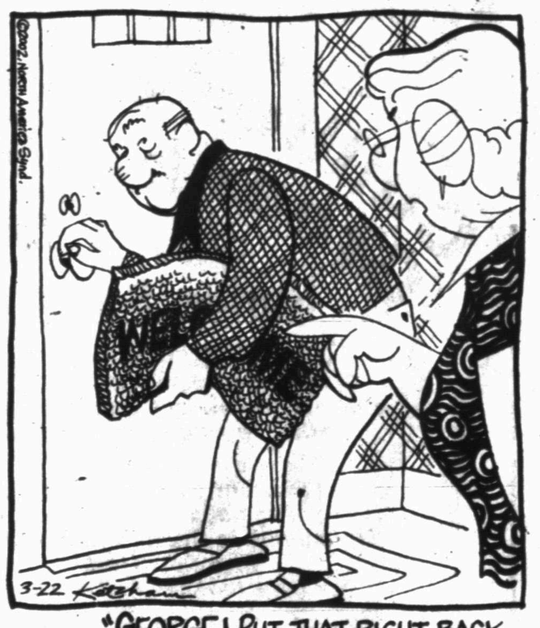

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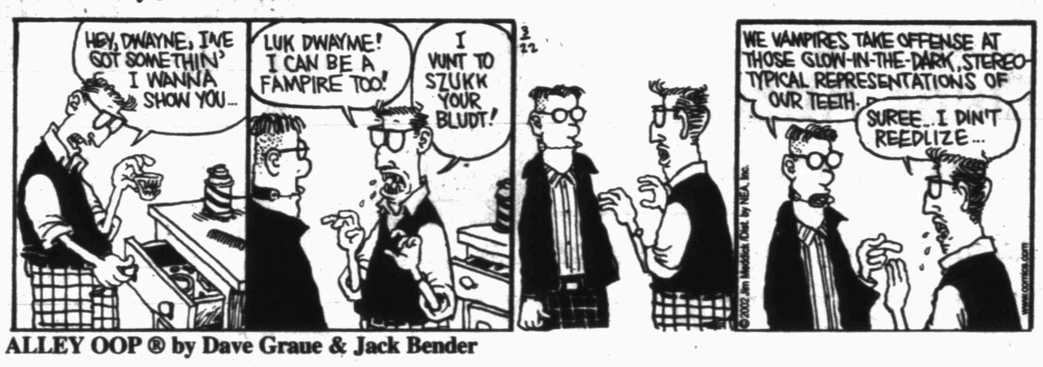

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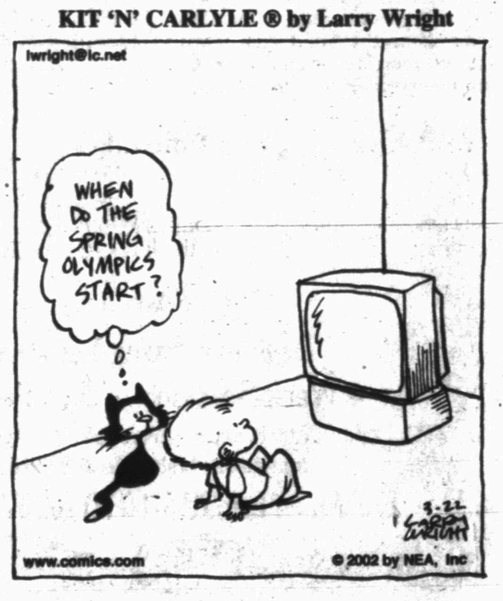

SPORTS

WTC gets fast start at Odessa rodeo

ODESSA — Western Texas College got the start it was looking for Thursday at the Odessa College Collegiate Rodeo.

WTC led two events and was near the top in five others after the opening performance at the Ector County Coliseum Annex.

Sean Prater posted a time of 6.8 seconds to grab the early lead in the steer wrestling, while Tyson Thompson's score of 81 points was best in the bareback competition.

Justin Foltyn was fourth in bareback and Nathan Reid was sixth.

Sam Spreadborough registered a 69 to put him third in the saddle bronc riding. Steven Turner was fifth in the bull riding with a 64.

On the women's side, Randus London was the only Lady Westerner to crack the top-five. London's time of 8.1 was third in the goat tying.

Most of the Lady Westerners, and several members of the men's team are due up today. The second performance is scheduled for tonight, with the finals slated for Saturday.

Tigers stroll past Steers, 13-3

In their first game since breaking into the state poll, the Snyder Tigers proved worthy of their ranking and retained a share of the District 4-4A lead.

The No. 10 Tigers made short work of Big Spring, rolling over the Steers, 13-3, in Thursday's district match-up at Moffett Field.

The game was postponed for two days due to muddy field conditions, but the wait didn't hamper the Tigers. Snyder pounded out 12 hits on its way ending the contest on the 10-run rule in the fifth inning.

"We played pretty well, even though it was really cold out there," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "We hit the ball extremely well, and Tyler (Trout) did a good job on the mound."

Trout, a junior, allowed only four hits and four walks to go along with nine strikeouts. All three Big Spring runs were unearned.

The victory kept Snyder in the chase for district supremacy. The Tigers (3-0, 15-6-1), knotted at the top of the standings with Frenship and Andrews, travel to Wolfforth today for a 4:30 match-up with Frenship.

"We kept telling the kids that they couldn't look past Big Spring, and they didn't," Herrera stated. "But now we can start focusing on Frenship. It's definitely a big game, but it won't make or break our season. We just have to play within ourselves and see what happens."

The Tigers dominated the Steers from the opening pitch, and broke open a 1-0 game with six runs in the second inning.

A double by Tito Alaniz plated three runs in the second, and singles by Billy Pena and Brandon McGuire drove in the other three.

Pena went 4-for-4 at the plate to pace the Tigers. Alaniz and Brooks Nunley belted two hits apiece.

Trailing 7-0, Big Spring threatened to climb back in the game in the third when it loaded the bases with no outs.

The threat quickly died as Snyder catcher Stephen Ortegon hauled in a pop fly behind the plate for the first out. Trout then struck out Andrew Vizcaino, and first baseman Michael Pendleton snared a fly ball near the Big Spring dugout to retire the side.

Big Spring finally scored a pair of runs in the fourth and another in the fifth, but the Tigers answered with two in the fourth before ending the game in the bottom of the fifth.

In the final frame, Pena led off with a single, then went to second with two outs when Alaniz was hit by a pitch. A single to center field by Nunley brought home Pena and Alaniz, and Heath Conner's base hit allowed Nunley to score the game-ending run.

The game at Moffett Field was the only district contest on Thursday. Plainview and Levelland were scheduled to meet but had to cancel for the third time due to inclement weather. The Bulldogs and Loboes rescheduled the game for Monday.

Big Spring	ab	r	h	bi
McKinnon ss	1	0	0	0
Phillips 2b	2	0	1	2
M.Smith c	2	0	0	0
Vizcaino rf	3	1	1	0
Conner lf	3	0	0	0
Beauchamp p	1	0	0	0
W.Smith cr	0	1	0	0
Chavez 2b	1	0	0	0
Adkins 3b	3	0	1	0
Gillihan cf	3	0	0	0
Phinney 1b	2	1	1	0
Totals	21	3	4	2

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	4	3	4	2
McGuire cf	3	1	1	2
Ortegon c	1	0	0	0
Villarreal cr	0	1	0	0
Roemisch c	2	0	0	0
Alaniz lf	3	2	2	3
Nunley ss	4	2	2	2
Pendleton 1b	1	1	0	0
Conner 1b	1	0	1	1
Ramon 3b	2	1	0	0
Hill 3b	0	0	0	1
Franks dh	3	1	1	0
Dorsett rf	3	1	1	0
Totals	27	13	12	11

Big Spring	0	0	0	2	1—	3	4	4
Snyder	1	6	1	2	3—13	12	3	

Game ended on run rule with two outs in bottom of seventh.

LOB - Big Spring 8, Snyder 5. 2B - Big Spring, Vizcaino, Phinney; Snyder, Alaniz.

Big Spring	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Beauchamp	3	7	8	2	3	0
Phillips	1 2/3	5	5	4	1	1
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Trout	5	4	3	0	4	9

SHS girls notch another shutout against Bulldogs

A two-day postponement due to wet field conditions only prolonged the inevitable at Cates Field.

The Snyder Lady Tigers registered their third consecutive shutout with a 10-0 blanking of Plainview in Thursday's district tilt.

The victory kept the Lady Tigers tied atop the district standings with Andrews and Big Spring at 4-1. Coming into the contest, Snyder had registered a 2-0 win over Big Spring and a 14-0 victory over Frenship.

The Lady Tigers belted 10 hits and were error-free in the field, behind the pitching of Ashley Martinez. The SHS hurler surrendered one hit and three walks to go along with eight strikeouts.

Snyder went to work early with two runs in the opening frame and two more in the second. A three-run third inning padded the lead before the Lady Tigers closed out the game with two in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Shelley Fisk led the charge at the plate, going 2-for-2 with a home run. Dara Chambers slapped a double for one of her two hits. Vanessa Freeman and Missy Vasquez also busted two hits apiece. Valerie Hernandez and Chaelyn Robinson added one base hit each.

The Lady Tigers are in action again at 6 today when they host Estacado. Snyder travels to Andrews on Tuesday for a battle between the league leaders.

Snyder	ab	h	bi
Freeman	3	2	1
L.Martinez	3	0	0
Fisk	2	2	1
Hernandez	3	1	0
Robinson	3	1	1
Vasquez	2	2	1
A.Martinez	2	0	0
Chambers	3	2	1
Johnson	2	0	0
Totals	23	10	5

Plainview	0	0	0	0	0—	0	1	3
Snyder	2	2	3	2	1—10	10	0	

2B - Snyder, Chambers. HR - Snyder, Fisk.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
A.Martinez	5	1	0	0	3	8

Tigers set to defend 4-4A golf crown

The Snyder Tigers begin defense of their District 4-4A golf title Saturday when they venture to Big Spring for the first of four league rounds.

The Tigers have been solid ever since closing last year's district race with a rally to grab the crown. The momentum carried over to regionals where Snyder took top honors before placing eighth at state.

This year, the SHS boys have picked up where they left off and Coach Matt Glenn believes his squad is the team to beat.

"I'd say we're the team that everybody's gunning for this year," said Glenn. "We made it to state last year, and we've had some success already this year, so I figure that makes us the favorite.

"But that doesn't guarantee you anything. You still have to go out and play and get the job done."

This year's SHS squad is comprised of two seniors and a trio of juniors.

Seniors Clinton Calmes and Britt Sharrock have shown the ability to anchor the Tigers, while juniors Zach Starnes, Stafford Gray and Brady Reed have fired their share of low scores as well.

Calmes, Starnes and Gray are returning members of last year's regional championship team. Reed was an alternate at state, and Sharrock moved to Snyder from Abilene last spring.

Four rounds will decide the league title. The Tigers host a district round Tuesday at Western Texas College. The final two events are April 8 at Plainview, and April 13 at Andrews.

Hoosiers oust Blue Devils, 74-73

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — It shouldn't be too tough to get a team pumped up to play the defending champion in the NCAA tournament.

Still, Indiana coach Mike Davis seized on some motivational material a couple of days before playing Duke in the final 16. He was struck by something that was said during a meeting among coaches and administrators from the schools.

"One of the guys from Duke asked what time they played on Saturday," Davis said.

"I told my guys, 'You know, they've got a great basketball team — no doubt about that — but when someone disrespects us like this, we've got to come out and fight. It doesn't matter if we win, lose or draw — we need to come out and fight.'"

Unshaken by a 17-point deficit in the first half, the fifth-seeded Hoosiers came back to knock off Duke 74-73 Thursday night and reach a regional final for the first time since 1993.

Indiana — which improved to 6-1 against No. 1-seeded teams in the NCAA tournament — next plays 10th-seeded Kent State for a spot in the Final Four.

Sports Briefs

Teenage baseball sign-ups

Baseball sign-ups for ages 13-16 will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wall Insurance Agency. An organizational meeting is also scheduled. Boys who will be 13 by July 31 and not 17 by Aug. 1 are eligible. Players should bring a parent, birth certificate and $50 registration fee. Teams will be divided by age. For more information, call 573-8048.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for May 28-31 at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office. Players can pre-register through May 15.

Arkansas president upholds Richardson firing

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President B. Alan Sugg, the University of Arkansas' top executive upheld the dismissal of Nolan Richardson, saying that he concurred in a campus chancellor's decision to fire the basketball coach.

Phillies manager suspended, fined after ejection

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Philadelphia Phillies manager Larry Bowa was suspended for one game and fined an undisclosed amount as a result of his ejection during the first inning of a spring training game on March 9.

MLB's top hitter undergoes surgery

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona first baseman Erubiel Durazo had surgery to remove a broken hamate bone in his right wrist.

Durazo, the leading hitter in all of baseball this spring with a .535 average, is expected to be sidelined six weeks.

British skier stripped of medal

LONDON (AP) — British skier Alain Baxter was stripped of his Olympic bronze medal in the slalom by the IOC after testing positive for a banned stimulant at last month's Winter Games.

His medal will go to the fourth-place finisher, Austria's Benjamin Raich.

The IOC also disqualified Vasily Pankov, a hockey player from Belarus who tested positive for the steroid nandrolone. The Belarus team doctor, Evgeni Lositski, was banned from the next two Olympics.

Mickelson, Hoch, DiMarco lead at Sawgrass

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Phil Mickelson, Scott Hoch and Chris DiMarco were tied for the lead at 5-under par when play was suspended because of darkness in The Players Championship.

Play was delayed by rain for 21/2 hours on the Stadium Course on the TPC at Sawgrass, with 74 unable to finish the first round.

Defending champion Tiger Woods' bogey on No. 5 in near darkness left him at 1-under par through 14 holes, among 52 players under par.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	43	25	.632	—
Boston	39	29	.574	4
Orlando	37	30	.552	5½
Philadelphia	35	32	.522	7½
Miami	31	35	.470	11
Washington	32	37	.464	11½
New York	26	41	.388	16½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	40	27	.597	—
Milwaukee	36	30	.545	3½
Charlotte	34	33	.507	6
Indiana	34	33	.507	6
Toronto	30	38	.441	10½
Atlanta	27	40	.403	13
Cleveland	25	43	.368	15½
Chicago	17	51	.250	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	47	21	.691	—
San Antonio	47	21	.691	—
Minnesota	42	26	.618	5
Utah	37	31	.544	10
Houston	25	42	.373	21½
Denver	19	47	.288	27
Memphis	17	51	.250	30

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	49	18	.731	—
L.A. Lakers	47	20	.701	2
Portland	41	26	.612	8
Seattle	38	30	.559	11½
L.A. Clippers	36	33	.522	14
Phoenix	30	38	.441	19½
Golden State	17	50	.254	32

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 118, New York 89
Minnesota 95, Memphis 93
San Antonio 105, Dallas 102
Utah 94, Washington 79
Detroit 95, Phoenix 82
Sacramento 118, Denver 82
L.A. Clippers 116, Golden State 96

Friday's Games
Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston at Detroit, Noon
Washington at Toronto, Noon
Charlotte at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

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EAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Syracuse, N.Y.
Friday, March 22
Southern Illinois (28-7) vs. Connecticut (26-6), 7:38 p.m.
Maryland (28-4) vs. Kentucky (22-9), 25 minutes following previous game
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Semifinal winners, 2:30 or 7 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Lexington, Ky.
Thursday, March 21
Indiana 74, Duke 73
Kent State 78, Pittsburgh 73 (OT)
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Indiana (23-11) vs. Kent State (30-5), 4:30 or 9 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Madison, Wis.
Friday, March 22
Oregon (25-8) vs. Texas (22-11), 7:55 p.m.
Kansas (31-3) vs. Illinois (26-8), 25 minutes following previous game
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Semifinal winners, 2:30 or 7 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At San Jose, Calif.
Thursday, March 21
Oklahoma 88, Arizona 67
Missouri 82, UCLA 73
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Oklahoma (30-4) vs. Missouri (24-11), 4:30 or 9 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At Atlanta
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 30
East champion vs. Midwest champion
South champion vs. West champion
National Championship
Monday, April 1
Semifinal winners

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Raleigh, N.C.
Saturday, March 23
South Carolina (24-6) vs. Drake (25-7), 11:30 a.m.
Duke (29-3) vs. Texas (22-9), 2 p.m.
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Milwaukee
Saturday, March 23
Penn State (23-11) vs. Connecticut (35-0), noon
Kansas State (26-7) vs. Old Dominion (27-5), 2:30 p.m.
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Ames, Iowa
Saturday, March 23
Brigham Young (24-8) vs. Tennessee (27-4), 7 p.m.
Vanderbilt (29-6) vs. North Carolina (27-7), 9:30 p.m.
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Boise, Idaho
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SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The astronauts aboard the international space station will spend an extra month in orbit because of robot arm trouble, pushing their mission to a U.S. record-setting 189 days.

NASA decided Thursday to bump the crew's ride home from May to June so the visiting astronauts can replace a balky wrist joint in the space station's mechanical arm. The additional 31/2 weeks are needed to train the shuttle astronauts for the repair work and add the spare joint to the mission payload.

American astronauts Carl Walz and Daniel Bursch and their Russian commander, Yuri Onufrienko, moved into the space station in early December and logged their 106th day in orbit on Thursday. Space shuttle Endeavour was supposed to lift off with their replacements on May 6; that launch is now scheduled for May 31.

That will keep the three men in orbit until June 12, beating NASA's current space endurance record by a single day. Shannon Lucid's 1996 Mir mission lasted 188 days; she still will hold the world's space endurance record for women.

Even at 189 days, Onufrienko won't come close to surpassing his country's space endurance record: an incredible 438 days set by Russian cosmonaut-physician Valery Polyakov aboard Mir in 1994 and 1995.

The space station residents were notified of the shuttle delay shortly after the decision was made, but had had a hunch they would be staying up longer than planned because of the robot arm problem.

NASA can work around the problem with computer software for the upcoming space station construction mission by Atlantis, due to lift off April 4 with a 44-foot girder to be installed on the orbiting outpost. But managers want to fix the station's robot arm as soon as possible after Atlantis' flight, by having shuttle astronauts replace one of three wrist joints in the 58-foot Canadian-built crane.

The joint malfunctioned a few weeks ago; the brakes would not release, possibly because of an electrical short or radio interference. The robot arm experienced a fleeting problem last summer that engineers now suspect may be related to the current wrist trouble.

Space station flight director Bob Castle said the space station astronauts are healthy and in good spirits, and there is no reason why they cannot stay up for six months.

The astronauts flying up on Atlantis in two weeks already had planned to take fresh clothes for Walz, Bursch and Onufrienko as well as a country Western-themed dinner. Shuttle commander Michael Bloomfield said the three men are welcome to raid Atlantis' pantry since they'll have to wait even longer now for the fresh pizza, sandwiches and soft drinks they've been craving.

"They're more than welcome to take any of the food," Bloomfield said. He added, sympathetically: "That's a long time."

On the Net:
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Thieves try to steal diamond necklace during honeymoon

LONDON (AP) — Thieves tried to snatch a diamond necklace from Liza Minnelli as she and her new husband, David Gest, drove through London, where they are honeymooning, the singer's British publicist said Friday.

They tried to grab the crucifix-style necklace, believed to be worth $15,000, through the open window of Minnelli's limousine as the couple drove through the affluent Holland Park district of west London on Thursday night, David Freed said.

"They had stopped at traffic lights and Miss Minnelli's window was down," Freed said.

"Someone put their hand into the car and Liza, who is incredibly gracious to her fans, thought it was an autograph hunter.

"But the driver, who saw there were others with this person, immediately rolled up the window. They tried the car door but he managed to speed away."

Afterward, the couple stopped for coffee, then went back to the Lanesborough Hotel where they're staying. They later attended a private dinner given in their honor before going to a club, Freed said.

In a statement, the couple laughed off the incident. "It all happened so quickly," they said, adding that they only learned the details in the coffee shop afterward.

"We're New Yorkers so nothing scares us," the couple said.

Minnelli, 56, who wed 48-year-old theater designer Gest last weekend in New York, launches a new European tour with five concerts at London's Royal Albert Hall starting April 2. It will be followed by dates in Denmark, France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

They're expected to return to the United States in the next few days.

Ask Hollywood By Holly Wood

What happened to O'Hara?

Q: On the "The District," there was a character named Daniel McGregor, who was killed in last season's finale. Can you tell me the name of the actor who played him and if something really happened to him? **— D.M., via e-mail**

A: McGregor was played by David O'Hara, and he is alive and well (O'Hara, not McGregor, who was killed by a car bomb). O'Hara wanted to leave the show, so he was written off rather dramatically.

Q: John Wayne and Stewart Granger starred in the 1960 movie "North to Alaska." Who was the attractive woman in the movie? **— J.B., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: Several women starred in that film, and I might insult one of them if I didn't identify her as the "attractive one," so I'll list all the women who had significant roles. (Besides, I have no idea what you consider attractive.) Capucine played Michelle, Kathleen Freeman played Lena Nordquist, and Lilyan Chauvin played Jenny Lamont.

Q: Could you please tell me about the Polish actress Nastassja Kinski? When was she born, and what is her marital status? Also, could you list her movie credits? **— E.S., Lawrence, Mass.**

A: For starters, Kinski is German, not Polish. She was born in West Berlin (now Berlin) on Jan. 24, 1959 and is the daughter of actor Klaus Kinski. She was married to Ibrahim Moussa, a producer and talent agent, but they are divorced now. A few of her more well-known films are "Tess," "Terminal Velocity" and "Town & Country."

Q: Why would they put a long-standing hit like "NYPD Blue" on at the same time as the new hit "The Guardian"? I'm so upset by this, because "Philly," if it is the reason, is a waste compared to the above mentioned. Please tell me it's not a permanent move. **— M.S., Padadena, Calif.**

A: My magic eight ball is busted, so I can't say if the situation is permanent, but consider the switch a pat on the back to both shows. "NYPD Blue" and "The Guardian" are such hits that the networks are pitting them against each other in a bid for viewers. If you want to watch both shows, consider getting a VCR that can tape one while you watch the other. It's a standard feature on most modern machines.

Q: Whatever happened to the character "Jesse" from "All My Children"? My husband and I were reflecting on his long tenure on the show and how he disappeared after he left. What has he been up to? **- T.J., Anderson, S.C.**

A: Darnell Williams is still acting. In fact, he reappeared on "All My Children" briefly last year. Before that, he was in the movie "Detour," and he's done a lot of guest-star work on television.

DEAR READERS: Several of you were kind enough to inform me that "The Grand Ole Opry Live" is now on CMT. You can catch it, along with stars like Dolly Parton and Randy Travis, on Saturdays at 8 p.m. EST/PST. Check your local listings.

TRIVIA: When Nastassja Kinski gave birth to a boy in 1984, director Jean-Jacques Beineix was named as one of eight possible fathers named by a German magazine. Ibrahim Moussa was eventually identified as the father of her baby, and she married him later that year.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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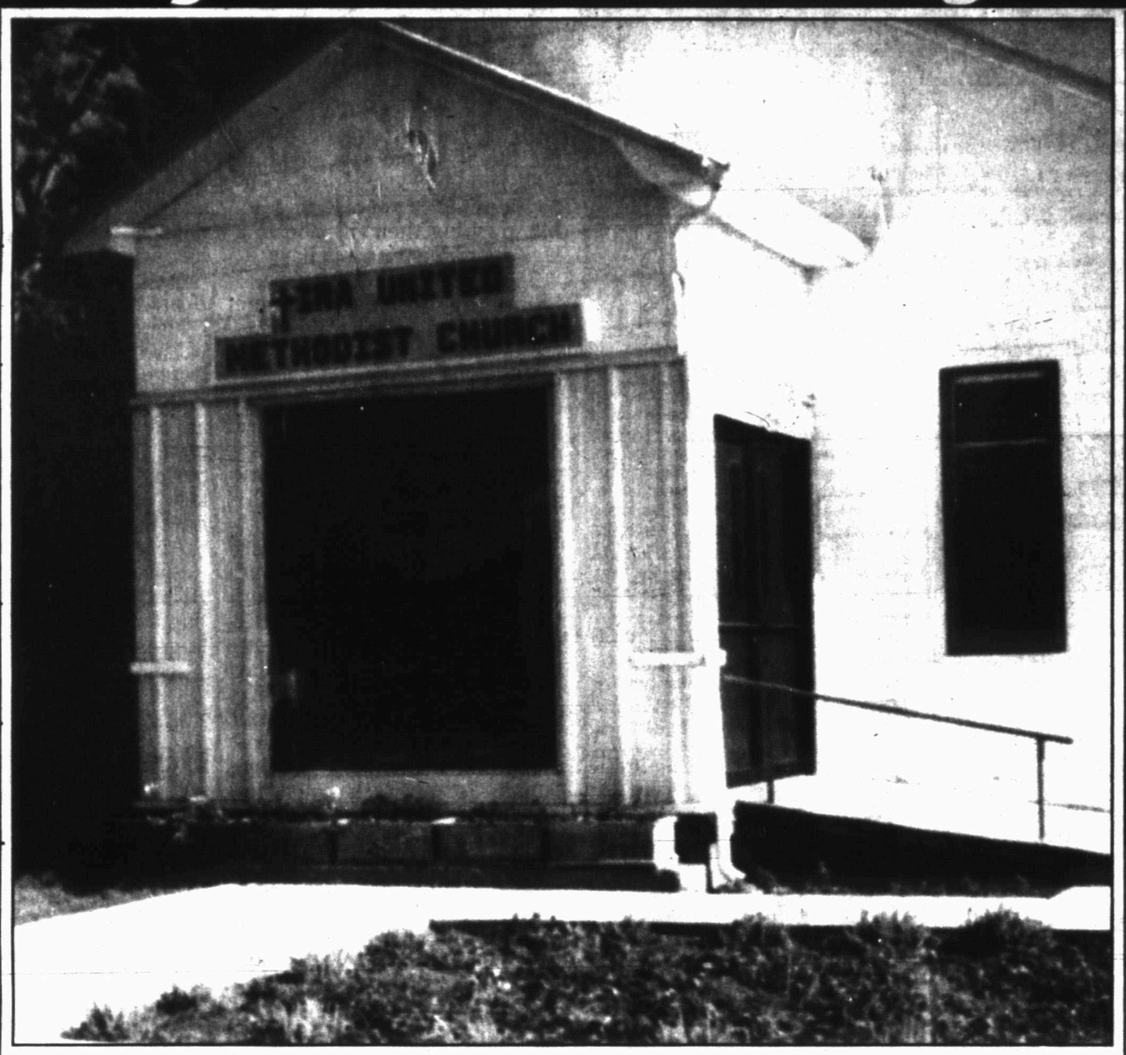

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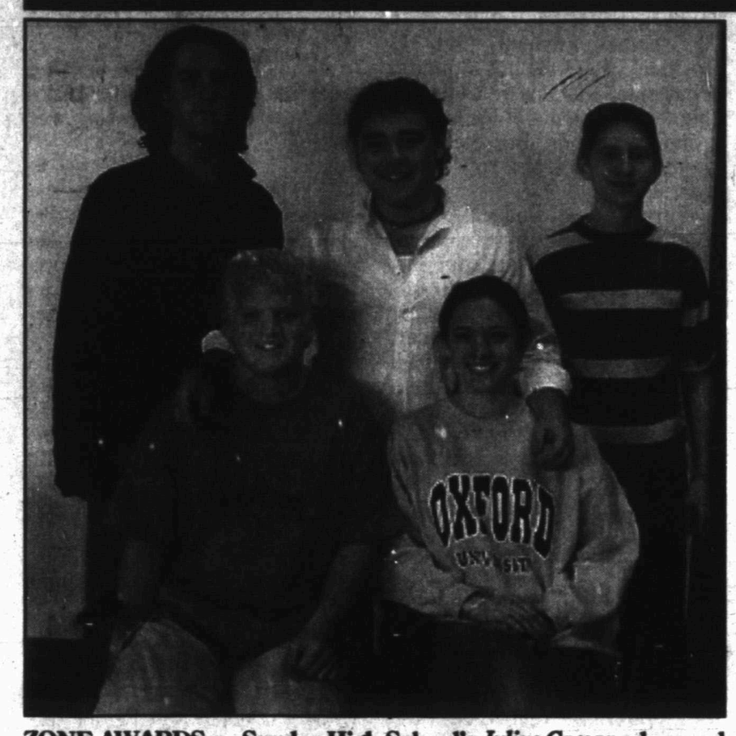

ZONE AWARDS — Snyder High School's *Julius Caesar* advanced to district from Thursday's south zone one-act play contest at San Angelo Lake View and six students received individual awards. (See story, page 1) Standing from left, Jeff Scott, honorable mention; Bobby Sands, all-star cast, and Justin Cox, sound. Seated from left are Clark Reed, best actor, and Hayli Henderson, all star cast. Sterling Millhollon, honorable mention, is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Garden Club meet to open

The District VIII Garden Club convention will open this evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with pre-convention activities. Registration at 4 p.m. will be followed by a dinner at 6:30 with Ted McMillan presenting dinner music.

Colorado City Garden Club shares the hosting duties with Snyder Garden Club.

Saturday's activities include a coffee and executive meeting at the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College in the morning. The general meeting will begin at 9:30. The luncheon will be in the woman's club followed by a program by Sue Travis of Snyder.

Snyder couple's granddaughter dies in Friday morning accident

A two-vehicle accident in King County early today claimed the life of a senior at Patton Springs High School.

Ashley Bouher, granddaughter of Joyce and Kenneth Smith of Snyder, was killed in the wreck that occurred about 7:45 a.m. at the entrance to the Pitchfork Ranch, 17 miles east of Dickens on U.S. 82.

Injured in the mishap was the deceased's brother, Josh Bouher, a junior at Patton Springs. He was airlifted to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock where he was listed in stable condition.

Parents of the youth are Cheryl and Bill Bouher of the Pitchfork Ranch.

The Department of Public Safety was still investigating the accident at noon today.

Two arrested on acohol-related charges

Arrests

Officers arrested a 39-year-old man Thursday afternoon on a warrant for failure to appear before a judge on an original charge of driving while intoxicated.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody in the 3000 block of Ave. I Thursday night for driving under the influence of alcohol as a minor. He was taken to jail and his vehicle was towed.

Close patrols

A subject contacted deputies Thursday evening to report his house being broken into. The man declined to file a report, but requested a close patrol of his home in the 800 block of School Ave. in Hermleigh.

A woman requested a close patrol at 1 a.m. today in the 200 block of Elm after hearing her neighbor's dogs barking.

A resident on Ave. F reported hearing noises outside her home during the night and requested officers patrol her neighborhood.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off at 11 p.m. Thursday, but was unable to provide a description of the vehicle or its driver.

Motorist assistance

Cold weather and stinging winds Thursday kept officers on the move as several people locked their keys in their cars. Dispatchers received 10 calls from around the city from people reporting such a mishap.

Missouri man now faces murder charges

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — A man facing murder charges for allegedly beating his 8-year-old stepson to death was arrested Wednesday, a week after a clerical error let him out of jail.

Toywone Campbell, 29, was mistakenly released March 13 from the state's Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center.

St. Louis County jail officials had sent Campbell to the Fulton prison on Feb. 21 for a parole violation for a drug conviction. But they failed to notify the Missouri Corrections Dept.

Obituaries

Lema Hatfield

1906-2002

Lema G. Hatfield, longtime Snyder business owner, died Wednesday, March 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hatfield, 96, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry White, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 6, 1906 in Madison County, she married L.H. Hatfield in May, 1924. He died in 1978. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Montag; and a son, the Rev. Buck Hatfield.

Mrs. Hatfield owned and operated The Sweet Shop from 1954 until her retirement in 1995. She was a charter member of the Faith Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Hatfield of Snyder and Bruce Hatfield of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Gwendolyn Boren

1906-2002

POST — Gwendolyn Coleman Boren, mother of Mildred Sentell of Snyder, died Thursday, March 21, in Post.

Service for Mrs. Boren, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of Snyder's First Presybterian Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Terrace Cemetery.

Born Nov. 9, 1906 in Snyder, she moved to Soddy, Tenn., with her parents and back to Post in 1911. Her father was an early Garza County treasurer. She graduated from Post High School in 1922 and attended Hardin-Simmons and West Texas State, earning a teaching certificate from WTS and then taught in Garza County schools.

She married James Walter Boren on Dec. 23, 1929 in Snyder. He died April 10, 1992. They moved to Crane in 1934 and back to Post in 1946. Mrs. Boren was a lifelong Presbyterian, active in church women's activities. She was a member of the West Texas Historical Association, Texas State Historical Society, Garza County Historical Commission and Ranching Association and other civic affairs. Mrs. Boren was named chamber of commerce Woman of the Year in 1956.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include two sons, James and John Boren of Justiceburg; another daughter, Carolyn Boren Adams of Evergreen County; three sisters, Maurice Bush, Annie Laura Francis, Johnnie Francis, all of Post; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one niece; and one nephew.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

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Enedina Gonzales

1916-2002

BIG SPRING – Enedina F. Gonzales, the mother of Tom Gonzales of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 20, in Valley Fair Lodge in Colorado City after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Gonzales, 86, was set for 4 p.m. today in Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Myers & Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born Feb. 29, 1916 in Shafter, Tex., she was a lifelong resident of Big Spring, had worked at Walls Industries before retirement and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include two other sons, Felipe Anguiano and Jose Luis Gonzales, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Enedina Granado of Dallas and Mary Lou Salazar of Big Spring; two sisters, Amanda Deanda and Frances Rodriguez, both of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sons, Ray Anguiano, Dimas Anguiano, Juan Anguiano and George Anguiano.

Herman Seale

1923-2002

MIDLAND – Herman Seale, the brother of Melba Light of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 20.

Graveside service for Mr. Seale, 78, was set for 4 p.m. today in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. David Herman officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 27, 1923 in Roscoe, he married Veronica Templeton on June 28, 1981 in Midland.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Seale was owner of Seale Furniture and Appliance in Midland, retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Community Church of Joy in Glendale, Ariz.

Survivors include his wife, Veronica Seale of Midland; two daughters, Karen Floyd of Keller and Charla Showalter of Lubbock; a son, Larry Seale of Mount Vernon; three brothers, Vondean Seale of Burleson, Dan Seale of Phoenix and Johnny Seale of Peoria, Ariz.; two other sisters, Felba Ware of Sun City, Ariz., and Jo Alice Bohannon of Daytona Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Henry Demery

1946-2002

NATCHITOCHES, La. — Henry Dean Demery, twin brother of Gloria Dean Dunkins of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 19, in St. Francis Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, La.

Funeral service for Mr. Demery, 55, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Winnfield Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James A. Graham, pastor of the Emmanuel Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Grand Ecore Cemetery.

Mr. Demery was a mental health and substance abuse counselor with the state of Louisiana.

Survivors include his mother, Martel Demery of Natchitoches; another sister, Margie Demery of Natchitoches; three brothers, Milbert Demery, Julius Demery, both of Natchitoches, and Albert Demery of Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother.

Antonia Yanez

1959-2002

ROTAN – Antonia Carmen Yanez, the niece of Aurora Yanez of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 20, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Ms. Yanez, 42, was set for 11 a.m. today in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fr. Johnrose Hayden officiating. Burial was to follow in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 13, 1959 in Rotan, she was preceded in death by her grandmother, Sophia Yanez.

Survivors include her mother, Gloria Yanez of Gainesville, Ga.; three sons, Tony Yanez of Stamford and John and Michael Horne of Rotan; four sisters, Dolores, Debbie, Cindy and Margaret; her grandfather, Antonio Yanez of Rotan; three grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Prom help

Parents and junior students are encouraged to help with decorating the Scurry County Coliseum this evening from 5-9 p.m. in preparation for Saturday's prom.

Library book sale

Scurry County Library will continue its book sale Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Relay for Life fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser for Relay for Life from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Higginbotham-Bartlett. Donations will be taken for hot dogs, soft drinks and a bake sale.

Boy Scout car wash

Boy Scouts Troop No. 2 will hold a car wash beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted.

PTK induction

Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter will formally induct new members at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre. A reception will follow in the foyer.

Noah's Ark Church

Noah's Ark Church will have Tony Bethel of Cathedral of Praise Church in Abilene at its 6:30 p.m. Sunday service. The church is located at 119 36th St.

Healing and communion service

The service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at 1411 25th St. with Marvin and Joan Applin. Call 573-1517 or 281-358-9389 for additional information.

Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is Sunday at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

Technology booster club

The Technology Association booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the SHS shop classroom. Final plans for the upcoming garage sale and the banquet will be made.

Choir booster Club

The SHS Choir Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the choir room to plan the choir banquet set for April 29.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Nicodemus," followed by "The Holy Spirit."

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church as part of Holy Week Services.

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.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Foster care meeting

To learn more information of foster care and adoption, attend an informational meeting to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library to continue the show and tell family heirloom program. The public is invited and members will assist visitors with research after the business meeting.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

MAWC game day

There will not be a fourth Wednesday game day and luncheon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club due to the Holy Week Services.

Snyder Tiger football booster club

The Snyder football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the film room. Parents and the public are invited to attend.

First Church of the Nazarene

The First Church of the Nazarene will have an Easter egg hunt following the Easter service that begins at 10:45 a.m.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth's annual all-you-can-eat sausage festival will be from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7. Tickets will be sold at the door and adult tickets are $6.50, children 12 and under are $3.50, and all take-outs are $6.50. Sausage by the pound is $4 cooked and $3 uncooked.

Alzheimer's program

An educational program "Overview of Alzheimer's Disease," will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing 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.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

What is dermoid?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 67-year-old woman who recently had a tumor removed from my abdomen. It was diagnosed as a dermoid cyst. My surgeon reassured me that it wasn't cancer, but admitted that he didn't get it all out because it was wrapped around a kidney. Is additional surgery appropriate?

DEAR READER: Not necessarily. Dermoid cysts are common, benign tumors of the ovary. They usually appear at a young age and may attain large size — often as big as a grapefruit — before they are discovered, usually because of abdominal discomfort. The cysts are composed of skin cells, hair and teeth. The only satisfactory treatment is surgical removal.

The cysts can usually be completely excised (along with the affected ovary) unless some of the growth extends to surrounding organs, such as a kidney. In these cases, the surgeon will ordinarily adopt a conservative approach by removing as much of the tumor as possible and leaving parts of the cyst that are attached to vital organs. Because the risk of malignancy is so low, this policy is appropriate. Further surgery can be considered if remnants of the cyst cause symptoms, such as pain.

From your description, I conclude that you received proper therapy. Follow your surgeon's recommendations with respect to regular examinations and supervision.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Now that I'm in school, I do much more reading than I did before. The more I read, the more my vision diminishes, especially in the right eye. My mom wants me to drop out of school because of this problem. I'm scared to lose my vision, but want to stay in school. What can I do?

DEAR READER: See an eye specialist. You might need glasses or contact lenses to improve your vision. For heaven's sake, don't drop out of school. Your reading will not cause you to lose your vision, but I believe that a checkup is advisable.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has been diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. What is this disease?

DEAR READER: Pulmonary fibrosis refers to the widespread presence of diffuse scar tissue in the lungs. It is commonly caused by inhalation of particulate matter, such as sand (silicosis) or asbestos, leading to progressive difficulty breathing and inability to exercise. Patients eventually become severely handicapped. The condition is diagnosed by X-rays and biopsy.

Idiopathic (of unknown cause) pulmonary fibrosis appears without any antecedent exposure to air pollution. It, too, leads to progressive respiratory disability. Treatment includes steroid drugs, supplemental oxygen and special breathing exercises. Because patients with IPF experience frequent respiratory infections and may develop heart failure, antibiotics and cardiac drugs may be necessary.

In some instances, the rate of progression is slow and patients may remain relatively symptom-free for years. In others, respiratory ability worsens rapidly, with death occurring in a matter of months.

Because of the seriousness of IPF, I believe that patients with this disorder should be under the care of pulmonologists, doctors with advanced training in lung diseases. Such specialists can advise your husband about treatment and develop a strategy to help him cope with his affliction.

A NOTE TO READERS: For updated and revised Health Reports on "Erectile Dysfunction" and "Coronary Artery Disease," send $2 for each report to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title(s) of the Health Report(s). Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

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Enron board blames ex-CEO Skilling

DALLAS (AP) — The former chief executive of Enron Corp. was reportedly expected to supervise corporate ties with secretive partnerships for the failed energy trading giant's directors, who were angered to learn that control had been lost.

Houston-based Enron used the off-the-books partnerships to conceal millions of dollars worth of liabilities. Their public disclosure last fall helped trigger the company's collapse into bankruptcy.

Former CEO Jeffrey Skilling told Congress that he was only vaguely aware of the transactions and that the board had specifically left him out of the line of control over the deals when it began approving them in 1999.

Skilling himself was reportedly displeased by directors' efforts to obtain more details of the off-balance sheet partnerships.

Wendy Gramm, interviewed with five other Enron directors in January by lawyers investigating Enron's partnerships, said the board "expected Skilling to know the details, and Skilling would often make the presentations."

Skilling spokeswoman Judy Leon said Thursday evening that memos of the Jan. 14 interview did not contradict Skilling's testimony before Congress.

"What he has testified to is that he knew and approved of the partnerships, as did the entire board of directors," Leon told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "He did not know there was anything improper or illegal having to do with any of those transactions."

John Duncan, another director, told investigators he once thought Skilling was brilliant, but that opinion changed when the company's problems began surfacing last fall.

"Due to recent events, Duncan's opinion of Skilling has been significantly downgraded," investigators wrote in their Jan. 14 interview summary. "Duncan has discovered many facts that make him believe that Skilling did not keep the Board fully informed."

Citing personal reasons, Skilling resigned on Aug. 14 while assuring lawmakers that Enron's finances were sound at that time.

Some Democrats have pointed to numerous telephone calls from executives of Enron, one of President George W. Bush's most generous corporate contributors, to Cabinet officials last fall as the company spiraled toward bankruptcy.

Gramm's husband Phil, the former Banking Committee chairman, was one of Congress' biggest recipients of Enron campaign donations. But the Texas Republican did not run for reelection.

Former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, who collected more than $30 million from managing partnerships, was questioned about his compensation from them at an October board meeting but would not respond, said Enron director Ronnie Chan.

Chan told investigators that the board, when told later how much money was involved, "was shocked and enraged because it thought that management was supervising Fastow's relationship."

Director Norman Blake said he had suggested in October 2000 that transactions related to a key partnership, LJM, should be reviewed quarterly rather than annually by Enron's finance committee, of which he was a member, because of a potential conflict of interest with Fastow, according to The Financial Times.

Although one such briefing came in February 2001, Blake said "follow-up on the review was terrible."

"Skilling wanted to reduce the board's involvement in day-to-day aspects of Enron," he said. " He did not oppose the finance committee reviewing the transactions, but he was not happy about it."

The partnerships were created to move Enron debts off the company's balance sheets and realize income from asset sales, investigators have said.

While the board approved the partnerships, it expected Skilling to review Fastow's economic interest in them, Mrs. Gramm told investigators.

Russian mob suspected in five killings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nick Kharabadze's world was a blend of Russia and Hollywood. Fine Russian ceramics and film posters share space in the kitchen of his family's two-story home in the Hollywood Hills.

Kharabadze, 29, worked as a sound editor and co-owned a film production company. His mother is a well-known Russian actress, pictured in a book on Soviet film stars in the living room.

The family came here 12 years ago, seeking opportunity in Hollywood as the Soviet Union collapsed. But now Kharabadze is dead — killed, authorities believe, by members of a Russian organized crime network.

The slaying has left Kharabadze's mother to wonder why.

"Do these murderers have mothers?" Rusiko Kiknadze sobbed in Russian as family members tried to console her.

Kharabadze's body is one of five pulled from a reservoir near Sacramento. All Los Angeles residents, the five were abducted, blackmailed and killed by the Russian mobsters over the past six months, the U.S. attorney said Thursday.

Six men of Russian descent were in custody, all being held without bond. They are charged with hostage-taking or receiving ransom money.

More than $5.5 million in ransom was demanded of relatives, U.S. attorney spokesman Thom Mrozek said. Two of the suspects threatened to kill their victims if ransom demands were not met, while others "aided and abetted" the plot, the indictment charges.

The first body was found floating in New Melones Lake on Oct. 18, his hands bound and a plastic bag over his head. The last victim was recovered Tuesday.

The other four victims were identified as Meyer Muscatel, 58; Alexander Umansky, 35; Georgy Safiev, 37; and Rita Pekler, 39. Muscatel, a wealthy San Fernando Valley homebuilder, was suffocated. The FBI has not provided a cause of death for the other four.

Muscatel vanished in October, while Umansky and Pekler disappeared in December and the other two in January, authorities and relatives said.

One of the kidnappers worked for Umansky's electronics firm before he was fired in 2001, authorities said. Safiev and Kharabadze co-owned the Matador Media film production company, while Pekler did accounting work for the company.

Honors student to return to class

BEDFORD (AP) — A 16-year-old honors student expelled for having a bread knife in his truck can return to his high school, officials said Thursday.

Taylor Hess has attended an alternative school for two weeks, since a security guard found the 10-inch knife left behind from a box of personal belongings owned by his grandmother. Hess said he didn't know it was in the truck.

Gene Buinger, the superintendent of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District, had said the state's zero tolerance weapons policy left no room for leniency. But district officials agreed Thursday to reduce the expulsion from the remainder of the school year to time served.

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