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Home of Judy Moss

$130,000 owed by Lorber...

School district going after back taxes

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Hoping to get at the head of the line before the assets of Lorber Industries are muddled in lawsuits, Snyder ISD trustees have begun steps to collect some $130,000 in back taxes owed by the spinning mill that closed in October.

Attorney David Ellison of the Lubbock law firm of Perdue, Brandon & Collins, told trustees Thursday night that the board had three choices.

"You can take immediate steps to collect the back taxes that became delinquent on Feb. 1 by beginning tax warrant proceedings, you can file a normal lawsuit, or do nothing at all."

Ellison explained that filing a tax warrant would allow the district to immediately seize the building and "get to the top of the heap" to collect back debts by the closed spinning mill.

Ellison said legal proceedings would start Monday and then, if the district is so inclined, could sell the building and its contents after 10 days to satisfy the past due $130,000, plus collect the 2002 taxes as well. The total amount approaches $200,000.

Responding to board member Mike Leven's comment that the choice is a "no brainer," the board voted unanimously to begin tax warrant filing procedures.

Ellison said the likely scenario is that Lorber's main financier on the project, General Electric Capital Credit Company, would pay the back taxes to avoid losing their entire investment.

"Or Lorber of California could pay the taxes," said Ellison.

The school district is the only entity that taxed Lorber as the city, county and Western Texas all abated their taxes.

These entities could choose to try and collect abated back taxes, and the county will be discussing that matter in its Monday morning commissioners' court meeting.

One of the court's agenda items is to notify the company of its tax abatement non-compliance.

In other business Thursday, the board voted to cancel the May 4 election and named Glenn Clarady, Place 1; Mark McCormick, Place 4; and Doug Neff, Place 5; as duly elected as none drew an opponent. This action will save the district approximately $1,500 in election costs.

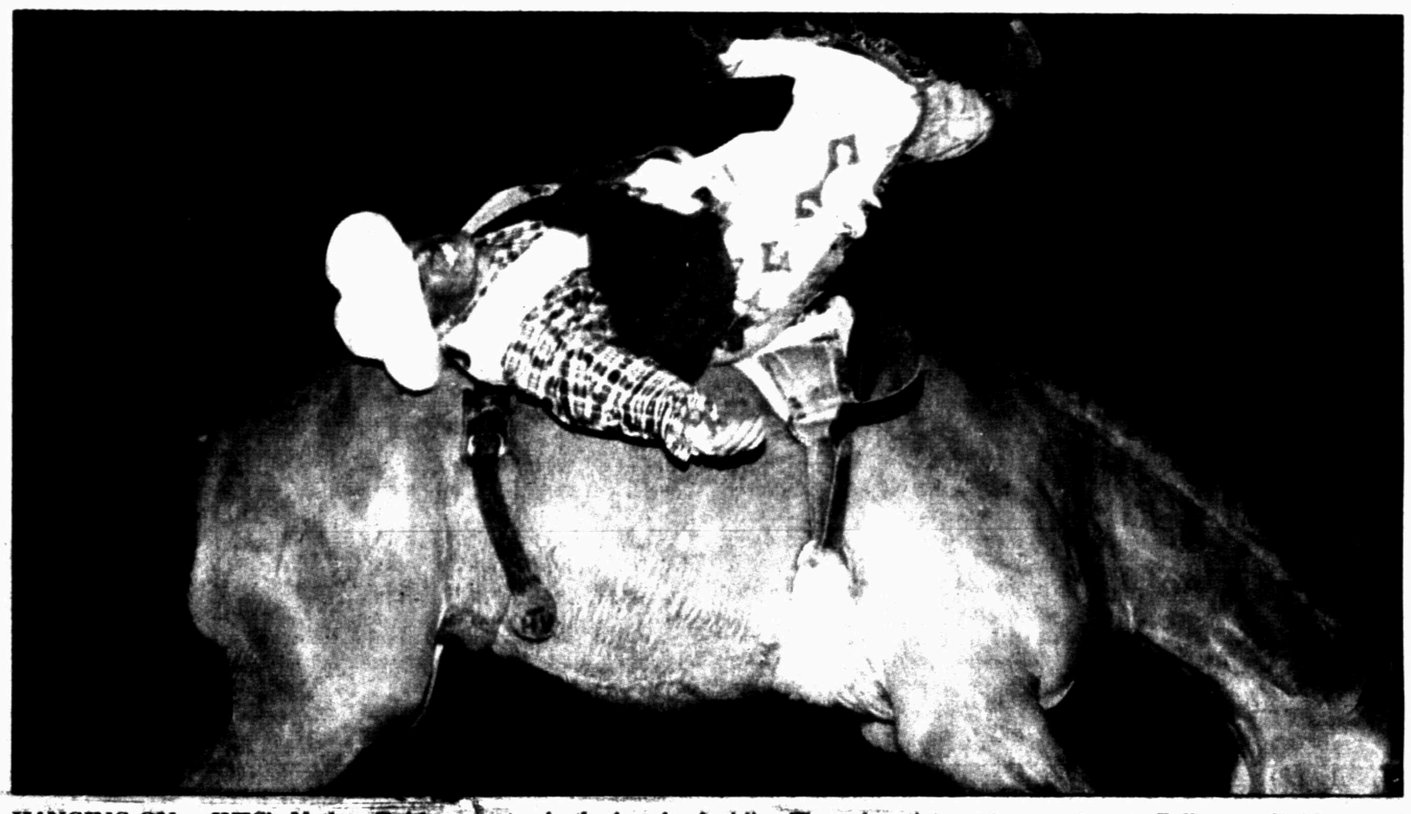
Trustees also approved revisions to the district's policy handbook in matters related to employment.

The revisions give the superintendent's office more latitude in the hiring and termination of certain non-contractual employees.

"These policies will facilitate the process of the downsizing we expect to see over the next two or three years," said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

The board also approved minor changes to the student's code of conduct that is distributed to each student at the beginning of each school year.

Board president McCormick presided and members present were Levens, Clarady, Richard Chambers, Cathy Peoples and Janet Stribling. Luann Burleson was absent.



HANGING ON — WTC's Nathan Reid competes in the bareback riding Thursday night at Scurry County Coliseum. Reid earned 72 points for his effort to put him fifth after the first performance. The collegiate rodeo continues at 7 tonight and again on Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo by Eric Drennan)

Bill hopes to tighten border access

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators are pushing to win passage of a White House-approved border security bill to tighten restrictions on who can get into the country and how closely those people are tracked by immigration and security officials.

"It is time for the Senate to support this bill," Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said today. "The security concerns addressed by this legislation cannot be ignored, action cannot be postponed and the cost is reasonable. ... This is a small price to pay for the security this bill would provide the American public."

The bill authorizes $3.2 billion to improve security.

But another senior senator repeated his threat to block the bill from passing quickly, saying it is too important to go through without extensive debate.

"That is an egregious way for the Senate to conduct its business, and I'm not for it," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., the president pro tem.

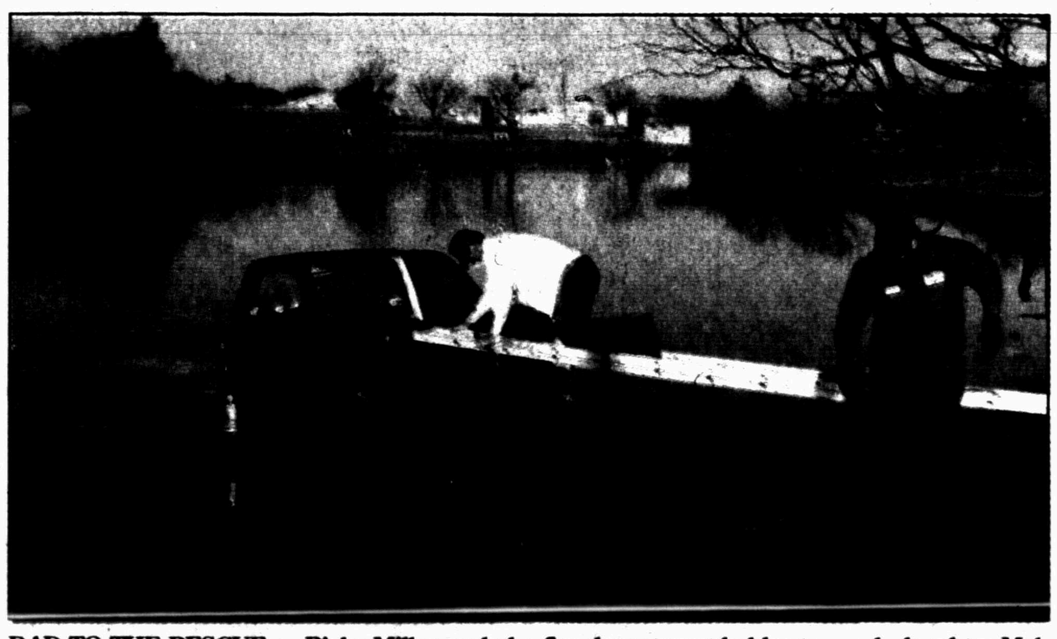
Senators are expected to vote on the measure sometime next week. Supporters note the bill has 61 co-sponsors, more than enough to pass the legislation if it comes to a vote.

The House passed a version of the border security bill last month, attaching to it a popular immigration bill that would allow some illegal immigrants to stay in the United States during processing of their residency paperwork.

Byrd is against the immigration portion and senators dropped it, hoping that would persuade Byrd to allow quick approval of the border security bill. The modified Senate bill means that the House would either have to accept the Senate-passed legislation to get it to the White House quickly or the bill would have to go to a House-Senate negotiating committee to work out the differences.

"We hope to see quick action on this bill in the Senate and move it on to the president," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., at a Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing.

But Byrd told the subcommittee it would be a "charade, a joke" to pass the bill without giving the Senate a chance to amend it or even talk about the measure. All senators would have to approve for it to go through quickly and "it's not going to happen," Byrd said.



DAD TO THE RESCUE — Ricky Miller scaled a fire department ladder to reach daughter Malorye's pickup in Towle Park pond after an early morning accident. The Snyder High junior was on her way to school today when she lost control of the vehicle and drove some 40 feet into the pond before coming to a stop. No one was injured. (SDN Staff Photo)

At 5:30 this evening...

First Ag Credit to hold meeting

Some 115 persons are expected in Snyder this evening for the annual membership meeting of First Ag Credit.

Robert Laird, president of the Snyder office, said the meeting will be held in conjunction with the NIRA Collegiate Rodeo underway at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The membership meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Room A of the coliseum at which door prizes will be awarded and $30,000 in dividends handed out.

Laird said the meeting will be over in plenty of time to attend the rodeo.

Carolyn Barbee, a WTC board member and rodeo fan, urged local citizens to come out and enjoy the rodeo. "It's indoors, it's climate controlled and you can see some of the top athletes perform." Rodeo tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The world may be getting smaller, but they still are raising postal rates."

This is the fifth in a series of articles about the individual staff members of the Snyder Daily News.

Working at a newspaper can be an educational experience.

Joyce Smith

Veteran staffer Joyce Smith learned that a flood can't stop the presses, but she also learned that a future son-in-law can turn out school.

Joyce, a native of Snyder, has been a member of the newspaper's composition staff since 1972 – starting when Wacil McNair was editor and retired JP Wanda Rushing was news editor.

When she started at the SDN, Joyce knew a lot about Scurry County and continues to be a resource for younger staffers about past happenings.

She was born in the upstairs doctor's office of the Towle building on the north side of the square and her grandparents ran the Farmer's Exchange on the east side of the square.

Joyce's parents, the late Edgar and Pauline von Roeder, were farmers and her dad also worked at the store.

She graduated from high school in 1948 with folks like Jack Gorman Sr., Anna Mae Perry and Weldon Perry. Her uncle, Herbert von Roeder, was president of Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde and he recruited Joyce, Patsy von Roeder Dolliver, Don Jones and George Richardson to attend school there.

She married Ken Smith in 1953 who was serving in the U.S. Air Force. The Smiths returned to Snyder where Kenneth retired after many years in the area oilfields.

Joyce Smith has seen many technological changes in newspaper production. Improved production methods have eliminated the all-night sessions to get out special projects, like the Dyess Peacemaker or to print and insert Texas Tech's University Daily.

When Joyce first started, a teletype operator punched tape. She recalls one worker who quit after the first day, miffed that she would have to "learn to read Braille." Another time, the janitor tossed all the pages, so all the classifieds and ads had to be reset the next day.

Joyce vividly recalls the flood in August, 1972 that filled the news office on 25th Street. She had to clean mud out of the Compugraphic machine before it could be used.

For that edition that had to be printed in Lamesa, Joyce produced a Furr's grocery ad by cutting and pasting old ads together. She recalls that the Salvation Army brought sandwiches to the tired and damp staff.

Despite the flood, the newspaper was printed and delivered – on time.

Joyce and Ken, members of First United Methodist Church, reared three daughters, and Joyce was active in PTA and Girl Scouts in those days. All are now married with families of their own, resulting in six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The daughters are Stephanie Knipe of Snyder, Paula Hood of Thorndale and Cheryl Bouher of Guthrie.

Although the press couldn't be stopped, her future son-in-law did dismiss school. Bruce Hood, son of Bill J. Hood, could mimic the superintendent's distinctive voice.

After a light snow, Bruce called KSNY radio and announced, "This is Supt. Bill J. Hood. Because of the snow, there will be no school today."

Joyce recalls there was no school that day, but thanks to people like Joyce, the newspaper met press deadline.

ASK US

Q—Why are the manhole covers above ground on Houston Parkway?

A—To minimize infiltration by floodwaters.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 87 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Friday, 60; no precipitation; total for 2002, 5.67 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 30% chance rain chance; low upper 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy; 20% rain chance; high lower 80s. Saturday night, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance.

Jessica Ibarra
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:10 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:18 a.m.
Of 101 days in 2002, the sun has shone 96 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The reward of a thing well-done is to have done it.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Charges dismissed in Tulia drug case

TULIA (AP) — Drug charges have been dismissed against a woman who spent two years on the run after a controversial drug raid that drew criticism from civil rights groups.

A felony cocaine charge against Tonya White, a black woman, was dropped this week after evidence discredited the allegations against her.

She was accused by Tom Coleman, a white drug agent, of selling him drugs on Oct. 9, 1998. Coleman spent 18 months in 1998 and 1999 working undercover in Tulia, 63 miles north of Lubbock. His operations led to the arrests of 43 people, including 37 blacks, in a case that is under investigation by the Justice Department in Washington, D.C.

White surrendered to authorities last year.

White had contended for three years that she didn't sell drugs to Coleman because she was living in Oklahoma at the time. Bank records show that White made a deposit at her bank in Oklahoma that day.

Jeff Blackburn, White's attorney, said in a story in Tuesday's online edition of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that the evidence that proved her innocence also casts doubt on Coleman's trustworthiness.

Coleman worked alone and used no audio or video surveillance. Little or no corroborating evidence was introduced during the trials.

Special FBI agent Tim Reid in Amarillo also is investigating the Tulia arrests, and police drug operations across Texas have drawn scrutiny for months.

"What it says for the cases and all the cases that have been made in Tulia ... we have absolutely solid evidence that can't be argued with, that this man's a liar," Blackburn said.

NEW PARTNER — Stanfield Elementary School has a new adopt-a-school partner — Countryplace. Documents were signed during an assembly Wednesday afternoon. From left are Mary Ann Juarez, SISD home, community and school liason; Jean McMillon, principal; Glenda Glasscock, Countryplace owner; and Dr. Melissa Jones, SISD assistant superintendent. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Writer to get award

HOUSTON (AP) — A fledgling crime writer whose federal incarceration was the longest jail stint for a U.S. journalist is the recipient of a literary fellowship's First Amendment award.

Vanessa Leggett, who was jailed for 51/2 months for defying a grand jury subpoena to turn over notes in a society killing, will receive the award and an accompanying $25,000 prize on April 24 in New York.

Leggett, 33, was released in January from a federal detention center in downtown Houston after spending 168 days in incarceration.

That exceeded the longest imprisonment of any U.S. writer who has based rejection of a grand jury subpoena on First Amendment rights.

Leggett had been jailed on contempt charges July 20 after refusing to answer questions in the 1997 killing of Doris Angleton, wife of former millionaire bookie Robert Angleton. Leggett was researching a book on the slaying of Doris Angleton, found shot to death in her home in an affluent Houston neighborhood in April 1997.

Authorities suspect her husband, millionaire bookmaker Robert Angleton, hired his brother Roger to kill his wife. Roger Angleton killed himself in jail 10 months after the slaying, leaving behind a note exonerating his brother. Leggett interviewed him before the suicide.

After Robert Angleton was acquitted in 1998 in state court, federal agents began investigating him. Leggett was jailed on contempt charges after refusing to answer questions in the case about confidential sources before a grand jury and not turning over her research, including copies of notes.

In naming Leggett recipient of the PEN First Amendment Award on Thursday, judges called her "a powerful example of personal conviction and courage in the face of the most extreme pressure" and "a hero in the effort to preserve investigative freedom for writers and journalists in the U.S."

Berry's World

"ARE YOU SURE THIS IS RIGHT? I WAS A SUICIDE BOMBER. A MARTYR."

12-year-old smuggles drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — A 12-year-old boy from Nigeria swallowed 87 condoms filled with heroin, flew to New York and became sick before meeting whoever had promised him $1,900 to act as a contraband courier, authorities said.

The boy's father is imprisoned in the United States for recruiting drug mules to smuggle heroin into Georgia.

The boy, identified as Prince Nnaedozie Umegbolu, was listed in stable condition at New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens. Officials said 85 of the 87 condoms had left his system as of Thursday evening.

The boy has been charged with juvenile delinquency drug possession of a controlled dangerous substance, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs area airports. His case will be handled in family court.

Airport detectives said it is not uncommon to find adults acting as drug mules, but it is rare for a child.

The boy arrived alone at John F. Kennedy International Airport at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday on a British Airways flight from London, Coleman said. He hailed a cab and went to a Brooklyn address, but no one was there, Coleman said. He then went to LaGuardia Airport before becoming ill.

Authorities did not know for whom Umegbolu was carrying the heroin.

Umegbolu, an American citizen, had been living with his grandparents for the past two years in Abuja, Nigeria, Coleman said. His mother, Alissa Walden, lives in Norcross, Ga. There was no telephone listing for her, and she could not immediately be contacted for comment.

The boy's father, Chukwunwieke Umegbolu, is imprisoned in Petersburg, Va., according to court records. The elder Umegbolu was convicted in 1995 for his role in a drug ring that imported at least $33 million in heroin into Georgia over a decade.

Newton's expecting

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Wayne Newton and his wife are using a surrogate mother to have their first child, according to their Los Angeles-based publicist.

Newton, 60, and his 38-year-old attorney-wife, Kathleen, are expecting a girl in May, the publicist said Thursday.

The Newtons celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary Tuesday.

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Date Book

Friday, April 12, 2002

Today is the 102nd day of 2002 and the 24th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the Civil War began when Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter, S.C.

On this day in 1935, "Your Hit Parade" debuted on the radio.

On this day in 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to travel into space. He was up for 108 minutes — long enough to orbit the Earth once.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Clay (1777 — 1852), U.S. statesman; Charles Napier (1936 —), actor, is 66; Herbie Hancock (1940 —), musician, is 62; Ed O'Neill (1946 —), actor, is 56; David Letterman (1947 —), comedian/TV host, is 55; Tom Clancy (1947 —), author, is 55; David Cassidy (1950 —), singer/actor, is 52; Andy Garcia (1956 —), actor, is 46; Shannen Doherty (1971-), actress, is 31; Claire Danes (1979 —), actress, is 23.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1861, Abner Doubleday — the man generally credited with inventing baseball — fired the first shot at Fort Sumter.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I would rather be right than be President." — Henry Clay, speech to the Senate (1850).

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (April 12)

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MOVIES

PANIC ROOM R - Starring Jodie Foster, Forest Whitaker, Jared Leto, Dwight Yoakam, Kristen Stewart A single mom moves into a Manhattan brownstone with her daughter. On the first night, three ruthless criminals invade the dwelling in search of hidden money. Well-directed, well-acted and enjoyable.

CLOCKSTOPPERS PG Starring Jesse Bradford, Paula Garces, Robin Thomas Teenager stumbles across a watch that puts him in "hypertime"– allowing him to move so quickly that he seems invisible, while the rest of the world moves so comparatively slow, it seems frozen.Science-fiction frolic should please pre-teen crowd.

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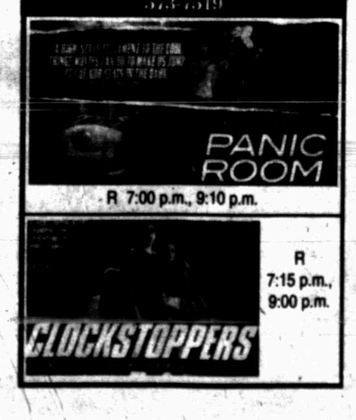

NAME THAT LIZARD — Hermleigh's Relay For Life Team has finally found a name for the Western fence lizard recently discovered by Jordan and Aaron Williamson. According to Jim Lionberger, local wildlife biologist, the "mama" lizard is probably with "child." Rustin Webb submitted the winning name "Scaly."(Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Convicted killer is executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — William Burns, who gunned down the 18-year-old father of a month-old daughter and robbed him of $110, was executed Thursday night.

"I just want to tell my mom that I am sorry I caused her so much pain," Burns said as he was strapped to the death chamber gurney.

He expressed love for his family and said he "hurt for the fact that they are going to be hurting. I really hate that and I'm just hoping they can be OK."

Burns indicated he was finished with his final statement, then mentioned talking "to the victims," when the lethal drugs began taking effect. He gasped, coughed and gasped again. Ten minutes later, at 6:21 p.m. CDT, he was pronounced dead.

Several family members, including his mother, were scheduled to be witnesses, but declined to attend.

Among the victim's witnesses were Johnny Lynn Hamlett's widow, Anita, their daughter and his brother, Ricky Schanfish.

"It's been frustrating for the whole family," Schanfish said. "We've been dealing with this for 21 years.

"It's a load off of our shoulders to not have to worry about any more appeals, trials. It really took a load off everybody."

The execution of Burns, 43, for the slaying of Hamlett in Texarkana 21 years ago was the second in as many nights in Texas.

Burns also is the eighth Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year. On Wednesday night, Jose Santellan was put to death for fatally shooting his former girlfriend outside the Fredericksburg hospital where she worked.

It was just before midnight, March 27, 1981, when brothers William and Victor Burns, accompanied by a third man, Danny Harris, showed up at Texarkana Wood Preserving, a creosote plant where William Burns was fired from two months earlier and promised revenge.

Hamlett, who had worked there for about three months, was alone pulling a double shift in the boiler room because another employee couldn't make it to work that night.

When his body was found, it had 14 bullet wounds from .22-caliber weapons. His wallet, which contained $110, was among items missing.

When the Burns brothers were arrested, William Burns was carrying the victim's wallet. He also led authorities to a coffee can he had thrown away on a remote dirt road. Among items inside the can were Hamlett's driver's license, school ID card and a traffic ticket issued to Burns.

The brothers already were known to authorities. They were free on bond and awaiting trial for a February 1980 slaying and an abduction, James Elliott, the assistant district attorney in Bowie County who prosecuted the case, said this week.

Both Burns and his brother were convicted in 1981 of capital murder and sentenced to death.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Ever-present ex-wife has to move on with her life

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 10 years and happily married for six. We live in a small town and have been restoring a 100-year-old Victorian home since our marriage; we've put a lot of our heart and soul into this house. We have terrific neighbors, and it is a beautiful neighborhood. We chose to live in this small town because my husband was previously married and has three children who live here with their mother. At the time, we thought it would be a good idea so he could remain close to the children. We get along well with them, see them often, and can attend their school and sporting activities.

The problem: My husband's ex has started parking three doors up the street and walks, jogs, bikes and skates around our house. When I say "around," I mean we live on a corner with an alley in the back, so it is LITERALLY "around" the house. We feel like we're being circled by a vulture watching our every move.

My husband says he feels that she's invading our privacy, especially when it's his visitation with the kids. In the summer, this happens on a daily basis — sometimes twice a day. My husband asked her to find another way to go, but she says she's not doing anything wrong and refuses.

We have thought of moving, but this is a small town and we are afraid she would follow us. My husband grew up in this town and his parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters live here. Short of leaving all of our hard work, our beautiful home, our good neighbors, our relatives and most important, the children, what can we do? — **VULTURE'S PREY**

DEAR PREY: You're not being circled by a vulture. You're being haunted by the Ghost of Marriage Past. Obviously the poor woman has not moved on with her life and is preoccupied with yours. She would benefit from counseling. Since she persists in making her presence felt in spite of being asked not to, your next move should be to consult a lawyer and have a chat with your local police department. A restraining order may be able to achieve what a polite request could not.

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DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Fed Up in Pittsburgh" was right on. It was the letter about the free-loading brother-in-law who wouldn't move out of his relatives' game room.

Twenty years ago, I too moved in with my brother and his family after my divorce. My brother assured me I could stay until I got back on my feet. I spent six weeks living there — becoming more and more withdrawn in the process. Every night I'd come home from work and all I'd do is play with their kids.

Then one weekend my brother left town on business. When I came home that first night after he was gone, my sister-in-law met me at the door with the words, "I want you to move out." I assured her I would, as soon as I got an apartment. She said, "No, I mean RIGHT NOW."

I immediately packed a few things and went to stay with a friend. The next day, I started looking for a place of my own, and two days later I had an apartment. All my brother has ever known is that I moved out that weekend. I never told him why.

What my sister-in-law did was the best thing that could have happened to me; we are good friends to this day. Please tell "Fed Up" that maybe the brother-in-law needs a "kick start" like I did. — **GRATEFUL IN SASKATCHEWAN**

DEAR GRATEFUL: A kick in the posterior can sometimes be a boost in the right direction.

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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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Cardinal is cleared of sex abuse charges

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Police said no witnesses or physical evidence could be found to support a mentally ill woman's allegation that Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony molested her.

On Thursday, Fresno police dismissed Flora Mae Hickman's claim, made last month, that Mahony sexually assaulted her when she was a student at San Joaquin Memorial Catholic High School in 1969. Mahony was then a monsignor in Fresno.

Hickman, 51, of Fresno, has said she was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic.

As head of the nation's largest Roman Catholic diocese, Mahony was the highest church official to be accused in the sex abuse scandal that has shaken the church.

Mahony revealed the Hickman accusation April 5, and denied it.

Through a spokesman, Mahony said he was grateful to police for their thorough investigation and he was pleased with the result.

Hickman had claimed she was knocked unconscious while fighting with students and woke to find her bottom garment removed and Mahony "over her."

Police interviewed teachers who worked at the Catholic school, sought any documents supporting the woman's claims and considered her credibility.

"In this case, we had no evidence," Johnson said Thursday. "Of course we're going back 32 years. That makes it difficult. A victim's ability to recall can present some unique difficulties."

Hickman insisted Thursday that the incident happened, but said she would not pursue the case.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	South ♠ K 10 4 ♥ A ♦ 8 6 5 4 ♣ A K 9 6 3	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Friday, April 12, 2002

Deal six featured too much bidding

By Phillip Alder

First, what would you do with that West hand after South deals and opens one club?

During the sixth deal played by eight of my students, there was lots of debatable bidding, and the contracts were one spade and two clubs!

West should have doubled. His hand was playable in three suits. True, if partner bids one spade and it is a 4-3 fit, diamonds might have been better, but nothing works all the time.

When West overcalled one diamond, I think North should have responded one heart. Despite the weak suit and poor distribution, he had six working points; he should have told partner that he wasn't fighting the war singlehandedly.

Now, if East couldn't bear to pass, one heart was preferable to one spade, making it easier to find a fit in either major. South should have passed over one spade. Never rebid in a five-card suit unless you have nothing better to do, and opposite a passed partner, South had no reason to act again. Finally, West should have raised to two spades, but he cautiously passed.

After winning with the heart ace, South continued with a low diamond. West rose with the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff. The spade queen was covered by the king and ace, and East trumped another diamond. After the spade jack and a spade to South's 10, declarer drew trumps and claimed his contract.

At the other table, West did double one club. North responded one heart, East competed with one spade, and there the matter rested. South cashed the heart ace and club ace before leading a diamond. East won with dummy's ace and crossruffed home.

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Wal-Mart's Walton family gives $300 million to UA

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The University of Arkansas has received $300 million from the family behind the Wal-Mart empire — the largest gift ever to a public university in the United States.

The money, from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, will establish an undergraduate honors college and also go toward the university's graduate school.

"What the Walton family has done today will improve life in Arkansas for generations to come, and we are grateful beyond words," Chancellor John A. White said on Thursday.

Sam Walton, who died in 1992, started Bentonville-based Wal-Mart four decades ago. It is now the largest company in the world. Walton's sons Rob and Jim are Arkansas alumni. Rob Walton is now Wal-Mart chairman.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, the donation is the fifth-largest to any American university, public or private. The largest was $600 million, given last year to the California Institute of Technology by Intel Corp. founder Gordon Moore and his wife, Betty.

Jay Allen, a spokesman for the Walton foundation, said Walton family members did not attend the announcement because they wanted the focus to be on the university. But they said in a statement that their goal was to enhance the school's national reputation and help it create jobs.

"Our family feels strongly that the university can be an economic engine for the state," Jim Walton said.

The university's business school was already named for Sam Walton, following a $50 million gift from the family in 1998.

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ACROSS

1 Reserved
5 Vase
8 Meadow browser
11 Be of use
13 Hagen of films
14 Wheel part
15 Tot watcher
16 Corporate abbr.
17 Dogma
18 Neutral color
20 Restless
22 Beer mug
24 Tijuana aunt
25 Royal pronoun
26 Redeem
28 Fast sled
32 Legume
33 Picnic fare
34 Fellow
35 Brickell of pop
37 Thumbs-up
39 Impress
40 Biology topic
41 "Pretty Woman" star
42 Luau strummer
43 Set
45 Mouse appendages
47 Repairs
50 Library sound
51 Boathouse gear
52 Promoted maj.
54 Nevada lake
58 Mideast potentate
59 Sierra Madre gold
60 Delays
61 Actress Myrna
62 Hear a case
63 Puppy's cry

DOWN

1 Corn Belt st.
2 Role for Madonna
3 Prospect for gold
4 Trace
5 Midsummer
6 LL.D. holder
7 Arm bones
8 Speed skater Heiden
9 Birthday-cake must
10 TV statuette
12 Song words
19 Comparison
21 Bath powder
22 Type of jacket
23 Footpath
24 Obstructs
25 Sheik's cartel
27 Rice wine
29 Mover's rental (hyph.)
30 Ogles
31 Fencing weapon
36 She, on the Riviera
38 Brewers' needs
44 Wide tie
46 Austria neighbor
47 Young horse
48 Desdemona's enemy
49 ER picture (hyph.)
50 Tactic
53 Puckster Bobby
55 Garden tool
56 Wise bird
57 Para-psychology topic

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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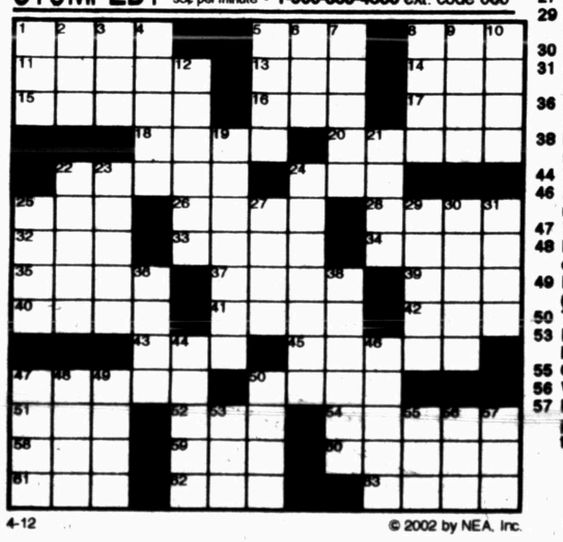

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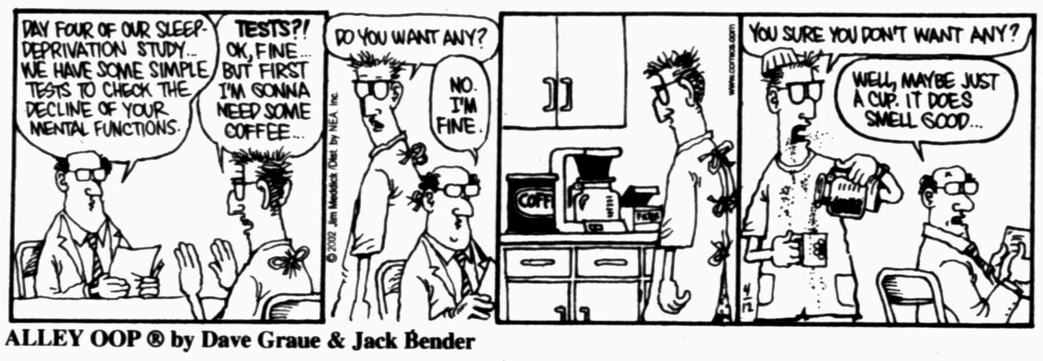

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SPORTS

TOP RIDER — WTC's Tyson Thompson takes his turn in the bareback riding Thursday night at the NIRA rodeo. Thompson earned 77 points on his ride to grab the early lead. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC off to solid start in front of home crowd

In the opening performance of the WTC collegiate rodeo, things held pretty much to form. The bareback riding was tight, and the Westerners were solid.

The Western Texas men held their own Thursday night in front of hometown fans at Scurry County Coliseum. The Westerners had competitors in the top-five of three events heading into tonight's second performance.

As was anticipated, the bareback event provided the best competition of the evening and WTC was right in the thick of it with three of the five rides.

WTC's Tyson Thompson posted the highest score with a 77-point effort that gave him the early lead.

Teammate Justin Foltyn was only two points back in second place, and Nathan Reid was fifth with 72 points.

The saddle bronc event provided another highlight for the Westerners as Sean Prater totaled 73 points to sit second behind Jesse Williams of Sul Ross.

WTC's J.W. Todd drew a bad horse and took the option of a re-ride. He'll be up again tonight when competition gets underway at 7 o'clock.

In the calf roping, Cimarron Boardman registered a time of 8.9 seconds to put him third. Teammate Derrick Traylor was in a split for fifth place with Eastern New Mexico's Dillon Lewis after tying down a time of 9.3.

On the women's side, seven of the 11 Lady Westerners on Thursday's draw sheet finished the night in the top-10 of their event, but none of them in the top-5.

The best showing came from Randus London in the goat tying with a time of 8.0 to put her sixth. Jennifer Freeland and Shayne Pickard were tied for ninth with several competitors on tap for tonight.

In the breakaway roping, Margaret Jameson looped her calf in 2.9 seconds to sit seventh. Freeland was tied for 10th.

Chevis Howell had the Lady Westerners' other top-10 showing in the barrel racing with a run of 13.97 seconds.

With slack scheduled for this afternoon and again following tonight's performance, the majority of competitors are in action today. WTC has 11 men and six women competing this afternoon and tonight.

The long round concludes with another round of slack Saturday morning. The top 10 competitors from each event advance to the short round slated for 7 p.m. Saturday.

NIRA RODEO
At Scurry County Coliseum
Thursday's Results

MEN

Bull riding: 1. Matt Bennett, Vernon, 83; 2. Dusty Higgins, New Mexico JC, 76; 3. Jesse Kirby, Vernon, 70; 4. Cimmaron Gerke, Odessa, 63; 5. Riley Harvie, Frank Phillips, 61; 6. Stewart Duck, Tarleton, 59. Also: Ryan Sauer, WTC, NS; Justin Foltyn, WTC, NS.

Calf roping: 1. Shank Edwards, South Plains, 8.4; 2. Clay Hardin, South Plains, 8.8; 3. Cimarron Boardman, WTC, 8.9; 4. Monty Lewis, West Texas A&M, 9.0; 5. (split) Derrick Traylor, WTC and Dillon Lewis, Eastern New Mexico, 9.3; 7. Jess Tierney, New Mexico JC, 10.0; 8. Clint McCloy, Frank Phillips, 10.3; 9. Tim Ballard, New Mexico JC, 11.2; 10. Luke Garrett, Sul Ross, 12.0. Also: 15. Sean Prater, WTC, 20.6.

Bareback riding: 1. Tyson Thompson, WTC, 77; 2. Justin Foltyn, WTC, 75; 3. (split) Cimmaron Gerke, Odessa and Austin Griffith, Tarleton, 73; 5. Nathan Reid, WTC, 72; 6. Wes Stevenson, Texas Tech, 71; 7. Dustin Mulrony, Odessa, 69; 8. Jerod Johnston, Tarleton, 68; 9. Zach Dicken, Vernon, 58; 10. Shane Caraway, Eastern New Mexico, 51.

Steer wrestling: 1. Cade Swor, Vernon, 5.3; 2. Monty Eakin, West Texas A&M, 5.4; 3. Eric Comley, West Texas A&M, 5.7; 4. Will Lowe, Vernon, 6.1; 5. (split) Bobby Harter, Tarleton and Lacy Miller, Howard, 7.2; 7. Brady Brock, Vernon, 7.7; 8. Alex Muratori, Howard, 8.1; 9. Jeremy Hughes, Tarleton, 16.7. Also: Sean Prater, WTC, NT.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Jesse Williams, Sul Ross, 75; 2. Sean Prater, WTC, 73; 3. Jesse Kirby, Vernon, 70; 4. Riley Harvie, Frank Phillips, 69; 5. (split) Neal Daniel, Texas Tech and Brandon Biebelle, Mesa Tech, 68; 7. Jeff Cavey, Odessa, 55; 8. Yancy Cody, Howard, 48.

Team roping: 1. Tye Culberson-Clay McKinney, Odessa, 6.1; 2. T.C. Long-Thomas Schenkel, Howard, 7.2; 3. Sean O'Neal-Jaden Boren, Frank Phillips, 8.3; 4. J.D. Kibbe-Aaron Romero, Eastern New Mexico, 11.0; 5. Thomas Schenkel-Jordan Ward, Howard, 13.2; 6. Shawn Kalina-Shank Edwards, South Plains, 20.6.

WOMEN

Breakaway roping: 1. Jody Gray, Vernon, 2.2; 2. Michelle Alley, Tarleton, 2.3; 3. Keli Smith, New Mexico JC, 2.5; 4. Jessie Waite, Texas Tech, 2.7; 5. (split) Ashley Sultemeier, Eastern New Mexico and LeAnn Kay, Texas Tech, 2.8; 7. Margaret Jameson, WTC, 2.9; 8. Erin Kelly, Tarleton, 3.0; 9. Terra Bynum, West Texas A&M, 3.1; 10. (split) Jennifer Freeland, WTC and Melissa Meyer, West Texas A&M, 3.2. Also: 12. Chevis Howell, WTC, 4.0.

Goat tying: 1. Tibba Smith, Tarleton, 6.9; 2. Elisha Watt, West Texas A&M, 7.2; 3. Taylor Laws, Tarleton, 7.6; 4. Lindsey Ezell, Odessa, 7.7; 5. Terra Bynum, West Texas A&M, 7.8; 6. Randus London, WTC, 8.0; 7. (split) Kelsey Russey, Odessa and LeAnn Kay, Texas Tech, 8.2; 9. (split) Jennifer Freeland, WTC and Shayne Pickard, WTC, 8.4.

Barrel racing: 1. Wendy Wagoner, Tarleton, 13.46; 2. LeAnn Kay, Texas Tech, 13.60; 3. (split) Addi Hill, Vernon and Kerbi Theil, West Texas A&M, 13.64; 5. Tiffani Burton, West Texas A&M, 13.66; 6. (split) MaryMargaret Richter, Tarleton and Paul Ann Lucero, Texas Tech, 13.82; 8. (split) Dee Dee Chambers, WTC and Stoni Riggan, Texas Tech, 13.83; 10. Chevis Howell, WTC, 13.97. Also: 12. Tasha Stevenson, WTC, 14.11; 18. Margaret Jameson, WTC, 14.79; 24. Randus London, WTC, 18.89.

Clay tops field in triple jump; SHS boys fourth after first day

LEVELLAND — Corey Clay highlighted Snyder High School's first day at the District 4-4A track and field meet with a gold medal performance in the triple jump.

Clay soared 45 feet, 1¼ inches Thursday to win the event and earn a spot in the regional meet later this month.

The senior was one of only three Snyder athletes to earn points on the opening day of competition.

Clay Williams cleared 12-6 in the pole vault to grab fourth place, and Charles Kerry's time of 10:50.24 put him fifth in the 3,200-meter run.

The Tigers finished the day in fourth place with 16 points. Frenship, Andrews and Lake View held down the top three spots in the b[illegible] standings. Estacado was fifth [illegible] best events still to come.

The Snyder Lady Tigers struggled in their first few events and finished the day without registering a point.

The meet continues today with the remaining field events and the running finals.

BOYS
Field Events

Triple jump: 1. Corey Clay, Snyder, 45-1⅛; 2. Hall, Lake View, 44-11⅝; 3. Patterson, Andrews, 42-9⅝; 4. McMillan, Lake View, 42-7⅛; 5. Butler, Estacado, 41-7⅞; 6. Askew, Lake View, 40-10⅞.

Discus: 1. White, Andrews, 153-6; 2. Rose, Andrews, 145-5; 3. Mendez, Frenship, 140-5; 4. Benson, Estacado, 138-3; 5. Hearne, Andrews, 137-3; 6. Pratt, Frenship, 128-5.

Pole vault: 1. Street, Plainview, 13-6; 2. Ruiz, Lake View, 13-0; 3. Wegner, Big Spring, 13-0; 4. Clay Williams, Snyder, 12-6; 5. Kellum, Plainview, 11-0; 6. Tubb, Andrews, 11-0.

Shot put: 1. Montez, Levelland, 51-6⅛; 2. Mason, Lake View, 50-11⅝; 3. Stiggers, Estacado, 45-11⅝; 4. Hearne, Andrews, 45-2⅝; 5. Partee, Big Spring, 42-8; 6. Massie, Frenship, 42-4⅝.

Running Event

3200: 1. Hawkins, Frenship, 10:14.39; 2. Gary, Frenship, 10:15.56; 3. Snowden, Frenship, 10:31.21; 4. Garza, Big Spring, 10:44.86; 5. Charles Kerry, Snyder, 10:50.24; 6. Morin, Levelland, 10:56.00.

GIRLS
Field Events

Long jump: 1. Hill, Estacado, 18-7; 2. Magers, Big Spring, 17-9; 3. Brackens, Levelland, 17-8⅝; 4. Tuitt, Big Spring, 16-8⅝; 5. Rose, Levelland, 16-6; 6. Menefee, Andrews, 16-3⅝.

Shot put: 1. Thompson, Plainview, 39-8; 2. Vanderbilt, Big Spring, 37-7; 3. Smith, Big Spring, 36-8⅛; 4. Evans, Estacado, 36-⅛; 5. Butler, Big Spring, 35-11⅝; 6. McConic, Estacado, 34-2⅞.

High jump: 1. Blackshear, Levelland, 5-3; 2. Gerstengerger, Levelland, 5-0; 3. Brackens, Levelland, 5-0; 4. Tuitt, Big Spring, 4-10; 5. Raney, Big Spring, 4-10; 6. McGraw, Estacado, 4-8.

Pole vault: 1. Hubbard, Lake View, 9-6; 2. Guinn, Big Spring, 7-6; 3. Gilliam, Levelland, 7-0; 4. Tom, Andrews, 6-6; 5. Newsom, Frenship, 6-0.

Running Event

3200: 1. Munoz, Levelland, 12:15.94; 2. Rodriguez, Lake View, 12:33.50; 3. Hagood, Frenship, 12:48.43; 4. Feland, Andrews, 13:14.99; 5. Medrano, Lake View, 13:19.64; 6. Prieto, Levelland, 13:24.49.

Two Tiger teams tangle tonight

The Snyder Tigers, fresh off their 20th victory of the season, tangle with the seventh-ranked Frenship Tigers for the District 4-4A lead at 7:30 tonight at Moffett Field.

4-4A BASEBALL	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	8	1	20	7
Frenship	8	1	18	5
Andrews	8	1	15	3
Lake View	3	6	8	13
Big Spring	3	6	6	15
Estacado	3	6	7	13
Levelland	2	7	6	16
Plainview	1	8	8	15

Today's games: Frenship at Snyder; Big Spring at Andrews; Plainview at Estacado.

Saturday's game: Lake View at Levelland.

When they met three weeks ago, Snyder (20-7-1) knocked off Frenship (18-5) by a 9-4 tally in Wolfforth. Both squads are 8-1 in league play and tied with Andrews for the top spot in the standings. The Mustangs face Big Spring today.

The district lead isn't the only thing on the line tonight, as the winner will clinch a berth in the state playoffs.

While the Tigers host their game today, the Snyder Lady Tiger softball team hits the road to face the Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors 7 o'clock.

The Lady Tigers must win to keep their playoff hopes alive. The SHS girls are two games back of third-place Lake View with only two games remaining after today.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	5	4	.556	—
New York	5	4	.556	—
Atlanta	5	5	.500	½
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	½
Florida	4	5	.444	1
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	6	3	.667	—
Pittsburgh	5	3	.625	½
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	1
Houston	4	5	.444	2
Chicago	2	6	.250	3½
Milwaukee	2	7	.222	4
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	7	2	.778	—
Los Angeles	5	4	.556	2
Arizona	5	5	.500	2½
San Diego	4	5	.444	3
Colorado	4	6	.400	3½

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

Friday's Games
Atlanta (Maddux 0-0) at Florida (Beckett 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bere 0-1) at Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reitsma 0-0) at Philadelphia (Wolf 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Miller 0-1) at St. Louis (Morris 2-0), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 2-0) at Colorado (Hampton 0-2), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 1-0) at San Diego (Jarvis 0-2), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 1-1) at San Francisco (Ainsworth 0-0), 10:35 p.m.

American League
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	3	.700	—
Boston	4	3	.571	1½
Tampa Bay	4	4	.500	2
Toronto	4	5	.444	2½
Baltimore	2	6	.250	4
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	9	1	.900	—
Minnesota	5	5	.500	4
Chicago	4	4	.500	4
Kansas City	4	4	.500	4
Detroit	0	8	.000	8
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	7	3	.700	—
Oakland	6	4	.600	1
Anaheim	3	6	.333	3½
Texas	3	6	.333	3½

Thursday's Games
Toronto 11, N.Y. Yankees 3
Texas 7, Oakland 0
Kansas City 8, Boston 5
Baltimore 15, Tampa Bay 6
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 4
Seattle 8, Anaheim 4

Friday's Games
Baltimore (Towers 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 1-0 or Lilly 0-1) at Boston (Oliver 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 1-0) at Cleveland (Sabathia 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Cooper 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-0), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 0-1) at Minnesota (Radke 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 0-1) at Texas (Valdes 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 1-0) at Anaheim (Ortiz 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

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y-New Jersey	51	28	.646	—
x-Boston	46	33	.582	5
x-Orlando	43	35	.551	7½
Philadelphia	41	37	.526	9½
Washington	36	43	.456	15
Miami	34	44	.436	16½
New York	29	49	.372	21½
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	20	59	.253	27½
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Dallas	54	24	.692	—
x-San Antonio	54	24	.692	—
x-Minnesota	48	31	.608	6½
x-Utah	43	36	.544	11½
Houston	28	50	.359	26
Denver	24	54	.308	30
Memphis	22	56	.282	32
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	59	19	.756	—
x-L.A. Lakers	56	23	.709	3½
x-Portland	46	33	.582	13½
x-Seattle	44	35	.557	15½
L.A. Clippers	38	40	.487	21
Phoenix	35	44	.443	24½
Golden State	20	58	.256	39

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Games
Chicago 104, New York 101, OT
New Jersey 101, Orlando 99, OT
Memphis 102, Portland 99
Houston 98, Dallas 95, OT
Utah 97, Phoenix 96
L.A. Lakers 96, Minnesota 83

Friday's Games
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New York at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 1 p.m.
New York at Miami, 3 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 5:30 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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MGA monthly tournament

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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.

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 at 7 p.m. Tuesday 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.

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.

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Anti-fraud provisions and proposals to eliminate the use of punch card voting machines also must be hashed out.

"We aren't at the finish line yet," Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., a sponsor of the bill, said after Thursday's vote.

The Democratic-controlled Senate passed a bill on a 99-1 vote Thursday that would give states $3.5 billion in grants to upgrade equipment and procedures in exchange for meeting increased federal standards. In a concession to Republicans, voters who registered by mail would have to show identification the first time they vote.

Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., the only lawmaker who voted against the bill, complained that it was "a one-size-fits-all solution that failed to serve a rural state like Montana."

The House bill, passed in December, would spend $2.6 billion for states to improve their elections.

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AOL TimeWrn	20.50	19.67	20.08	+ .48
AT&T Corp s	13.75	13.35	13.67	+ .40
Albertsons	34.70	34.40	34.58	+ .14
Alltel	52.70	51.45	52.40	+ .58
AmEl Pw	47.99	47.51	47.71	— .19
AndarkPtr	54.20	52.28	52.38	—2.45
ATMOS Egy	24.16	23.92	24.00	—.09
Aviall	8.50	8.45	8.48	—.08
BP PLC	50.61	49.89	50.14	—.74
BakerHughes	35.16	33.80	33.89	—1.46
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Citigroup	47.70	46.80	47.24	+ .48
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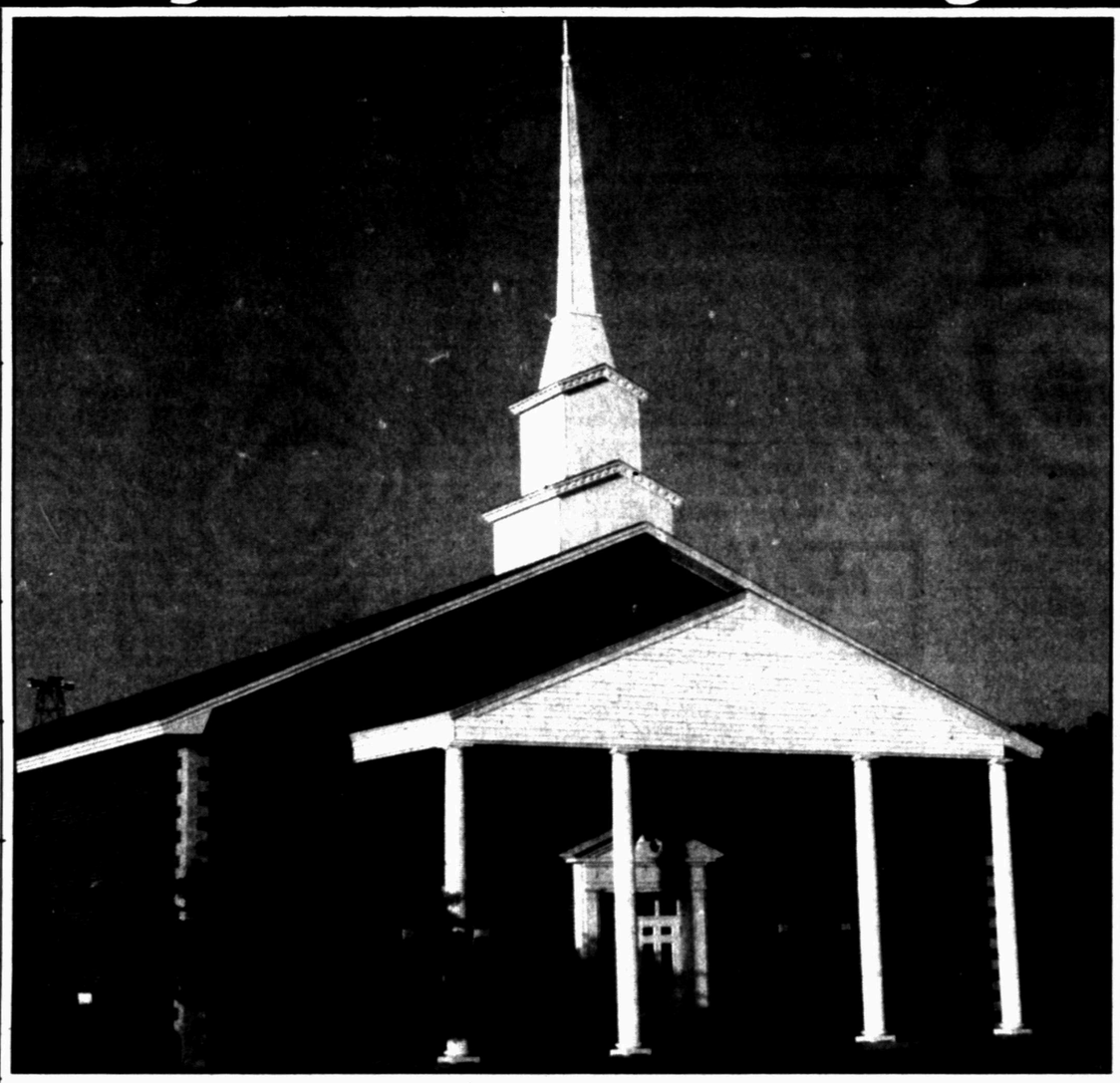

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Girder securely bolted to space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A pair of astronauts successfully bolted and wired a 44-foot girder to the international space station in the first of four spacewalks needed to complete the difficult installation.

"We're off to an excellent start," mission operations representative Milt Heflin said following Thursday's spacewalk.

The 27,000-pound beam was first hoisted into place and clamped down by the space station's 58-foot robot arm, operated by remote control from inside the spacecraft by two astronauts.

Then two other astronauts, Steven Smith and Rex Walheim, floated outside, unfolded two V-shaped struts on the girder and bolted them down. As he put the final twist on the last of eight bolts, Walheim shouted, "Hot dog!"

"We're going to put in for your ironworker's card," NASA's most experienced spacewalker, Jerry Ross, said from inside Atlantis.

Space shuttle Atlantis' visiting astronauts will go out three more times to finish installing the $600 million girder, the first section of a framework that eventually will stretch 356 feet and hold a collection of solar wings, radiators and science experiments.

During Thursday's outing, Smith and Walheim also hooked up power cables and fluid lines. Some of the hoses were stiff and twisted, and the tray containing them was hard to release. It took both of them to yank the tray loose.

That put the spacewalkers behind, so much so that Mission Control ordered Smith to briefly return to the station air lock and recharge his oxygen supply. The spacewalk ended up lasting almost eight hours, more than an hour longer than planned.

Suspect admits he researched how to fake a mental illness

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A man who said he killed seven co-workers to prevent the Holocaust acknowledged today that he had researched how to fake mental illness.

Michael McDermott admitted in testimony today that he lied to doctors for years to get the antidepressants he preferred. He also said he typed "how to fake mental illness" into an Internet search engine and ordered a book on malingering.

During cross-examination, prosecutor Tom O'Reilly accused McDermott of making up a complex tale to convince jurors he's insane.

"After many years of playing these games, after many years of lying to doctors, after doing research on how to fake mental illness ... you're very good at concocting elaborate fantasy tales, aren't you?" O'Reilly said. "This is just one big game for you, isn't it?"

"Of course not," McDermott replied.

McDermott repeated his insistence that the archangel St. Michael appeared to him 12 days before he shot colleagues at Edgewater Technology Inc. in Wakefield. He said St. Michael told him he could travel back in time and prevent millions of deaths if he killed Adolf Hitler and the "architects" of the Holocaust.

In one exchange, McDermott acknowledged that in test-firing weapons two days before the attacks, he was concerned the noise would attract the attention of police.

"Because you were doing something wrong?" O'Reilly asked.

"That's the reason they would have arrested me, yes," McDermott replied.

McDermott, 43, finished his testimony this morning after testifying for four hours Thursday about the shooting the day after Christmas 2000.

Prosecutors say McDermott planned the slayings in retaliation for the company's plan to withhold some of his wages.

3 people involved in accident

•Accident

Snyder officers responded to a two-vehicle accident Thursday evening at 3400 College Ave.

Involved in the mishap were a 1997 GMC van driven by Maria Martinez, 19, of 200 Wheat in Hermleigh and a 1999 Ford pickup driven by Kyle Waltisperger, 19, of San Angelo.

Both drivers and a passenger in the GMC van, Manuel Hernandez, 29, of Hermleigh, reported possible injuries but refused treatment.

•Arrests

Sheriff's deputies arrested a 29-year-old man Thursday evening for evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

•Criminal mischief

A man reported damage to his pickup at 7:30 a.m. Thursday and officers advised a report for Class B criminal mischief would be filed.

•Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol at Kingswood Apartments Thursday night after seeing juveniles going into a vacant apartment.

Another woman reported hearing noises outside her window just before midnight Thursday. A close patrol of the 1200 block of 19th Street was initiated until morning.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at United Fuel Thursday reported a gas drive off in the amount of 90 cents.

Obituaries

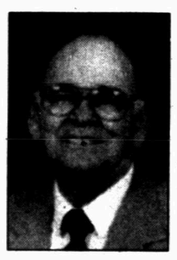
Gaylon Cummings

1915-2002

Gaylon N. Cummings, a longtime resident of Snyder, died this morning in Grand Court Care Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Cummings, 87, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 29, 1915 in Cooper, he married Norma Orene Pieper on Oct. 13, 1940 in Wastella. She died Oct. 11, 1984.



Mr. Cummings

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Kelley.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Cummings worked as a mechanic for Key Brothers Implement for 21 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Gayrene Johnston of Lubbock and Lea Sherman of Christoval; a sister, Syble Howell of San Angelo; and two grandchildren, Margo Young of Lubbock and Stephanie Nurick of Houston.

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.

Louise Williamson

1924-2002

SAN ANGELO – A memorial service for Louise Williamson, the sister of Patsy Taylor of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Roger Roenfeldt officiating.

Mrs. Williamson, 77, died Wednesday, April 3, in Odessa.

Born June 2, 1924 in Bogota, she married E.W. Williamson in Snyder and he died in 1998.

A resident of San Angelo since 1997, she was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include one brother and his wife, Rayford and Joyce McDowell of Odessa; another sister and her husband, Joann and Dale McCorkle of Odessa; a brother-in-law, Lawton Taylor of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burt Smith

1957-2002

A private funeral service was held Thursday at Fairview Cemetery in Midland for Burt Allen Smith, a former Snyder resident.

Mr. Smith died Wednesday, April 10, at his home in Midland.

Born on July 9, 1957 in Snyder, he attended schools in Snyder and was a self-employed welder. He was also an avid guitar player.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Madia Franks Smith; and a brother, Michael Grevan Smith.

He is survived by a son, Casey Allen Smith of Snyder; and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

Maria Frausto

1937-2002

Maria Frausto of Snyder died Thursday, April 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Rosary for Mrs. Frausto, 65, is set for 7 this evening in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born on Jan. 26, 1937 in Scurry County, she married Vic Frausto in 1969 in Snyder. Mrs. Frausto was a homemaker and had worked at Dickies Work Clothes Rental.

A brother, Jesse Alvarez, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Vic Frausto of Snyder; two sisters, Socorro Chaidez of Snyder and Ramona Alvarez of Abilene; and two brothers, Lorenzo Alvarez and Joe Alvarez, both of Snyder.

Jerry Portwood

1938-2002

SLATON – Jerry Portwood, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 10.

Graveside service for Mr. Portwood, 63, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Englewood Cemetery with the Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating.

Born June 25, 1938 in Stamford, he married Judy Housman on Oct. 15, 1972 in Oregon. He moved to Lubbock in 1974 and to Snyder in 1999, returning to Slaton in 2001.

He was the meat market manager for United in Slaton for 10 years and also butchered in Oregon and for Simmons Meat Market in Slaton.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Portwood of Slaton; two sons, Terry Wylie of Mission and Dewayne Matlock of Shelton, Wash.; four daughters, Nora Yackley of Parker, Ariz., Jane Seaberg of Tumwater, Wash., Tammy Prindle of Levelland and Kim Moorehead of Tenino, Wash.; a sister, Linda Turner of Ira; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Hometown performances

Snyder High School drama students are doing hometown performances of *Julius Caesar* which has advanced to regional competition at Angelo State University. Performances today and Saturday are 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.

AARP meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday for a potluck dinner at the Senior Center. Games will follow.

VFW auxiliary to meet

VFW Post 8231 Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the post home. Nominations of officers will be made and members are urged to attend.

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.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Giving God His Due," followed by "Moral & Natural Evil."

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.

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.

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.

Bake sale

Snyder Oaks Care Center will conduct a bake sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Wal-Mart.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Officials in Oklahoma react to fake bioterrorism attack

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — For three days, this town will be the site of one of the most complex bioterrorism drills ever undertaken, complete with a low-flying airplane simulating an attack run and 10,000 packets of jelly beans used in place of real medicine.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the discovery of anthrax in mail weeks later left many Americans concerned about what would happen if a bioterrorism attack targeted their town. The exercise in McAlester, a town of 18,000 in eastern Oklahoma, is designed to determine how well authorities would react.

"In McAlester, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma as a whole, the likelihood of a biological attack is hopefully very small," said Dr. Timothy Cathey, medical director for the Pittsburg County Health Department. "But we'll be able to share this information with other communities."

In the drill, which was to begin today, authorities were to pretend that a low-flying transport plane sprayed deadly pneumonic plague on McAlester. If it actually hit McAlester, the lung-attacking plague could wipe out the town's population in four days.

Within three hours of the "attack," officials planned to start distributing thousands of packets of make-believe medication — jelly beans and fruit punch.

The drill was to continue Saturday and wrap up on Monday.

The idea for the exercise came in October, as Americans were worrying that crop-dusting planes could be used to spray biological weapons.

"The country has been thinking about what we need to do to be best prepared long before Sept. 11," said Jim Gass, special projects officer for the Oklahoma City National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism. "Of course, now it's taken on more meaning."

The drill, called "Sooner Spring," is a follow-up to a national program at Andrews Air Force Base called "Dark Winter." In that exercise — conducted last summer — officials pretended that Iraqi-financed Afghan terrorists were spraying the smallpox virus into shopping centers in Oklahoma City, Philadelphia and Atlanta.

In addition to the pneumonic plague scenario in McAlester, there will be a mock outbreak of smallpox in Tulsa and a staged attack of botulism in the water in Lawton.

State officials said the McAlester drill is perhaps the most complex one ever because of the level of community involvement. Nearly 700 volunteers plan to distribute 10,000 doses of jelly beans to adults and 1,000 pediatric doses of fruit punch within 24 hours.

Residents, who've learned about the drill from newspaper and radio reports, have a chance to win prizes donated by local businesses if they show up at one of seven medicine distribution sites on Saturday.

McAlester officials were to collect the fake medicine from local pharmacies, giving it to health care workers, law officers and their families. They also planned to put in a mock request for the drugs from the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile — real, though secret, stashes of medicine at locations throughout the United States.

An Army National Guard unit in Oklahoma City was to practice sorting the drugs and then fly medical supplies by helicopter to McAlester.

Dr. Robert Petrone, bioterrorism and response coordinator for the state Health Department, said officials will meet after the drill to discuss how they can improve their response to a biological attack.

Organizers expect the exercise to go smoothly because preparations have gone well — and that's a big part of the point of the drill, Petrone said.

"Ninety percent of the benefit has already been accomplished," he said. "It's really been a success beyond my imagination."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Ways to stop smoking

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has always been a slim man, but now he is as thin as a rail, coughs constantly and has no appetite. He has smoked one or two packs of cigarettes a day since he was a teenager. Could the cigarette smoke affect his taste buds?

DEAR READER: It certainly could — as well as significantly diminishing his appetite. However, I'm less concerned about these consequences than I am about the potential damage to his lungs. Weight loss and chronic cough in an adult smoker always should raise suspicion that an undiagnosed, serious ailment is present. For instance, lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are common manifestations of the life-threatening price smokers may have to pay. In my opinion, your husband should be examined (and X-rayed) by his doctor. At the same time, the physician should appropriately insist that your husband give up cigarettes. While I'm certain that your spouse has significant nicotine addiction, he can be helped by a variety of products, including nicotine gum, patches and a nicotine inhaler. In addition, the drug Zyban may help some people overcome the initial symptoms of nicotine withdrawal. A doctor is the place to start the healing process.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly Winning the Battle of the Bulge) that includes my No Flour, No Sugar diet send $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'd like to share a simple and inexpensive method to cure toenail fungus.

I was told that Vick's Vaporub spread on the affected nail twice a day (for several months) would cure the condition. Of course, I was skeptical — until I learned that a prescription drug to cure the problem would cost $800. So I gave it a shot. Within a month, I noticed the fungus disappearing, replaced by healthy nail tissue. I was so impressed that I urged my husband to try it. (He chose the generic equivalent, which is cheaper.) He had the same success. Please pass this on to your readers. My family doctor had never heard of this treatment, and a podiatrist dismissed the technique with the comment: "It won't work." Well, I'm here to say it does work, and I am at a loss to explain why medical professionals are not familiar with it. What do you think?

DEAR READER: This is a revelation to me, as it must be to many practitioners. However, as I have stated before, you can't argue with success, especially if the cure is as safe and inexpensive as generic Vaporub.

If I know my readers at all, some of them will try your stunning therapy and report back to me about success — or failure. I'll publish a follow up after I hear from them. Thanks for writing about an antidote to a universal and annoying problem.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, April 13, 2002

Don't be reluctant to use your ingenuity and resourcefulness in the year ahead, because they could be ranked among the biggest contributors to your success. What you envision, you can produce.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — An arrangement that turned out well for you once before might replicate itself again. It's important that you do nothing differently than you did the first time. 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) — Friends could play a large role in your affairs this weekend. It's a period when you each could be extremely lucky for one another, so don't turn down any invitations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It won't matter if you have to adjust to shifting conditions. Things will work out in your favor regardless of which way the wind blows.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Try to devote some time to a new interest that has recently captured your fancy. The experience could produce some exciting ramifications for you in other ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Use your imagination, and visualize the types of end results you desire before you get into anything. What you envision is doable, and you can come out a winner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your natural ability to absorb and catalogue new information is better than usual. Look for ways to utilize this gift to your advantage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This could be an especially lucky day for you, but not necessarily in ways you might envision. Things may happen to you instead of you having to go out looking for them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Fortuitous developments could occur through partnership situations. This could mean through your spouse, buddy or a teammate — anyone with whom you share a mutual interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A work project might be your ticket to achieving a substantial bonus of some kind. When you undertake a job, do your best, whether you're working for yourself or another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Either you or a friend might be the purveyor of good news, but neither of you may realize this until you start to exchange information with each other.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You've just entered a two-day cycle where profitable possibilities are more prevalent than usual. Find ways to put this good luck charm to work for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you've contemplated getting involved in a new and interesting enterprise, this could be the day to take a hard look at it. You could see things now that you didn't before.

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Frank Jr. will sing dad's songs

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Frank Sinatra Jr. will bring his famous dad's songs back to the Las Vegas Strip next month in a show called "Sinatra Sings Sinatra."

"Since my father's death four years ago, a lot of people have made it clear that they're not ready to give up the music," the 58-year-old performer said.

"For me, it's a big fat gift. I get to sing with a big orchestra and get to sing orchestrations that will never be old."

"Sinatra Sings Sinatra" will run May 8-15 at the MGM Grand hotel-casino. It will feature songs that the elder Sinatra sang during his more than four decades on Las Vegas stages, including "I've Got You Under My Skin" and "Luck Be a Lady." The show will include a 36-piece orchestra.

"When I was a boy, my father would often bring me to Las Vegas," he said. "I saw all the top stars perform, and late at night there would always be a name band playing in a lounge. I remember listening to Harry James, Count Basie and many others. It was quite an education."

Frank Sinatra died of a heart attack at age 82 in 1998.

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