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Home of Jay Kidd



WEATHER HINDERS PROJECT — A crew with Colorado Bridge Inc. of Big Spring was working at the 37th Street construction site this morning. Mike Molter, area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said that the weather continues to hinder completion of the project, making it difficult to project a specific completion date. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hospital to implement new organizational plan

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Following a hour-long closed session this morning at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board meeting, hospital CEO George Parsley said the board okayed a new organizational plan for the hospital's administrative staff.

"The board approved a revised organizational plan for support and ancillary services," Parsley said.

The administration will also work on a new organizational plan for the nursing staff, as well.

Parsley said the changes would not necessarily be immediate, and would be implemented over time.

"There's no new people being hired, and no layoffs," Parsley added.

Prior to the executive session that began around 9:45, the board heard annual reports on performance improvement and safety and gave its okay to both.

Following Jo Beth Hardegree's presentation of the performance report, board president Jim Bob Cave asked about the hospital continuing the Joint Commission Accreditation program.

Hardegree said she favors staying with the Joint Commission Accreditation program, but did say cost is a factor.

The expense to the hospital for the accreditation has ranged from $16,000 to $24,000 over the last few years.

Board member Dink Foree said he realized the benefits of an accreditation program, but said there are other accreditation programs the hospital might use.

Hardegree said she favors the present accreditation because of high standards it brings to a hospital.

"Cogdell Hospital is very advanced in quality control as compared to many rural hospitals," said Hardegree.

Parsley said over the next two years, the board would be discussing the appropriateness of staying with the joint commission.

"We need to study the implications of that decision," emphasized Parsley.

Jay Wesson, the hospital's maintenance director, said the annual safety report covered seven areas — safety, security, hazardous material, life safety, major emergencies, medical equipment and utilities.

The board also approved the cleanup of the former radiology area at a cost of $12,500.

This will involve closing plumbing chases, removing electrical wiring back to its sources, and demolition of some inside walls.

"Our future plans for this area is to use it for endoscopy procedures," said Parsley.

The board also heard a brief medical staff report from Dr. Bid Cooper, and approved the financial statements.

The February statements indicates the hospital's average daily attendance was up slightly over January, and that total surgical procedures were up one, from 91 to 92.

The cash balance at the end of February was $2,073,396 as compared to $1,800,116 in January.

In his report, Parsley noted that a general surgeon, who had visited the community twice, would not be extended an offer to locate his practice here.

"This was just not a good fit with the rest of the medical staff," said Parsley.

The CEO also said the medical staff and architects had been looking at plans for the renovation of the emergency room, and that schematic drawings might be available by the April board meeting.

Cave presided at the monthly meeting and all board members were present to include Foree, Stanley Martin, Nan Swanson, Terry Williams and E.D. Walton.

SHS students readying for District UIL meet

Fifty Snyder High School students are gearing up for the District 4-4A UIL Academic Meet set Friday in Big Spring.

In addition to Snyder and Big Spring, other conference schools competing include Frenship, San Angelo Lakeview, Plainview, Andrews, Estacado and Levelland.

SHS students will compete in the following events.

Current issues and events: Amber Alexander, Cassandra Darlin, Kyle McClendon, Dustin Whitson.

Headline writing: Zach Allred, Kendall Doty, Devin Williams.

Computer science: Cody Beaver, Trent Boyd, Ryan McAnally, Laura Billingsley.

Ready writing: Cody Beaver, Whitney Jones, Ryan McAnally.

Computer applications: Jennifer Bell, Laura Billingsley, Jeremee Lester, Anna Williams.

Mathematics: Laura Billingley, Melissa Jones, Josh Kemp, Isaac Sanchez.

Science: Craig Bowen, Dustin Whitson, Josh Kemp, Charlie Gorman, Laura Billingsley, Jeremy Miller.

Literary criticism: Joanna Burk, Haley Elkins, Jacinda Judah, Emily Vinson.

Accounting: Tyler Kerr, Kate Wright, Stormy Clark, Leslye Starnes.

Spelling: Alex Best, Kasey Collier, Miranda Eckert, Wendy Proffitt.

Vocabulary: Alex Best, Kasey Collier, Wendy Proffitt, Miranda Eckert.

Prose interpretation: Matt Coronado, Jose Perez, Catherine Whitworth.

Persuasive speaking: Will Davis, Lyndell Lee, Jaci Smith, Tiffany Stanley.

Lincoln-Douglas debate: Will Davis, Lyndell Lee, Jaci Smith.

Feature writing: Eric DeLeon, Haley Elkins, Ashley Tucker.

Editorial writing: Haley Elkins, Ashley Tucker, Eric DeLeon.

Calculator applications: Charlie Gorman, Laura Billingsley.

Poetry interpretation: Mark Haines, Austin Haire, Kelli Henderson.

Number sense: Josh Kemp, Jeremy Miller, Kellie Dodson.

News writing: Kendall Doty, Maresha Rivera.

Informative speaking: Austin McCormack, Cole McLeod, Jaci Smith.

Coaches for each event include Lynda McCormack, persuasive speaking, informative speaking, prose and poetry interpretation; Ron Hester, debate; Katie Henson, journalism; Phyllis Smith, accounting; Becky Johnson, spelling and vocabulary; Darlene Stokes, math and caclulator; Wynola Early, computer science; Shad Nachlinger, current issues and events, literary criticism; JoAnn Cotton, ready writing; Thomas Strayhorn, science; and Lynda Patterson, computer applications.

Junior high choirs rack up trophies

Marcie Dennis and her junior high choir students are on cloud nine.

During Wednesday's UIL Concert and Sight Reading competition at Texas Tech, all three junior high choirs walked away with sweepstakes trophies. The winning choirs are Boys, Varsity Girls and Non-Varsity girls.

To win sweepstakes, the choirs had to receive a I rating in both concert and sight reading. Of the choirs' 18 scores, 17 were I ratings.

Mrs. Dennis said they will soon schedule a hometown concert of concert material.

Other choirs winning sweepstakes were Lamesa's Varsity Girls and Seminole's Non-Varsity Boys. Also competing were Plainview and Brownfield.

WTC to host blood drive Friday at student center

Western Texas College will be the site Friday for a blood drive sponsored by United Blood Services and the Scurry County Blood Drive Advisory Council.

Donors will be able to donate blood from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the college's student center.

Blood drive participants will receive a T-shirt, plus a mini-physical including checks on temperature, blood pressure and iron levels.

A community-wide drive was held Tuesday and at Cogdell Hospital on Wednesday.

After brief stay, Taylor's store to close on Friday

Taylor Petroleum, reopened early this year, again is closing the doors Friday night on its local convenience store at 3400 College Avenue.

Craig Row, manager, said the store would close at 10 p.m. Friday and not reopen. "We're not doing the business they wanted us to do," he said. The store employs five.

Taylor Petroleum announced in August that it would reopen the location, which had been closed for 18 months. After remodeling was complete, the store opened in January with Kirk Taylor as manager.

Row said Taylor left the position, citing the demands of running both his Kwik Kar Lube & Tune business and the store.

Hernandez sentenced to 50 years in prison

A seven-man, five-woman jury on Wednesday sentenced a 46-year-old Snyder man to 50 years in prison for the aggravated sexual assault of a nine-year-old girl.

Joe Louis Hernandez III of 413 Ave. U was also fined $10,000.

And since he was convicted of aggravated sexual assault because of the age of the girl, Hernandez will not become eligible for parole until he has served at least 25 years, or when he is 71 years old.

Punishment for the crime, a first-degree felony, ranged from five to 99 years.

Evidence in the punishment phase of trial began Tuesday afternoon following the jury's guilty verdict earlier in the day.

District Attorney Dana Cooley prosecuted the case and Sweetwater attorney John Wilks served as the defense attorney.

Judge Ernie Armstrong presided in the 132nd District Court trial that began Monday.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Content people don't cry because it's over, but rather smile because it happened."

We get a kick out of certain signs.

Just the other day we were passing a country store and spied this message on a portable advertising sign:

"Seven days without our hamburger makes one weak."

Other signs of the time:

—In a vet's office: All unattended children will be given free kittens.

—Lot outside vet's office: Parking for customers only. Others will be neutered.

—Plumber: We repair what your husband fixed. Don't sleep with a drip.

—At a tire shop: Invite us to your next blowout.

—On door of a plastic surgeon's office: Hello, we can help pick your nose.

—Sign at the psychic's office: Don't call us, we'll call you.

—At towing company: We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows.

—Roadside billboard: Keep your eyes on the road and stop reading these signs.

—At eye doctor: If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

—On taxidermist's window: We really know our stuff.

—In a podiatrist's office: Time wounds all heels.

—On front gate: Salesmen welcome, dog food is expensive.

—At muffler shop: No appointment necessary, we'll hear you coming.

—Inside bowling alley: Please be quiet. We need to hear a pin drop.

And someone showed us this classified ad out of a weekly newspaper in East Texas.

Notice: Have small dog. Mean little booger. Will give away. Call soon!

You never know what's going to impress the kids.

Recently, East Elementary called WTC wanting to borrow a large American flag.

The school decided on the largest one available and used it for a school program.

When the flag was returned, the public school teachers were asked if everything turned out okay.

The teacher explained that it worked just fine, and that the students did pay attention. During the program, one kid counted the stars and announced that two were missing.

ASK US

Q—Where will the District 4-4A track meet be held?

A—At Tiger Stadium April 12-13. It was scheduled for Frenship, but its track is under repair.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 50 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Thursday, 45; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.05 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, low mid 40s, SE wind 5-10 mph. Friday, cloudy morning, partly cloudy afternoon, high lower 60s, N wind 5-15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy, low mid 40s.



Jake Crenwelge
Partly cloudy

Sunset:
7:02 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:35 a.m.
Of 87 days in 2001, the sun has shone 75 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as a rightly timed pause.

—Mark Twain

MARCH 29, 2001



UIL TEAM — Fifty Snyder High School students will participate in the District 5-4A UIL Academic Meet Friday in Big Spring. (See story page 1) On Monday, the students filmed a good morning from Snyder High School greeting, which they submitted to ABC's *Good Morning America*. They are pictured throwing confetti. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Web site shows how kids are hurt by maltreatment

AUSTIN (AP) — Information about how a child develops and how maltreatment affects them is now just a mouse click away.

Online courses offer parents, caregivers and professionals who work with youngsters an interactive learning tool that provides practical information on how to deal with children who are treated poorly.

The site is a collaboration of ChildTrauma Academy, which is a partnership between two Houston hospitals, Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, and Powered, Inc., an Austin-based company that provides online learning centers.

Enrollment is available 24 hours a day and those who participate have access to the online course material, which includes reading material, assignments and tests. Message boards and e-mail will allow participants to interact with one another and with instructors

"Our mission is to understand how experiences — good and bad — influence child development and, with this knowledge, change the ways in which our society cares for children," said Dr. Bruce Perry, founder of the academy and chief of psychiatry at Texas Children's Hospital.

Academy officials say they believe the most effective approach to systemic change is to define specific problems and develop innovative, measurable and replicable solutions.

The online classes were created by and are taught by experts in the field.

The courses are "Surviving Childhood," which focuses on the impact of trauma on a developing child and helps those enrollees better understand and serve children affected.

A second course, "Hate Hurts: How Children Learn and Unlearn Prejudice" explores how parents' assumptions and biases influence youngsters' attitudes.

The third class is "Choosing Montessori Education," which helps parents decide whether the popular method of nondenominational private education is right for their children.

On the Net: www.ChildTraumaAcademy.com

A remorseless McVeigh calls dead kids collateral damage

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A remorseless Timothy McVeigh calls the children killed in the Oklahoma City bombing "collateral damage," regretting only that their deaths detracted from his bid to avenge Waco and Ruby Ridge, according to a new book.

Details in the book mark the first time McVeigh has publicly and explicitly admitted to the crime and given his reasons for the attack.

"I understand what they felt in Oklahoma City. I have no sympathy for them," McVeigh told the authors of "American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City Bombing." He had no control over the book's content.

McVeigh told Lou Michel and Dan Herbeck, reporters for The Buffalo News, he did not know there was a day care center inside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, the authors said on tonight's broadcast of "Prime-Time Thursday."

"I recognized beforehand that someone might be ... bringing their kid to work," McVeigh told the authors. "However, if I had known there was an entire day care center, it might have given me pause to switch targets. That's a large amount of collateral damage."

Michel said McVeigh's only regret was that the children's deaths proved to be a public relations nightmare that undercut his cause.

CNN on Wednesday quoted Danny Defenbaugh, the FBI's lead investigator in the case, saying he had no doubt McVeigh knew before the bombing that children would be among his victims.

"No matter what and how you go by that building, if you look at the building, you're going to see all the little cut-out hands, all the little apples and flowers showing that there's a kindergarten there — that there are children in that building," Defenbaugh said.

Defenbaugh also said that within days of the Oklahoma City bombing, the FBI found evidence that McVeigh may have considered other attacks in Dallas and Omaha, CNN reported.

The April 19, 1995, bombing killed 168 people, 19 of them children. McVeigh, 32, is scheduled to be executed May 16.

McVeigh told the authors he was disappointed when part of the building remained standing after his 7,000-pound bomb went off. "Damn, I didn't knock the building down. I didn't take it down," he said.

Authorities have said the bomb was between 4,000 pounds and 4,800 pounds, but McVeigh told the authors it was more than 1 ton heavier.

He said he was the sole architect of the plan, resorting to threats against Terry Nichols' family when his Army buddy hesitated before helping to load the explosives into the rental truck.

In 75 hours of prison interviews with the Buffalo reporters beginning in May 1999, McVeigh, who was raised in Pendleton, outside Buffalo, got choked up while talking about killing a gopher in a field, but never expressed remorse for the bombing.

However, he had been brought to tears two years earlier while watching the disaster at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas. He was in the living room of Nichols' Michigan home when the compound burned to the ground during an assault by federal agents, killing about 80 members of the cult.

The model soldier had left the Army disillusioned, unable to live with the thought that he was an ally of "the biggest bully in the world, the U.S. government," according to Herbeck. Then when Congress banned certain assault weapons, "I snapped," McVeigh said.

Before deciding to bomb the Murrah building, McVeigh considered a number of different possibilities, including assassinating elected officials, Michel said.

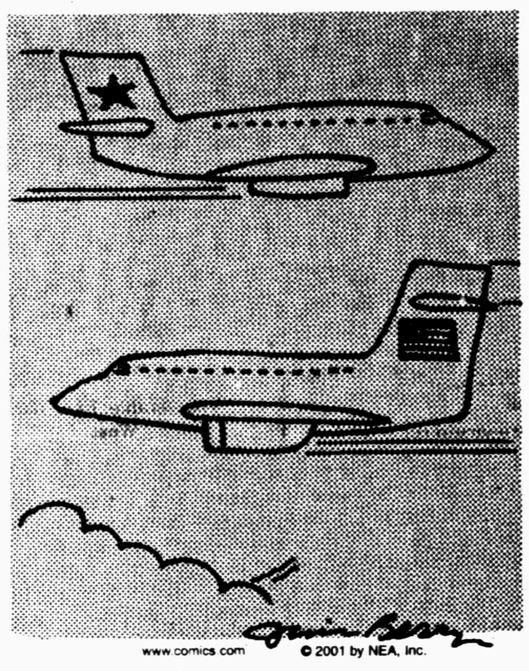
The federal building, McVeigh decided, had everything he wanted: federal agents and glass in the front, making it vulnerable and giving TV cameras a good shot.

The morning of the bombing, like a soldier, he had cold spaghetti for breakfast. "Meals ready to eat ... are meant for high intensity. I knew I was going through a firestorm and I would need the energy," the Gulf War veteran said.

McVeigh, two blocks away when the bomb exploded, was lifted off the ground by the force of the blast. As he fled, he called to mind the song "Dirty for Dirty" by the group Bad Company. "What the U.S. government did at Waco and Ruby Ridge was dirty. And I gave dirty back to them at Oklahoma City," he said.

In 1992 at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, the wife and son of white separatist Randy Weaver were killed by federal agents during a standoff.

Berry's World



SHIPS (CARRYING EXPELLED SPIES) THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT

Date Book

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Today is the 88th day of 2001 and the 10th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, John Pemberton of Atlanta, Ga., brewed the first batch of Coca Cola.

On this day in 1932, comedian Jack Benny made his radio debut.

On this day in 1973, the last U.S. prisoners of war left Vietnam.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Tyler (1790-1862), U.S. president; Cy Young (1867-1955), baseball great; Howard Lindsay (1889-1968), playwright; Eugene McCarthy (1916-), U.S. politician, is 85; Walt Frazier (1945-), basketball great, is 56; Earl Campbell (1955-), football great, is 46; Jennifer Capriati (1976-), tennis player, is 25.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Indiana won the NCAA basketball championship by defeating Michigan 86-68.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You have to block everything out and be extremely focused, and be relaxed and mellow, too." — Jennifer Capriati, on playing tennis

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 24) and first quarter (April 1).

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events

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $26 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 4-5-16-26-43-50

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

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MASTER JUDGES LEAD WORKSHOP — Alma Fecher from San Angelo, left, and Betty Ivey from Robert Lee, both master flower show judges, led a design workshop in preparation of the Snyder Garden Club's May 5 flower show, "Snyder, Our Town." The show will be in conjunction with the Senior Center May Day at the coliseum and will be held in Room B. (Contributed Photo)

Biscuits and soup good combo

When it comes to food pairings there's none better than hot from the oven biscuits coupled with a steamy bowl of soup. Rozanne Gold, renowned chef and author of the award winning Recipes 1-2-3 series, makes that match to perfection with golden biscuits and roasted tomato and onion soup.

Her secret ingredient for both? Olive oil, one of just three ingredients per dish which Gold relies on to create this delicious combo.

Gold uses olive oil to give foods a distinctive quality. Olive oil brings out the flavors of roasted onions and farm-fresh tomatoes in this simple soup and adds an elegant touch to the flaky biscuits.

The versatility, great taste, and health aspects of olive oil make it an ideal ingredient for everyday cooking.

Roasted Tomato And Onion Soup

Serves 6 (makes about 5 cups)

5-6 large ripe tomatoes (about 2 pounds)

8 medium onions (about 2 pounds), unpeeled

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

Preheat oven to 250 degrees.

Bring large pot of water to a boil. Make a small x in bottom of each tomato using a small sharp knife. Plunge tomatoes in water for 1 minute. Drain in colander and peel. Cut tomatoes in half and place cut side down on large baking sheet.

Place whole unpeeled onions on baking sheet. Drizzle 1 tablespoon olive oil over tomatoes and onions, using your hands to coat them well. Sprinkle tomatoes with salt. Roast for 2 hours. Slip onions from their skins.

Place tomatoes and 5 peeled onions in bowl of food processor. Process until very smooth. Add ½ to 2/3-cup water and remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, and process again.

Transfer to bowl. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. If not serving right away, you may need to add water, as soup will thicken. Reheat gently.

To serve, ladle soup into 6 flat soup plates. Cut remaining peeled onions in half lengthwise. Place 1 half in center of soup and drizzle with olive oil.

Olive Oil Biscuits

Makes about 20 biscuits

2 cups self-rising flour

¾ cup milk

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a medium bowl, combine flour and a pinch of salt. Make a well in the center and add milk and 7 tablespoons olive oil. Stir until blended. Do not overwork, or biscuits will be tough.

On lightly floured surface, roll dough out to a 1/3-inch thickness. Cut into 1-1/2-inch rounds with a plain or fluted cookie cutter, and place on baking sheet.

Bake for 10 minutes, until biscuits just begin to turn golden. Using a pastry brush, brush tops with remaining 1-tablespoon olive oil and sprinkle lightly with salt.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Someone keeps stealing Route 666 sign

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Someone keeps stealing the road signs for Route 666 in Morris County. Could it be ... Satan?

County transportation officials don't think so. They believe the signs were stolen by tourists who want offbeat souvenirs and religious people offended by the number, which is associated with Satan in the Bible.

The officials are considering changing the name of the road.

"This thing has got me crazy," said Joseph Stuppiello, a supervisor in the county road department. "Every time we put one up, it doesn't last a day or two before it's stolen."

The problem started in the mid 1970s, when New Jersey officials ordered that all state roads have three digits. Most county governments simply added a "5" or a "6" to the existing road number. Thus Route 66 became Route 666.



Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's Having A Birthday

We Love You,
Everyone with the Chamber



EMPLOYEE SAFETY AWARD — Cogdell Memorial Hospital received $10,249 from the Workers' Compensation self insurance pool in which CMH participates. Making the presentation is James Cain, Panhandle Area Safety Specialist, Texas Association of Counties (left); to CMH officials Jo Beth Hardegree, R.N.; George Parsley, CEO; Jay Wesson, plant services, safety officer; and Joe Wright, CFO. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Cogdell Memorial Hospital given safety award

AUSTIN — In a recent ceremony, D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital was awarded $10,249 for the enhancement of their safety efforts. The award comes from the Workers' Compensation self insurance pool in which Cogdell Hospital participates. This self-insurance fund is owned and operated by Texas Counties and County related political subdivisions.

In 2000, CMH officials took a pro-active stance on improving workers' safety by implementing several safety improvement measures recommended by Texas Association of Counties who administers the self-insurance pool.

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) accident prevention criteria ensures that their safety program provides a comprehensive safety effort on the part of CMH in exchange for Workers' Compensation savings. The resolution to participate was adopted earlier in 2000 by hospital officials.

A board of county officials oversees the hospital's partnership with 300 other Texas counties and public entities in a non-profit Workers' Compensation self-insurance pool and made approximately $10,249 available in exchange for the enhanced safety effort. The board has "invested" this money with the hospital, confident that the comprehensive safety efforts will pay off for CMH, their employees, and other members of the self-insurance pool.

TAC, which administers the program, provided safety specialists at no additional charge to the hospital to assist in realistic, cost effective measures for accident prevention.

TAC's Mike Strawn, who oversees this initiative stated, "It's great to see hospital officials taking their safety efforts seriously."

Strawn also stated, "Our board has thrown in these incentives on their Workers' Comp bill, which should lead to some really substantial long term savings. Sometimes, the best thing that comes out of these programs is keeping people from getting hurt on the job and seeing improvement in morale and productivity."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Dealer: West

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4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	7 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Eight ever, nine never

By Phillip Alder

You have probably heard the expression "eight ever, nine never." This refers to a suit combination in which you are missing the queen. With eight cards, take the finesse, whereas with nine cards, play off the ace and king. Let's look at the eight-card holding today, and move up to nine tomorrow.

With A-J-x-x in hand opposite K-x-x-x, cash dummy's king and finesse the jack on round two (unless the queen appears on your right, of course).

Now make it A-K-J-10-x opposite x-x-x. Assuming you have two dummy entries, start with your ace, cross to the dummy in another suit, then finesse the jack (unless ...). If the finesse wins and lefty discards, you can return to dummy and take a second finesse, picking up Q-x-x-x onside.

Now look at today's North-South spade situation. Having to play it for no losers, should you cash the ace first, then finesse; or should you take a first-round finesse?

Obviously, you don't want to be in seven, but North thought South's three-spade rebid guaranteed a solid suit. (By the way, I approve of North's two-club response. With such a strong hand, he knows that his side will bid a slam, but he doesn't know which one. By keeping the bidding low initially, he learns more about his partner's hand than he would by immediately leaping into the stratosphere.)

You should take a first-round spade finesse. Starting with the ace wins when West has the singleton queen. But planning to take two finesses wins whenever West has any low singleton, which is four times more likely than a singleton queen.

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DKG hears program on family reading

Zeta Lambda of Delta Kappa Gamma International continues educational programs when members Carmen Carpenter on Family Reading Night at Northeast Elementary.

Key issues were success of the monthly parents education involvement.

The group met at Martha Ann Woman's Club Monday. They voted to participate in the Relay for Life on April 9 at Tiger Stadium. Reports were heard from the membership and professional affairs committees

Hostesses included Sonja Hanks, Dorothy Kayser, Melissa Rosson, Carol Miller and Debra McNair.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 28-Lindsey Jackson, Deanna Renshaw, Jose Rodriquez, Golda Jackson.

DISMISSALS: Lindsey Jackson, Deanna Renshaw, Charles Taylor, Jana Amezquita and daughter, Stella DeLeon, Thomas Denton, Randal Loveall, Bertha McQueen and Rudolph Menix.

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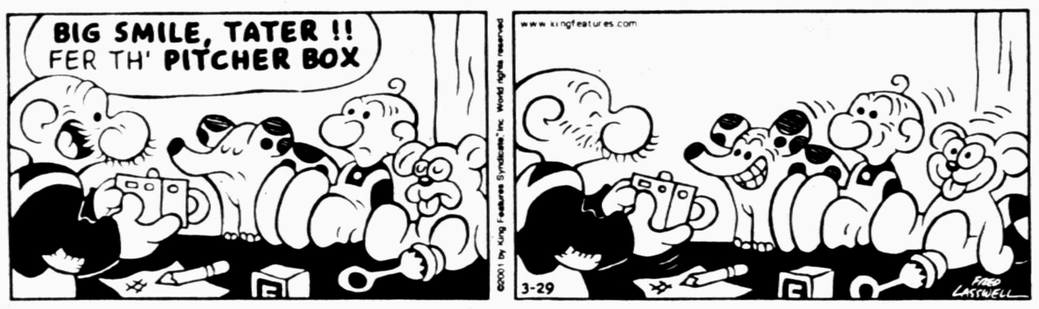
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12 Became a member
14 Smoothly courteous
15 Make longer
16 Rival of DDE
17 Mrs. Peron
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20 Sour cheri
23 Unexpected win
26 — the line (obey)
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30 Find the position of
32 African land
34 Neither masculine nor feminine
35 Glossy fabric
36 Qty.
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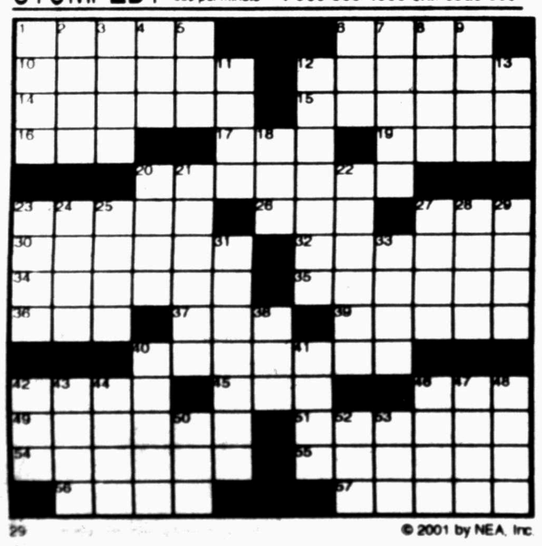
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18 Horse doc
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21 Aquatic mammals
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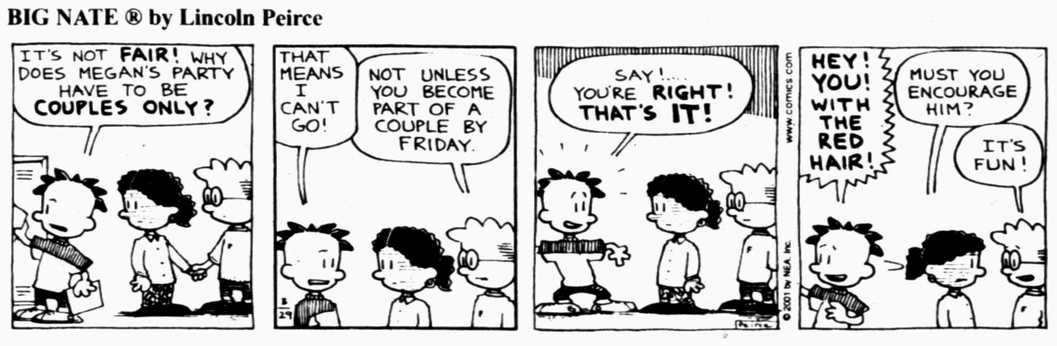
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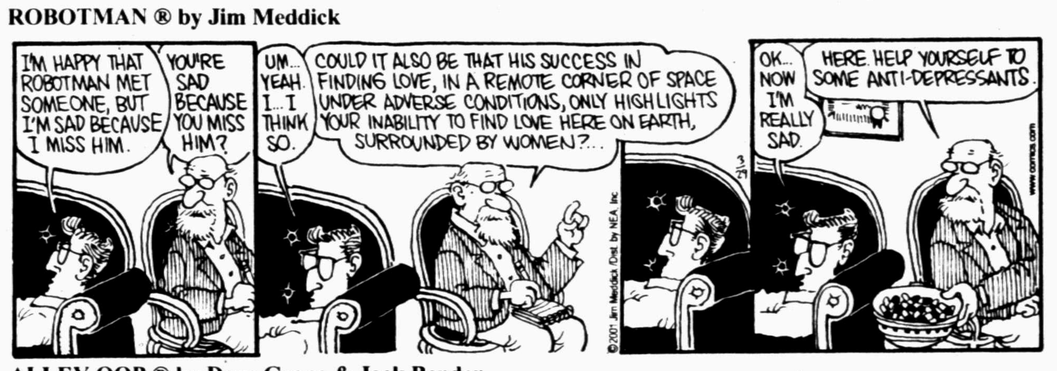
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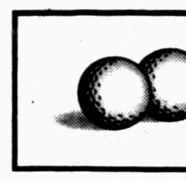


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NFL votes to keep instant replay

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — For a concept that was on such shaky ground two years ago, instant replay certainly has come a long way.

And it will be a part of the NFL for three more years.

By a 25-5-1 vote, the owners approved using replay as an officiating tool for the next three seasons. Previously, the decision was made on a year-to-year basis.

But the current system, featuring coaches' challenges until the final two minutes of each half and all of overtime — when a replay official determines when to review a play — has gained favor throughout the league.

"The purpose is to allow the system to be looked at, analyzed and potentially approved," said Rich McKay, general manager of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and co-chairman of the league's competition committee, said Wednesday. "We can have more open discussion.

"Replay is accepted by the coaches, the fans and the players, although it may not be the most popular of rules."

Another new rule unlikely to be popular with many players is a ban on bandanas. NFL disciplinarian Gene Washington attempted to get the same thing done several years ago, and this time the measure passed 30-1 (Oakland was against).

The league ruled bandanas violate the uniform code, but skullcaps are OK as long as they bear the team logo and colors.

"Uniform code rules start at the shoes and did not cover the head," McKay said, "and we were getting more diverse head coverings. We tried to bring that in line with other parts of the code. Now it covers the entire uniform."

Bandanas were approved for players needing them to help with medical problems. Super Bowl MVP Ray Lewis wears one because team officials say he has a scalp condition that needs protection with a bandana.

Also, Tagliabue admitted some concern about spiraling salaries, despite a salary cap that is the least lenient in any team sport.

Mentioning the release of many veterans who still are productive, Tagliabue noted, "The cap is growing 10 percent a year, contracts are growing 40 percent, which is totally unrealistic, and players get cut because they didn't do the contract realistically in the first place."

Asked about the struggling XFL, Tagliabue said they would have to "write their own postmortems."

Instant replays postmortems were written in 1991, when it was dropped. But it was reinstituted in 1999 after several egregious officiating mistakes. And now it is around through 2003.

"Tex Schramm can sleep well tonight," Tagliabue said of the designer of the original replay system.

Dissenters on replay were the New York Jets, Buffalo, Arizona, Cincinnati and Kansas City, with Indianapolis abstaining. A total of 24 votes was needed, and if the three-year proposal failed, a one-year plan would have passed.

Also decided Wednesday:

— Officials will be encouraged to protect the quarterback vigorously. There were 84 roughing penalties called last season, a number McKay and Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green, the other co-chairman of the competition committee, said was high.

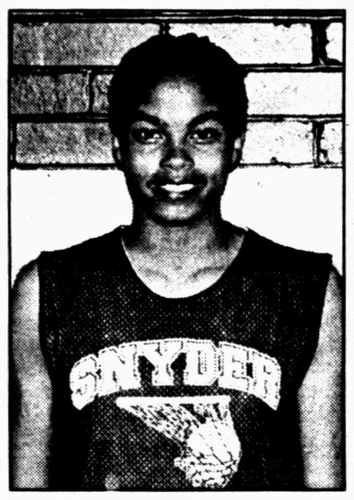
"When in doubt about roughing the passer, we're telling them to throw a flag," McKay said.

— Rules against taunting will be tightened and 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalties will be assessed.

"We'll make it very clear to the players in tapes just what will be allowed and what won't be," Green said.

McKay said the "momentum rule" has been altered. The new rule has the ball given to the defensive team at the spot where it took possession.

Delce to participate in all-star contest



Ashley Delce

After another standout season on the hardwood, Snyder's Ashley Delce gets the chance to show her skills against the best players in the state.

Delce has been selected to play in the 45th annual North-South all-star girls' basketball game July 12 in Austin.

The Snyder senior will compete for the North squad, as voted on by the basketball committee of the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

After leading the region in scoring, and ranking near the top in rebounds, Delce garnered first-team all-district honors.

The 6-1 post was also a first-team all-region selection, a TABC second-team all-state honoree, and a TGCA third-team all-state selection.

Ten colleges have courted Delce, including South Plains JC, West Texas A&M, Abilene Christian, Texas A&M-Kingsville and UT-Arlington.

In today's District 4-4A showdowns...

Lady Tigers host Andrews; Tigers travel to Plainview

With two extra days to prepare, Snyder High School hits the diamond today for a pair of District 4-4A contests.

The Snyder Lady Tigers host Andrews at 6 p.m. at Cates Field, while the Tigers visit Plainview for a 6 o'clock showdown with the Bulldogs. Both contests were scheduled for Tuesday, but had to be postponed due to rain.

The Lady Tigers (12-10) are tied with Andrews for second place at 5-1, after both squads fell to district-leading Big Spring.

With Frenship, Levelland, Estacado, Plainview and Lake View all struggling, the winner of tonight's game will get a leg up in the race for the playoffs' top two seeds.

"There's no doubt that this is a big game for us and Andrews," said first-year Snyder coach Shelly Hayes. "The winner will have an advantage heading into the second half of district."

The Snyder boys are in a similar position in the 4-4A baseball race. The Tigers need a victory today to stay within one game of Frenship and Andrews.

Snyder (10-5) carries a 3-1 league mark into tonight's game, while Plainview (6-8) sits at 2-2.

"Plainview has always played us tough in the past, especially at their place," said Tiger skipper Roland Herrera. "We have to stay focused and take care of business. Every district game is an important one."

Junior Jase Olvera draws the start on the mound. The right hander is 4-0 on the year, including a district win against Levelland.

Both Snyder squads are in action again Friday. The Lady Tigers host Levelland at 4 p.m., while the Tigers visit Estacado at 4:30.

Mavs top Blazers, 94-84, continue to shine on road

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Any other year, a road trip that included games against Utah, Portland, the Los Angeles Lakers and Sacramento might have looked hopeless for the Dallas Mavericks.

Yet this is no ordinary year for the once-woeful Mavs.

Juwan Howard scored 24 points and Michael Finley had 23 as the Mavericks set a team record with their 21st road victory by defeating the Portland Trail Blazers 94-84 Wednesday night.

Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points and 14 rebounds and hit consecutive 3-pointers during a 10-0 run early in the fourth quarter that put the game away for the Mavs, who are tied with the Blazers for fifth in the Western Conference.

"We're a team to be reckoned with," said Finley, who had 31 points in Monday's win over the Jazz. "I always had confidence in us. We're just now giving other people a chance to see what we're all about, and it's not a fluke."

Dallas, guaranteed a winning road record for the first time in team history, has won three straight and nine of 11. The Mavs also improved to 2-0 on a brutal road trip that continues Friday against the Lakers. Sacramento and Houston are the final stops.

With Los Angeles' loss to the Kings, the Mavs are only a half-game behind the Lakers for the No. 4 spot, which carries home-court advantage in the first round.

"We're starting to prove to ourselves that we are as good as anybody, and that we can win in any building," said Steve Nash, who had 14 points and eight assists.

Arvydas Sabonis scored 19 points and Scottie Pippen had 10 assists for the Blazers, who had won three straight after losing six of seven. They are 6-7 in March, with the Knicks coming to town Friday night.

The Mavericks won 20 road games in three other seasons, most recently in 1987-88. Now they're in position to make the playoffs for the first time since 1990, when the Blazers swept them in the first round.

"I still don't think we're at the caliber of the teams we just beat, but we will be," coach Don Nelson said. "I don't think this will be the year, but I think we'll be in the elite here soon."

A three-point play by Sabonis to open the fourth quarter closed the Blazers to 67-66. But Nowitzki's 3-pointers, followed by a fast-break layup from Nash, pushed the lead to 77-66.

Sports Briefs

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player, and includes green fee, golf cart and a hamburger lunch. Teams must have a combined handicap over 50.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes will be a $5,000 CD and a 2001 Ford Focus. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

WTC MGA tourney

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its first tournament of the new season at 1 p.m. Saturday. Format will be skins game. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Baseball sign-ups

Tee-ball and baseball sign-ups will be held today through Saturday at Caprock Securities. Girls ages 5 and 6, and boys ages 5 through 16 are eligible to register.

Registration times are 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. For more information, call 573-3344.

Helton signs for $151 million

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — After flirting with .400 last season, Colorado Rockies first baseman Todd Helton is in exclusive company again: the top-paid players in baseball.

Helton has agreed to a new contract worth $151 million over 11 years, the fourth-largest deal in sports history.

Helton, 27, was a first-round amateur draft pick in 1995 and finished second in the NL Rookie of the Year voting in 1998.

He hit .320 with 35 homers and 113 RBIs in 1999, and was voted The Associated Press Major League Player of the Year last season after hitting .372 with 42 home runs and 147 RBIs.

Angels release Canseco

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Jose Canseco, who signed a minor-league contract with the Anaheim Angels in January, was released.

Drafted by Oakland in the 15th round in June 1982, Canseco has a .266 lifetime average, with 1,140 runs scored, 446 home runs and 1,358 RBI in 1,811 games.

Karl becomes highest-paid coach

MILWAUKEE (AP) — George Karl became the highest-paid coach in professional sports and a part-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks.

Terms weren't revealed, but a source with knowledge of the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity said the two-year extension is worth $14 million and also includes a small slice — believed to be 1 to 2 percent — of the franchise that is valued at $125 million.

Karl, who turns 50 in May, is committed to the Bucks through the 2003-04 season.

Amaker named Michigan coach

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Tommy Amaker has resigned as basketball coach at Seton Hall to rebuild the program at Michigan.

Amaker will replace Brian Ellerbe, who was fired two weeks ago after posting a 62-60 record in four seasons, including a 25-9 mark his first year. The Wolverines were 12-19, 15-14 and 10-18 the past three seasons and didn't finish better than eighth in the Big Ten.

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Andrews	5	0	13	3
Frenship	5	0	14	6
Snyder	3	1	10	5
Plainview	2	2	6	8
Big Spring	1	3	7	9
Lake View	1	3	3	10
Estacado	1	4	4	9
Levelland	0	5	7	11

Tuesday's result: Andrews 13, Estacado 3.

Wednesday's result: Frenship 7, Levelland 3.

Thursday's games: Snyder at Plainview; Big Spring at Lake View.

JV Tigers nab third place at Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — Snyder Black was edged by Abilene High, but managed to capture third place at the Sweetwater junior varsity baseball tournament.

Snyder held a 4-1 lead in the final inning against Abilene, before the Eagles rallied with four runs to take a 5-4 victory.

The Tigers managed only six hits that included a double and a single by Shawn Roemisch. Marcus Villarreal slapped a pair of singles, and Blake Grimmett and Zach Rollins each singled.

Tyler Trout and Ty Collier split time on the mound.

Snyder opened the tourney with an 8-2 victory over Clyde, before posting a 7-3 win over Midland Christian.

The Tigers will be in action again at 11 a.m. Saturday when they host a doubleheader with Big Spring.

Snyder 8, Clyde 2

Snyder: Zach Rollins, double; T.J. Cagle, two singles; Isaac Ramon, Shawn Roemisch, Teddy Vasquez and Marcus Villarreal, single. WP — Boicy Martinez.

Snyder 7, Midland Christian 3

Snyder: Shawn Roemisch, double and two singles; Blake Grimmett, two singles; T.J. Cagle, Tyler Trout, Zach Rollins and Marcus Villarreal, single. WP — Danny Hoyle.

Men's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST
THE FINAL FOUR
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31

Michigan State (28-4) vs. Arizona (27-7), 5:42 p.m.

Duke (33-4) vs. Maryland (25-10), following first game

National Championship
Monday, April 2

Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Women's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST
THE FINAL FOUR
At The Savvis Center
St. Louis
National Semifinals
Friday, March 30

Purdue (30-6) vs. Southwest Missouri State (29-5), 7 p.m.

Connecticut (32-2) vs. Notre Dame (32-2), 9:30 p.m.

National Championship
Sunday, April 1

Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
x-Philadelphia	49	22	.690	—
Miami	42	28	.600	6½
New York	42	28	.600	6½
Orlando	39	32	.549	10
Boston	32	38	.457	16½
New Jersey	25	49	.338	25½
Washington	17	54	.239	32
Central Division				
x-Milwaukee	44	26	.629	—
Charlotte	40	31	.563	4½
Toronto	39	32	.549	5½
Indiana	32	38	.457	12
Cleveland	26	45	.366	18½
Detroit	25	46	.352	19½
Atlanta	21	51	.292	24
Chicago	12	58	.171	32
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-San Antonio	50	21	.704	—
Utah	47	23	.671	2½
Dallas	46	25	.648	4
Minnesota	42	29	.592	8
Houston	39	32	.549	11
Denver	34	38	.472	16½
Vancouver	20	52	.278	30½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	48	22	.686	—
L.A. Lakers	47	25	.653	2
Portland	46	25	.648	2½
Phoenix	43	27	.614	5
Seattle	40	34	.541	10
L.A. Clippers	26	46	.361	23
Golden State	17	53	.243	31

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games

New Jersey 99, Denver 96
Orlando 96, Philadelphia 95
Phoenix 103, Cleveland 94
Dallas 94, Portland 84
Seattle 94, Minnesota 93
Sacramento 108, L.A. Lakers 84

Thursday's Games

Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
New York at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY

Rodeo
Western Texas at Odessa College rodeo

Baseball
Snyder at Plainview, 6 p.m.

Softball
Andrews at Snyder, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Rodeo
Western Texas at Odessa College rodeo

Baseball
Snyder at Estacado, 4:30

Softball
Levelland at Snyder, 4 p.m.

Tennis
Snyder at Mason Invitational

SATURDAY

Rodeo
Western Texas at Odessa College rodeo

Track
Snyder boys and girls at Levelland Relays

Tennis
Snyder at Mason Invitational

Baseball
Big Spring at Snyder JV Black, doubleheader, 11 a.m.

Snyder JV Gold at Sweetwater, noon



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Corruption exposed at San Antonio PD

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two San Antonio police officers quit their jobs and two others were suspended without pay Wednesday following their arrests along with five police officers on federal drug charges.

Police Chief Al Philippus was working Wednesday to get rid of four others, including two who have been denied bond, according to the San Antonio Express-News' Thursday editions.

The resignations and suspensions came just hours before an undercover FBI videotape apparently showing police officers laughing and flashing their badges and sharing cash from drug deals was aired on local television news stations.

The FBI says the video shows San Antonio police officers protecting loads of fake cocaine being sold by a midlevel drug dealer who really was an FBI agent.

Philippus declined to discuss the suspensions, but publicly condemned the actions the federal authorities have attributed to accused officers.

The FBI last Thursday arrested San Antonio police officers Sgt. Conrad Fragozo Jr., Patrick Bowron, Peter Saenz, Arthur Gutierrez Jr., Lawrence Bustos, Manuel Cedillo Jr., Alfred Valdes, and David Anthony Morales.

Gutierrez and Saenz resigned. Bustos and Cedillo were suspended.

Valdes is also expected to be suspended, the newspaper said.

Also charged in the FBI's sting were Bexar County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Rowlett Buchanan; former Bexar County Reserve Deputy Constable Gilbert Andrade Jr.; and civilians Edward Fragozo, the uncle of Fragozo, and Albert Mata.

"They were very somber," Philippus said after meeting with Bustos and Cedillo. "Some come in here with their young wives, and you can see it in their faces that their family are the true victims here."

The chief said he was consulting with the department's legal office to determine how to serve the same kinds of suspensions on the other three officers.

More than 3,000 state criminal cases ranging from drunken driving to narcotics trafficking could be in jeopardy because they involve at least one of eight law enforcement officers.

The cases date from 1998, when the first allegations against the officers are said to have occurred, Bexar county officials said Tuesday.

After a five-hour hearing for four officers on Monday, a judge set bond for each of the defendants at $100,000.

Top prosecutors said it could take weeks to sort through the files, some of which involve the accused officers.

"We're talking about more than just the credibility of their (officers') testimony," Michael Bernard, Bexar County first assistant district attorney, told the San Antonio Express-News in Wednesday's editions. "As a practical matter, the officers simply aren't available to testify."

Federal prosecutors say four of the officers — Fragozo Jr., Bowron, Cedillo and Bustos — admitted to drug crimes shortly after they were arrested last Thursday.

In detention hearings Tuesday, U.S. Magistrate John Primomo denied bond for the two San Antonio officers, Fragozo Jr. and Bowron, who are accused of leading the group.

Prosecutors filed a transcript of comments they attribute to Morales in preparation for the detention hearings. Morales is accused of offering, on duty and in uniform, to guard cocaine shipments in a gated community around the clock and asked for an automatic weapon so he could kill intruders at "close quarters."

Morales' chance to argue for release is scheduled later this week.

In court documents that detail the accusations against six police officers and the uncle of one, prosecutors allege that the men were paid from $1,500 to $6,500 each time they helped protect or escort what they thought was cocaine. Different combinations of officers participated in at least nine deals throughout the year 2000, authorities said.

Appeals court rules Web site protected

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An anti-abortion Web site that listed the names and addresses of abortion doctors, branded them "baby butchers" and criminals is protected by the First Amendment, a federal appeals court has ruled.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday threw out a $107 million verdict against the activists who had compiled the information, saying they could be held liable only if the material authorized or directly threatened violence.

"If their (works) merely encouraged unrelated terrorists, then their words are protected by the First Amendment," Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski wrote for the panel.

The ruling came two years after a jury in Portland, Ore., ordered a dozen abortion foes to pay damages to Planned Parenthood and four doctors. The doctors had sued under racketeering laws and the 1994 federal law that makes it illegal to incite violence against abortion doctors.

"We are obviously disappointed with the panel's decision and firmly believe that it is wrong," said Planned Parenthood attorney Maria Vullo. The group said it would ask the court to reconsider or appeal to the Supreme Court.

Planned Parenthood and the doctors were portrayed on Old West-style "wanted" posters passed out at rallies and on a Web site called the "Nuremberg Files," which listed abortion providers names and addresses and declared them guilty of crimes against humanity.

The name of Dr. Barnett Slepian was crossed out on the site shortly after he was killed by a sniper at his home near Buffalo, N.Y., in 1998.

The activists had argued the posters were protected under the First Amendment because they were merely a list of doctors and clinics — not a threat. They maintained they collected data on doctors in hopes of one day putting them on trial, just as Nazi war criminals were at Nuremberg.

"I think it's a great relief that our posters are just as protected by the First Amendment as the posters of any other movement," said Christopher A. Ferrara, the attorney who represented the activists.

"We were all accused of creating an umbrella of fear in the minds of abortionists that it wasn't safe for them to go to work," said Don Treshman, 57, of Baltimore, one of the activists.

Also among the other defendants was Michael Bray of Bowie, Md., author of a book that justifies killing doctors to stop abortions. Bray went to prison from 1985 to 1989 for his role in arson attacks and bombings of seven clinics.

The case was widely seen as a test of a Supreme Court ruling that said a threat must be explicit and likely to cause "imminent lawless action."

During the trial, U.S. District Judge Robert Jones had told the jury the posters and Web site should be considered threats if they could be taken as such by a "reasonable person." Jones also had instructed the jury to consider the history of violence in the anti-abortion movement, including the slayings of Slepian and two other doctors whose names had appeared on the list.

Motorcycle deaths up traffic fatalities count

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people killed in traffic accidents increased slightly last year, partly due to yet another jump in fatal motorcycle accidents.

Federal estimates to be released Thursday show that after many years of decline, motorcycle deaths steadily increased from 1997 to 2000, growing 27 percent in the three-year period.

Last year there were 2,680 motorcycle deaths, according to estimates by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That's 208 more than in 1999, enough to offset the 188 additional traffic deaths last year.

The rate of death per miles traveled on the nation's highways increased slightly last year for the first time since 1977. There were 41,800 fatalities, or 1.6 deaths per million miles traveled, compared with 1.5 in 1999 and 3.3 in 1977.

Besides motorcycle fatalities, there were increases in deaths of teen drivers. Alcohol-related fatalities rose from 15,786 to 16,068, but remained at 38 percent of total traffic deaths — an all-time low.

There were drops in the deaths of children under five, pedestrians, people involved in crashes with large trucks and occupants of vehicles that roll over. However, for occupants of less-stable sport utility vehicles, rollover deaths increased 2.8 percent.

NHTSA uses the statistics to plan public awareness campaigns, set funding priorities and focus its energies on at-risk populations.

"These statistics underscore the challenges facing this country in highway safety," Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said in a statement. "Safety is an individual as well as government responsibility, and we must work together to improve it."

The figures are based on data collected by police at accident scenes nationwide. The preliminary numbers use statistics from the first nine months and then estimate a total for the year. An exact tally will not be ready until July.

NHTSA spokesman Rae Tyson said agency officials were waiting for final statistics before drawing too many conclusions, but they were particularly concerned about the motorcycle deaths.

He said there has been a steady rise in the age of riders getting killed and the size of the bikes involved in fatal accidents.

"It may be lack of experience, it may be lack of training, it could be a lot of things," he said. "In some cases, it could be drinking and riding, which is never a good combination. If there is any situation where you need all your faculties, it's riding a motorcycle."

Steffanie Gunn, a spokeswoman for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation that trains riders around the country, said there has been a trend of baby boomers and other adults taking up riding after several years off a bike.

"We are trying to get the word out to the them to get some retraining," she said. "It's not like riding a bicycle."

Motorcycle deaths reached a low point in 1997 with 2,116, or 21 deaths for every million miles they were driven in America. That was less than a third of the rate from 20 years earlier.

Since 1997, at least four states — Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky and Louisiana — have repealed their mandatory helmet laws for adult drivers according to Allan Williams, chief scientist for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

A Transportation Department study published last summer shows that after the change in Texas and Arkansas, helmet use dropped and injuries and fatalities increased.

Crowing roosters net man citation

• ***Roosters crowing***

A resident in the 3000 block of 40th Street contacted police at 3:54 p.m. Wednesday to again complain about roosters in the area crowing in the early morning hours. The man who owns the chickens was issued a citation.

• ***Laptop taken***

Guy Gryder reported the theft of a laptop computer at 4:22 p.m. Wednesday. The item was taken from his 1986 Suburban while it was parked at 417 36th Place.

• ***Close patrol***

A woman requested officers keep a close patrol of the neighborhood in the 100 block of Browning in reference to a back door window being broken on her vehicle. She advised the incident occurred sometime between 2:30 and 6:30 a.m. today.

• ***Arrests***

A deputy took a 32-year-old man into custody at 8:42 p.m. Wednesday in the 2100 block of 41st Street on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation.

At 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, an 18-year-old man was booked into Scurry County Jail on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to adjudicate guilt.

Patrick Sanchez of 800 28th Street was taken into custody at his residence at 12:13 a.m. today on a felony warrant for motion to revoke probation on an original charge of indecency with a child

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle mishap was reported at 12:57 p.m. Wednesday in the 4400 block of Avenue U. Involved were a 1994 Ford Taurus driven by Stella Regalado, 70, of 512 31st Street and a 1998 Ford pickup driven by Julia Jiminez, 22, of 3501 Irving.

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CocaCola		45.20	44.38	44.45—1.50
ColgatePal		55.25	54.20	54.70—.71
ComclMetals		24.95	24.80	24.95 + .06
CooperIn		33.50	32.00	32.45—1.00
DaimlrChry		45.09	44.42	45.06 + .49
DallSemicn		29.48	27.54	29.27 + 1.48
DeltaAirl		40.45	39.16	40.21 + .96
Dillards Inc		21.95	21.11	21.95 + .35
DowChem s		32.65	31.50	32.45 + .20
DuPont		41.99	40.95	41.98 + .49
EastmanChem		50.11	49.05	50.11 + .34
EstKodak		41.80	39.71	41.55 + 1.75
EDS Corp		55.00	53.35	54.97 + .78
Entergy		36.90	36.05	36.61—.29
ExxonMobil		78.63	77.78	78.11—.54
GenDynam		61.45	61.00	61.36 + .36
GenlElec s		41.49	41.01	41.35—.20
GenMills		42.95	42.07	42.89 + .04
GenMotors		52.80	51.10	52.61 + 1.09
GaPacGP		29.56	28.75	29.25—.41
GlobalMar		25.25	24.40	24.73—.57
Goodrich		38.30	37.25	38.30 + 1.12
Goodyear s		24.25	23.73	24.20 + .25
GtAtlPac		9.21	8.96	9.21 + .21
Halliburtn		36.32	35.21	35.82—.97
Hanson ADS		29.40	28.75	28.75 + .30
HarteHanks		23.00	22.45	23.00 + .70
HomeDepot		43.50	42.25	43.40 + .17
Honeywelllntl		40.60	39.98	40.37—.23
IBM		97.07	94.26	95.50 + 1.09
IntlPaper		36.15	35.06	36.15—.07
JohnsonJn		88.29	86.10	87.95 + 1.67
K mart		9.54	9.20	9.50 + .20
KinderMorg		52.37	51.70	52.37 + .79
Kroger Co		25.51	25.00	25.51 + .52
Lifton		79.97	79.85	79.95
LockheedM		35.90	34.95	35.90 + .83
Lowes Cos		57.79	55.30	57.75 + .26
Lubys		7.35	7.22	7.35 + .10
LucentTech		10.30	9.98	10.26 + .01
MayDeptStr		35.40	34.60	35.40 + .10
Medtronic		47.49	46.40	47.48 + .93
Motorola s		15.16	14.60	15.06 + .32
NCR Corp		39.20	38.10	39.20 + .98
Navistar		22.49	22.31	22.46
Penney JC		16.24	15.75	15.90—.24
PepBoys		6.35	6.20	6.35 + .20
PepsiCo		43.50	41.50	43.49 + .41
Pharmacia		50.59	49.21	50.50 + .70
PhelpDodge		41.50	40.43	41.24 + .29
PhilipPet		53.55	52.15	52.30—1.15
PilgrmPrd B		9.80	9.65	9.90 + .05
Polaroid		4.35	4.25	4.34 + .02
Praxair		45.10	44.25	45.00
ProctGamb		62.57	61.10	62.50 + .43
PubS NwMx		28.09	27.30	28.09 + .35
RadioShack		37.20	34.65	37.03 + 1.56
ReliantEngy		42.75	42.20	42.75—.13
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SBC Comm		43.72	41.34	43.71 + 1.52
SaraLee		21.65	21.35	21.65 + .03
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Sunoco Inc		31.55	31.21	31.55 + .55
TXU Corp		40.25	39.38	40.20 + .14
TempleInland		44.65	43.34	44.55—.03
Texaco		64.85	64.15	64.50—.60
TexInd		29.05	28.60	29.05 + .40
TexasInst s		33.49	31.86	33.25 + .72
Textron		56.68	55.53	56.60 + .90
TriconGlbR		37.79	36.90	37.73 + 1.40
TrinityInds		19.06	18.75	18.90—.18
TritonEngy		18.34	17.76	18.06—.16
TylerTech		1.32	1.32	1.32
USX-Marathn		26.60	26.30	26.52—.26
USX-USS		14.90	14.48	14.90 + .20
UnionPacif		56.91	55.35	56.54—.36
UnitedTech		75.00	72.45	74.73 + 1.53
Unocal		34.20	33.84	33.89—.48
Venator Grp		13.48	12.90	13.39 + .43
VerizonComm		48.75	46.50	48.18 + .99
WalMart		49.90	48.42	49.88 + .22
WellsFargo		48.34	47.85	48.10—.56
WstnGasRs		31.27	31.10	31.18—.05
WinnDixie		26.55	27.15	27.69—.53
Xerox Cp		6.05	5.79	5.94—.21

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Math students inspire states to revise wording of lottery odds

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The fine print on the back of some lottery tickets is under the magnifying glass.

Research by a group of San Antonio College math students has prompted state lottery officials to change the way winning odds are reported on the back of scratch-off cards.

Now other states are starting to follow suit.

Just months after Texas Lottery Commission officials agreed to revise the language on scratch-off games, officials in other states said their lotteries have approved or are considering similar changes.

"I think we're going to see changes across the country," said Gerald Busald, the San Antonio College statistics professor whose students testified in November before the Texas Lottery Commission and brought about the change.

Lottery officials in Illinois and Nebraska said the language on their cards would be changed beginning as early as next month. The Missouri Lottery is considering new phrasing as well.

At issue was the way the Texas commission reported its odds of winning prizes.

Students argued that players who won their money back weren't actually winners.

Although agency Executive Director Linda Cloud initially resisted, saying that many scratch-off players felt they won even if it was the amount they paid for the ticket, she and commission members agreed to change the language to reflect odds of winning or breaking even.

New tickets now read: "Overall odds of winning any prize are ... including break-even prizes."

News of the change filtered to other states after a national meeting of legislators from gaming states earlier this year in San Antonio.

U.S. worries about foot-and-mouth

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Some U.S. universities with big agriculture schools are canceling international study programs out of fear that their students will bring foot-and-mouth disease back to the United States.

Other universities are going ahead with programs in England and the rest of Europe, saying the epidemic gives them an unprecedented chance to see how countries handle an agricultural crisis.

Michigan State University canceled a three-week tour of agriculture sites in England and Ireland for 27 students, while at least one Purdue University student called off a trip to Ireland.

Many schools also have instituted controls on foreign visitors. Purdue, the University of California at Davis, Penn State University and others are not letting foreigners near livestock for a week after their arrival.

"Foot-and-mouth is a very devastating disease that we can't afford to have in this country," said Mark Cook of the University of Wisconsin, where a group of 50 German farmers was barred from visiting the school's farm earlier this month.

The highly contagious disease, which can be transmitted by air and soil, is no danger to humans but can kill or harm the development of livestock. The United States has been free of the disease since 1929.

The outbreak has forced the slaughter of herds of cattle and sheep in Britain.

Students from Iowa State University are pressing ahead with plans to go to Ireland this summer to study rural sociology. They had planned to stay on farms but will now be staying at universities.

"We wanted to continue the parts of the program we felt were still viable, since there's no better situation for rural sociologists to take a look at," said Shelley Taylor, director of agricultural study abroad. "It's a great learning opportunity for our students. But we definitely don't want to risk spreading the disease."

Texas A&M University and Ohio State University also are going ahead with programs in Europe. David Hansen, Ohio State director of international agriculture programs, said airport controls are strict enough that students will not carry the disease back to school.

Many schools are sending information about the disease to students studying abroad.

"Some of the students live on Indiana farms and were asking us what they should do, so we're issuing protections to everyone and telling them things to expect from U.S. Customs when they come back," said Michael Stitsworth, associate director of international agriculture at Purdue.

Forty-one children placed in foster care

ATLANTA (AP) — A 7-year-old boy covered in bloody welts and a 10-year-old with an open wound on his belly were among 41 children put into foster care while police investigate church-sponsored beatings and arranged marriages.

Juvenile Court Judge Sanford Jones on Wednesday ordered the children to be held for up to a year following a two-day hearing into practices at the 130-member nondenominational House of Prayer, led by the Rev. Arthur Allen Jr.

Allen, 68, is accused of presiding over sessions where children are held by their arms and legs and whipped by several adults with belts and switches. The preacher is also accused of forcing girls to wed after they turn 14, saying they must marry or risk becoming a burden to their family.

Parents of the children, who range in age from several months to 17 years, readily admitted to the beatings and arranged marriages, saying they were following Scripture and that the government had no business telling them how to discipline their offspring.

After seeing photos of a young boy's torso covered in welts, Jones disagreed.

"I hate to see these children jeopardized by what I consider to be a cult," Jones said, adding he wanted to reunite the families but couldn't expose the children to danger.

Jones asked one parent, David Duncan Sr., if he thought the beatings constituted abuse.

"The only way I can answer that, sir, is that we're going to raise our children according to the Bible," Duncan said.

"Well, the Good Lord isn't deciding whether you get your kids back here. I am," Jones replied.

Parents of nine of the children were told they could have custody if they agreed not to allow their children to be beaten at church or married before age 16. The parents refused to comply.

Allen has called the beatings simple discipline.

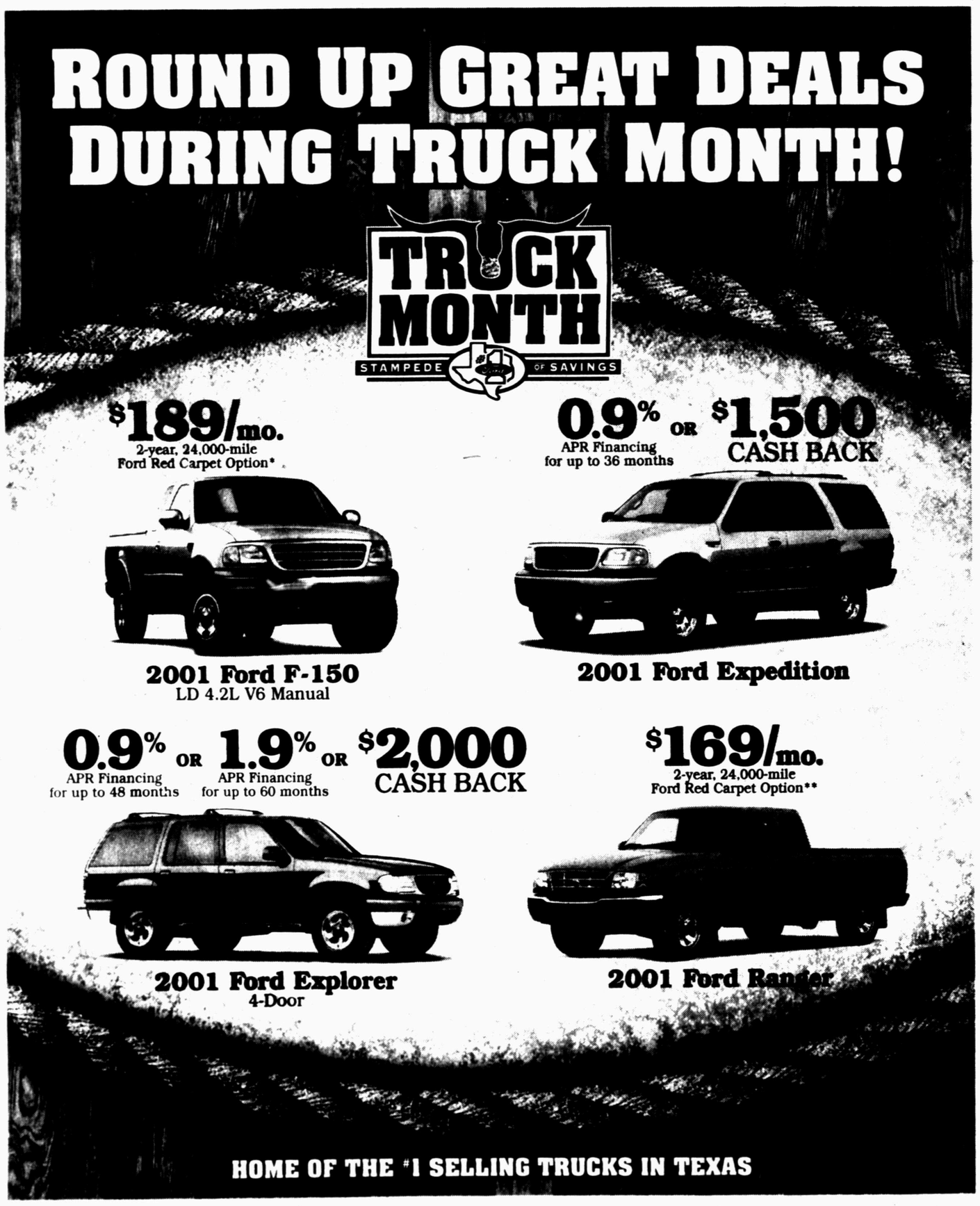
"The Bible says that if you spare the rod you're going to spoil the child," he said last week. "I have the Scriptures that give me the right to do it."

One former church member, 25-year-old Tanyaneeka Barnett, testified that Allen often called teen-age girls to the front of the church, lifted their skirts and touched their thighs or buttocks.

Another former church member told the court she was forced to marry at 15 and beaten for refusing to have sex with her 23-year-old husband. Georgia prohibits marriage before 16, but the church conducts the ceremonies in Alabama.

The state took the children two weeks ago after finding welts, bruises and at least one open wound on the two boys, 7 and 10. The boys said they were beaten for misbehaving.

Police charged Allen and six members of his church with inflicting or allowing excessive beatings.



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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How to treat ear wax

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can I do to prevent a build-up of wax in my ears? The wax keeps my hearing aid from performing properly, and it's quite annoying.

DEAR READER: The cells of the ear canal produce wax (cerumen) that probably acts to protect the ear from foreign objects, such as insects. Ordinarily, small pieces of cerumen migrate to the outer portion of the canal and are washed away, thereby avoiding a buildup. A hearing aid, by plugging the ear canal, prevents this natural cleansing. Also, the device tends to push wax deeper into the canal, leading to a hard deposit that can interfere with hearing. In such instances, the cerumen must be removed or the hearing loss will worsen.

Because the wax probably lies deep in your ear canal, it should be professionally addressed by either a family physician or an ear specialist.

To prevent further wax accumulation, I suggest the following:

— Clean your hearing aid regularly and remove any wax that adheres to it.

— Avoid using cotton swabs, because they may actually force the wax deeper inside the ear and make cleaning more difficult. Also, it's easy to injure the eardrum by introducing foreign objects, even soft swabs, into the ear canal.

— Try using hydrogen peroxide to clean your ears periodically. Empty about a third of a capful of the liquid into the canal, wait until it stops fizzing, then wash the residue away. The effervescent peroxide often bubbles wax particles out of the ear.

— Consider purchasing a do-it-yourself wax remover. The kit contains a wax-softener and a bulb syringe. When used according to the manufacturer's directions, you may be able to clean your own ears. However, in my experience, this task is hard for one person to perform alone; a partner may solve this logistical problem.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is postnasal drip? How is it treated? I've been to three ENT specialists to no avail.

DEAR READER: Postnasal drip is one of mankind's most ubiquitous problems. It is a runny nose in reverse. Instead of draining out of the nostrils, mucus travels from the back of the nose down the throat, often causing irritation and a dry hacky cough. Postnasal drip is a consequence of any condition that causes an increase in mucus production in or around the nose, such as upper respiratory infections, air pollution and allergies.

As you are undoubtedly aware from watching TV commercials, drug companies market a variety of decongestants to control postnasal drip. These products are available with or without prescription, in a liquid or pill form, in sustained release capsules, and as nose drops and nasal sprays. If three ear-nose-and-throat specialists have thrown up their hands, I suggest that you see an allergist. He or she will help you identify any environmental factors related to your problem and will advise you about appropriate treatment.

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Cause of last U.S. foot-and-mouth outbreak is still legal in 33 states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feeding food scraps to hogs, the practice now blamed for Europe's foot-and-mouth epidemic, is still legal in 33 states and Puerto Rico even though improperly cooked pig swill long has been recognized as a sure way to spread disease.

The last U.S. outbreak of foot-and-mouth in 1929 occurred when scraps of South American meat were taken off a ship and fed to hogs in California. Experts say that improper swill-feeding is one of the most likely ways foot-and-mouth could return.

"That's my biggest concern," said Terry Conger, state epidemiologist with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Europe's outbreak has been traced by British officials to pig swill that likely contained meat imported illegally or food smuggled by a traveler. "International travelers are always bringing sausage and whatnot they acquire in foreign countries," Conger said.

Britain and Ireland are outlawing swill feeding as a result of the outbreak, and the European Union is being pressed by several member countries to impose an EU-wide ban.

About 2,700 farmers are licensed under U.S. law, including 1,300 in Puerto Rico, to feed discarded food to hogs. Federal rules require the swill to be cooked for 30 minutes to kill any pathogens.

All food waste from international flights and ocean liners must be incinerated to prevent infected meat from reaching livestock. Also, meat items are routinely confiscated from arriving passengers.

The Agriculture Department recently advised states to contact every licensed farm within a month to ensure they are following the cooking and record keeping rules.

"We feel confident that this program is effective," said Alfonso Torres, deputy administrator of veterinary services for the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. "We want to be sure that everyone is aware of what they need to do once more."

Foot-and-mouth is harmless to humans, but an outbreak can be devastating to livestock producers. The virus spreads so quickly and easily that the only sure way to contain it is to destroy all exposed livestock.

The biggest swill-feeding producers, located in New Jersey and Nevada, raise thousands of pigs on waste food collected from their state's casinos. The Texas prison system raises hogs on scraps from inmate meals.

"We do everything to state and federal regulations," said Robert Shisler, a licensed New Jersey producer who otherwise declined to discuss his operation.

But most of the licensed producers are small-scale farmers, often poor, who raise a handful of hogs, often on household scraps, government officials say. In addition to Puerto Rico, the largest number are in Texas, Arkansas and Florida.

Fewer than 100 farmers are caught violating the licensing rules annually, according to the Agriculture Department.

Altogether, 50,000 of the nation's 100 million hogs are fed food scraps. Most hogs are raised on feed that is a mixture of soybean meal, grain and dietary supplements.

The Agriculture Department requires swill-feeding producers to be inspected at least quarterly, but some states require such checks more often. Texas, which has 613 such farmers, inspects them monthly.

Foot-and-mouth is not the only disease that can be transmitted through swill. A 1995 Agriculture Department study found that improperly cooked food waste was even more likely to expose hogs to campylobacter, salmonella, toxoplasma, trinchinella and hog cholera.

The trichinae parasite, which can be transmitted to humans through infected meat, has been virtually eliminated from U.S. pork because of regulations on swill feeding.

The study identified household waste as the food source most likely to transmit foreign disease pathogens to swine because such waste is more likely to contain contraband meat.

When the United States, Canada and Mexico conducted a mock outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease last fall to test the readiness of animal-health officials, the fictional epidemic started with a swill-feeding producer in south Texas. Had the outbreak been real, it would have spread through Texas in days, officials said.

Texas has not banned pig swill, or "garbage feeding," as it is known in the industry, for fear of driving the producers underground, where they cannot be monitored by the government, Conger said.

"It's very difficult to control. We don't have officers prowling the roads looking for garbage feeders," he said.

Texas officials to kill 21 cattle and test them for 'mad cow'

AUSTIN (AP) — A handful of cattle imported from Germany before a 1997 ban on European livestock will be destroyed to test whether the animals were exposed to mad cow disease, officials said Wednesday.

The 21 animals from five ranches around the state will be killed and their remains incinerated while samples of their brain tissue will be sent to a national laboratory in Ames, Iowa, Animal Health Commission officials said.

The cattle are being destroyed as a precaution because of public concern over mad cow disease, state officials said.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has never been detected in U.S. cattle, but has infected herds in Europe since the mid-1980s.

An epidemic devastated the British beef industry in the 1990s. Nearly 100 people in Europe have died of a human form of BSE since 1995, but no cases have been confirmed in the United States. The disease attacks the brain and spinal cord.

The cattle were among 29 imported from Germany in 1996 and 1997 before the ban. All had been under quarantine since March 1997, after health officials traced them to their current owners.

The owners, who were not identified, had declined to sell the animals for $2,000 per head to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They waited until the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Texas Beef Council and the Texas Cattlefeeders Association raised an additional $57,000 for total compensation of $99,000.

None of the imported cattle have shown signs of the disease, said Carla Everett, a spokeswoman for the Animal Health Commission.

The USDA this week was also testing tissue samples of 260 Vermont sheep suspected of having been exposed to a form of mad cow disease.

Before the flocks were sent to Iowa for slaughter, four sheep tested positive in Vermont for transmissible spongiform encephalopathy, or TSE, a family of diseases that includes mad cow disease, and scrapie, a common sheep disease that doesn't affect humans.

Scientists at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Iowa said they would know within two or three months how many of the sheep were carrying TSE.

Theft of pre-Columbian pottery probed

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian University administrators have reported more than 100 pre-Columbian Peruvian pottery pieces valued at $267,700 missing from the school's library.

The FBI and Fort Worth police have joined the search for the items, reported missing March 2 from a locked archive in the basement of the Mary Couts Burnett Library.

Police at TCU are circulating photos of the missing pottery to auction companies, private buyers, appraisers and museums.

"It looks unique enough that it's got to show up somewhere," TCU police Detective Kelly Ham told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's editions.

The pottery, including pieces created around 300 B.C., was part of the Moorehead Collection donated to TCU in 1996 and 1997. The university had exhibited the collection for a year before holding it in a study collection for TCU students and faculty members in the library.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, March 30, 2001

Life could become more meaningful for you in the year ahead due to the fact that you'll tend to have greater mental curiosity and creativeness, taking you to new horizons and heights.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — No matter how dire a situation looks today, you can turn it around by using a little creative brain power, whether it has to do with a personal issue or one shared with others. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your financial picture is a mixed bag today. You'll reap ample rewards for that which you work hard, but you could lose your shirt if you take the advice of just anybody.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It won't be possible to please everybody today. In fact, you could have a whopper of an argument with one in particular. However, the day should end on a most pleasant note.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Leave the door of opportunity open today, even if everything you attempt to do appears to be going wrong. A surprising development could turn things around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — For best results today, keep everything on a purely social basis in all your involvement with friends. Stay out of their business and keep them out of yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Success is likely in the long run today, because you'll be rather ingenious about circumventing barriers or problems that would otherwise bar you from your objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you're flexible and accommodate fluctuating conditions by revising your plans as circumstances dictate, you can still be both effective and constructive today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You should be able to manage your own affairs with exceptional effectiveness today, but should you attempt to do so for others, it could be a totally different story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This might be one of those days when you'll need to get out and do something with your friends, especially if you've been carrying a lot on your plate. The change will do you good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you may get a slow start today on a project that's important to you, you'll make up for lost time by using your ingenuity to devise labor-saving techniques.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There's a good chance you might have to compete with someone you'd rather beat more than win the lottery. If you relax and don't take the event too seriously, you'll come out the winner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Tending to the needs of people for whom you love will take precedence over all your other interests today. You won't let aggressive outsiders take you away from your priorities.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife finally sees the light about her controlling husband

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "At My Wit's End," whose best friend's husband was insanely jealous, prompted me to write.

For 13 years, I was married to a very controlling, much older man. A woman named "Helen" from church would call me occasionally. Since I wasn't allowed to have friends, each time she called, my husband would make a scene in the background. I was extremely embarrassed, but one day she said: "He's trying to run me off. He may have been in your life a long time before me, but I'll be around long after he's gone!"

That statement caused me to review my situation and realize the extent to which I was being controlled. Suddenly, I experienced a feeling of power where before I felt helpless. I came to realize that I was miserable in my marriage, but I had believed it was all my fault. Had it not been for Helen's comment, I might still be in that abusive relationship (which it was).

That was 20 years ago. I divorced him, and my life has changed tremendously since then. Please, Abby, tell "Wit's End" she may be her friend's only link to a new life. — **BEEN THERE IN TEXAS**

DEAR BEEN THERE: I'll do better than that. I'll point out that being isolated from friends and family by a partner — male or female — is one sign of a potential abuser. Read on for some other signs (adapted with permission from the Project for Victims of Family Violence in Fayetteville, Ark.):

(1) PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

(2) JEALOUS: Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

(3) CONTROLLING: Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're late) about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

(4) UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

(5) ISOLATION: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.

(6) BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS OR MISTAKES: It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

(7) MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry," instead of, "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

(8) HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

(9) CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also, may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper), or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

(10) "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

(11) VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel, hurtful things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you up with relentless verbal abuse.

(12) RIGID SEX ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.

(13) SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.

(14) PAST BATTERING: Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.

(15) THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Says things like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it." If the abuse has gone this far — it's time to get help or get out!

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Workplace injuries show need for ergonomics rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Work-related repetitive strain injuries and similar muscular disorders account for more than a third of all job injuries, demonstrating the need for a "solid, comprehensive approach" to new ergonomics rules, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao says.

Such injuries, however, decreased in 1999, the Labor Department announced Wednesday.

The latest numbers were released a week after President Bush signed a repeal of Clinton administration ergonomics rules aimed at reducing such injuries. Congress passed the repeal after a legislative fight waged by business interests and labor unions.

Chao said Wednesday the new figures show "the need for a solid, comprehensive approach to ergonomics. It also points to a need to address injuries before they occur, through prevention and compliance assistance, rather than just rely on reactionary methods."

About 1.7 million injuries and illnesses at private businesses required time off from work in 1999, dropping slightly from 1.73 million the previous year, the agency said. That followed steady declines since 1993, when 2.25 million job injuries were reported.

Of the total 1999 injuries reported, 582,300 were caused by repetitive motion.

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Bush cautions against short-term tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush cautioned Congress today against passing only short-term tax relief, saying it must go "hand in hand" with the longer-term permanent tax-rate reduction that was a top campaign pledge.

"Those who think that they can say we are only going to have a stimulus package and let's forget tax relief ... underestimate our administration's resolve to get this done," Bush said.

Holding a news conference on one-hour notice, Bush also urged restraint by both Israel and the Palestinians to halt the recent "escalation of violation" in the Middle East. "The tragic cycle of incitement, provocation and violence has gone on far too long," he said.

New clashes erupted between Palestinians and Israeli troops after raids by Israel helicopter gunships Wednesday. "Both sides must take steps to calm the situation now," Bush said.

He praised the GOP-controlled House of Representatives for passing "a realistic common-sense budget" Wednesday. The target budget makes room for his full $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut.

"They did the right thing," Bush said, urging the Senate to follow suit when it takes up the budget next week.

The measure's fate is less clear in that chamber, however. The party breakdown is 50-50 in the Senate and Republicans must rely on Vice President Dick Cheney to break any tie votes.

Senate Democrats are rallying behind a plan that would give all American taxpayers immediate rebates — $300 to singles, $600 to couples.

Bush opposes the rebate scheme without a commitment to permanently reducing tax rates. "The two ought to go hand in hand," he said.

The president held the forum with reporters one day after the White House said he dislikes formal news conferences.

He skipped the nicknames he has previously used to call on reporters but still showed good humor.

At the sound of electronic chirping, a well-known presidential pet peeve, Bush told the assembly, "Don't worry about the beeper violation. It's a new approach."

Later, he sternly cut off a radio reporter's question but added with a grin, "Just teasing, just testing."

The press briefing room filled with laughter when Bush, famous for malapropisms, first uttered the word "misunderestimate."

"Excuse me. Underestimate," Bush said with a chuckle. "Just making sure you were paying attention."

On other subjects, the president:

—Defended his decision to abandon the 1997 Kyoto treaty to combat global warming. "I will not accept a plan that will harm our economy and hurt American workers," Bush said.

—Declined to commit to signing an outright ban on big soft-money donations, calling legislation being debated in the Senate "a work in progress." He said he would look at the whole bill that Congress sends him and sign it if it "improves the situation."

—Said he will pursue some reduction in the amount of arsenic allowed in drinking water, but not before more scientific studies on where the level should be set. He defended his decision to withdraw new arsenic regulations issued by President Clinton in the final days of his administration.

—Repeated his support for drilling in a wildlife refuge in northern Alaska and in other federally protected areas of the West. "There's gas in our hemisphere. I'd like it to be American gas," he said.

Asked what role his administration would play in the peace process, Bush said: "This nation will not try to force a peace settlement in the Middle East. We will facilitate a peace settlement. ... It requires two willing parties to come to the table."

Bush said he had instructed Secretary of State Colin Powell to call Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and deliver a message that Arafat "speak out against violence in a language the Palestinians can understand."

Obituaries

Doyle Gray Sr.

1905-2001

Funeral service for C. Doyle Gray Sr., a longtime Scurry County resident, is set for 1:30 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating.


Doyle Gray Sr.

Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Gray, 95, died Wednesday, March 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born June 16, 1905 in East Texas, he moved from Bonham to Mitchell County in 1927 and to Dunn in 1944 . He married Alma Hester on Sept. 28, 1928, and she died June 9, 1961. He married Nora Williamson on May 30, 1964.

He was a longtime Scurry County farmer, retiring about 10 years ago. Mr. Gray was a Baptist.

He also was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Rebecca Gray Porter.

Survivors include his wife, Nora Gray of Snyder; two sons, Don Gray and C.D. Gray Jr. and his wife, Donna, all of Snyder; two stepsons, Gene Williamson of Colorado and Ronnie Williamson and his wife, Diana, of Snyder; three granddaughters, Sandee Ratliff of Rowlett, Pam Reed of Snyder and Donna Rosson of Odessa; five great-grandchildren; five step grandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren.

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

Emmitt Jourdan

1902-2001

Emmitt W. Jourdan, a former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, March 28, in Shannon Healthcare Center in San Angelo after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Jourdan, 98, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery. A grandson-in-law, Frankie Santiago of Roscoe, will officiate.

Born June 13, 1902 in Brown County, he married Viola Thurman on Feb. 7, 1925. She died Nov. 2, 1937. He later married Myrtle Stewart who also preceded him in death.

A resident of Snyder before moving to San Angelo, Mr. Jourdan was a farmer and retired service station owner. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Audine McCann of Snyder and Mary Nell Jourdan of San Angelo; a stepson, David Stewart of San Angelo; a sister, Naomi Martin of Denver City; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

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Wallace Stark

1918-2001

Wallace Reid Stark, a resident of Snyder since 1976, died Tuesday, March 27, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.


Wallace Stark

Funeral service for Mr. Stark, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dale Huff and Bill Looney, ministers of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Haskell Cemetery.

Born Oct. 27, 1918 in Haskell, he married Opal Culpepper on June 30, 1945 in Haskell.

A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he served 34 months in Europe as a mechanic.

Mr. Stark was a former resident of Haskell and moved to Snyder from Artesia, N.M., in 1976, retiring from Newmont Oil Co. after 12 years.

A member of the 37th Street Church of Christ, he was preceded in death by a brother, Curtis Stark.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Stark of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Garland and Pamela Stark and Johnny and Dolores Stark, all of Irving; and four grandchildren, Joey, Susan, Kelsey and Colin Stark, all of Irving.

Donald Carroll

1981-2001

WICHITA FALLS — Donald Ray "Junior" Carroll, a grandson and nephew of Snyder residents, died as a result of a drive-by shooting in Wichita Falls Sunday, March 25.

Service for Mr. Carroll, 20, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in a Pentecostal Church. The Revs. L.C. Pierce and L. Miller will officiate. Burial will follow in the Eastlawn Cemetery under the direction of Young & Company Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 10, 1981, he is survived by his father, Donald Barnes of Wichita Falls; his mother and stepfather Mattie and Harvey Miller of Wichita Falls; a brother, Jermaine Carroll of Wichita Falls; three sisters; his grandmother, Rosie Lee Barnes of Snyder; and two aunts, Louise Scott and Rozel Huntsman, both of Snyder; a great-aunt, Winnie Hill of Austin; and a host of other aunts and uncles.

Martha Barr

1922-2001

CANYON LAKE - Martha Joyce Barr of Canyon Lake, a former Snyder teacher, died Monday, March 26, in North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

Service for Mrs. Barr, 78, is set for 9:30 a.m. Friday in the Doeppenschmidt Funeral Home with the Rev. Ben Shawhan officiating. Burial will be in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Born June 7, 1922 in Medicine Mound, Tex., she served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. She was a graduate of the first class in the U.S. Navy on Aug. 14, 1943.

Teaching school for 26 years, she was employed by the Snyder ISD for more than 15 years. She was a member of the Sattler, Tex., VFW Post 8573 and American Legion Post 643.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathryn Barr and Brenda Locke, both of Canyon Lake; a sister, Madeline Russell of West Lafayette, Ind.; two grandchildren; two nieces; and two nephews.

Visitation is set for 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Canyon Lake Animal Shelter Society.

Cecil Martin

1905-2001

LORAINE – Cecil Mahon Martin, the last sibling of the late Congressman George Mahon, died Tuesday, March 27, at her home in Lubbock.

Graveside service for Mrs. Martin, 95, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Loraine Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church in Loraine. A son, Stanley H. Martin of Lubbock, will officiate.

Born July 9, 1905 in Bossier City, La., she was a graduate of Loraine High School and attended Texas Women's University in Denton.

She married Harold Martin in Loraine and he died in 1983. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanine Opheim in 1987.

Mrs. Martin moved to Lubbock in 1992. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two other sons, Merrill Martin of Snyder and Don Martin of Abilene; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Leonard Koening

1918-2001

BIG SPRING – Leonard L. Koening, a former Scurry County resident, died Wednesday, March 28, in a Big Spring care center.

Graveside service for Mr. Koening, 83, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickel and Welch Funeral Home.



Born Feb. 8, 1918 in Taylor, he married Betty Lebkowsky on March 30, 1981 in Big Spring.

Mr. Koening farmed and ranched in Scurry County for many years, retiring in 1980. He moved to Big Spring in 1981. He was a Lutheran and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Koening of Big Spring; a son, Troy Koening of Big Spring; a daughter, Carolyn Rains of Lake Buchanan; two stepsons, Doug Rountree and Michael Lebkowsky, both of Webster; a stepdaughter, Karen Chrane of Big Spring; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32 in Midland, 79705.

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ONGOINGS

Little League sign up

Little League sign up for ages 7-14 will be from 4:30-8 p.m today and Friday and from 9:30 a.m. until noon Saturday at Wall Insurance, 2517 College Ave.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Northeast family reading night

Northeast Elementary will hold its family reading night at 6:30 this evening. Pizza and soft drinks will be served and childcare is provided.

GED testing dates

Testing for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Church on the Rock revival

Church on the Rock will have a revival meeting at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday at the church, located at 2214 42nd St. Evangelist is Rodrigo Salazar.

Bible College choir

The Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th St., will host The Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir from Baxter Springs, Kan., at 7 p.m. Friday.

Car wash

First Christian Church's youth group will hold a car wash beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday on the south parking lot of Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted.

Boxing club car wash

Snyder boxing club will have a car wash for donations from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday in the Auto Zone parking lot. Proceeds go to Snyder boxers competing at the Olympic Center on April 4-8.

Rabies vaccination day

The yearly rabies vaccination day will be held from 1-7 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Fire Department. Cost is $6 for the vaccination and city tags will be free. Patrons are asked to park behind Texas Savings Bank.

Spring revival services

North College Avenue Baptist Church will host a spring revival Sunday through Wednesday. On Sunday, the church will try to set a record attendance for Sunday School and Sunday night. Monday is "blues night" with everyone encouraged to wear blue. Tuesday is music night with special choir music. Wednesday is children and youth night. There will be a dessert fellowship each evening, with Sunday being ice cream, Monday is pie and Tuesday is cake night. A hot dog social will follow the Wednesday meeting.

First Assembly of God revival

The First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave., will have a revival at 7 p.m. nightly Sunday through Thursday. Jerry Wilkerson is the evangelist.

Central book fair

Central Elementary School will have a Scholastic Book Fair Monday through Friday from 8-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4 p.m.

VFW Auxiliary election

Election of VFW Ladies Auxiliary officers will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the VFW post.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Public safety career fair

Western Texas College and the West Central Texas Tech Prep will host a public safety career fair from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday in the gymnasium. For more information, call the vocational division at 573-8511, ext. 250.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

Gateway fundraiser

Gateway Family Services will present the Flying J Wrangers from Ruidoso at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $25 and include an evening of food and entertainment.

Enchilada plate fundraiser

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will have enchilada plates for $5 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 7. For information call 573-1798.

Benefit turkey dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th Street and Ave. K, is having a benefit dinner beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 8. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. For tickets, call Anita at 573-9670 or Irene at 573-3732.

Experiencing God, The Musical

The combined choirs of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church will present Experiencing God, The Musical, at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at the First Baptist Church Worship Center. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

SHS senior student pictures

Parents of SHS seniors are asked to bring student pictures for the May steak supper to the high school office. Pictures are needed for the video from baby years, elementary school and middle school. Deadline is April 12. Videos may also be used.

Adult basic education classes

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