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Home of Laura Boyd

While seniors wait on tax freeze decision...

Council eliminates fees for dump trucks

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

It's official. There is no fee for booking a city dump truck or trailer for cleanups, new houses have to meet new open area requirements and the city won't allow the closing of a railroad crossing at 25th Street after the Snyder city council met Monday night.

Those items had all been discussed previously and the first two approved on initial readings. With the second reading and approval the two ordinances were adopted. Council member Ron Shaw suggested that the rule limiting city residents to one free trip a month should be changed, but no action could be taken at this meeting.

City residents can obtain use a trailer or dump truck by calling the city and reserving it on a first-come, first-serve basis, said City Manger John Gayle.

The new building ordinance states that only 75 percent of a property's area can be built on. The buildable area is limited by set-back requirements and off-street parking requirements.

Several residents spoke against closing the railroad crossing at 25th Street. BNSF officials had asked that it be closed and even offered the city $25,000 if it would agree. Officials contend that the unguarded crossing is a danger and unnecessary since there are crossings on the streets on either side.

Resident Robert McCarter said a lot of traffic goes through that crossing, and if it were closed, motorists might cut through Skinny's parking lot on 26th to try to beat the train. McCarter said he also talked to a resident on that street who drove a 18-wheeler who would have difficulty getting out every morning if the street were closed.

Another speaker suggested closing the 26th Street crossing instead since there are fewer homes and people prefer to use 25th since there are fewer stop signs on the way to Ave. E.

The council decided to take no action, which would leave the crossing open. After other items were acted on council member Stephanie Ducheneaux asked to speak on the crossing issue.

"I just have to say this, my father worked for the railroad for 30 years, so I look at crossing a little differently. I looked at the 25th street crossing and the railroad is right, that is a blind crossing, you have to stop and look to see if a train is coming. I know no one else wants to do anything but I think that is a dangerous crossing."

"No one has ever died in an accident there," Shaw said.

Ducheneaux replied, "I hope someone doesn't have to die before we take action."

The council still took no action, worried that motorists might rush to other crossing to try and beat a train.

While there was little formal discussion about a motion to freeze property tax rates for senior citizens and the handicapped, a motion to once again table the issue was divided with councilmen David Harrell and Terry Martin voting against tabling the issue.

The council approved two bids for road construction material and a bid for water meters. Only one bid, from Alon USA, for asphalt was received at $200 a ton if the city picks it up. Jones Brothers of Odessa was awarded the bid for aggregate at $23.50 a ton for a total cost of $37,600 and Badger Meters Inc. of Milwaukee won the bid for 320 water meters at a cost of $9,659.

Over the objections of Shaw, the council approved placing a stop sign at Crescent and Eastridge. Ducheneaux requested it, telling the council that a number of children play in the neighborhood and traffic does not slow down there. Shaw said that state law dictated people stop at a "T" intersection and opposed a sign. The rest of the council disagreed.

Juvenile probation director Sy Tabor discussed the STAR program and especially the boot camp program. Council members noted that numbers at the boot camp seemed to be down and Tabor said that is due in part to a new philosophy by some of the judges as to who should be sent to the camp. While referrals from the courts are down, voluntary placement by parents are on the rise, he said.

The council also approved specifications for health insurance bids and okayed several interlocal agreements concerning emergency management.

Mayor Francene Noah presided and all council members were present.



STAR REPORT — Chief Juvenile and Adult Probation officer, Sy Tabor, reports to the Snyder city council on the STAR Program Monday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

In mortar attack...

Insurgents pound base

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Militiamen launched a barrage of mortar shells against a U.S. base in this holy city and government buildings guarded by Bulgarian forces in Karbala today, a day after intense clashes in Najaf that killed up to 20 Iraqis.

No coalition troops were killed in the violence, but four U.S. soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division died after their vehicle overturned during a combat patrol north of Baghdad, according to the Army.

U.S. artillery, meanwhile, shelled rebel positions late Monday after insurgents fired on aircraft near Baghdad airport. Four Iraqi insurgents were killed, the military said today.

"Enemy attackers had engaged two aircraft providing close air support for a ground patrol with small arms fire," the command said in a written statement. "A coalition forces ground patrol engaged the enemy attackers and called in artillery support."

Gunners from the Army's 1st Cavalry Division launched a series of rounds from 155 mm self-propelled Paladin artillery pieces, the military said.

Sporadic overnight mortar attacks on the U.S. base in Najaf followed intense fighting on Monday between U.S. forces and militiamen loyal to radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The U.S. military moved soldiers to the base inside the city last month after Spanish peacekeepers withdrew from the country.

The military has been cautious about returning fire. Al-Sadr's office is located only a few yards from one of the holiest Shiite shrines and not far from the U.S. base. U.S. officials repeatedly have accused militiamen of storing weapons in shrines and mosques.

U.S. officers estimated that about 20 Iraqis may have been killed Monday by U.S. retaliatory fire. Five Iraqis were killed and 16 wounded, according to hospital officials.

In Karbala, 50 miles north of Najaf, the city hall and the police headquarters, which are guarded by Bulgarian soldiers, also came under mortar fire before dawn today, Bulgarian Defense Ministry spokeswoman Rumyana Strugareva said.

No casualties or damage were reported after that attack, which lasted about ten minutes.

Al-Sadr's forces, which launched an uprising across southern Iraq in early April, have stepped up attacks in recent days — apparently either to pressure U.S. officials to negotiate an end to the standoff or to goad troops into retaliating and raising Shiite anger.

A senior Marine officer said today that the new Iraqi military force that is replacing U.S. troops in Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad, is "meeting expectations" in bringing calm to the city.

Grand jury indicts four

Four persons, two of them yet to be arrested, were indicted Monday by the May session of the Scurry County grand jury.

Jalon Lee Harrison, 26, of 1595 Private Road No. 1369 in Dublin was indicted for the April 11 offense of driving while intoxicated.

Harrison, who is out of jail on a $5,000 bond, has two prior DWI convictions in Erath County — one in 1996 and the other in 2000.

David Mauricio Guerrero, 30, of 2102 Ave. U, No. 2 in Lubbock was indicted for evading arrest. He is charged with fleeing from Snyder police officer Kyle Burleson on April 19. Guerrero posted a $5,000 bond, but remains in jail on other charges.

House school finance plan draws criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Tom Craddick, chastising Republican Gov. Rick Perry for his opposition to a House education funding proposal, said today a new plan without a payroll tax or video gambling will be drafted.

"Yesterday when the governor came out and basically took two business proposals off the table it really hurt us in being able to draw a plan that really works," Craddick said.

The speaker's criticism came today as the House was about to begin what could be days of extensive floor debate on how to overhaul the state's share-the-wealth school finance system.

Perry called the Legislature into a special session in April. He wants to eliminate the current school funding system because it is heavily reliant on property taxes.

The House plan, drafted by a 29-member education committee, proposed a 1.25 percent payroll tax on businesses, capped at $500 per full-time employee; raising the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 6.75 percent; and allowing state-taxed slot machines at horse and dog tracks.

In exchange, property taxes would go down by 30 percent, from $1.50 to $1.05 per $100 in appraised land value.

Perry said Monday he was opposed to a payroll tax or a business activity tax, saying those could hurt job creation in Texas.



BOOT SCOOTIN' — There was plenty of music and dancing at the senior center last week. Verlene and Bill Bolin along with Mary Shipp and Bud House, Carolyn Reeder and Earl Kiker were on the floor. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The age of some people is like the speedometer on a very used car — you know it's set back, but you don't know how far."

Saturday is a big day for Scurry County senior citizens.

The May Day fundraiser to benefit the Senior Center is scheduled for Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum.

With a growing senior population here, the senior center continues to play an important role in the community.

And those folks who take advantage of the many activities and good food exhibit some of the best attitudes of anyone in town – their outlook is positive and always upbeat.

Here's just a sample of some of their humor:

One guy told his doctor, "I'm slowly going nuts over women. Is their any way to speed it up."

The older we get, it's important to pause and laugh at ourselves. Otherwise, we would have to cry, moan and groan.

We liked the story about the group of reporters who were interviewing a 104-year-old woman. What did she like most about reaching such ripe age?

"No peer pressure," she smiled.

One spry fellow said he had gotten old, but had survived a pair of by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement and new knees. He had successfully overcome prostate cancer and diabetes.

"I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than those air force jets. I take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and I'm subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia and poor circulation — hardly feeling my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 90 or 91. Have lost most of my friends.

"But thank God," he continued, "I still have my driver's license."

It is said that older folks pray more often — and with a sense of humor. For example:

God, grant me the senility
To forget the people I never liked anyway,
The good fortunate to run into the ones I do,
And the eyesight to tell the difference.

And we liked the story about the woman who went to the lawyer to update her will:

First she wanted to be cremated, and secondly, she wanted her ashes scattered all over the Lubbock Mall.

"Why the mall?" asked the attorney.

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me at least twice a week."

Make plans to attend May Day this weekend.

Thousands flee from California wildfire

CORONA, Calif. (AP) — Thousands of people were evacuated early today as firefighters battled to save homes from a wildfire that grew rapidly during the night, a fire official said. A man was charged with setting the blaze.

The El Cerrito fire, south of Corona in Riverside County, had burned across 5,000 acres, up from 1,600 late Monday, and was only 10 percent contained.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 homes had been evacuated since midnight because they were threatened by the blaze, said Rick Griggs, an engineer with the California Department of Forestry.

ASK US

Q—Where will the Lady Tigers and Perryton play the bi-district softball championship game?

A—At Plainview High School at 7 p.m. Friday.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Esperanza Renteria...

...has lived in Snyder all her life and is married to Antonio who works in the oil field. They have a son, Cruz, who is 20 and a daughter, Roxann, 13, and a granddaughter, Kayli, 2. Esperanza works for the city of Snyder as a custodian and likes to spend her spare time with her family, especially Kayli.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Predictability can lead to failure.

—T. Boone Pickens

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Diabetes help

A faith-in-action volunteer training session to help diabetics will be held at 3 p.m. today in the Cogdell Hospital education wing. Topic will be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." There is no charge and refreshments will be provided.

4-H horse club fun night

The Scurry County 4-H horse club will have a fun night at Scurry County Coliseum annex at 6:30 this evening. There will be a $5 arena fee for all participants.

Scurry Lodge 706 meeting

Scurry Lodge 706 will meet at 7:30 tonight for its regular monthly meeting.

8th grade parents to meet

Parents of all 8th grade students are urged to attend the 7 p.m. meeting today at Worsham Auditorium. SHS counselor Debbie Phillips will distribute important information and answer questions. 8th graders may attend also.

Snyder FFA booster club

Snyder FFA booster club will have an officers meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by a general meeting at 7 this evening.

Varsity baseball booster club

The varsity baseball booster club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the film room.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Stanfield Elementary cafeteria. The reception will honor teachers Sherry Patterson, Linda Cozart, Neoma Harlin and Carolyn Martin. Also to be honored will be Barbara Gowin, secretary; and Donna Wilson, teacher's aide.

Dedication service

A dedication service for Bethel House of Prayer, Independent Full Gospel, will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at 1708 Ave. E. Pastors Robert and Vicki Burton invite the public to attend.

Hamill received treatment during ordeal

LANDSTUHL, Germany (AP) — Former American hostage Thomas Hamill, who was shot in the arm when he was abducted in Iraq, was treated for the wound and regularly received food during his three weeks in captivity, a U.S. military doctor said today.

In his first public statements since his escape, Hamill said he was feeling well and looking forward to seeing his wife.

"I am feeling well and having few problems with my injury," he told reporters in brief comments in Germany. "I am looking forward to reuniting with my wife in the morning."

Hamill, who escaped his captors Sunday in a daring run to freedom, has lost a few pounds but feels "in generally good health," said Maj. Kerry Jepsen, a surgeon treating Hamill at the U.S. military hospital in Germany where the ex-captive arrived Monday.

"He feels very lucky to have gotten away," Jepsen told reporters at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. "He's looking forward to meeting his family and getting back home."

Hamill, a 33-year-old truck driver for a subsidiary of Houston-based Halliburton Corp., pried open the door of a shack where he was being held and ran a half-mile to a U.S. military convoy passing by near the town of Balad north of Baghdad.

Hamill was shot in the arm when his convoy was ambushed April 9. He recalls receiving medication for the wound and being put under anesthesia after being captured, though it's unclear whether he was taken to a clinic or a doctor came to him, Jepsen said.

The captors initially "left him with some water and a couple packages of cookies," Jepsen said.

They frequently moved him from place to place, guarding him in cramped, mosquito-infested rooms where he had to sleep on the floor and had to stay inside during daylight hours, Jepsen said.

On the day he got free, Hamill recognized the rumble of U.S. military vehicles' diesel engines nearby and decided to make a run for it despite the fact a guard had been outside earlier.

"He just said, 'This is my opportunity and I'm going to make it. He's going to have to shoot me or take me out,'" Jepsen said.

Courtney Love tested positive for cocaine

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The prosecutor in the misdemeanor drug case against Courtney Love said Monday she tested positive for cocaine when she was arrested last year.

After a judge continued the trial to May 25, Assistant City Attorney Jerry Baik told reporters outside the courtroom that Love tested positive for several illegal drugs after the October arrest, including cocaine. He declined to identify the other drugs.

Love, the widow of grunge rocker Kurt Cobain and former lead singer of the rock band Hole, recently released a solo album, "America's Sweetheart."

Love did not appear at the Monday court hearing, one of two cases stemming from Oct. 2 incidents.

She faces misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct after being arrested for allegedly trying to break into the Los Angeles home of a former boyfriend.

After her release, emergency workers were called to her home and took her to a hospital for a drug overdose. Love was charged with two felony counts of possession of controlled substances.

Today's chuckle

'Crybaby award' gets coaches in trouble

PLEASANTVILLE, N.J. (AP) — The coaches of a middle school basketball team who humiliated one of their players by giving him a "crybaby award" will likely face disciplinary action from district officials.



The 13-year-old boy's coach called him just before last month's team banquet and told him to make sure he attended because he was getting a special trophy, the boy's father said.

At the event, the boy watched as all of his Pleasantville Middle School teammates received trophies or certificates.

He was then called up to receive his award, and a coach told the crowd that the boy was being honored because "he begged to get in the game, and all he did was whine."

The trophy had a silver figure of a baby atop a pedestal engraved with the boy's name, which was spelled incorrectly. Family members said the teen — an honor roll student — was so embarrassed that he stayed home from school on the following Monday.

Edwin Coyle, superintendent of the Atlantic County district, said he would recommend that the unidentified coaches receive some type of punishment. He planned to address the matter at tonight's Board of Education meeting.

"I was very upset and dismayed that our coaches would take an opportunity to belittle or lessen the self-esteem of our athletes," Coyle said.

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LOTTO TEXAS — TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-15-20-29-34.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 139. Prize: $497.

Matching three of five: 4,646. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 45,707. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 8-1-7

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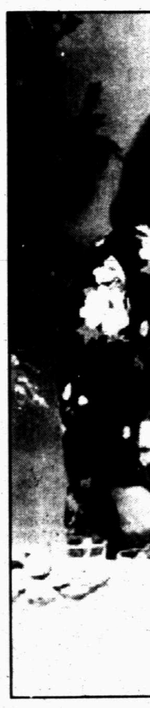


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ALPHA CLUB PROGRAM — Kathy Beasley of Snyder presented the program for Alpha Study Club members at a recent meeting at the Scurry County Library. She began by saying "I love flowers, they are God's creations that transcends the universe. They are love, passion, fun and paradise all in one little flower." Beasley started arranging flowers 20 years ago in a small space in her New Jersey attic. She now does in-home consulting, classes, weddings, showers, craft kits and shopping consulting. Alpha Club will meet on May 18 for installation of officers. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

05-04-04

North
♠ 10 5 2
♥ A 6 4
♦ K 3
♣ J 7 6 4 3

West
♠ 8 4
♥ Q J 9 8 5
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ 9 2

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

South
♠ A K Q J 9
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ A K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

If you bid up, play up too

By Phillip Alder

When do you think this was written? "The very hirelings of the press, whose trade it is to buoy up the spirits of the people ... have uttered falsehoods so long, they have played off so many tricks, that their budget seems, at last, to be quite empty."

At the bridge table, if you bid up, you must know how to play off the tricks that you need — as in this deal. How would you try to bring home six spades after West has led the heart queen?

Following South's strong and artificial two-club opening, North's response showed a balanced hand with at least eight points. Normally, one will not have a five-card suit, but a weak minor is permitted.

Once spades were agreed, control-bidding (cue-bidding) started, South signing off in five spades to make it plain that he had no top diamond. Holding that key king, North went on to six spades.

There are two losers: one in each red suit. The best line — and simplest — is to win trick one (preferably on the board) and play the diamond king. East will probably take the trick and return his second heart. Win with your king and cash your two diamonds, discarding dummy's last heart. Then, ruff your remaining heart with dummy's spade 10, draw trumps, and claim.

Remember, if you discard a loser from your hand, that is the end of the problem. But if you discard a loser from the board, you must follow up by ruffing your loser on the board.

The opening piece was written by William Cobbett, an English journalist and reformer, in 1812.

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BRIDE HONORED — A shower honoring Jessica Bradshaw Arnold was held in the home of Dianna Riggan. Jessica married Colt Arnold in Andrews on Feb. 14. She is the daughter of Donald and Carla Bradshaw of Snyder, and Colt is the son of J.J. and Cindy Mathews of Andrews and Terry Arnold of Odessa. Pictured are Carla Bradshaw, the honoree's mother, and Jessica and her daughter, Halle. (Contributed Photo)



BRIDAL SHOWER HELD — Jennifer Rosa, bride-elect of Bryan Billings, was honoree at a bridal shower on April 1 in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The couple will marry on May 15 at the church. From left are Linda Rosa, the bride-elect's mother from Zephyrhills, Fla.; the honoree from Abilene; and Brenda Billings, mother of the prospective groom from Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Teacher support can help reduce aggression

Preventing acts of childhood aggression has become a major focus for schools throughout the nation, but their efforts may be lacking a critical ingredient to their success, say Texas A&M University psychologists.

A study by psychologists Jan N. Hughes and Timothy A. Cavell shows that a warm, close relationship between a child at risk for behavioral problems and his or her teacher reduces the chances of aggressive behavior in the future. Unfortunately, such supportive teacher-student relationships are missing for many children with conduct problems, Hughes says.

A focus on teacher-student relationships is missing in school-based prevention efforts, says Hughes. This "apparent oversight," she adds, may be due to the fact that current prevention efforts focus on discipline techniques, classroom management or children's social skills. Teacher-student relationships are not deemed important within this mix, Hughes adds.

Hughes says the study offers evidence that the quality of teacher-student relationships predicts aggressive children's developmental trajectories — In other words, positive teacher — student relationships during one year were followed by lower levels of childhood aggression the next year.

"Both child-level and teacher-level ratings of support predicted decreases in aggression," she notes. In addition, the better the teacher-student relationship was for a given year, the greater the chances of that student not being viewed as aggressive by his or her peers the next year — an important finding, she notes, because peer-rated aggression is a good indicator of the child's risk for problems such as delinquency and drug use in adolescence.

In contrast, teacher-student interactions characterized by high-levels of conflict and controlling interactions and low levels of warmth and acceptance may serve to increase a child's risk for aggressive behavior.

These findings are sobering, Hughes says, considering that children with behavior disorders are more likely than their peers to experience negative interactions with teachers and less likely to engage in positive interactions.

Frog found in salad

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A little frog with your salad, ma'am?

Australian carrier Qantas said Tuesday it has changed its lettuce supplier after a passenger on a flight from Melbourne to Wellington found a live frog in her greens.

The one-inch Australian whistling tree frog didn't get a chance to hop away. The woman plunked the lid back on her meal preventing any escape.

The Qantas plane's crew notified the Quarantine Service while the plane was still in the air and officials were waiting when it landed at Wellington Airport.

"I'm afraid the frog was euthanized" in a freezer, service general manager Fergus Small told National Radio.

Quarantine officials made a check of the airplane "but no other frogs were detected," he said.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

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.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

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What Can I Give?

As mother's day arrives, many people are asking, "What can I give?" Children want to know what they can give their mother to show her how much they love and appreciate them. Many mothers continue to ask the question throughout their lives, "What can I give my children?" The desire to help and bless our children goes on till the end of life, even when the opportunities for doing so may become few.

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy about a gift that had been given Timothy:

> *I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*
>
> *II Timothy 1:5*

Timothy had received faith from his mother who had received it from her mother. It was the greatest gift that could be given. The same is true today, and it is never too late.

"What can I give?" If I can pass along faith to my children, it is a great gift. Mothers and grandmothers often have the power to do that. It is not a forced thing, or a pressured thing. It is the impact of a real faith on the part of a mother. That has an impact on children. They consider faith differently when they see it really living in a parent.

"What can I give my mother?" For some, the greatest gift would be a life of faithfulness on the part of children. To see their children love and serve the Lord would be the most joyful gift that they could receive. Everything else pales in comparison.

Dale Huff

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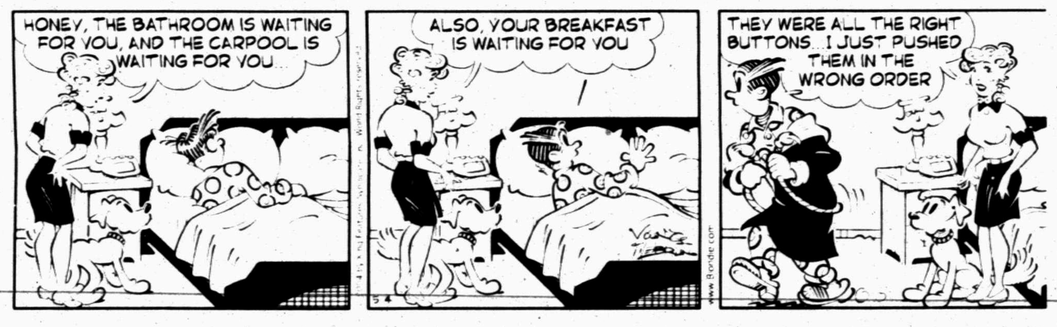
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11 Festive night
12 Energy source
14 Melodramatic cry
15 Thing, in law
16 Rajah's spouse
17 Take 10
18 Dresses
20 Oily films
22 Stadium cheer
23 Uproar
24 Low voices
27 Tune
30 Enlist again (hyph.)
31 Bird-feeder treat
32 Lab animal
34 In shape
35 Sooner city
36 Green veggie
37 Nanny from abroad (2 wds.)
39 Cast a ballot
40 Unit of energy
41 Opposite of "paleo"
42 Kind of tea
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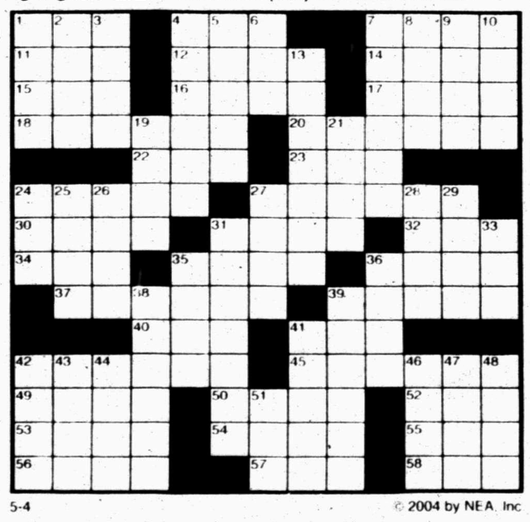
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13 Offense
19 Trim a photo
21 Cheery tone
24 Rover's greeting
25 "Star Wars" princess
26 Ballet costume
27 California's — Woods
28 "Nuts!"
29 Type of lock
31 Snide giggle
33 Sen. — Kennedy
35 Get a salary
36 — & the Gang
38 Inhabitants
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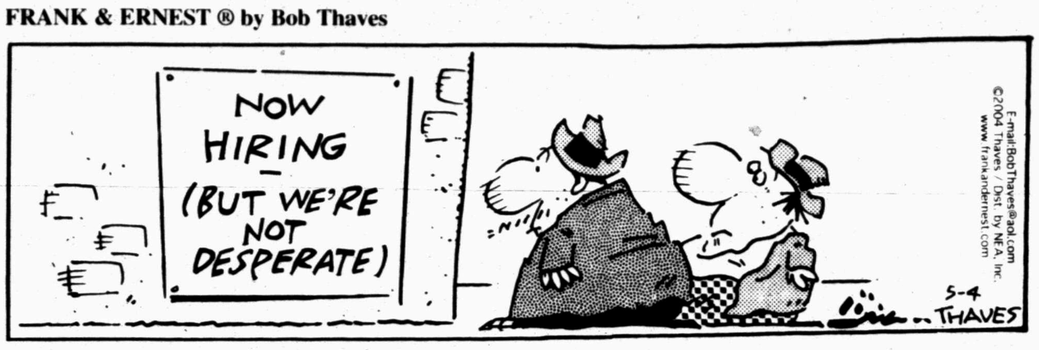
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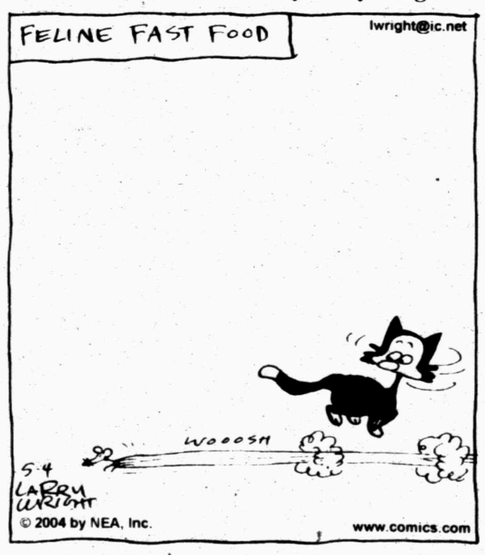
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SPORTS

Tillman remembered for courage, sacrifice

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Pat Tillman's decision to walk away from a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to fight for his country made him a hero to some of the people he used to idolize.

Many celebrities and politicians were among the approximately 3,000 people who came out in his hometown Monday to remember a man so moved by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that he left the Arizona Cardinals to join the Army.

Tillman, 27, died April 22 in Afghanistan in a firefight near the Pakistan border as he was leading his team to help comrades caught in an ambush. The Army gave few details of how Tillman was killed, but said he was fatally shot while fighting "without regard for his personal safety."

California First Lady Maria Shriver said Tillman epitomized the message her uncle, John F. Kennedy, delivered in his presidential inauguration 43 years ago.

"My uncle once said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.' You, Pat, have lived those words," she said.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Hall of Famer Gene Upshaw, executive director of the players' union, were among those who attended the public memorial at a municipal rose garden.

Sports Briefs

Coaches Award

Western Texas College Lady Duster Tiffany Quick was honored, along with sophomore catcher Heather Patterson, with the 2004 Coaches Award.

The freshman infielder hails from Bangs.

Friday swingers

The SCGA hosts a couples play day at 5:30 p.m. each Friday. Format is handicap scramble, and the cost is $10. Call the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Football parents meeting

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a meeting for parents of incoming ninth-12th grade players at 6:45 p.m. May 11. The meeting will include a tour of the facilities and a discussion of goals for the upcoming season.

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduating all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp from June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt, and forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp set for June

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Contact coach Rogers or coach Martinez at 574-6039 for more information.

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Rogers fires complete game shutout

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kenny Rogers refused to feel comfortable — even after his Rangers teammates gave him an eight-run lead after just one inning.

Rogers became the oldest Rangers pitcher to throw a shutout since Nolan Ryan in 1991, and Texas cruised to its fifth straight victory, 9-0 over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Monday night.

Alfonso Soriano hit a two-run homer, and David Dellucci and Michael Young each had three-run shots in the first as the AL West leaders won their eighth in a row at home.

"I didn't even look at the scoreboard after the second," Rogers said. "I knew I had the lead and had to keep throwing strikes."

The 39-year-old Rogers (4-1) gave up four hits, struck out four, walked one and helped protect his eighth career shutout when he made a lunging grab of a line drive by Rocco Baldelli with runners at first and second to end the third inning. It was the 34th complete game of Rogers' career.

Ryan was 44 when he pitched his last shutout on June 11, 1991.

"Kenny was in command the whole way," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "He's always a good guy to have on the mound, but especially when you can put up that many runs early. He can use all his pitches."

Rogers got his 105th victory with the Rangers, moving ahead of Bobby Witt for second place in team history behind Charlie Hough's 139.

Carl Crawford led off the game with a single, Rey Sanchez and Jose Cruz Jr. singled in the third, and Cruz had a leadoff double in the ninth for the Devil Rays' hits. Crawford was the only runner to reach third base.

Tampa Bay catcher Toby Hall called Rogers' variety of offspeed pitches, "slop, but good slop. It makes his fastball look faster. It wasn't a good night for us."

The Devil Rays, the only team in the majors without consecutive victories this season, have lost nine of 11. Tampa Bay, coming off an 8-2 win over Oakland on Sunday, has gone 25 games without back-to-back victories. That's the longest such streak since Baltimore failed to win two straight over the first 25 games in 1999.

Texas, which has won nine of 10, sent 11 to the plate in the first against Paul Abbott (2-3).

Hank Blalock had a one-out single and Soriano followed with his third homer and second in as many at-bats.

Pistons shut down Nets' offense

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Tayshaun Prince said what the Detroit Pistons wouldn't before their series with New Jersey.

"Obviously, last year weighed on our minds," Prince said.

Fueled by being swept in the conference finals last season, the Pistons held the Nets to the second-lowest point total in NBA playoff history in a 78-56 victory Monday night.

Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinal also featured the lowest-scoring first half in a postseason game. The teams combined for just 62 points, with Pistons leading 37-25.

The Nets ending up losing by 22 points despite holding the Pistons to no more than 21 points in any quarter.

After winning Game 1 in the first round against Milwaukee, the Pistons dropped the next game before winning the series in five games. They don't want to follow the same pattern Friday night in Game 2 when the Nets come back to The Palace.

Price had 15 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, and Richard Hamilton also had 15 points. Ben Wallace had 13 points and led the defensive effort with 11 rebounds, four steals and three blocks.

New Jersey shot just 27.1 percent and tied the postseason record for fewest field goals — 19 — in what was easily its worst offensive performance of the season.

The Nets scored just 39 points through three quarters and needed reserve Tamar Slay's jumper with 42 seconds left to avoid tying the lowest playoff total in league history — 54 points by Utah against Chicago in the 1998 NBA Finals.

"It was almost like we thought we were playing a different game — where the lowest score wins," Nets star Jason Kidd said.

The loss snapped New Jersey's streak of 14 consecutive postseason victories against Eastern Conference teams.

Garnett wins MVP in landslide

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett got 120 of 123 first-place votes to beat two-time winner Tim Duncan for the NBA MVP award Monday, three days after his Minnesota Timberwolves won a playoff series for the first time.

Garnett's teammates attended a packed news conference at the Timberwolves' arena, and he praised them repeatedly.

"I wouldn't be nothing without those knuckleheads, believe me," Garnett said. "It's a team game, and I've always kept that perspective."

He has played at an MVP level for years, but this was a breakthrough season for the Wolves. They earned the top seeding in the Western Conference playoffs with a franchise-best 58-24 record, then ended a string of seven straight first-round exits from the postseason by beating the Denver Nuggets.

"This is best situation I could ever think of, or dream of," Garnett said.

Playing everywhere from center to point guard, the 7-footer averaged 24.2 points, a league-leading 13.9 rebounds and 5.0 assists this season — and his playoff stats are even better.

Garnett joined Larry Bird as the only players to average 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for five consecutive years.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	15	10	.600	—
Atlanta	12	12	.500	2½
Philadelphia	11	12	.478	3
New York	10	15	.400	5
Montreal	6	20	.231	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	10	.600	—
Houston	15	10	.600	—
Pittsburgh	12	11	.522	2
Cincinnati	13	12	.520	2
St. Louis	13	13	.500	2½
Milwaukee	12	13	.480	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	9	.625	—
San Diego	16	10	.615	—
San Francisco	12	14	.462	4
Colorado	11	13	.458	4
Arizona	10	14	.417	5

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Arizona 5, 14 innings
Houston 6, Cincinnati 5
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 3, 11 innings
St. Louis 1, Chicago Cubs 0, 10 innings
Colorado 13, Atlanta 4
N.Y. Mets 6, San Diego 2
San Francisco 9, Florida 8, 11 innings
Montreal 6, Los Artgeles 4

Monday's Games

Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 3
Cincinnati 7, Houston 5

Today's Games

Colorado (Jennings 1-3) at Montreal (Vargas 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 2-1) at Florida (Becker 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 1-1) at Philadelphia (Myers 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Tomko 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Santos 0-0) at Cincinnati (Haynes 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 1-1) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 2-3), 6:35 p.m.
Arizona (Sparks 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Mitre 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 0-3) at Houston (Pettitte 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	15	10	.600	—
New York	14	11	.560	1
Baltimore	12	11	.522	2
Tampa Bay	8	16	.333	6½
Toronto	8	18	.308	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	9	.640	—
Minnesota	15	9	.625	½
Detroit	13	13	.500	3
Cleveland	11	13	.458	4½
Kansas City	8	16	.333	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	9	.654	—
Anaheim	16	10	.615	1
Oakland	12	13	.480	4½
Seattle	9	16	.360	7½

Monday's Games

Cleveland 2, Boston 1
Kansas City 3, Toronto 2, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox 5, Baltimore 4
Texas 9, Tampa Bay 0
Anaheim 11, Detroit 9

Today's Games

Boston (Lowe 3-1) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 0-3) at Toronto (Hentgen 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 4-0) at Baltimore (DuBose 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 3-2) at Texas (Park 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 1-2) at Seattle (Moyer 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
Detroit (Robertson 1-1) at Anaheim (Washburn 4-1), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 1-2) at Oakland (Mulder 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

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Monday, May 3
Calgary 1, Detroit 0, OT, Calgary wins series 4-2
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Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 6
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
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Tuesday, May 4
New Orleans at Miami, 7 p.m.

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, May 2
San Antonio 88, L.A. Lakers 78, San Antonio leads series 1-0
Monday, May 3
Detroit 78, New Jersey 56, Detroit leads series 1-0
Tuesday, May 4
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 6
Miami-New Orleans winner at Indiana, 9 p.m.
Friday, May 7
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 8
Miami-New Orleans winner at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 9
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Tigers schedule tilt with 3-4A champ Randall

The Tigers will get in at least one more tune-up while awaiting their area round opponent.

Snyder (20-4, 9-1) will take on District 3-4A champion Canyon Randall at 4 p.m. Saturday at Moegle Field in Lubbock.

The Tigers won their first practice game Saturday, 9-7, over Post.

Head coach Charles Bollinger split the Post game between three pitchers, and will start senior ace Ty Collier against Randall.

The Tigers, who are waiting on the winner between Amarillo River Road and Muleshoe, are lined up in the same bracket as Canyon High School.

Canyon also received a bye, and will play the winner of the Seminole-Pecos bi-district series.

District 3-3A Sweetwater will play Midland Greenwood in the bi-district round, with the winner of that series taking on third-ranked Lubbock Cooper for the area title.

Snyder will be the site of the opening game of a three-game bi-district series between Colorado City and Shallowater.

Colorado City, the second runner-up in District 3-2A, and District 4-2A runner-up Shallowater will battle at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Moffett Field.

Game two of the series moves to Lubbock Christian Saturday with a noon start time.

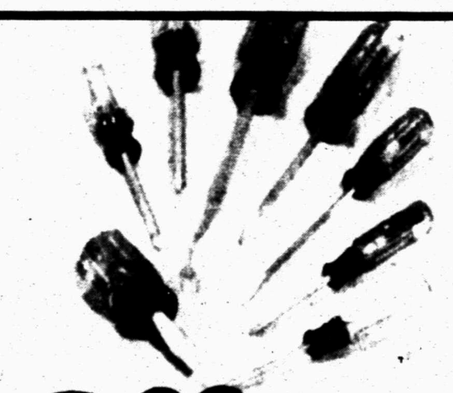
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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 60. Two years ago, I required surgery for a benign prostatic overgrowth. Since then, when I ejaculate, no semen comes out. Should I worry about this? Is it dangerous? Do I need further surgery?

DEAR READER: "No" to all three questions.

Prostate surgery often leads to a harmless condition called "retrograde ejaculation" in which the semen is expelled backward into the bladder instead of through the normal channels. This is not a health hazard and does not affect sexuality or require repair.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I, in our mid-70s, have a real problem over how warm to maintain our house. He keeps the thermostat at 80 degrees, wears a flannel shirt and a sweater, never opens a window and sleeps under an electric blanket.

I roast at 80 degrees; 72 degrees is my max. At night, I have to sleep in the guestroom, where I shut the door, open the window and sleep like a baby.

Other people complain that the house is too hot.

Is it possible that my husband (who is also constipated and overweight) could have a vitamin deficiency?

DEAR READER: I doubt it.

I'm more intrigued by the possibility that he may have a thyroid deficiency, anemia or some other metabolic abnormality that is causing the need for heat. As you may know, hypothyroidism reduces the metabolic rate, leading to cold intolerance, heart problems, constipation, depression and a host of other symptoms. If this is your husband's difficulty, it can be easily and inexpensively treated with astounding success using supplemental thyroid medication. Similarly, anemia can also be treated.

From your brief comments, I conclude that your husband has to go to excessive extremes just to remain comfortable. Inasmuch as the environment is the basis for some marital conflict, I am sure that he would agree to see his doctor for an examination and blood tests. Show him my response to your letter, encourage him to seek medical attention and don't move to Arizona — yet.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife and I occasionally enjoy oral sex. Can this practice lead to mouth cancer? One doctor said it could; another disagreed. I'm confused.

DEAR READER: As well you might be.

I am unaware of any medical studies showing that oral sex causes cancer in any location, including the mouth. This form of sexual expression is entirely harmless — unless one of the partners has a sexually transmitted disease, such as gonorrhea or herpes. In this instance, the infection can easily be spread from genitals to the mouth. But cancer is not a consequence.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Cheese Records Studio recording again

CHICAGO (AP) — The blues are back at Chess Records Studio.

From 1957 to 1967, greats from the early rock 'n' roll era recorded at the studio on Chicago's South Side. This week, musicians recorded tunes there for the first time in 15 years.

Blues pianist Johnnie Johnson joined rock band Styx to raise money for the Willie Dixon Blues Heaven Foundation. The combo recorded "Blue Collar Man" and "Hey Mr. Johnson."

The 23-year-old foundation exposes children to blues, assists young musicians with business matters and provides emergency medical financial assistance to musicians. It officially made Chess Records Studio its home in 1997.

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Pentagon studied prison operations in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military did a "top-level review" last fall of how its detention centers in Iraq were run, months before commanders first were told about the sexual humiliation and abuse of Iraqis that has created an international uproar, a Pentagon official said.

Larry Di Rita, the top spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said Monday the review was done at the request of Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the senior American commander in Iraq.

Di Rita did not say what prompted the review. He said it "drew certain conclusions," which later were taken into account by Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba, who began an investigation on Jan. 31 focused on an unidentified soldier's report of prisoner mistreatment at Abu Ghraib prison.

That second probe led to findings of blatant and sadistic abuse by U.S. military police and perhaps others. It has drawn wide condemnation, particularly with the publication of photos documenting the mistreatment.

Di Rita did not disclose the earlier review's findings, and he said he could not disclose what Taguba found because his report is classified secret and is under review by senior officials.

Di Rita, seeking to contain the prisoner abuse controversy, provided a timeline of the military's response to the reported abuse at Abu Ghraib. He said it first came to the attention of commanders in Iraq when an unidentified soldier reported it to his superiors on Jan. 13. The next day, Sanchez ordered a criminal investigation, and since then four other probes have begun, Di Rita said.

The only one of the five dealing directly with the role of military intelligence officials in prisoner operations was opened April 23 by a senior Army intelligence official, Di Rita said. The rest deal more broadly with prison operations or the role of military police.

President Bush on Monday urged Rumsfeld to quickly get to the bottom of the Abu Ghraib scandal and to ensure that American soldiers found guilty of misbehavior are appropriately punished.

Bush, in an interview Monday with The Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press and Booth Newspapers, said he had been "shaken" by the reports of prisoner abuse "because I know that this doesn't reflect the values of our country."

Members of Congress urged quick action also. But Di Rita said, "It's going to take some time to sort through exactly what the facts were."

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., summoned Army officials to face his panel today.

Another Republican, Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, said she fears that photos depicting Iraqi prisoners in U.S. custody apparently being sexually humiliated and physically abused, which have been widely broadcast on TV, could incite more violence against American troops in Iraq.

Sens. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Jeff Bingaman, N.M., said the concern goes beyond the actions of a few soldiers.

"There is a bigger issue here," Hagel said today on NBC's "Today." "Was there an environment, a culture that not only condoned this, but encouraged this kind of behavior? We need to look well beyond just the soldier. Who was in charge? Was there a breakdown in command here? ... We need to understand all the dynamics of this."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband's sneak attacks could mean danger ahead

DEAR ABBY: "Krista in Jacksonville" complained that her husband sneaks up behind her when she's alone in the house and scares her. He also appears out of nowhere when she's in the shower. You advised her that his behavior is childish and a touch sadistic — and told her to hang bells on her door frames and lock the bathroom door.

While your answer was good, you may have overlooked something. Sneaking up on someone, especially a spouse, could be considered a precursor to an abusive relationship. The person doing the sneaking has the control and is doing it to scare the other person. I think Krista and her husband should get marital counseling. — **SEEN IT BEFORE IN BOISE**

DEAR SEEN IT BEFORE: While I did not consider the husband's behavior to be ominous, your point is worth considering. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: My father used to do the same thing to my mother (and me and my siblings) until he caught her off guard one night when she nearly slapped him back into the previous week. (She claimed it was a reflex.) He's never sneaked up on any of us again. — **ANDREA IN BARSTOW, CALIF.**

DEAR ANDREA: He should have considered himself lucky. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: It was with a knowing smile that I read Krista's letter. Unfortunately, sneaking up on her could put her husband's life in danger. My husband used to enjoy doing that, too, that is, until one evening when I was in the kitchen cutting some meat for dinner, and he scared me. Without meaning to, I almost stabbed him. Thankfully, I missed. Needless to say, it hasn't happened again. Ever since that incident, he always announces his presence. As a matter of fact, he kind of reminds me of the old TV series where the husband would walk in the door and holler, "Honey, I'm home!" — **MEGAN IN WYOMING**

DEAR MEGAN: That's one way to get your "point" across.

DEAR ABBY: My husband also liked to scare me. One night he came up from behind as I was leaving the bathroom. The hallway light was off and, not knowing who or what was behind me, my reaction was one of self-defense. I turned and hit as hard as I could.

Ten years have passed since that incident, and I recently heard him telling our kids the story of why not EVER to scare Mama. — **PATRICIA IN MANHATTAN BEACH**

DEAR PATRICIA: It seems you made a lasting impression.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from "Krista in Jacksonville," and her husband who sneaks up behind her when she's alone in the house: I notice she didn't mention why he persists in doing it.

I used to "surprise" my girlfriend like that, but in retrospect, I wasn't admitting even to myself that I expected to find her with someone else. — **FORMER TIPTOER IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.**

DEAR FORMER TIPTOER: It would be interesting to know whether your fears were justified. The kind of insecurity you describe feeds upon itself, and no amount of reassurance can make it go away. It is telling that you use the past tense to describe that relationship. Thank you for laying it on the line and providing food for thought to readers of both sexes.

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Rescue workers prepare for hybrid car accidents

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The growing popularity of hybrid vehicles is a step toward cleaner air and less dependance on gasoline. But for rescuers at accident scenes, they represent a potential new danger: a network of high-voltage circuitry that may require some precise cutting to save a trapped victim.

"You don't want to go crushing anything with hydraulic tools," said Samuel Caroluzzi, an assistant chief with the Norristown Fire Department outside Philadelphia. "It's enough to kill you from what they're telling us in training."

Hybrids draw power from two sources, typically a gas or diesel engine combined with an electric motor. The battery powering the electric motor carries as much as 500 volts, more than 40 times the strength of a standard battery.

That worries those who must cut into cars to rescue people inside.

"If you can't shut it down, you don't know where the high voltage is," said David Dalrymple, an emergency medical technician in New Brunswick, N.J.

Manufacturers have put in place a laundry list of safety checks that the car's computer must go through for the electrical system to run. They've published guides showing where the electric components are on their models; on the Toyota Prius and other hybrids, the high-power cables are colored bright orange to catch the eye of a rescue worker or a mechanic.

But there are concerns over what happens if something goes wrong and the battery, ignition and other points are inaccessible.

"It's the 'what-if' that worries me," said David Castiaux, an instructor for Mid-Del Technology Center in Del City, Okla., who teaches rescue workers about hybrids.

Chris Peterson, a service training instructor for Toyota, said the Prius' electric system should shut down if anything goes wrong. "There should not be high voltage in those cables; but I'm not going to stand up and say there isn't," he said.

First responders are taught to disconnect the battery and turn off the key immediately before cutting into a car, but that's not always possible.



Black teen's conviction overturned

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia Supreme Court on Monday threw out a black high school football star's conviction and 10-year prison sentence for having sex with an underage white girl — a case that led to allegations of racism and heavy-handed prosecution.

Marcus Dixon, 19, was released on his own recognizance later Monday after 15 months behind bars.

"Marcus is thrilled to be with his family, and we're thrilled to have him out of jail," said his attorney, David Balser, after Dixon was freed by a Floyd County judge from the jail in Rome, in northwest Georgia.

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Osama bin Laden aide gets 32 years for stabbing prison guard

NEW YORK (AP) — A former top aide to Osama bin Laden was sentenced Monday to 32 years behind bars for stabbing a prison guard in the eye with a sharpened comb.

Mamdouh Mahmud Salim, 46, buried his face in his hands and put his head down as the guard, Louis Pepe, waved a black comb and told of the attack in 2000 that left him brain-damaged and barely able to see.

U.S. District Judge Deborah A. Batts ordered Pepe removed from the courtroom after several outbursts. As he was taken out, he shouted: "I'm dead! You understand that? I'm dead!"

After Pepe left the courtroom, followed in protest by more than a dozen prison guards, Salim told the judge: "I'm sorry. I'm trying to understand his loss."

Salim, appearing agitated with his right hand shaking uncontrollably, objected to some of Pepe's accusations, including an allegation that Salim and an accomplice had tried to rape Pepe. "If this happened, I'd ask you to execute me," Salim said.

Salim still faces trial and a possible life sentence on conspiracy charges in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. The attacks killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

His accomplice in the attack on Pepe — Khalfan Khamis Mohamed — was convicted in the embassy bombings case, which included charges related to the stabbing.

Salim has said he attacked the guard to try to get the prison keys and stab his two court-appointed lawyers waiting in a nearby conference room so that the judge in the terrorism case would be forced to appoint him new lawyers.

The government maintained that he planned to take hostages and organize a prison escape.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Be patient: Your goals could take a little time to accomplish in the year ahead. However, as long as you keep plugging away, you're going to be able to make some important changes that will result in greater security and happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A forceful person who likes you will be sticking up for you today against someone who may be jealous of you. His or her clout will be effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Tasks or situations that may have been too tough for you to deal with yesterday can be handled with relative ease today. In fact, challenges will now stimulate and invigorate you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Dealings you have with members of the opposite gender today will work out quite favorably for you. In fact, one relationship in particular may take on a new meaning for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The needs of those for whom you feel responsible should be given priority over any of your personal goals today. You won't regret making the time to tend to their problems and questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Complex mental chores or activities that require total attention should be a snap for you today. Put them to good use while your powers of concentration are operating at full force.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The possibilities of adding something of worth to your holdings today are particularly favorable. However, nothing will be handed to you; you'll have to be tenacious in going after what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Whether you want to or not, chances are you're going to attract attention wherever you go today, so appearances will be important. Any impression you make, good or bad, will be a lasting one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Objectives that are important to you can be achieved easier today by letting co-workers believe that something good you're in the midst of accomplishing is going well because of their input.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It's quite possible that several close friends may be depending on you a bit more than usual today. Don't let them down. Be prepared to shoulder some of their responsibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — As long as you don't get uptight or think negatively today, you can run a far swifter race than your challengers. If you find yourself in a competitive situation, keep the faith.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you'll let it, your willpower can work wonders for your imagination today in creating productive activities. See yourself in positive circumstances and proceed accordingly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't ignore your commercial affairs in lieu of other activities today, because you will be more perceptive than usual in commerce. Personal gain is highly likely if you concentrate in this area.

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World Almanac

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

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TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1494, Christopher Columbus landed in Jamaica.

In 1961, student activists joined James Farmer of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) to conduct "Freedom Rides" on public transportation in the South.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen killed four students at Kent State University during an anti-war protest.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hosni Mubarak (1928-), president of Egypt, is 78; Audrey Hepburn (1929-1993), actress, UNICEF ambassador; Randy Travis (1959-), country singer, is 45; Lance Bass (1979-), singer, is 25.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1871, the first pro baseball league (the National Association of Baseball Players) began playing.

TODAY'S QUOTE: I have seen famine in Ethiopia and Bangladesh, but I have seen nothing like this — so much worse than I could possibly have imagined." — Audrey Hepburn on a visit to war-torn Somalia in 1992.

TODAY'S FACT: Yellowstone National Park is the oldest U.S. national park (1872).

TODAY'S NUMBER: 16,700,000 — number of acres of forested land in New Mexico.

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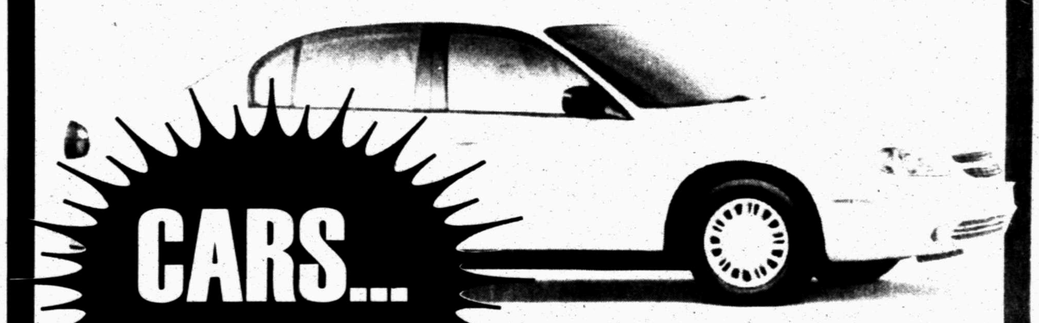
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Abandoned vehicle broken into

• ***Abandoned vehicle***

A caller reported at 2:33 p.m. Monday that an older pickup was parked at McD's and it appeared to have been broken into. Police tried to contact the owner but could only locate the owner's mother who reported the vehicle was supposed to be in Dallas. Officials are now trying to contact the owner.

• ***Theft***

At 6:40 p.m. Monday, a push mower was reported stolen from a residence in the 2600 block of Ave. U.

A pit bull puppy was reported stolen in the 3800 block of Galveston at 8:32 p.m. Monday.

• ***Dog bite***

A nine-year-old girl was bitten by a dog around 4 p.m. Monday. The dog was secured and the girl taken to the hospital where she was treated and released.

• ***Vandalism***

At 11:52 p.m. Monday, a report of vandalism to a vehicle parked in the 2700 block of 38th was made.

Motorist assists

Six people requested officers to help unlock their vehicles Monday.

Obituaries

Gertrude League

1920-2004

Gertrude League, longtime Snyder resident, died Tuesday, May 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. League, 84, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 14, 1920 in Vivion, La., she married Joseph League on April 3, 1936 in Tyler. He died March 10, 2001. A resident of Snyder since 1974, Mrs. League was an active member in the Snyder Garden Club, serving two terms as president during 1979-81 and was vice-president at the time of her death.

She was a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs and Texas Garden Clubs Inc. She wrote the schedule for the Scurry County Fair garden shows and has won numerous district and state awards. She earned the Master Flower Show Judge and served on the National Flower Show Judges Council for District VIII.

Mrs. League has helped plant trees throughout Snyder and has worked in other community beautification efforts. She taught horticulture at Humble-Smith School and hosted Christmas parties for the students.

She also was a longtime member of the Women's Golf Association at the Snyder Country Club. A longtime member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, she had served on the church's landscape committee and she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving two terms as Peacemaker.

Survivors include a son, Joe C. League of San Angelo; two sisters, Geraldine Alford of Houston and Mary Lois Burge of Longview; and two grandsons, Joe Foster League of San Angelo and James Charles League of Tocca, Ga.

Mrs. Ainsworth

1910-2004

Maybelle Ainsworth, longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, May 2, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ainsworth, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Bruce Smith will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born Nov. 27, 1910 in Wood County, she was married to Lloyd Ainsworth who died May 11, 2003.

A homemaker, Mrs. Ainsworth was a longtime Fluvanna area resident.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Keith, on Jan. 13, 1999; two brothers, Bill and J.C. Tucker; and a sister, Janelle Nanny.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Kerrie Keith and Chad Keith, both of Austin; and a sister, Margarette Jacobs of Odessa.

Mildred Clark

1924-2004

Mildred Yvonne Clark, a former Snyder resident, died Sunday, May 2, in Park Plaza Nursing Home in San Angelo after a lengthy illness.



Mildred Clark

Funeral service for Mrs. Clark, 79, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Karen Schmeltekopf, associate minister of the First Christian Church in San Angelo, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 11, 1924 in Fort Worth, she married Oran Kendale Clark on Nov. 4, 1944 in Snyder. He died May 31, 1991.

Mrs. Clark had been a resident of Snyder since 1929, moving to San Angelo in 2001. A member of Snyder's First Christian Church, Mrs. Clark was a homemaker and had worked as a ward clerk at Cogdell Hospital for about 10 years.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Joe Nichols of San Leandro, Calif.; Sarah and Wayne Schulz of San Angelo, Sandra and Cecil Davis of Midland and a sister-in-law, Mickey Clark of Austin; five grandchildren, Paul Nicholas Schulz of San Angelo, Stacy Michelle Schulz of Two Rivers, Wis., Wes Davis of Phenix City, Ala., Casey Davis of Greenwell Springs, La., and Kenny Davis of Lubbock; two great-grandchildren, Brianna Valadez and Jeanette Davis.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Felix Garcia

1916-2004

Felix Rodriguez Garcia of Snyder died Sunday, May 2, in Snyder Health Care Center.

Service for Mr. Garcia, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Cornelio Ramirez officiating. Burial will follow in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 2, 1916 in Laredo to Adelaido and Leandra Rodriguez Garcia, he married Aurora Guajardo in 1967 in Susampaco, Texas. Garcia was a retired laborer and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. He also was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two sons but only one is known, Joe Gonzales.

Scyble DeLavan

1916-2004

LUBBOCK — Scyble DeLavan, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, May 2.

Funeral service for Mrs. DeLavan, 88, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Rix Funeral Home Chapel.

Born Feb. 26, 1916 in Snyder, she was a 1933 graduate of Snyder High School and also graduated from the Lubbock General School of Nursing.

She married Edwin B. DeLavan on Oct. 4, 1938 in Clovis, N.M. He died July 5, 1965.

Mrs. DeLavan was employed by St. Mary's Hospital for many years and also worked for the city health department for 17 years, retiring in 1986.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas B. and Blanche Burrough.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas DeLavan of Lubbock and William DeLavan of Midland; two daughters, Bryan Kay White of Ropesville and De Ann DeLavan of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Joy Keller

1927-2004

Joy Fay Keller, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, May 2, at her home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Service for Mrs. Keller, 76, was held this morning in Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. Dave Phillips, pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow in Snyder Cemetery and arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 6, 1927 in Hermleigh, she was a 1945 Hermleigh High School graduate. She was an all-state guard on the HHS basketball team that played in the state championship game.

She married Raymond Keller on July 31, 1948 in Snyder. She had worked for Clark Propane for more than 20 years and also had worked for J.C. Penney and for Stinson Drug. Mrs. Keller also was a longtime secretary for Northside Baptist Church.

A son, Douglas Wade Keller, preceded her in death on April 2, 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Keller of Snyder; two sons, Barry Dean Keller and Randall Max Keller, both of Snyder; three sisters, Jean Blackwell, Geraldine Greene and Connie Green, all of Snyder; two grandsons, Mark Alen Keller and Joshua Ryan Keller, both of Snyder; and a step granddaughter, Nicole Dabney.

The family suggests memorials to the Northside Baptist Church, 1909 26th Street in Snyder.

Bush, Cheney in Ohio rally

MAUMEE, Ohio (AP) — President Bush flipped a few pancakes at a campaign rally here today, then grilled his Democratic opponent for suggesting that he, not the president, would win a popularity contest abroad.

Earlier in this campaign, Democrat John Kerry suggested that opposition to Bush is so widespread in foreign capitals that a variety of politicians were rooting for the president to lose. Republicans have demanded that Kerry name the leaders supposedly supporting him.

"I've got a hunch this whole thing might be a case of mistaken identity," Bush told supporters at a pancake breakfast at a recreation center just outside Toledo. "Whoever these mystery men are, they're not going to be deciding this election. The American people will be deciding this election."

Bush has a hard sell in Ohio as he tries to convince voters, especially blue-collar ones facing a bleak job market.

Kerry pledges to increase graduation rates by 1 million

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry pledged today to push for 1 million more high school graduates within five years and blamed President Bush for failing to provide enough money to help schools raise academic standards.

Kerry voted for the administration's No Child Left Behind education policy but contends Bush has not enforced key graduation provisions of the law and has repeatedly opposed initiatives that would increase graduation rates. Under current regulations, he said, administrators can push lower-achieving students out of school to boost test scores.

"We've got 40 and 50 percent dropout rates in some cities," Kerry said while visiting at-risk students in the Youth Build program in St. Paul. "That's just unacceptable. A lot of alternative education sites are a way that kids can really find their way into the system."

Kerry said he has asked for an increase in the $65 million spent on Youth Build but was not supported by the Bush administration. After the program, Kerry was reading to a kindergarten class in Albuquerque before leading a discussion of education with New Mexico Democrats and parents. He planned to campaign in California later in the week.

Education officials estimate 1 million to 1.25 million students drop out each year, which would make the success of Kerry's pledge to increase graduation rates difficult to judge.

Kerry said more students would graduate if the federal government encouraged smaller schools and required them to improve graduation rates. He proposed a national effort to align the standards of what students learn in school to what they're supposed to know when they get to college or work. And he backed laws already on the books in some parts of the country that allow states to withhold driver's licenses of those who drop out.

Bush spokesman Steve Schmidt said the senator's criticism of No Child Left Behind is "another example of John Kerry saying one thing and doing another."

Accident reported

Three vehicles, participating in last weekend's Snyder Wheels cruise, were involved in a traffic accident Saturday at 6:24 p.m. on 37th Street at Ave. M.

Involved were a 1981 Chevrolet Impala driven by Chevy Otto Block of Snyder, a 1990 Chevrolet pickup driven by John Timothy Dominguez of Snyder and a 1997 Camero driven by Daniel Eugene Martinez of Loraine.

There were no injuries and damage was minor.

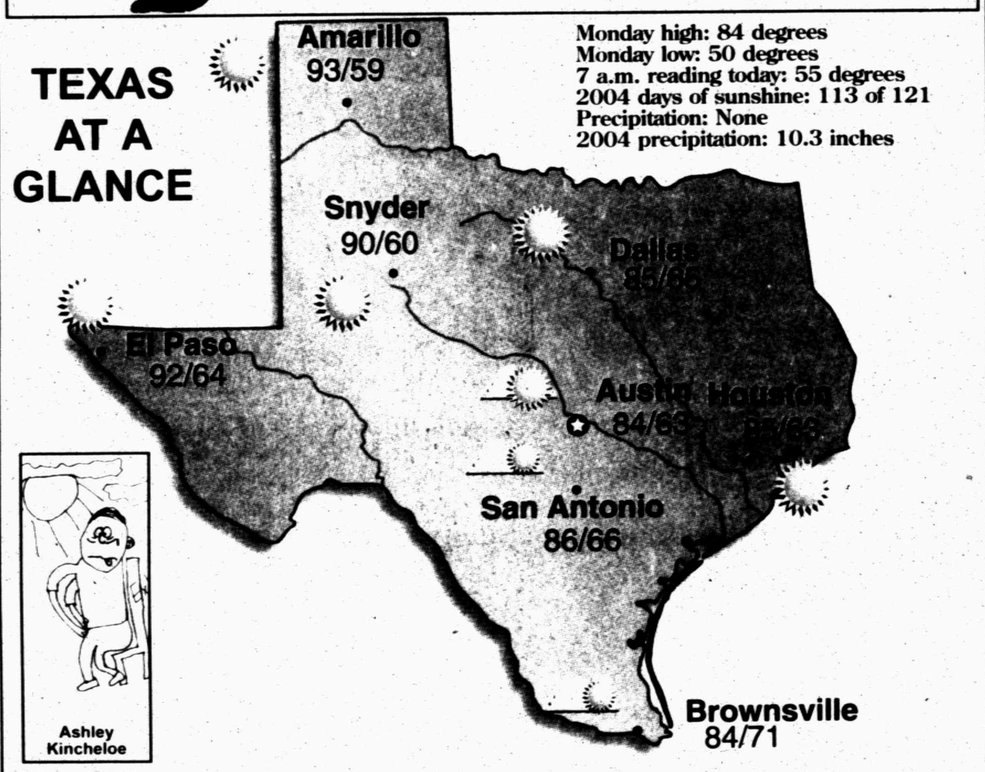
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 5/5	Thu 5/6	Fri 5/7
90/60	89/64	89/65
Mainly sunny. Hot. High near 90F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise 6:53 AM, Sunset 8:29 PM	Sunrise 6:52 AM, Sunset 8:29 PM	Sunrise 6:51 AM, Sunset 8:30 PM

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Monday high: 84 degrees
Monday low: 50 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 55 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 113 of 121
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.3 inches

Ashley Kincheloe

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	62	sunny	El Paso	92	64	sunny	Midland	92	60	sunny
Amarillo	93	59	sunny	Fort Stockton	92	61	sunny	Raymondville	86	69	pt sunny
Austin	84	63	mst sunny	Gainesville	84	61	sunny	Rosenberg	85	63	sunny
Beaumont	82	62	sunny	Greenville	84	61	sunny	San Antonio	86	66	pt sunny
Brownsville	84	71	pt sunny	Houston	85	63	sunny	San Marcos	85	63	mst sunny
Brownwood	88	61	sunny	Kingsville	85	68	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	61	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	69	pt sunny	Livingston	84	59	sunny	Sweetwater	90	61	sunny
Corsicana	84	63	sunny	Longview	82	60	sunny	Tyler	83	60	sunny
Dallas	85	65	sunny	Lubbock	93	60	sunny	Weatherford	85	61	sunny
Del Rio	90	67	mst sunny	Lufkin	83	60	sunny	Wichita Falls	90	61	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	78	57	sunny	Houston	85	63	sunny	Phoenix	102	72	sunny
Boston	64	47	rain	Los Angeles	77	58	mst sunny	San Francisco	65	51	pt sunny
Chicago	70	58	mst sunny	Miami	83	72	pt sunny	Seattle	58	44	rain
Dallas	85	65	sunny	Minneapolis	78	56	rain	St. Louis	84	64	mst sunny
Denver	86	56	sunny	New York	67	52	rain	Washington, DC	73	54	t-storm

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
May 4	May 11	May 19	May 27

UV Index

Wed 5/5	Thu 5/6	Fri 5/7
Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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