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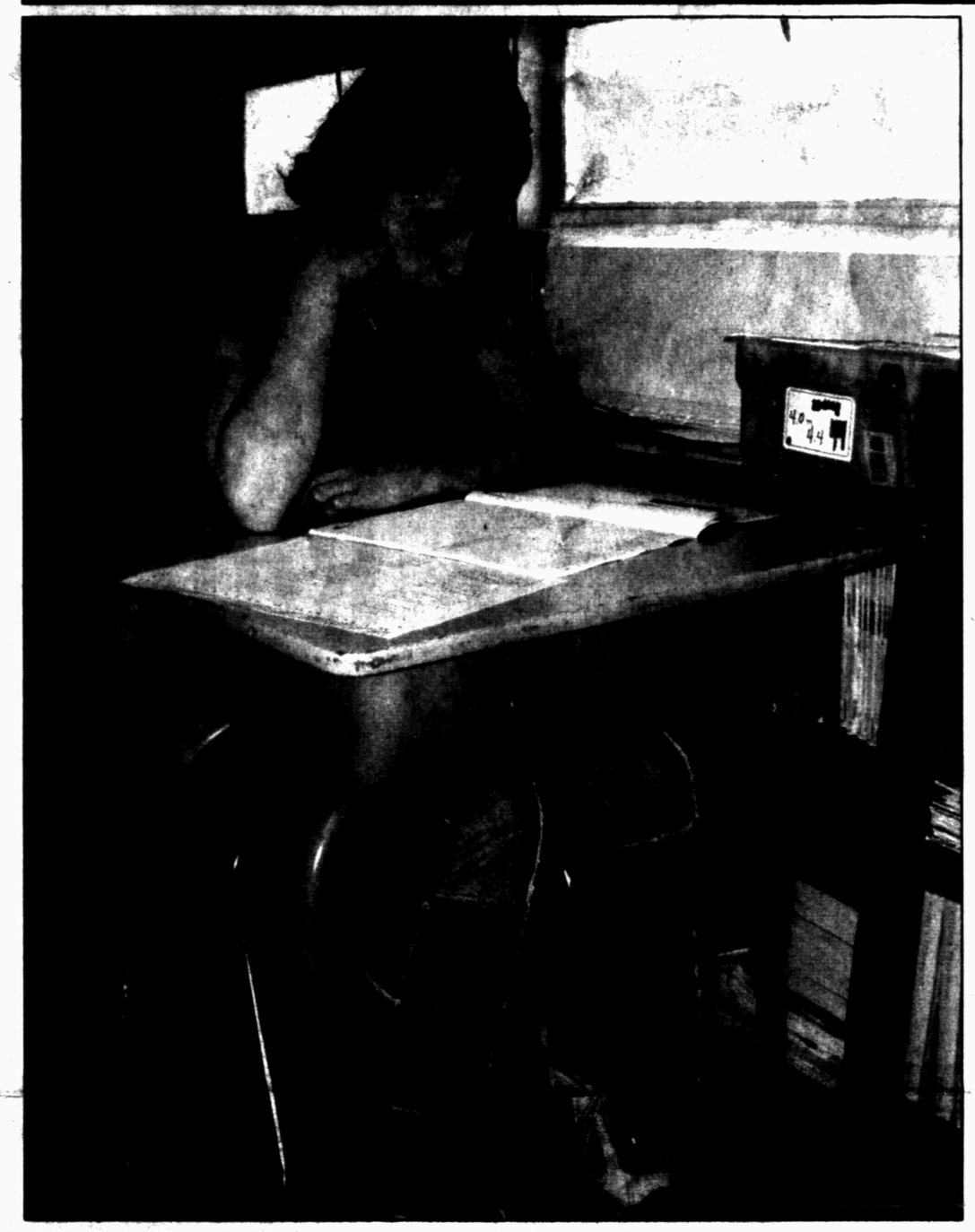

TAAS TEST TIME — Students in Snyder this morning sharpened their #2 pencils and got to work on the annual TAAS test. Paula Brown, a fourth grader at East Elementary, concentrated during the math portion of the test. The reading test is Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Savings of $200,000...

Aide positions cut by Snyder schools

The decline in enrollment in the Snyder schools and the resulting loss of state funds hit home Monday as 16 teachers' aide positions have been eliminated for the coming school year.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said this action should save the district some $200,000, including salaries and benefits.

Affected aides will retain their positions through the remainder of this semester, and will have an opportunity to be re-hired for next year if vacancies become available.

In making the announcement Monday afternoon, Lomax said the most recently hired aides, or paraprofessionals will be placed into a pool and all future employment vacancies will be staffed from the pool.

These persons who remain in the hiring pool after Aug. 12, will be given the opportunity to become full-time substitute teachers in the district.

The hiring pool will consist mainly of teacher aides with from 0 to 2 years of experience. Persons not employed by August will receive first consideration for all non-certified positions such as in maintenance and custodial work.

After Aug. 9, persons in the pool who have not been employed by the district will be offered a position as a full-time substitute at an annual salary of $8,000.

The plan released Monday also calls for eight other paraprofessionals to be shifted between campuses next school year.

Enrollment at the beginning of this school year was 2,672, and is currently at 2,635.

At the beginning of the 1997-98 school year, enrollment was 3,226, and the following year it had dropped to 3,133.

The beginning of the 1999-00 school year saw 2,900 students enrolled, and a year later, the total was 2,761.

The drop in enrollment and the subsequent decrease in personnel is not unique to Snyder.

Most West Texas schools are facing the same problem.

In Monahans last month, 17 first-year teachers lost their jobs for the coming year due to loss of state revenue.

Early voting starts at city, Hermleigh

Early voting starts Wednesday for one spot on the Snyder city council and three places on the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees.

Voters may cast their ballot for either incumbent David Harrell or Stephanie Ducheneaux for Place 2 on the city council.

This is the only contested race that developed for the council and candidates Vernest Tippens, Place 1; James Ashley, Place 2; and Ron Shaw, Place 4; were declared as duly elected at the April 1 council meeting.

Voting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the city secretary's office on the west side of city hall.

Hermleigh ISD Supt. Jerry Church said early voting would be held from 9 a.m. to noon on school days through Tuesday, April 30 in the school office.

Four candidates are vying for two spots for a full term trustee, including present board members Larry West and Tony Lambaren. Other candidates are Tony Molina Jr. and Roy G. Gill.

There are three candidates for a one year unexpired term.

These include Burton Sandefur, Joe Roemisch and Wes Shankles.

Both the Snyder and Ira were able to cancel their elections, as there were no contested races.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy Mordecai

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A secret is something that is known only by a few."

The word "secret" used to describe a planned executive session of the Scurry County commissioners' court raised the dandruff of some.

Too bad!

The closed session was held Tuesday, and afterwards it was announced that no action was taken and there was no announcement on what was discussed.

Sounds like a secret session to us.

Perhaps the court is merely protecting the poor taxpayers from having to worry about stuff. Perhaps the issue that warranted the closed session was too stressful for any of us to comprehend. Maybe it was for our own good.

The Texas Open Meetings Law permits closed sessions for personnel discussion, for discussion of real estate and for discussion of litigation with attorney present.

The key work here is "permits." A closed session is not "required" every time one of those subjects happens to show up on an agenda.

Yesterday's county agenda item had to do with real estate and it had to do with 2.1 acres of land already owned by the county and Cogdell Hospital on which the hospital wants to place a 24-bed assisted living project – a project that would enhance the hospital and the entire community.

We believe the time is right for an assisted living facility in Snyder.

Even though the law allows for a closed, secret or executive session for discussion of real estate – we suggest that the spirit of the law and the spirit of open government was violated.

If a governmental entity is looking to buy a piece of real estate, a closed session to contact the owner through a third party would be prudent, to keep the owner from raising the price just because it's a governmental entity wanting to purchase it.

This was not the case concerning the land for the assisted living facility. The county already owns it. A closed or secret session was held, it appears, just because it could be held.

A frank, honest discussion and exchange of ideas is healthy. We believe the common citizen can handle the facts, the concerns expressed and why such issues are on the table in the first place. If there are concerns about an assisted living project, then they should be discussed openly. In fact, a little citizen feedback could be helpful.

We still believe that open government is best.

Relay for Life meeting today

Preparations continue for Relay For Life which kicks off Friday at 6 p.m. and continues until 10 a.m. Saturday.

Captains for the Scurry County Relay for Life will turn in donations this evening between 5:30 and 7:30 at West Texas State Bank.

Captains also will take delivery of the event T-shirts for their teams. Ann Everett, Relay for Life team captain chairperson, said that the waiver sheet that was signed by each team member also should be turned in at this time.

Cancer survivors wishing to participate in the Survivors' Lap of Hope and Victory that will kick off the event Friday. Any survivors who have not registered with Janet Wesson are encouraged to do so.

Luminaries that will be lit during a special ceremony at the Relay for Life may also be purchased Tuesday evening.

The luminaries can be purchased for a minimum donation of $5 to honor someone who is battling cancer, or who has survived the battle, or in memory of someone who has been lost to cancer.

The donor's name and the names of those they are honoring will be read during this solemn ceremony at 10 p.m. Friday at Tiger Stadium.

Following the cancer survivors' lap, the participants are invited to a reception honoring them in their struggle with cancer.

Participants in the relay take turns walking or running the track overnight in an effort to fight cancer and raise awareness.

The message of Relay For Life is that cancer can be conquered. The theme of hope is ignited as the ceremony begins with the cancer survivors' lap. Each survivor is introduced by name and the length of time each has been cancer free.

Relay for Life is held overnight to emphasize that cancer never rests, and people should not rest in their quest for a cure. Teams will camp out, eat, play games and participate in carnival-type activities.

Two auctions are also planned. The silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. and the regular auction at 8 p.m. Numerous live auction items will be sold including artwork and sports memorabilia.

West Texas State Bank donated a quilt to be sold at the auction and an anonymous artist has donated an afghan. Other items are art objects by Theresa Martin of Lubbock including sculpture using bronze, wood, and pewter, as well as pencil drawings. Others are "Three donkeys," a colored wood statue; "The Roper," boy practicing with saddle on barrel, wood; and "Keepers," boys shooting marbles on barrel, wood; a rabbit, Texas horned toad and mule, all made of pewter.

Another is "Texas Horned Toad," two pencil drawings with a pewter horned toad on frame glass.

Also included in the live auction will be the State of Texas Capitol Ornaments collectible series presented by the State Preservation Board beginning with 1996 through 2001.

Other items include a DVD player, New Holland toy tractor, an exact replica of the real thing; a computer desk chair, Precious Moments Seraphim angle statue entitled "Embrace Life," quail art prints by Tom Sander, signed and numbered; art depicting Texas flag and Alamo by Billy Jo Jays, numerous quilts, afghans, one dozen Titleist golf balls, hand painted China including "Texas Santa," "Birds in Blackberry Bush;" Texas Tech basketballs signed by Bob Knight and Marsha Sharp; and a football signed by the Arizona Cardinals team, coached Dave McGinnis, former Snyder resident

Silent auction items include gift certificates from area businesses, silver type necklaces and bracelet, cellular phone cover and bag, cellular phone charger, collectable metal banks, 2002-2003 Almanac, Texas road map, and a halogen light.

Siblings confess to killing

LEWISVILLE (AP) — The body of a 6-year-old boy was found buried in mud early today with a puncture wound to the neck, and his brother and sister confessed to his killing, authorities said.

Jackson Carr's 15-year-old sister led police to the shallow grave in a wooded area after hours of searching, police said. She and her 10-year-old brother were charged with murder and were being held at a juvenile detention center.

Sgt. Richard Douglas said the 10-year-old confessed to holding his brother down during the killing.

The 6-year-old's body was found about 100 feet from his family's home. Police were still investigating the cause of death and motive.

The boy was reported missing Monday evening.

Receptions planned for Duncan and Campbell

An informal get-acquainted reception for State Sen. Robert Duncan will be held Thursday at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus.

Sen. Duncan, who represents District 28 — which now includes Scurry County — was recently unopposed in his bid for re-election. Duncan is a Republican.

Duncan, a Lubbock attorney, will be making his first official visit to Snyder.

Next Tuesday, a similar function will be held for Scott Campbell of San Angelo at the museum.

Campbell, a rancher and publisher of a ranch real estate magazine, won the Republican nomination for state representative for District 72.

This get-together will start at 10 a.m.

ASK US

Q—Has the rabies vaccination day been set this year?

A—Yes. It is scheduled at the coliseum April 27.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 90 degrees; low, 60; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2002, 5.67 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low 55-60, S winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, sunny, breezy, high in upper 80s, S winds 15-25 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, low around 60.

Meagen Robbins
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:13 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.
Of 105 days in 2002, the sun has shone 100 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

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

—Helen Keller

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Political opponent of slain Kentucky sheriff arrested

SOMERSET, Ky. (AP) — They were part of what seemed to be a simple campaign for sheriff in a sparsely populated Kentucky county: An ambitious young candidate and two followers who had their sights set on an upcoming primary.

But authorities said the campaign turned deadly when the trio allegedly carried out a plot to kill Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron, who was assassinated in a sniper-style shooting at a political rally over the weekend.

On Monday, candidate Jeff Morris, 34, and Kenneth White, 54, were charged with complicity to murder. A third man, Danny Shelley, 30, was charged with pulling the trigger at the rally and fish fry in front of more than 300 people.

Authorities said the campaign tied the three together. Shelley was one of two witnesses who signed candidate filing papers for Morris, while White had helped Morris' campaign as a grassroots worker.

"I think it's safe to say it's political," Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Eddy Montgomery told the Lexington Herald-Leader in today's editions.

Shelley was apprehended following the shooting after wrecking a motorcycle registered to Morris, who would have faced Catron in the May 28 Republican primary. Shelley's lawyer entered an innocent plea to a capital murder charge Monday.

All three men, who were being held without bond, could face the death penalty if convicted, said Montgomery.

"Complicity to commit murder carries the same penalty as the murder itself," Montgomery said at a news conference Monday.

There was no answer at Morris' home Monday and it wasn't immediately known if he had an attorney. White and Morris were scheduled to be arraigned Friday.

Morris was Catron's deputy from 1996 to July 2001, said Jim McWhorter, the chief deputy sworn in as sheriff.

McWhorter told The Courier-Journal of Louisville that Morris resigned after he was called into Catron's office for a disciplinary reason. He said Morris would not have been fired over the issue, which he described as an "internal matter" but wouldn't elaborate. He said Morris chose to resign.

John Nelson, a Somerset resident who often carpooled with Morris, told the newspaper that Morris was determined to unseat Catron as sheriff from the day he resigned as deputy. "He said he would be sheriff when Sammy got out," Nelson said. "He said he wanted it so bad. That's all he talked about."

Catron, 48, had been sheriff of the south-central Kentucky county since 1985.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
6-25-31-33-35

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-7-6

TAAS Pep Rally

West Elementary students will take TAAS tests today and Wednesday. Students and faculty held a pep rally Friday afternoon to encourage students to do their best. Ed McAnally, principal, (top left photo) introduced Mayor Francene Noah who told the students that on the first day each would be given a City of Snyder pin to wear while they took the tests. Some students (bottom left photo) also performed a cheer routine. Judy Brown (top right photo), music director, lead the school singing.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Busing for desegregation ends for Dayton, Ohio schools

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The image is engraved in Gail Littlejohn's memory — children huddled at school bus stops waiting to be picked up for a cross-town trip, while their mothers sit in cars watching to make sure they get off safely.

"That's the past of Dayton," said Littlejohn, president of the Board of Education. "Now, what we hope that we're going to see is kids walking to school in the morning."

Littlejohn's vision is for children to attend their neighborhood schools instead of being sent across town to achieve racial balance. She said it makes little sense to use busing for desegregation given that nearly three of every four students here are black.

On Monday, U.S. District Court Judge Walter Rice lifted an order that had resulted in more than 25 years of busing for integration. School officials said they will start phasing out the practice in the fall.

The district of 20,800 students was the only system in Ohio still operating under a desegregation order.

The 1976 court order, which arose from a 1972 lawsuit by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the racial mix in each school must be within 15 percent of the city's mix.

In February 2001, the school board asked Rice to lift the order, saying demographics had changed and that moving students across town served little purpose. But the NAACP said children still suffer from the effects of years of segregation.

Negotiations stalled in December. Rice then appointed Central State University President John Garland as mediator.

The parties reached a settlement over the weekend, in time for Monday's deadline to avoid a trial.

Under the agreement, the city will spend $30 million to $35 million over the next five years on programs to improve academic achievement. The NAACP had originally wanted nearly $100 million.

The city also will receive $32.3 million from the state. Ohio was a co-defendant in the lawsuit and has been helping Dayton cover busing costs.

Berry's World

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Brownie pie is for someone special

Take a brownie mix, a prepared pie crust, some chocolate morsels, a little icing, California figs and a big dose of "I love you," and you have all the makings for a truly special-occasion dessert. It's so easy and so much fun, kids and adults alike will enjoy making this brownie-fig pie with chocolate frosting. Chunks of chewy, moist, flavorful California Dried Figs help set this brownie pie apart from all the rest.

From Mother's Day to Father's Day to a special birthday or anniversary, this simple dessert delivers a tasty message from the heart.

Five to six California dried figs provide approximately 5 grams of dietary fiber or 20 percent of your daily value along with a healthy dose of iron, calcium and potassium. The golden, slightly nutty flavored Calimyrnas and the deep purple, richly flavored Missions can be used interchangeably in dishes ranging from appetizers to desserts. Here are some tips from the California fig experts.

• Keep dried figs handy for a quick, nutritious snack. Figs are rich in health-promoting antioxidants, complex carbohydrates and dietary fiber and a wealth of essential minerals.

• Add chopped figs to rice, couscous, orzo, pilaf and other pastas and grains to give a sweet twist to an everyday side dish.

• Make chopping figs easy by frequently dipping the knife in hot water.

• Poach figs in juice, water, a fruity red wine, port or sherry. Include spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice or cardamom. Delicious when combined wit apples, pears, peaches or apricots.

• Store figs in the refrigerator after opening for optimum freshness.

• Sprinkle chopped figs on hot or cold cereal.

SHOW YOUR LOVE —Rack up the brownie points when you show your love with this delicious brownie-fig pie.

"I LOVE YOU" BROWNIE-FIG PIE

1 refrigerated pie crust
1 package (19- to 21-oz.) fudge brownie mix
½ cup vegetable oil
2 large eggs
¼ cup water
1 cup chopped figs, stems removed
½ cup chopped, toasted walnuts, pecans or other nuts (optional)
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
White decorating icing, fit with writing tip

Preheat oven to 350F. Unfold crust and press into 9-inch pie plate. Fold excess crust under and press together to form edge. In bowl, stir brownie mix, oil, eggs and water until well blended. Stir in figs and nuts. Spoon 3 cups batter into crust. Spoon any remaining batter into greased or paper-lined muffin pan cups. Bake muffins 20 to 25 minutes; bake pie 45 to 50 minutes, until pick inserted in center comes out almost clean (cover edge of crust with foil after 20 minutes). Cool on rack.

For topping, place chocolate chips in glass measuring cup; heat in microwave oven on high (100%) power 1 minute. Stir. Repeat heating and stirring at 20 second intervals until melted. Spread over pie and cupcakes. Cool. With decorator icing write "I Love You" or other message on pie. Makes 1 pie (about 10 servings) and up to 3 or 4 cupcakes.

For free recipes, contact Valley Fig Growers at P.O. Box 1987, Fresno, CA 93718-1987 or via the Internet at www.valleyfig.com.

Recognize warning signs of stroke

Stroke is the third leading killer in the U.S., just behind heart disease and cancer. Despite the fact that more than half of all strokes are preventable through education and simple lifestyle changes, the incidence of stroke has remained relatively steady for the past several years. According to the American Stroke Association, about 600,000 Americans suffer a stroke each year, and the effects on the survivors, their families and loved ones can be devastating.

In order to help reverse this disturbing trend, Atlantic Health System's NeuroScience Institute and the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, have designed a Virtual Stroke Center CD-ROM. The interactive CD-ROM is easy to use and understand for people of all ages, and is fast becoming an indispensable tool in preventing stroke through education and heightened awareness. People are familiar with the word "stroke," but when it comes down to those crucial first minutes of danger, most people ignore, or fail to recognize, the symptoms.

The following are stroke warning signs:

–Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body;

–Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding;

–Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes;

–Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and

–Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

As a leading cause of severe, long-term disability, stroke is a devastating event not only for the survivor but for family and friends as well.

"There's never been anything like this CD before," says Dr. Richard Hodosh, renowned neurosurgeon and medical director, Atlantic Neuroscience Institute. "It takes you through each and every aspect of not only surviving a stroke but more importantly, how to prevent a stroke. There are warning signs and risk factors associated with stroke prevention that everyone should be aware of. All of that information is on the CD. There's even a special 'Kids Only' section where young children can learn about what a family member might be going through and understand how a stroke has affected them."

With stimulating graphics and a gentle voice, the Virtual Stroke Center CD-ROM takes the user on a guided virtual tour exploring everything from the causes of stroke to diagnostic testing, surgery, rehabilitation, risk factors, drug therapies and more.

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

Cosmorama Study Club; will visit Fran Farmer's Design Group; hostesses, Pat Floyd and Marge Mathis; 3:45 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 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 5731141; 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.

Alan Celoria

Celoria is new associate pastor First Baptist

Alan Celoria began Sunday in his new position of associate pastor of worship and music at First Baptist Church.

Alan and his wife, Jan, have five grown children and three sons are also in the ministry.

He and his family have served in evangelism and music ministry for 23 years in churches in several states.

He comes to Snyder from serving as pastor in Colorado for two years.

After graduating high school in Jacksonville, Fla., he attended Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., earning a bachelor's degree in church music in 1969; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans 1969-1970; and received his master of music degree from the University of Southern Missouri in Hattiesburg in 1972.

He served a minister of music in Georgia, Florida, New Mexico and Tennessee.

He served as music evangelist with Alan Celoria Evangelistic Association Inc. in Smithdale, Mo., and the Rick Scarborough Ministries in Mobile, Ala. Celoria has served as staff evangelist for churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, Florida, and Oklahoma City.

He last served as pastor of the Wray Southern Baptist Church in Wray, Colo.

Celoria has served as secretary-treasurer, vice president and president of the Conference of Mississippi Baptist Evangelists. He was named in Who's Who in Mississippi in the 1990 edition.

Ronda Haire, choir instructor at Snyder High School, has been filling in as choir director.

Scores didn't add up

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Something just didn't add up after the Iowa State Math Championship.

Hours after finishing third behind Iowa City High and Cedar Falls at the contest at the University of Northern Iowa on Saturday, the West High School team returned to Iowa City to recheck its scores.

Coach Joy Walker said it is something the team routinely does.

"Our kids like to talk math," Walker said. "When we got back, we thought we'd take a peek and see how things added up."

Good thing they did. There was a 60-point scoring error, which meant that West and not City was the champion. Cedar Falls finished third.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North ♠ K 6 3 ♥ K J ♦ 7 6 4 2 ♣ Q J 10 7	04-16-02
West ♠ J 10 9 8 ♥ 7 6 5 4 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ K 6		East ♠ 7 5 2 ♥ 10 9 8 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ A 8 5 2
	South ♠ A Q 4 ♥ A Q 3 ♦ K Q 5 3 ♣ 9 4 3	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

More on thoughtful opening leads

By Phillip Alder

First, look at the West hand in the diagram. What would you lead after a simple auction to three no-trump?

Your opening salvo depends primarily upon the contract. If it is in no-trump, you often lead fourth-highest from your longest and strongest. However, there are several exceptions. First, if the longest suit contains no honor, lead a high card, not fourth-highest. If an opponent bid your longest suit, think three times before leading it (unless your holding is very strong). If partner bid, normally you should attack in that suit. (The last time I didn't do that, partner had opened one diamond, and I held a singleton diamond. After my club start, the contract made instead of going three down — vulnerable, too.)

In today's deal, there are two options: the spade jack and heart seven. Although your spade suit is stronger, length is usually more important against a no-trump contract. So, lead the heart seven.

Now let's look at matters from declarer's point of view. He starts with six top tricks: three spades and three hearts. He will probably attack diamonds, hoping East has ace-doubleton or -third, so that three more tricks can be established there to give him nine in all.

Here, South isn't so lucky, and if the defenders keep plugging away at hearts, they get two hearts, one diamond and two clubs to defeat the contract before declarer can reach home.

On a spade lead, however, only one defensive long card is established, and declarer wins the race, collecting three spades, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

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Videotape by teens gets rave reviews

SHELTON, Conn. (AP) — A videotape made by a group of teen-agers in Shelton and Ansonia is getting rave reviews — from police.

The teens taped themselves committing a series of burglaries, and commenting on the crimes, police said.

"On the tape they identify each other by name and talk about what building they are going to rob next," Detective Sgt. Michael Madden said. "They would be filming themselves driving to each location and saying, 'We are going to do our robbin' here.'"

Police obtained the tape from an informant. It solves eight burglaries in Shelton and others in Ansonia, Madden said.

William Stakum, 19, of Shelton, was arrested and charged with burglary, larceny, and criminal mischief in the first degree.

He confessed, Madden said.

"He really didn't have much choice after seeing the film," he said.

More arrests are expected.

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—James Garfield

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Is He coming?

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Jesus told this story to talk about being prepared for his return. In Matthew 25:13 Jesus shares the point of the story at the end, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." Jesus is coming again. The day or hour of his return is known by no one except the Father, Jesus said in Matthew 24: 36. Attempts at pinpointing the time of his return are always futile. What is needed is an attitude of readiness. When Jesus comes, it will then be too late to prepare. That is the point of the story Jesus told in Matthew 25.

The apostle Peter writes in II Peter 3 that some will make fun of the idea that Jesus is coming again. "Where is the promise of his coming?" That is what Peter says they will say, II Peter 3: 4. They will go on, Peter writes, to argue that the sun comes up every morning. Everything goes on as it always has. It is a powerful argument that appeals to people. But it leaves out one factor. It leaves out God. And Peter writes that we forget that the world exists by the power of the word of God. He spoke it into existence. The world in ancient times was flooded at the word of God. What's his point? The same "word" is able to call things as we know them to an end. Jesus is coming again. This is the promise of God. He is coming. Am I ready?

Dale Huff

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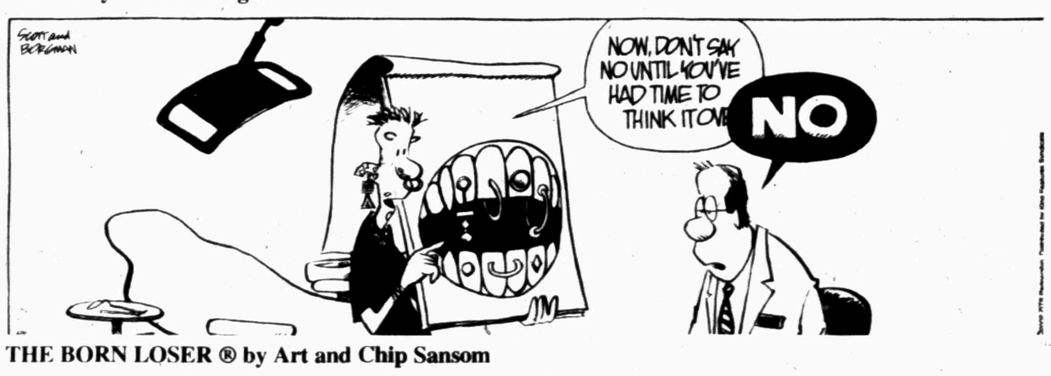

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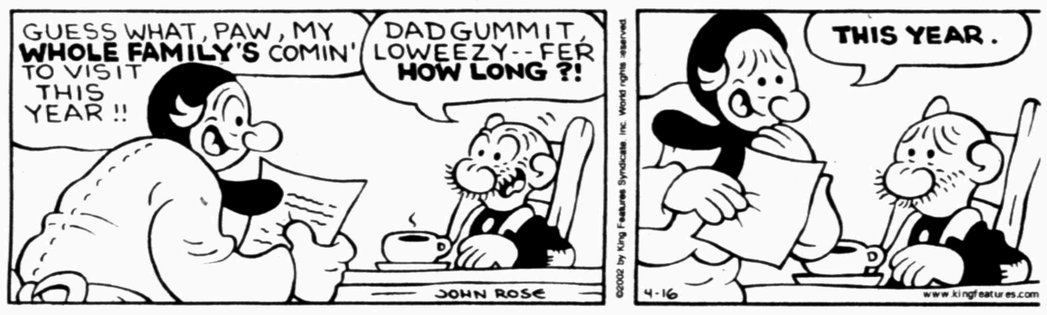

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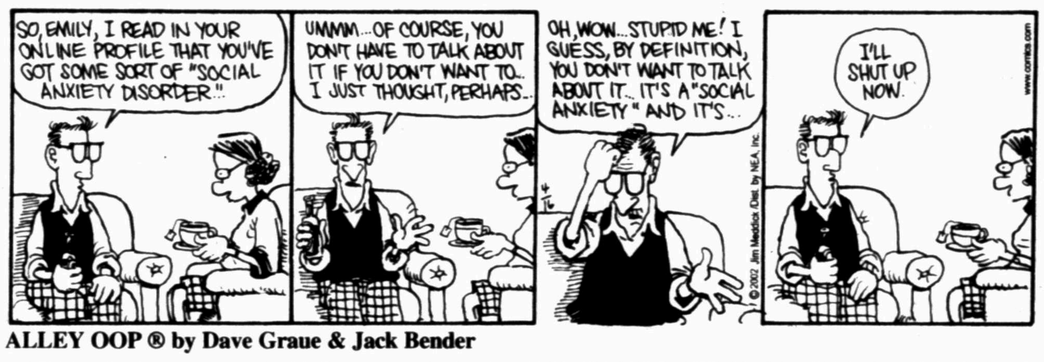

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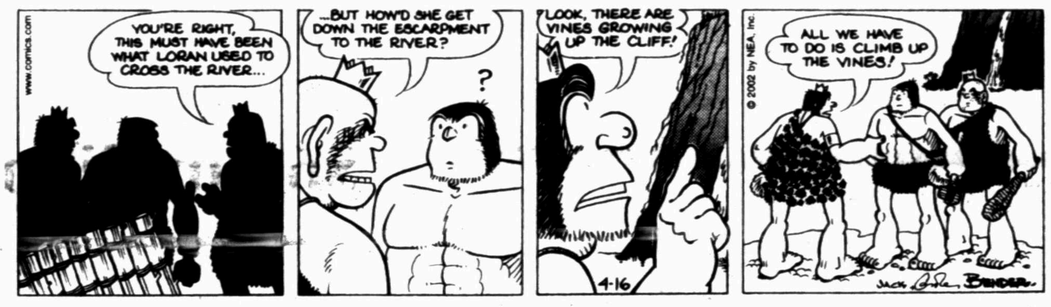

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ACROSS

1 Stimpy's buddy
4 Conceal
8 Top seed's reward
11 Notre Dame sight
12 Mo. bill
13 Flat broke
14 Take a gander
15 Jumble
16 Mantra chanter
17 Win over
19 Motorist's org.
21 Cold — — icicle
22 Crazy about
25 Did an experiment
29 Gladiator's hello
31 Osprey kin
34 Comic-strip caveman
35 Keats' works
36 Not dull
37 Memo acronym
38 Fleming and Smith
39 House shader
40 Scoundrel
42 Gentle exercise
44 Trouser part
47 Popeye's Olive —
49 Traveling show
51 Duck's feet
54 West Coast sch.
56 XXI times C
57 "—, right!"
58 Benefit
59 MPG monitor
60 Approves
61 Custard base
62 Worker ID

DOWN

1 Mount
2 Actress Verdugo
3 Must have
4 Kind
5 Road for Caesar
6 Bad-mouth, slangily
7 Joy Adamson lioness
8 Glamorous wrap
9 — Kippur
10 Hurler's stat
13 Strategy
18 Devoured
20 Come to the rescue
23 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
24 Stove part
26 Lobby furnishing
27 Playthings
28 "Beowulf", e.g.
30 Curly letter
31 Barely make ends meet
32 Feel sure of
33 "Nautilus" captain
35 Fuel tanker
40 Light beam
41 Most Hindus
43 Mild expletive
45 High points
46 Childhood malady
48 Grease job
49 Plug up
50 Go over quickly
51 Mont. neighbor
52 Cartoon shriek
53 — -relief
55 Gear tooth

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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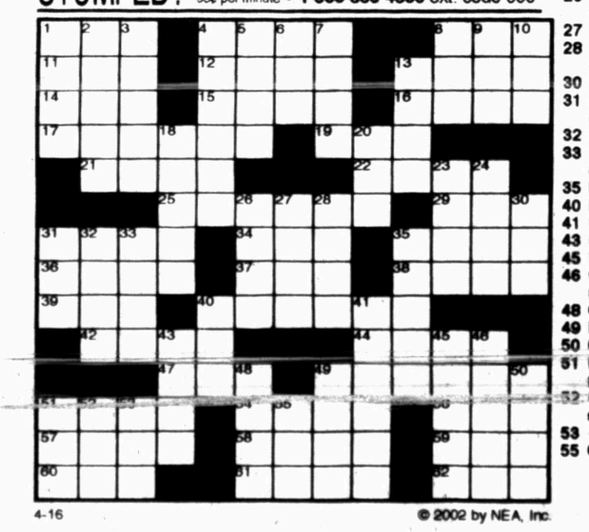

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SPORTS

Tigers open road trip at Big Spring

The Snyder Tigers already have a playoff spot in the bag. Now they set their sights on the district title.

Snyder (9-1, 21-7-1) tries to retain its spot atop the District 4-4A standings when it travels to Big Spring (4-6, 7-15) today for a 4 o'clock meeting with the upset-minded Steers.

It was Big Spring that knocked off Andrews on Friday, allowing the Tigers to grab sole possession of the district lead by virtue of their extra-inning victory over Frenship.

There's no doubt the Steers would like to turn in a similar performance today.

"They had to play well to beat Andrews, and we know they'll be trying to knock us off also," said SHS skipper Roland Herrera. "We have to be mentally prepared to play a tough ballgame. Big Spring is never an easy place to play."

The Tigers clinched a playoff spot with their win over Frenship, but now face a stretch of three consecutive road games before closing out the regular season April 26 at home against Andrews.

"That's just the way the schedule worked out," said Herrera. "We don't get to play at home for a while, but it's still baseball no matter where you play it. If we play like we're capable of playing, we should be in good shape."

Like the SHS boys, the Lady Tiger softball team is on the road today for a 6 o'clock meeting at Plainview.

The Lady Tigers were mathematically eliminated from the playoffs on Friday, despite a 29-1 rout of Estacado in which Amber Alexander and Jacque Alvarez both homered.

"We want to finish strong," said Lady Tiger coach Shelly Hayes. "We can't let down now. We are going to do everything we can to finish the season on a good note."

The Lady Tigers wrap up the season Friday when they host Andrews at 7:30 at Cates Field.

The Class A Ira Bulldogs are the only local team in action at home this evening when they host Loraine at 5 o'clock.

A victory would give Ira an unblemished 3-0 mark through the first half district play.

"A win today would be really big for us," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We would be 3-0 with our next game against Roby. If we play like we have been lately, then I like our chances tonight."

4-4A Baseball	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	9	1	21	7
Frenship	8	2	18	6
Andrews	8	2	15	4
Big Spring	4	6	7	15
Estacado	4	6	8	13
Levelland	3	7	7	16
Lake View	3	7	8	14
Plainview	1	9	8	16

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

IRA THINCLADS — Ira sent nine competitors to the area track meet over the weekend, with seven earning trips to the regional meet. Competing at the area meet were, front from left, Kali Clements, Lindsey Wilson, Michelle Nettles and Lacie Thompson. On the back row are Coach Toby Goodwin, Eric Dickerhoff, Nathan Smith, Jake Barnes, Bryson Higgins and Jess Wall. (Contributed Photo)

Ira runners advance to regionals

Seven Ira High School tracksters advanced to the next level after posting top finishes at Saturday's area track and field meet in Abilene.

Lindsey Wilson paced Ira with a first-place leap of five feet in the high jump. Michelle Nettles also advanced by capturing third place in the long jump and triple jump.

For the Bulldogs, Jake Barnes' toss of 43-10 earned him second place in the shot put, while Bryson Higgins was runner-up in the 200-meter dash.

The Bulldogs' 4x100 relay team of Jess Wall, Eric Dickerhoff, Nathan Smith and Higgins took third.

Dickerhoff was fourth in the triple jump, as was Wall in the 400.

The regional meet is slated for April 26-27 at Abilene.

Rangers bow to Mariners in extra innings

ARLINGTON (AP) — Even the Seattle Mariners can't believe the ways they are winning close games.

Mark McLemore made up for a ninth-inning error with a two-run single in the 10th to send Seattle to a 13-11 win over the Texas Rangers on Monday night, extending the Mariners' winning streak to eight.

The Mariners swept the four-game series, coming from behind in the final three games.

"The whole series was unbelievable, especially the way we kept coming back," said Seattle second baseman Bret Boone, the only Seattle starter without a hit Monday night. "This is a great start for us."

The normally sure-handed McLemore surprised manager Lou Piniella.

"I've never seen Mac do that," Piniella said. "He normally has great hands. But he was able to make up for it with that single."

McLemore's hit off Dan Miceli (0-2) came after the reliever loaded the bases on two walks and a single.

Seattle, which overcame home runs by Alex Rodriguez and Carl Everett, has won all eight games on the road during its streak. Last year, the Mariners set an AL record with 59 road wins.

Desi Relaford homered and drove in four runs for Seattle, McLemore had three RBIs and Mike Cameron homered. Rangers pitchers walked 10 and each team used six pitchers.

"That was just a wild game, but we got a win out of it," Piniella said. "Both bullpens are pretty well spent. "

Texas, which outhit Seattle 16-15, had tied it at 11 in the ninth after McLemore dropped Kevin Mench's liner to left for a two-base error. Mench took third on Hank Blalock's sacrifice and scored on pinch-hitter Mike Lamb's sacrifice fly.

Ruben Sierra walked in the 10th, Carlos Guillen singled and Ben Davis walked to load the bases for McLemore, who played for the Rangers from 1995-99.

After blowing his first save opportunity in the ninth, Kazuhiro Sasaki (1-0) got the victory despite allowing the unearned run. Shigetoshi Hasegawa got three outs for his first save.

Seattle had gone ahead 11-10 in the ninth with the help of John Rocker's throwing error. Dan Wilson led off with a single, and Rocker overthrew first base on McLemore's bunt, allowing pinch-runner Charles Gipson to move to third. After Suzuki was walked intentionally, Relaford's sacrifice fly drove in the tying run.

Texas starter Dave Burba gave up six runs and seven hits in five-plus innings, and Seattle starter James Baldwin allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

The Texas relievers continue to struggle, allowing 15 runs in 10 1-3 innings over the last three games to raise the bullpen's ERA from 5.76 to 7.65.

Texas' 3-10 start is its worst since going 2-11 in 1987.

"It's frustrating," said Texas' Frank Catalanotto. "The Mariners are a good team. It seems like they get some breaks and take advantage of them. I'm getting tired of saying we're not getting the breaks."

Carr close to signing $60 million contract

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans are close to signing Fresno State quarterback David Carr to a seven-year contract that would pay him $60 million if he reaches all incentives, a football source said.

The NFL is looking at the contract but had not yet given its approval early today, the source said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Carr's agent, Mike Sullivan, who also negotiated quarterback Michael Vick's contract with the Atlanta Falcons last year, was returning to Texas to get the final details of the contract ironed out, the Houston Chronicle and KRIV-TV of Houston reported Monday night.

Carr would earn $45 million as a salary base over the seven years and that could increase to $60 million if he meets all incentives.

Carr would be paid $16 million in the first three years of the deal, the most in NFL history for a player in the first three years of a contract.

Vick, selected by the Falcons with the top pick in last year's draft, will make $15.3 million in his first three years. Vick signed an eight-year, $62 million deal with the Falcons.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
The Shack	151.5	86.5
Anadarko	139.5	98.5
Blue Sunoco	131.5	106.5
Patterson Drilling	131.5	106.5
Snyder Brick	122	116
Timely Finance	121.5	116.5
Cutting Edge	116.5	121.5
Snyder Iron	115	123
Rogers Backhoe	115	123
YZ Systems	103.5	134.5
NAPA Auto Parts	102.5	135.5
WTP Energy	78	160

High series: Jeff Smith, scratch, 568; Jeff Kellner, handicap, 693.

High game: Mike Logan, scratch, 234; Stacey Browning and Roger Pavlik, handicap, 249.

Splits and special mentions: Dewey Farley, 5-6-10; Harold Kornegay, 4-5-7.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Stone Welding	38	14
Snyder Iron & Metal	37	15
Leatherwood's	32	20
Collision Specialists	30.5	21.5
Bluebonnet Farms	28	24
Timely Finance	25	27
Goobers	24.5	27.5
Countryplace	23.5	28.5
YZ Systems	19.5	32.5
Renegades	18.5	33.5
Team 10	18.5	33.5
BCEC	17	35

High series: Scratch: Jeff Smith, 598; Cindy Aikin, 521. Handicap: Jeff Smith, 649; Cindy Aikin, 650.

High game: Scratch: Jeff Smith, 234; Cindy Aikin, 216. Handicap: Jeff Smith, 251; Cindy Aikin, 259.

Sports Briefs

WTC athletic fundraiser

The Harlem Entertainers basketball team will take on several local teams at 7 o'clock today at the SHS gym. The event is a fundraiser sponsored by the WTC Athletic Committee.

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

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

Pro-Am golf tournament

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

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

WTC Men's Golf Association

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

SCGA weekly events

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

Sunday couples tournament

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

Girls basketball camp scheduled

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

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

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	5	.615	—
Florida	6	6	.500	1½
Montreal	6	7	.462	2
Philadelphia	6	7	.462	2
Atlanta	6	8	.429	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	8	5	.615	—
Cincinnati	7	5	.583	½
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583	½
Chicago	5	7	.417	2½
Houston	5	7	.417	2½
Milwaukee	3	10	.231	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	9	4	.692	—
Arizona	9	5	.643	½
Los Angeles	7	6	.538	2
San Diego	7	6	.538	2
Colorado	4	10	.286	5½

Monday's Games

Chicago Cubs 6, Montreal 4
Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 6, 12 innings
Los Angeles 5, Colorado 2
Arizona 14, St. Louis 5
San Diego 4, San Francisco 3

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-2) at Montreal (Yoshii 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 1-0) at Florida (Penny 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Mlicki 0-2) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-1) at Milwaukee (Neugebauer 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 1-0) at Colorado (Jennings 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
St. Louis (B.Smith 0-0) at Arizona (Johnson 3-0), 9:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 0-1) at San Diego (Tomko 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Maddux 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 2-0) at Colorado (Hampton 0-3), 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 3-0) at Arizona (Schilling 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-1) at Montreal (Ohka 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 1-0) at Florida (Tavarez 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 0-2) at Cincinnati (Haynes 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ainsworth 1-0) at San Diego (Jarvis 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	7	4	.636	—
New York	8	6	.571	½
Toronto	6	6	.500	1½
Tampa Bay	5	6	.455	2
Baltimore	3	9	.250	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	11	1	.917	—
Minnesota	8	5	.615	3½
Chicago	7	5	.583	4
Kansas City	4	6	.400	6
Detroit	0	11	.000	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	11	3	.786	—
Oakland	8	5	.615	2½
Anaheim	4	8	.333	6
Texas	3	10	.231	7½

Monday's Games

Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Chicago White Sox 13, Baltimore 4
Seattle 13, Texas 11, 10 innings

Tuesday's Games

Boston (F.Castillo 0-0) at Toronto (Lyon 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (James 0-0) at Detroit (Lima 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 0-2) at Minnesota (Reed 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Rauch 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 2-0) at Anaheim (Sele 0-2), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 1-2) at Oakland (Lidle 0-2), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston (Oliver 1-0) at Toronto (Eyre 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 0-1) at Detroit (Redman 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 2-0) at Minnesota (Radke 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Baez 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 0-2) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 1-1) at Oakland (Mulder 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New Jersey	51	29	.638	—
x-Boston	48	33	.593	3½
x-Orlando	43	37	.538	8
x-Philadelphia	43	38	.531	8½
Washington	36	45	.444	15½
Miami	35	45	.438	16
New York	30	50	.375	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Detroit	48	32	.600	—
x-Charlotte	42	38	.525	6
Toronto	41	39	.513	7
Milwaukee	40	40	.500	8
Indiana	40	40	.500	8
Atlanta	33	47	.413	15
Cleveland	29	51	.363	19
Chicago	21	60	.259	27½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	56	24	.700	—
x-Dallas	56	24	.700	—
x-Minnesota	49	32	.605	7½
x-Utah	44	36	.550	12
Houston	28	52	.350	28
Denver	26	54	.325	30
Memphis	23	57	.288	33

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Sacramento	60	20	.750	—
x-L.A. Lakers	57	24	.704	3½
x-Portland	48	33	.593	12½
x-Seattle	44	37	.543	16½
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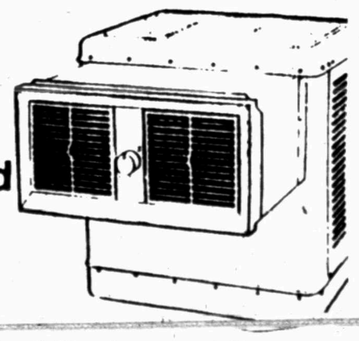
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Bush's order Monday came in the wake of new questions about the death of Deputy Patrick Behan: Two teens confessed to the crime and were convicted, but they say their confessions were coerced and a former county detention officer recently told undercover officers he did the killing.

Bush told the FDLE to review the entire case, from the initial investigation to the arrests and convictions of Tim Brown and Keith King to the sheriff's office undercover operation that caught former detention deputy Andrew Johnson on tape claiming he killed Behan.

The governor gave the agency 45 days to report its findings, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale reported for today editions. He said the questions in the case are "sufficient to require an additional factual inquiry or investigation."

Johnson, 32, denies he shot Behan. Sheriff's detectives say they have insufficient evidence to charge him.

Brown, one of the teens convicted in the shooting, is now 26 and is serving a life sentence. King, now 28, was released after completing a reduced sentence in December 1999.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

'X-Files' wraps up final season

"The X-Files," a staple in Fox's lineup for nine years, is inching toward its series finale, and many questions remain: Is Scully's baby a killing machine? Where is Mulder? And why the heck is Earth such hot real estate property for hostile aliens?

We'll have to wait for the final episode to find out the answers to those questions, but Robert Patrick, a.k.a. Special Agent John Doggett, took a break from filming to answer my questions, which I'll share in a brief departure from this column's usual Q&A format.

Before his two-year stint on "The X-Files," Patrick was best known as "the evil Terminator" in "Terminator 2: Judgment Day." He has enjoyed his first foray into the world of primetime drama, and he has grown to enjoy the regularity, which he describes as "like working in a factory." He feels that his role as John Doggett is just taking off, but "The X-Files" has been cruising for nearly a decade, and not everyone shares his sense of newness.

"I feel like we're just getting into the show, just getting rolling. Gillian [Anderson] feels differently, because she's spent one-third of her life doing this."

Patrick was cast to play Doggett after David Duchovney's departure, which left Scully in the role of a believer trying to convert her skeptical partner. It also sparked intense Internet debate over whether Patrick would be an adequate replacement.

Patrick and the writers approached the topic delicately. "[Doggett] was very respectful about the fact that Scully loved [Mulder], or had a fondness for him," he says. He wants fans to know that Doggett was never a threat to Mulder — and Patrick has not tried to replace Duchovney in fans' hearts.

One thing Doggett has in common with Mulder is a predilection for getting into situations that would send most people running for a nice, quiet closet. Patrick says the strangest thing that's ever happened to Doggett is getting shot, devoured by a shaman and regurgitated, good as new. "How do you maintain your skepticism?" he asks.

That's a good question — one fans no doubt scream at their televisions when Doggett gets mired in his rigid unwillingness to believe. Acting in the series requires just as powerful a suspension of disbelief as watching it, and sometimes, before a taping, Patrick says he asks himself, "Am I going to be able to do this, or am I going to get in my own way?"

Every episode involves weirdness of some kind — it is "The X-Files," after all — but Patrick's favorites are the ones that have his character dealing with his complete lack of control over his life. One such episode has Doggett as an amnesiac questioning his weight on the scale of good and evil. Another favorite is an upcoming episode that will bring closure to the disappearance of Doggett's son.

The last 17 years of Patrick's career have been what he calls "schizophrenic" — jumping one from one character to another — and he doesn't have any immediate plans for the future, but he hopes "The X-Files" will open other doors in television for him.

Now that the series, which went from cult hit to mainstream phenomenon, is wrapping up, what happens to Doggett, who was tossed into the deep end of a vast government conspiracy? Patrick has some ideas of his own.

He says, "I'd have Doggett return the keys to the office and say, 'Take it back — I don't want it.'"

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Districts and ADA hit with hefty legal fees

LUBBOCK (AP) — Attorneys who wrangled in courtrooms in two states to determine which Texas high school won the state academic decathlon title were the big money winners.

Pasadena and Lubbock school districts and the Texas Academic Decathlon Association, which oversees the competition, have shelled out more than $143,000 in legal fees — excluding travel costs — far more than the $1,200 scholarship money at stake for each of the nine winning team members.

The Pasadena school district, which first challenged the outcome of the state meet in early March when Lubbock High School was declared the winner, will pay attorneys' fees in excess of $75,000 in fighting for J. Frank Dobie High School's team, said Kirk Lewis, spokesman for the Houston-area district.

"I have no idea what the ultimate cost will be yet," he said Monday. "It was money that we felt was used in support of our students. We think it was a justified expense."

Dobie argued that scoring discrepancies cheated its team out of points and took its claim to court, while the Lubbock school district pursued legal avenues of its own.

For about two weeks the case bounced between trial and appellate courtrooms in Houston, Lubbock, Orange County, Calif., and Amarillo, before the Texas Supreme Court in Austin weighed in: the courts have no place in deciding these types of contested outcomes.

Lubbock ultimately was declared the winner and represented the state at the national competition last week, coming in fourth place overall.

Ultimately, Lubbock team members got $1,200 apiece for college; Dobie students got $800 each. The state group may allocate funds to give Dobie an equivalent amount because of the controversy, association spokesman Jimmy Wynn said last week.

The state association would have paid more than $18,000, but the organization's attorney agreed to charge just over half his hourly rate.

Lubbock's legal fees of more than $50,000 will come from reserve funds, Superintendent Jack Clemmons said.

"I feel like it was worth it," he said. "We had to defend our students and set a precedent for the future so that this will not occur again. We were not only fighting for the students of LISD but for the students of Texas."

Clemmons said a resolution will be presented to the school board at its April 25 meeting encouraging Pasadena to reimburse the state association, which is funded by membership fees from all participating school districts.

"(The association) doesn't have a budget for that," Lubbock school board president Bob Craig said of the legal dispute. "We feel it would be most unfortunate and unfair to other school districts to have to step forward and contribute or pay their share of the association's attorney's fees" for the actions of one district.

Another resolution will seek reimbursement of Lubbock's legal fees from Pasadena.

"I don't think we're going to get restitution from either resolution, but it will make us feel better as an administrative team and board that we have requested that they pay for them," Clemmons said.

Craig agreed that recouping money from Pasadena may not be realistic.

"We do not need to continue to fight over this forever," he said. "You've got to be careful that you're not fanning the flames and keeping it going. If Pasadena refuses, other options may be available. We'll see what happens."

Big Game players snap up tickets

ATLANTA (AP) — The long odds didn't deter Glenn Gosselin in his quest for a $325 million lottery jackpot that is the second largest in U.S. history.

"If you don't have a ticket, your odds drop to zero," reasoned Gosselin, who bought a ticket at Neighborhood Food Store in Springfield, Mass., where the Big Game line wound from the cash register to the door.

Lottery players like Gosselin faced near-impossible odds heading into today's drawing. A dreamer looking to win Big Game lottery is 16 times more likely to get killed driving to the gas station to buy a ticket.

The odds of winning are 1 in 76 million.

"It's greed. Greed clouds good judgment," said Les Krantz, a probability expert who was busy calculating dozens of comparisons to show just how unlikely winning is. Nevertheless, he was holding a ticket himself.

The jackpot in the seven-state game played in Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey and Virginia climbed $25 million Monday after strong sales over the weekend.

By the time of the drawing, the prize could swell past the U.S. record of $363 million, split by two Big Game winners in 2000.

A single winner could take the cash over 26 years or accept a one-time $174 million payout — with at least one-third of that taken out for taxes, of course. Players must pick the payout option when buying the ticket.

Darryl Hutchinson was pondering the decision as he prepared to buy 10 tickets at a gas station in Roanoke, Va.

"I'd retire. I'd buy a house and maybe a fishing boat," he said.

Still, the odds are thousands of times higher that the Earth will be destroyed by a meteorite than that one of Hutchinson's tickets will be a winner, according to Krantz.

More perspective: A person's chance of being hit by lightning in a lifetime is 1 in 9,100 — more than 8,000 times more likely than being the next Big Game winner, Krantz said.

The jackpot has been growing since early February. Eighteen drawings in a row have been held without anyone hitting the jackpot.

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Reform Party splits as 8 party leaders disaffiliate

DENVER (AP) — The Reform Party, beset by infighting, suffered a split with the resignation of leaders in eight states who announced plans to form their own party.

About 30 members resigned Monday from the national committee, along with six of the 11 members of the party's executive committee, said national party treasurer Dan Charles, who lives in Boulder.

"My state chose to take this step to protect itself and its candidates from a dictatorial national chairman who seems bent on destroying the Reform Party," said Charles, who was the Colorado party's state chair.

Disaffiliating — while keeping their state parties intact — were party leaders in Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Illinois, Colorado, New Hampshire and Iowa, Charles said.

The Reform Party of Texas dissolved itself and will reorganize under a new name.

Charles said members were angry that national chairman Gerry Moan had taken away some of the authority of the national committee last month.

Other party leaders who remained behind welcomed the split.

"The people who are leaving caused the infighting. We're shedding the shackles of the poor planning and the misappropriation of funds in the last election. We're now going to get back to our agenda and the broad-based appeal this party once had," said national party spokeswoman Cherilyn Bacon of Irvine, Calif.

The party lists about 350,000 members nationwide. Bacon said the party lost hundreds of members because of the split.

Ross Perot founded the party and unsuccessfully ran for president in 1996. The Reform movement fielded two presidential candidates in 2000 — Patrick Buchanan and John Hagelin — because of party infighting.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman's candor about mental condition causes men to flee

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old woman who enjoys singing, crafts and working with children. I appear normal and I'm almost always pleasant. Why do I make that statement? Because I have a mental illness, and there is still a stigma. People sometimes feel uneasy when with me. While over the years the stigma has lessened, it still remains to some degree. I have been treated like a child, been the topic of gossip, lost friends in the church, and have been feared and ostracized because of my illness.

After a few dates with a man, I feel I must disclose that I have some emotional problems — including bipolar disorder. My date invariably reacts like he's trapped in the car with a rabid animal. Abby, I am NOT crazy, dangerous or contagious! The men I date don't have to be afraid of me. However, when the truth comes out, my gentlemen friends run like scared rabbits. It's very hurtful. I want to be treated with understanding and respect, not punished for an illness I didn't ask for.

How nice it would be to have a male friend who doesn't back away because of misinformation about mental disorders. Please ask your readers to give people with mental illness time to prove they are not monsters, just people who, for the most part, lead normal lives and have needs, wishes and feelings like everyone else. — **HOPEFUL IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR HOPEFUL: It is true that many people are still ignorant about mental illness, and therefore harbor stigmatizing attitudes about it. It's ironic because one of the most widely prescribed medications in this country is Prozac.

In your zeal to be up-front, it's possible that you are telling your male friends too soon about your bipolar disorder. It might be wiser to wait until they get to know you better before disclosing that fact — at which time you can recommend they read one or two excellent books about bipolar that are available in paperback: "An Unquiet Mind" by Kay Redfield Jamison and "A Brilliant Madness" by Patty Duke and Gloria Hochman. Both illustrate that, with treatment, a person with bipolar disorder can be productive and successful.

You are obviously intelligent and well-educated. You are in a unique position to educate others about mental illness — and if you do so, it will go a long way toward helping you to feel stronger and more self-confident.

A therapist recently told me about a patient who got her church to start a committee on mental health. Then she asked the minister to feature mental illness at one of his sermons in his "day of caring" series, which featured topics like homelessness and migrant workers. Before the sermon, she stood up in front of the congregation and shared her own succesful treatment story. The therapist attended the services, too, and was available to answer questions between services. What a noble way to use the pulpit — not only to educate the congregation, but also to advocate for enlightenment on a subject where not enough light has yet been reflected.

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DEAR ABBY: I had to smile when I read the letter from "Stephanie in Delaware," about how an unexpected compliment in her ninth-grade math class made a difference in her life. It brought back a memory from my school days back in the '50s.

By far the best compliment I ever received, and one I'll remember the rest of my life, was from my ninth-grade music teacher. He reached out one day and took hold of my ear, wiggled it gently and said, "Don't ever lose that ear — it's worth a million bucks!"

My teacher's name was Henry Brubeck (older brother of jazz great Dave Brubeck). — **DAVID S. OLSEN, LOMPOC, CALIF.**

DEAR DAVID: He not only had an ear for music, he had perfect pitch with words.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 17, 2002
You could find yourself involved in endeavors that will challenge your imagination and creativity in the year ahead. They'll stimulate your mental process and enhance your successes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may sense that something good is about to happen, but you don't know where, when, how or why. All that matters is that positive thinking can light a fuse. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The brilliant ideas you dream up can't come into being unless you implement them and allow them to flourish. It may be a risk, but the gamble could pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You will treat events philosophically, and thus you'll be able to make molehills out of mountains. This easygoing behavior will inspire success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — When it comes to competition, you're likely to come out the winner. Your resolve is the ace in the hole that gives you this edge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can be either rigid or flexible, depending upon how things are presented to you. No matter which is in play, you'll continue to be receptive and open-minded.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The quickest way to make a wish come true is to take matters in your own hands and make things happen. You have the ability to bring it into fruition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You realize that the key to getting along with others is to be cooperative. You'll set the example that even the most stubborn will follow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Take pride in your work, regardless of the insignificance of the job entrusted to you. You will catch the eye of the powers that be and be rewarded if you perform well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're not apt to take yourself or events too seriously, which proves that one is less likely to get wounded when he or she isn't pampering an ego. Smooth sailing is ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There's a possibility that financial opportunities could develop from two separate directions. The good news is that you'll be able to take advantage of both.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your charming demeanor is still operative. You will instinctively know how to assert yourself without offending anyone in the process.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — An unusual chain of events could open up a new pipeline that will produce many personal gains.

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Supreme Court Justice White loved the law

DENVER (AP) — Byron R. White, a Rhodes scholar and football hero who became one of the U.S. Supreme Court's longest-serving justices, was known for a quality that typified his stalwart role on the court: Bone-crushing handshakes.

"You had to squeeze back hard or he would hurt you," Justice Antonin Scalia recalled Monday. "I always thought that an apt symbol for his role on this court: He worked hard and well, and by doing so forced you to do the same."

White, appointed by President Kennedy but remembered as a law-and-order conservative who opposed much of the court's liberal 1960s agenda, died Monday of complications from pneumonia. He was 84.

President Bush recalled White as "a distinguished jurist who served his country with honor and dedication." Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist recalled White as a fine colleague and friend.

"He came as close as anyone I have known to meriting Matthew Arnold's description of Sophocles: 'He saw life steadily and saw it whole,'" Rehnquist said Monday.

A football star as a young man, White served 31 years on the court before retiring in 1993. In the court's history, only eight justices served longer.

He grew up the tiny Colorado town of Wellington, graduated first in his class and was an All-American football player at the University of Colorado before going to England as a Rhodes scholar.

White received high honors at Yale law school, served in World War II and was known to a generation of sports fans as "Whizzer" White, once the best-paid player in the National Football League. White bristled at the nickname.

White had campaigned for Kennedy in Colorado and served as his deputy attorney general before the president asked him to serve on the high court in 1962 at age 44.

White went on to mark his independence from Kennedy's brand of liberalism, supporting civil rights laws but dissenting as the court moved to expand other rights and protections that White sometimes found troubling.

White dissented from the court's 1966 Miranda v. Arizona ruling that requires police to recite constitutional rights to those they arrest. He dissented again in the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide.

He voted to give federal courts broad powers to order racial desegregation of the nation's public schools, but he later opposed broad use of affirmative action to remedy past discrimination in employment.

Cancer claims actor Robert Urich, 55

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Television tough guy Robert Urich, an Emmy-winning actor best known for his starring roles in sleuth series such as "Vega$" and "Spenser: For Hire," died today of cancer. He was 55.

Urich died at a hospital in Thousand Oaks surrounded by family members and friends, publicist Cindy Guagenti said.

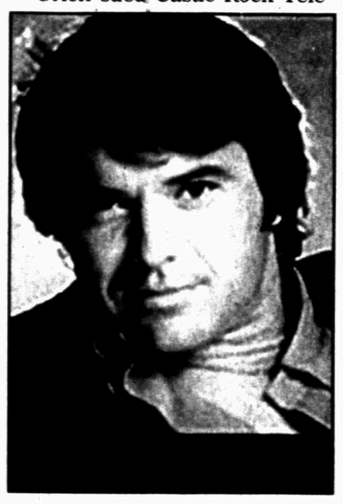
Urich announced in 1996 that he was suffering from synovial cell sarcoma, a rare cancer that attacks the body's joints. He underwent chemotherapy, radiation treatments and two operations in the mid-1990s to combat the cancer.

He earned his first television role in the 1973 comedy series "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice." He also appeared in the TV series "S.W.A.T" before being cast as Peter Campbell in "Soap."

One of Urich's most recognizable roles came as private detective Dan Tanna in "Vega$," which ran on ABC from 1978 to 1981. His knack for solving crimes led to the starring role in another ABC detective series "Spenser: For Hire," which was based on Robert Parker's novels. That series aired from 1985 to 1988.

More recently, Urich appeared as a wanderer suffering from amnesia in "The Lazarus Man," and a wise-cracking talent agent on the brief NBC sitcom "Emeril."

Urich sued Castle Rock Tele-



Robert Urich

vision, which produced "Lazarus Man," for nearly $1.5 million two years ago, claiming the show was canceled by the production company because he had cancer.

In July 1996, Urich told Castle Rock that he had cancer and would have to undergo treatment, but his lawsuit said he was able to perform under the agreement both parties signed. The breach of contract suit sought the amount, about $73,000 per episode, he would have received for the second season of "Lazarus Man."

Born in Toronto, Ohio, Urich won a football scholarship at Florida State University. He later earned a master's degree in broadcast research and management from Michigan State University.

Urich briefly worked in Chicago as a radio sales agent and a television meteorologist. Burt Reynolds helped Urich land his first major role, co-starring as his younger brother in a stage production of "The Rainmaker."

Urich appeared in several television miniseries and cable specials. He won an Emmy in 1992 for his narration of the cable documentary "U-Boats: Terror on Our Shores." That same year, he also won a Cable ACE award as host of the National Geographic series "On Assignment."

Other television credits include: "Crossroads," "Lonsome Dove," "Vital Signs," "It Had to Be You," and "The Love Boat: The Next Wave."

Among his film credits are starring roles in "Turk 182!" with Timothy Hutton and "Ice Pirates" with Anjelica Houston.

After his bout with cancer, Urich became highly active in cancer research, with he and his wife establishing the Heather and Robert Urich Fund for Sarcoma Research to accelerate the pace of research into sarcoma. Earlier this year, Urich donated the proceeds from his appearance on the game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" to a fund at the University of Michigan, where he was treated for cancer.

"Charge forward with hope and get the best medical advice you can," Urich urged an audience during a public speaking engagement last year in Wisconsin. "Talk to your friends, neighbors, family, and together you attack it. We can't always control what happens to us, but we can always control how we react to it."

He is survived by his wife; three children, Allison, Ryan and Emily; two brothers; a sister; and his mother.

A memorial service was scheduled for Friday in Los Angeles.

Dallas pastor challenges reassignment

DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of parishioners at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in East Dallas have turned to their beloved pastor in times of tribulation over the last 13 years.

More than 2,000 of the Rev. Stephen Bierschenk's flock rallied to his support during a candlelight vigil Monday night as he faced reassignment for not performing the required criminal background checks on church workers.

"This is going to rip the soul out of this church," said St. Thomas parishioner Sharon Beach. "It's going to be a horrible thing if they remove this man."

Bierschenk is the second area priest reassigned this month for not conducting criminal background checks as required under strict rules adopted after a sex scandal in the Dallas Diocese five years ago. The Rev. Efren Ortega, a priest for 12 years at St. James Catholic Church, was sent to another Dallas parish earlier this month.

"Obviously, the Diocese of Dallas and the two bishops believe they have the right to act with urgency in order to ensure the safety of the children of the parish," diocesan spokesman Bronson Havard said Monday.

Neither the priests nor the unchecked workers have been accused of sexual misconduct.

Bierschenk informed Dallas Bishop Charles V. Grahmann in a letter that he would fight his reassignment to the much smaller St. Michael Church in McKinney, about 30 miles north of Dallas.

"So many people have expressed anger and anguish," Bierschenk said. "They don't believe that (reassignment) is the way."

Members of the church first learned of their pastor's transfer during weekend masses. Many of them showed up for the Monday night vigil, waiting outside the church as Grahmann was inside presiding over the middle school's eighth-grade confirmation ceremony.

Some in the crowd hoisted candles and others held signs supporting Bierschenk, like some that read "If you won't listen to the children of God, who will you listen to?" and "one priest, 10,000 parishioners. Our priest has done an amazing job."

Organizers of the vigil asked parishioners to protest Bierschenk's transfer by not donating money or attending Sunday Mass.

"We're not saying don't be charitable," said one of the vigil's organizers, Frank LaBarba. "But we're saying save your money for awhile."

At the end of the confirmation, Bierschenk walked out of the church to cheers and applause of his supporters. As he received hug after hug and words of encouragement, Bierschenk's eyes filled with tears.

"I don't have a speech because you've made me cry already," he said after cheers of "We love Father B" died down. The vigil slowly ebbed about four hours after its start as Bierschenk chatted with many of his parishioners.

Many of the parishioners said they're gearing up for a long battle to retain the popular Bierschenk at the church.

"We're trying to show them this cannot and will not happen to our priest," said Gloria Tarpley. "The people of St. Thomas don't know how to quit."

Arch McColl, the priest's civil attorney, said canon law protects priests from punitive reassignments without due process.

"They've kept things secret from him," McColl said. "They've flashed 15 pages of documents at him and not provided him with copies."

In 1997, the diocese was hit with a nearly $120 million verdict in a lawsuit that accused church officials of allowing a priest to molest altar boys and conspiring to cover it up. The verdict was ultimately cut by about three-quarters on appeal.

The verdict prompted the diocese to impose guidelines that included fingerprinting and criminal background checks for all workers.

Bierschenk said he was told by his superiors that workers in the church office, a religious education program and the church's youth ministry, as well as parish volunteers, had not been checked.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Heart surgeries have little difference

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain the difference between open-heart surgery and coronary artery by-pass grafting.

DEAR READER: The distinction is largely semantic.

Open-heart surgery is just what it says: The heart is opened, the problem is repaired and the heart is then closed. These operations are necessary to fix the heart's internal structures, such as damaged valves and abnormal openings between the cardiac chambers.

On the other hand, CABG does not — technically — involve opening the heart. Rather, blocked arteries supplying blood to cardiac muscle are by-passed using a portion of vein, part of another artery or a synthetic replacement. Thus, the coronary arteries, which lie on the heart's outer surface, are bypassed in much the same way that traffic is re-routed around a damaged highway.

The only real difference between the two procedures is whether the heart is actually opened, a relatively trivial point, considering the enormous seriousness of both operations. In fact, for most surgeons, the technique is the same, the preparation is identical, the risks equal and the recovery times similar.

Therefore, in answer to your question, open-heart surgery and CABG are technically different but, for all practical purposes, the same.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has prescribed Tegretol, an anticonvulsant, for my burning feet. He claims that nobody knows why it works, but it does. Please explain this.

DEAR READER: Tegretol (carbamazepine) is a prescription drug ordinarily used to control seizures in patients with epilepsy. In addition, it has been found useful in (and has government approval for) reducing the pain of trigeminal neuralgia, chronic pain involving the nerves to the face. The mechanism of action is unknown.

Some neurologists have discovered that Tegretol lessens the pain of neuropathy, pain in the legs and feet that usually accompanies diabetes. Again, the reasons for this remain a mystery, nor do the experts understand why some people are helped and others are not. Tegretol has not received government approval for this purpose.

Unfortunately, Tegretol can cause serious side effects, ranging from somnolence and dizziness to double vision and life-threatening suppression of the bone marrow where new blood cells are made. Therefore, patients taking the drug need close supervision, including periodic blood tests to measure Tegretol levels in order to avoid toxicity.

If Tegretol works for you, fine. However, I do urge you to discuss the possible complications and side effects with your doctor, so that you can make an informed decision about the treatment.

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Tuesday, April 16, 2002

Today is the 106th day of 2002 and the 28th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1912, pilot Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.

On this day in 1917, Vladimir Lenin returned to Russia after a long exile to lead the Bolshevik party to power during the October Revolution.

On this day in 1962, Walter Cronkite became the anchor of "The CBS Evening News."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilbur Wright (1867 - 1912), inventor; Anatole France (1844 - 1924), writer; Charlie Chaplin (1889 - 1977), comedian; Lily Pons (1904 - 1976), singer; Peter Ustinov (1921 -), actor/writer, is 81; Henry Mancini (1924 - 1994), composer; Bobby Vinton (1935 -), singer, is 67; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947 -), basketball star, is 55; Martin Lawrence (1965 -), actor/comedian, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1999, "The Great One," Wayne Gretzky, announced his retirement from professional hockey. He finished his career with the St. Louis Blues and the New York Rangers, but his major accomplishments came as a member of the Edmonton Oilers and Los Angeles Kings.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the end, everything is a gag." - Charlie Chaplin

TODAY'S MOON: Between the new moon (April 12) and the first quarter (April 20).

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Powell hopes for cease-fire

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said today he is making progress in talks with Israel and Palestinian leaders and that he hopes to work out some kind of cease-fire within 24 hours.

Powell said it probably would be something less than a formal cease-fire, but he did not spell out what might be in the offing.

He met today one-on-one for an hour with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, their third get-together since Friday. Powell plans to see Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for a second time Wednesday at his battered Ramallah headquarters, where Israeli troops have him confined.

"I'm going to have a good discussion with the prime minister," Powell said during a photo-taking session before the Sharon meeting when he was asked to elaborate on any progress he was making toward a cease-fire.

Earlier, Powell said he would return to the United States after a stop Wednesday in Cairo, Egypt. He plans to meet there with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, a key Arab moderate.

The focus of the talks is how to stop the fighting and security arrangements to maintain calm. Israeli officials said.

Israel wants assurances from the Palestinians they would assert control, but the Palestinians say the Israeli incursion has riddled their security apparatus, said the Israeli officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Israel's response is that there are enough Palestinian security forces to get the job done, the officials said.

U.S. and Palestinian officials were holding "good conversations," Powell said before meeting with a group of Palestinian professionals.

"I think we are making progress and are looking forward to making more progress in the next 24 hours," he said.

However, Palestinian and U.S. officials failed to agree on a statement condemning suicide bombings and calling for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

Supreme Court strikes down ban on virtual child pornography

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court struck down a congressional ban on virtual child pornography today, ruling that the First Amendment protects pornography or other sexual images that only appear to depict real children engaged in sex.

The 6-3 ruling is a victory for both pornographers and legitimate artists such as moviemakers, who argued that a broad ban on simulated child sex could make it a crime to depict a sex scene like those in the recent movies "Traffic" or "Lolita."

The court said language in a 1996 child pornography law was unconstitutionally vague and far-reaching.

The court majority, led by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, found two provisions of the Child Pornography Prevention Act overly broad and unconstitutional.

"The First Amendment requires a more precise restriction," Kennedy wrote for himself and Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer. Justice Clarence Thomas wrote separately to agree with the outcome.

The law was challenged by a trade association for pornographers.

The law barred sexually explicit material that "appear(s) to be a minor" or that is advertised in a way that "conveys the impression" that a minor was involved in its creation.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor partially agreed with the majority and partially disagreed. She was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Antonin Scalia. Rehnquist and Scalia also filed their own separate dissenting opinion that went further.

"The aim of ensuring the enforceability of our nation's child pornography laws is a compelling one," Rehnquist wrote for the pair. "The (law) is targeted to this aim by extending the definition of child pornography to reach computer-generated images that are virtually indistinguishable from real children engaged in sexually explicit conduct."

Report of disturbance Monday leads to arrest

•Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 20-year-old man at 4:30 a.m. today from the 3000 block of Ave. U for unlawful consumption of alcohol, a Class C misdemeanor.

Dispatchers received an anonymous call reporting a noise disturbance from a house in that area. The caller reported several subjects video taping each other jumping off the roof of a house.

Officers responded and observed two minors drinking and a female subject fled on foot.

Monday, a 19-year-old man was taken into custody at Municipal Court and booked into the county jail to layout fines.

•Accident

Officers responded to a two-vehicle minor accident at McD's Monday. Involved in the 8:10 p.m. mishap were a 2000 Dodge Neon driven by Darla McCarter, 28, of 3726 Sunset Ave. and a 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Randi Hammond, 18, of 3614 Ave. B. There were no injuries.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a drive off in the amount of $22.50 Monday afternoon, but the clerk did not provide a description of the vehicle or its driver.

A drive off worth $5.03 was reported from the Plaza Truck Stop at 8 p.m. Monday. An officer located the subject who returned to pay.

Inmate hangs himself

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man serving six months in the Johnson County Jail hanged himself with his pants, authorities said.

Jordan Elliot Labar, 23, of Alvarado, was found dead about 4:45 a.m. Monday in the Cleburne jail, said Sheriff Bob Alford.

The inmate, jailed since Feb. 22, had tied his pants to a ceiling smoke detector in an infirmary cell, where he was being treated for a staph infection, Alford said.

Labar left a suicide note, but Alford declined to discuss it. Another inmate heard Labar crying Sunday night but didn't tell guards, Alford said.

Labar was sentenced to 10 years' probation for sexual assault of a child after he had consensual sex with a teen-age girl. He was required to spend six months in jail and was to be released Aug. 22.

Obituaries

Faustina Castillo

1907-2002

Faustina Castillo, 94, died Monday, April 15, at her home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Castillo

Rosary for Mrs. Castillo is set for 7 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Salome Barrera officiating.

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Dec. 17, 1907 in San Vicente, she married Raymon Castillo on Dec. 25, 1924 in Fort Stockton. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Manuel Castillo of Midland and Fred Castillo and Lee Castillo of Snyder; eight daughters, Millie Thompson and Gloria Tercero of Snyder, Dora Gonzales of Midland, Margie Rivera and Abbie Garcia of Lubbock, Arlene Cortinas of Odessa, Helen Hall of Fort Worth, and Josephine Alvarez of Sunnyvale, Calif.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

Willa Forbus

1923-2002

WHITEHOUSE – Willa Dean Forbus, the sister of Cecil Mearse of Snyder, died Thursday, April 11, in a Tyler hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Forbus, 79, was held Monday in Whitehouse.

A service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church in Loraine with the Revs. Orvel Brantley and G.A. McGee officiating. Interment will follow in the Loraine Cemetery.

Born March 6, 1923 in Mitchell County, she had lived in Loraine most of her life and was a member of the Loraine First Baptist Church. She worked in the family upholstery business.

She moved to Whitehouse two years ago where she was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a teachers' aide with the STEP program at Cain Elementary.

Her husband, Calvin M. Forbus; a brother, Nathan Mearse; and two sisters, Ora Richburg and Esta Black, preceded her in death.

Survivors also include a daughter, Marilyn Davis of Whitehouse; a sister, Geneal Caswell of Austin; and two grandchildren.

David Stafford Jr.

1937-2002

AMARILLO — David Lee Stafford Jr., brother of Jerry Don Stafford of Snyder, died Saturday, April 13.

Memorial services for Mr. Stafford, 64, will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Stafford graduated from Palo Duro High School in 1957 and served in the Air Force.

Survivors also include a daughter, Kim Fitzgerald of Houston; three sisters, Dee Evans of Aberdean, Wash., Betty Stone of Perryton and Mary Lou Hoosier of Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

Lillian Sellers

1921-2002

MIDLAND - Lillian Beatrice Hicks Sellers died Monday, April 15, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Sellers, 80, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. in the Seagraves Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 7, 1921 in Henrietta, she was reared and educated in Tahoka. Prior to moving to Midland in July, 2001 she was a resident of Seagraves.

Survivors include three sons, Thomas Hicks of New Iberia, La., Michael Hicks of Baton Rouge, La., and Dan Hicks of Midland, formerly of Snyder; two daughters, Lilia Sue Galvez of Andrews and Theresa Hicks of Midland; five brothers, Ted McDonald of Washington, Donald Riley and Bert McDonald of Post, Billy Riley of White Deer and Royce McDonald of Stinnett; two sisters, Pauline Hamm of Post and Joy Spears of Lubbock; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Avenue D Baptist revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., is holding a revival through Wednesday. Jim Mosley is the evangelist and John Bullock will lead the music. Services are at 7 p.m.

Gateway Family Services

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

4-H Horse Club

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will practice from 6:30 to 8 this evening at the rodeo grounds.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will have a community meeting at 7 tonight at the Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City, 1025 E. 15th St.

Girls softball board

Snyder Girls Softball board of directors will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at 4507 Galveston.

Ira Project Graduation

There will be a meeting at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday at Ira Church of God youth center for all eighth grade and freshmen parents. For more information, call Rocky or Sheila Alexander at 573-8148.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

GED testing

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday in the GED testing center, building 7B, on the WTC campus, Tests will be held Friday beginning at 8 a.m. For more information call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Hermleigh ISD transfers

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

Scurry County astronomers meeting

Scurry County Astronomers, a club with members interested in the night sky, will hold a meeting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the children's room of Scurry County Library. Call 573-8574 or 573-8607 for additional details.

Church garage sale

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

Eighth grade parents meeting

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

Basketball tourney

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

Bake sale

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

CNA classes

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

FBC support groups

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

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

Windbreak trees

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

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool hours

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

ESL, GED classes

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