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HOLIDAY WRECK — No injuries were reported, but both vehicles had to be towed, after a 1996 Chevrolet Lumina, driven by Walter Littlefield of Snyder, and a 1997 Plymouth Breeze, driven by Richard Rios Jr. of Hermleigh. collided at 37th Street and Ave. R near the American State Bank. The mishap occurred at 5:46 p.m. Monday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Nichols could receive death in state court

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Terry Nichols escaped the death penalty once in federal court. Now, state prosecutors hope to secure an execution, having convinced jurors that the bombing conspirator is guilty of murder.

The penalty phase of Nichols' trial was scheduled to get under way today with prosecutors questioning survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing and members of victims' families.

Before the hearing began, Judge Steven Taylor ruled that rescuers could testify about the experiences of victims of the bombing. Defense attorneys wanted to block testimony from about 20 rescuers who are among dozens of people expected to take the witness stand in the penalty phase.

Nichols' six-man, six-woman jury found Nichols guilty of 161 counts of first-degree murder on Wednesday, just five hours after they began deliberating a verdict.

Jurors also found him guilty of first-degree arson and conspiracy to commit arson in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, which killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

Taylor told Nichols' jury that the penalty phase resembles a separate trial, with opening statements by prosecutors and Nichols' defense attorneys, witnesses questioned by both sides and closing arguments.

Nichols, 49, was acquitted of federal murder charges in 1997 but convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers in the bombing. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Oklahoma prosecutors charged Nichols in 1999 with the deaths of the 160 other victims and one victim's fetus.

Taylor barred prosecutors from seeking the death penalty on the count involving the fetus after ruling prosecutors did not give his defense attorneys adequate notice of their plan to seek the death penalty on that count.

Nichols' jury sentenced him to life in prison without parole on that count.

The penalty phase of Nichols' trial is expected to last about three weeks. Prosecutors will question dozens of bombing survivors and members of victims' families about the impact the blast had on their lives.

Nichols' relatives, including mother, Joyce Wilt, and sister, Suzanne McDonnell, are expected to plead for his life. Nichols, who did not testify in his own defense, could still testify during the penalty phase.

Nichols was found guilty after prosecutors presented evidence that he bought the explosive ammonium nitrate fertilizer used in the homemade bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best evidence of self-control is to listen to another describe the same ailment you have – and not mention it."

A friend provided a list of some new 'medications' that ought to be on the market.

A lot of ads for new prescriptions meds don't tell you what they're for, otherwise they have to list the side effects. But all these mystery medicines surely would have happy people playing games, jogging and enjoying the great outdoors.

—Damitol – take two and the rest of the world can get lost for up to eight hours.

—St. Momma's Wort – plant extract that treats mom's depression by rendering pre-schoolers unconscious for up to two days.

—Emptynestrogen – suppository that eliminates melancholy and loneliness by reminding you of how awful they were as teenagers and how you couldn't wait for 'em to move out.

—Peptobimbo – liquid silicone drink for single women. Two full cups swallowed before an evening out increases bust size, decreases intelligence and prevents an unwanted accident.

—Dumbeerol – when taken with peptobimbo, can cause dangerously low IQ, resulting in enjoyment of country music and pickup trucks.

—Flipitor – increases life expectancy of commuters by controlling road rage and the urge to flip off other drivers.

—Menicillin – potent anti-boyotic for older women. Increases resistance to such lethal lines as "Aw, you make me want to be a better person," and "You have the most beautiful eyes."

—Buyagra – injectable stimulant taken prior to shopping increases potency duration and credit limit of spending spree.

—Jackassprin – relieves headaches caused by mean who can't remember your birthday, anniversary or phone number.

—Nagamet – when administered to a husband, it provides the same irritation level as nagging at him all weekend, saving the wife the time and trouble of having to do it herself.

—Antitalksident – A spray carried in a purse to be used on anyone too eager to share their life stories or to and show grandkids' pictures to total strangers.

Off Galveston Island...

Teen bitten by shark

GALVESTON (AP) — A teenager was bitten by a shark during the holiday weekend along Galveston Island, where a near-drowning was also reported and crews continued searching for a missing swimmer.

The 16-year-old boy was wading with his father off Pirates' Beach in Galveston about 7:45 p.m. Saturday when he was bitten on the leg by a 3- to 4-foot-long shark.

Ryan Eckstrum of Magnolia was treated by paramedics who dressed his wounds after he was taken to a lifeguard station. He was later taken to the University of Texas Medical branch for additional treatment.

Sheriff's Maj. Vic Maceo of the Galveston County Beach Patrol he could recall only three other confirmed shark attacks during the 20 years he has patrolled Galveston's beaches. He doesn't believe the shark targeted Eckstrum.

Eckstrum could have been bitten because he was wading in area with nearby bait fish.

Maceo said powerful riptide currents created dangerous conditions and warning flags were set up along several beaches.

Search teams were sent out after 19-year-old Jose Recendiz of Conroe went into a section of the Houston Ship Channel on the far east end of the island.

Recendiz's brother, Aurelio, 18, was rescued in the incident, said Peter Davis of the Beach Patrol. He said the brothers had a flotation device but lost it in the current. Two bystanders on shore were able to rescue Aurelio Recendiz but were unable to reach his brother. The Coast Guard and Galveston County authorities resumed their search this morning.

A 12-year-old League City girl was rescued earlier after she almost drowned while swimming with friends at Jamaica Beach.

Weather hampers activities on Memorial Day holiday

By The Associated Press

Thunderstorms, some severe, pounded parts of Central and Southeast Texas over the Memorial Day weekend and holiday, producing large hail and prompting several tornado warnings.

National Weather Service radar late Monday and early today detected possible twisters near Hearne and Huntsville, where many trees were blown down.

At Huntsville Airport, a spotter reported wind gusts between 59 and 66 mph.

Severe storms also moved through Lake Livingston and Anderson County, where large hail fell west of the Palestine Airport and a 60-mph wind gust was reported.

Golf ball-size hail was reported in West, near Lake Whitney, northeast of Temple and near Houston.

The Weather Service said one-inch diameter hail covered the ground near Groveton following a 20-minute storm.

The Waco area was under a tornado warning for 2½ hours as a line of storms moved through Sunday. Golf ball-size hail fell in parts of Coryell County.

The Weather Service said high winds knocked over trees and damaged an apartment complex's roof near Paris in Lamar County.

Two storms hit McLennan County to the north and south of Waco, each dropping about a half-inch of rain, said Steve Fano, NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth.

Fano said the storms produced a funnel cloud in Bell County, but it did not develop into a tornado.

Parts of Coryell County received golfball-sized hail as a result of the storms, said Fano.

Hail up to 1¾ inches in diameter fell in South Austin, the NWS said.

GRASS FIRE DANGER — Snyder firefighters urge residents to use caution as the weather heats up and grass dries out. Officials caution not to discard cigarettes outside or let vehicles idle in tall grass or weeds. Citizens are urged to use extreme caution with "controlled" burns. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Man critical after being hit by lightning

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — A man remained unconscious and in critical condition early today after lightning struck a large tree where a group of river tubers had gathered to seek refuge from a sudden storm.

The man, was identified as Gary Blindert, 39, of New Braunfels.

Blindert, who hospital staffers said was expected to survive, was stable in the intensive care unit at a local hospital.

At least four others were treated at a hospital. The group had been tubing along the Comal River, a popular spot for summer fun-seekers in Central Texas.

As many as 10 people were standing under the tree on the property of the Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort when the lightning struck, said Sherrie Brammall, park spokeswoman. They were not park patrons.

Blindert was leaning against the tree when it was struck. He was treated with a defibrillator by Schlitterbahn personnel.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for maintaining the lawn area east of the hospital?

A—Cogdell's plant services department contracts out the mowing.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Diana Garcia...

...has lived in Snyder all her life. Her parents, Lily and Manuel Garcia, along with her brother Ricky, sister Deborah Sturdivant, and nephew Caleb also live in Snyder. She works at Snyder Day Care Center and spends her free time with her nephew.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible.

—Richard M. DeVos

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Retirement reception

There will be a retirement reception this evening for Gloria Myers from 5:30-6:30 at city hall.

Love and Logic classes

East Side Church of Christ will offer Love and Logic classes from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays through July 7. Pam Hart is the instructor. The classes are geared toward parents and grandparents. A meal will be served at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Family Life Building.

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

North Texas teen dies of blood infection

FORT WORTH (AP) — Health officials have treated up to 30 people who came in contact with a North Texas teenager who died of a meningitis-related blood infection.

Sean Nugent died Thursday after apparently contracting meningococcemia, a rare and overwhelming infection that caused his body to go into shock, said Dr. Alex Hathaway, Tarrant County's public health authority.

The health department contacted the 15-year-old Keller High School student's classmates, friends and family on Friday, and 25 to 30 of them took medication over the weekend to ward off the infection, epidemiologist Dr. Bobby Jones told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for a Monday story.

People who have spent several hours in close contact with someone who has the infection are at risk of getting sick, Hathaway said, but very few people will develop such a serious illness.

"We don't know why a handful of people will get what this young boy had or the way he developed the disease," she said. "It is theorized ... that there's something missing in their immune system. The average healthy immune system is able to mount a response to it."

The infection, caused by the bacterium Neisseria meningitidis, cannot be contracted by passing someone on the street or using the same toilet. But health officials still warned people to be aware of any changes in their health.

"Everyone is at risk. But only a handful of people — a very, very small percentage — will become this ill," Hathaway said.

Up to 25 percent of the population are carriers for Neisseria meningitidis, which also is one of the leading causes of bacterial meningitis, Jones said.

Idea of restarting military draft still around

WASHINGTON (AP) — No matter what the Pentagon says, the idea of restarting the military draft never seems to go away.

Defense officials say they don't want it. And polls show the American public doesn't either. So why do lawmakers keep suggesting that conscription be reconsidered?

Since the fall of 2002, when the Bush administration asked Congress to approve force against Iraq, the Defense Department has said repeatedly that it sees no reason to abandon the all-volunteer, professional military and return to the days when thousands of untrained men were forced into service.

"I don't know anyone in the executive branch of the government who believes it would be appropriate or necessary," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said again recently.

Recent polling indicates four out of five Americans surveyed oppose resuming the draft, which would appear to seal its fate as a dead issue during an election year.

"It's an idea whose time may never come," said Charles Moskos, a Northwestern University sociologist who studies military issues.

Still, lawmakers keep questioning whether perhaps a draft may be needed, even as proposed legislation on it goes nowhere.

Analysts say there are two main reasons the idea keeps coming back. One is that even with its 1.4 million active-duty volunteers and thousands more reservists, the United States seems to have too few troops for the wars it is fighting.

The other is a kind of guilt that the cost of the wars is being paid by very few Americans, analysts said.

The war in Iraq, coming on top of the global war on terrorism, has caused unprecedented strain on U.S. armed forces. The Defense Department has stopped thousands of soldiers from leaving when their enlistment times were up, made some stay longer in Iraq than the promised year, made unprecedented use of the National Guard and Reserve forces and is bringing troops from Korea for the first time in decades as it struggles to maintain more than 138,000 in Iraq.

Officials say they can continue using those same methods, as well as incentives to get sufficient volunteers. Rumsfeld further says the high amount of military activity now probably is temporary — "a spike."

But even if most troops come out of Iraq within several years, the war against al-Qaida and other terror networks could last decades. And there is no predicting how many more sizable military campaigns there might be over that time.

"If we in fact, as the president says and I agree, are in a generational war here against terrorism, it's going to require resources," says Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel. "The mission must match the resources."

And there is also the question of who bears the burden. That's a point repeatedly made by another draft supporter, Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, who has unsuccessfully sponsored legislation on conscription.

"Who is doing all of the fighting?" Hagel asked. "Should we continue to burden the middle class who represents most all of our soldiers, and the lower middle class ... burden them with the fighting and the dying if in fact this is a generational — probably 25-year war?"

"It's not a shared burden," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., noting that most Americans have sacrificed little through the Afghan and Iraq wars that started after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

The military drafted conscripts during the Civil War, both world wars and between 1948 and 1973. The Selective Service System was reincorporated in 1980 to maintain a registry of 18-year-old men, but call-ups have not occurred since the Vietnam War.

On the Net:
Selective Service System site: http://www.sss.gov

Bush focusing on faith-based initiatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is renewing his push in favor of so-called faith-based initiatives, promoting the goal of letting religious groups compete for government money to help the needy.

Launched in the earliest days of his administration and stalled in Congress, the president's plans for religious-based organizations are the focus of a national White House conference of community leaders today.

Opponents of the effort worry that government would wind up paying for religion. They also object to allowing taxpayer-funded groups to hire and fire based on religious persuasion.

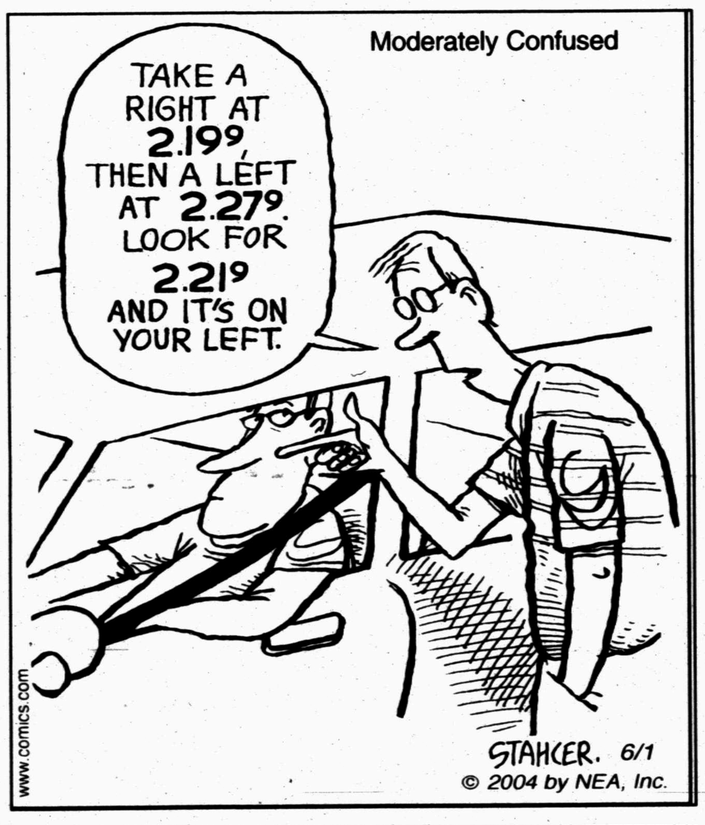
Thwarted by Congress, the president has sidestepped lawmakers with executive orders and regulations to give religious organizations equal footing in competing for federal contracts. He is still fighting for legislation that would give religious groups access to federal funds as long as their services are available to anyone.

The goal is to make sure that grassroots leaders can compete on an equal footing for federal dollars, receive greater private support and face fewer bureaucratic barriers, the White House says.

The White House is targeting for help organizations that serve at-risk youth, ex-offenders, the homeless and the hungry, substance abusers, welfare-to-work families, and those with HIV or AIDS.

At a regional conference on the subject in March, Bush said the efforts of religious and community organizations "will change our nation for the better."

On the Web:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/



World Almanac

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Today is the 153rd day of 2004 and the 74th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1792, Kentucky was admitted to the union as the 15th state.

In 1796, Tennessee was admitted as the 16th state.

In 1980, the Cable News Network (CNN) began broadcasting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Brigham Young (1801-1877), Mormon religious leader; Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962), actress; Andy Griffith (1926-), actor, is 78; Morgan Freeman (1937-), actor, is 67; Alanis Morissette (1974-), singer, is 30; Justine Henin-Hardenne (1982-), tennis star, is 22.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1986, Pat Bradley became the first player to win the Grand Slam of women's golf.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't want to make money, I just want to be wonderful." — Marilyn Monroe

TODAY'S FACT: In 2003, Justine Henin-Hardenne won the French Open, the first tennis Grand Slam title ever won by a Belgian.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 32 — number of CNN bureaus worldwide.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 27) and full moon (June 3)

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Today's chuckle

Bound, gagged woman dials 911 with toe

WILKINSBURG, Pa. (AP) — The manager of a check-cashing store was bound and gagged by an armed robber but managed to free one of her legs and dial 911 — using her toe.

The woman, whom police did not identify, was unlocking the doors to an ACE America's Cash Express office in suburban Pittsburgh on Monday morning when a man put a gun in her armpit and forced her into the store, Wilkinsburg police Lt. Todd Ruggiero said.

The man ordered her to open the safe and then led her to a back office, where he tied her up with phone cords and other items and gagged her with a scarf, Ruggiero said.

About an hour after the robbery, the woman managed to free one leg, somehow grabbed a telephone with her feet and used her toe to dial 911, police said.

She was freed after firefighters and paramedics got through a locked security door.

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RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-19-28-32.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 118. Prize: $438.

Matching three of five: 3,547. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 37,391. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 3-4-4
(Night) 9-9-3

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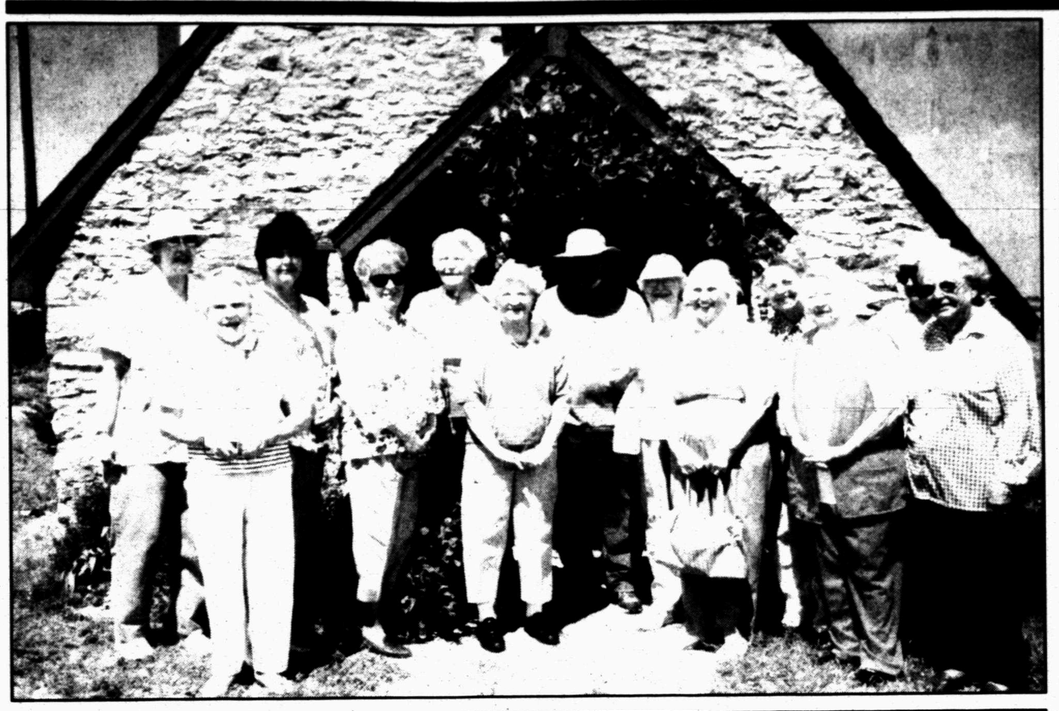

BABY SHOWER — A baby shower honoring Amy and Jeff James of Wolfforth was held April 3 in the home of Sherry Patterson. Their daughter, Brett René, will be born in July. On the back row from left are Penny Wheeler, the baby's aunt; Morgan Wheeler, cousin; Nikki James, aunt; Sandy Holmes, maternal grandmother; Michelle Martini, aunt; the honoree; Judy James, baby's paternal grandmother; Kim Walker, aunt; Christy James, aunt; Natalee James, cousin. On the front row are cousins Leslie Martini, Alison Wheeler, Cholee James and Peyton Walker. (Contributed Photo)

DAR TAKES FIELD TRIP — Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter, visited Billy Haynes "Little House on the Prairie" near Hermleigh. From left in the top photo are Kathy Nelson, Jo Flynn, Judy Moss, Betty Richardson, Maggie Barnes, Jean Everett, Haynes, Ann Smartt, Dorothy Campbell, Virginia Clark, Lila Guinn, Doris Steadman and Lois Bartels. Not pictured is Joanne Sterling. The bridge below is in the foreground of the recently completed chapel. (Contributed Photo)

DAR members tour Haynes' 'Little House on the Prairie'

Members of the Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met for their final meeting of the year on May 11 and were treated to a field trip to visit Billy Haynes' "little house on the prairie," near Hermleigh.

Touring the Bell School replica and the old Olcott-Eicke House brought back many personal memories of earlier days, as well as remembering how their parents had described times in the "good ole' days." The schoolhouse was furnished with many typical desks, fixtures, books and wall displays depicting the era the actual school existed in the early 1900s. This included a huge bell mounted on the roof, which could be rung by a large rope hanging inside the building.

Many of the furnishings of the school, the Olcott-Eicke House, and the little chapel were collected through the years from antique stores, estate sales, old homes and many other places by the owner/builder of this unique 'prairie village,' Billy Haynes and his late wife, Carole.

He said that they started building the structures in 1994 to house growing collection of antiques and memorabilia from the Hermleigh area, and it just "kept growing."

In addition to the structures already on site, he is adding an old barbershop (the first one in Hermleigh) complete with a barber's chair and a shoeshine stand.

"Strolling the grounds of this delightful 'oasis,' which has been cultivated with many native plants and wildflowers — daisies and bluebonnets were blooming profusely — offered the sight of goldfish swimming in the man-made pond across which spanned a bridge," said Ann Smartt.

The path led to the building which seemed to peak the group's interest the most — the little chapel. Using English chapels as a pattern and using local labor, the building was constructed as a labor of love Haynes said.

"Although the structure may appear primitive, it has all the attributes of first class architecture, combining old world ideas and modern applications," explained the proud owner.

He told the group where the various and sundry materials came from — all over Texas and New Mexico, and of the many people who were involved, both physically and by donations of different items such as wood, windows, fixtures and glass to name a few.

St. Andrew's Chapel, named for Andrew the Apostle the patron saint of Scotsmen, was completed on March 16, 2002 and was consecrated that day. Far too many to name separately are all the appointments, all special in their own right. Among these are the outstanding altar cross and the font and the paraments/banners, as well as their origin, if known.

Following the tour, the DAR ladies enjoyed a "brown bag" picnic in the backyard of Haynes' home, surrounded by shade trees and a flowing fountain and pond.

Attending were Virginia Clark, Jo Flynn, Joanne Sterling, Lila Guinn, Dorothy Campbell, Judy Moss, Betty Richardson, Ann Smartt, Lois Bartels, Maggie Barnes, Kathy Nelson, Jean Everett and a guest, Doris Steadman.

The cure for all ills and wrongs, the cares, the sorrows and the crimes of humanity, all lie in the one word of love. It is the divine vitality that everywhere produces and restores life.

—Lydia Maria Child

Don't let life discourage you; everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was.

—Richard L. Evans

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club annual garage sale is set fore 8-noon at 1707 Cedar Creek with proceeds to help maintain the clubhouse for the summer.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

Bridge by Phillip Alder

06-01-04

North
♠ A 4 3
♥ 8 5
♦ A 7 6 4
♣ Q 7 5 4

West
♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ 9 7 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ J 10 8

East
♠ 10 8 5
♥ K J 10 6 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ A 9

South
♠ K Q J
♥ A Q 3
♦ J 5 2
♣ K 6 3 2

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

If you need luck, chance it

By Phillip Alder

Robert Doisneau, a French photographer, claimed: "Chance is the one thing you can't buy. ... You have to pay for it and you have to pay for it with your life ..."

A bridge player needs a variation on that theme: "Chance is the one thing you can't buy. You have to play for it and you have to play for it to save your life."

In today's deal, you are South, the declarer in three no-trump. West leads the heart four: five, king, ace. How would you continue?

If you were planning to open one no-trump, overcall one no-trump when you have at least one stopper (and preferably two or three) in the opener's suit.

Note West's lead. He selected his lowest heart because he had not raised his partner's suit. West would have led top-of-nothing if he had supported hearts, when partner would have known about his length.

When in no-trump, always count your top tricks (immediate winners) first. Here, there are six: three spades, two hearts (given trick one) and one diamond. You need to establish three more tricks, which must come from the club suit.

Next, check the points. There are 10 in the dummy and you have 16. That leaves 14 for the opponents, yet East had enough to open. So, he surely has the club ace. But to win three club tricks, you will need to find East with exactly ace-doubleton. So, cross to dummy's spade ace, lead a club to your king, and return a club, playing low from the dummy. You are lucky when the ace does drop, but good players are often lucky.

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Remembering

Over the weekend we remembered those who have served our country in the armed forces, especially remembering those who fell in battle. It was emotional weekend for many as they looked back, some 30 years, some 50 years and others 60 years to the major conflicts we have had as a country. We are humbled by the supreme sacrifice of so many and we should be challenged by their sacrifice to live excellent lives.

The apostle Paul wrote in I Timothy 2:1-6

I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone -for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men - the testimony given in its proper time.

There are two things that we really need to do during these times. First, we need to pray for leaders, rulers and all in authorities in the world. Pray for peace, pray for the soldiers in harm's way, pray that wisdom might be given to leaders to make progress towards peace. Second, remember the testimony Jesus gave on the cross when he gave himself as a sacrifice. He died as a witness to the truth that God wants all men to be saved. Pray that God will help us to remember that testimony and help the world to know and believe that this is true.

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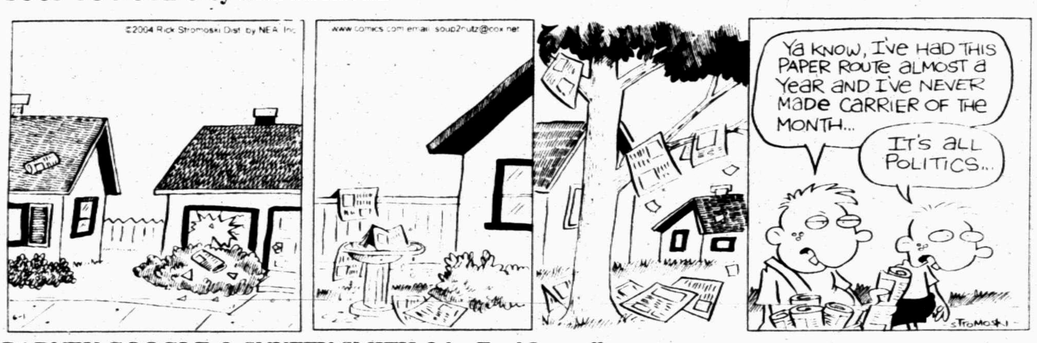

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4 — for the course
7 Flinch
11 Form 1099 gp.
12 In a while
14 Bradley or Sharif
15 Greet Rover
16 Airport vehicle
17 Humane org.
18 AOL messages (hyph.)
20 Fashionable
22 Forest grazer
23 Ladle
24 Less rude
27 Yearned for
30 Incoming-plane stats
31 Absent
32 Golfer — Woosnam
34 Harvest Moon mo.
35 Bean for sprouting
36 Monterrey Ms.
37 Middle Earth denizen
39 Expensive
40 Youth
41 Zoologist's eggs
42 St. Francis' town
45 Fable
49 Boxer — Spinks
50 Canceled
52 Indy 500 month
53 Swarthy
54 Sandpaper texture
55 "— been had!"
56 Frothy brews
57 Born as
58 Koppel of the news

DOWN

1 Fully mature
2 Cable car
3 This señora
4 Sickly look
5 Ouzo flavor
6 PC acronym
7 Actor — Cotten
8 Ballpark officials
9 Rain slickers
10 Make earnest petition to
13 Getting sleepy
19 "Et tu" time
21 Increase, as prices
24 Opposite of "paleo"
25 Tingle
26 Roman statesman
27 Refuses to
28 Blarney Stone site
29 Sticky fruit
31 Directing
33 Rug texture
35 Business degs.
36 Fawn's parent
38 Flashes on and off
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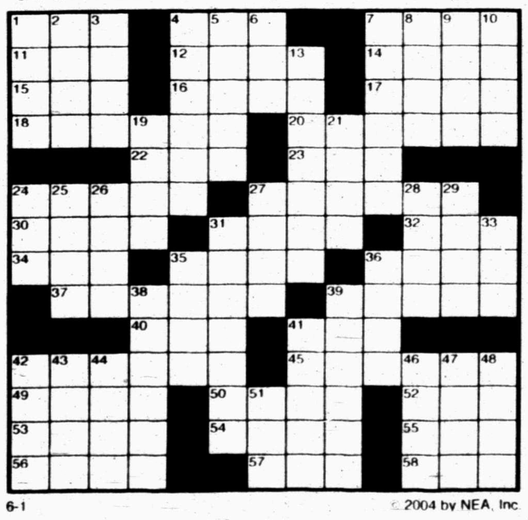

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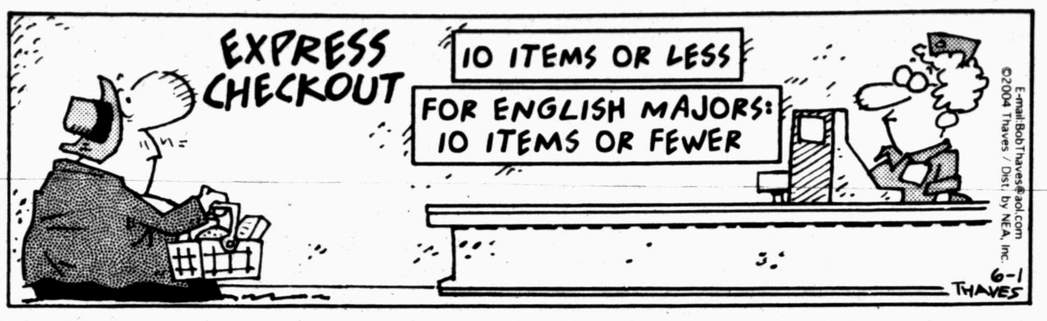

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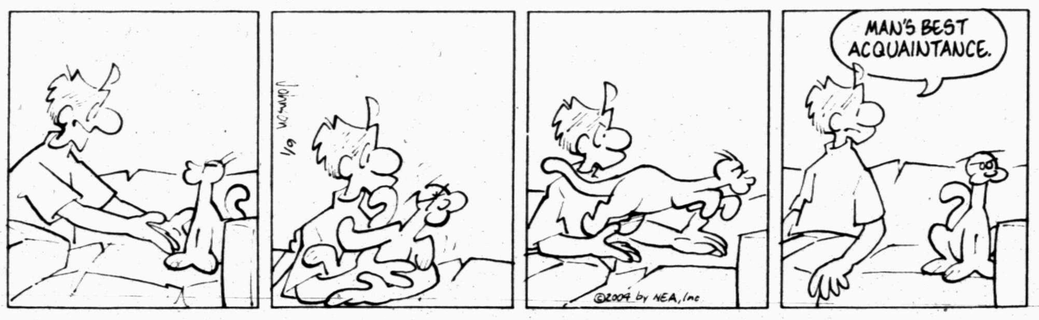

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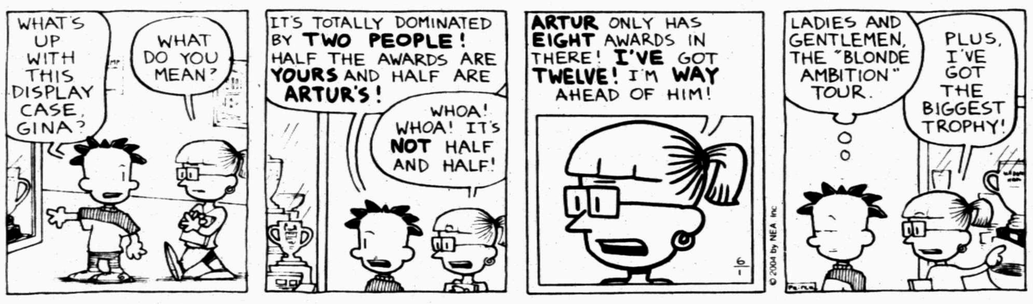

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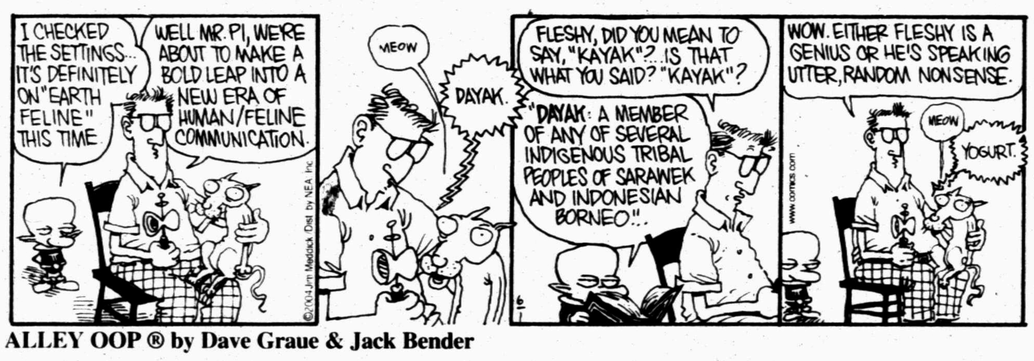

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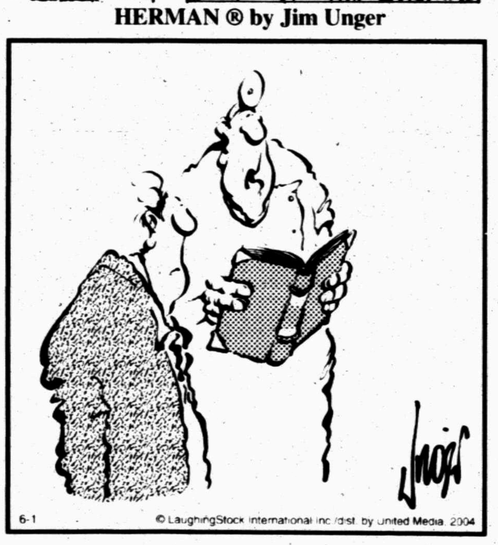

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers earn 8 spots on All-District 3-3A team

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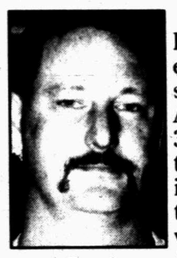
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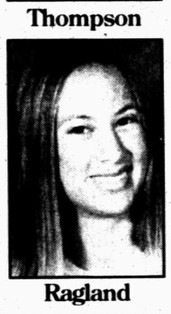
Ragland

The Snyder Lady Tigers earned eight spots on the All-District 3-3A softball team, including four of the top five individual honors in the district.

Ashley Martinez was named the district's MVP after compiling a 19-7 record and leading the team with a .465 average.

Terann Ragland was named Newcomer of the Year for her work at shortstop, and pinch hitter Shaela Thompson was tabbed as the top designated player.

First-year head coach Darren Pool, who guided the Lady Tigers to a 26-11 record and a trip to the regional finals for the first time in program history, was selected as coach of the year.

Rachel Clanton was the first team first baseman, and senior Kelsi Johnson earned the first team spot at second base.

Senior Missy Vasquez was the first-team center fielder.

The corner outfielders for the Lady Tigers —Amber Luecke and Laura Clanton — were selected for the second team.

Honorable mentions for Snyder were Erin Hackfeld, third baseman Briana Bernal and catcher Heather Zajicek.

Laker juggernaut rolls into finals

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kareem Rush just kept firing that smooth left-handed jumper from 3-point range, and it kept going in.

When the biggest game of his life to date was over, with Rush having played a starring role in a playoff game for the first time, he spoke like a grizzled veteran who knew the feeling.

"I'm not a guy who gets overly excited," Rush said. "It's great to be here, but we've got four more games to win, and then I can celebrate."

After shooting 4-of-16 for 11 points in the first five games of the Western Conference finals, Rush scored a career playoff-high 18 on six 3-pointers in Game 6, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 96-90 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night.

By winning the conference finals 4-2, the Lakers earned their fourth NBA Finals berth in five years. The exception was last year, when Rush was a seldom-used rookie and they lost to eventual champion San Antonio in the second round.

Now, for the most part, Rush is a seldom-used two-year veteran.

"Kareem was obviously the story of the night," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "He played a game of a career, obviously."

Rush averaged 2.9 points and 13.4 minutes in the Lakers' previous 16 playoff games. He played 23 minutes Monday night, including the entire fourth quarter.

"I just have to stay ready," he said. "I know I didn't get a lot of playing time in this series. Guys have been playing well. They went small, and the coach threw me in. And after I made my first shot, I knew it was going to be a good night. It just kept going in for me."

Shaquille O'Neal had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and Kobe Bryant added 20 points to lead the Lakers, who will face Detroit or Indiana in the NBA Finals starting Sunday. The best-of-seven series will open in Los Angeles if Detroit wins the Eastern Conference finals and in Indiana if the Pacers win.

The Pistons lead 3-2 entering Game 6 on Tuesday night.

"This is the reason I came over here," said Karl Malone, who had 10 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists and had the grueling task of guarding league MVP Kevin Garnett.

Malone and Gary Payton joined the Lakers last summer at discount prices in search of the first championship in their outstanding careers.

"I would like to show more emotion right now, but we have not done anything yet," Malone said. "The last two times that I went left a bad feeling in my mouth."

The 40-year-old Malone joined the Lakers after spending 18 seasons with the Utah Jazz, who reached the NBA Finals in 1997 and 1998 but lost to the Michael Jordan-led Chicago Bulls both times.

The coach of the Bulls was Jackson, who is going for his 10th championship — more than any coach or manager in team sports. Red Auerbach coached the Boston Celtics to nine titles.

"The pressure's on us, and that's to try and do something unique, and that's to win four of five," Jackson said.

Latrell Sprewell led the Timberwolves with 27 points. Garnett had 22 points and 17 rebounds before fouling out with 19.4 seconds remaining and the outcome decided.

"I got a taste of the Western Conference finals," Garnett said, "but it's like Spree said in the locker room, 'It doesn't mean anything if you don't win it all.' ... We've just got to use this as experience and add a couple of pieces and go from there."

The Timberwolves hadn't advanced past the first round of the playoffs before this year. In the end, they couldn't overcome the loss of All-Star point guard Sam Cassell and his backup, Troy Hudson. Without a solid ballhandler, they committed 19 turnovers in Game 6 — eight by Garnett — to 10 for the Lakers.

"The fact that we did not have our general out there with us sure took us off a little bit and guys were asked to do things they don't normally do," Garnett said. "But we all stood up and took the responsibility and ran with it. We still had a chance to win."

That they did, leading for almost the entire third quarter. But the first of Rush's three 3-pointers in the final period snapped a 68-all tie and put the Lakers ahead for good.

A three-point play by Mark Madsen with 4:13 left cut the Lakers' lead to 84-79, but Slava Medvedenko's third basket of the fourth quarter and Rush's last 3-pointer gave the Lakers a 10-point lead.

"We did well enough to win the game, win the series, but we can play a lot better basketball," O'Neal said after the Lakers improved their postseason record at Staples Center to 9-0 — three wins in each of the first three rounds.

Capriati ousts Serena at French

PARIS (AP) — Jennifer Capriati overcame an erroneous call by a linesman on match point and beat Serena Williams 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 Tuesday to reach the semifinals at the French Open.

When Williams failed to return a shot that skipped off the baseline, Capriati began to celebrate before realizing her shot had been called out. Umpire Pascal Maria overruled the call — correctly, as TV replays confirmed — and ordered the point replayed.

Williams again hit a shot into the net, and Capriati resumed her celebration. The rivals traded smiles and kisses at the net before a gleeful Capriati bowed to the four sides of the center court stadium.

Capriati was joined in the final four by Paola Suarez, who became a Grand Slam semifinalist for the first time at age 27 by beating Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-3.

Williams, who was sidelined for eight months after surgery on her left knee last August, appeared to favor that leg at times during the final set. She bent over after one errant shot, winced after another and declined to chase a Capriati drop shot that went for a winner.

Capriati, who strained her right thigh during a fourth-round victory, occasionally limped after a point but seemed otherwise unaffected.

Trying to end points quickly, Williams committed 45 unforced errors. When she dumped an easy backhand into the net in the final game, she crumpled to the clay in dismay.

Usually the better server, Williams had five double-faults while Capriati hit only one.

Capriati won the final three games. She twice came to the net behind deep returns to win points and broke serve for a 5-3 lead, then coolly served out the match — sometimes a problem for her.

On a drab, damp 60-degree day, the start of the match — first of the afternoon on center court — was delayed 75 minutes because of rain. There were delays during the match of seven and 48 minutes, and occasional drizzle fell during play in a stadium that was more than half empty much of the time.

Given the conditions, the quality of the rallies was exceptional at times.

The rivals parried mostly from behind the baseline, sometimes with spectacular results. One exchange left Williams draped over the courtside geraniums after she scrambled to retrieve a shot and slid off the court.

She won the point.

Capriati played her best tennis at the end of the first set, closing it with three consecutive winners.

Scorecard decides winner at Memorial Day Scramble

A scorecard playoff was used Monday to determine the winner of the Memorial Day Scramble at Scurry County golf course, with the team of Andra Lancaster, Reagan Key and John and Suzy Reed claiming the tournament with a 58.

Kiesha Duggan, Mike Rodriguez, Kevin Winter and Pravin Patell also shot a 58 for second place.

Scorecards also decided third place.

The team of Larry Anderson, Wes Key, Sonny Cumbie and Terrie Powell was third with a 61.

Also firing a 61 and coming in fourth were Billy Wayne Harris, Elliott Cox, Mike McLeod and Judy Moss.

Closest to the hole were Billy Brock, hole 3; Lancaster, hole 5; and Levi Mandrell, hole 9.

Lightning take charge in series

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Maybe Nikolai Khabibulin could sense it from the start. Give up one goal, make a single mistake and it might cost the Tampa Bay Lightning not only the game but the Stanley Cup.

He didn't. On this night, the biggest in the Lightning's 12-year history and his own career, Khabibulin lived up to his nickname: the Bulin Wall.

Khabibulin turned aside 29 shots, and Brad Richards scored on a two-man advantage in the opening minutes, giving the Lightning a 1-0 victory Monday over the Calgary Flames that evened the Stanley Cup final at two games apiece.

Khabibulin made it look easy, but it certainly wasn't in yet another intense, hit-'til-it-hurts game in a series that has featured nothing but such games so far. Game 5 is Thursday night in Tampa following the series' only two-day break.

Opposing goalie Miikka Kiprusoff forced him to be perfect, turning aside everything but Richards' one-timer during a five-on-three that developed not even two minutes into the game.

"He was the best player out there," Richards said of Khabibulin.

Maddux now seven away from 300 career victories

CHICAGO (AP) — Greg Maddux earned his 293rd career victory and Moises Alou homered Monday to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Houston Astros 3-1.

Maddux (4-4) allowed seven hits in 6 2-3 innings, including Lance Berkman's ninth homer in 13 games, before leaving with a mild strain of a muscle in his right side.

After Maddux walked Craig Biggio with two outs in the seventh, putting runners at first and third, trainer Dave Groeschner and manager Dusty Baker went to the mound. Moments later, Maddux walked off with Groeschner.

Maddux said after the game he was OK and planned on throwing on the side in two days. He is not expected to miss his next start.

Kyle Farnsworth relieved and fanned Adam Everett to end the threat.

Joe Borowski, Chicago's fourth pitcher, worked the ninth for his ninth save in 10 chances.

Alou's 13th homer came through a light rain and followed a single by Corey Patterson in the fifth off Roy Oswalt (3-4).

Oswalt, who allowed three runs and 10 hits in six innings, didn't give up a run to Chicago in a seven-inning stint last week.

Todd Hollandsworth hit a broken-bat double down the left-field line in the second and raced to third when second baseman Jeff Kent fumbled Lance Berkman's relay for an error. Ramon Martinez then poked an RBI single to right to give Maddux a 1-0 cushion.

Sports Briefs

Ladies play day moved to Wednesday

The ladies play day has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday in observance of Memorial Day. The SCGA hosts the play day each week at the Scurry County golf course. Format is roughing it-front nine.

Region I finals at Moffett

The Class 3A Region I championship series between Perryton and District 5 champ Graham is set for Moffett Field beginning with game one at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Game two will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday, with a third game, if necessary, slated for 30 minutes after the conclusion of game two.

API scholarship golf tournament

The annual API scholarship golf tournament will be held Saturday at Scurry County golf course. Format is four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50. Cost is $300 per team with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The first 24 paid teams will be accepted. For more information call Randy Glasscock at 575-6709.

Junior golf camp

SHS coaches Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox will host a junior golf camp June 15-18 at Sammy Baugh golf course at WTC.

Seven through 11-year-olds will receive instruction from 1-3 p.m. and 12 to 19-year-olds will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost is $75 and $50 for siblings and clubs will be available. Space is limited, so campers will be taken in order of registration. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information or to sign up.

Girls basketball camp

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

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

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

Football camp

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

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

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

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	30	21	.588	—
Philadelphia	27	22	.551	2
Atlanta	25	25	.500	4½
New York	24	26	.480	5½
Montreal	16	34	.320	13½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	30	21	.588	—
Chicago	27	23	.540	2½
Houston	27	23	.540	2½
St. Louis	27	23	.540	2½
Milwaukee	25	24	.510	4
Pittsburgh	23	24	.489	5

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	27	22	.551	—
San Diego	28	23	.549	—
San Francisco	26	24	.520	1½
Colorado	19	31	.380	8½
Arizona	18	33	.353	10

Monday's Games

Atlanta 8, Montreal 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 3
Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 1
Cincinnati 9, Florida 7
Los Angeles 3, Milwaukee 2, 10 innings
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 8, Arizona 4
Colorado 7, San Diego 1

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Harang 4-2) at Florida (Penny 6-2), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Suppan 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-2) at Philadelphia (Millwood 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 0-0) at Atlanta (Wright 3-5), 6:35 p.m.
Houston (Duckworth 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Rusch 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hermanson 1-2) at Arizona (Sparks 2-4), 8:35 p.m.
Colorado (Cook 0-0) at San Diego (Germano 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 5-3) at Los Angeles (Weaver 3-6), 9:10 p.m.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	30	19	.612	—
Boston	31	20	.608	—
Baltimore	24	23	.511	5
Toronto	22	29	.431	9
Tampa Bay	18	31	.367	12

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	20	.592	—
Minnesota	27	23	.540	2½
Detroit	23	27	.460	6½
Cleveland	22	26	.458	6½
Kansas City	17	31	.354	11½

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	30	20	.600	—
Texas	27	22	.551	2½
Oakland	26	23	.531	3½
Seattle	19	31	.380	11

Monday's Games

Baltimore 13, Boston 4
Detroit 8, Kansas City 4
Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 3
Seattle 6, Toronto 2

Today's Games

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Tampa Bay (Abbott 2-4) at Minnesota (Silva 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 5-4) at Seattle (Meche 1-5), 9:05 p.m.
Boston (Arroyo 2-2) at Anaheim (Colon 4-3), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 6-3) at Oakland (Redman 3-3), 9:05 p.m.

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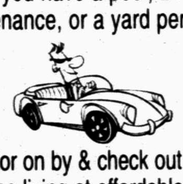

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Texas bar sued for using state name, 'roadhouse'

AUSTIN (AP) — Regulars at the True Blue Texas Roadhouse say they're outraged that a Kentucky-based bar and restaurant chain is suing their bar for using "Texas" and "Roadhouse" in its name.

The Texas Roadhouse restaurant chain sued the La Vernia bar and owner Douglas Bode last month in U.S. District Court in Austin.

The Louisville, Ky.-based chain, which has 165 restaurants in 30 states, contends the bar committed trademark infringement.

Bode said he came up with the name on a late-night drive with friends. He researched the name with a clerk in Wilson County and determined the name was available. The bar opened two years ago.

"I am just trying to make a living. I don't want to offend anybody," Bode, a 38-year-old former curtain company production manager, said in Sunday's editions of the Austin American-Statesman. "For God's sake, I'm a Texas bar. Why can't I use that name?"

The chain's attorney, Tom Walsh, wrote in the lawsuit that by using the terms in his bar's name, Bode "calculated to deceive the relevant consuming public into accepting and purchasing Bode's services in the mistaken belief that they are Texas Roadhouse's services."

Walsh said the corporation tried to reach an out-of court settlement with Bode.

"We attempted to negotiate in good faith for many months," Walsh said. "We believe that my client has superior rights to the trademarks, and frankly, we believe we have a duty to protect our intellectual property."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Alternative treatment for arthritis

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please provide further information about the use of Certo for arthritis.

DEAR READER: Several years ago, I casually mentioned in this column that I had heard from some people whose arthritis had responded to Certo and I asked readers to educate me about the use of this product.

Since then, I've received scores of letters about this subject — and I thank each reader for writing. Many of the letters were glowing testimonials, some contained interesting anecdotes and a few were intriguing. In the interest of space, here is a summary of what I have learned:

Certo is liquid fruit pectin, a product easily obtained in most grocery stores. (It is also available as a powder.) Certo is used in preparing jams and jellies.

Many patients who suffered severe pain from various types of arthritis were at the end of their ropes; traditional medicine, including prescription drugs, had been ineffective in relieving their discomfort. Therefore, as a last resort, they tried Certo — and it worked.

Although some folks added a tablespoonful (or a packet) to coffee, tea or orange juice once or twice a day (with good results), most readers indicated that they achieved maximum benefit by mixing one to three tablespoons of Certo in a glass of unsweetened grape juice once or twice a day. (The amount can be varied according to the severity of symptoms.)

Within a week, most arthritis sufferers experienced significant relief of pain. They then either reduced the dose or discontinued Certo altogether until they had another flare-up of pain.

One reader mentioned constipation as a side effect, another described mild indigestion, but — by and large — Certo therapy is free of complications.

I have no direct, personal experience with this novel home remedy. Certo is inexpensive, easily obtained and harmless. And many readers have testified to its effectiveness.

No one knows how it works, although one physician suggested that Certo renders lead insoluble in the body, somehow affecting arthritis by this reaction.

Regardless of its method of action, Certo appears to be a successful alternative in the treatment of arthritis. I make no guarantee about its efficacy, but if even one reader experiences relief from Certo, this column is worthwhile.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the most common side effect of gynecological radiation therapy?

DEAR READER: The most common consequence of therapeutic radiation to the pelvis for gynecological cancer is colitis — irritation of the large bowel —leading to frequent diarrhea. Although this condition is far less common than was previously the case (because of improved technique and targeting of the X-ray beam), it can usually be successfully treated with anti-diarrhea medication such as Imodium A-D.

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

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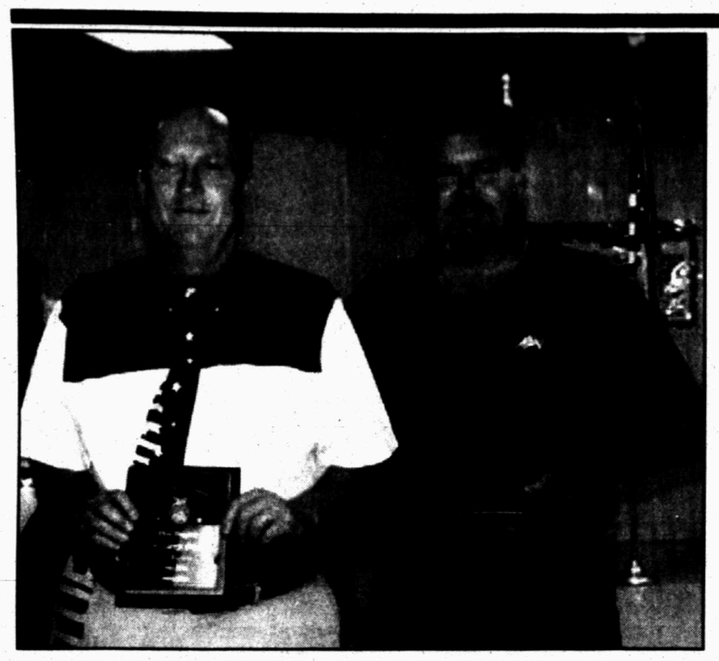

IRA HONORARY FFA AWARDS — Ira's FFA chapter presented the 2004 Honorary Chapter Farmer Awards to Dr. Larry Devitt, left, superintendent, and Dale Pectol, principal. Special thanks were given to Ricky Nickerson for his help with the FFA this past year. His son Chad accepted the award for him. (Contributed Photo)

SPECIAL FFA AWARDS — Ira's FFA presented special awards to from left, Wes Kellner and Ashton Smith, both Chapter Farmer Awards; Lacie Thompson, Lone Star Award and DeKalb Award; and Kelbi Pitner, Greenhand Award. (Contributed Photo)

NEW OFFICERS — Ira's FFA officers for 2004-2005 are from left, Jay Waller, advisor; Jake Barnes, president; Cody Lomax, sentinel; Ashton Smith, treasurer, Lacie Thompson, secretary; Jess Wall, vice president; and Amber Sanchez, reporter. Not pictured: Wes Kellner, student advisor. (Contributed Photo)

Bush enjoying travel advantage on AF One

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is using Air Force One for re-election travel more heavily than any predecessor, wringing maximum political mileage from a perk of office paid for by taxpayers.

While Democratic rival John Kerry digs into his campaign bank account to charter a plane to roam the country, Bush often travels at no cost to his campaign simply by declaring a trip "official" travel rather than "political."

Even when the White House deems a trip as political, the cost to Bush's campaign is minimal. In such instances, the campaign must only pay the government the equivalent of a comparable first-class fare for each political traveler on each leg, Federal Election Commission guidelines say.

Usually, that means paying a few hundred or a few thousand dollars for the president and a handful of aides. It's a minuscule sum, compared to the $56,800-per-hour the Air Force estimates it costs to run Air Force One.

It is an advantage that Bush and other presidents before him have enjoyed. President Clinton frequently was criticized by Republicans for his record-setting use of Air Force One in the campaign season, and Bush is exceeding Clinton's pace.

"It's really something that's abused," said Bill Allison, managing editor of the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit, government watchdog group.

"On the one hand, the president can't fly coach," Allison said. "But on the other hand, taxpayers are in essence subsidizing campaign trips, something that goes against the grain of how the political system is supposed to operate."

The White House says it is following both the law and tradition in deciding which events are official, and thus paid for by taxpayers.

"Federal election laws set forth clear guidelines as to how costs should be incurred, and consistent with decades of past practices, we strictly adhere to those guidelines," said White House spokeswoman Erin Healy.

Bush has logged more than 68,000 miles this year on Air Force One, all within the continental United States except for a quick run to Mexico in January. With rare exceptions, he confines his travels to the more than a dozen states he and Kerry are fighting hardest for, and to places where he is raising campaign money.

Of those states, Bush has made five trips to Pennsylvania, four each to Missouri, Florida and Ohio, and three to Wisconsin. He also has flown to 24 fund-raisers for himself and the Republican Party.

The White House labeled travel to fund-raisers "political." Likewise, it deemed as "political" a thank-you mixer with big donors in Georgia, his first campaign rally in Orlando, Fla., and bus tours through Michigan, Ohio, Iowa and Wisconsin, meaning his campaign paid a share of the costs.

Last widow of Civil War veteran dies

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alberta Martin, the last widow of a Civil War veteran, died on Memorial Day, ending an unlikely ascent from sharecropper's daughter to the belle of 21st century Confederate history buffs who paraded her across the South. She was 97.

Martin died at a nursing home in Enterprise of complications from a heart attack she suffered May 7, said her caretaker, Dr. Kenneth Chancey. She died nearly 140 years after the Civil War ended.

Her May-December marriage in the 1920s to Civil War veteran William Jasper Martin and her longevity made her a celebrated final link to the old Confederacy.

After living in obscurity and poverty for most of her life, in her final years the Sons of Confederate Veterans took her to conventions and rallies, often with a small Confederate battle flag waving in her hand and her clothes the colors of the rebel banner.

"I don't see nothing wrong with the flag flying," she said frequently.

Chancey said she loved the attention. "It's like being matriarch of a large family," he said.

"She was a link to the past," Chancey said Monday. "People would get emotional, holding her hand, crying and thinking about their family that suffered greatly in the past."

Wayne Flynt, a Southern history expert at Auburn University, said the historical distinctiveness of the South, which is so tied to the Civil War, has been disappearing, but Martin provided people with one last chance to see that history in real life.

"She became a symbol like the Confederate battle flag," he said.

The last widow of a Union veteran from the Civil War, Gertrude Janeway, died in January 2003 at her home in Tennessee. She was 93 and had married veteran John Janeway when she was 18.

In 1997, Martin and Daisy Anderson, whose husband was a slave who ran away and joined the Union Army, were recognized at a ceremony at Gettysburg, Pa. Anderson, who lived in Denver, died in 1998 at age 97. Janeway wasn't invited to the Gettysburg event because, at the time, no one outside her family knew her whereabouts.

Alberta Stewart Martin was not from the "Gone With the Wind" South of white-columned mansions and hoop skirts.

World's oldest person dies at 114

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Ramona Trinidad Iglesias Jordan, who at age 114 was recognized as the world's oldest living person, has died after a bout with pneumonia.

Relatives said Monday that she died early Saturday in a nursing home in Rio Piedras, a suburb of San Juan.

"I was hoping she could make it to her 115th birthday, but it was impossible," said Rene Matos, a great nephew who lives in El Paso. "She was in the hospital about four or five days, and the day after she was released she died in the nursing home."

Iglesias earned the distinction in April when Guinness World Records declared her the world's oldest living woman after a check of documents. It also lists Fred Hale Sr., 113, of Syracuse, New York, as the oldest man.

Iglesias was born in 1889, the same year as Charlie Chaplin, and the year when the newly built Eiffel Tower made its premiere.

A baptismal certificate showed Iglesias was born Aug. 31 that year, while a birth certificate issued in 1948 showed her birth date one day later, on Sept. 1.

Matos, a 64-year-old factory manager, said he thinks her longevity was due largely to the fact that she had "a very easy life — easy in the sense that she didn't have too much to worry about."

Her husband was a bank manager in the 1940s and 50s who passed away in the 1970s, Matos said. They never had any children and lived peacefully, he said.

Often she enjoyed a beer with meals, Matos said.

"Even when she was over 100 years, every time we took her out to a restaurant, she always liked to have a beer, a small beer, a 7-ounce beer with the food," he said. "That was the first thing she asked for when she got to a restaurant."

Her death could leave Hendrikje van Andel-Schipper of the Netherlands as the oldest living woman, at age 113. She was born in Smilde, Netherlands on June 29, 1890.

Iglesias was born while Puerto Rico was still part of the Spanish empire and lived through the transition after U.S. troops seized the Caribbean island in 1898.

"I remember when the Americans came in," she was quoted as saying in an April interview with the Puerto Rican newspaper El Vocero, recalling that when she went to school "there were no American teachers" and only Spanish was spoken.

Born in the central town of Utuado, Iglesias lived all her life in Puerto Rico. She was one of 11 children; one brother lived to 101 and a sister to 103, said nephew Jorge Iglesias. Her two surviving sisters are 89 and 94, he said.

A funeral Mass was held on Sunday, and relatives said she was to be cremated on today.

On the Net:
http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/

Love, Logic sessions set at East Side

East Side Church of Christ is offering the Love and Logic Class taught by Pam Hart every Wednesday evening this Wednesday through July 7.

The class is set from 6-8 p.m. and is geared to all parents and grandparents. Mrs. Hart, who is the principal at Central Elementary, has used the Love and logic approach at Central for the past several years.

The class helps parents and grandparents teach their children about owning up to their actions and what outcomes they expect from those actions.

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Post 9-11 anti-terrorism agency downsizing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The anti-terrorism agency that Congress rushed into existence just weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks to protect America's planes, trains and trucks is shrinking, and could all but fade away.

The Transportation Security Administration, which hired some 65,000 employees and has spent more than $10 billion over 3 1/2 years, has been beset by complaints about its performance, leaving it vulnerable to congressional Republicans who want to reduce the size of government.

After the terrorist attacks, "people were panicked to put in place a massive bureaucracy," said House Aviation Subcommittee Chairman John Mica.

The Florida Republican says the time has come to rethink TSA and cut it back.

The federal air marshal program which places armed, undercover officers on select planes, already has been transferred elsewhere within the Department of Homeland Security. TSA has cut its work force of passenger and baggage screeners from 60,000 to 45,000.

Mica and other Republicans, who were never entirely comfortable with creating a new bureaucracy, want to return all airport security screener jobs to the private sector, where they were before Sept. 11, 2001. If so, the federal screeners would get the first opportunity to apply for the private jobs.

Mica argues that private companies will do a better, more efficient job at the screening that currently is the TSA's primary function.

"They were given almost an impossible task, and they did complete the task Congress requested," Mica said of the TSA. "Now the question comes to sheer numbers and performance, and there's a lot to be desired."

Mica plans to meet with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge soon to talk about reorganizing TSA.

The law creating the Homeland Security Department has a sunset provision for the transportation security office. It says the TSA has only to be maintained as a distinct entity until November 2004.

TSA Deputy Administrator Stephen McHale said he wasn't aware of any plans to change the agency's status as a separate entity. But, he acknowledged recently, "I'm not saying such a plan won't develop."

Many Democrats believe the federal agency is needed to protect travelers. They say Republicans set it up to fail by refusing to give it enough money.

"I helped to create TSA, which is now being disassembled," said Oregon Rep. Peter DeFazio, ranking Democrat on the aviation subcommittee.

The TSA started from nothing and grew quickly as part of the Transportation Department. It was incorporated into the Homeland Security Department when that Cabinet-level agency was formed as a result of separate legislation early last year.

The law creating TSA gave airports the choice of returning to privately employed screeners to check passengers and bags as of Nov. 19. An estimated 100 airports, out of 445 with TSA screeners, already have expressed interest in taking advantage of that option this fall.

Regulators eye restricting credit scoring

DALLAS (AP) — Texans with mediocre or worse credit histories are paying more for car and home insurance, even if they have good claims records.

The number of auto insurers relying on "credit scoring" in setting rates has risen to nearly 80 percent of the Texas market, according to a recent survey. A solid majority of home insurers also use the scores when pricing their policies.

Insurance companies say credit scoring is a valuable tool in deciding whom to sell auto and homeowners policies and how much to charge. Consumer groups say it's an unfair practice that disproportionately burdens minorities and the poor.

State insurance regulators are caught in the middle, trying to decide just how much to limit credit scoring as they implement a massive insurance reform law passed last year, The Dallas Morning News reported Monday.

For consumers with poor credit history, insurance premiums can be more than double what those with good credit pay. One study by the Texas Department of Insurance indicated consumers with poor credit scores pay up to 113 percent more.

Dan Lambe of Texas Watch, a consumer watchdog group, wants credit scoring banned like it is in other states, most recently Michigan.

Grading credit "is just one more tool for insurance companies to play games with the rates they charge drivers and homeowners," Lambe said.

It defies common sense, he said, to claim a link between a person's credit history and the likelihood that he or she will file a claim for hail damage to a home.

The insurance industry maintains that credit history is a valid underwriting factor that helps sort good risks from the bad.

"Credit scoring has become increasingly popular not only in Texas but across the country because it is a very valid predictor of people who take risks," said Jerry Johns of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, an industry group in Austin.

Johns cited several studies, including one last year by researchers at the University of Texas, that showed "a strong tie between credit history and the potential for loss, whether it be in auto or homeowners insurance."

State Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor was considering a strict cap on how much premiums could be increased or discounted based on credit history, but the decision has been put off until at least the fall while the insurance department conducts a study of the practice.

The department's staff has recommended a cap of 10 percent on premium variations.

Birny Birnbaum of the Austin-based Center for Economic Justice said studies done by the Missouri Department of Insurance and similar entities have shown that credit scoring has a "terrible impact" on minorities and lower income groups.

The Missouri study found that residents of high-minority and low-income ZIP codes in that state had significantly worse credit scores on average than residents of more affluent, high-Anglo ZIP codes.

Birnbaum, an insurance expert whose nonprofit group advocates for minority and low-income consumers, said credit scoring is the "21st-century tool for redlining" — an outlawed practice in which insurers and lending institutions charged higher rates or refused to market their products in neighborhoods they considered undesirable.

"We totally disagree with that," said Mark Hanna of the Insurance Council of Texas. "Credit scoring affects all socio-economic groups similarly."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teens too old for foster care find help from many sources

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter you received from "Lost in Alabama," a former foster child who had lived in an emergency shelter for seven months before being placed in a foster home for the week before she turned 18. The girl was allowed to call the shelter for a short time before finally being asked not to call anymore and told to "move on with her life."

You wisely advised her to contact the YWCA. YWCA associations offer a variety of services, and many of them provide transitional housing programs. The girl from Alabama can learn about resources provided by her local YWCA by going to the Web site at www.ywca.org.

Since passage of the Foster Care Independence Act in 1999, more assistance is available to this population. This legislation allowed states to extend Medicaid coverage up to age 21; permits youth to save money while in care to prepare for independence without their assets counting against their eligibility for foster care funding; provides funding to states for initial and ongoing training of foster parents; and created the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. This program increased funding to states for independent living activities and offers increased assistance for room and board.

Youth should contact their state's foster care system to get more information about resources. If they have trouble navigating the system, the Child Welfare League of America may be able to assist: www.cwla.org. — **KELLY BELL-McGLOTHAN, YWCA OF FORT WORTH/TARRANT COUNTY**

DEAR KELLY: Since that letter ran, I have been told that nearly 25,000 young people "age out" of the foster care system each year — and few, if any of them, have the necessary skills to live on their own. I congratulate you for the work you are doing with this underserved population. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: "Lost" and all other teens in foster care should reach out and ask for help. They don't have to wait until they are 18 to do it. Teens in foster care need adults to step forward and help them reach their goals.

Agencies that can refer young people to help in their local communities include the local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) programs and Foster Parent Associations. A good online resource is Foster Club (www.fosterclub.com). Casey Family Programs also has a set of self-directed planning tools for youth at its Web site: www.casey.org/Resources/Tools/CaseyLifeSkills.htm. — **JANIS AVERY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TREEHOUSE, SEATTLE**

DEAR JANIS: Thank you for sharing these valuable resources. Several other caring readers also pointed out that Job Corps helps youth between the ages of 16 and 24. Young people can live on-site for up to two years while working on their education and job-training skills. They receive free room, board, medical and dental care in addition to counseling and a small stipend. The Web site is www.jobcorps.org and the toll-free number is (800) 733-5627.

Additional resources for young people in need of assistance include Catholic Charities and the Orphan Foundation of America, which also helps youth in the foster care system. The Orphan Foundation can be reached at www.orphan.org or by calling (571) 203-0270.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

In the year ahead, there may be a number of opportunities to get involved in joint ventures that have the potential for success. Just remember there are many gold nuggets in the sand, but they must be sifted out in order to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Relationship dealings could be your most sensitive and fragile area today, so you'll have to be particularly careful not to impose your will on those who are important to you. Be diplomatic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Self-discipline will be required today so that any lazy-bone characteristics you keep under check don't gain the upper hand and make you irresponsible. Be especially diligent at work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your customary charm and decorum may desert you today and be replaced with indignant overtures toward friends and associates. Use your energy to make allies, not enemies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When dealing with co-workers or those who are under your care today, you'll get better results to your directives if you are considerate and gracious rather than harsh and demanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Yours may be the minority viewpoint today regarding issues about which you feel strongly, so it would behoove you to stay mum when in the presence of friends who think differently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If possible today, don't put yourself in the position of taking on cumbersome new financial obligations that might be difficult for you to handle. Spend only what you have in the bank.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's quite possible today that your ambitions could conflict with those whose support is pertinent to your needs. You'll fail unless you wait until another day when their interests change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be kind and do what you can to help those who need assistance today, but be careful not to allow them to overwhelm you with their burdens and cause you to be negligent of your own affairs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Activities or involvements with friends today could turn out to be a bit more complicated than usual. Be particularly cognizant to avoid situations that pit one pal against another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you have one of those days when support of friends or family is more important to you than usual, take care not to take advantage of anyone. Don't be overly dependent.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're not likely to have too much luck today attempting to sell or promote something in which you actually don't believe. Sincerity is a must in order to have any hope of gaining acceptance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Just because your financial prospects look encouraging at this time isn't any reason to use it as an excuse to make an extravagant purchase. Wait until things become a fait accompli.

Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Kerry urges greater vigilance against nuclear terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry, accusing President Bush of not doing enough to prevent nuclear terrorism, promises a new plan "to keep the worst weapons from falling into the worst hands."

The Democratic presidential candidate was laying out what he called a "layered strategy" to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear technology, to al-Qaida and other terrorists in a speech today at the Port of Palm Beach in Riviera Beach, Fla.

The speech was the part of a series designed to explain Kerry's national security policies during an 11-day tour that ends Sunday on the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

Kerry called for doing more to:

—Secure all bomb-making materials.

—Ensure that no new materials are produced for nuclear weapons.

—End nuclear weapons programs in hostile states like North Korea and Iran.

"We have to do everything we can to stop a nuclear weapon from ever reaching our shore — and that mission begins far away," Kerry said in prepared speech remarks. "We have to secure nuclear weapons and materials around the world so that searching the containers here at the Port of Palm Beach isn't our only line of defense — it is our last line of defense."

Kerry said the key question was whether the United States had done all it could to secure dangerous weapons since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"The honest answer is that we have done too little, often too late, and even cut back our efforts or turned away from the greatest threats we face in the world today," he said.

Kerry called for "a strategy that invokes our nonmilitary strength early enough and effectively enough so military force doesn't become our only option."

Eliminating weapons of mass destruction was cited by the Bush administration as a primary reason for invading Iraq. No such weapons have been found.

Both presidential candidates are underscoring the importance of Florida in the electoral politics of 2004 with their frequent visits to the state.

Kerry is making his 17th visit to Florida since he began campaigning for the presidency. Bush has visited the state 21 times since he was elected.

Kerry, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, also is stepping up his criticism of how Bush treats both active-duty and retired military personnel.

During a visit Monday to Portsmouth, Va., home to naval shipyards and other big military installations, Kerry said the Bush administration had overextended the military and turned the National Guard and Reserve "into almost active duty."

"Even while they are creating more veterans, they are not taking care of the veterans we have the way they ought to be," Kerry said in an interview with a local TV station after watching the city's Memorial Day parade.

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Midwest, South struggle to rebuild

MARENGO, Ind. (AP) — The death toll from a swarm of Memorial Day weekend thunderstorms and tornadoes stood at 10 as residents of the South and Midwest struggled with power outages, flooding and debris-logged streets.

More thunderstorms pounded parts of the South today, and the National Weather Service said radar detected two possible tornadoes during the night in Texas. Storms produced heavy rain Monday from Louisiana to New England, following the weekend's violent weather that ravaged Marengo and other parts of the Midwest.

Gov. Joe Kernan surveyed the damage from a helicopter Monday, a day after the storms that destroyed dozens of homes, and said Marengo "just got clobbered." The weather service estimated the tornado that struck the town of 800 people had wind up to 170 mph.

Two Indiana National Guard units were expected to arrive today in Marengo, about 35 miles northwest of Louisville, Ky., to move heavy debris, said Lt. Col. Larry Powers, a Guard spokesman.

Kernan extended a disaster emergency he issued last week for the entire state.

Crews used backhoes and tractors Monday to clear Marengo's streets and yards. Power company workers erected new utility poles, and residents used chain saws to cut up scores of fallen trees, including one that mangled playground equipment at the elementary school.

"Everything we own is gone," Amber Terry said as she picked through the wreckage of her mobile home, which was smashed into a neighbor's house about 20 feet away. She said she, her husband and two young children would move in with her parents.

"Just pick up and start over," Terry said.

One man died in Marengo when the twister flipped his mobile home.

Nearly 100 homes and farm buildings were destroyed or damaged early Monday in Tennessee's Giles County, about 80 miles south of Nashville. A total of 22 people were injured in Hardin County.

Train hits five people crossing bridge

RIDGEFIELD, Wash. (AP) — A freight train struck a man and four children as they crossed a private railroad bridge often used by residents to walk between two small towns, killing the man and a 12-year-old child.

The group, on a Memorial Day outing to the beach, apparently ignored the "No Trespassing" signs Monday on the bridge over the Lewis River between Woodland and Ridgefield.

Arin Kight, 30, and Ashley Falk, 12, were killed. Kight's two children, 12-year-old Heaven Campbell and 7-year-old Matt Thompson, were injured, as was 6-year-old Wayne Frye, the son of Kight's fiancee.

The three children survived by hugging the bolts on the sides of the bridge, but Ashley fell into the river. It was unclear whether she died from the impact of the train or drowned.

"I remember this really loud bang, and dad told us to get on the edge," said Wayne, referring to Kight. "My dad didn't make it. He fell."

The Union Pacific train was heading from Seattle to Portland, Ore., when it hit the group around 3:30 p.m. Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley stressed that the trestle is private property and well-marked with "No Trespassing" signs.

Local residents, however, said the bridge has long been the only way to walk between the two towns and blamed the railroad for failing to make it safer. The land route via Interstate 5 is approximately 15 miles long.

Kight and his fiancee, Melissa Barkley, 25, went to a quiet beach on the Ridgefield side of the river to spend Memorial Day with their three children and their friend, Ashley.

Barkley had often crossed the bridge as a child but said she cringed when Kight offered to take the children to explore it.

After hearing the warning whistle, all five tried to outrun the train but failed and Kight fell on the tracks, said Barkley, who was watching from the beach below.

"There was nothing I could do," said Barkley.

Area residents — especially children — have grown accustomed to running across the trestle. In the last five years, at least two others have been killed by trains on the bridge, residents said.

Gus Melonas, a spokesman for Burlington Northern Santa Fe, which owns the tracks, said the accident involved a two-engine train with 47 rail cars. The company is investigating the accident.

Wayne, clutching a stuffed monkey, told reporters Monday night at Oregon Health & Sciences University hospital that the tragedy had taught him a lesson.

"Boys and girls, you do not want to play on the train tracks, because you'll get a big bruise — maybe even worse," he said. The boy was treated for a large bruise on his lower back.

Security checks force long lines at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport

ATLANTA (AP) — Thousands of frustrated travelers waited in two-hour-long lines to pass through security today at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, slowed by a rush of business and post-holiday passengers.

Travelers at one of the country's busiest airports stood in a labyrinthine line that wound through ticketing and baggage claim areas and the food court before even nearing the security gate.

The line of ticketed passengers waiting to pass through security was so long it even backed up nontravelers who were just trying to reach the central atrium and food court area.

"We started outside, then the line went inside by the ticket counters, then back outside, then back inside, then we zigzagged around some more," said a worn-out Don Price of Moultrie, who was trying to get to the atrium to meet an arriving traveler.

Lines also have spilled outside at least twice in the last month.

Hartsfield-Jackson officials have warned for months they could not handle the summer travel crush without extra help from the federal Transportation Security Administration.

Part of the problem at Hartsfield is its "keyhole" security system that can quickly turn into a bottleneck. Rather than having security checkpoints on every concourse, like Los Angeles International Airport, passengers are screened at a single 18-lane checkpoint.

The airport has asked for more security lanes but the four additional lanes now being built haven't been completed.

How to dispose of old, worn-out flags

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is working with Wal-Mart Stores Inc., to provide customers a way to properly dispose of their worn American flags for the third year in a row. Beginning today, customers can visit any Wal-Mart store, Sam's Club or Neighborhood Market and drop off their used American flags for proper disposal by participating VFW posts.

Drop-off stations will be located inside all U.S. Wal-Mart stores, Sam's Club and Neighborhood Markets through June 14. The flags will be collected by participating VFW posts and disposed of in a dignified ceremony. After dropping off worn flags, customers are encouraged to pick up a free brochure explaining the proper etiquette for displaying their new American flag.

Flag, purse reported stolen

• ***Theft***

At 9:05 a.m. Monday, a flag was reported stolen in the 3000 block of Crockett.

At 4:03 a.m. today, a caller reported that a purse was taken out of a vehicle in the 2800 block of 33rd Street.

• ***Gas drive off***

A gas drive off of $17.20 was reported at Rip Griffins' Truck Stop at 1:04 p.m. Monday.

• ***Disturbances***

Police were called to McDonald's at 3:51 p.m. Monday on a report of an employee throwing ice on a car and passenger.

At 4:34 p.m. Monday, a disturbance was reported in the 12000 block of U.S. 180. A female was issued a criminal trespass warning.

Three juveniles were reported to be on the roof of the Polynesian Gardens at 8:55 p.m. Monday. Parents were called to pick up the youths.

Deputies responded to a report of a loud noise a half-mile north of 37th Street at 9:09 p.m. Monday. Investigators found a female who said she was firing at some stray dogs.

• ***Animal sightings***

A stray cat that was acting strangely and foaming at the mouth was reported in the 300 block of 31st Street. The animal was not captured.

A skunk was reported at the intersection of El Paso and 30th Street.

• ***Leaking water tower***

Water leaking out of the tower at U.S. 84 and College Ave. was reported at 7:43 p.m. Monday. The city said the leak will continue until parts to repair it arrive.

• ***Grass Fire***

Snyder fire fighters were called to a grass fire at 12:24 p.m. Monday to 2583 Denson Road southeast of Snyder on property belonging to D.E. Jackson. Sparks from a grinder had started the fire which consumed about two acres.

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Bush welcomes new Iraqi government

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today welcomed the formation of a new Iraqi interim government, saying it brings that country "one step closer" to democracy.

The president cautioned that the transfer of authority to a new interim Iraqi government could be accompanied by an increase, rather than a lessening, of violence.

"There's still violent people who want to stop progress. Their strategy hasn't changed. They want to kill innocent lives and shake our will. They're not going to shake our will," Bush told reporters in the White House Rose Garden after the naming of a new 33-member Iraqi government.

"This is a very hopeful day for the Iraqi people and the American people. It's going to send a clear signal that terrorists can't win," the president said.

Bush said he had "no role" in the selection of the leaders. But he said he believed the formation of the new government would help ease the way for a new U.N. resolution seeking to set the stage for stability in Iraq.

Earlier, his national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, called the announcement "a positive step for the future of a free Iraq."

"These are not America's puppets," she said.

Bush said he had spoken earlier in the day with U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan to praise the work done by the United Nations in helping to assemble the new government.

Annan said in New York that the process of choosing an interim government wasn't perfect but the United Nations did "exactly what we set out to do."

"It was never intended that the United Nations will go and appoint and impose a government on the Iraqis," he said. "We have to discuss it and given the circumstances and the factors on the ground, it is not surprising that you have a mix of people from the Governing Council and from outside who are forming the new government."

Bush praised the work of U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi.

"Consulting with hundreds of Iraqis from a variety of backgrounds, Mr. Brahimi has recommended a team that possesses the talent, the commitment and the resolve to guide Iraq through the challenges that lie ahead," Bush said.

Bush has been seeking more international help in stabilizing Iraq.

Asked if the formation of a new government would help pave the way for more foreign troops, Bush said:

"I don't know if there will be a major commitment of new troops, but I think that there will be a major focus on helping Iraq become a free country."

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 6/2	Thu 6/3	Fri 6/4
94/68	87/66	92/70
Sunny in the morning with isolated thunderstorms developing later in the day.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:47 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:48 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:49 PM

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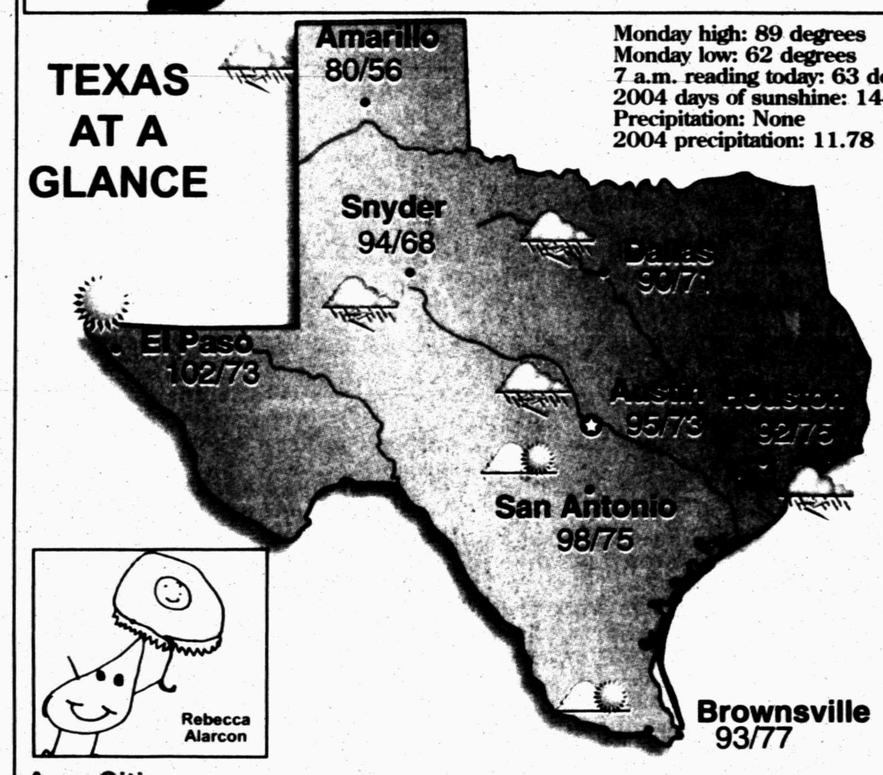

Monday high: 89 degrees
Monday low: 62 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 63 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 144 of 152
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 11.78

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	69	t-storm	El Paso	102	73	sunny	Midland	101	71	sunny
Amarillo	80	56	t-storm	Fort Stockton	102	71	sunny	Raymondville	95	75	pt sunny
Austin	95	73	t-storm	Gainesville	87	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	75	t-storm
Beaumont	91	74	t-storm	Greenville	87	68	t-storm	San Antonio	98	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	77	pt sunny	Houston	92	75	t-storm	San Marcos	96	74	t-storm
Brownwood	96	70	mst sunny	Kingsville	95	75	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	92	77	pt sunny	Livingston	92	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	96	69	t-storm
Corsicana	89	70	t-storm	Longview	87	69	t-storm	Tyler	87	69	t-storm
Dallas	90	71	t-storm	Lubbock	91	63	t-storm	Weatherford	89	67	t-storm
Del Rio	100	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	86	64	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	64	t-storm	Houston	92	75	t-storm	Phoenix	107	79	sunny
Boston	67	55	t-storm	Los Angeles	80	64	sunny	San Francisco	72	54	windy
Chicago	63	48	rain	Miami	90	78	pt sunny	Seattle	70	51	mst sunny
Dallas	90	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	68	48	pt sunny	St. Louis	72	56	pt sunny
Denver	73	52	mst sunny	New York	77	62	t-storm	Washington, DC	83	64	t-storm

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
May 27	Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 17

UV Index

Wed 6/2	Thu 6/3	Fri 6/4
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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