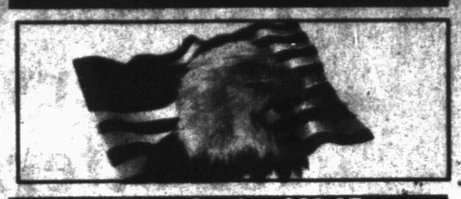
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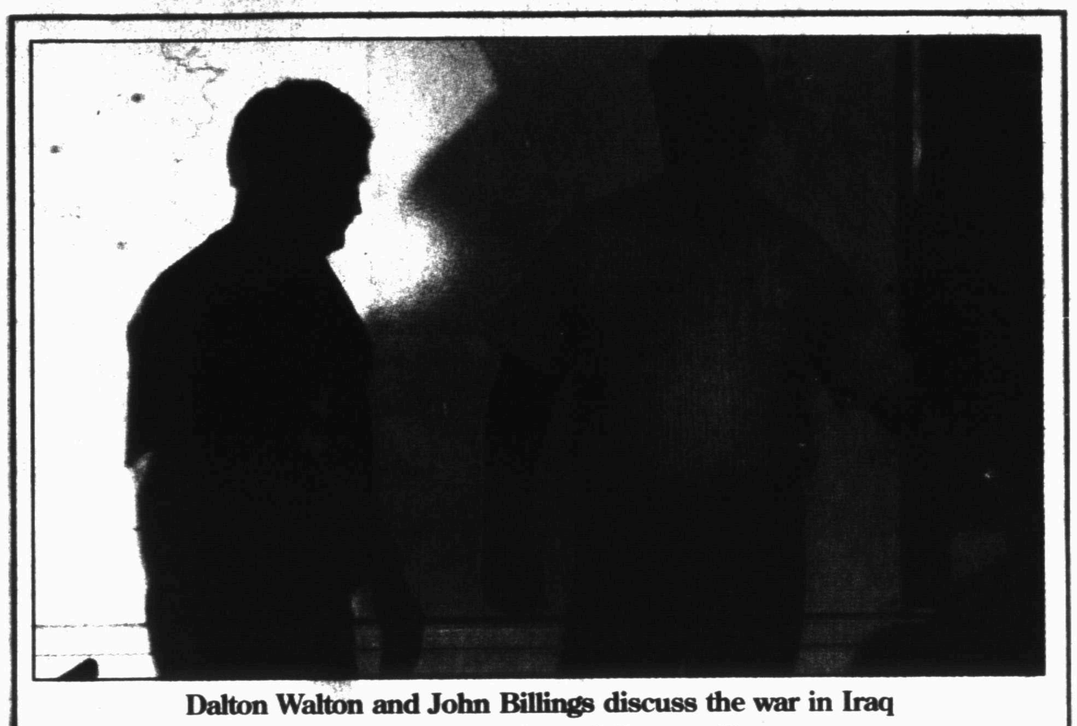
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Dalton Walton and John Billings discuss the war in Iraq

Fifth graders talk about war with two local soldiers' dads

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Fifth graders in Rebekah Thornton's class at Northeast Elementary didn't get to visit with a soldier Thursday, but they got the next best thing.

Dalton Walton, father of Marine 2nd Lt. Cade Walton, spoke to the class about his son and the war in Iraq.

Walton told the class that Cade was in Baghdad Thursday and reminded the Snyder youngsters that war isn't fun and games.

"This isn't a TV show when you see it on television and it's not a movie or a video game," he said. "This is real and people are getting hurt and some are dying, so don't forget that."

Cade, a 1992 graduate of Snyder High, is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Walton said he has corresponded often with his son by letter, but hasn't spoken with him in several weeks.

Cade, a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School, was able to borrow a satellite telephone from a news correspondent in Iraq last week and called his girlfriend in California.

Speaking to the class, Dalton Walton was wearing a T-shirt that read "My son is in Baghdad" and he said he was glad to hear that Cade was able to call.

"His girlfriend told us that his voice still sounds real strong and his sense of humor was still sharp," he said.

Walton also told the fifth graders what effect war has on families of those serving in Iraq.

"It's very hard on you, knowing your son or daughter is in harm's way over there," he said. "It's real emotional and real tough. It becomes a very personal thing."

Walton said he writes Cade about every other day and it's becoming difficult to write without repeating previous letters.

Texas Ranger John Billings also spoke to the class. His son, Bryan, is a 1997 SHS graduate and is stationed at Camp Pendleton in California. He is an Air Force fire rescue specialist.

Billings said he doesn't know if Bryan will be sent to Iraq.

The students were given pictures of weapons used by American soldiers and had the chance to hold a bullet-proof vest and helmet.

Thornton's students intend to write letters to Cade and Bryan.

$231.3 million...

Bank deposits increase locally by $10 million

Bank deposits in Snyder reflect a better-than-average local economy, as four reporting financial institutions revealed a combined deposit increase of just under $10 million.

Combined deposits at Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, Texas Savings Bank and American State Bank for the first quarter of 2003 were $231.3 million compared to $221.6 at the same time 12 months ago, an increase of $9.7 million.

Compared to total deposits at the end of last year, the first-quarter numbers were $4.3 million better.

Snyder National Bank total deposits on March 31 were $92.4 million, an increase of $4.6 million compared to the same time in 2002 and a jump of $1.5 million when compared to Dec. 31.

Deposits at West Texas State Bank totaled $76 million, an increase of $200,000 when evaluated against the close of the first quarter last year and an increase of $1.4 million compared to year-end.

Texas Savings Bank total deposits were $36.3 million at the end of the first quarter, compared to $33 million at the same time last year – an increase of $3.3 million. When compared to the end of 2002, the TBS deposit increase was $1.9 million.

At American State Bank, total deposits were $26.6 million, an increase of $1.6 million compared to the first quarter of last year, and a decline of $500,000 when compared to 2002's year-end.

Total loans were $98.5 million on March 31, an increase of $300,000 when compared to the first quarter of 2002 when combined loans were $98.2 million.

Loans at Snyder National totaled $28.9 million, an increase of $4.9 million when compared to the same reporting period in 2002 and a drop of $400,000 when compared to the close of 2002.

At West Texas State Bank, total laons were $35.8 million at the end of 2003's first quarter, a drop of $5.9 million when compared to the same time last year, and an increase of $800,000 when compared to year-end total loans of $38 million.

Texas Savings Bank revealed total loans of $33.8 million, an increase of $1.3 million since the same time in 2002 and an increase of $1.1 million when compared to the end of 2002.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN
by Wade Warren



You can take the boy from the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy.

A couple of years ago, ambition called and then-Snyder ISD asst. supt. Wendell Sollis moved to Odessa for a prestigious job with the Ector County Independent School District. We thought that might cityfy the guy and apparently it was working for awhile.

We had talked to him a couple of times since he, Dusty and Jessica moved to the city and found him to be using vocabulary words suitable for an assistant superintendent in a school district that consists of two 5-A schools.

Wendell is also a banjo-picker and we figured with all the demands of his new job, he wouldn't have time to pick and grin.

We were wrong.

Wendell, who had to be a banjo-picking soldier during the Civil War in his first life, is still playing the banjo.

A news release came in this week touting major renovations to the Wilbarger County Memorial Coliseum in Vernon and of a concert on April 12 by a new group called Swing West.

Scurry County resident and Grammy Award winner Tommy Allsup is in the new band and so is Wendell.

And here's some excerpts from an obit on a guy that we would have liked to have known.

Wilbur Lee Anderson, or W.L. as his friends apparently called him, died March 11 in San Angelo at the age of 91.

He led an interesting life according to the obituary.

The story reads that W.L. was a man of many San Angelo firsts — the first nine-year-old to drive an automobile in that city (in 1920), the first 12-year-old to build a crystal radio (in 1923, but all he could pick up were lightning strikes because the closest radio station at the time was in Fort Worth), and the first chief engineer at San Angelo's first radio station in 1927 — he was 16.

W.L. also was the first person to build a two-way radio system for police use in West Texas, and it was only the second in the entire state.

The radios used by the police in San Angelo at the time required large batteries, dynomotors and other parts necessary to operate the pioneering system and all the parts together took up the entire back seat area.

This necessitated officers to strap the arrested party to the running boards and handcuffing them through the door posts for the trip to jail.

One New Year's eve in San Angelo, the booze must have been flowing down the Concho River as the police not only had to strap the drunks to the running boards, they also had to tie them across the fenders and hood.

As the story goes, one drunk stumbled out of a bar near the police station and spotted some of his companions tied to the hoods of the police cars.

The sight caused him to collapse in the middle of the street and as officers approached him, he yelled at the top of his voice, "Don't shoot, don't shoot. My Lord, they're hunting us like deer."

Snyder gets new area code effective Saturday

One of Texas' original four area codes is splitting up.

The 915 area code, which encompasses a huge swath of West Texas, including Scurry County, will be split up with two new area codes beginning Saturday.

Business and residential phone users, however, will have six months to get adjusted to the new codes. Calls to numbers in the new codes can still be completed using the 915 area code until Oct. 4.

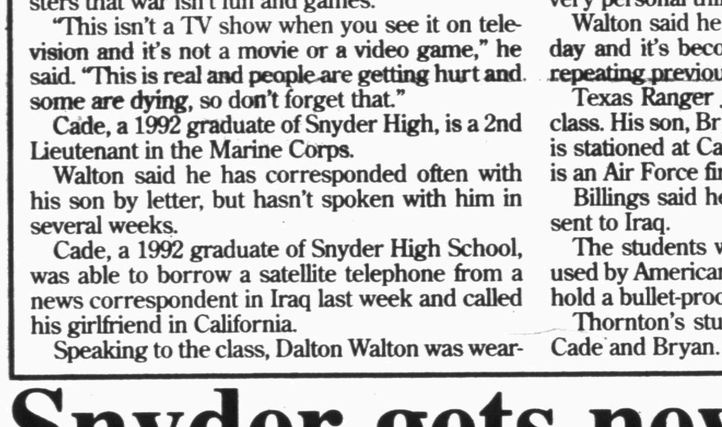
The new area codes — 432 and 325 — also will work.

El Paso will retain 915, while central West Texas (Midland, Odessa, Seminole, Pecos, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis, Alpine) becomes 432 and the eastern part of the region, including Snyder, San Angelo, Brady, Brownwood, Abilene and surrounding communities takes on 325.

The Public Utility Commission announced the new area codes last year in anticipation of the phone numbers running out by 2004.

The proliferation of cell telephones and fax machines has added to the large number of telephones in this part of Texas.

The 915 area code was established in 1947 along with 214 in the Northeast, 512 in Central and South Texas and 713 in the Southeast.



New area code map

Deadline near for chance on winning car

Time is running out to purchase chances to win the 2003 Ford Focus to be given away Saturday by Western Texas College.

Tickets are available until 8:30 p.m. today at Wal-Mart and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. when the vehicle will be given away.

Less than 1,000 tickets have been sold. Cost is $10 per chance.

Wilson Motors donated the vehicle as part of WTC's "Get the Ball Rolling" fundraising campaign.

TxDOT Trash-Off set for Saturday

The 18th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is Saturday and several groups from Scurry County will pick up trash along the highways.

Groups who have signed up by today at the Texas Department of Transportation office to participate are the Ira Church of God, Community of Christ Church and the Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club.

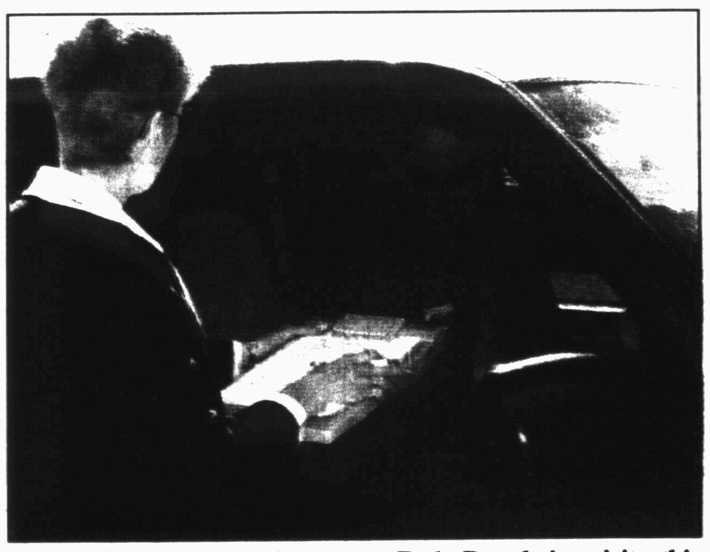
Last year in Texas, one million pounds of trash was picked up by more than 70,000 volunteers.

"The annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off brings people across the state together to clean up our roadsides and take pride in Texas," said Mary Beth Kilgore, TxDOT's Abilene District Adopt-a-Highway coordinator.

"The large number of volunteers who turn out for this event each year shows that citizens are genuinely concern with beautifying the state and Scurry County," said Kilgore.

Since we started counting in 1994, volunteers have picked up more than 14 million tons of trash on Texas highways," said Doris Howdeshell, Director of the Travel Division for TxDOT.

"This equals 1,417 pounds for every man, woman and child in Texas."



RECYCLING — Extension agent Beth Dannheim visits this morning with Ferrel Wheeler about substances he intends to discard. The Extension Service was collecting hazardous materials at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—How many entries were received for the Varsity Square Shopping Center sign contest?

A—There were 10 entries submitted to the chamber of commerce.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Carolyn Stansell...



...is the secretary for the extension service and has been on the job just a few weeks. Carolyn has lived in Fluvanna 34 years. Her husband, Bobby, is a farmer and rancher. Their sons and families farm in Fluvanna. They are Greg and Tina Stansell who have two sons, Joshua and Jordan; and Mark and Esther. A daughter, Cynthia, and husband, Brian, live in San Angelo. Carolyn likes to sew, paint and make flower arrangements.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All is perspective. To a worm, digging in the ground is more relaxing than going fishing.

—Clyde Abel

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Community garden

The Community Garden, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, will be planted Saturday morning. Anyone wishing to help call M.J. Merritt at 573-5301 for more information.

Fish fry fundraiser

New Hope Baptist Church will hold a fish fry with all the trimmings from 11:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Plates are $7 for adults and $3.50 for those 12 and under. Carry-outs are available by calling 573-7243.

Relay for life fundraiser

The American State Bank's Relay for Life Team will wash cars in the bank parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Fireman's reunion

A Fireman's Reunion will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center. All firemen (volunteer, retired, former, paid) and their families are invited. Bring salad, vegetable or desert to go with meat, beans and drinks that will be provided.

St. Elizabeth sausage festival

St. Elizabeth will have its annual sausage festival Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the parish center. Tickets are $7 for adults and all take-outs; and $4 for children 12 and under. Game booths, raffles and country store will be available. Sausage also sold by the pound, $3 uncooked and $4 cooked.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Tom Pritchard, state president of the retired teachers association, will speak on the current legislative session.

Book fair

Northeast Elementary will have a book fair Monday through Wednesday. Hours Monday and Tuesday are 8 a.m.–5 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the school.

Hermleigh Cemetery Association

The Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Hermleigh Community Center.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "I Choose Death," followed by "The Resurrection."

Mexican salad supper

Hermleigh's Relay for Life team will sponsor a Mexican salad supper starting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school. Cost is $5 for adults and $3 for children under 10. Take-outs are available. Chances also will be sold for two chairs and a table donated by Brice and Joyce Fugua. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Mission Fair

Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association will hold its third annual Mission Fair from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Snyder. There will be more than 20 booths of food and activities for all ages.

FFA booster club

Snyder High School's FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the ag building. Officers are to meet at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

Bake sale

Snyder Healthcare Center Family Council will have a bake sale starting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the back hallway. Enter on the south side.

Free income tax help

Free income tax help is available for persons earning low to moderate incomes. There is no age restriction. Assistance is available from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Antique tractor, farm equipment club

Antique tractor and farm equipment club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Jack's Road Boring on the Colorado City Hwy. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Bobby Grice at 573-3081.

FBC services televised

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

FBC support groups

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

Easter egg hunt

Knights of Columbus Council #8875 will host its fourth annual Easter Egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Towle Park for children 12 years and under.

New support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a new support group session on Monday, April 14. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday to focus on the educational needs of adult victims of family violence and sexual assault. Help in the area of literacy, GED progress and computer skills will be offered in both group and individual settings. Children's support group will meet at the same time and childcare will be available. Call 573-1822 for more information.

Lions Club meeting change

The Snyder Lions Club will attend Holy Week Services on Tuesday, April 15, in place of its regular meeting. Holy Week Services are at noon April 14-18 at First Presbyterian Church except for Friday when a 7 a.m. breakfast will be served at First United Methodist Church.

AARP recognition coffee

A come-and-go AARP recognition coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, at the Senior Center.



UIL WINNERS — Hermleigh High School students who placed at recent UIL competition are back from left, Terrel Culp and Dustin Williamson; front, Samantha Berry, Shae Rinehart and Brittainy Jones. Williamson earned first place in physics and fifth in current events. Berry placed sixth in feature writing. Rinehart, Culp, Williamson and Jones were the second place current events team. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Federal recovery for otters begins

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A long-awaited sea otter recovery plan released Thursday blames human activities for the decline in the California sea otter population and raises the threshold for when the animal can be removed from federal protection.

The plan by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service comes after 16 years of delays and false starts. It's been 21 years since the previous plan was presented.

The new plan recommends reducing oil spills, ocean pollutants and entanglements with boat motors and fishing gear.

It also calls for more research to determine why otters haven't recovered after being named a threatened species in 1977. And it sets higher thresholds for when the population could be considered safe enough to be removed from federal Endangered Species Act protection.

Environmentalists praised the plan for including recommendations they'd been making for years.

"At long last, we have a blueprint for the recovery of otters," said Jim Curland, of Defenders of Wildlife.

The new plan says the otter population would have to reach 8,400 animals before the species would be no longer listed under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Otters were hunted to near extinction for their soft pelts by the early 20th century, but reached a recent population high of 2,377 in 1995. Since then, the population has dropped to about 2,150 animals.

The decline has been a mystery to scientists struggling to save the species from extinction.

DNA exonerates man in prison

BOSTON (AP) — Convicted of raping two women and assaulting a third, Dennis Maher proclaimed his innocence for 19 years from behind prison walls he thought he'd never leave.

"I expected to die in prison," said Maher, now 42.

Nearly two decades later, the former mechanic was freed after DNA evidence unavailable at his trial cleared him of two of the attacks. Prosecutors dropped all the charges Thursday.

"We have profound regrets about this," said District Attorney Martha Coakley. "There is not much you can say to someone who has unfortunately been at the wrong end of an imperfect system."

Maher was convicted in 1983 based in large part on the eyewitness testimony of the three victims. Coakley said there was no indication the case was marred by sloppy police work.

Maher's big break came in 2001, when a law student working for the Innocence Project, which provides legal assistance to inmates, discovered two boxes of evidence in the basement of the Cambridge courthouse.

The boxes included the clothing of one of the victims and prosecutors agreed to have it sent to California for DNA testing. The results showed that Maher did not commit the rape.

A slide from the rape kit of a second victim was sent for testing, and those results also cleared Maher. Although the third case was an attempted rape and there was no DNA evidence, prosecutors said they no longer believe Maher was the assailant.

All three women identified Maher as their attacker, and their description of clothing and a military knife matched items found in Maher's car.

Maher's current attorney, Aliza Kaplan, deputy director of the Innocence Project, said about 80 percent of the 126 convictions reversed by the group have involved mistaken eyewitness identifications.

Edward Davis, the police officer who led the investigation of two of the cases, is now the superintendent of police in Lowell. He did not return a call seeking comment.

Kaplan said his client is considering a civil lawsuit, though Maher said money won't give him back nearly 19 years of his life.

"I should be married with children. You can't make up for that," he said. "Compensation will go part of the way, but you can never make up for what I lost."

He said he held no ill-will to the three women who incorrectly identified him as their attacker and offered this message: "What happened to you really happened," he said, "and I hold no grudges against you."

Maher said he was trying to understand some of the things he missed while in prison. He used a cellular telephone for the first time Thursday.

Maher also thanked his lawyers and his parents for standing behind him.

"There are a lot of other people who are in the same circumstances and I hope they get the help they need," he said.

'Sopranos' actor arrested in sting

NEW YORK (AP) — An actor who appeared as a minor character in "The Sopranos" was arrested in connection with a drug-dealing sting, city officials said Thursday.

Queens prosecutors allege that Richard Maldone, who has played mobster Albert Barese in the HBO mafia drama, offered the animal tranquilizer ketamine free to an undercover police officer. Such an offer is treated as a sale under New York law.

He pleaded innocent Thursday to a charge of criminal sale of a controlled substance and was released on $5,000 bail.

"The charge against Mr. Maldone is about as fictitious as the character that he plays on 'The Sopranos,'" said his attorney, Melvyn Roth.

The actor, who served prison time for an assault conviction in the 1990s, could face a maximum 71/2 to 15 years if convicted, prosecutors said.

An HBO spokeswoman declined to comment on the arrest. Maldone also had a small part in last year's "Analyze That," with Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal.

Maldone was one of 45 people arrested. Prosecutors claim that the suspects sold marijuana, cocaine, Ecstasy and ketamine. They allegedly spent the profits in expensive restaurants, tanning salons and nightclubs in New York City and the Hamptons.

Today's chuckle

Nebraska man shocked by electric bill

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — Randy Carroll got quite a shock when his electric bill arrived this week.

For 33 days of service, he was charged $12,344.16.

"It was April Fool's Day, and I thought someone was playing a joke on me," said Carroll, who lives in a small, two-bedroom house.



It turned out it was a real bill. But the amount was wrong.

A glitch in Municipal Light and Water's new billing software caused Carroll's bill to show he used 310,421 kilowatts. Usually, he uses about 300.

Carroll's bill has now been straightened out.

The real amount due: $26.26.

"That," he said, "I can handle."

Date Book

Friday, April 4, 2003

Today is the 94th day of 2003 and the 16th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1818, the first flag of the United States was approved by Congress.

On this day in 1967, Martin Luther King Jr. announced his opposition to the Vietnam War.

On this day in 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Muddy Waters (1915-1983), guitarist and singer; Maya Angelou (1928-), poet, is 75; Anthony Perkins (1932-1992), actor; Craig T. Nelson (1946-), actor, is 57; Robert Downey Jr. (1965), actor, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Wayne Gretzky scored his 214th point, breaking his own record for the most points scored in a single season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Children's talent to endure stems from their ignorance of alternatives." — Maya Angelou

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 1) and first quarter (April 9).

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In Next Week's American Profile...

Harbinger of Spring

What started out of a love for flowers for Dutch native Pete Denzer in the late 1800's has turned into acres of eye-catching daffodils that attract thousands each year.



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IRA ONE-ACT — Ira High School presented its one-act play, *The Small World of Millie McIvor*, Monday night at the Roy Sallee Gym. Left to right seated are Candace Sanchez, Amber Sanchez; standing: Terryn Autry, Franki Briseno, Rusty Josey, Suzie Pendergrass, Shea Allen, Chad Nickerson, Chris Dobbs, Sarah McCown, Krissie Roberts. Bobbie Baker directed and Sherry Autry assisted with props. At the zone contest, Josey and Sanchez were named to the all-star cast and Roberts and Autry received honorable mention all-star cast recognition. (Contributed Photo)

Smart's younger cousin target of alleged break-in, dad says

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An alleged kidnapping plot by Elizabeth Smart's abductors was aimed at a 15-year-old cousin, rather than an older cousin, the girls' father said Thursday.

It's been widely reported that David Brian Mitchell was allegedly trying to abduct 18-year-old Jessica Wright during a break-in at the family's home July 24.

But father Steven Wright said he has known since the night of the break-in that the likely target was his younger daughter, a favorite playmate of Elizabeth who is the same age, 15.

Jessica Wright and her younger sister shared a bedroom before Elizabeth disappeared, Steven Wright said. The Wrights later remodeled their home, and the younger girl moved to another room.

During the break-in, a screen covering Jessica's bedroom window was cut. Mitchell has been charged with attempted kidnapping in connection with the break-in.

Salt Lake County District Attorney David Yocum blamed the media for any confusion about the potential abductee.

"We have alleged there was a minor child between 14 and 18," Yocom said. "Because the press got it wrong doesn't mean that we have to go out and correct it."

Yocom has said it appeared Mitchell tried to kidnap Wright's daughter to be his plural wife. Elizabeth fled Mitchell and his wife and alleged co-kidnapper Wanda Barzee to the Wright home, Yocom said.

On the night of the break-in, Steven Wright said that Jessica Wright awoke because a thin object sticking through her window blinds had knocked over a picture on the desk in front of the window. The father met his daughter in the hall as she ran from the bedroom.

Steven Wright spent the rest of the night talking to FBI agents, Salt Lake county sheriff's deputies and Salt Lake City police officers. He said they accused him of staging the break-in.

"It was hell with the breaking in. It was hell with the cops accusing me. It was hell trying to find out who did this," Steven Wright said.

Salt Lake City Police Chief Rick Dinse would not confirm or deny any aspect of Wright's account.

Couple marries after 77 years

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Zyness O'Haver and Sallie Warren decided to make it official and get married. Why not, after living together 77 years?

O'Haver, 95, and Warren, 94, were married Wednesday in a ceremony at the Oklahoma County courthouse. Three of the couple's four grandchildren were on hand to witness.

"I can't remember when I've married a more anxious bride," said Special Judge J. Fred Doak.

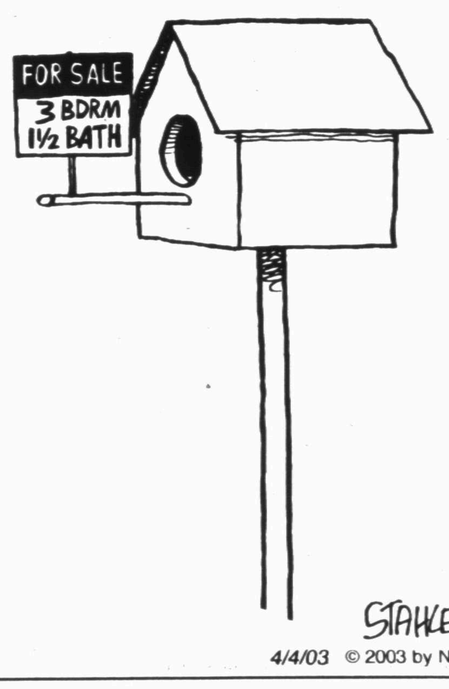
After the repeating of the vows and exchange of rings — enlivened once when Warren prematurely answered the judge with "I sure do!" and a few times when she gave O'Haver quick kisses — the judge pronounced them "man and wife, woman and husband."

O'Haver is a retired plumber and construction contractor. His bride has used O'Haver's name for many years. They apparently began living as a couple in 1925 and had one son, the late Louis Gene O'Haver.

Their marriage was Zyness O'Haver's idea, family members said.

"He's a fun guy," grandson Louis G. "Garrett" O'Haver Jr., of Norco, Calif., said shortly before the wedding, "and he used to say as a joke, 'Someday I'm gonna make an honest woman out of her.' "

Moderately Confused



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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



A different view on health

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a problem defining "health." What is health?

DEAR READER: Good question.

This issue was recently addressed in an editorial in the British Medical Journal, vol. 3, Feb. 2003, in which the author chose to define "health" as more than simply the absence of physical disease.

"The World Health Organization's definition of health as complete physical, mental and social well-being understandably causes raised eyebrows. Human health can be nothing to do with perfection. Humans are highly imperfect creatures. But the WHO definition does acknowledge that there is more to health than physical completeness and an absence of pain. Indeed, the physical aspects of health may be the least important. Is it possible to be severely disabled, in pain, close to death and in some sense 'healthy'? I believe it is. Health has to do with adaptation and acceptance. We will all be sick, suffer loss and hurt and die. Health is not to do with avoiding these givens but accepting them, even making sense of them. The central task of life, believed people in medieval times, is to prepare for death."

Because this position is provocative, it is important to consider. Health may fundamentally be an attitude.

"More and more of life's processes and difficulties — birth, death, sexuality, aging, unhappiness, tiredness, loneliness, perceived imperfections in our bodies — are being medicalized. Medicine cannot solve these problems. It can sometimes help — but often at a substantial cost. People become patients. Stigma proliferates. Large sums are spent. The treatment may be poisonous and disfiguring. Worst of all, people are diverted from what may be much better ways to adjust to their problems."

Thus, health is a complicated concept. Good health is not automatic, it is a gift. If we could learn to accept a wider definition of it, we could probably advance to a higher, more realistic plane and experience more enjoyment out of life, despite our physical and mental imperfections.

I have written this column to tweak readers' intellect and to encourage thoughtful analysis of a topic that we all may take for granted. To this end, I welcome readers' letters and, if appropriate, I'll revisit the subject in the future.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 71 and am being treated with Coumadin for a blood clot in my lungs. I have taken the drug for more than two years. How can I determine if the clot has been dissolved? How long must I continue the medicine?

DEAR READER: Pulmonary embolism, a blood clot in the lung, can cause horrific consequences, including death. Therefore, anticoagulant therapy should be continued until the clot has disappeared, usually within a matter of months. The success of treatment can be checked by a CT lung study. Based on such an examination, your physician can advise you when to stop the Coumadin.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood Donations and Disorders." 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. Be sure to mention the title

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Lawsuit against Central Texas youth ranch has been settled

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A civil trial involving a lawsuit brought against Hill Country Youth Ranch ended when a settlement was reached between the defendants and two brothers who claimed they were molested at the facility ten years ago.

District Judge John Delaney dismissed the jury after both parties agreed to the confidential deal.

The boys, along with their mother and attorneys, declined to comment on the settlement.

"The parties have decided to cease litigation and pursue healing, and the Hill Country Youth Ranch is anxious to get back to the business of healing children," defense attorney Keith Williams told the San Antonio Express-News.

The lawsuit accused the defendants of gross negligence in supervising and retaining Mark Shellenberger, a ranch house parent from 1991 to 1995.

The teenage boys claimed Shellenberger molested them during visits to "Sam's Cabin," a dorm at the ranch.

Shellenberger pleaded guilty in 1998 to sexually assaulting a ranch resident and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

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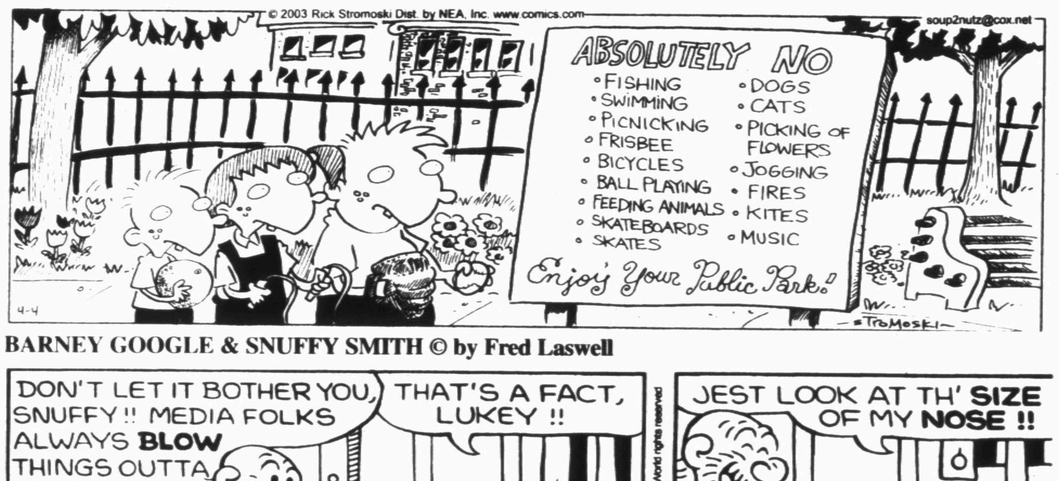
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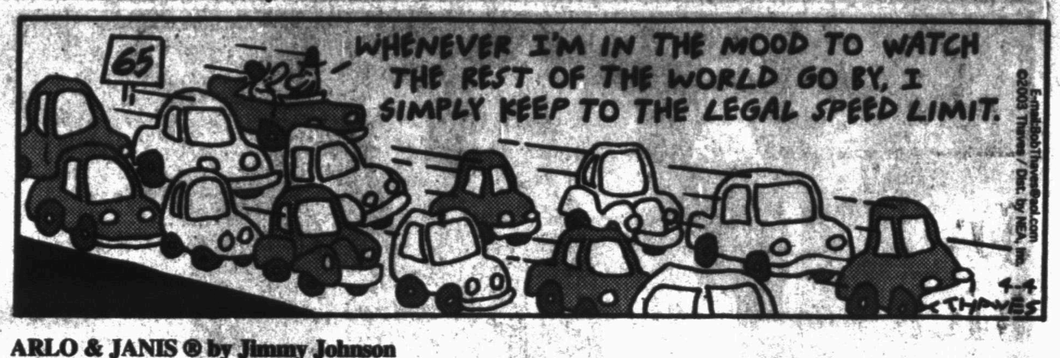


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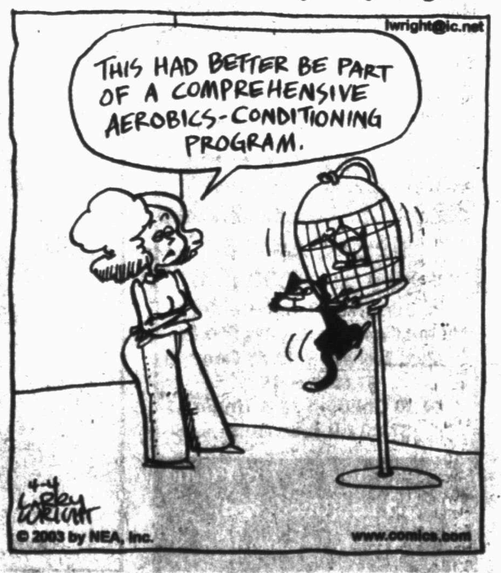
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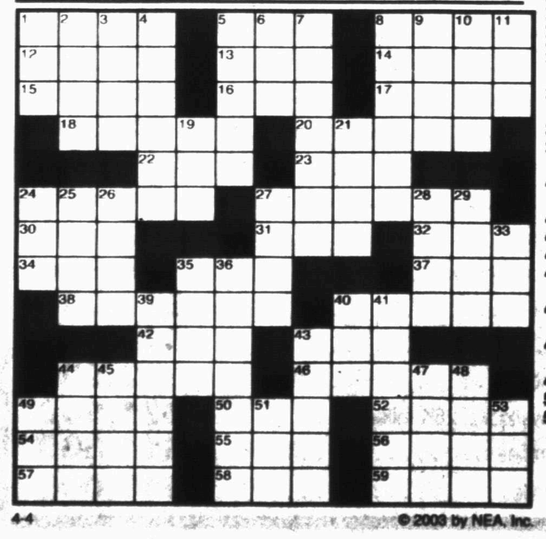
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SPORTS

Jr. High track meet kicks off busy day

Area teams start a busy day today with the Snyder Jr. High Track meet kicking off a full slate of action today in and around Snyder.

The jr. high district meet at Tiger Stadium was set to get started at 2 p.m. with field events.

The varsity and JV track teams are competing in the Colorado City meet in their final tune-up before Monday's district meet in Lamesa.

The Tiger netters are in Amarillo today and Saturday for a 5A tournament. Head coach Ted Phillips said the Tigers will be the only 3A school competing in the tennis tournament.

The Snyder Tigers baseball club will put their perfect district record on the line at 7 today in Sweetwater.

Logan Hill (5-3) will take the mound for Snyder (12-8, 4-0), which scraped past Seminole Tuesday, 1-0, behind a spectacular performance from lefty Chance Greenwood.

Reid Bishop (2-0) gets the call for Sweetwater (14-6, 2-1), which was upset by Merkel Tuesday, 6-4.

The Lady Tigers head out to Lubbock Cooper at 5:30 this afternoon, looking to continue its District 3-3A superiority.

Snyder (29-3, 5-0) will send Jacque Alvarez and her 11-1 record to the mound against the Lady Pirates.

The Lady Tigers pummeled Denver City, 20-4, Tuesday. Kelsi Johnson (11-1) got the victory.

The Western Texas College baseball and softball teams each have doubleheaders scheduled today and Saturday.

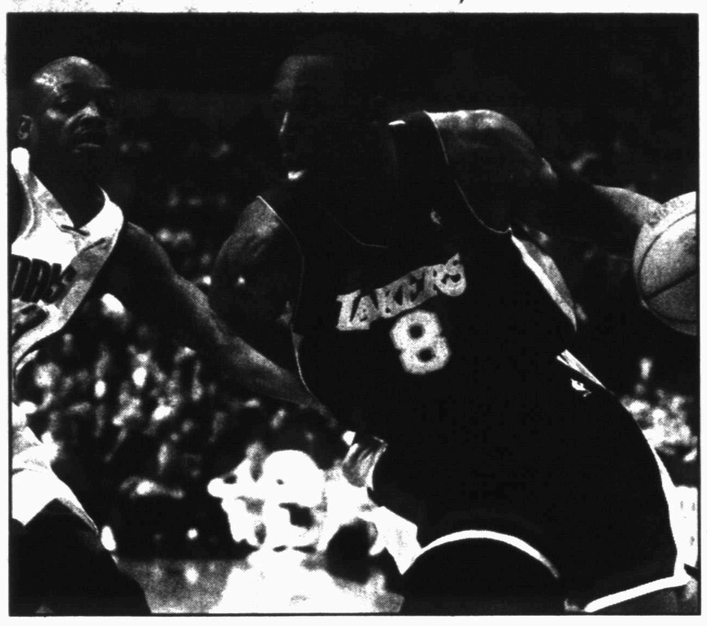
The Westerners' opener with Howard College (15-21, 8-16) at Big Spring was scheduled to begin at noon today, with the second game immediately following. The times for Saturday's games are the same as Friday's.

The Westerners (9-27, 2-14) dropped three-of-four when the teams squared off in a four-game series Feb. 28 and March 1.

The Lady Dusters (26-14, 12-6) begin a four-game set with Howard College (25-15-1, 12-8) at 4 p.m. at Cates, with the second contest slated for 6.

Saturday's games will be at 2 and 4 p.m.

The Lady Hawks took two-of-three from the Dusters when the teams met for a pair of doubleheaders Feb. 28 and March 1.



LOOK OUT ABOVE — Laker guard Kobe Bryant blows past Dallas' Nick Van Exel during the first quarter of Thurday's game. The Lakers downed the Mavs, 100-89. (AP Photo)

Longhorns loose for Final Four

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Royal Ivey is always trying to get into an opponent's head and looking for laughs to keep Texas loose.

He's also the Longhorns' toughest defender, drawing the assignment of matching up with an opponent's best perimeter scorer.

"Everybody wants to score in basketball. Nobody wants to do the dirty work," Ivey said. "It's fun for me."

Steals, turnovers and missed shots are sure to turn on Ivey's motor mouth on the court.

"When Royal gets in somebody's head," center James Thomas said, "it's lights out."

He targets his teammates, too, notably Texas' stellar point guard T.J. Ford.

It was Ivey who nicknamed Ford "Rat." During warmups before the East Regional final against Michigan State, Ivey teased Ford about his erratic jump shot, calling for "T with no J."

And when asked which player out there could shut Ford down, only one came to mind: Royal Ivey.

"I do it in practice every day," Ivey said with a smile, drawing a big laugh from Ford and a room full of reporters.

"That's my teammate," Ivey said. "I know all his moves."

And who's to argue? Texas coach Rick Barnes doesn't open his practices to the media, so only the Longhorns know what goes on behind closed doors.

"Our guards go at it every day," is all Thomas will divulge. "When he and T.J. go one-on-one, look out."

As Texas heads into its first Final Four since 1947 Saturday night against Syracuse, Ivey's next assignment is the Orangemen's star freshman forward Carmelo Anthony. Unlike the 5-foot-10 Ford, Anthony is a load at 6-8, 220 pounds, giving him 5 inches and 30 pounds over Ivey.

"He is a tough matchup," Barnes said. "Roy would be the guy that would start on him."

Ivey credits his development as a defender to his days as a dancer in high school in New York City. He danced his way into the Cardozo magnet high school where he took courses in ballet and hip-hop.

A shuffle here and a slide-step there help him stay with opponents on the court now.

"Defense is about coordination and timing," Ivey said. "Dancing helps with those."

Tech tops Minnesota in NIT consolation game

NEW YORK (AP) — Even though he won, Bob Knight would have rather not played the NIT consolation game.

"I was really worried about being ready to play," Knight said. "I don't think there's anything harder to do than playing in a consolation game. No team wants to come here and lose two games."

Knight's concerns were well-founded. His team blew a 19-point lead before holding on to win, 71-61 over Minnesota Thursday night.

Andre Emmett led Texas Tech with 23 points and eight rebounds. Robert Tomaszek scored 14 of his 18 points in the first half.

The Golden Gophers (19-14) went on a 20-9 run to tie the game at 54 with less than six minutes remaining. Rick Rickert, who might have played his last game at Minnesota, came alive in time to spark the run with seven points.

But Texas Tech held on, sinking seven of eight free throws in the final 1:04. In their semifinal loss Tuesday night, the Red Raiders blew a 10-point lead to St. John's.

Knight is no stranger to the NIT's consolation game. He coached Army to two fourth-place finishes in the tournament, in 1966 and 1969, as well as a third-place finish in 1970. Knight also won the NIT title in 1979 with Indiana.

Rickert, a lithe sophomore listed at 6-foot-11 and 216 pounds, finished with eight points on 3-for-12 shooting. Michael Bauer led the Gophers with 14 points, nine on 3-pointers.

Rickert has said he has already decided whether he will return for his junior season or declare for the NBA draft. He has not disclosed his plans yet.

Mavs fall to LA, 100-89

DALLAS (AP) — Going into the fourth quarter, Kobe Bryant had made just one field goal in each period: a layup in the first, a runner from the lane in the second and a jumper in the third.

With Shaquille O'Neal resting, it was time for Bryant to step up. He did.

Bryant hit two jumpers and two layups, the last set up by his own great defensive play, as the Los Angeles Lakers pulled away from the Dallas Mavericks for a 100-89 victory Thursday night.

Bryant scored 10 of his 19 points in the fourth, and O'Neal plowed through a parade of 7-foot defenders for 31 points and 17 rebounds.

In beating Dallas for the 43rd time in 48 tries since 1991, the Lakers improved its bid for the fourth, fifth or sixth playoff seeds. Although Los Angeles has won five of six, it's currently holding the seventh spot.

"We're just trying to get more consistent," Bryant said. "That's what you need to get into the playoff mode."

The loss leaves Dallas just one game ahead of San Antonio in the Midwest Division, with the winner almost certainly getting the top seed in the West.

The runner-up will fall to third because the Pacific champ, likely Sacramento, gets the second seed. That could mean a first-round matchup with the Lakers if they finish sixth.

"It's slipping away," said Steve Nash, who led the Mavs with 26 points. "But we're still on top. The good thing about this situation is we get another shot at the Lakers soon."

Sports Briefs

MGA monthly tournament

The MGA will hold its monthly tournament Saturday at 1 p.m. at the WTC golf course. Format is two-man scramble and entry fee is $7.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association will begin its weekly Tuesday scramble at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association will also begin its weekly event Thursday. Call Rick at the Scurry County golf course pro shop to enter or for more information.

Girls softball signup

Snyder Girls Softball Association signups will take place today through Saturday and also April 10-11 at Texas Savings Bank. Times are 5:30 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Ages four and up are eligible but players must have turned four by Jan. 1. Cost is $30, or $25 for an additional child. Participants should bring birth certificate, social security card and a parent or guardian.

SGSA board meeting

The Snyder Girls Softball Association board will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday at the BP Pipeline office.

Teenage baseball signups

Signup for Babe Ruth League for 13-15-year-olds will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club.

Baseball buddies

The SHS baseball team will host "Baseball Buddies" from 11 a.m. until noon the next two Saturdays. The skills session are free to youngsters aged 7-14.

Puckett cleared of sexual assault

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett was cleared of all charges in the alleged sexual assault of a woman in a restaurant bathroom.

A jury of six men and six women deliberated nearly 12 hours over two days.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	3	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	2	1	.667	1
Florida	1	2	.333	2
New York	1	2	.333	2
Atlanta	0	3	.000	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	3	0	1.000	—
St. Louis	3	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	1
Houston	2	1	.667	1
Cincinnati	0	3	.000	3
Milwaukee	0	3	.000	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	3	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1½
Arizona	1	2	.333	2
Colorado	1	2	.333	2
San Diego	1	3	.250	2½

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 5
Chicago Cubs 6, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 4
Florida 8, Philadelphia 3
Colorado 10, Houston 5
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 1
Montreal 4, Atlanta 0

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh (Suppan 0-0) at Philadelphia (Roa 0-0), 1:30 p.m.
San Francisco (Ainsworth 0-0) at Milwaukee (Ritchie 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Kim 0-0) at Colorado (Chacon 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Cone 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 0-0) at Cincinnati (Graves 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Tejera 0-0) at Atlanta (Marquis 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Moehler 0-0) at St. Louis (Tomko 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 0-0) at San Diego (Condrey 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	3	0	1.000	—
Boston	3	1	.750	½
Baltimore	1	2	.333	2
Tampa Bay	1	3	.250	2½
Toronto	0	3	.000	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	3	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	3	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1
Chicago	0	3	.000	3
Detroit	0	3	.000	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	2	1	.667	—
Oakland	2	1	.667	—
Seattle	1	2	.333	1
Texas	1	2	.333	1

Thursday's Games

Minnesota 3, Detroit 0
Kansas City 12, Chicago White Sox 6
Boston 14, Tampa Bay 5
Seattle 7, Oakland 6, 11 innings
Cleveland 3, Baltimore 0

Friday's Games

Seattle (Franklin 0-0) at Texas (Valdes 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 0-0) at Baltimore (Ponson 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Parris 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
Toronto (Sturtze 0-0) at Minnesota (Reed 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Davis 0-0) at Kansas City (George 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 0-0) at Oakland (Lilly 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Women's Final Four

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At The Georgia Dome
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Semifinals
Sunday, April 6

Tennessee (32-4) vs. Duke (35-1), 7 p.m.
Connecticut (35-1) vs. Texas (29-5), 9:30 p.m.

Championship
Tuesday, April 8

Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

Men's Final Four

NCAA Tournament
All Times Eastern
FINAL FOUR
At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans
Semifinals
Saturday, April 5

Marquette (27-5) vs. Kansas (29-7), 6:07 p.m.
Syracuse (28-5) vs. Texas (26-6), 8:47 p.m.

Championship
Monday, April 7

Semifinal winners, 9:22 p.m.

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New Jersey	46	29	.613	—
x-Philadelphia	45	29	.608	½
Boston	41	34	.547	5
Orlando	39	36	.520	7
Washington	34	41	.453	12
New York	33	42	.440	13
Miami	23	53	.303	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	47	27	.635	—
x-Indiana	44	31	.587	3½
x-New Orleans	42	34	.553	6
Milwaukee	37	39	.487	11
Atlanta	30	45	.400	17½
Chicago	26	50	.342	22
Toronto	24	50	.324	23
Cleveland	14	60	.189	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Dallas	56	19	.747	—
x-San Antonio	55	20	.733	1
x-Minnesota	47	29	.618	9½
Utah	45	30	.600	11
Houston	38	37	.507	18
Memphis	26	49	.347	30
Denver	17	59	.224	39½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	54	22	.711	—
x-Portland	46	28	.622	7
L.A. Lakers	44	31	.587	9½
Phoenix	39	35	.527	14
Seattle	36	38	.486	17
Golden State	36	39	.480	17½
L.A. Clippers	23	51	.311	30

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 91, Washington 89
L.A. Lakers 100, Dallas 89
Utah 93, Portland 88

Friday's Games

San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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AMERICA AT WAR

Iraq promises 'unconventional' attack

By The Associated Press

With thousands of frightened residents fleeing Baghdad and U.S. troops in control of its airport, the Iraqi information minister promised today that his nation's military would launch an "unconventional" counterattack against the coalition troops.

"We will do something which I believe is very beautiful," said Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf at a Baghdad news conference, adding that the Iraqis planned to strike back "in an unconventional way." Asked if that meant the use of chemical weapons or other weapons of mass destruction, he quickly said no.

"What I meant are commando and martyrdom operations in a very new, creative way," al-Sahhaf said.

U.S. armored units, backed by warplanes, had earlier seized control of Baghdad's airport — just 10 miles south of the city's center. And 2,500 Republican Guard soldiers south of the capital surrendered to Marines, American officials said.

Anticipating a siege or a battle for their city, thousands of Baghdad civilians decided to flee rather than fight. Hundreds of trucks, buses and cars were backed up bumper-to-bumper for six miles on roads heading north. The U.S. troops were massing at the south end of the city.

Many Baghdad residents were headed to the province of Diala, northeast of the capital. President Saddam Hussein tried to rally those still in the capital with a television broadcast where he urged them to take up the battle against coalition forces.

"Hit them hard, hit them with the force of belief whenever they approach you and resist them, you the people of the brave, glorious Baghdad," Saddam said. "Whenever they approach you and try to attack you, depend on God."

U.S. special operation troops inside Baghdad were working to undermine Saddam's regime, scouting targets for bombs and encouraging defections, said Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks. Special operations forces were also "in key locations" around the country doing the same work, he said.

In western Iraq, 80 miles from the Syrian border, a car exploded at a checkpoint, killing three coalition soldiers, the driver and a pregnant woman who had emerged from the car screaming in fear, U.S. officials said. Central Command said it appeared to be a suicide attack, similar to the bombing at a checkpoint in south-central Iraq last week that killed four U.S. soldiers.

Another soldier and an embedded reporter were killed when a Humvee went into a canal, said Navy Lt. Herlinda Rojas, a spokeswoman at Coalition Press Information Center in Kuwait City. Though their troops were still searching underground bunkers for Iraqi holdouts, U.S. commanders announced that the Baghdad airport is under American control.



EVACUATION — United States Marines carry a wounded Marine to a helicopter for evacuation to a mobile surgical hospital after after two convoys headed in opposite directions collided on a road south of Baghdad Thursday. (AP Photo)

Iraq war: as it unfolds

By The Associated Press

Key developments in the war in Iraq:

— U.S. officer says troops south of Baghdad found a "suspicious site" with thousands of boxes of white powder, chemical warfare documents and nerve agent antidote.

— American soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division seized Saddam International Airport, nine miles from downtown Baghdad, and renamed it Baghdad International Airport.

— "A vise is closing on the regime," President Bush told Marines at Camp LeJeune, N.C., where he shed tears with families of Marines killed in Iraq. Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Saddam had lost control of 45 percent of Iraq's territory.

— Myers indicated there may not be an all-out battle for Baghdad but that members of President Saddam Hussein's regime might be isolated and replaced with an "interim administration."

— Electricity and water remained cut in Baghdad this morning after the city's first blackout of the war overnight. Coalition airstrikes hit the Air Force headquarters in the city.

— In a statement attributed to Saddam, Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed Al-Sahhaf said U.S. forces would be crushed at the gates of Baghdad.

— The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit reported looting in Nasiriyah, where people were grabbing propane gas bottles and bed springs.

— Military officials said nine of 11 bodies discovered in the same raid that freed Pfc. Jessica Lynch are believed to be those of American soldiers.

Iraqi lawyer tips POW location

By The Associated Press

An Iraqi lawyer tipped U.S. forces to the location of POW Jessica Lynch after seeing her slapped in the face by a burly Fedayeen security man guarding her in a Nasiriyah hospital, according to published reports.

The 32-year-old lawyer, identified only as Mohammed, told The Washington Post and USA Today that he peered through a window at the hospital where his wife worked as a nurse and saw a sight that "cut" his heart: Lynch being slapped in the face by the black-clad Iraqi security agent.

He said he decided on the spot he had to tell U.S. forces where to find the captured American private.

"Don't worry, don't worry," he recalled telling Lynch after later sneaking into her hospital room and promising to help.

Mohammed walked out of Nasiriyah along a treacherous road known as "ambush alley" and, hands raised, approached a U.S. Marine.

The Marine asked curtly: "What do you want?" Mohammed offered "important information about woman soldier in hospital."

In the days that followed, Mohammed made several more risky trips to the hospital, which was full of Iraqi security guards, at the request of U.S. officers. He gathered information on the number of troops and made hand-drawn maps of the building's layout and location.

His wife, Iman, filled in other crucial details, including the fact a helicopter could land on the roof, according to USA Today.

Lynch, a 19-year-old Army supply clerk, was captured in an ambush when she and other members of the 507th Maintenance Company made a wrong turn in Nasiriyah. U.S. commandos rescued her Tuesday in a nighttime raid.

Asked why he decided to help, Mohammed said he simply couldn't watch the mistreatment of a fellow human being without taking action.

"A person is a human being regardless of nationality," he told the Post. "Believe me, I love Americans."

Mohammed, talked to the newspapers after he, his wife and daughter were taken to a U.S. military camp in the Iraqi desert. They were to be flown later to a refugee center in Umm Qasr, Iraq's deepwater Persian Gulf port. He withheld his last name to protect his family.

Mohammed told the newspapers he acted with full knowledge of the risks.

"I am afraid not for me," he said. "I am afraid about my daughter and my wife. ... Because I love much."

Marines said Mohammed's story gave them courage.

"He's sort of an inspiration to all of us," Lt. Col. Rick Long told the Post.

Remains of U.S. soldiers return to homeland

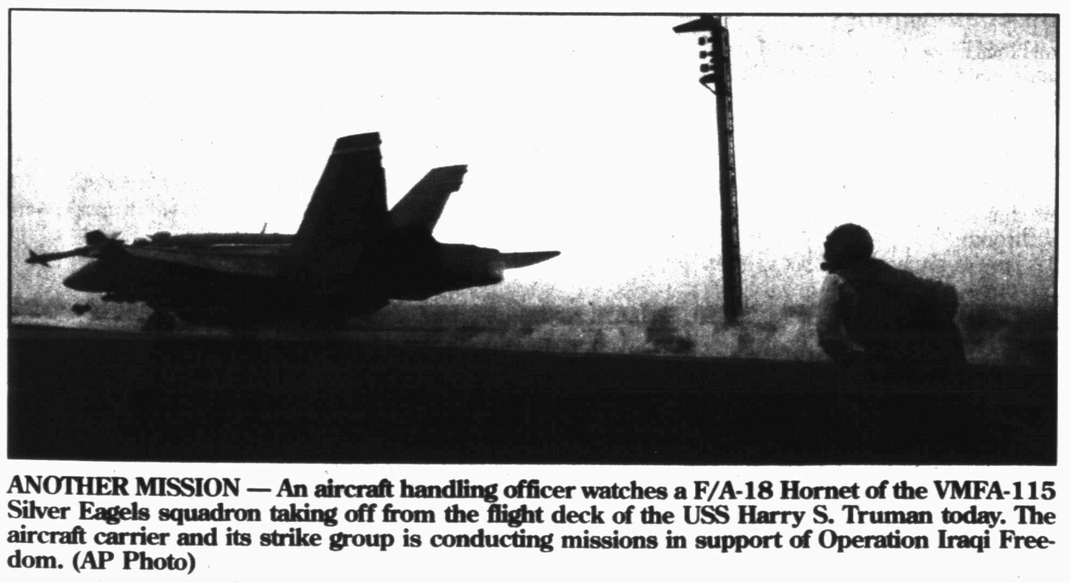
DOVER, Del. (AP) — The military mortuary at Dover Air Force Base has received more remains of U.S. war casualties and nine sets of remains found buried outside an Iraqi hospital where a U.S. prisoner of war was rescued.

The remains found at the hospital were carried on a transport from Ramstein Air Base in Germany that landed at the Dover base Thursday.

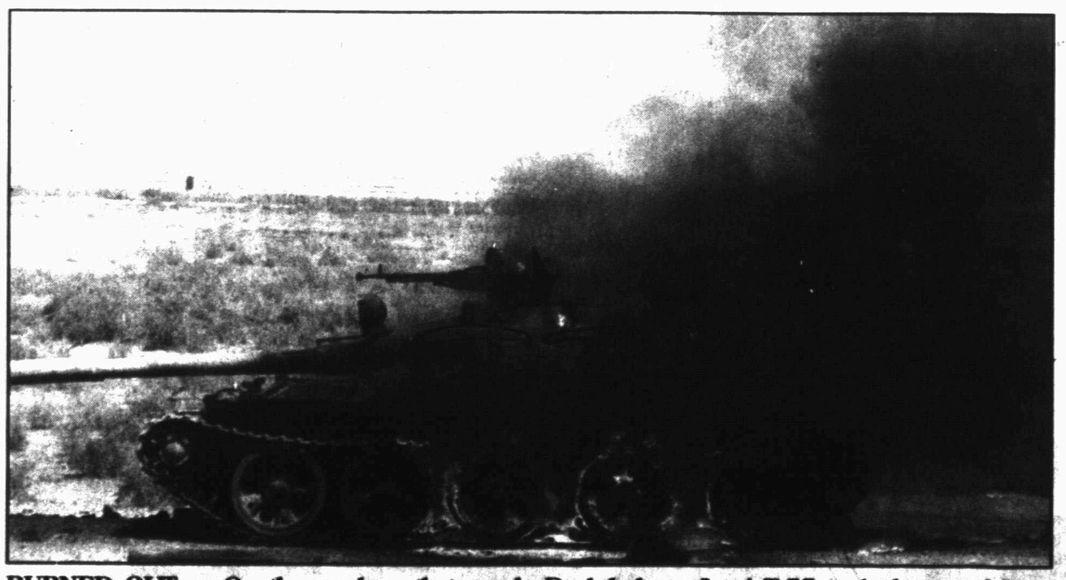
The mortuary received 19 flag-draped cases Thursday, and 21 on Wednesday.

Specialists will use several methods, including dental record checks, fingerprints, bone analysis and DNA analysis to identify the remains before they are processed for burial and returned to families.

Officials at the Dover mortuary, the largest in the Department of Defense, have called in scores of reservists to help with the identification and preparation of remains.



ANOTHER MISSION — An aircraft handling officer watches a F/A-18 Hornet of the VMFA-115 Silver Eagels squadron taking off from the flight deck of the USS Harry S. Truman today. The aircraft carrier and its strike group is conducting missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (AP Photo)



BURNED OUT — On the road north towards Baghdad, an Iraqi T-55 tank destroyed by a U.S.Marine M1A1 tank burns. Kilo Company of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine regiment took the town of Al Azaziyah Thursday, but two Marines suffered non-life threatening injuries during the firefight: An unspecified number of soldiers with the Republican Guard were captured and a cache of munitions dicovered in a school was destroyed. (AP Photo)

Powell: U.S., not U.N. to rebuild Iraq after war

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)— Secretary of State Colin Powell told Washington's European allies and friends Thursday the United States — not the United Nations — must have the lead role in Iraq's postwar reconstruction.

In a fast-paced series of meetings with his NATO and European Union counterparts at the NATO headquarters here, Powell did not resolve differences over the nature of the U.N. role after the fighting is done in Iraq.

"I think the coalition has to play the leading role," he told a closing news conference. "But that does not mean we have to shut others out. There will definitely be a United Nations role, but what the exact nature of that role will be remains to be seen."

Powell's comments clashed with the view in European capitals that the reconstruction of Iraq should be guided by the United Nations, not the United States or Britain, which went to war against Iraq on March 20.

"We must stabilize Iraq and the region," said French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin. "The United Nations is the only international organization that can give legitimacy to this."

Powell played down the differences, calling his meetings consultative. "I'll report back (to President Bush) what I heard. We are still examining the proper role for the United Nations."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said at the world body's headquarters Thursday that "the idea of U.N. involvement in post-conflict Iraq is an issue under discussion."

"I believe the U.N. has a role to play," he said. "The extent and the nature of that role is under discussion here in the council and in other capitals."

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Texas Legislature considers more cuts to CHIP

AUSTIN (AP) — More cuts to CHIP could be on the way.

Another 55,000 youngsters enrolled in the state's Children's Health Insurance Program would lose coverage under a provision in an omnibus bill that would restructure Texas' health and human services system.

More than half a million children are signed up for CHIP, a low-cost insurance program for working families. Under budget proposals already adopted by the House Appropriations Committee, an estimated 220,000 youngsters would no longer be eligible for the pared-down program.

The restructuring bill by Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth would change CHIP eligibility rules, affecting another 55,000 kids.

"I don't agree with that," Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, said Thursday. "I think there's a lot of people out there who are on CHIP right now who think they're going to be covered and come September, they're not."

Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson, says her omnibus bill would save the state $1.1 billion in the 2004-05 budget cycle by consolidating agencies and making money-saving changes to programs. The savings could ensure the cash-strapped state provides services to the neediest Texans, she said.

"There are regrets about cutting any and all services. These are not the only people in our state who would be losing services," Wohlgemuth said, adding that if more money is found, her bill could change.

CHIP is for youngsters whose families earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid.

VOUCHERS ADVANCE

Texas is one step closer to a school voucher system. The House Public Education Committee hastily passed legislation Thursday that would allocate government money to low-income parents in certain school districts to transfer their children from public to private schools. Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, who authored the bill, said he expects a full vote on the House floor within the next few weeks.

A "school voucher" program, which previously has been unsuccessful in the Texas Legislature, has drawn criticism from teachers' groups who say a lack of state accountability in private schools can be detrimental to students.

Many groups favor the idea they say will allow all children a fair chance at a good education.

e-TEXAS, THE SEQUEL

Allowing video-lottery gambling at Texas racetracks to help pay for public education was among 42 money-saving recommendations revealed Thursday by Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn. The gambling proposal would generate $712 million in the 2004-05 budget cycle, Strayhorn said. If approved by Texas voters, Strayhorn envisions the money offsetting reductions in local property tax revenue used to fund state schools. Other ideas included eliminating state-paid health insurance for appointed members of state boards and commissions, closing two state schools for mentally retarded children and make school districts pay for remedial education at colleges and universities. In all, Strayhorn's e-Texas recommendations would save $5.7 billion through 2005.

KING BREAK

The House gave final approval to a bill that would prohibit the Legislature from meeting on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. House Bill 530 by Rep. Helen Giddings, D-Dallas, now moves to the Senate.

"Dr. King's life, ideals and principles transformed the course of American history granting all of us more freedom, more dignity, more opportunity and moving us closer to equal justice," Giddings said.

DRUG SAVINGS

The House Committee on State Health Care Expenditures passed two bills by chairwoman Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple, that she says would save $114 million over the next two years. The bills would establish a preferred drug list for the Medicaid program and tighten controls on similar lists in other state health programs.

"In a time when many are talking about budget cuts, these are real budget savings to the state," Delisi said. "Health care costs are the fastest growing section of the Texas budget — on pace to surpass education."

Texas is facing a $9.9 billion shortfall.

PACKING HEAT

The names of concealed handgun license holders would be kept secret under legislation given preliminary approval Thursday by the Texas House. The bill by Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas, passed on a voice vote after no debate. A final vote was expected next week.

Hupp has said the system allows potential criminals to determine whether a victim is licensed to carry a handgun. Opponents believe the proposal will result in hiding the identities of those who are packing heat.

CORPORATE SCANDALS

The Senate approved legislation by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, aimed at improving investment securities enforcement after a recent wave of corporate scandals. Investment advisers who render services without registering with the Securities Board or without submitting notice could be fined up to $5,000 and face a jail sentence of up to 10 years under the legislation. The bill also allows the state to obtain restitution for victims of fraudulent practices against a person or company that has engaged in prohibited conduct.

HOGS and COYOTES

Landowners could hunt wild hogs and coyotes on their property without a hunting permit under legislation approved in the Senate on Thursday. Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, sponsored the legislation, saying that there were 795 cases of property damage by feral hogs in 2002.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Organ donation provides wife solace after husband's death

DEAR ABBY: At 35, my husband, Tony, was so gorgeous he stopped traffic. He was also artistic, talented, and had the biggest heart of anyone I'd ever met. Like most young couples, we dreamed of buying our first home, starting a family and growing old together. However, on Sept. 23, 1996, our dreams were shattered.

The memories are still a blur: The ambulance trip to the hospital. Emergency surgery for bleeding in the brain. The shocking discovery of a brain tumor. He was briefly conscious after surgery, then my darling slipped into a coma. The bleeding was unstoppable. Brain death was imminent.

That's when I met Mary. She was Tony's nurse in intensive care. Mary asked me if Tony was an organ donor. From the depths of my grief, I was suddenly given a different kind of hope ñ- that other lives could be saved and Tony wouldn't die for nothing. I remember that we had talked about his becoming an organ donor when he renewed his driver's license. I knew it was what he had wanted.

Tony's gift of organ donation is his living legacy in the truest sense. Just ask Mel, the liver recipient, who is healthy today; or the farmer who used to have to drive six hours for kidney dialysis, who can now enjoy the work he loves again. With so many people on the waiting lists today, organ donation is truly a gift of life. — **ROSE D'ACQUISTO, NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION DONOR FAMILY COUNCIL**

DEAR ROSE: Thank you for your important letter. April is National Donate Life Month. For more information about organ donation, or a free organ donor card, readers can contact the National Kidney Foundation at Box DA, 30 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016, or call (800) 622-9010. The Web site is: www.kidney.org.

I've learned that as of October 2002, 80,000 individuals are waiting for transplants; of those, 53,000 are waiting for kidneys. Last year, 28,000 potential recipients died waiting for kidneys. In 2001, 14,000 kidney transplants were performed ñ 8,200 from cadaver donors and 5,900 from living donors. The good news is that living donation is becoming a viable alternative to cadaveric donation. The number of living kidney donors grew 12 percent last year, while cadaveric donations showed only a 1 percent increase.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 20 and have been with "Adam" a little over two years. (He's also 20.) We have always been serious about each other. I am now ready to move forward in our relationship and get an apartment with him. I finally found one we can afford. It's near Adam's college, not far from both our families. You should see it — it's beautiful!

A week before we planned to move in, Adam told me he is unsure about our relationship. We had been quarreling a lot, but we talked and straightened everything out.

Now, a month later, the landlord called and said the apartment is ready. I told Adam, and he came up with yet another excuse not to live with me. When I asked if he wanted our relationship to go further, he said he used to!

I love him dearly, but we don't seem to be on the same page. Am I wasting my time? Please help. — **HURT IN RUTLAND, MASS.**

DEAR HURT: This qualifies as a case of bad timing. It's obvious from what Adam is telling you that he's not ready to make the kind of commitment you want. Accept it. And if you're really in love with the apartment, consider renting it with a roommate.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Friday, April 4, 2003

Help your finances for your benefit

By Phillip Alder

You must have seen those ads from companies saying that they will get you out of debt. I saw one claiming that for a payment of only $236 per month for the next 30 years, the company would remove $30,000 from your credit cards or mortgage. So, immediately to remove $30,000, you eventually pay $84,960 — some debt clearance!

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Over your takeout double, North's jump to four diamonds shows a decent suit and fair values. Remember, a minimum bid of three diamonds could be made with no points at all. (With an even stronger hand, North would start with a three-heart cue-bid.)

You are faced with three potential losers: two hearts and one club. But if you could get into the dummy after drawing trumps, you would discard those losers on dummy's diamond winners.

You know that West started with only one heart. However, do not automatically assume that West has the club king. Instead, draw two rounds of trumps. If both opponents follow, you must guess. But when East discards, draw a third round of spades, unblock the diamond ace, then lead the spade two from hand.

West is endplayed, forced to give you access to the dummy. If he shifts to a club, you put up dummy's jack and have a dummy entry whether or not East plays the king.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, April 5, 2003

There will be rewards at your port of call in the year ahead if you set a course and conscientiously stay on it. If you start switching directions because you hit a snag, you could get lost and get stuck on a sandbar.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Monitor your mouth and what comes out of it very carefully today, so that you don't inadvertently tell something to a blabbermouth that is supposed to be confidential.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When out shopping, don't be influenced by friends today and let them talk you into buying some faddish, unusual merchandise or strange gadget that'll go out of fashion as quickly as it came in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be careful you don't cause others to believe that you don't need anybody when it comes to handling a delicate career situation. They'll gladly let you struggle and fend for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You had better carefully re-examine those flashes of inspiration you get today before springing them into action. Under closer scrutiny, they might not be so great.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Patience will be required today pertaining to a new project in which you'll get involved. If you attempt to accomplish everything in one big leap, you might fall flat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Just because another can talk louder and faster than you can, it does not mean that his or her thinking is right. Don't be bullied into following another's call today — use your own judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's unlike you today to not be tolerant and patient with those who don't grasp ideas as quickly as you do. You know it is no big deal to have to repeat some information. Get back in character.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Taking chances on people or situations about which you know little is an unwise course to follow today. It can cause you more than just financial trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It isn't wise to let impulsiveness cause you complications today. Making hasty judgments or agreements are not in your best interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It might be better today to avoid attempting jobs that require a lot of deep concentration and tenaciousness. Your restless attention span may not be up to the task.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It might be too easy for you to blow your hard-earned cash today on something foolish. If you do go shopping, strive to confine your extravagant urges and make every penny count.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's quite possible that today you might be able to operate as independently of others as you'd like.

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Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D

Cutting board controversy continues

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your recent column on the safety of cutting boards. While the reasoning you outline as to why wooden boards can be a problem sounds good, I believe it is not accurate. Microbiologists at the Food Research Institute of the University of Wisconsin at Madison set out to learn how bacteria live in wooden cutting boards, and then how to decontaminate the wood and make it as safe as plastic. They found that wood is safer. After intentionally contaminating wooden boards with several bacteria, their tests consistently favored the wooden boards. Three minutes after contamination, 99.9 percent of the bacteria on wood had died, while none of the bacteria on plastic had died. Bacteria increased on the plastic boards kept overnight at room temperature, while no bacteria could be found the next morning on wood left at room temperature. Their published study did not support the common assertion that plastic boards are more sanitary than wooden ones. I thought you might be interested in another view on the cutting board subject. — **W.H., Cincinnati, Ohio**

DEAR W.H.: The subject of cutting boards always leads to vibrant discussion.

Wood was initially considered the only way to go, until the prevailing wisdom began to shift toward plastic as a safer surface. Then, the University of Wisconsin study came along and moved the focus back to wood. A few years later, the U.S. Department of Agriculture re-examined the issue and their results seemed to vindicate plastic. Isn't science great!

In the study you mention, it must be considered that the researchers applied bacteria to the surfaces and then let them sit without any attempt at cleaning. They then periodically checked the surface for viable bacteria. In this experiment, wood appeared to be the safer surface. The results, however, can be explained by the fact that wood wicks moisture from debris, which can kill microorganisms. Plastic doesn't have this wicking ability, but it tends to be easier to clean and you can put it in the dishwasher. The message to take away from this is that it is essential to clean and periodically disinfect any cutting surface. Allowing boards to dry between uses is also a plus. With wood there is also the need to pay special attention to debris removal so as to prevent any buildup of a black mold.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your article on osteoporosis and treatment to overcome bone loss. I had taken prednisone for two years to try to overcome a severe rash and accompanying facial swelling. During this period I was apparently losing bone as evidenced by problems with the roots of my teeth. I went in for a bone-density test that showed that I did have osteoporosis. My physician immediately put me on Fosamax. A follow-up bone-density test showed what a godsend this drug has been. Then, this past summer, I had a very bad fall. No bones were fractured, although I could easily have broken my arms, legs, kneecaps or hips. There are many articles on osteoporosis. Most tell people to exercise, take calcium, eat vegetables, etc. Yet none that I have seen have mentioned Fosamax. What a shame that possibly the best remedy of all is ignored. — **E.M., Bell Mead, N.J.**

DEAR E.M.: Thanks for bringing up this important point. In general, I emphasize a self-help approach that focuses on healthful foods and a wholesome lifestyle. Nevertheless, I also believe that those who are in less than ideal health should not shy away from using all the tools at their disposal. The idea is to read and learn about your options so that you can become an activist on your own behalf.

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Calcium supplements can affect the absorption of alendronate, so allow at least 1 to 2 hours between taking the Fosamax and taking the supplements. If you are on other medications, consult your doctor to see if the calcium supplements might affect these as well.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Court: Man who killed at 17 can be executed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has spoken on the issue of capital punishment for people who commit crimes as juveniles, overruling a lower court and allowing Oklahoma to execute a man who killed two people when he was 17.

The 5-4 vote late Thursday illustrated the court's bitter division over whether capital punishment is appropriate in those cases.

It also indicated that the four justices who called the executions "shameful" last fall do not have the fifth vote needed to stop them.

Scott Allen Hain, 32, had won a reprieve Wednesday from the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He was put to death Thursday night for helping to burn to death a man and woman in 1987.

Oklahoma had asked the high court to intervene, arguing that Hain's appeals had run out. He was convicted of kidnapping a man and a woman from outside a Tulsa bar in 1987 and stuffing them into the trunk of a car that he and another man then set on fire.

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Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	4.05	3.64	3.80	+ .17
AOL TimeWrn	11.45	11.20	11.33	+ .07
AT&T Corp rs	15.44	14.84	15.00	+ .05
Albertsons	19.43	19.15	19.17	— .04
Alltel	46.61	45.89	45.98	— .05
AmEl Pw	23.15	22.86	22.96	+ .06
AndarkPtr	45.77	45.09	45.39	— .04
ATMOS Egy	21.62	21.38	21.42	— .01
Avnall	7.59	7.55	7.59	— .01
BP PLC	39.58	39.00	39.09	+ .73
BakerHughes	30.42	29.77	29.96	+ .13
Bank of Amer	69.90	69.24	69.48	+ .29
BellSouth	23.45	22.64	22.65	— .41
BurlNoSFe	25.28	24.95	25.08	+ .23
Caterpillar	52.20	51.55	51.60	— .20
CenterPoint	7.62	7.44	7.49	
ChevronTex	65.82	64.31	64.49	+ .09
Citigroup	37.23	36.45	36.91	+ .39
CocaCola	42.60	41.15	41.39	+ .19
ColgatePal	55.24	54.70	54.72	+ .18
CmclMetals s	14.53	14.43	14.46	— .05
ConocoPhill	53.00	52.30	52.54	+ .23
Cooper Inds	37.25	36.60	36.65	— .26
DaimlrChry	30.96	30.57	30.93	+ .69
DeltaAirl	10.04	9.83	9.89	+ .16
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DowChem	28.84	28.49	28.51	+ .41
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EstKodak	31.49	31.10	31.14	+ .32
EDS Corp	17.45	17.12	17.19	— .02
Entergy	48.35	47.98	48.22	+ .23
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IBM	82.55	80.32	80.57	— 1.34
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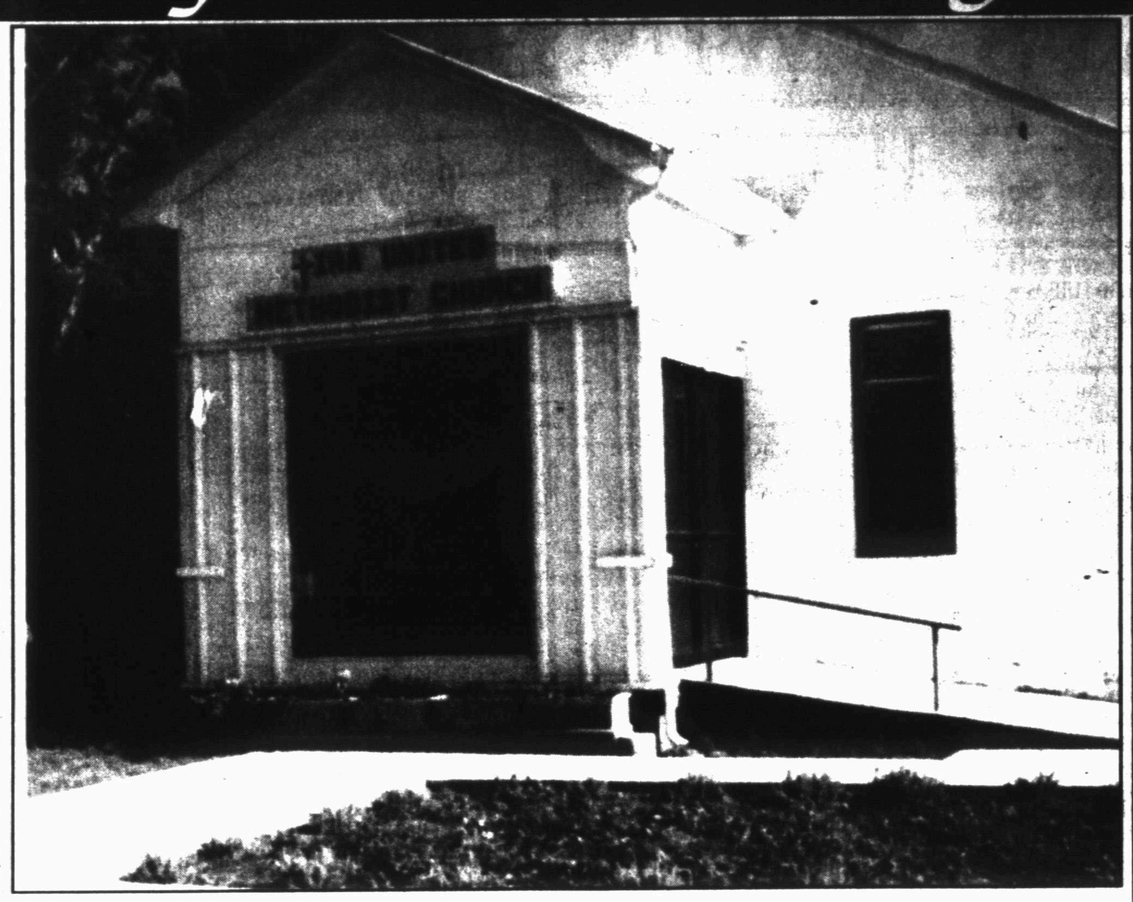
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Five killed in small airplane crash

LEOMINSTER, Mass. (AP) — A small plane crashed into a sheet metal shop today, igniting a huge fireball and sending its workers fleeing. Five people from the plane were killed, authorities said.

Two people from the plane were pulled from the wreckage and taken to a hospital. Their conditions weren't immediately known.

The plane went down about 9:30 a.m., crashing into the single-story building that houses D.E. Corp, witnesses said. Leominster is about 35 miles northwest of Boston.

Fire officials said five people on the plane were killed. The Federal Aviation Administration said it was trying to determine the number of people on board the Beech King Air 200, a twin-engine turbo prop.

Kevin Bailey, a manager at a nearby automotive chemical manufacturing plant, said he heard the plane over the buzz of their own machines.

"It sounded like the plane was right on top of our building," he said. "The smoke is just incredible."

Deputy Fire Chief William Ashton told WHDH-TV that the plane had been scheduled to land at Fitchburg Municipal Airport about 9:30 a.m.

The FAA was trying to confirm where the plane took off from.

Holly Baker, a spokeswoman for the FAA, said the plane was registered to F.S. Corsair Inc.

Patricia Salvatore, a spokeswoman for HealthAlliance Hospital in Leominster, said three victims were brought to the hospital, including one man who worked at the sheet metal company who was being treated for unspecified injuries.

The two other victims taken there were later transported to UMass-Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. The extent of their injuries wasn't immediately known.

David Brideau, who works at the sheet metal company, said he heard an explosion, then saw a huge fireball in the building. Brideau said all seven employees who were in the building at the time got out safely.

Spring snow, ice plague Northeast states

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Two weeks into spring, snow and ice closed hundreds of schools across upstate New York and New England today, and knocked out power to about 100,000 customers, mainly along Lake Ontario.

In New York, nearly a foot a snow fell on in the Adirondacks, while farther south, ice formed a hard shell on trees, cars and roads.

Conditions were expected to worsen throughout the day, with the precipitation continuing well into Saturday. Parts of northeastern New York were expecting as much as 16 inches of snow by Saturday morning, mixed with additional sleet before temperatures begin rising.

Already early today, the snow and ice closed roads and were blamed for at least a dozen traffic accidents across the region, including one in North Hudson that sent a truck driver to the hospital with a broken leg.

"The situation is dangerous," Oswego Mayor John Gosek said. "As I was driving in this morning, I saw a number of limbs, not only down, but falling."

About 100,000 customers in New York lost power, including approximately 50,000 in the Rochester area, according to utility officials.

Concord, N.H., had already gotten more than 6 inches by 7 a.m., meteorologist Tom Hawley said. The record of 13.3 inches was set in 1982.

"This could rank in the top four or five for snowfall in April," he said.

Up to a foot of snow fell in the Lake George region, the Warren County (N.Y.) Sheriff's Department said.

Some parts of southern Vermont had already received up to 8 inches of snow by this morning, and up to 18 inches of snow and freezing rain were in the forecast. Southern Maine had more than 4 inches by early today and was expecting 8 inches altogether.

"It's not a good day to be out, even if you're a duck," said National Weather Service meteorologist Steve Pertgen.

Another storm brought more freezing rain to Wisconsin, a day after at least three people died on slippery roads, including a 17-year-old high school athlete.

Central and northeastern Wisconsin were expecting as much as 8 inches of snow by the end of today, and some schools were closed. Power was restored to most of the more than 20,000 customers who had lost it.

In Ashland, convenience-store worker Peter Compton said the conditions were getting depressing.

"It's supposed to be spring, or so I thought," he said.

On the Net:
National Weather Service: http://iwin.nws.noaa.gov
Intellicast: http://www.intellicast.com

Treasury intends to stay under debt limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Department debt managers intend to soon carry out an accounting maneuver that would free billions of dollars on paper to prevent the government from breaching the $6.4 trillion ceiling on the national debt.

The step, announced today, is the latest in a series of moves Treasury has taken to prevent the government from defaulting on the national debt.

Treasury is maneuvering because it has run out of room in its statutory authority to borrow. It has asked Congress to boost the government borrowing authority, a matter still pending on Capitol Hill.

Treasury Secretary John Snow, in a letter today to House and Senate leaders of both parties, notified them that the department will — on paper — suspend new investments in Treasury securities that would be credited to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

"Beneficiaries will be fully protected and will suffer no adverse consequences," Snow wrote in the letter.

Snow said the action could begin as early as today — but no later than next Friday — and will last until July 11. Treasury said the maneuver would free up around $12 billion that along with previous maneuvers will allow the government to continue to pay its bills.

Brian Roseboro, Treasury's assistant secretary of financial markets, said all the accounting juggling that has been going on since February will in no way slow tax refund checks that will be flowing to Americans.

Roseboro said the action announced today increases the likelihood that the government will be able to pay its bills through April 15, when an inflow of income tax payments should boost the government's cash on hand.

But given the sagging economy — which has taken a bite out of income tax payments collected by the government — Roseboro said it is difficult to predict what tax receipts would total and how long they would be able to help the government through its borrowing constraints.

Last year, Congress boosted the old debt limit by $450 billion, from $5.95 trillion to the current $6.4 trillion.

However, at that time Treasury warned that Congress would need to again increase the government's borrowing authority.

Boosting the debt limit is more a matter of politics than economics.

Economists doubt Congress will refuse to raise the limit. A federal default is considered unimaginable because it would rattle bond markets, force interest rates higher, weaken the world economy and deliver a political blow to President Bush.

Democrats point to the government's need to borrow more to ridicule President Bush's tax cuts and his handling of the economy.

Family violence, assault reported

Assault

A man requested an officer at a residence in the 100 block of Milburn and reported problems with another subject. Officers responded and advised an offense report for assault, family violence would be submitted. The subject left the residence.

Dog bite

A Cogdell Hospital employee reported a dog bite victim at the hospital. An officer submitted an offense report for the incident.

Criminal trespass

A woman on FM 1606 reported subjects trespassing on her land and deputies advised they would locate three subjects to serve them with criminal trespass warnings.

Noise complaint

A man in the 1700 block of Ave. R at 9:40 p.m. Thursday reported dogs barking and causing a disturbance. Officers contacted the owner of the animals and he advised he would quiet them down.

A woman on 25th Street reported loud music at 10:45 p.m. Thursday. Officers contacted a subject across the street who advised he would comply.

Births

Curt and Leslie Rinehart of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Rikki Drew Rinehart, at 9:16 a.m. April 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Rikki Drew weighed seven pounds and was 19½ inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Neil Rhinehart of Snyder and Mary Rinehart of Sweetwater. Maternal grandparents are Ricky and Paula Daniell, all of Snyder.

Obituaries

Roberta Clark

1918-2003

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash. — Roberta M. Clark, sister of Lillie Sullivan of Brownfield and a former longtime resident of Snyder and Ira, died Monday, March 28, at her home. She was 84 years old.

Following cremation, a private inurnment was to be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Chimacum, Wash.

Born Oct. 1, 1918 in Fisher County, she married Peter Clark May 11, 1960. He died Nov. 4, 1998.

Mrs. Clark worked for Convair Aircraft in San Diego, Calif., during World War II and later worked for Puhlman Variety Store as a buyer/accountant. She also worked in Seattle as a financial administrator for Alaskan Automotive Parts and retired as manager and accountant for a major architectural firm in Seattle. She lived on Bainbridge Island before moving to Port Townsend.

Survivors include her brother, Clifton McCleskey of Charlottesville, Va.; another sister, Eula Bustetter of Yakima, Wash., and several nieces and nephews.

Giles Kemp

1929-2003

HASKELL — Graveside service for Giles Kemp, 73, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Willow Cemetery. The Rev. Allen Brooks will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Kemp, 73, died Thursday, April 3, in Haskell.

Born Oct. 26, 1929 in Haskell, Mr. Kemp was a retired farmer and rancher and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny Giles and Mary Kemp.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Kemp of Haskell; a son and daughter-in-law, Giles B. and Dee Kemp of Snyder; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kerry and Jim Simpson of Burleson, Donna and Roy Rifenburg of Merkel and Kathy and Kelly Copeland of Slaton; a brother, Dr. William Kemp of Haskell; six grandchildren, Joshua and Jacob Kemp of Snyder, Ben and Samantha Simpson of Burleson and Kelsey and Kasey Copeland of Slaton.

Rev. Charles Etheridge officiating. Burial will follow the Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Born Sept. 8, 1927 in Richland Springs, he married Mildred F. Kattes on Feb. 7, 1948.

Mr. Kattes served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was retired from Ford Tractor. He was a member of the Pine Street Baptist Church and the 2nd Milers Sunday School Class.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Rex and Ruby Lee Kattes; and one brother and three sisters.

Survivors also include his wife, Mildred Kattes of Winnesboro; a daughter, Evelyn Kattes of Sulphur Springs; a brother, J.B. Kattes of Longview; a sister, Pauline Smith of Keene; a daughter-in-law, Molly Kattes of Snyder; two grandchildren, Cari Limmer and her husband, Bryan, and Kelly Stowers; and four great-grandchildren, Griffin Limmer, Bailey Limmer, Hannah Limmer and Madelyn Stowers.

The family suggests memorials to the Pine Street Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Hugh Kattes

1927-2003

WINNSBORO — Hugh Harris Kattes, father of David Kattes of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 2, in a Tyler hospital.

Service for Mr. Kattes, 75, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Beaty Funeral Home Chapel with the

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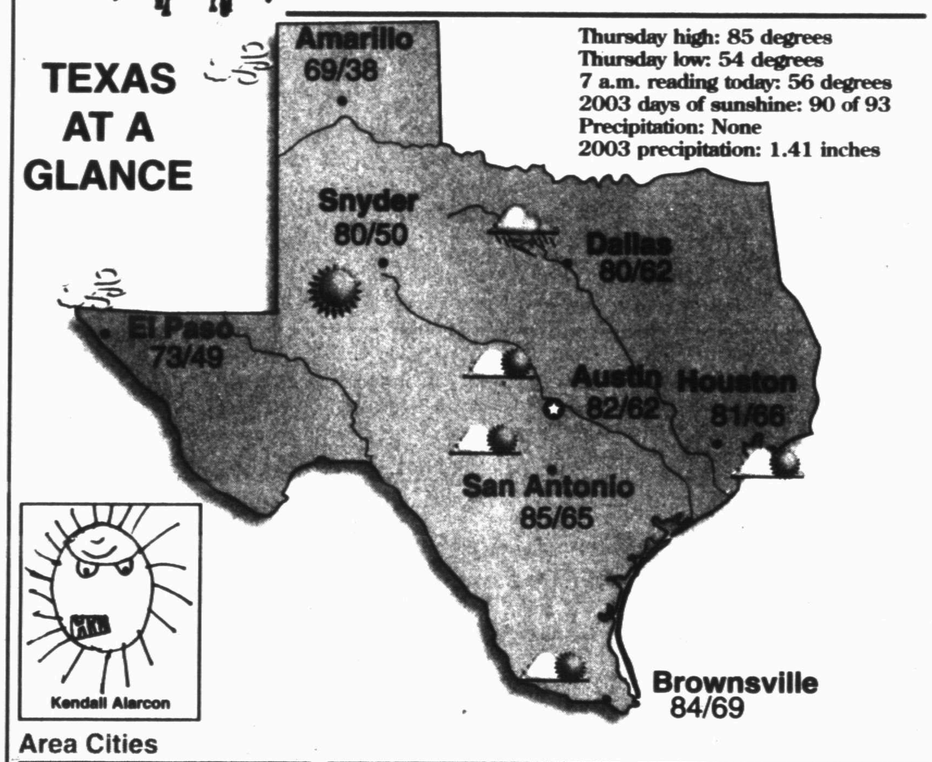
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 4/5	Sun 4/6	Mon 4/7
80/50	77/43	57/35
Mainly sunny. High around 80F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 6:27 AM, Sunset 7:06 PM	Sunrise 6:26 AM, Sunset 7:07 PM	Sunrise 6:24 AM, Sunset 7:08 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Thursday high: 85 degrees
Thursday low: 54 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 56 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 90 of 93
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	56	sunny	El Paso	73	49	windy	Midland	82	50	sunny
Amarillo	69	38	windy	Fort Stockton	84	52	sunny	Raymondville	86	66	pt sunny
Austin	82	62	pt sunny	Gainesville	76	58	pt sunny	Rosenberg	81	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	80	64	pt sunny	Greenville	78	58	t-storm	San Antonio	85	65	pt sunny
Brownsville	84	69	pt sunny	Houston	81	66	pt sunny	San Marcos	83	63	pt sunny
Brownwood	85	59	sunny	Kingsville	85	66	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	78	58	t-storm
Corpus Christi	81	68	cloudy	Livingston	80	61	pt sunny	Sweetwater	82	54	sunny
Corsicana	81	61	t-storm	Longview	78	59	t-storm	Tyler	80	62	t-storm
Dallas	80	62	t-storm	Lubbock	77	46	windy	Weatherford	79	58	t-storm
Del Rio	90	64	sunny	Lufkin	79	63	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	74	55	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	71	52	t-storm	Houston	81	66	pt sunny	Phoenix	71	51	cloudy
Boston	41	34	mixed	Los Angeles	63	46	mst sunny	San Francisco	57	46	windy
Chicago	41	27	cloudy	Miami	85	72	pt sunny	Seattle	48	39	rain
Dallas	80	62	t-storm	Minneapolis	37	22	cloudy	St. Louis	53	37	pt sunny
Denver	45	28	sn shower	New York	52	37	rain	Washington, DC	73	43	t-storm

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 1	Apr 9	Apr 16	Apr 23

UV Index

Sat 4/5	Sun 4/6	Mon 4/7
High	High	High

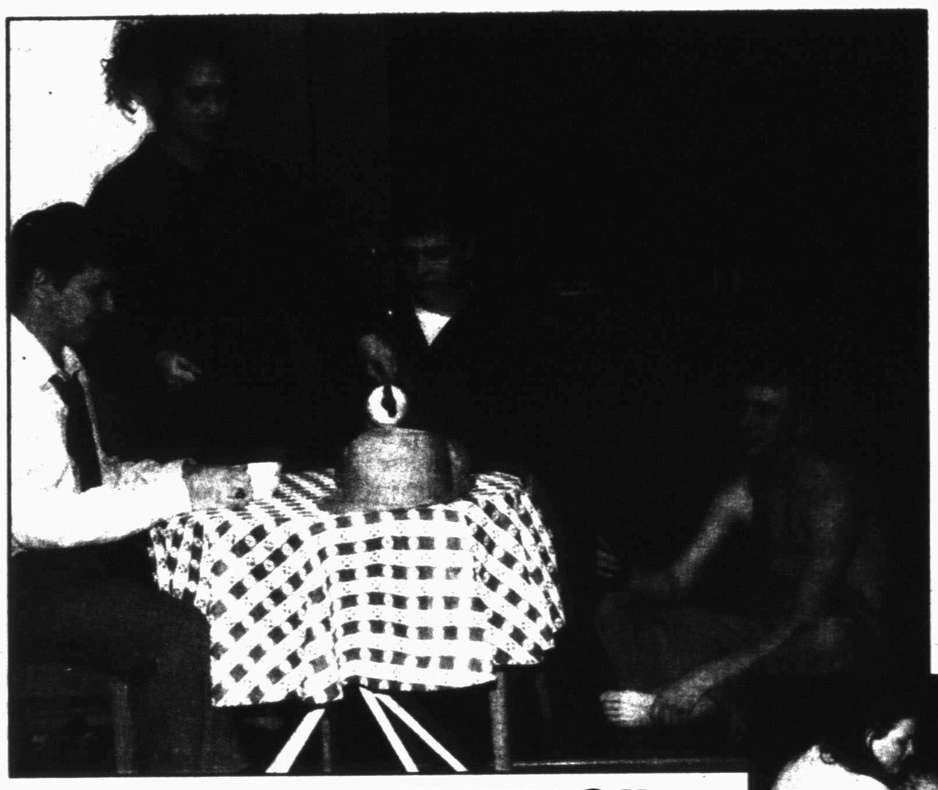
The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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Hermleigh at Area One-Act Play Competition

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Jayton, Texas





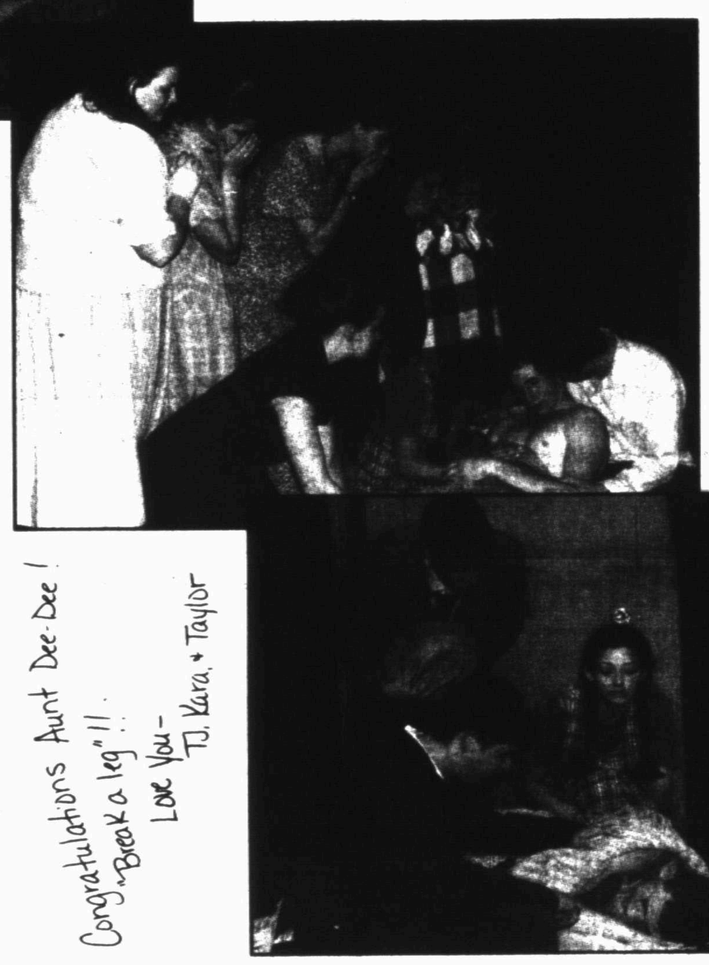
Front row from left to right Christy Garcia, Dustin Williamson, Misty McClure, Terrel Culp, Justin Williamson, Johnathon McClure, and Shae Rinehart. Back row from left to right Alana Culp, Samantha Berry, Cassie Harbin, Brittainy Jones, Valerie West, Danni Webb and Georgeanna Smith. Not pictured Justin Kelley, Keenon Garcia and Robbie Anderson.

"THE DIVINERS"

Cast:

Character	Played By
Basil Bennett	Johnathon McClure
Dewey Maples	Justin Kelley
Luella Bennett	Danni Webb
Melvin Wilder	Christy Garcia
Buddy Layman	Terrel Culp
Jennie Mae Layman	Misty McClure
C.C. Showers	Justin Williamson
Ferris Layman	Dustin Williamson
Norma Henshaw	Alana Culp
Goldie Short	Brittainy Jones
Darlene Henshaw	Samantha Berry
Townsperson	Valerie West
Townsperson	Cassie Harbin

Crew:
Shae Rinehart, Georgeanna Smith,
Keenon Garcia, Robbie Anderson
Director:
Mary Spieker



Congratulations Aunt Dee-Dee!
Break a leg"!!
Love You -
TJ, Kara, + Taylor

Good Luck!
Tim, Tiny
Dustin & Delinda Dacus

Good Luck Danni
Daniel, MaryLou & Lea

Good Luck!
James & Vivian
Rinehart

Break a leg at area
Bell, Candy & Anthony Jones
The Layell bird Witches.

Good Luck Danni,
Knock Em Dead.
Cliff

All the way Hermleigh!
We're proud of you.
"Do Luella"
David, Ricki, + Rustin

Good Luck to the
Hermleigh One act Play!
- Denise -

Good Luck, we love, +
are proud of you all!
Best Wishes
Opar-o-ma-Ce

Remember
who you are!
"Winners"
Break a leg.
Rick, Teri, Shaye
Matt + Aaron

Go Get Em'. We know you
can do it. We love each +
everyone of you.
Ernie Jessa Megan Melanie
Morgan Joan + Nanny

Good luck to each of you!
All of you are a great bunch
of kids + have a wonderful
Sponsor!
Jeri + Joyce
Loncleyer

Wishing great things for some
really great kids. The sky's the
limit. And you can reach it.
The Digby Family

We are so proud of all of you!
Good Luck and lots of love,
Kelly & Casey

We love each of you
very much and am so
very proud of your
accomplishments.
Tanya & Blaine Minton &
Faye Culp

Good Luck. We're
proud of you. All
the way To State!
Alan, Julie & Alina Culp

Good luck Cardinals
"Break a leg"
Lori Morin

Good Luck Hermleigh!
Sandi Hannaway
+
Minnie Darden

We are so very proud
of all of you!!
Good Luck -
Billy, Rena,
K'Ana & Kelton

Good Luck! We are so proud
of each of you!
James + Monita
Williamson

Good Luck!
Doug & Belinda
Foster

We're behind you
all the way, go for
the gold. Mr. Mc Daniel

Congratulations to all of you -
Another reason we are so
proud to support Hermleigh
School -
Julius & Jayne Roemisch

Congradulations!
your doing great. Keep
up the good work.
Eddie + April McClure

Break a leg!
Jerry + Kathy

All the Way!
Supreme

GO CARDINALS!

Chloanne Lindsey

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