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Home Of Cheryl Reed





WILDFLOWER TOUR — Barbra Jones' pre-kindergarten students at Northeast recently participated in a wildflower tour at Western Texas College. In the top photo, Todd Lancaster, WTC student, lets Alex Reyes examine a flower that smells like an onion. In the bottom photo, Stefan Vasquez, Lateisha Richardson and Malachi Porter, from left, examine the wildflowers. Other WTC students who helped conduct the tour include, Chad Williams, Jason McGrath, Paige Chance and Nicol Mazarova. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Tuesday last day...

Early voting ending for May 1 election

Tuesday is the last day for early voting in the May 1 local election.

Only 41 ballots have been cast in the city election, and there have been no votes in the Snyder school board trustee election. That is not for lack of trying, however, according to SISD early voting clerk Betty Morgan. She said there have been a few people come in to vote, but they live in the wrong district.

"There are people out there that want to vote, they just can't vote."

The only contested race is for Place 1 as incumbent Glenn Clarady is being challenged by Ronnie Anderson.

Clarady has served on the board since 1990, while this is Anderson's first run for public office.

Trustees Mark McCormick and Janet Stribling do not have opponents.

Two contested races in the municipal election have generated the only voter interest to date.

Three people are candidates for the two at-large positions on the Snyder City Council.

Incumbent Terry Martin, former councilman Ron Shaw and newcomer James Ashley are candidates for those at-large seats.

Seeking the now-vacant Place 3 spot on the city's ballot are James Jenkins Jr. and Kirk Taylor — both newcomers to the political scene.

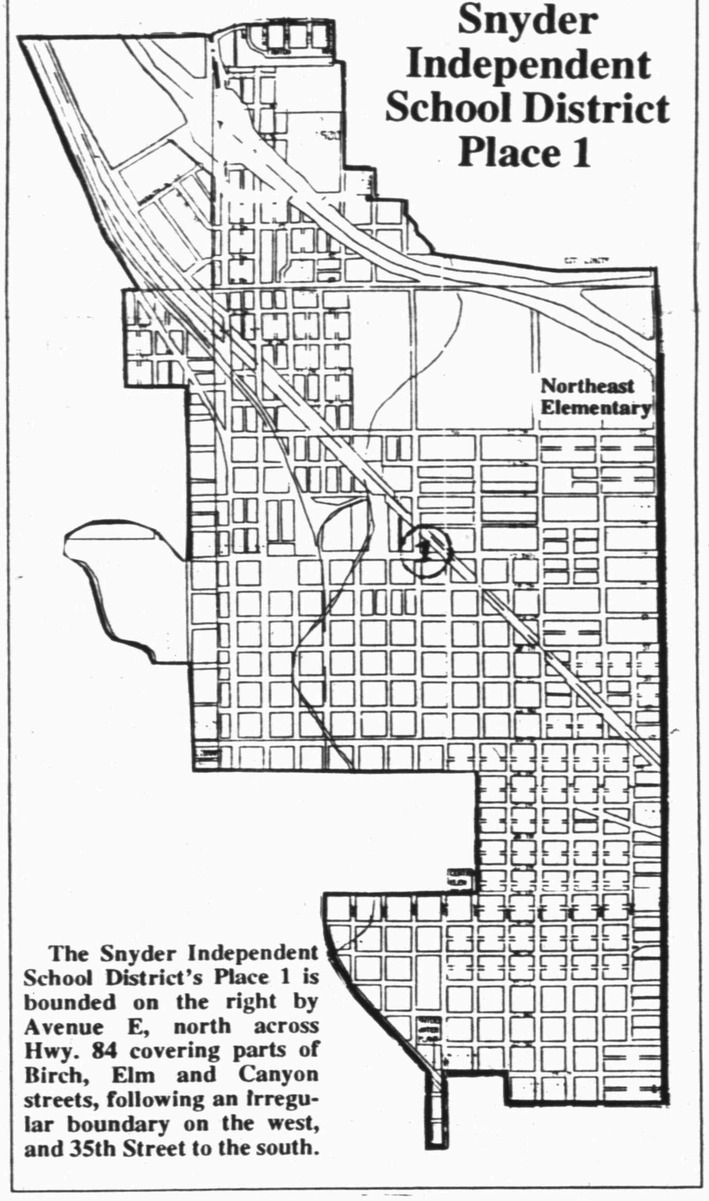
Current at-large councilman Dayton Robertson is running unopposed for mayor.

Incumbents for Ira and Hermleigh posts have been declared winners as there were no contested races and the elections have been cancelled.

Lance Autry, Sid Wall and Kirby Sterling will serve another term on the Ira school board, as will Hermleigh incumbent trustees Burton Sandefur and Tony Lambaren.

City Hall is the early voting site for the City of Snyder while persons voting early in the Snyder ISD trustee election do so at the school administration building on 37th Street.

On election day, voting for both the City and Snyder ISD will be held at city hall.



The Snyder Independent School District's Place 1 is bounded on the right by Avenue E, north across Hwy. 84 covering parts of Birch, Elm and Canyon streets, following an irregular boundary on the west, and 35th Street to the south.

SHS will send 8 to state

Snyder High School captured first place in regional UIL literary competition Saturday with 130 points, qualifying eight students for state. (See Photo page 2.)

Nickolas Means earned first place in persuasive speaking and fifth in current issues and events.

Katy Cooper placed third in prose interpretation.

Trevor Kerr, Brett Gibson and Cara Best won first place as a team in accounting. Individually, Kerr was first; Gibson, third; and Best, fifth.

In computer applications, Erin Kirk earned fourth place.

Trey Gorman took home first place honors in computer science and second in biology.

Vanessa Jones earned second place in spelling.

These students will next compete in the state contest slated May 7-8 at the University of Texas in Austin. They will be accompanied by their sponsors: Lynda McCormack, Phyllis Smith, Becky Johnson, Wynola Early and Lynda Patterson.

Angelo State University hosted Saturday's regional meet.

Denton Ryan High School and Weatherford High School tied for second place with 107 points each.

TAAS tests start Tuesday

State-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests will be given in the Snyder Independent School District Tuesday through Friday.

On Tuesday, mathematics will be administered to grades three through eight, and the writing test to grade 10.

Wednesday, the reading test will be given to grades three through eight, and mathematics to grade 10.

On Thursday, the social studies portion of the test will be given to grade eight, and the reading test to grade 10.

On Friday, the science portion of the test will be given to eighth grade students.

Diary shows that gunmen wanted to kill at least 500

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The two students who killed 13 people at Columbine High School wanted to kill at least 500 others, attack nearby homes and then hijack a plane and crash it into New York City, investigators said. Authorities also said today they were questioning an 18-year-old girl about whether she purchased two of the firearms used in the rampage.

Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone earlier told reporters the goal of the killers, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, was to strike during the busy lunch hour to go for "a big kill."

Sheriff's department spokesman Steve Davis said today that the gunmen's diary indicates that if they survived, they wanted more.

"They wanted to kill 500 people, hijack a plane and take it to New York City," Davis said. "If in fact they were able to carry out the entire plan, there could have been quite a bit more damage and quite a few more fatalities."

As to why the gunmen were thinking of New York City, he said: "I have no idea. Maybe the density of population, for all I know."

"I suppose when you first hear it, you think that it's some horrible fantasy," District Attorney Dave Thomas told NBC's "Today" show. "But we now know that at least the first portion of those planned activities were in fact carried out.

"Unfortunately, we also know that had a couple of the devices in the school actually detonated as they had planned, the death toll could have been much higher than it was," Thomas said.

The diary plotting the mayhem in precise detail, bomb-making materials and weapons were found in Harris' bedroom. Davis said.

Police said the pair, enraged by what they considered taunts and insults from classmates, rampaged through their school with guns and bombs before turning their weapons on themselves. Investigators, amazed at the sheer firepower, are trying to determine if others were involved.

Thomas confirmed reports that an 18-year-old woman, described as Klebold's girlfriend, was to be brought in for questioning today about whether she had purchased two of the four firearms used in Tuesday's massacre at Columbine, a 9 mm carbine rifle and a TEC-DC9 semiautomatic pistol.

Thomas said the woman has not been named as a suspect and no arrests were imminent. He said he didn't know if she supplied the guns or, if she did, whether she knew what Harris and Klebold planned to do with them. He wouldn't say what information had led authorities to think she might have supplied the guns.

As for whether anyone other than Harris, Klebold and the young woman were under investigation, Thomas said: "We believe more than three were certainly aware of it. Whether more than three were involved in it, that's really the essence of our investigation at this point."

On Sunday, students, friends, relatives and thousands of others turned a strip-mall parking lot into an arena of grief and promised each other they would reach past their pain.

FDA approves diet drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dieters today won the first medication that does more than suppress appetite, a pill that blocks absorption of almost a third of the fat they eat.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Xenical 2½ years after Hoffman-La Roche Inc. first sought to sell the drug, a delay largely caused by questions about whether the new diet pill might contribute to breast cancer.

The FDA ultimately decided the pill was safe, approving it by prescription for the seriously obese only — not casual dieters who just want to shed five or 10 pounds.

Xenical has been long-awaited by obesity experts, who say they need new alternatives after the ill-fated Redux and the fenfluramine half of the wildly popular "fen-phen" were banned in 1997 over concerns that they damaged dieters' hearts.

Rain Reports

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Polar	1.10
Loyd Mountain	.4
Gail	.45
Farmers Co-op	.75
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*Totals over the weekend.

ASK US

Q—Is there an address where I can send a card to the students and faculty at Columbine High School in Colorado?

A—Yes. Address the card to Messages for Columbine, Communications Services, Jefferson County Public Schools, P.O. Box 4001, Golden, CO 80401-0001.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 50 degrees; low, 48; high Sunday, 75; low, 45; 7 a.m. Monday, 57; .35 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 3.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low near 50. SW wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny, warmer. High, upper 80s. S wind 10-15 mph.

Nathan Wittie
Warmer

Sunset: 8:20 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.
Of 115 days in 1999, the sun has shone 108 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Between saying and doing many a pair of shoes is worn out."

Italian Poverb

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Colorado tragedy puts focus on safety issues

DALLAS (AP) — Last week's National Week of the Young Child was full of grim news.

Fourteen students and a teacher died during a shooting spree at a Denver-area high school.

Six-year-old Opal Jo Jennings of Saginaw remained missing after being abducted from her front yard March 26.

Three-year-old Cristy Ryno of Irving vanished from her mother's apartment and was found dead in a fork of the Trinity River.

And two toddlers were found slain in a Central Texas creek.

If young children were oblivious to these events, parents were frightened by the outbreak of severe cases.

Pam Holm of Dallas said she already watched her two young children closely. Now, she said she'll forbid them from playing alone in their fenced backyard.

"It's sad times when we have to do this with 3-year-olds because they should not have to be worried about these things," said Ms. Holm, a full-time homemaker and former emergency room nurse.

Experts say children are much more likely to be hurt by someone they know — most often their own parents — than they are to be snatched by a stranger.

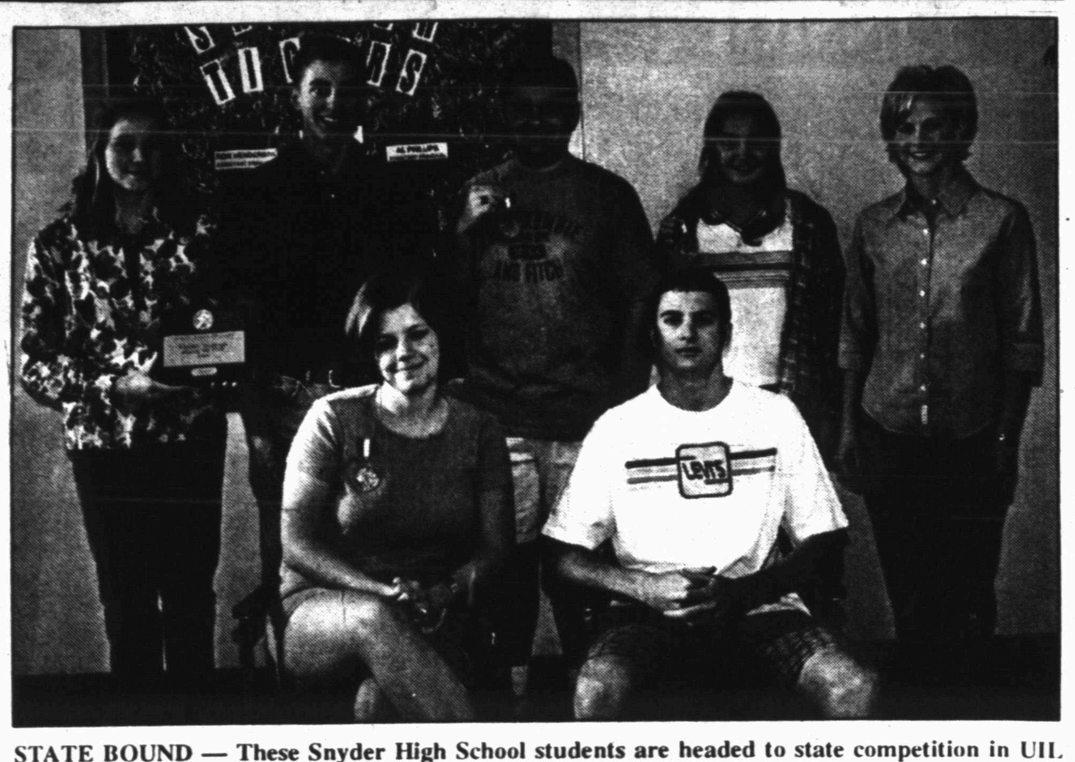
The federal government reported this month that the number of child abuse or neglect cases has dropped slightly over the last four years, though officials acknowledged that other studies show the victims may be undercounted.

Texas statistics reveal an increase in violence against young children. The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday's editions that the state logged a record-high 176 child abuse homicides last year. That figure represents a 70 percent increase over the previous year.

Both in Texas and across the country, researchers say drug abuse and the loosening of family bonds are the primary contributors to the increase in serious cases.

"We're seeing many cases where children are being raised by someone not related to them," said Marleigh Meisner, a Dallas-area spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

At the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center, which helps abused children, staff members have seen increasing violence against young children who have been deliberately scalded, severely beaten for perceived defiance or physically punished over toilet-training lapses, said Cheryl Sutterfield, the center's executive director.



STATE BOUND — These Snyder High School students are headed to state competition in UIL literary events next month. (See story page 1) Back row, from left, Cara Best, Trevor Kerr, Nickolas Means, Vanessa Jones, Erin Kirk; front row, Katy Cooper, Trey Gorman. Brett Gibson is not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Mother and son killed in crash

HOUSTON (AP) — A boy and his mother's belonging were strewn across a street last weekend after the two were struck and killed by a suspected drunk driver.

Police said Oliva Brown, 37, was pronounced dead at a Houston hospital just after midnight Saturday when a pickup swerved and hit her. She was pushing her son in a shopping cart, along with the family's belongings.

Ms. Brown's son, who was thought to be between 6 and 8 years old, died Sunday at Ben Taub Hospital.

Pilot is dismissed from AF: dreams end in court-martial

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Capt. Joseph Belli "always wanted to be in the Air Force, ever since I was a little kid." He got his dream, serving as a top tanker pilot in a crack squadron.

The dream ended Sunday night when a court-martial jury dismissed Belli from the service and ordered him to serve 15 days in jail for disobeying two commanders who had ordered him to halt his affair with an enlisted woman.

Belli, a married father of five when he and Airman Susan Redo began their affair in 1997, pleaded guilty to obstruction, fraternization and conspiracy.

The allegations carried a maximum of 22 years in prison. Prosecutors had asked the six-member jury for a one-year sentence and Belli's dismissal.

"This case was about honor and obeying orders and the ability to lead by example," said Air Force Sgt. Eric Grill, a Travis Air Force Base spokesman. "The expectation is that an officer will follow lawful orders."

Jurors declined to discuss their decision. The defense, however, was delighted.

Attorney John Hodson said it was "a ridiculous notion" that an officer could receive years in prison for a love affair.

"I've never seen a confinement period this small. He can do two weeks standing on his head," he said. "As I've said all along, the whole Air Force isn't nuts."

Belli, 35, was taken into custody moments after the verdict was read.

Worshippers sought answers to Colorado school massacre

PLANO (AP) — Parents and children who filled the pews of Metro Family Church's sanctuary on Sunday held each other a little closer, some crying softly during a candle-lighting service for families in Colorado they did not know but are so much like their own.

The congregation was one of many around Texas and the nation who remembered the teacher and 12 students killed last week in a murderous rampage by two teen-age gunmen in Littleton, Colo.

As pastor Randy Bailey read the name of each victim, a member of the Metro Family's youth group slowly walked to the front of the sanctuary and lit a candle to honor a suddenly-shortened life.

The experience was more difficult than they imagined, some of the teen-agers later said.

"It was very hard," said Ashleigh Jones, 18. "I kept thinking if it happened to me, what impact would my life have had?"

Katie Trent, 16, said, "I realized it could happen to anyone."

They added that having a supportive church family helped ease their concerns. The interdemoninational church, which meets in a strip shopping center in this middle-class suburb north of Dallas, has about 550 members. Nearly a fourth are teen-agers.

More than 300 people attended Sunday's service, singly loudly to the church's six-piece band.

"Though my world may fall, I'll never let you go," voices rang out.

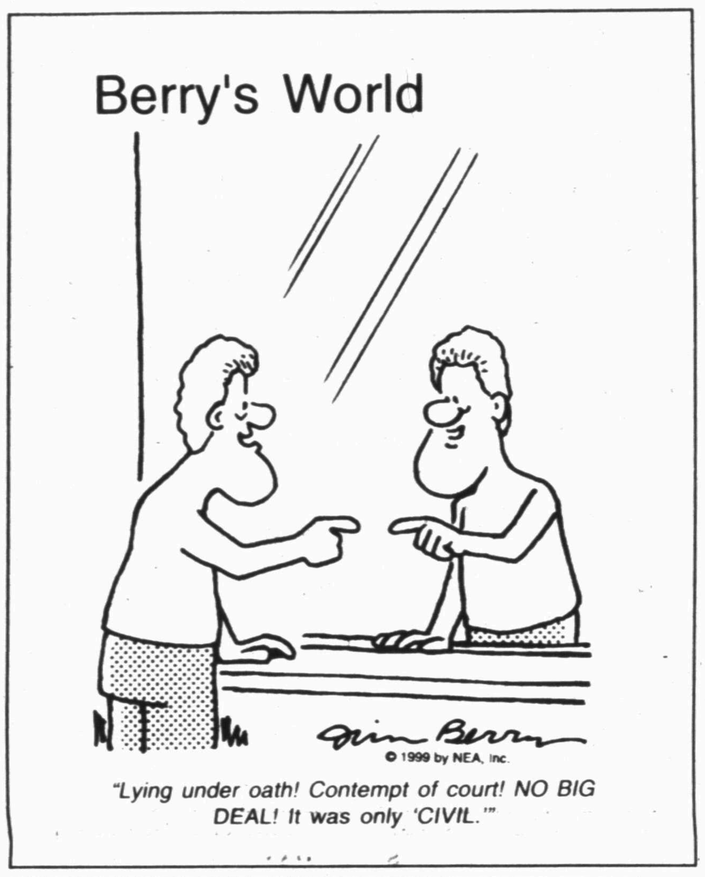
Bailey asked the group to pray not only for the victims, but also for the families of the young gunmen, who took their own lives as well.

"Our Lord would have us do nothing less," he said. "We are Americans. These are our kids. Fifteen of our kids were taken from us."

He called for a return to family values.

"If we don't come back to family values...our children may continue to lose their moral compass. They may continue to lose the ability to know right from wrong."

The basic monetary unit of Romania is the leu, and its chief fractional unit is the ban.



"Lying under oath! Contempt of court! NO BIG DEAL! It was only 'CIVIL.'"

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

When should colonoscopy be repeated?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a family history of colon cancer. I had a normal colonoscopy in 1997. My gastroenterologist wants to repeat the test every five years. I would prefer to have it done every two years. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I think that you should follow the specialist's advice. For the most part, colon cancers grow slowly, so — based on your relatively recent, normal colonoscopy — you are probably safe to wait out the full five years that he suggests. Nonetheless, I urge you to discuss your concerns with the doctor. Perhaps, given your level of concern, he would compromise and examine you every three or four years.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can a person get cancer from having oral sex?

DEAR READER: No, except in the most unorthodox circumstances. If, for example, the partner were to have a cancer on the genitals, I suppose that there would be some risk. But this is simply a theoretical unlikelihood. As a practical matter, cancer is not spread during physical contact, including sexual relations. Remember, however, that certain herpes infections are spread through sex, and such viruses may cause subsequent cancers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a sore on my calf that won't heal. I am 82 years old and have had varicose veins. My doctor suggested that I use antibiotic cream, but it hasn't worked. What might help?

DEAR READER: I suspect that you have developed a varicose ulcer due to poor circulation in the skin around your varicose veins. Often, such chronic ulcers become infected and require surgical attention to remove the ballooned-out veins. I suggest that you elevate the leg whenever possible, use elastic support stockings, apply warm compresses three times a day, and keep the ulcer clean with soap and water. If the ulcer fails to improve within two or three weeks, ask your physician to refer you to a surgeon for a second opinion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any danger in eating raw potatoes? My husband insists that they can cause worms.

DEAR READER: Raw potatoes are safe to eat and do not cause disease, providing the skins are well-washed and any dirt or rotten spots removed. I don't know where your husband got the idea of worms. Potatoes don't have them — but, of course, the soil in which they are grown might. So, if you're not too scrupulous in washing the uncooked potatoes, I suppose that worm-eggs could be carried in the dirt on the potato skins and thereby be transmitted during consumption.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Oil Patch News

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 1 East Lott, a 5,200-foot wildcat located 12 miles south of Post. Drill site is in Section 6, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Nolan County

R.L. Adkins Corp. will drill the No. 330 Dickson, a 7,500-foot wildcat located six miles northwest of Maryneal. Location is in Section 30, Block X, T&P survey.

Staley Oil Co. will drill the No. 2 Bennett, a 6,700-foot wildcat located 13 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 53, Block 5, T&P survey.

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Columbine students remember teacher at memorial service

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The sign said it all: Friend, coach, father.

The photo above the words was of William "Dave" Sanders, the heroic teacher killed during the massacre at Columbine High School.

The white sign, propped against a tree during Sunday's memorial for the 13 victims, was just one small tribute to the man many students credit for saving their lives by herding them away from the gunmen.

Today, Sanders' students, who huddled by their beloved teacher's side after he was shot, were to come together again — to bid him farewell at his funeral.

On Sunday, current and former students remembered Sanders' dedication and devotion.

"He was just a model teacher, said Jeff Markle, the school's 1994 student body president who traveled from Dallas to honor Sanders. "He'd come early, stay late. Anything he could do to make us feel better he would do."

"He was a really exceptional coach," a teary-eyed Stephanie Gilbert, 34, said of the man who guided her cross-country team 15 years ago. "I was never really into sports. He got me to learn. He ran with me the first week of practice to keep me going, right beside me. I still run today."

Last Tuesday, when gunfire and explosions echoed through the school cafeteria, Sanders jumped on tables, shouting for students to get out. He ran through the halls, herding students to safety.

Sanders was shot twice in the chest and staggered into a second-floor classroom, where students tore off their T-shirts and pressed them to his wounds.

They covered him with blankets and told him how important he was to them. They tenderly showed him pictures of his wife and daughters from his wallet.

"I'm not going to make it," Sanders told them. "Tell my girls I love them."

Sanders, 47, was an unassuming guy with an easy smile, a teacher-coach who taught old-fashioned values. He urged students to look for the best in every situation, to strive to do their best and be responsible.

Born Oct. 22, 1951, in Eldorado, Ill., Sanders was raised in Veedersburg, about 50 miles northwest of Indianapolis. In high school, the 6-foot-1-inch Sanders played basketball and baseball and ran cross country. He got his college degree from Chadron State in Nebraska in 1973.

He earned the respect and praise of co-workers and competitors.





SUPPORTING LOCAL CITIZENS — Lions Club President Ricky Fritz (shown left in the top photo) presented $300 to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, accepted by Bill Sikes. The organization will repaire seven homes in the city for people who are unable to do it themselves. In the bottom photo, Fritz presented a donation of $300 to the Boy Scouts accepted by leader Danny Pierce. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information, call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Game Day and Luncheon; Martha Ann Woman's Club; cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Bridesmaid Hurt That Parents Did Not Make Wedding Cut

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend is being married this summer, and she has asked me to be one of her bridesmaids. We have been friends since the third grade. My parents have always treated her like one of their own children. We see her only a couple of times a year now, because she moved 800 miles away.

Abby, I recently learned that my parents are not invited to the wedding. Am I wrong to feel hurt that they are excluded? If she had to limit the number of guests, why didn't she just omit my sisters and make room for my parents, who have always been so good to her?

I always thought that proper etiquette requires the parents of wedding attendants to be invited to the wedding. Am I wrong?

NETTLED IN NANTUCKET

DEAR NETTLED: Although most etiquette experts say the parents of attendants should be invited to the wedding, Emily Post explains that it is a nice gesture when feasible, but not necessary. It's possible that budget constraints caused your friend to limit her guest list. Please give her the benefit of the doubt. Don't take this personally or allow it to sour a lifelong friendship.

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DEAR ABBY: Enclosed is a poem my late father wrote in 1951 for Mother's Day. I thought you might like to print it.

PAT KIRKLAND, RENTON, WASH.

DEAR PAT: Absolutely! Your father's poem carries a strong message for children who live at a distance from their mothers. If the message is taken to heart, it should brighten Mother's Day for many a mother. Read on:

Thought for Mother's Day

If you have a gray-haired mother
In the old home, far away,
Sit down and write the letter
You've put off from day to day.
Don't wait until your weary steps
Have reached the pearly gate,
But let her know you think of her
Before it is too late.

If you have a tender message —
A loving word to say —
Don't wait till you forget it,
But whisper it today.
Who knows what bitter memories
May haunt you if you wait;
So make your loved ones happy
Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken,
The letters never sent,
The long forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent —
For those, some hearts are breaking.
For those, some loved ones wait —
So make your mother happy
Before it is too late.

A. ROBERTSON, SOUTH BURNABY, B.C., CANADA

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Two septuplets being eyed for cerebral palsy

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — Two of Bobbi McCaughey's 17-month-old septuplets are being monitored for cerebral palsy.

"While there are some signs of something that could be long-term, they don't have to mean that," Mrs. McCaughey said in The Des Moines Sunday Register. "They could just be muscle issues."

While baby Alexis can't yet sit up by herself, Mrs. McCaughey said, she can stay upright once someone puts her in a sitting position.

Dr. Peter Hetherington, the children's doctor, has said that Alexis' lack of strength could stem from her difficulty in getting enough food to thrive.

"If he's not going to worry about it, then at this point we shouldn't either," Mrs. McCaughey said of the pediatrician.

Alexis weighs just over 15 pounds — up from 12 in January — and is still fed through a tube in her stomach. She has severe reflux and vomits frequently. She became dehydrated and lost weight while hospitalized for nine days in January with flu and diarrhea.

"He's said all along, 'I think 15 pounds is going to be the magic number.' Since she's hit 15 pounds, we can see she's trying to do more,''' Mrs. McCaughey said.

Nathan weighs 20 pounds. The newspaper did not say what the other children weigh and there was no additional comment Sunday.

Calls to the firm that handles all of the McCaugheys' public relations, the Ambassador Agency of Nashville, were not answered Sunday.

Doctors frequently monitor developmentally delayed children between the ages of 18 months and 30 months for cerebral palsy, said Dennis C. Harper, a University of Iowa pediatrics professor and president of the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine.

"It's a hard call at a very young age," Harper said. "You need to look at growth over time. ... Children's nervous systems are amazingly plastic."

Cerebral palsy is a motor nerve disorder caused by a permanent brain defect or injury shortly after birth. Those who suffer milder cases may have spastic paralysis, while more severe cases can include seizures, numbness and mental retardation.

Physical therapists have been visiting the McCaughey home twice a month since October to work with Nathan and Alexis. Even with their medical challenges, Mrs. McCaughey said, she and her husband, Kenny, are generally optimistic.

"Even if they have something that is long-term — and I would hate to see that happen and I'm sure we would have some difficult and troubling days ahead of us if it did — I know we'll be given the strength to deal with it," she said.

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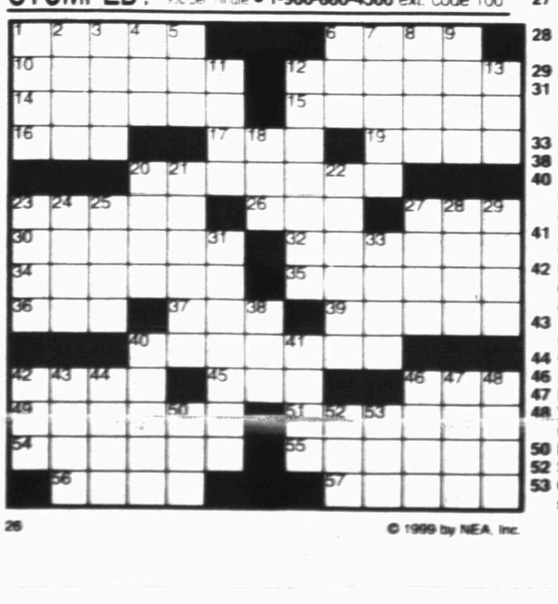
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers bow out in extra-inning affair, 8-5

ABILENE — One inning of solid hitting, one pitching change, and two Snyder miscues in the first extra frame helped Burlseon put an end to the Lady Tigers' softball season.

Burleson scored three runs on two hits and a pair of Snyder errors in the top of the eighth inning Saturday to escape with an 8-5 bi-district softball victory at Will Haire Park.

The Lady Elks had sent five runners home on five hits in the third, before sending Nicole McCullors to the mound in the sixth. McCullors, a right-hander, allowed just one hit after replacing left-handed Suzanne MaHaffey.

"The first pitcher was left-handed and didn't throw very hard," said Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon. "Then they brought in the right-hander and she threw a lot harder. After that, we just couldn't get our timing down at the plate and that was a big difference in the game."

The Lady Tigers still had a shot at advancing to the area round with the score knotted at 5-5 after seven innings.

But in the top of the eighth, Burleson took advantage of every opportunity it got. With one out, the Lady Elks put Alisa Kiene at first and Maryanne Sutton at second with a pair of singles, bringing Amanda Null to the plate.

Null slapped a single which got by right-fielder Angie Shoemake. Sutton scored, and Kiene crossed the plate when the throw from Kristin Martinez to catcher Starla Davis was off targert. Davis chased down the ball, but Null had continued rounding the bases and slid home safely for the third run of the frame.

Snyder picther Courtney Rinehart retired the next two batters on a pop-up and a ground ball, but the damage had been done.

"Courtney pitched a good game," Bohannon said. "We just made a few errors and Burleson took advantage of it."

The Lady Tigers had taken an early 4-0 lead with a pair of runs in the first inning, and two more in the second.

Whitney Webb, who went 3-for-4 on the day, opened the bottom of the first with a single, before Cameron Mackey drew a walk. Webb later scored on a wild pitch, with Mackey crossing the plate on a ground ball by Davis.

Snyder extended the margin in the second when Darcee Purcell and Jennifer Newman scored on two Burleson errors and Webb's second base hit.

The Lady Elks took their first lead in the third when they sent nine batters to the late. Burleson scratched out five runs on three singles, a double and one Snyder miscue to take a one-run advantage, before Snyder pulled even in the bottom of the frame.

Christy Tomlinson slapped a base hit and was driven in by a Rinehart for Snyder's final run.

"The girls were down after Burleson scored the five runs in the third, but they never gave up," stated Bohannon. "We didn't walk away with the outcome we wanted, but I'm proud of the way our girls battled.

"This will be a learning experience and a stepping stone for next year. The girls that are coming back know we can play ball. They know we had a successful season overall, and some of that should carry over to next year."

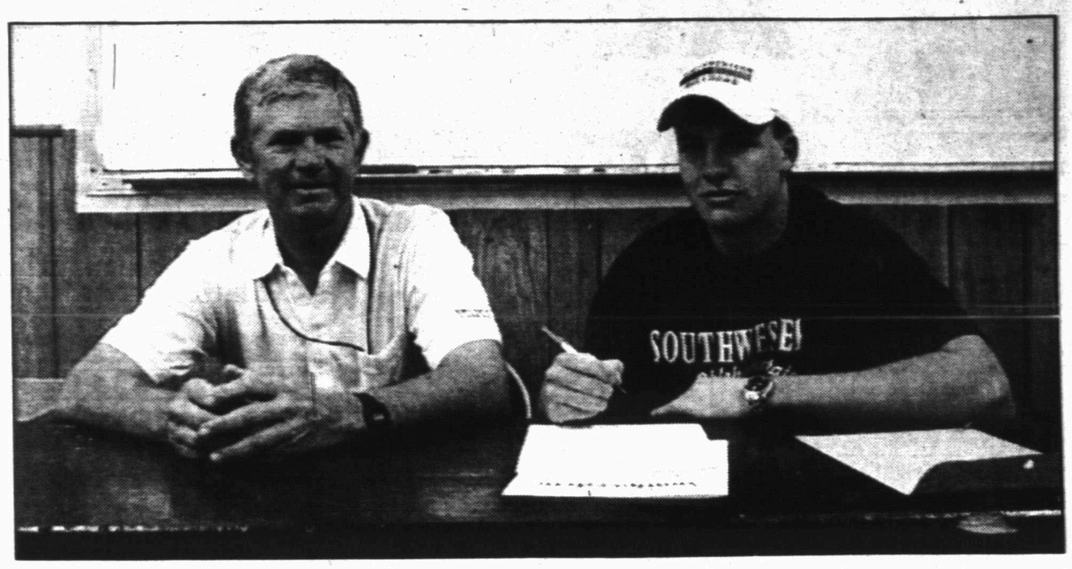
The Lady Tigers finish with a record of 22-11, including tournament pool-play games. Burlseon advances to face Weatherford in the area round this weekend.

Burleson	ab	r	h	bi
Givens 3b	4	1	3	0
Wright cf	4	1	1	1
McCullors ss	4	1	0	1
Hinkle dh	4	1	1	2
Sutton c	4	1	1	0
Kiene 2b	4	1	3	1
Null lf	4	1	1	2
Perez rf	2	1	1	0
Rubis rf	2	0	0	0
Yarbrough 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	35	8	11	7

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb cf	4	1	3	1
Mackey 3b	3	1	0	0
Tomlinson ss	4	1	2	0
Davis c	4	0	0	1
Martinez 2b	3	0	0	0
Purcell 1b	3	1	0	0
Rinehart p	4	0	1	1
Newman lf	4	1	1	1
Shoemake rf	4	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	7	4

Burleson	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	— 8 11 3
Snyder	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	—5 7 4

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rinehart	8	11	8	7	1	1
Burleson	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mahaffey	5	6	5	3	2	3
McCullors	3	1	0	0	3	6



GRIDIRON SIGNEE — Snyder High School three-sport letterman Cory Mandrell (right) was joined by Tigers head football coach and athletic director David Baugh this morning, when the SHS athlete signed a football letter of intent with Southwestern Oklahoma State University. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mandrell inks football letter of intent

All-around Tiger athlete Cory Mandrell signed a football letter of intent this morning with Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Mandrell was a 5-4A All-District selection as punter and defensive end, but is expected to compete for playing time at tight end.

"When I went for my visit, the coaches told me if I wanted to play defensive end, I'd have to put on about 50 more pounds," the Snyder High School senior said. "But I really liked the coaches and the facilities, so I'm looking forward to it."

Mandrell, who also garnered all-district basketball honors this season, is currently holding the role of starting catcher for the Tiger baseball squad. Mandrell has plans to try-out for the SOSU baseball team, as well.

Southwestern Oklahoma State is located in Weatherford, Okla.

Rangers cap sweep of Twins with 9-5 victory

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Johnny Oates joked that the Texas Rangers haven't lived up to his expectations.

"I'd like to be 25 games in front," said Oates, whose team has a two-game lead over Oakland in the AL West Division.

What does make him happy is completing a four-game sweep at Minnesota with a 9-5 win on Sunday. That gave the Rangers eight wins in their 12-game road trip, giving them momentum heading into a three-game series at The Ballpark against the Yankees starting Tuesday.

"Anytime you play them, you know you're matched up against a good ballclub," he said. "You've got to pitch well, you've got to play a mental and physical error-free game. It's important that we start beating them a couple of times."

Texas has had its injury problems this season, with both first baseman Mike Simms and pitcher John Burkett on the disabled list. Lee Stevens has filled the void at first with seven home runs, two in Sunday's win.

"With our injury situation, I have to go out and be prepared to play every day, no matter who's here," Stevens said. "As long as I'm swinging the bat, I'll be in the lineup."

Rick Helling was forced to go Sunday on three days rest after Burkett was temporarily scratched from the rotation. The short layoff didn't hurt the right-hander, who pitched seven strong innings for his first win of the season after three straight losses.

"It didn't really feel any different, to be honest with you," Helling said. "I felt like I could have pitched more. I felt fine."

The Rangers staked Helling to an early 6-0 lead, which enabled him to relax on the mound.

"This four-game series looked more like our offense from last year," Helling said.

Oates said all four games against the Twins followed the same blueprint.

"All four guys gave us good starting pitching, we got some runs on the board early, we played pretty good defense, and the bullpen did a real good job consistenly," he said, ready to head home after the 13-day road trip.

"It's good to be over, it's good to win eight," Oates said.

The Twins themselves had a good road trip, winning five of nine heading into the series against Texas. The four straight losses has put a damper on the encouraging moments of the season's first few weeks.

Dallas takes control, 3-0

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock thinks his Stars and the Edmonton Oilers are more evenly matched up than the results show.

"There's not much to choose between these two hockey clubs right now," Hitchcock said after the Stars rallied from a two-goal deficit Sunday to beat the Oilers 3-2 and take a 3-0 lead in the best-of-7 series.

It was the second time in the series Dallas spotted the Oilers the early lead before coming back.

"I'm proud of how we came back because they're a young aggressive hockey club and they're not going to go away," Hitchcock said. "I thought that when we turned it on in the third, we got our game going and made the most of our chances."

Ryan Smith had scored power-play goals in the first and third periods before the Stars rallied to win on late goals by Mike Keane, Mike Modano and Joe Niuewendyk.

"Every game has been a one-goal game and the difference between winning and losing is a pretty fine line," Hitchcock said. "That's why this game is so important for us because we stayed on the right side of that fine line."

The top-ranked Stars can finish a sweep with a victory on Tuesday night against the eighth-ranked Oilers.

Only two teams in NHL history have come back from 3-0 deficits in a best-of-7 series — the last the New York Islanders against the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1975.

Team fires 61 to win golf tourney

Milton Ham had the home course advantage for the Lions Club Golf Tournament at Western Texas College on Saturday. And the WTC golf coach put it to good use.

The team of Ham, Marc McQueen, Mike Trull and Roy McQueen fired a 9-under-par 61 to win the select-shot event by a single stroke.

Behind the winning foursome, three teams turned in scores of 62 to force a scorecard playoff.

Securing the runner-up spot was the squad of Rick Beard, Jeral Beard, Howard Crenshaw and Jim Erwin.

Earnest "Bud" Pinkerton, Isreal Ortegon, Dent von Roeder and Bill Nash finished third, with Max von Roeder, Bob O'Day, Mike McWilliams and WTC pro Rick Kahlich taking fourth.

In fifth place was the team of Scott Crenwelge, David Bilderback, Elliot Cox and Jim Williams.

Scott Crenwelge won the prize for closest to the hole, while Kahlich took the honors for longest drive.

Rockets fall to Kidd, Suns

PHOENIX (AP) — Jason Kidd had his sixth triple-double of the season, and Rex Chapman scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half to keep the Phoenix Suns rolling in a 95-71 blowout of the slumping Houston Rockets.

Kidd, who escaped serious injury despite sliding into a courtside table in the third period, finished with 22 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds. He stayed in the game until he got his last rebound, and coach Danny Ainge took him out with 1:33 to play.

The Suns, who moved into sixth place in the Western Conference last week when they beat Utah and Minnesota lost to Seattle, put their stretch drive in high gear by winning for the eighth time in their last 11 games.

Fourth-place Houston lost its third straight for the first time all season, and slipped to within a half-game of the idle Los Angeles Lakers.

Cliff Robinson scored 15 points for the Suns, and Tom Gugliotta had 14 and nine rebounds.

Scottie Pippen led the Rockets with 21 points, Hakeem Olajuwon had 16 and Charles Barkley had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The Suns led 53-36 at halftime — their biggest home margin this season after two quarters.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	29	14	.674	-
x-Orlando	29	17	.630	1½
Philadelphia	25	19	.568	4½
NewYork	23	21	.523	6½
Boston	18	27	.400	12
Washington	16	28	.364	13½
NewJersey	14	30	.318	15½

Central Division

Indiana	29	16	.644	-
Atlanta	28	17	.622	1
Detroit	24	20	.545	4½
Milwaukee	24	20	.545	4½
Charlotte	22	21	.512	6
Toronto	22	22	.500	6½
Cleveland	21	22	.488	7
Chicago	12	33	.267	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	34	10	.773	-
x-SanAntonio	31	12	.721	2½
Houston	27	17	.614	7
Minnesota	22	23	.489	12½
Dallas	15	29	.341	19
Denver	14	30	.318	20
Vancouver	8	37	.178	26½

Pacific Division

x-Portland	32	11	.744	-
L.A.Lakers	27	18	.600	6
Phoenix	23	21	.523	9½
Sacramento	22	22	.500	10½
Seattle	21	23	.477	11½
GoldenState	19	25	.432	13½
L.A.Clippers	9	35	.205	23½

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Saturday's Games

Charlotte 97, New Jersey 82
Indiana 87, Chicago 69
San Antonio 108, L.A. Lakers 81
Sacramento 105, Dallas 102
Golden State 93, Denver 74
L.A. Clippers 105, Vancouver 96

Sunday's Games

Detroit 91, Toronto 83
Atlanta 85, Milwaukee 70
Boston 113, Washington 84
New York 82, Miami 80
Phoenix 95, Houston 71
Philadelphia 103, Orlando 86
Utah 98, Seattle 81
New Jersey 120, Indiana 98
Portland 100, Minnesota 84

Monday's Games

Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	12	5	.706	-
Toronto	12	7	.632	1
Boston	10	8	.556	2½
TampaBay	11	9	.550	2½
Baltimore	4	14	.222	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	12	5	.706	-
Chicago	9	7	.563	2½
Detroit	8	10	.444	4½
KansasCity	6	10	.375	5½
Minnesota	7	12	.368	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	11	8	.579	-
Oakland	9	10	.474	2
Seattle	8	10	.444	2½
Anaheim	7	11	.389	3½

Saturday's Games

Boston 9, Cleveland 4
New York 7, Toronto 4
Oakland 3, Baltimore 0
Chicago 3, Detroit 1
Kansas City 4, Anaheim 3
Seattle 9, Tampa Bay 4
Texas 7, Minnesota 2

Sunday's Games

Boston 3, Cleveland 2
Oakland 11, Baltimore 10
Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 4
Detroit 9, Chicago 4
Texas 9, Minnesota 5
Anaheim at Kansas City, ppd., rain
New York 4, Toronto 3, 11 innings

Monday's Games

Boston (Wakefield 1-2) at Minnesota (Radke 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 2-1) at Anaheim (Finley 1-2), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Gooden 0-0) at Oakland (Heredia 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 2-2) at Seattle (Moyer 1-2), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Kansas City (Appier 2-1) at Baltimore (Mussina 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 2-0) at Chicago (Parque 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Portugal 2-1) at Minnesota (Milton 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Clemens 2-0) at Texas (Sele 3-1), 8:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 0-1) at Anaheim (Olivares 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 2-1) at Oakland (Candiotti 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 2-2) at Seattle (Hinchliffe 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	11	6	.647	-
NewYork	11	8	.579	1
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	1½
Montreal	6	11	.353	5
Florida	5	13	.278	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St.Louis	11	6	.647	-
Houston	9	8	.529	2
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	8	9	.471	3
Chicago	7	9	.438	3½
Cincinnati	7	10	.412	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	13	7	.650	-
Arizona	11	8	.579	1½
LosAngeles	9	10	.474	3½
SanDiego	8	10	.444	4
Colorado	6	9	.400	4½

Saturday's Games

Houston 4, Cincinnati 3
Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago 2, New York 0
San Francisco 8, Colorado 4
Philadelphia 6, Montreal 5
Atlanta 8, Florida 7
San Diego 7, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 1

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 7, Houston 6
Philadelphia 8, Montreal 6
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 2
Chicago 8, New York 4
Atlanta 5, Florida 1
San Francisco 7, Colorado 6
Arizona 5, San Diego 3, 11 innings
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 4

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Millwood 1-2) at Florida (Springer 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 2-0) at Houston (Lima 2-1), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

San Francisco (Nathan 1-0) at Montreal (Batista 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Neagle 0-0) at Philadelphia (Schilling 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sanders 0-2) at Florida (Ojala 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 1-1) at Milwaukee (Roque 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 0-2) at New York (Yoshii 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 2-1) at Atlanta (O.Perez 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 1-0) at Houston (Reynolds 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
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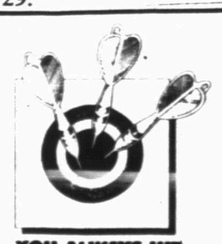
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Governor visits Texas school where terrorist attack foiled

WIMBERLEY (AP) — In the wake of what authorities claim was a foiled terrorist attack by a group of teens on their junior high school, Gov. George W. Bush urged parents to teach their children the value of life.

"All of us must redouble our efforts to make sure none of our children are so cold and embittered that they do not respect human life," Bush said Sunday during a surprise visit to the Danforth campus of Wimberley Junior High.

On Friday, police arrested five eighth-grade boys from the school on juvenile charges of conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit arson and conspiracy to manufacture explosives. The fifth boy was released.

Authorities say a search of three of the suspects' homes turned up crude explosive devices, gunpowder, and computer discs and internet documents about bomb-making. A similar search of the school by SWAT teams, police and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms officials turned up no evidence Friday night.

During his address, Bush commended the Central Texas community for taking the threat seriously and responding quickly.

"I know you are scared, but you also need to be proud," the governor told parents. "When it comes to the lives of our children, every threat must be taken seriously."

Bush also said the bad actions of a few students unfortunately can overshadow the good actions of thousands of others.

"I think the acts of two in Colorado and potentially four here are pale in comparison to the (deeds of) decent and honorable children, kids that are going to be the future of our country," he said.

Oklahomans want another Bush in the White House, according to an Oklahoma Poll taken earlier this month.

Sixty-six percent of those surveyed said they would vote for the Texas governor over Vice President Al Gore if the presidential election was held now. Only 29 percent said they would vote for Gore.

The Tulsa World sponsored the survey of 750 people across the state. The margin of error rate is plus or minus 3.5 percent.

Alcohol, drug related charges send eight subjects to jail

Alcohol and drug related charges sent eight people to jail over the weekend. One was a felony arrest.

Officers took 47-year-old Pilar Luna, whose address is listed as P.O. Box 254, Ira, into custody at 10:19 p.m. Sunday in the 2900 block of Avenue I for felony driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor possession of marijuana and driving while license suspended.

Two subjects with him, an 18-year-old male and a 26-year-old male, were both arrested for public intoxication.

Following a report of a one-vehicle rollover at 5:54 p.m. Saturday on CR466, Department of Public Safety troopers took a 19-year-old male into custody for driving while intoxicated.

At 10:59 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 25-year-old male at the American Legion for public intoxication.

Two subjects were taken into custody at 1:19 a.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of 24th Street. A 27-year-old female was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 55-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.

Driving while intoxicated also sent a 36-year-old female to jail at 12:56 a.m. today. She was arrested by officers in the 900 block of College.

In addition, two other subjects were taken into custody Sunday afternoon.

A 20-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended and a 21-year-old male on outstanding warrants for no drivers license, no liability insurance and two counts of failure to appear.

Other activity over the weekend resulted in officers filing two offense reports for theft, one for criminal mischief and one for assault.

An officer was requested at Lawrence IGA #400 at 2:54 p.m. Saturday in reference to having a juvenile shoplifter in custody. An offense report for theft was filed and the subject was released to his parents.

Delia Franco requested an officer in the 2900 block of Avenue C at 8:09 a.m. Sunday in reference to a stolen go-cart. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

At 2:09 p.m. Sunday, officers were requested at Willow Park Inn in reference to subjects vandalizing several rooms and the hot tub. An offense report for theft of services and an offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

An offense report for Class C assault/family violence was submitted at 3:18 p.m. Sunday.

Christy Nix reported at 11:08 p.m. Sunday that her dog, a black Cocker Spaniel, had been stolen from her residence in the 3200 block of Irving. An offense report for theft was filed.

Israeli DM tours F-16 plant

FORT WORTH (AP) — The politics of Israel's national election won't play a part in the country's decision to buy more F-16 fighter plants from Lockheed Martin Corp., according to Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens.

Arens and Lockheed Martin executives on Sunday toured the company's plant in West Fort Worth where the F-16 is assembled. He noted that Israel already has 260 of the fighter plants, but is looking to purchase more.

"Those planes are one of the reasons our air force is so strong," he said. "In the Middle East, you are either strong militarily or you don't exist."

Israel is to decide next month whether to spend $2.5 billion on the Lockheed Martin F-16 or on the Boeing McDonnell Douglas F-15, which is manufactured in St. Louis.

Lockheed Martin officials were encouraged when Arens said his country is "looking for the best plane for the best price." The $50 million F-15 costs twice as much as the F-16.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in today's editions that a billion-dollar sale would stabilize employment at the Lockheed Martin plant.

The newspaper reported that the number of planes Israel may buy is uncertain. But Lockheed Martin has offered Israel the opportunity to build and install about 25 percent the plane's parts, resulting in a possible windfall of up to $2.5 billion for Israel's defense industry.

Arens heads to St. Louis later this week to tour the Boeing plant.

Boeing officials have said that if Arens decides against the F-15, the company will stop producing the 25-year-old fighter.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 04-26-99 ♠ A 9 2 ♥ K Q J ♦ J 10 ♣ K J 9 8 5	
West ♠ J 7 4 ♥ 8 6 4 3 ♦ Q 7 6 5 4 ♣ 10		East ♠ K 3 ♥ 7 2 ♦ A 9 8 2 ♣ Q 6 4 3 2
	South ♠ Q 10 8 6 5 ♥ A 10 9 5 ♦ K 3 ♣ A 7	

Vulnerable: North-South
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South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

Make him find the play

By Phillip Alder

Many times I've heard less experienced defenders, after winning a trick but giving away the contract, explain, "I was sure declarer would guess correctly." Perhaps declarer would have found the winning play, but why should he always be so clever? Sometimes he will go wrong.

In this deal, you are sitting East, looking at your hand and the dummy, North. Defending against four spades, your partner leads the club 10: jack, two, seven. Declarer continues with the spade ace and another spade to your king. What would you do now?

North's jump to three spades should show game-forcing values with exactly three spades. With four trumps, you either raise immediately or make a strong jump shift.

If I had been West, not liking to attack a suit bid by an opponent, I would have led the diamond five, giving away the contract immediately.

East must count tricks. He has won a spade trick, and knows he can give West one — but only one — club ruff. (South is known to have five spades from the bidding.) Therefore, the defenders probably also need *two* diamond tricks. This makes the best play clear: East must switch to a low diamond.

If South puts up the king, he makes the contract. Yet why should he? If West had the diamond ace, he wouldn't have led a diamond at trick one, but if he had the diamond queen, he might well have done. So, I think South would probably misguess, playing his three.

After winning with the queen, West returns a diamond to his partner's ace, and the club ruff defeats four spades.

Make declarer find the winning play.

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'Matrix' rises above 'Life' to top box office once again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — During a weekend considered a clearinghouse for studios awaiting the flood of early summer releases, the cyberspace blockbuster "The Matrix" topped the box office while two new releases foundered.

The futuristic Keanu Reeves thriller grossed $12.9 million over the weekend after crossing the $100 million mark last week. It replaced the prison comedy "Life," which slipped to second place with $11.6 million after losing 43 percent of its audience, industry estimates showed Sunday.

Two comedies opening in wide release failed to grab a sizable audience and may have been rushed into the market to avoid upcoming expected blockbusters such as the "Star Wars" prequel.

"Pushing Tin," the John Cusack-Billy Bob Thornton comedy about a rivalry between two frantic air traffic controllers, opened with $3.6 million for fourth place.

"Lost & Found," featuring David Spade as a smarmy dognapper who falls in love with his beautiful neighbor, opened in sixth place with $3.1 million.

"This weekend is considered a dumping ground for films by the industry — their last chance to make something before summer releases start coming out," said Robert Bucksbaum, a movie analyst with Reel Source Inc. "Once the summer opens all the other films just fall like a ton of bricks."

Bucksbaum said studios have started opening "summer-style" big-budget films in the spring — including "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" in May and "Entrapment" next week — to take advantage of a time when smaller movies are in the market.

It worked for "The Matrix," he said. The film about a hacker who battles cyber-overlords in a twisting world of virtual reality has taken in $117.3 million in four weeks.

Meanwhile, the Drew Barrymore high school comedy "Never Been Kissed" continued to do well, holding onto third place with $6.2 million.

Weekend ticket sales were 4.7 percent higher than the same weekend last year, when "Titanic" began to lose steam.

The high school student government satire "Election," starring Reese Witherspoon as a compulsive goody-two-shoes and Matthew Broderick as a frumpy civics teacher, opened in only six theaters nationwide but pulled in an outstanding per-screen average of $20,000.

"It was very smart to open it in only six theaters," said Bucksbaum. "Awareness was low on the movie before, but now (the studio) is counting on good word of mouth."

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AirTouch	96 13-16	96¼	96 9-16+ 5-16
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AndarkPtr s	38 15-16	37⅜	37¾—1 7-16
Armcolnc	5¼	5⅛	5 3-16— 1-16
AtlRichfld	79 15-16	79¾	79 7-16
ATMOS Egy	25⅜	25¼	25 5-16— 3-16
Aviall	15 7-16	15 5-16	15⅜— 1-16
BP Amoco	106¼	106	106⅛+ 5-16
BakerHughes	27⅛	26⅛	26¼— ⅛
BankAmerica	73 15-16	72⅛	72 13-16—1 3-16
BellAtl s	59 13-16	58 13-16	59 9-16+ 3-16
BellSouth s	44 3-16	43 1-16	44 + ⅛
BethSteel	10¼	10 1-16	10 3-16+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe s	32 15-16	32 5-16	32⅝+ 7-16
CBS Corp	46	45¼	45 11-16— ⅛
Caterpillar	62 13-16	60½	62 5-16+ 1⅜
CenSoWst	25	24 13-16	24 15-16+ ⅛
Chevron	95 7-16	94 5-16	94⅜— 1¼
Citigroup	74¼	73⅜	74¼— ⅜
Coastal s	35	34¼	34¼— 9-16
CocaCola	66 5-16	65 7-16	65 7-16—1 1-16
ColgatePalm	100½	99¼	100⅛— ⅛
ComclMetals	24½	24 7-16	24½— 3-16
Cooperln	50	48¾	49¾+ 9-16
CyprusAmax	13¾	13¾	13 7-16— 3-16
DaimlrChry n	100	99 3-16	100 +1 15-16
DallSemicn	44¼	43¼	44 1-16+ ¾
DeltaAirl s	68¾	66¾	68 5-16+ 1¾
Dillards Inc	28¾	28¼	28 11-16+ ¼
DowChem	116½	114½	114 15-16+ 1⅜
DuPont	67 7-16	66 1-16	67⅛+ 3-16
EastmanChem	50	49 9-16	49 13-16— 3-16
EstKodak	75¾	74¼	75⅛+1 9-16
EDS Corp	53⅛	53 1-16	53 5-16+ 9-16
Entergy	30 13-16	30¼	30 9-16— ¼
Exxon	78 5-16	77 3-16	77 3-16— 1¼
Flowers	23	22¼	22⅜— ¼
FordMotor	63¼	63¼	63¼
GTE Cp	67 15-16	67 1-16	67¼— ⅛
GenDynam	71 7-16	70⅝	70 7-16+ 7-16
GenElec	113¼	111½	111 9-16—1 5-16
GenMills	79¼	77⅛	77 11-16—1 13-16
GenMotors	89 11-16	88⅛	89¼+ ⅛
GaPacGP	91 3-16	90⅝	90 13-16— 3-16
GlobalMar	13½	12⅞	12 13-16—15-16
Goodrich	38¼	37¼	38⅛+ ⅛
Goodyear s	56 7-16	55 9-16	56 3-16+ 9-16
GtAtlPac	30¼	29¾	29 9-16— 7-16
Halliburtn	41 5-16	39½	39½—1 7-16
Hanson ADS	50¼	49½	50⅛+3 5-16
HarteHanks	26¼	25 5-16	26 3-16+ ¾
HomeDepot	62¾	61⅞	62 1-16— ⅜
IBM	207¼	202 5-16	205¼+ 5¼
IntlPaper	56⅛	54¼	55 13-16+11-16
JohnsonJn	101 15-16	100 13-16	101 5-16— 7-16
K mart	15¼	15 9-16	15 9-16
Kroger Co	55 5-16	54¼	55 — 1-16
Litton	62 15-16	62¼	62 15-16+ 9-16
LockheedM s	42 3-16	41 9-16	41 15-16+ 7-16
Lowes Cos s	59¾	58¼	59 — 9-16
Lubys	18	17 13-16	17 13-16— ⅛
LucentTech s	62¼	61 9-16	62 7-16+ 1⅞
MayDeptStr s	41 3-16	40¾	40 13-16— 1-16
MediaOne	78 15-16	78	78 11-16+1 5-16
Medtronic	75½	73¾	74¼+ 9-16
Mobil	99¼	97 15-16	98⅛— 1⅛
Monsanto	46¾	45¾	45⅝—15-16
MorganJP	140	138	138¼—1 5-16
Motorola	81 3-16	80 1-16	80⅝— 9-16
NCR Corp	45⅛	43¾	45⅛+ 1⅛
Navistar	49¼	47¼	48 7-16+ ⅜
Penney JC	44 5-16	44¼	44¼— 7-16
PennzEngy s	12 5-16	11 15-16	12 5-16+ 5-16
PepBoys	14½	14⅛	14⅜+ ⅛
PepsiCo	37⅛	36 5-16	36-11-16+ 7-16
PhelpDodge	61 15-16	60¾	60⅞—1 3-16
PhilipPet	47¼	46½	46½— 1¾
PilgrmPrd B	17 15-16	17 13-16	17 13-16— ⅛
Polaroid	20½	20 3-16	20¼— ⅛
Praxair	48¼	47½	48 1-16— 3-16
ProctGamb	91½	89¾	91 1-16+ 9-16
PubSNwMx	18 9-16	18⅛	18½— ⅛
ReliantEngy	26¼	26 9-16	26¾+ 1-16
RoyalDut	55½	54¼	54¼— ½
SBC Comm	56	54¼	55½— 1-16
SaraLee s	23 15-16	23 5-16	23 15-16+ 7-16
Scripps EW	50 13-16	50	50⅝+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	43¼	42¾	43 1-16+ 5-16
SherwinW	30½	29 11-16	29 13-16— 7-16
SmithklBchm	69¼	68¼	69 13-16+2 7-16
SouthernCo	27	26 9-16	26⅞— ¼
SwstAirl s	34½	34 1-16	34 5-16—13-16
SprintFON n	109¾	105¾	108 5-16+ ¼
SprintPCS n	47 11-16	46¾	47 1-16— ⅜
Sunoco Inc	37	36	36½—13-16
TNP Ent	31¼	31	31⅛— ⅛
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TempleInland	67¼	67¼	67⅜+ ⅛
Tenneco	30 3-16	29 11-16	30⅛+ 1-16
Texaco	58 3-16	56¼	58 1-16— 1-16
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TexasInst	109¼	107¾	108¼— 5-16
TexUtil	40¾	39 15-16	40 3-16+ 9-16
Textron	89¼	88½	89 9-16— ⅛
TriconGlbR	68 15-16	68¼	68¼— 1
TrinityInds	33¾	33 7-16	33 9-16+ ⅛
TritonEngy	11½	10 15-16	11 — 3-16
Tyler	6 5-16	5⅞	6 — 7-16
US West Inc	56 3-16	55½	55 13-16
USX-Marathn	26 15-16	26½	26¾— 3-16
USX-USS	31¼	30½	30 9-16— 1-16
UnCarbde	51 11-16	50 11-16	50¾— 1
UnionPacif	56 13-16	56 7-16	56 11-16— 5-16
UnitedTech	139 15-16	138¼	139 13-16+ ⅜
Unocal	37 13-16	37½	37⅝—13-16
Venator Grp	10¾	9¾	10 9-16+13-16
WalMart s	51 15-16	51	51⅛+ 5-16
WellsFargo	43¾	42¾	43¼+ ½
WstnGasRs	9 8 15-16	8 15-16	— 1-16
WinnDixie	35 15-16	35¼	35¾+ ¼
Xerox Cp s	57 11-16	56¾	56¾— ⅛

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Lorie McKerley and Marcello Molina of Colorado City announce the birth of their seven-pound, six-ounce daughter at 9:37 a.m. on April 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Datebook

April 26, 1999

Today is the 116th day of 1999 and the 38th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1607, Captain John Smith landed at Cape Henry, Va. It was the beginning of the establishment of the first permanent English settlement in America.

On this day in 1865, John Wilkes Booth, who had assassinated President Abraham Lincoln, was shot and killed by federal troops at a farm near Port Royal, Va.

On this day in 1994, blacks voted for the first time in South African elections.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John James Audubon (1785-1851), naturalist-painter; Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951), philosopher; Anita Loos (1893-1981), writer; Bernard Malamud (1914-1986), writer; I.M. Pei (1917-), architect, is 82; Carol Burnett (1936-), comedian-actress, is 66; Duane Eddy (1938-), musician, is 61; Vladimir Zhirinovsky (1946-), Russian politician, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, pitcher Willard Schmidt of Cincinnati was hit by pitches twice in the same game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The world is all that is the case." — Ludwig Wittgenstein

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 22) and full moon (April 30).

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Lott: Social Security bill dead for the year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott says the White House has failed to get serious about Social Security, preventing Congress from acting on reform this year.

The White House fired back that it's Lott and other Republicans who haven't gotten serious.

Both Democrats and Republicans have made shoring up Social Security a primary goal of the 106th Congress, mindful that the national pension system is expected to hit financial turmoil once baby boomers begin retiring in a few years.

"Once again," Lott said Sunday, "we need some leadership from the president. He backed away from real reform of Medicare. He's really proposed nothing on Social Security."

Asked specifically on ABC's "This Week" if Social Security is dead, the Mississippi Republican said: "I don't see it happening this year, because I don't believe the president will really honestly address it."

White House economic adviser Gene Sperling said it's the Republicans who are stalling.

"If instead of looking for the opportunity to declare Social Security (reform) dead, the Republican leadership were putting forth some of their own specific ideas for finding common ground, the prospects could still be good for this year," Sperling said.

"The Senate majority leader, while criticizing the president's plans, has offered no specific measures of his own," he added, echoing President Clinton's comments last week.

On Sunday, Lott also predicted Congress will tap Social Security's surplus for as much as $6 billion more than the $6.05 billion Clinton requested to pay for the conflict in Yugoslavia. The additional money will be for other military needs, which Lott says are direly needed.

House Republican leaders spread word last week among GOP members in the House that trying to overhaul Social Security before the 2000 election campaign could involve too much political risk without strong Democratic involvement.

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AP analysis...

NATO strong as ever but cracks are showing

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — As NATO celebrated its 50th birthday and brandished its might over Yugoslavia, cracks showed through the brave front. In a polyglot alliance that no longer confronts the Soviet bear, unity does not come easily.

"This summit was an impressive demonstration of unity despite the fact that some skeptics feared it would not be wise to hold a summit in times of war," said German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, elected only last year and hence new to the bloc.

But even Schroeder, like French President Jacques Chirac, who is more vocal in his independent views, did not yield submissively to the hard-line leadership of President Clinton and his loyal friend, British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"Military interventions must be legalized by a U.N. mandate as a rule," the German leader said, reflecting a widespread view that NATO lacks the authority to stop merchant vessels carrying oil to Yugoslavia and to send armed peacekeeping troops to Kosovo without at least the approval of the United Nations.

Where a smaller NATO could close ranks easily to confront the Soviet Union, the now 19-member alliance, with its door open to even more members, has to struggle to work together when the issues no longer are black and white.

Even the otherwise airtight bonds between the United States and Britain were loosened over the question of whether NATO should send combat troops to Yugoslavia to try to deliver a knockout punch after more than a month of NATO bombardment.

France and Britain had signaled before the summit that they favored using ground troops in the inconclusive conflict, but Clinton much prefers depending for now on an air campaign; so the contentious issue was shelved.

There was no way, though, to disguise the fissures over the American initiative to mount a blockade to keep oil shipments from getting to Yugoslavia. Stopping neutral vessels normally is an act of war, and Chirac registered his reservations.

Insisting also on specific approval of the U.N. Security Council for peacekeeping operations, Chirac said: "NATO cannot and will not be able to act without the authorization of this international organization."

The United States contends the authority to intercept oil tankers at sea and to deploy NATO peacekeeping troops in Kosovo is derived from a U.N. embargo and other Security Council resolutions.

Asked at a news conference whether NATO would need a new resolution to intervene outside the territory of its members, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said, "No."

Basically, the U.S. view on peacekeepers prevailed, but the communiques and other statements NATO issued at the summit reflected some of the divergence that marked the private deliberations of the leaders.

Initially, the Clinton administration had in mind a NATO force, supplemented by troops from Russia and some other nonmembers.

This was transformed at the summit to a statement that "NATO remains ready to form the core of an international military force."

In a little-noticed ripple of discord, meanwhile, Turkey forced the allies to guarantee that it and other allies that are not in the European Union would be consulted before NATO troops are sent into emergency action.

Greece, which came into the summit more impressed than any of the other allies with a potential cease-fire and other proposals floated by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, fell in with the non-compromise NATO stance on Kosovo.

Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema, who also was considered a bit wobbly before the summit, concurred as well.

Italian warplanes are participating in the attacks on the Serbs and, dramatically, so is the German Luftwaffe, the first battle campaign for German forces since World War II.

Hungary, one of the three new members of the alliance, is also among the most anxious. "It's extremely complicated for Hungary," said Prime Minister Viktor Orban, clearly referring to 300,000 ethnic Hungarians who live in the Serbian province of Vojvodina. There is concern they could be put in jeopardy by Hungary's active support for NATO's military offensive.

But with it all, the 19 allies pulled together reasonably well. "It's not any more difficult than it would have been in the past," said a NATO official. "The 19 have achieved real agreement."

As the curtain came down on the summit, Clinton declared: "The alliance leaves Washington more united even than it was when we came here."

The biggest test of the unity could be just over the horizon, though, if Russia decides to challenge the blockade.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Barry Schweid has covered diplomacy for The Associated Press since the Nixon administration.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

In the year ahead, Lady Luck could play a role in the background by dealing out aces for you at crucial times when you really need them. Play your cards right and you'll go far.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should you get singled out today to perform a special task at work, do so willingly and diligently. Something good is in store for you if you handle the assignment well. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to break up your routine a bit today and indulge in some fun activities if you can. In reality, this recreational breather will make you more productive in the days to come.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your imagination have free reign today and you could come up with some new ways to make the most of your financial base. When you get a good idea, act on it promptly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Good things happen for you today when you make those you have to deal with feel completely at ease and accepted for who they are. They'll respond to you in kind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Give priority today to matters which can make or save you money, because you are likely to be lucky at this moment in time with issues that deal with your financial affairs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't be afraid to assume command today if associates or companions look to you for leadership in involvements of mutual concern. They know you'll handle things best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Through a very unique channel, something beneficial could develop for you today, so be alert. This might involve a close family member or even a distant relative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Wherever you go and whatever you do, you're likely to be the center of attention today. This is because your warm, charming self will be evident, making you popular among your peers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The success you seek can be yours today if you're determined enough to reach your goals in spite of the odds. Tenaciousness breaks down hard walls.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Plans that are well-formulated now can produce benefits later, so when it comes to important issues, take the long range view of things rather than the most expedient.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Pay heed to your instincts today and don't take things at face value, especially in business dealings. Much can be profitably gained if you listen to your inner voice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because you have the ability to see both sides of an opposing issue, your judgment is quite keen today. Base your actions on your impressions and not on what others think.

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Economic...

U.S. wins early victory on reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, bolstered by an early victory in its campaign to reform the global financial system, hopes it can be as successful in persuading some major U.S. allies to do more to get a shaken world economy back on track.

While the U.S. economy is still the envy of the world, top administration officials are growing increasingly worried about the inability of Japan, the world's second largest economy, to pull out of its worst recession in 50 years.

And they are also concerned about recent weakness in Europe, especially since America's trade deficit has been soaring to record levels as foreign goods pour into the U.S. market.

Deputy U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told an audience Sunday night that Japan and Asia must do more to bolster global growth and in return the United States will do "everything we can to preserve solid growth in our economy and keep our own markets open to the emerging economies."

While there are a number of hopeful signs that the 20-month-old financial crisis is finally coming to an end, U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin has repeatedly been cautioning against complacency, warning that the world is "not on healthy, firm footing, because we are the only economy doing well."

Rubin was expected to elaborate on those worries in private conversations today with the finance ministers of Germany and Japan and in larger discussions that will be held with the finance ministers and central bank presidents of the world's seven richest countries — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

In addition to the need to promote better growth among the large economies, the Group of Seven officials will also focus on a package of U.S. proposals to try to remodel the global financial system to avert or at least better handle future Asian-style currency crises.

The United States scored an early victory on its proposals when the International Monetary Fund announced on Sunday that its executive board had given final approval to a major change in IMF procedures designed to speed billions of dollars in financial assistance to countries before their economies are ravaged by economic turmoil.

Clinton had first called for the IMF to adopt the new approach of approving contingency loans for countries pursuing sound policies in hopes that the presence of large back-up reserves would convince investors to stay put.

In announcing approval of the new contingent credit lines, IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus said that it would encourage countries to pursue proper policies and could end up costing the IMF less by providing support up-front before disaster strikes.

"I am confident that this will be an important contribution for the world to be better prepared for future crisis," Camdessus told reporters.

Two adults found in house fire fatally shot

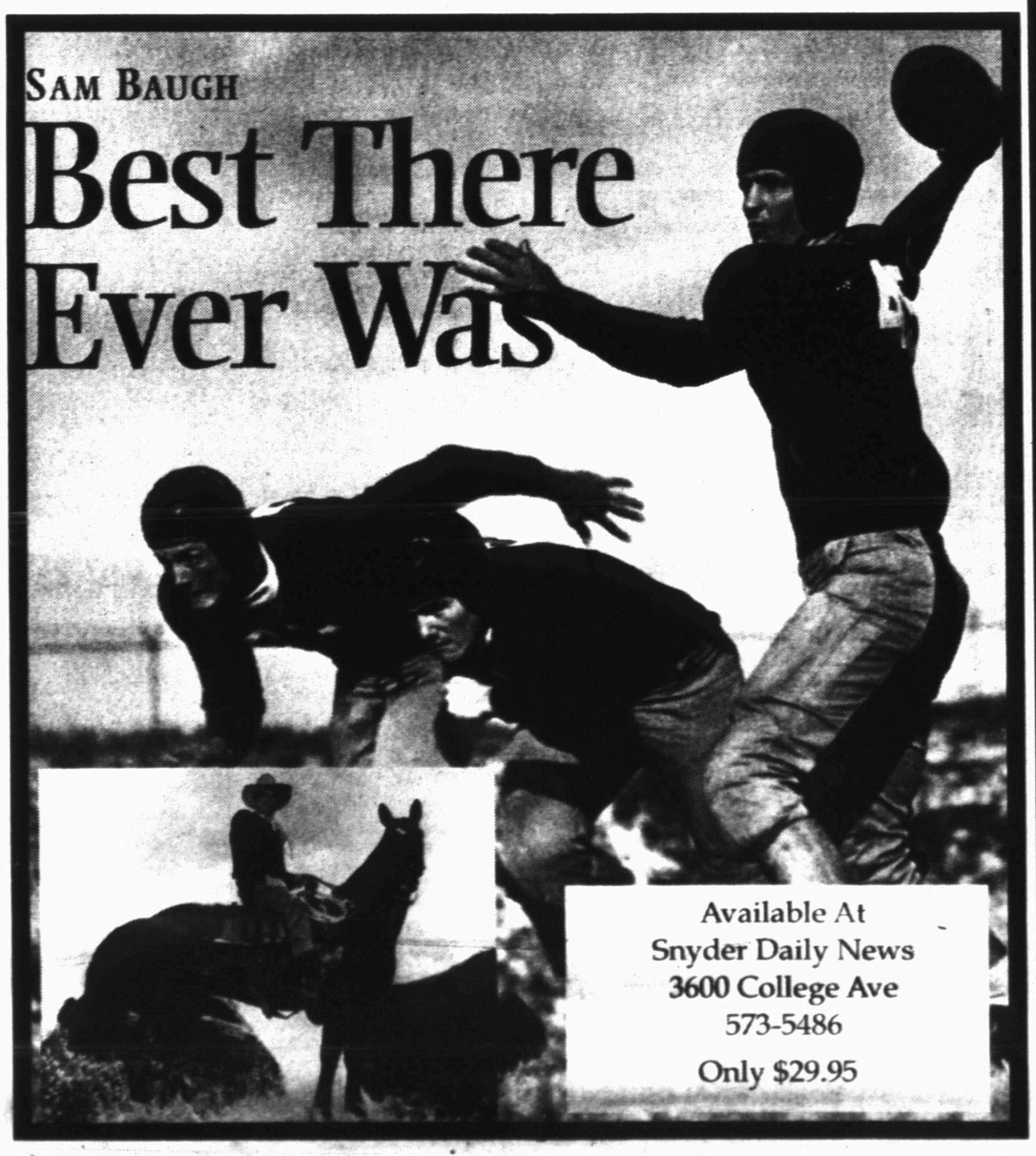
HOUSTON (AP) — A house fire that claimed the lives of three children may have been started to cover up the shooting deaths of their two parents, according to investigators.

Autopsies performed Sunday showed that Nilda Tirado, 24, and Esteban Herrera, 29, both died from gunshot wounds to the neck. The children, 7-year-olds Rachel Elizabeth Cumpian and Valerie Herrera and 23-month-old Jade Amber Herrera, died from smoke inhalation.

Harris County Sheriff's Sgt. Bob Black told the Houston Chronicle that investigators believe the adults were shot, then the fire was set to cover evidence of the slayings.

But investigators have found no signs yet that anyone broke into the home and nothing appears to be missing from the house.

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Apache helicopters ready for action

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Army Apache helicopters and their supporting troops and equipment are ready for action against Yugoslav forces, NATO said today.

"The full package of the Apache (force) is now in Albania," said Col. Konrad Freytag, NATO's military spokesman. The helicopters and supporting ground-based rocket launchers have been deployed north of Tirana, near the border of the embattled Kosovo provence in Yugoslovia.

Freytag said the helicopters can be called into action when Gen. Wesley Clark, the NATO commander, decides they are needed.

NATO spokesman Jamie Shea told reporters this morning that completion of the Apache deployment brings total U.S. combat strength in Albania to 5,300.

Poor weather continued to hamper NATO warplanes beginning their second month of strikes throughout Yugoslavia, Freytag said. The German colonel called poor weather the single biggest disappointment and obstacle in the NATO campaign, saying it has slowed the NATO effort to take down Yugoslavia's integrated air defenses.

"The weather has really extensively hindered our precision air operation," Freytag said.

NATO planes continued to pound away at fuel production and storage facilities, Yugoslav ground forces operating in Kosovo and key bridges, including the last surviving bridge in the city of Novi Sad in northern Yugoslavia. Shea said destruction of the bridge makes it far more difficult for Yugoslavia to supply fuel to its troops in the south.

Shea had no further detail on the visit by the head of the International Red Cross with the three American soldiers captured by Yugoslavia. He said the Red Cross official provided the soldiers with mail from home and took delivery of some of their letters home, but said he wanted a longer visit to assess their mental and physical health.

In Washington today, Congress, despite some criticism of NATO strategy, geared up to approve President Clinton's request for $6 billion of emergency money into the air war against Yugoslavia — and seemed likely to boost it to at least about $10 billion.

Although Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota told reporters today that the $6 billion seemed adequate for meeting direct Kosovo-related expenses, Republicans were leading the way for more money to take care of longer-range Pentagon needs as well.

Daschle also said that the Senate, which has voted to support the airstrikes, might take up a another measure soon to exhibit Senate support for "expanding the effort if required." But Daschle said he doubted the Senate would support a stronger resolution by a bipartisan group led by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., to authorize the presdident to use "all necessary force" to previal.

A GOP plan expected to win House and Senate approval this week would add at least $4 billion to President Clinton's $6 billion request. The package would include pay and benefit improvements for service members, Lott said Sunday.

Gonzales family statement reacting to Red Cross visit to POW Steve Gonzales

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Here is the statement from Gilbert and Rosie Gonzales, parents of Yugoslavia POW Spc. Steve M. Gonzales, of Huntsville.

The statement, released through Army spokesman Jim Wittmeyer, follows Monday's announcement that the head of the International Committee of the Red Cross met with Gonzales and two other American soldiers held captive.

"Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales received word officially at 9 a.m. this morning that Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, had been allowed to visit the three American POWs being held in Serbia.

"The initial report from the Red Cross is that the soldiers appear to be in good condition and that Mr. Sommaruga was able to convey messages from each of their families.

"The Gonzales family is very heartened by this news, but will have no additional comment pending receipt of what they hope will be additional details from the Red Cross."

High court to decide FDA case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed today to decide whether the Food and Drug Administration can crack down on cigarette sales to minors.

The court will hear a Clinton administration appeal in which government lawyers say FDA's 1996 decision to start regulating tobacco as a drug was justified by new evidence that the tobacco industry intended its products to feed consumers' nicotine habits.

"Unless this court grants review, an unparalleled opportunity to curb tobacco use by children ... will be lost," the government's appeal said.

A federal appeals court ruled that Congress, not the FDA, has the authority to make the "major policy decision" of how to regulate cigarettes and chewing tobacco. The effect of the lower court's ruling was to leave no FDA role in regulating tobacco products.

"It will be the most important public health case the Supreme Court hears in decades," said David Kessler, FDA commissioner in 1996 and now dean of Yale University Medical School. "The goal is certainly to reduce the number of people who smoke and the best way to do that is to reduce the number of young people who start."

Tobacco industry representatives did not immediately comment on today's court action. Industry officials have argued that FDA regulation of tobacco would force a ban, or short of that, would let the agency control the contents of cigarettes and set other limits.

President Clinton released a statement saying he was pleased that the court would take up the case. "Every day, 3,000 young people become regular smokers and 1,000 will have their lives cut short as a result," he said.

Obituaries

Velma Floyd

1912-1999

Graveside service for Velma Jesse Floyd, a former resident of Scurry County, was set for 2:30 p.m. today in the Snyder Cemetery.

Royce Clay, Church of Christ minister, was to officiate. Arrangements were under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Floyd, 86, died Saturday, April 24, at her home in Lubbock.

Born Oct. 14, 1912 in Emory, she married Frank Floyd on Dec. 22, 1928 in the Canyon Community in Scurry County. He died in 1992.

Survivors include four daughters, Nell Cox of Andrews, Peggy Bales of Midland, Jerry Harrison of Lubbock and Karan Osben of Buffalo Gap; two sons, Don Floyd of Ackerly and Wilbur Floyd of Possom Kingdom near Graham; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol Fountain of Houston; three sons, Jimmy Tow, James Tow and John Tow; five sisters, Earlene Payne and Ann Chaney of Snyder, Mary Trantham and Pauline Tow of Farmington, N.M., and Ruby Gibbs of Saginaw.

John Henry Tow

1925-1999

Funeral service for John Henry Tow, 73, of Pasadena is set for 4 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Homer Anderson, minister of 37th Street Church of Christ, and Clarence Payne, Mr. Tow's brother-in-law, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Mr. Tow died Thursday, April 22 at his home.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1925 in Hughes Spring, Ark. Mr. Tow, a retired truck driver, was a veteran of World War II and a member of the VFW. He had lived in Pasadena for 25 years.

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Lavatha Gentry

1915-1999

FORT WORTH — Lavatha Juanita Gentry, the sister of Corine Barnett of Snyder, died Sunday, April 25, in Fort Worth.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gentry, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Shannon North Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Moore Memorial Gardens.

Born Oct. 24, 1915 in Estelline, she had lived in Fort Worth for 50 years and was a charter member of the Northside Church of Christ.

Mrs. Gentry was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Luther Gentry; and a son, E.R. Gentry.

Survivors also include three sons, Elby Gentry of Sugar Tree, Tenn., Burnice Gentry of Burleson and Homer Gentry of Fort Worth; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Georgia Walton

1908-1999

ELECTRA — Georgia Skeet Walton, the mother of E.D. Walton of Snyder, died Friday, April 23, in a Wichita Falls nursing home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Walton, 90, was set for 11 a.m. today in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. William Etheridge, retired minister; the Rev. Charles Nichols, pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Wichita Falls; and the Rev. Jack Riley, pastor, were to officiate.

Burial was to follow in the Old Electra Cemetery under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 11, 1908 in Electra, she married Thomas F. Walton on Aug. 6, 1924 in Frederick, Okla. He died in 1993. She was also preceded in death by a son, Fred Weldon Walton, in 1994.

A homemaker, Mrs. Walton was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Women's Missionary Union, and Book of Books Club in Electra.

Survivors also include three daughters, Dena Joyce Bailey of Fort Worth, Sally Beth Givens of Whitney and Paulette Marks of Wichita Falls; 15 grandchildren, including Dalton Walton of Snyder; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Billie Freeman

1927-1999

CROSBYTON — Billie Jo Freeman, the sister of Ann Walton of Snyder, died Friday, April 23, at her home in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Freeman, 71, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Crosbyton Church of Christ. Loyd Hall, a minister from Gatesville, was to officiate.

Burial was to follow in the Crosbyton Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 11, 1927 in Tahoka, she graduated from Tahoka High School in 1945. She worked for Santa Fe Railroad in Lamesa for two years and then married Charles Freeman on Oct. 5, 1947 in Tahoka. He died in 1992.

She had worked for Moody Grain Co., owned Freeman's Flowers and served as district clerk for Crosby County, retiring in 1998. She then moved to Lubbock.

A member of the Church of Christ, she was active in professional and civic organizations and was named Crosbyton outstanding citizen in 1977.

Survivors include three sons, Joe Freeman, Greg Freeman and Roger Freeman, all of Lubbock; three brothers, Don Cowan of San Benito, Carl Cowan of Arkoma, Okla., and Bob Cowan of Claremore, Okla.; eight other sisters, Sue Booth of Odessa, T. Ann Jackson of Vian, Okla., Rose Peterson of Joplin, Mo., Jessie Springer of Pocola, Okla., Linnie Binyon of Charleston, Ark., Barbara Harris, Margie Harrald and Dee Baker, all of Pocola; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of Lubbock or to the American Cancer Society.

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ONGOINGS

First Assembly of God revival

A revival service continues through Thursday at 7 p.m. Evangelist is Jerry Wilkerson and the pastor is Mike Matheny. A nursery is provided.

Baptist doctrine study

North College Ave. Baptist Church will hold a doctrine study on the subject of "Death and the Life Beyond" through Wednesday. Weeknight sessions begin at 7. Topics are: Monday, "The Judgment Day;" Tuesday, "Hell! The Fate of the Damned;" and Wednesday, "Heaven a Better Place For Us."

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 tonight are "Why Do The Wicked Prosper?" followed by "The Forever Mariage."

Kmart reunion

All former Snyder Kmart employees are invited to a dutch treat social from 6 to 8 this evening at Rudy's. For more information, call 573-8829.

No Lions meeting

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday. Instead they will be at noon Saturday as part of the district covention and 75th anniversary to be held at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Business of month reception

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce will host a business of the month reception at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the board room at Western Texas College. All Goldcoats are urged to attend.

American Cancer Society

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a board of directors meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Frances Pitner will present the program, "Passing of the Card File." Visitors are welcome.

East Elementary parent council

The East Elementary parent council will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the school library.

WAWC game day, luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club game day and luncheon will be held Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 and serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are need by 5 p.m. Tuesday and can be made by calling 573-3427.

Ira School homecoming

Plans are underway for Ira School's Sept. 18 homecoming. The first planning meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Ira Community Center. For more information, call Linda Dunn at 573-6997 or Loritta Keller at 573-3825.

Garage sale items needed

Price Daniel unit employees will host the third annual spring carnival to benefit Special Olympics Saturday. Garage sale items are needed. To donate, call 573-1114.

Ira kindergarten registration

Ira ISD has set kindergarten registration from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 3-5. Registration is for students who will turn 5 before Sept. 1. Needed at the time of registration are birth certificates, social security card and updated immunization record.

Relay for Life

Snyder's American Cancer Society will host the Relay for Life Friday and Saturday at Tiger Stadium. Sponsors, teams and volunteers for entertainment are needed. Contact Mark Cypert at 573-5454 or 573-5714.

American Legion auxiliary

The American Legion auxiliary will hold a multi-family garage sale and bale sale at 10 a.m. Sunday at 1800 Ave. R. Proceeds will benefit the auxiliary.

"Spring Fling With God"

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a "Spring Fling With God" celebration May 2-5. John Barrett from On the Rock Ministries in Midland will be the evangelist.

Snyder Junior High showcase

Snyder Junior High School will host a special showcase at 7:30 p.m. next Monday for all sixth grade students and their parents. Parents will receive information packets and teachers and coaches will be available to answer questions about their course or sport.

Pick 3

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

8-2-0

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $7 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 11-17-26-32-38-49

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.