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HEADED TO AREA — Snyder High School's drama students will compete in the Area II one-act play contest around 3 p.m. Friday at the Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College. Students pictured from left are Adrian Brooks, Logan Martin, Lance Turner, Cade Owen and Kerissa Shipp. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SISD trustees to again review facilities study

Snyder school trustees will get another look at the district's long-range strategic facilities report when the board convenes at 6 p.m. today.

In March, Bill Branum of Total Program Management (TPM) presented his company's findings, along with the accompanying price tag of $30 million for completing the wish list.

At last month's meeting, Branum said his firm was not making recommendations, just identifying needs.

Most of the needs are a result of the district's aging facilities, as most buildings are more than 50 years old.

Supt. Ronny Collins said TPM was invited back since two board members were out of town last month.

"We'd like the entire board to hear the presentation at one time," the superintendent said.

Dr. Collins added that the board would be discussing what the district does as a result of the survey. "We're likely to be visiting about this for a time to come."

In other business, trustees will certify incumbent board members Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples as duly elected since they were unopposed in the May 15 election. As a result of no contested races, the trustees also will vote to cancel the election.

Other action items include the formal acceptance of four resignations and the approval of a 2003-2004 budget amendment.

Letters of resignation have been received from Carolyn Limmer and Carolyn Derouen, both SHS home economics teachers, and Northeast first grade teacher Sandra Baker and SHS social studies instructor Kelly Porter.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of early release waivers.

The meeting will be in the boardroom of the administration building.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

By Jeff West



Hi there, I'm the new guy.

Some of you may have noticed my by-line on some stories and pictures (and some may not have noticed we put names on some stories and pictures, it's okay we don't mind, really.)

For those who care, I was born and reared in Amarillo and started bumming around the state and region when I got into the questionable occupation of newspapering.

I've worked from the tree-deprived Panhandle to the tree-obsessed confines of Dallas suburbs until I find myself home here, in the land of the giant metal trees whose leaves seem to blow in a circle.

I've gone from where cattle is king, to where housing developments are the number one crop, to here, where giant metal grasshoppers bob up and down, trying to get a drink I suppose.

Wherever I've gone in the state lately, however, there has been one constant piece of wildlife, the dreaded creeping orange cone monster. This is a strange beast that can move into an area with lightning speed and then stop or slow to a creep slightly slower than an arctic glacier.

For a while I worked in Collin County, just north of Dallas, where the beast was rare. However whenever I left there to get back closer to God's country I had to pass through Denton County. There, from one end of the county to the other, the beast had set up residence. I'm not sure about this, but I believe the project was begun as part of Roosevelt's New Deal. They've paved part of a quarter mile or so since then but of course the traffic over that highway is much heavier than around here.

In Muleshoe, where I spent a nanosecond, the main road in the town has been torn up for a couple of years or so. They recently finished one side, so before anyone noticed, they tore up the other side, piling dirt up to block all the cross streets. You have to go to the highway to cross from east to west there.

I've lived in places where there was at least one traffic fatality every week, usually more, and I've live where you had to go visiting somewhere else to get killed in your car.

I've chased so many flashing red lights that my car has been known to automatically pull over and stop at radio towers, and I have gotten so lost trying to find fire trucks that I had to follow them back to find my way home. On more than one occasion I had to have them pull me out of some mud hole along the way.

I've gotten some nice letters from people who I tried to help, some nasty letter from others, and a letter or two from death row because the man convicted of killing three people in a drug-induced rage didn't like the picture I took of him. Apparently it made him look like a wild-eyed killer. That man also threw me out of jail when I tried to interview him. So trust me when I say irritated bureaucrats, irate politicians and irked citizens don't really scare me much (although the mom who wanted me fired, or killed, because I put the wrong school name with a picture was kinda scary).

So here's the deal, I'll try to get the story right and complete. Hopefully you'll understand if I make a mistake or don't know everything. See at one point I did know everything and never made a mistake, but that got kind of boring so I quit.

New program now available to crime victims

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

Victims of crime now have another tool to help them keep track of those accused or convicted.

The program is called VINE, and is a victim's information network that uses phones and the Internet to keep interested parties informed about the whereabouts of criminals, and those arrested for crimes.



Darren Jackson

According to Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson, the program has been tested for a couple of months and he believes it is ready for use by the public.

"While this is primarily for crime victims, anyone can use the system to track anyone in county jail," Jackson said.

The program is funded by the state and the initial grant of $24,600 was used to buy the computers, software and the programming necessary to get the program underway.

The way the program works is a citizen can call 1-877-TX4-VINE (877-894-8463) or go to the web site at www.vinelink.com enter the requested information and find out whether a suspect is in custody and whether they have been scheduled for release. The caller or visitor to the site can also set up a notification program that will automatically alert them when someone is released.

To get the information a caller will need the inmate's name and birth date or age range or the prisoner's jail ID code number.

"If the person is in Scurry County Jail, people can call us and we'll give them the ID code," Jackson said. "Prisoners won't know who has been checking on them, only I will have access to that information."

The information about who is locked up and released is uploaded from participating counties to a Virginia firm that then makes it available to the public.

A number of counties in the state are participating in the VINE program as well as several other states. In Texas, participation is optional. Currently the state is paying for everything except county employee's time to upload the information, which Jackson said should be minimal.

In some counties information about court appearances also is available, but that information will not be available in Scurry County. We don't have the same people schedule court dates and it is not entered into those computers, Jackson said.

Easter holiday closings are noted

Snyder schools dismissed at noon today and other area schools and government offices have announced closings in observance of the Easter holiday.

Snyder public schools will be closed Friday and Monday.,

Hermleigh schools were to dismiss at the regular time today, but also will be closed both Friday and Monday.

Ira schools and Western Texas College will not have classes Friday, but will resume operations as usual on Monday.

Both the Scurry County courthouse and Snyder city hall will be closed Friday. However, the city landfill will be in operation Friday, but closed Saturday.

U.S. government offices will be open regular hours both Friday and Monday.

Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank will close at noon Friday while Texas Savings Bank and American State Bank will close both the lobby and drive-up at 3 p.m.

First American Bank will observe regular business hours on Friday.

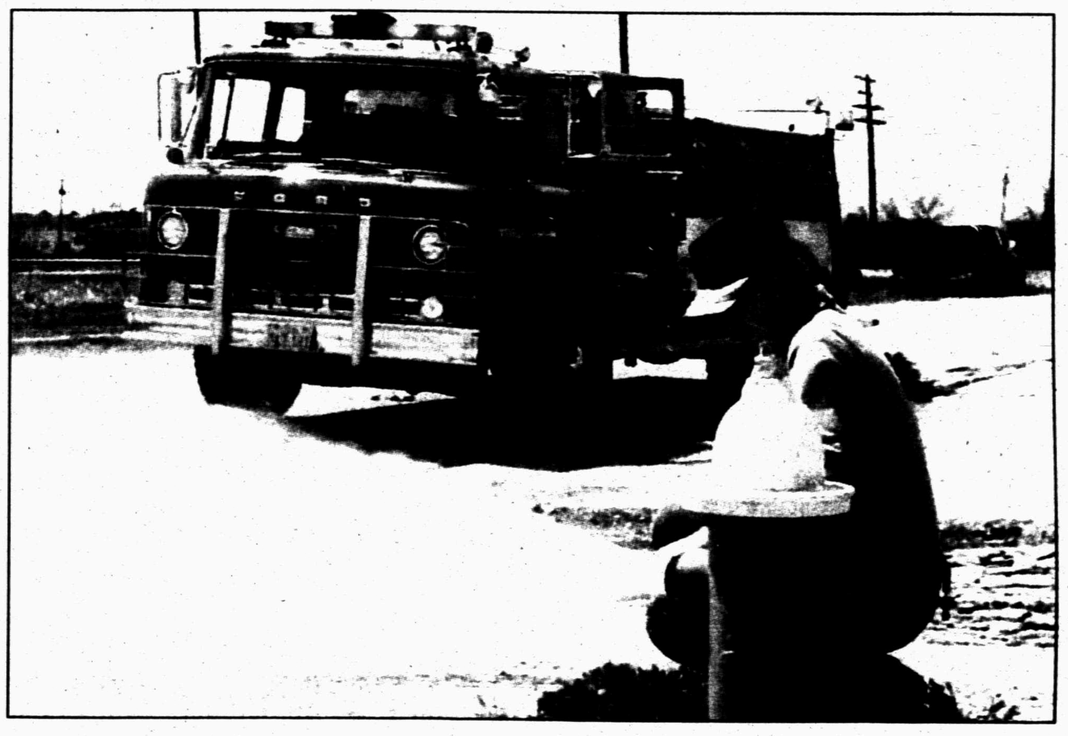
Holy Week services conclude Friday

Noon Holy Week services came to an end today as Jim Hill of First Christian Church brought the Easter message to those in attendance at First Presbyterian Church.

Friday morning service will include a breakfast at First United Methodist Church at 7 o'clock.

Buddy Payne will bring the message Friday and the breakfast will be prepared by members of FUMC.

The Ministerial Alliance of Scurry County sponsors the Holy Week observance.



PRESSURE JOB — Snyder Fire Marshal Cy Posey uses a Pitot gauge to measure the pressure of the water coming out of one of the city's fire hydrants. The fire department tested more than 100 hydrants Wednesday. The tests are necessary for insurance ratings. (Contributed photo by Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland)

ASK US

Q—Where do the names come from for people to serve on the grand jury?

A—From the voter registration list.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Barbara Gordon...

...has returned to Snyder after being gone for 24 years. She is married to Dee and has a son and daughter-in-law, Marvin Wayne and Kim McClanahan of Breckenridge, a son, Michael Gordon of England and two grandsons, Matthew and Brooks McClanahan, also of Breckenridge. She enjoys reading and home decorating.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Age is a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

—Jack Benny

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

District workshop

There will be a district workshop at 7 p.m. today at Scurry Masonic Lodge #706.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for persons facing difficulties – including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

Maundy Thursday service

First Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church will have a combined Maundy Thursday service at 7 this evening at the First Christian Church. There will be a stew and cornbread meal at 6 p.m.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Anyone wishing to purchase Krispy Kreme doughnuts from Ira's senior class must pre-order by today. The cost is $6 per dozen. Doughnuts will be delivered April 17 and can be picked up from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Wal-Mart or Ira Church of God. Contact Carol Trulock or Tracy Dickerhoff at 573-2628 or any Ira senior.

Relay for Life bake sale

First United Methodist Church Relay for Life team will have a bake sale starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at United.

What's up guidelines

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

Product may help drowsy drivers

NEW YORK (AP) — Volvo is trying to retain its image as a leader in safety with new technology designed to help drowsy drivers.

Volvo and its owner, Ford Motor Co., released results of a study on the problem Wednesday at the New York Auto Show and announced plans for the technology to be included in Volvo cars and SUVs before the end of the decade.

Because the features are still several years from being offered in cars for sale, Ford was cagey about details for competitive reasons. It described a few different products that had been developed and were being considered as options.

Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn said they tested computerized optical scanning and a variety of warnings: a vibrating steering wheel, the sound of a car driving over rumble strips and a visual warning projected on the windshield. Researchers also tested a so-called "active" system in which the vehicle would actually adjust the steering automatically if it veered too far one way or the other.

"We've been able to demonstrate that we have the ability to alert a drowsy driver to a lane departure and improve their performance," said Jeff Greenberg, a technical specialist in Ford's research and advanced engineering department.

"We're confident we can do it in ways that drivers will accept," Greenberg said. "The new system will be adaptive and intelligent."

The safety enhancements also could be used on other Ford brands after Volvo's startup, the company said.

Luxury carmaker Infiniti said last month it will begin offering lane-departure warning systems in vehicles later this year, the first use of such accident-avoidance technology in North American passenger cars.

Employing a small camera, speed sensor and warning buzzer, the system is designed to alert drivers of unintentional movement out of a designated traffic lane. It will be offered this fall on 2005 models of Infiniti's FX sport utility vehicle, then again next spring on the 2006 M45 luxury sedan.

Ford and others have experimented with devices and high-tech systems to help stifle drowsy driving for at least two decades. But Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research in Bandon, Ore., said he's not aware of any carmakers offering an instrument specifically designed to alert drivers when they're dozing at the wheel.

Spinella said automakers have studied systems that use cameras to scan drivers' eyes or sense when they're loosening their grip on the steering wheel beyond normal.

The challenge, he said, has been developing a marketable device without hitches.

"The issue is liability," Spinella said. "It has to be literally 100 percent fool proof before an automaker will use it."

Ford spent five months studying the problem of drowsy driving, which accounts for about 4 percent of all fatal crashes in the United States, or roughly 1,500 deaths each year.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration says that 55 percent of fatal accidents in the United States are caused when vehicles veer from their lanes unintentionally, the result of inattention, drowsiness and other factors.

The National Sleep Foundation says a 2002 poll indicated that about one-half of adult drivers — 51 percent of about 100 million people — said they'd driven a vehicle while feeling drowsy in the past year.

Ford and Volvo tested 32 people between November and March on a "full motion simulator" at a research lab. All agreed to stay up all night before the test and take no caffeine after 6 p.m.

The next day, participants drove for three hours on a simulated darkened road. They used a variety of methods to stay awake, including singing, slapping their faces and drinking water.

World Almanac

Thursday, April 8, 2004

Today is the 99th day of 2004 and the 20th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1935, Congress voted to approve the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

In 1953, in Kenya, Jomo Kenyatta was convicted of involvement with the Mau Mau insurrection.

In 1986, film actor Clint Eastwood was elected mayor of Carmel, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Harvey Cushing (1869-1939), surgeon; Mary Pickford (1892-1979), actress; Sonja Henie (1912-1969), ice skater; Betty Ford (1918-), U.S. first lady, is 86; Shecky Greene (1926-), comedian, is 78; Kofi Annan (1938-), U.N. secretary general, is 66.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1974, Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A physician is obligated to consider more than a diseased organ, more even than the whole man. He must view the man in his world." — Harvey Cushing

TODAY'S FACT: There were 45.3 million Social Security beneficiaries in the United States in 2002; California had the most (4.3 million) and Alaska the fewest (59,000).

TODAY'S NUMBER: 42 — Estimated number of workers for each Social Security beneficiary in 1945 (compared to 3.4 today).

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 5) and last quarter (April 11)

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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-26-31-35-41. Bonus Ball: 28.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $27,427.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 17. Prize: $1,464.

Number matching four of five: 484. Prize: $110.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 433. Prize: $109.

Number matching three of five: 18,616. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,622. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 26,813. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $24 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-7-28-37.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $18,206.

Winning tickets sold in: Fort Worth.

Matching four of five: 145. Prize: $113.

Matching three of five: 4,632. Prize: $8.

Matching two of five: 45,454. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 1-6-6

(Night) 2-8-7

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Judge urged to deny retrial bid

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors hope to quash Martha Stewart's bid for a retrial by discrediting attempts by her lawyers to dredge up damaging details about a juror's past.

In papers filed Wednesday in federal court, prosecutors told Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum that the allegations against juror Chappell Hartridge were not enough to require a court hearing, much less a new trial.

Stewart was convicted March 5 of lying to federal investigators about her sale of 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before it plunged on a negative government report.

Last week, Stewart's lawyers asked for a new trial, saying Hartridge failed to disclose an arrest on assault charges, three lawsuits filed against him and an accusation that he stole money from a Little League group.

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Pharmacists brace for rush to get 'Human Joint Oil'

*New FLUIDjoint™ has substantially greater effect over Glucosamine for improving overall joint function**

By Lee Stearns
Universal Media Syndicate*

Pharmacists around the country are bracing for the rush of people expecting to get one of the newest breakthroughs in medical science called FLUIDjoint.

What calcium is to your bones FLUIDjoint is to your joints.

It's being compared to "human joint oil" for adults because of it's ability to deliver powerful micronutrients to the human joints.

Just imagine a formula that will help your body to reduce joint discomfort, stiffness and improve flexibility to enhance daily living activities.

Scientists have identified and condensed the micronutrients that your body can use and put to work within days.

With the special micronutrients in FLUIDjoint the only "effects" experienced are more mobility, comfort and improved joint health.

It's called FLUIDjoint. This brand-new supplement is a huge breakthrough for those concerned about joint function, because the clinical results show that the remarkable health benefits are substantial.

Not all drugstores have received deliveries of FLUIDjoint yet. But for those who want it first, we are providing the phone number and information on who has it so you can get it right now.

"FLUIDjoint helps joints move with ease, serving to preserve joint function that can with age or daily activities," explains John L. Zenk, M.D.

"FLUIDjoint provides micronutrients that work with our own bodies natural anti-inflammatory systems to improve and preserve joint function."

"FLUIDjoint provides the valuable micronutrient support needed to help protect our joints," Dr. Zenk said.

Each chewable dose of FLUIDjoint is so good it tastes just like a tablespoon of a vanilla milkshake. That makes most people happy because they can get rid of all those huge supplement pills they choke down everyday.

"FLUIDjoint's effect was superior to Glucosamine in every clinically measured joint parameter. A remarkable 90% of the people who used FLUIDjoint in the clinical study reported an improvement in joint function. FLUIDjoint is safe and effective, according to study results."

John L. Zenk, MD
Principal Investigator
Certified American Board of Internal Medicine

For most, FLUIDjoint provides rapid results. A noticeable improvement in joint performance can be seen in less than 14 days of taking the daily dosage.

Each place in your body where bone meets bone is a potential spot for the grinding agony of joint pain, arthritis, stiff fingers or sore knees.

Until now, many people have flocked to remedies that contain Glucosamine, Chondroitin, MSM or Collagen.

Yet, Glucosamine and Chondroitin have a common drawback, they do not work for everyone.

In contrast, FLUIDjoint is a new micronutrient supplement. Drugstores will be able to provide FLUIDjoint without a prescription.

Dr. Lee Randolph Beck, a biologist and former professor at the University of Alabama Medical School explains, "FLUIDjoint has extensive scientific support, and FLUIDjoint's micronutrients have been tested in well-controlled clinical studies."

"The results of one study revealed that FLUIDjoint was substantially effective in improving all measured parameters (joint pain, joint stiffness, activities of daily living and total WOMAC scores which measures overall joint function) beginning at the second week and continuing to the completion of the trial. No serious adverse reactions were noted in any of the groups," Dr. Beck said.

Figure 1 depicts the effect measurements for FLUIDjoint and glucosamine sulfate in one of the studies. In that study FLUIDjoint substantially beat glucosamine in the combined study.

Although both compounds show the ability to produce a large effect size in every category, FLUIDjoint out-performed glucosamine in every area measured in the study.

With many years of science behind FLUIDjoint, clinical tests show that daily consumption of the amazing key ingredient in FLUIDjoint is of great benefit to those who worry about joint function.

The active ingredient in FLUIDjoint was awarded a United States Patent 5,650,175, for the anti-inflammatory factor method of isolation and use.

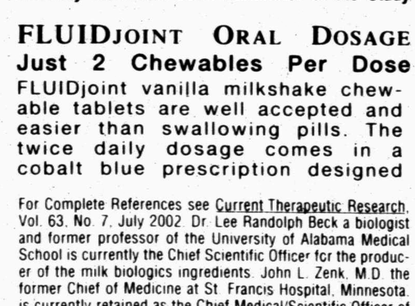
"This all results in the most advanced joint health supplement on the market today. It lets you move with ease. It works sooner than imagined. Your joints can bend and flex easier so you can do all the things you love to do," Dr. Beck said.

"Not all drugstores have received deliveries of FLUIDjoint yet. Until shipments have reached all 30,000 of our drugstores, we've opened a National Direct Order Line **1-800-239-6133 ask for Dept. FJ3738.** So anyone who doesn't want to wait can call immediately and have FLUIDjoint sent to their home," said John Lindesmith, PatentHEALTH spokesman.

"It has been announced that **Eckerd, Kmart** and **Wal-Mart** stores are the first in the area to receive FLUIDjoint and now have it available," Lindesmith said. ■

THE 10 JOINT TROUBLE SPOTS
✔ Check all that apply:
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❑ Shoulder ❑ Fingers ❑ Hip
❑ Back ❑ Knee ❑ Ankle

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For Complete References see Current Therapeutic Research, Vol. 63, No. 7, July 2002. Dr. Lee Randolph Beck a biologist and former professor of the University of Alabama Medical School is currently the Chief Scientific Officer for the producer of the milk biologics ingredients. John L. Zenk, M.D. the former Chief of Medicine at St. Francis Hospital, Minnesota, is currently retained as the Chief Medical/Scientific Officer of the licensee of the milk biologics ingredients.

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   B. To order by mail, enclose $29 plus $5.87 for shipping and handling, in check or money order made payable to *FLUIDjoint*. Send with this FLUIDjoint order form to:
      PatentHEALTH, LLC
      FLUIDjoint National Processing Center Dept. FJ3738
      Akron Box 3678, Akron, OH 44309-3678
   C. Print your name and address here:



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH — County Judge Rod Waller signed a document proclaiming April Child Abuse Prevention Month for Scurry County. On hand for the occasion were Sgt. Brian Haggard; Sgt. David Holley; Sgt. Terry Luecke; Betty Richardson, Scurry County Child Welfare; Peggy Parrott, child interviewer; Chloanne Lindsey, Pct. 4 commissioner; Sylvia Sapskey, Scurry County Child Welfare board; Angie Alvarez and Kelly Sheridan, both Tri-County CAC from Sweetwater; and Francene Noah, mayor. More than 40,000 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2002. Judge Waller urges all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive driving class; community room of Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, cost $30; for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

Exhibits planned at Museum

The Scurry Museum director Charlene Akers announces some upcoming events with local retired commercial artist Paul Hudgins' work now on display.

Wildflower art by students may be viewed May 2-27.

In June and July "Working Hands," a traveling exhibit from Humanities Texas will be exhibited.

The Taste of Scurry County will again be held Aug. 26. September through October, Akers plans to have "Communicating in West Texas: A Display of Insulators," prepared by Kyle Smith and his son Ryan.

A membership drive is underway and information may be obtained by calling 573-8511 ext. 210.



DKG MEMBERS RECOGNIZED — Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International presented achievement awards to Kem Fogleman, president; Helen Mock, past president; and Jamie Hall, treasurer. They were recognized for their outstanding service and dedication to the organization. (Contributed Photo)



PIANO STUDENTS EXCELL — Piano students of Barbara Tune entered the Abilene Music Festival at Hardin-Simmons University April 3. Students performed selections from Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods. Each received blue ribbons and ratings from superior minus to superior plus. From left, standing, are Kristen Miller, Brittany Scott; seated, Corey Jaramillo, Ashley Kincheloe and Gretchen Hollis. (Contributed Photo)

Gateway Services planning projects

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and sexual assault advocates Tiffany Rule and Jaime Rich with Gateway Family Services are making presentations and heading up several awareness projects in Snyder, Sweetwater, Jayton, Roby, Rotan and Colorado City.

Locally, booths will be set up at the Carson & Barnes Circus Friday at the Scurry County Coliseum, United Supermarket from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 20 and at WTC during the month.

A "Watch Your Drink" campaign is underway that includes napkin distribution to high schools in the five-county district for use on prom and graduation nights as well as area restaurants, clubs and bars.

Rule, sexual assault advocate-structured coordinator educator in Snyder, will speak at the Snyder Lions Club Tuesday and Rich will have similar presentations and booths in the Sweetwater area.

Gateway Family Service covering Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell, Kent and Scurry counties sponsored a creative writing contest during April and scholarships will be awarded to three winning essays.

Eleventh commandment is born in British pub

LONDON (AP) — If the first 10 commandments were handed to Moses on Mt. Sinai, the 11th was born in less solemn surroundings: The British pub.

The Methodist Church, together with Christian Web site shipoffools.com, invited drinkers to send in mobile phone text suggestions for an 11th commandment, leaving details of the unusual competition on beer mats in pubs around the nation.

The winning entry had an appropriately modern twist: "Thou shalt not worship false pop idols."

"The idea was to get people, especially those in their 20s and 30s, thinking about the commandments and to prompt a debate about ethics," said Simon Jenkins, editor of shipoffools.com, who sifted through the 2,000 entries.

"By using beer mats, the Methodist Church hoped to connect with a group it doesn't usually reach," he said.

The church said it plans to publish a book of the best entries.

The top five submissions for a new commandment were rounded out by "Thou shalt not kill in the name of any God," "Thou shalt not confuse text with love," "Thou shalt not be negative" and — in a nod to the Atkins-era — "Thou shalt not consume thine own bodyweight in fudge."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	South ♠ K J 8 7 4 3 2 ♥ A K ♦ A 7 ♣ K 5	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Thursday, April 8, 2004

Make entries and extract thorns

By Phillip Alder

The opponents' trumps are often thorns in your side during the card-play. This can be especially true on deals where you cannot afford to remove them early in the play. But sometimes you can combine trump extraction with trick establishment — as in today's layout.

How would you plan the play in seven spades? West leads the club queen.

Many pairs with good memories use Roman Key Card Blackwood, which allows one to uncover not only the four aces, but also the king and queen of trumps. Here, though, because South knows of 10 or 11 combined trumps, he does not need to worry about the spade queen. Even if her majesty is missing, she can be expected to drop.

South cannot be sure about the fate of his low diamond, but he knows North has at least five hearts.

You have only 12 top tricks: seven spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs. You must establish a long heart in the dummy. But here you will have to ruff two hearts in hand. That requires three dummy entries: two for the ruffs and one to get to the winner. Now that the club ace has been removed from the dummy, you need to use all three of those top trumps — you must not draw a round of trumps.

The play goes: club to the ace, heart to the ace, heart king, trump to dummy (entry one), heart ruff high, spade to dummy (entry two), heart ruff high, trump to dummy (entry three). Now cash the heart jack and discard the diamond seven. Terrific!

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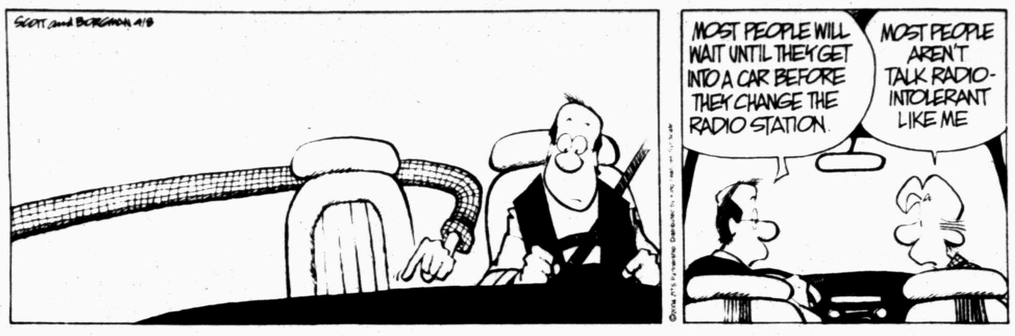
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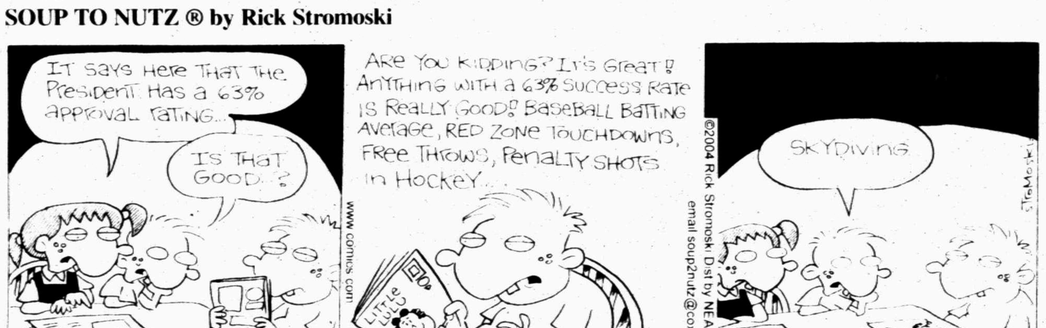
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10 Not sinking
12 Bulletin
14 Start walking
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16 Skirted the issue
18 Bradley and Asner
19 Gentle slope
21 What Pandora unleashed
23 — to lunch
24 Distress call
26 Edible roots
29 Huntsville's loc.
30 Goat's-hair garment
32 Zingy taste
34 Iodine source
36 Brief craze
37 Infant's sound
38 Pitcher Nolan —
40 Today
42 Horde
43 Marmalade chunk
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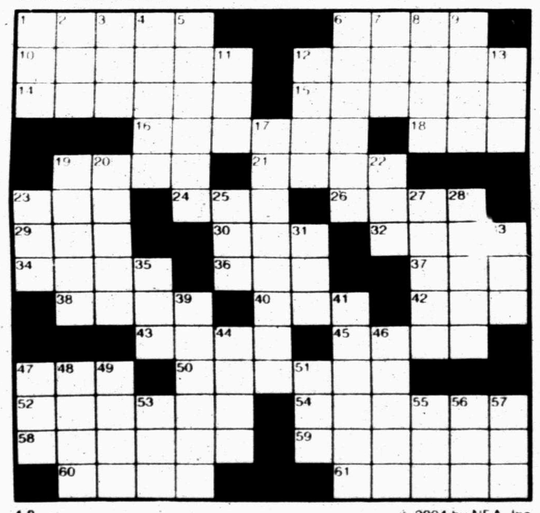
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3 DA's degree
4 Secret messages
5 Divvies up
6 Not in a whisper
7 — a date!
8 Construction area
9 Scored in tennis
11 Londoner's brew
12 Holiday number
13 Pause fillers
17 Breaks up
19 Yardstick
20 Tiber locale
22 Practiced Zen
23 Hard wood
25 Nincompoop
27 Volcanic flow
28 Pry
31 Uproar
33 Swabbie
35 Common level
39 Quick-witted
41 Straggler's plea (2 wds.)
44 Inquisitive
46 Cause goose bumps
47 Legal thing
48 Graph part
49 To a great extent
51 Serpent
53 Popular cruise stop
55 Senorita's aunt
56 List shortener
57 Color to match

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Snyder sends netters to regionals in 3 divisions

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers will send competitors from three divisions to the regional tennis meet, with top seeds Tanner Reed and Andra Dunham winning the district and the boys doubles team of Matt Hale and Jospeh Ynguanzo advancing as the second seed after winning a playback Wednesday.

Dunham cruised past Jessica Carson of Sweetwater in the finals, 6-2, 6-1. The pair was tied 2-2 in the first set before Dunham took charge of the match.

Carson will be the second seed from District 3-3A.

Dunham reached the finals after besting Sweetwater's Rebecca Long, 6-4, 6-4, in the semifinals in a match where Dunham admitted she did not have her best game.

"It's good to win a tough match when you're not playing you're best," she said of her semifinal match. She said winning the district would help her seeding at the regional tournament.

"It all comes down to region. There are going to be six or seven really tough girls there," she said.

Reed blew past the competition in taking the district title, losing just three games in three matches.

After dispatching Sweetwater's Robbie Strzelec in the semis, 6-0, 6-1, Reed zipped through Sweetwater's Ivan Ramirez, 6-1, 6-1, in the finals.

Ramirez won the playback and earned the second spot in regional out of the district.

Reed beat Jeffrey Lee of Lamesa, 6-0, 6-0, in his first match.

Head tennis coach Ted Phillips said Reed and Dunham were the prohibitive favorites going into the tournament.

"They took care of business," he said. "They both played like champions. Both should be in the top four in region. We've played the top folks in the region, so we know it will be tough."

The boys doubles team of Hale and Ynguanzo also will represent Snyder in the regional tournament after winning their playback match.

Hale and Ynguanzo fell to the team of A.J. Arteaga and Kelsey Matchen from Sweetwater, 2-6, 4-6, in the finals.

Hale and Ynguanzo stopped Andrew Villalva and John Klassen of Seminole, 6-4, 6-1, in the playback match to pick up the second seed in district.

"They've been working hard for four years, and they came close last year," Phillips said. "I'm proud for them."

The other boys doubles team from Snyder — Wesley Price and Kenny Alcala, made it to the second round after blanking Guenther-Elliot from Merkel, 6-0, 6-0, before being upended by Villalva and Klassen.

Girls doubles partners Jacy Beccue and Mattie Phillips topped Guerra-Garcia from Seminole in the second round, 6-0, 6-0. They finished the tournament in fourth.

Nikki Timora and Kallie Wesson were bounced in the second round after receiving a first-round bye.

Austin Lyle also placed fourth in district. He topped Salas Garcia of Lamesa, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, before falling to Strzelec in the third-place contest.

Annie Martinez beat Lauren Stewart of Lamesa, 6-0, 6-4, in the second round. She dropped the third place match to Long.

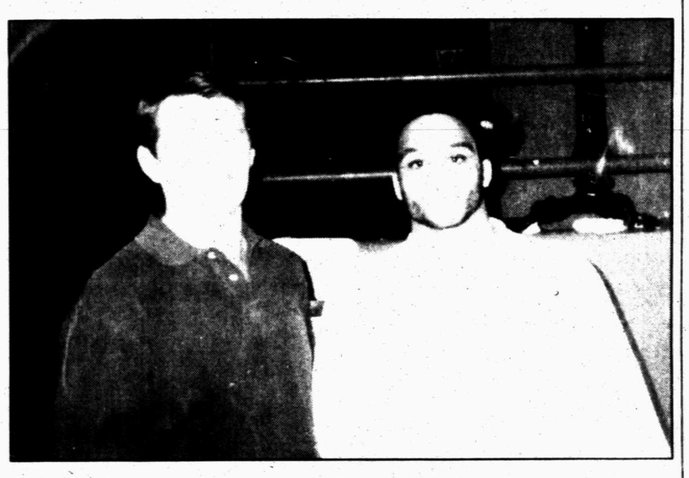
For the JV team, Will Banks was second in boys singles, while Matthew Kerr was fourth. Erica Munoz was fourth in girls singles.

Terry McGough and Gabe Aguilar were third in boys doubles, and Lindsey Small and Desirae Guerra were third in girls doubles. Teammates Tara Kubena and Kayla Hartzog were fourth in that division.

The regional qualifiers will head to Odessa for the tournament April 21-22 at the Ratliff Tennis Courts, a newer site with better surfaces than Odessa College, where the tournament was held last year.

"They are nice courts," Phillips said. "The kids are excited to play there."





FINAL FOUR FESTIVITIES — Snyder's Bryan Cave's team won a 3-on-3 basketball tournament was held in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in conjunction with the NCAA final four. There were 220 teams entered in five different divisions of the two-day tournament at Hoop City. Top Flite was the highest division with the semis and finals held on an exact replica of the court at the Alamo Dome. Team members were Jeremiah Witte, Matthew Fambro, Rick Henderson and Cave. At right, Cave meets NCAA Player of the Year Jameer Nelson from St. Joseph's during the festivities. (Contributed Photos)

Seventh-grade third at district meet

The seventh-grade boys took third in the junior high district track meet Monday, notching 104 points to finish behind district champion Lamesa and runner-up Sweetwater.

The eighth-grade boys were missing 12 thinclads, but still managed to put up 36 points — their second-highest point total of the season.

"I'm proud of these kids, they went out and competed," coach Tommy Doyle said. "In track you see who gives it their all, and these kids did their best."

Emanuel Hernandez claimed the gold in the 800-meter run and the bronze in the mile, while the 4x100 relay team also won gold.

Kenneth Turner won the silver in the 100m dash, while Chase Arrendale won the bronze in the same event.

The seventh-graders took three of the top five spots in the 200 sprint, with Joe Riveria capturing the silver, Turner taking home the bronze and Robert Castaneda claiming fifth.

Arrendale was second in the long jump, with Turner coming in fifth.

Wolfie Garcia claimed the silver in the discus throw, while teammates Daniel Samia and Patrick Meigan were sixth and 12th.

Samia was fourth in the shot, David Guzman was fifth and Fabian Gutierrez was 11th.

Julian Dominguez was fourth in the 2,400m run, and Miguel Martinez finished fourth in the 110 hurdles. Jon Hernandez was 11th in the competition.

Casey Young was sixth in the 400 dash, and teammates Carson Matthies and Ted Cerda coming in 13th and 15th respectively.

The 4x400 relay team placed fourth.

For the eighth-graders, Dustin Murdock claimed the gold medal in the pole vault and the 200 dash. He was eighth in the triple jump.

The 4x200 relay squad was fourth.

Stevie Rose took seventh in the discus, Craig Robertson and Michael Light were seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 300 hurdles.

Jacob McFatridge took seventh in the 100 dash, while Cord Welsh was 13th and Kaden Billingsley was 14th. Welsh also was 13th in the 400 run.

Robertson was eighth in the 100 hurdles, Light came in 11th and Allen Jones was 14th.

Eighth place in the shot put competition went to Josh Falls, while teammate Tye Gresset was ninth.

Jones, Billingsley and Robertson were 11th, 12th and 14th in the long jump.

Snyder girls grab district lead

The Snyder girls seized control of the District 3-3A golf tournament Wednesday, knocking 29 strokes off their first-round total with a 312 to move ahead of Sweetwater by five shots.

Snyder is sitting at 653 after besting Sweetwater by 24 strokes in the second round. Sweetwater recorded a 326 for a two-round total of 658.

"We really played good at Merkel. We knew we had dug ourselves into a hole after the first round and we responded in a great way," head golf coach Ricky Hunter said.

The junior varsity team carded a 382 to remain in fourth place in district.

Cami Trout maintained her position as second medalist, firing a 74 to stay eight shots back of Brittany Mercer of Sweetwater.

Christi Williams shot a 78, 10 shots better than her first-round total, and Brooke Jackson shaved nine strokes off her first-round score with a 79.

Ashley Luecke bettered her first-round by two shots with an 84, and Shannon Mangis was nine shots better with an 81.

The improvements in the second round give Snyder the opportunity to repeat as district champions.

"We have one round left and it should be really exciting," Hunter said. "We are just glad that we were able to put ourselves in this position."

The JV girls bettered their first-round team score by 26 strokes.

Heather Derington paced the junior Lady Tigers with an 82, April Boyd carded a 95, Kaylee Lacik stroked a 99 and Chelsea Hackford shaved 26 strokes off her first-round card with a 106.

The girls close out the district tournament Wednesday at Seminole.

District 3-3A Girls Golf Tournament
Second Round
Merkel
April 7, 2004

Team Standings
1. Snyder A 341-312 653; 2. Sweetwater A 332-326 658; 3. Seminole 367-351 718; **4. Snyder B 408-382 790**; 5. Merkel 415-387 802; 6. Sweetwater B 817.

Snyder A
1. Cami Trout 79-74 153; 2. Christi Williams 88-78 166; 3. Brooke Jackson 88-79 167; 4. Ashley Luecke 86-84 170; 5. Shannon Mangis 90-81 171.

Snyder B
1. Heather Derington 85-82 167; 2. Kaylee Lacik 89-99 188; 3. April Boyd 102-95 197; 4. Chelsea Hackfeld 132-106 238.

Sports Briefs

Friday swingers

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

Ladies play day

The WGA will host a ladies play each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Scurry County golf course. Format is most pars (gross and net pars or better).

MGA to begin play

The WTC Men's Golf Association will hold its first monthly tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sammy Baugh golf course at WTC.

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball program will conclude the second annual Baseball Buddies program Saturday.

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New Jersey	45	32	.584	—
x-Miami	39	39	.500	6½
x-New York	37	42	.468	9
Boston	35	43	.449	10½
Philadelphia	33	45	.423	12½
Washington	24	54	.308	21½
Orlando	19	59	.244	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
yz-Indiana	58	21	.734	—
x-Detroit	51	27	.654	6½
x-Milwaukee	41	38	.519	17
x-New Orleans	38	40	.487	19½
Cleveland	32	46	.410	25½
Toronto	31	47	.397	26½
Atlanta	25	53	.321	32½
Chicago	22	56	.282	35½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	54	24	.692	—
x-San Antonio	53	25	.679	1
x-Memphis	50	28	.641	4
x-Dallas	49	28	.636	4½
Houston	43	35	.551	11
Denver	41	37	.526	13
Utah	41	37	.526	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	54	23	.701	—
x-L.A. Lakers	53	25	.679	1½
Portland	41	37	.526	13½
Golden State	35	43	.449	19½
Seattle	35	44	.443	20
L.A. Clippers	27	52	.342	28
Phoenix	26	52	.333	28½

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Miami 104, Boston 101
Indiana 94, Toronto 90
New York 96, Chicago 82
Memphis 92, Cleveland 74
Milwaukee 116, Washington 107
San Antonio 96, Seattle 75
Denver 111, Phoenix 96
Portland 87, Golden State 81
Houston 102, L.A. Clippers 79

Today's Games
Orlando at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Softball:	SHS varsity vs. Seminole, 5 p.m.
	SHS JV vs. Seminole, 7 p.m.
Baseball:	SHS JV at Lamesa, 4:30 p.m.
Rodeo:	WTC at Frank Phillips, Borger

FRIDAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity vs. Sweetwater, 7 p.m.
	WTC at Odessa, DH, noon
Softball:	WTC at El Paso CC, DH, 1 p.m.
Track:	SHS varsity and JV at Colorado City meet
Rodeo:	WTC at Frank Phillips, Borger

SATURDAY

Baseball:	WTC at Odessa, DH, noon
Softball:	WTC at El Paso CC, DH, noon
Track:	SHS varsity and JV at Colorado City meet
Rodeo:	WTC at Frank Phillips, Borger

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Study: 90 million Americans have low 'health literacy'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly half of American adults face higher risks of health problems because of trouble understanding medical terms and directions, experts said today in a report that calls for a national effort to improve health literacy.

Comprehending medicine's arcane jargon is difficult for even the most educated of laymen. It's almost impossible for millions who can't read well, aren't fluent in English, or have vision or cognitive problems caused by aging.

Now the prestigious Institute of Medicine has put a number on just how many people have "limited health literacy" — a surprising 90 million adults.

They have problems following instructions on drug labels, interpreting hospital consent forms, even understanding a doctor's diagnosis and instructions.

It's a problem exacerbated by the increasing complexity of the nation's health care system — one contributing to health disparities among the poor and minorities — and it may be costing billions of dollars in avoidable costs, the report concludes.

"I hope this will be a call to action," said Dr. David Kindig of the University of Wisconsin, who chaired the institute's two-year probe.

"It's a public health problem, a societal problem," not just an individual patient's problem — one that requires work from doctors, educators and regulators, he said. "Everybody has a piece of this."

Shame and stigma play a big role, the report found. Patients are embarrassed about reading difficulty or worried the doctor will think they're dumb if they ask questions.

But even the college-educated can have a hard time with medical information like this example the institute uncovered: "Patients should be monitored for extraocular CMV infections and reinitis in the opposite eye." That instruction wasn't written for doctors — it was on a treatment information sheet for patients.

Another example cited: The mother who poured an oral antibiotic into a 2-year-old's infected ear, because the prescription label didn't say to swallow the liquid.

In videotaped sessions with patients, the institute documented worrisome misunderstandings: A mother who misread how much medicine to give her child. A woman who didn't realize she was signing a consent form for a hysterectomy. A man who thought his doctor considered him "hyper, can't sit still" because she diagnosed hypertension, the medical term for high blood pressure.

Health literacy isn't a new problem. Surgeon General Richard Carmona has made the issue his cornerstone; the American Medical Association has long sponsored efforts to improve doctors' communication; and pilot programs to help Medicaid patients or people in adult reading classes better understand health instructions are under way in several states.

But if doctors actually quizzed patients about what they understood after a visit, they'd be stunned, said Dr. Harvey Fineberg, president of the Institute of Medicine, which advises the nation on ways to improve health.

"Health literacy — enabling patients to understand and to act in their own interest — remains a neglected final pathway to high-quality health care," he said.

Among the report's recommendations:

—The government should pay for research on ways to improve health literacy.

—Accrediting organizations should require that schools follow national health education standards, from elementary school through college.

—Health organizations and medical schools should teach health literacy and how to communicate with patients.

—Medicare, insurers and other health groups should develop creative ways to communicate clear health information, and use cultural and linguistic competency as an essential measure of care quality.

Ancient burial may mark first human-cat friendship

WASHINGTON (AP) — That contented calico purring away on the sofa may be the product of a human-feline friendship extending 9,500 years or more into the past.

While ancient Egypt provides the first written record of cats, a burial discovered on Cyprus indicates that humans and felines may have become associated much earlier.

It's a relationship that has ranged from their being adored as gods in the Nile valley to their slinking into medieval witchhood and rising again to be revered in poet T.S. Eliot's verses and in the stage show "Cats." Today, more than 30 percent of American homes host a cat.

Jean-Denis Vigne of the National Museum of Natural History in Paris believes the relationship first blossomed with the development of agricultural societies 10,000 or so years ago.

"It seems that cats probably came more and more frequently into villages where grain stocks attracted numerous mice," said Vigne. "I think that human beings rapidly understood that they could use cats for reducing the number of mice."

It was Vigne's research team that uncovered the carefully buried cat on Cyprus, placed just inches from a human burial that also contained polished stones, shells, tools and jewelry. The graves are estimated to be 9,500 years old.

The cat belonged to the Felis silvestris species, a wild cat, which was significantly larger than modern domestic cats. The cat's bones were placed carefully, parallel to the human, and showed no signs of butchering, another indication that the animal may have been a pet, Vigne said in a paper in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

The finding seems to be evidence of cats being tamed earlier than previously thought, said Melinda Zeder of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

If the cat was intentionally buried with the human, which it seems to have been, Zeder said, "what they've got is pretty good evidence of a kind of relationship with humans."

It's hard to know whether it was a pet or a working mouser because "the bones aren't talking," said Zeder, president of the International Council for Archaeozoology.

What may be surprising is that there hasn't been evidence of an earlier relationship with cats, she added, noting that indications of human-dog relations go back 12,000 years.

Blaire Van Valkenburgh, a biology professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, agreed that the finding is "the first suggestion that there was a significant emotional attachment" between a human and a cat.

"They make a good case that they were buried at the same time and it shows that whoever buried it cleared a special spot for it," she said. "That makes it significant."

Vigne noted in his paper that there have been older remains of cats — specifically a jaw — found on Cyprus, but it was not associated with a human grave. Cat bones about 9,000 years old were also found near Jericho, but there was no indication of domestication, though that may have been under way in several places at about the same time.

Cats are not native to Cyprus, so their presence on the eastern Mediterranean island indicates they were brought there at some point.

"The first discovery of cat bones on Cyprus showed that human beings brought cats from the mainland to the islands, but we couldn't decide if these cats were wild or tame. With this discovery we can now decide that these cats were linked with humans," Vigne said.

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Plains All American purchases probed

WASHINGTON (Dow Jones/AP) — The Attorney General of Texas is investigating Plains All American Pipeline LP's recent purchase of Link Energy LLC's North American crude oil and pipeline operations, according to a regulatory filing Wednesday.

Plains All American completed the purchase of the Link assets on April 1 for about $273 million in cash, plus assumed debt of $49 million.

The Houston-based company said that a day later it received a notice from the Attorney General's office saying an investigation was under way.

The investigation was prompted by complaints from industry parties about the impact on competition in the Permian Basin area of West Texas, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

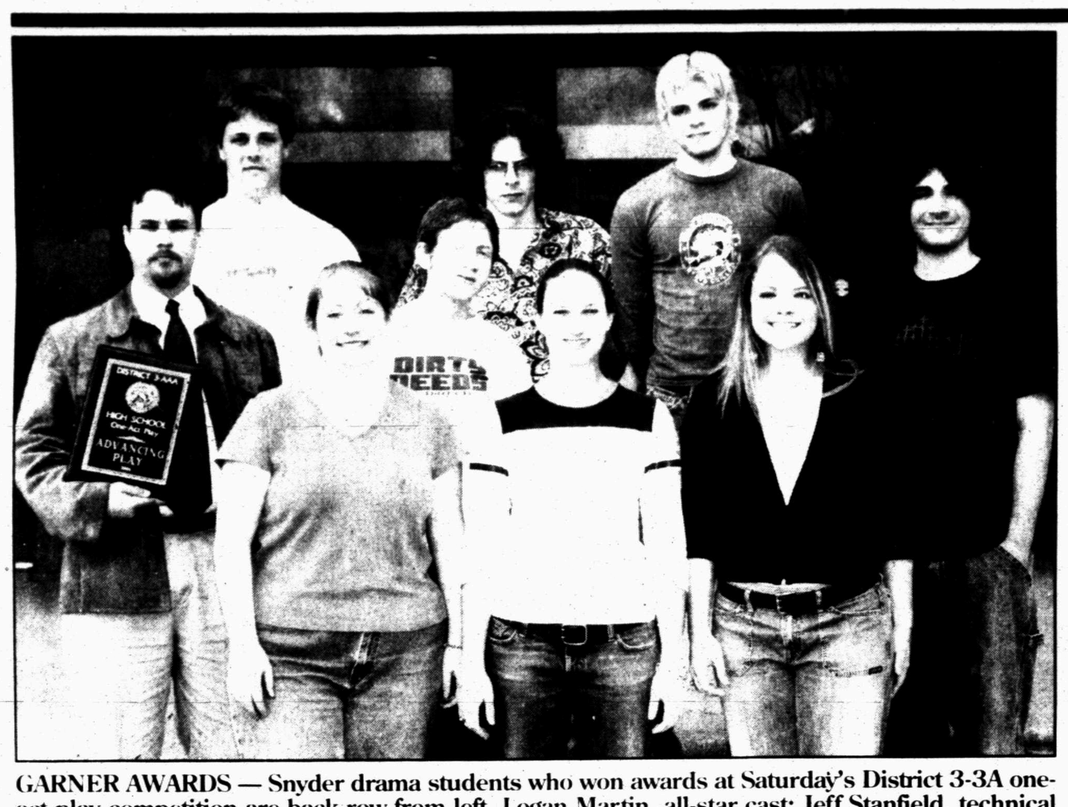
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AT&T Corp	19.52	19.40	19.43	— .09
Albertsons	22.51	22.37	22.46	+ .03
Alltel	50.30	49.93	49.95	+ .03
AmEl Pw	32.48	32.24	32.31	+ .09
AndarkPtr	52.75	52.37	52.59	+ .69
ATMOS Egy	25.91	25.72	25.83	+ .04
Aviall	16.02	15.90	15.96	+ .14
BP PLC	53.94	53.70	53.72	+ .13
BakerHughes	35.64	35.13	35.30	— .02
Bank of Amer	81.99	81.39	81.48	+ .03
BellSouth	26.96	26.57	26.59	— .17
BurlNoSFe	32.50	32.11	32.49	+ .14
Caterpillar	83.19	82.17	82.52	+ .42
CenterPoint	11.72	11.56	11.56	— .06
ChevronTex	90.39	90.00	90.11	+ .36
Citigroup	52.19	51.61	51.69	— .02
CocaCola	51.47	51.25	51.42	+ .34
ColgatePal	54.95	54.37	54.50	+ .14
CmclMetals	31.49	30.93	31.31	+ .01
ConocoPhill	71.35	70.55	71.15	+ 1.15
Cooper Inds	58.30	57.90	58.10	+ .15
DaimlrChry	41.50	40.95	41.12	+ .08
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PNM Rescs	30.75	30.43	30.63	+ .03
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Praxair s	38.47	38.03	38.05	+ .06
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SherwinW	37.96	37.45	37.45	— .17
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SwstAirl	15.16	15.02	15.06	+ .05
SprintFON	19.74	19.36	19.63	+ .32
SprintPCS	9.88	9.65	9.83	+ .13
Sunoco Inc	61.67	61.15	61.56	+ .81
TXU Corp	28.89	28.69	28.79	+ .13
TempleInland	64.09	63.20	63.25	— .26
TexInd	38.44	38.05	38.33	+ .08
Texasinst	29.80	29.17	29.23	— .07
Textron	53.54	52.91	53.15	+ .22
TimeWarner	17.67	17.31	17.41	+ .23
TrinityInds	28.00	27.40	27.78	+ .03
TylerTech	10.00	9.75	9.94	+ .27
UnionPacif	57.97	57.42	57.61	— .40
USSteel	39.69	38.85	39.32	+ .04
UnitedTech	91.32	90.32	90.49	+ .30
Unocal	37.25	37.02	37.08	+ .20
VerizonComm	37.65	37.09	37.28	— .03
WalMart	58.10	56.44	56.80	— 1.18
WellsFargo	56.97	56.60	56.79	+ .04
WstnGasRs	52.07	51.59	51.92	+ .60
WinnDixie	7.60	7.51	7.57	+ .01
Xerox Cp	15.00	14.81	14.81	— .11
YumBrands	39.09	38.80	38.91	+ .13

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GARNER AWARDS — Snyder drama students who won awards at Saturday's District 3-3A one-act play competition are back row from left, Logan Martin, all-star cast; Jeff Stanfield, technical award, best crew; and Coleman Welch, all-star cast. On the middle row from left are director Michael McQuerry; Justin Cox, stage manager; lighting, technical award, best crew; Tyler Price, all-star cast. In front from left are Amanda Blythe and Paula Fritz, technical awards, best crew; and Stephanie Parmer, honorable mention all star cast. SHS heads to Midland College Friday for the Area II contest. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



WIN ACTING AWARDS — Ira High School's one-act play, *Rest In Peace*, competed in the zone contest March 29 at Dawson. Students winning awards are from left Franki Briseno, all-star cast; Suzie Pendergrass, best technical crew; and Terryn Autry, honorable mention all-star cast. Not pictured is Chad Nickerson, best technical crew. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

21-year-old man killed in Iraq

ALBION, Ill. (AP) — Army Cpl. Forest Jostes had been in Iraq for only a week when his unit was attacked Sunday by rocket-propelled grenades and gunfire, killing the 21-year-old and seven other soldiers.

His mother, Diane Ibbotson, said she talked to her son by telephone the day before he died and he told her he loved her and promised to come home safe.

"I said, don't be a hero, come home safe," Ibbotson said Wednesday from her home in Albion, a small town in southeastern Illinois. "So, we hung up because then he only had one minute left, and then I never spoke to him again."

Ibbotson said her son had wanted to join the Army since he was in grade school. When he was 7, he wrote in his school journal that he was going to be in the Army when he grew up, she said.

As a high school senior, Jostes joined the Army National Guard with his parents' permission on his 17th birthday.

Two months after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Jostes joined the Army full-time, rising to the rank of corporal and earning four Army achievement awards in two years, she said.

"This has been his goal," his father, Von Ibbotson, said. "The young man has been trying to find a niche in life and found it in the military. He believed in what he was doing."

Jostes was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, which is based at Foot Hood, Texas.

Since the war began, 631 U.S. service members had died as of Wednesday night. Thirty-five American, including Jostes, have died since Sunday.

The Ibbotsons said their son volunteered to be a member of a rapid response team the day he died.

"He went in proud and brave to serve his country and fight terrorism, and we want him to be honored," his mother said.

Diane Ibbotson said her family had prepared for the worst when Jostes came home for Christmas. At the time, Jostes knew his Iraq deployment date was drawing near, and Ibbotson wanted to make sure her family was together.

"We expressed all of our love to him. We said everything we needed to say," she said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teenage girl got no security from installer of home system

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Concerned in Northbrook," where the 14-year-old niece was instructed to stay home alone and let the tile man in, I feel compelled to share my story.

My former husband, "Steve," seemed attractive, gentle and polite. While working as an installer for a nationwide security company, he lured a 14-year-old girl into his van and sexually assaulted her. Her parents' determination to shield their daughter enabled Steve to plea-bargain a prison sentence of only eight months. After his release, Steve returned to work as an installer for a satellite TV company and currently works for another security company, installing systems in homes.

Although he is a registered sex offender, no one would ever guess Steve is a pedophile. His parole officer told me that he shouldn't be around children. Can you imagine leaving your 14-year-old daughter home alone to let in my charming former husband? — **ALSO CONCERNED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR ALSO CONCERNED: Your warning is chilling. Parents, please take note and take nothing for granted. Better to be overly cautious than not cautious enough.

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DEAR ABBY: I just turned 13. My best friend, "Heather," moved an hour away, and we have kind of drifted apart. On Saturday, I ran into her at my friend "Tanya's" house here in town. We all went to the mall, and Heather met "Johnny," a 16-year-old guy who goes to my school.

Well, Johnny came back to Tanya's house (her parents weren't home), and he and Heather were all over each other. They were hot and heavy on the couch while Tanya and I tried to watch TV. To make a long story short, Johnny and Heather ended up having sex right there in the same room with us. I couldn't believe what I was seeing — they hadn't known each other more than a few hours.

The news about Johnny and Heather spread fast. Everyone wants to know if I still consider Heather my friend. Kids are calling her "easy," along with other names I won't mention.

As much as I want to be her friend, I'm worried about getting a bad reputation if I stick up for her. Plus, I'm scared my mom will hear about what went on that day. What should I do? — **STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT IN A TEXAS TOWN**

DEAR STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT: Tell the truth. Say that you and Heather used to be close friends, but since she moved away you're not close anymore.

P.S. I hope you WILL tell your mother what happened that day. Heather's mother needs to know that her daughter is sexually active, and vulnerable to STDs and pregnancy. It will be doing Heather a tremendous favor, and help her to avoid a lot of trouble in the near future.

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DEAR ABBY: I've just had the most dreaded of all shopping trips: the New Bra Expedition. No woman over the age of 12 looks forward to it. I'd rather strip and wax a kitchen floor.

Now brassiere manufacturers have made things worse by placing the strap length adjustment in the BACK of the bra. What were they thinking? Why not move the opening to the back of men's briefs — it makes just as much sense.

I'd be interested in hearing from other women about this lunacy. Abby, dear, let's start a campaign to return sanity to women's underwear. — **DOUBLE-JOINTED IN DAYTON**

DEAR DOUBLE-JOINTED: I'll join you on the bandwagon because I too sometimes wonder whether certain garments have been designed by men without first consulting women.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, April 9, 2004

Many new interests and involvements could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. The wider you expand your horizons and the more you use your talents, the larger your opportunities for success will be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Just by being who you are and doing what comes naturally today, pleasant happenings will be in store for you. Bathe those you encounter in your personality, warmth, wit and charm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It will be spontaneous of you today to be caring and helpful to those who require your assistance. You'll do so without thought of reward, yet you'll be equally repaid, even if it's not immediate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — While mingling with others today, you will have opportunities to gather pearls of wisdom. What you learn won't necessarily come from one person, but through the combination of many.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This could be a day for superior achievements and you would be smart not to waste it on trivial or frivolous activities. To gain the most out of things, concentrate on goals that are truly worthy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll see a little clearer and a bit further today than your associations will. When it really counts, rely upon your line of sight, not theirs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although the reigns may be taken out of your hands today, there will be no need to be upset or discouraged. All will work out well, as if things were being orchestrated by you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even though you're usually one who can take pride in yourself for individualism when it is called for, you usually prefer being a team player. Today your attitude will strengthen friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — All the disconnected pieces will be favorably joined together today where your work or career is concerned. It'll be your calling to follow your instincts toward rewarding end results.

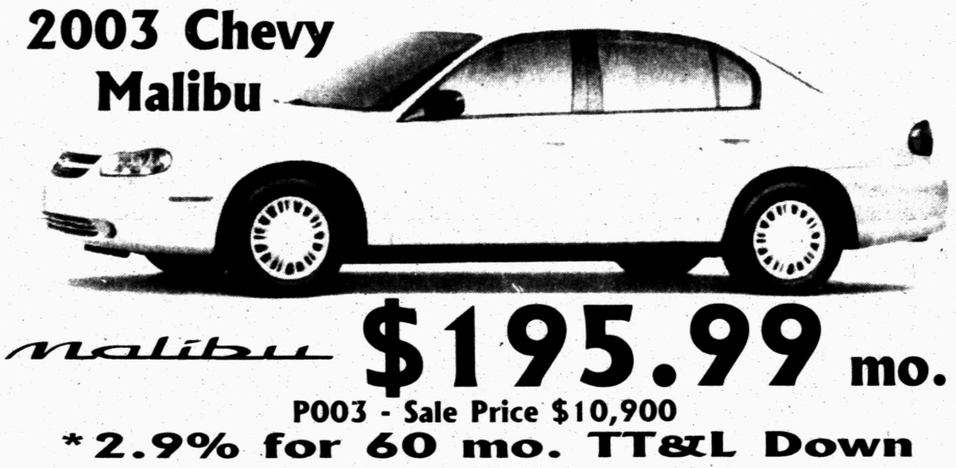
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A couple of social contacts with connections (who really haven't done too much for you by way of using them) may go all out for you today without you even having to make your wishes known.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It behooves you to use your imagination to the fullest. If there is something you'd like to bring to a successful conclusion, you can take innovative steps today to make this a reality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's quite likely that you'll possess a sixth sense today regarding what you should do and who you should talk to regarding getting important things done. Do as your intuition directs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You can successfully add to your material stockpile today by blending inspiration with perspiration. One alone may not yield much, but collectively they could be quite profitable.

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Two more Dems face ouster in Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — The ouster of five House incumbents in the March primary was a warning to Democratic legislators to toe the party line or risk losing their jobs. Now two more face possible defeat in the April 13 runoff.

Reps. Roberto Gutierrez of McAllen and Gabi Canales of Alice each finished second in their primary elections, advancing to runoffs only because their top challengers didn't grab a majority of the vote.

Gutierrez' political future is most seriously in doubt.

The seven-term lawmaker was targeted for defeat by the Democratic party because of his alignment with Republicans on some key votes in the 2003 legislative session.

Although he managed to win enough votes in the primary to force a runoff with civil litigation lawyer Veronica Gonzales, Gutierrez announced afterward that he would not actively campaign after falling ill with an immune system disorder.

Gutierrez was diagnosed in March with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, which attacks part of the peripheral nervous system and causes weakness or paralysis. His family has said a full recovery is expected.

A telephone message left with the Gutierrez campaign was not immediately returned to The Associated Press.

Gonzales said she wished Gutierrez a "speedy recovery" but wouldn't soften her attack on his record, which included his support of a GOP bill that limited the amounts Texans could seek in civil liability lawsuits.

"I don't think that sat well with a lot of Democrats," Gonzales said.

Gonzales nearly won the Democratic primary outright. She got 49.5 percent of the vote, tantalizingly short of the necessary 50 percent to win the nomination. Her vote total, combined with the 16.6 percent gathered by a third candidate, Jim Selman, show that District 41 voters want Gutierrez out, Gonzales said.

"The fact that 66 percent of the voters wanted a change indicated they were unhappy with his leadership," Gonzales said.

State Democratic Party Chairman Charles Soechting, who actively supported several candidates who beat incumbents in March, said he expected Gonzales to win.

"The fact that she showed as well as she did in the primary shows how that race is going to pan out," Soechting said.

The winner of the runoff will challenge Republican Roy Ibanez Jr., a Mission attorney, in the November general election.

In District 35, Canales finds herself running to catch Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, another Alice attorney, who finished first in the primary with 43 percent of the vote.

Canales, a defense lawyer, faced adverse publicity for using her legislative position to obtain delays of clients' trials during the 2003 legislative sessions.

Canales and Toureilles did not immediately return telephone messages seeking comment. The winner will oppose Republican rancher and attorney Eric Opiela in November.

Democrats also have two other legislative runoffs.

In Corpus Christi's District 34, attorney Abel Herrero and businesswomen Nelda Martinez face off after driving out incumbent Jaime Capelo. The winner will run against Republican businessman Terry Arnold of Corpus Christi.

In District 117 in San Antonio, Bexar County employee Ken Mireles challenges attorney David Leibowitz for the chance to run against Republican incumbent Ken Mercer in November.

In Republican legislative runoffs, rancher Jean Killgore of Somerville opposes engineer Jay Yates of Bastrop in District 17, and investor Sam Walls of Cleburne faces real estate broker Rob Orr of Burleson in District 58 to replace Republican incumbent Arlene Wohlgemuth, who gave up the seat to run for Congress.

Today's chuckle

Woman persuades thief to return stolen car

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A distraught woman used cell phone text messages to persuade a thief to return her car.



Lee Alaban, 34, of Port Macquarie had her Holden Commodore sedan stolen while she was at work on March 30, The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported Wednesday.

Her 13-year-old son's cell phone was in the car, so Alaban sent text messages to the thief. She explained that the car was a gift from her father shortly before he died and that presents for her son's birthday, which was on the following day, were in its trunk.

"We exchanged a number of text messages," Alaban told the newspaper. "He started apologizing and I felt I was getting through. Next thing, I got this text saying he will return the car."

The thief wrote another text message telling her where to find the car, which he abandoned in a parking lot — but not before stealing the cell phone and the birthday presents.

Alaban was so pleased to get her car back, she even sent a final tongue-in-cheek text.

"If I ever lock myself out of my car, I'll send you a message," she wrote.



Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Reflux should not need narcotics for relief

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 55 and have a hiatal hernia for which I have been prescribed (ineffectively) five medicines for acid reflux. My family doctor has given me narcotics in the past for this, but now says he won't prescribe narcotics to control my severe pain. How, then, am I supposed to take care of this intense and chronic discomfort?

DEAR READER: I'm puzzled why your pain is so resistant to medication. Hiatal hernia is often associated with reflux (the painful backwash of stomach acid into the lower esophagus) that can usually be easily controlled by medications — such as Nexium, Prevacid, Protonix and others — that reduce the production of gastric acid and aid healing.

In my view, you should forego the fruitless odyssey of searching for an analgesic. Instead, you should focus on what is causing your pain.

First, you need a gastroenterologist. Such a specialist will probably perform endoscopy, a test to examine your esophagus and stomach to determine if more than a hiatal hernia is present.

For example, you could have an ulcer that resists therapy, or the continuing irritation of the reflux may have produced a complication known as Barrett's esophagus, premalignant changes in the cells lining this organ.

Second, as you know, cardiac pain — notably heart-muscle cramping called "angina" — may mimic the pain of reflux and — for obvious reasons — is treated differently, with nitroglycerine and other medicines.

Therefore, if your gastroenterologist concludes that your discomfort is not related to the hiatal hernia, you probably should have a stress test. Your family physician can coordinate this and other appropriate studies. Let me know what the doctors conclude.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hiatal Hernia." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from violent motion sickness, both in the air, on the water or within a vehicle. I also suffer from glaucoma, so I cannot take antihistamines. At 88, I'm tired of this nonsense. Is there any help for me?

DEAR READER: There may be help for you in the form of a prescription drug called Antivert (meclizine), which — in low doses — should not appreciably affect your glaucoma. Ask your ophthalmologist about this.

Also, remember that the drug scopolamine (available by prescription as a patch called Transderm Scop) is an excellent antidote for motion sickness. The patch is changed every three days, so you might consider this option for long airplane flights, extended sea voyages or lengthy automobile rides.

Again, obtain approval for this — and any other prescription or over-the-counter drugs — from your ophthalmologist.

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

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'Passion' sets record in Croatia

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" set a new record during its opening weekend as Croatia's most-watched movie, a film distribution company said.

More than 84,000 moviegoers viewed the film, which depicts the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ. The previous record was held by "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," seen by some 77,000 people in its opening weekend, the Blitz film distributing company said Wednesday.

Although Croatia is a secular society, more than 80 percent of Croats are Roman Catholic and the church exerts considerable influence in the Balkan country of 4.5 million.

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Brand new Texas State Quarters are free to all State Residents

To be among the first to get the brand new Uncirculated Texas State Quarter unveiled by Governor Rick Perry, residents are entitled to claim within 7 days

BY: SHANE TEDESCHI
UNIVERSAL MEDIA SYNDICATE

The United States Mint has announced the release of the newest of the popular 50 State Quarters. And this one honors our own home state of Texas.

But here's the best part of this announcement.

You will actually be among the first to get the brand new Uncirculated Texas State Quarter free, just by sending three first class postage stamps to cover shipping of the coin's protective display capsule.

We are providing the address in the box to the right so residents can request the free Texas State Quarter right now.

The U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarter collection has been so popular that Texas residents may be left scrambling to be among the first to get the new State Quarters.

The Governor unveiled the "Lone Star State" Quarter design at an Official Texas State Quarter bash. "The Texas Quarter will reflect an immense pride in our state shared by every Texan," remarked Governor Rick Perry as reported in a press release on TexasGov.com.

But, the Governor's Office said it does not yet have plans for an Official Release Ceremony when the State Quarters come out in late June. Therefore, special arrangements have been made separately to ensure all Texas residents will get State Quarters free.

The United States Monetary Exchange has announced it is giving away the brilliant uncirculated Texas State Quarters free to all state residents who request one.

John Thomas White, Executive Director of the privately owned U.S. Monetary Exchange confirms: "We are giving away the brilliant uncirculated Texas State Quarters free in an effort to ensure that all state residents have an equal opportunity to get one."

"With no news of an Official Release Ceremony, there is no reason for residents to risk being left out. Every resident should have a fair chance of being among the first to get their own home state quarter."

The state coins that are being given away free are special because they are uncirculated. That means they have never been distributed to businesses or banks for use in trade, so they are mint fresh.

You can not find these uncirculated Quarters in your pocket change.

"When the U.S. Mint first started the 50 State Quarter program back in 1999, we knew that some of the State Quarters would probably increase in value. But none of us knew just how quickly many of the State Quarters would actually increase," White said.

Some of the uncirculated Quarters have already increased in value by as much as 516%. "Even though the values fluctuate dramatically, we are still able to give first priority to residents of the state by letting them have their own Texas State Quarter free. This is our way to help make sure local residents are among the first to get their own state quarter in its most valuable form--mint fresh, brilliant uncirculated condition," said White.

The Texas State Quarters are being given away free on a first come first served basis with a limit of one per household, in accordance with the announced delivery schedule from the U.S. Mint.

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Insurgents kidnap 11 people in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi insurgents kidnapped eight South Koreans, three Japanese and two Arab Israeli aid workers, and captors armed with automatic rifles and swords threatened in a video released today to burn the Japanese alive if Tokyo does not withdraw from the U.S.-led coalition within three days.

In Tokyo, Japan's government said it has no plans to withdraw from Iraq because of the kidnapping. It was the first such ultimatum involving foreign civilians taken hostage in Iraq, suggesting a new tactic by militants to pressure governments allied with Washington.

Also, the separate seizures of the Japanese, Koreans and Arabs could have wider implications for U.N. workers, journalists, as well as Christian missionaries, security personnel and those doing business with the Iraqi government.

The two Japanese men and one woman were taken in southern Iraq, editors at Al-Jazeera said. It wasn't clear who the captors were, but Shiite militiamen in black garb have been engaged in an uprising in the south this week. Japanese troops are based outside the southern Iraqi city of Samawah.

The Arabic TV station Al-Jazeera, broadcasting to Iraq and the rest of the Arab world, aired portions of the video released by a previously unknown group calling itself the "Mujahedeen Squadrons."

Rice testifying before 9-11 commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — National security adviser Condoleezza Rice testified today "there was no silver bullet that could have prevented" the Sept. 11, 2001 terror strikes, conceding the United States was ill-prepared despite a threat two decades in the making.

President Bush "understood the threat, and he understood its importance," in advance, she told a national commission in implicit rejection of claims made last month by former terrorism aide Richard Clarke.

Rice said the president came into office determined to develop a "more robust" policy to combat al-Qaida. "He made clear to me that he did not want to respond to al-Qaida one attack at a time. He told me he was 'tired of swatting flies'," she said. The commission is delving into the attacks that killed nearly 3,000, destroyed the twin World Trade Center towers in New York and blasted a hole in the Pentagon.

In widely anticipated testimony, Rice offered no apology for the failure to prevent the attacks — as Clarke did two weeks ago. Instead, she said, "as an officer of government on duty that day, I will never forget the sorrow and the anger I felt."

She also said, "Tragically, for all the language of war spoken before Sept. 11, this country simply was not on a war footing."

Rice's testimony, under oath and on live national television, came after weeks of White House resistance. Bush yielded in response to repeated public requests from members of the commission — as well as quiet proddings of Republicans in Congress — that an on-the-record rebuttal was needed in response to Clarke's explosive charges.

The former White House aide testified last month that the Bush administration gave a lower priority to combatting terrorism than had former President Clinton, and that the decision to invade Iraq undermined the war on terror.

Bush hosts fishermen, hunters, after briefing on Rice testimony

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush was leading a tour of his ranch for hunting, fishing and land-conservation advocates today, after national security adviser Condoleezza Rice's testimony to the Sept. 11 commission.

Bush watched the testimony today live on television, a spokeswoman said. Bush also spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin for 20 minutes this morning.

After Rice's testimony, he was meeting with the leaders of about 20 groups that the White House termed "wildlife conservation organizations." A partial list showed groups dedicated to protecting hunting and fishing rights and the habitat of fish and game, including Ducks Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, the Safari Club International and the National Rifle Association.

Another group, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, says on its Web site that it "provides direct lobbying and grassroots coalition support to protect and advance the rights of hunters, fishermen, trappers and scientific wildlife management professionals."

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership invites people to join and "unite with America's hunters, anglers and conservationists to rekindle the conservation philosophy and solution-oriented legacy of America's greatest conservation president."

Some of Bush's guests for the one-hour visit were leaders of the organizations, while others were staffers from their affiliated magazines, the official said. The visitors also were meeting with James Connaughton, head of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Kerry unveils plan to control federal spending, if elected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, portrayed by Republican critics as a tax-and-spend Massachusetts liberal, is promising to hold the line on federal spending if elected president.

Kerry said in a speech Wednesday that he would cut the deficit in half in four years and cap spending at the rate of inflation, except for homeland security, education and the Social Security and Medicare entitlement programs. He acknowledged that he will have to cut some of his campaign promises to meet the goal.

"I don't like that. But those are the hard calls that a president has to make," Kerry said at Georgetown University.

Kerry was touting his economic plan today at a town meeting in Milwaukee with Gov. Jim Doyle. The trip will be his first visit to the battleground state of Wisconsin since he won its presidential primary in February.

Kerry's pledge to abide by spending caps could open him to criticism that his campaign promises cannot be trusted.

He has promised to explain how he would pay for every new campaign proposal without raising taxes on the middle class or increasing the deficit, but has yet to provide such detail. And in the speech, he emphasized that his spending plan would cut taxes for 98 percent of Americans and for 99 percent of U.S. businesses.

Obituaries

Bobby Burney

1935-2004

Bobby H. Burney, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Tuesday, April 6, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Bobby Burney

Funeral service for Mr. Burney, 68, is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Nov. 12, 1935 in Snyder, he was the grandson of Samuel and Ola Austin, Scurry County pioneers.

He was married to Barbara Johnson Burney for 50 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Burney, a graduate of Snyder High School, was a retired foreman for Oryx Energy and also had worked as an oilfield consultant.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Burney of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and Danny Williams of Snyder and Valerie and Gary Martin of Seattle, Wash.; a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and JoAnn Burney of Snyder; four grandchildren, Veronica Williams of Lubbock, Vanessa Winkler and husband Banyan of Cotton Center, and Austin and Mallory Martin, both of Seattle, Wash.; a great-granddaughter, Victoria Winkler of Cotton Center; and his mother-in-law, Joy Johnson Richardson of Snyder.

Friends are contributing to the American Cancer Society. Visitation will be held from 8 to 9 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Two arrested

• ***Arrests***

At 3:02 p.m. Wednesday, two people were arrested after police responded to a disturbance call in the 3600 block of 40th. St. Two subjects reportedly kicked in a door, causing a verbal disturbance. Police arrested a 35-year-old female and a 34-year-old male on charges of public intoxication.

• ***Fight***

At 8:13 p.m. Wednesday police responded to Central Elementary to a report of a fight among several juveniles. The youths agreed to leave the area.

• ***Suspicious person***

At 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, police investigated a call of a suspicious male walking among parked vehicles at an apartment parking lot. No one was located, but police maintained a close patrol.

• ***Investigation***

At 12:13 p.m. Wednesday, police took a report of an injury to a female juvenile and the information was turned over to investigators for review.

At 8 p.m. Wednesday, officers investigated a report of a screen door being pried open in the 2100 block of 41st St. while the resident was out of town.

• ***Fire***

At 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, Snyder firefighters responded to a fire 23 miles north of U.S. 84 at the home of Bert Sellars. Fire Marshal Cy Posey said an electrical short in an outlet was found to be the cause. Power was cut to the outlet and the owner was advised to call an electrician.

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Perry looking at variety of taxes to fund schools

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry was considering a variety of tax options, including taxes on cigarettes and adult entertainment, as he planned to unveil a school finance proposal today.

Fox Tech High School was the venue for Perry to release his education funding plan, which has already been criticized in advance by some business groups as perhaps worse than the problems with the current share-the-wealth funding scheme that lawmakers want to fix.

Among the options Perry was considering are a statewide tax on business property; taxes on cigarettes; the legalization of video slot machines at race tracks; and the closing of loopholes in the business franchise tax.

The Dallas Morning News reported that other options on the table are occupational fees for lawyers and other professionals; state pollution fees; excise taxes on soft drinks; a new $5 state fee on adult entertainment; and an increase in the state tax on motor vehicles to as high as 8.25 percent, a 32-percent jump from the current 6.25 percent.

The plan, according to a private presentation by Perry in San Antonio, would lower school maintenance and operation property taxes on homesteads to $1.25 per $100 valuation. But businesses would be subject to a statewide property tax starting at $1.40 per $100 assessed valuation, according to today's online editions of the San Antonio Express-News and Austin American-Statesman.

The governor's proposal would continue to allow local entities to tax residential property, though with a reduced cap and a limit on annual appraisal increases.

San Antonio School District Superintendent Ruben Olivarez planned to welcome Perry to the high school. The educator said he hopes the governor will make his plan "palatable" by offering more education aid on top of Perry's proposal to put $500 million a year into bonuses to teachers and schools for student performance.

The governor has said he will call the Legislature into a 30-day special session on education later this month, but an exact start date has not been specified. Capitol sources told the Express-News the special session could be pushed back to May.

Perry and lawmakers want to replace the so-called Robin Hood school finance plan, which depends heavily on property tax revenue.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

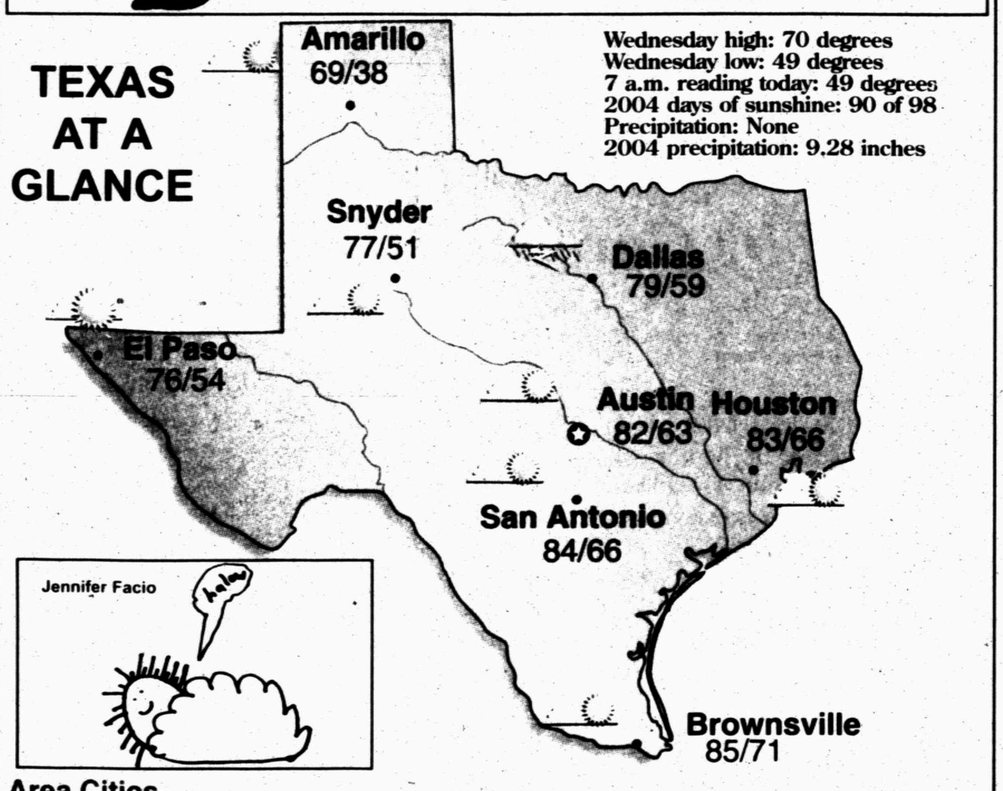
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2004 precipitation: 9.28 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	54	t-storm	El Paso	76	54	mst sunny	Midland	78	53	mst sunny
Amarillo	69	38	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	81	53	sunny	Raymondville	87	69	pt sunny
Austin	82	63	pt sunny	Gainesville	75	53	t-storm	Rosenberg	83	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	82	64	mst sunny	Greenville	78	56	t-storm	San Antonio	84	66	pt sunny
Brownsville	85	71	pt sunny	Houston	83	66	pt sunny	San Marcos	83	64	pt sunny
Brownwood	83	57	t-storm	Kingsville	86	69	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	77	56	t-storm
Corpus Christi	83	71	pt sunny	Livingston	83	60	mst sunny	Sweetwater	78	54	t-storm
Corsicana	80	60	t-storm	Longview	79	59	pt sunny	Tyler	80	60	t-storm
Dallas	79	59	t-storm	Lubbock	74	47	pt sunny	Weatherford	78	54	t-storm
Del Rio	83	65	pt sunny	Lufkin	83	62	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	75	50	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	77	50	sunny	Houston	83	66	pt sunny	Phoenix	83	62	pt sunny
Boston	49	39	rain	Los Angeles	71	57	cloudy	San Francisco	70	51	sunny
Chicago	53	36	pt sunny	Miami	83	69	cloudy	Seattle	66	45	sunny
Dallas	79	59	t-storm	Minneapolis	50	31	pt sunny	St. Louis	63	45	cloudy
Denver	49	31	rain	New York	55	41	pt sunny	Washington, DC	62	42	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 27

UV Index

Fri 4/9	Sat 4/10	Sun 4/11
8 High	7 High	7 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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