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Home of Samantha Rogers

Endeavour crew is space station visitor

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The crew of the international space station today exchanged hugs with their first visitors and then successfully commanded the outpost's new billion-dollar robot arm to take its first step.

"Hey, how are you doing? You guys are awesome!" U.S. astronaut Jim Voss of the station said to space shuttle Endeavour commander Kent Rominger as the shuttle crew floated into the station through an open hatch.

Members of both crews snapped pictures between handshakes and hugs.

Russian cosmonaut and station commander Yuri Usachev, Voss and U.S. astronaut Susan Helms arrived at the station, named Alpha, in March for a 41/2-month stay.

Since Endeavour docked at the station on Saturday, its seven-man crew and the station's crew had to settle for waving at each other through a porthole.

On Sunday, Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield and U.S. astronaut Scott Parazynski performed a spacewalk to unfold and power up the new 58-foot robot arm that the shuttle delivered. Hadfield wiped tears from his eyes as he greeted Alpha's crew today.

Helms and Voss manipulated the newly attached arm's from a control center in the station, checking the joints. One end of the arm was moved 241/4 feet from its packing crate to an anchor on the station; it took three hours to complete the step because of all the tests.

"Congratulations. You've just added a new part of the station," Mission Control radioed once the job was finished.

"We've got a lot of excited people up here," Helms replied.

Voss said the arm was very smooth and precise, "just a joy to operate."

Later today, Parazynski and Italian astronaut Umberto Guidoni were to move an Italian-built cargo carrier, named Raffaello, from Endeavour's payload bay to the station. The carrier contains 10,000 pounds of supplies, from food and clothes to science experiments and racks to hold them.

The arm, 3,618 pounds of steel, aluminum and graphite epoxy, has "hands" at either end and seven joints. It will act as a high-tech construction crane, walking end-over-end like an inchworm, to add pieces to the station and lessen the need for astronauts to do outside work during spacewalks.

On Tuesday, Hadfield and Parazynski will go back outside to wire up the end of the arm in its new location. On Wednesday, the new arm will hand off its packing crate to a smaller arm attached to the shuttle.

The shuttle was launched on Thursday and is due to return to Earth next today.

The new robotic arm was built by Canada, and Hadfield was the first Canadian to perform a spacewalk.

"Thank you very much for all the people who helped put the arm here," Hadfield said Sunday. "Scott and I were just the deliverymen. And it really opens the door to what all of us can be doing together here internationally, beginning to explore space as a planet."

In June the new arm will hook up a pressure chamber to Alpha. That chamber will allow station astronauts to perform spacewalks without the aid of a shuttle.

Next year the station is scheduled to receive a rail car built by Canada to further extend the new arm's reach. "Fingers" will be added to the arm in 2003 to increase its dexterity.

NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT — Karen Waller was introduced this morning as the new assistant superintendent for business and finance for the Snyder ISD. Shown with Waller is Dale Byrd, the district's head of technology. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS graduate...

Waller to head finances in Snyder school district

A 1979 graduate of Snyder High School has been named the new assistant superintendent for business and finance of the Snyder Independent School District.

Karen J. Waller will begin her duties with the local district next Monday, replacing Lee McNair who is moving to Duncanville. Tomorrow is McNair's last day with Snyder ISD.

In introducing Waller to the campus principals and heads of other departments this morning, Supt. Gayle Lomax said he is excited to have Waller on board. "She brings impeccable credentials to the district."

Waller graduated from Texas Tech University in 1984 with a bachelor of fine arts degree, and received her master's degree in accounting from Texas Tech in 1988.

Waller presently is self-employed in the public accounting field, and is serving as the children's director at First United Methodist Church.

She served as interim business manager with the Ira school district for six months in 2000 during the change in administrations, and served eight years in the business office of the Lubbock Independent School District, from June 1991 until July 1999.

While with the Lubbock schools, she served as the budget accountant, senior financial accountant and the accounts payable supervisor.

Her husband, Jay, is the agriculture teacher at Ira, and they have a fifth grade daughter, Kaci.

She is the daughter of James and Jo Ann Littlepage, both former teachers in the local school district.

Waller's salary is $62,500 per year.

AWARD WINNING PLAY — SHS drama students will present the final hometown performances of *Taming of the Shrew* at 7:30 tonight and Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $3 for adults and $2 for students. The one-act play will compete in Austin May 4. Students pictured, from left, are Valery Haines, Curtis; Emily Vinson, dressmaker; and Whitney Graham, servant. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS second in UIL

Snyder High School garnered second place honors in UIL Regional competition held Friday and Saturday at Angelo State University with SHS students collecting 119 points in all.

That includes the points earned during Friday's one-act play competition.

Southlake Carroll finished in first place with 130 points. Azle and Grapevine tied for third place with 107 points each.

Taming of the Shrew advanced to state. Hayli Henderson and Brandon McCraw were named to the all-star cast and Michael Compton and Kelli Henderson received honorable mention.

Snyder students earned the following places during the academic contests on Saturday.

Prose interpretation: Matt Coronado, first place.

Computer applications: Jeremee Lester, first.

Accounting: Tyler Kerr, second; Kate Wright, third; Leslye Starnes, fourth. The trio also earned first place as a team.

Informative speaking: Jaci Smith, second.

Feature writing: Ashley Tucker, third.

Biology: Dustin Whitson, second.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Lyndell Lee, fifth.

Spelling and vocabulary: Wendy Proffitt, seventh.

Advancing to the state contest set May 3-5 in Austin will be the winners in the following categories: Accounting, computer applications, feature writing, informative speaking and prose interpretation.

Besides competing in their various events, students will tour the State Capitol, the Governor's Mansion and other points of interest in Austin.

One-act play competition is set May 4 in Austin.

Students who attend the UIL State Academic Meet in Austin become eligible to apply for an academic scholarship provided by the University Interscholastic League Foundation of Texas.

ADVANCE TO STATE — Seven Snyder High School students have advanced to the state UIL Academic Meet May 3-5 in Austin. Back row, from left, Ashley Tucker, Tyler Kerr and Jeremee Lester; front row, Matt Coronado, Kate Wright, Jaci Smith. Leslye Starnes is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Jurors being questioned for wreck lawsuit

Jury selection was underway this morning in 132nd District Court in a civil lawsuit stemming from a 1999 traffic mishap northeast of Snyder in the Loyd Mountain area.

Attorneys on both sides were questioning a pool of 140 potential jurors before noon today.

Plaintiff attorneys are Sam Fadduol of the Fadduol, Glasheen and Valles law firm in Lubbock, Bob Hanna of the Hanna Law Firm in Abilene and James Mosley of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Dawson of Midland.

Defense attorney is Timothy D. Yeats of Big Spring. District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

Family members injured in the April 21 accident are seeking unspecified damages from the estate of Mozell Roggenstein, who was killed instantly in the two-vehicle collision at the crossroads of County Roads 146, 1113 and 1105.

Effie Witte, driver of one vehicle, is a plaintiff in the case along with her minor daughter, Catherine Witte, and her mother, Geneva Smith, both passengers in the vehicle. Carl Witte, husband of Effie Witte, was not a passenger, but also is listed as a plaintiff.

Mr. Roggenstein, 88, was the lone occupant of his vehicle.

WTC presidential interview changed

Tonight's scheduled interview with Dr. Dusty Johnston as a candidate for president of Western Texas College has been postponed until next Monday.

Dr. John Pruit, a fourth candidate, will be interviewed by trustees on Thursday.

ASK US

Q-How many stores sell Texas Lottery tickets?

A-There are 16,249 outlets for online and scratch-off tickets, while 630 sell only the scratch-off tickets.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 83 degrees; low, 66; high Sunday, 80; low, 48; 7 a.m. Monday, 48; .05 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 5.40 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear skies, low near 40, W wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high mid 70s, SE wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear, low mid 40s.

Daniel Escobedo
Sunny

Sunset: 8:18 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.
Of 112 days in 2001, the sun has shone 100 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Never fight too often with one enemy or you will teach him your art of war.
—Napoleon Bonaparte

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Returning Congress faces many decisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's signature domestic priorities — tax cuts and greater accountability in public education — are at the legislative forefront as Congress returns to work this week.

A major education bill reflecting the president's plan to improve the performance of the nation's students and schools is expected to go before the Senate by midweek.

Meanwhile, House and Senate negotiators will begin grappling with differences in their approach to the budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The House approved a budget that endorsed Bush's 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax cut. The Senate, in its final act before the two-week Easter recess, adopted a package that included a $1.2 trillion tax break and more spending than the president wants.

A vote on a compromise could come by week's end.

In what is expected to be a busy five weeks before a Memorial Day break, Republican leaders hope to send a tax cut package to Bush and come up with a long-term energy plan.

The Senate is likely to vote on legislation to raise the minimum wage while giving small businesses some tax relief. Democrats also are pressing on campaign finance legislation, prescription drug benefits for seniors and patient rights for those in HMO programs, among other issues.

These activities follow the fairly cautious approach taken so far by GOP leaders who have a fellow Republican in the White House but also must deal with a Democratic force of nearly equal strength.

Since convening in January, Congress has passed two major bills. One makes it tougher to declare bankruptcy, the other overturns Clinton administration ergonomic rules aimed at reducing workplace injuries.

The House has passed the main parts of the Bush tax plan while the Senate, in a victory for Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., approved limits on campaign contributions.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Congress in the first 75 days of the Bush administration has been "less sensational" but more productive than the Clinton administration in its opening days.

Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, head of the House Democratic Caucus, said Republicans were "determined to take an unrealistic approach," charging ahead with tax cuts before they know how much the country needs for other priorities, and before dealing with urgent matters such as prescription drug benefits.

After weeks of negotiations with Democrats, Senate Republicans hope to pass an education bill that will largely reflect Bush's goals of holding schools more accountable, requiring annual testing to measure student performance and providing other options to students attending failing schools.

A tentative compromise was reached before the recess on the contentious issue of vouchers, under which students at substandard schools could get money to receive after-school tutoring or transfer to another public school. Unlike Bush's proposal, however, the bill would not allow public funds to be used for private school tuition.

The opening of debate on the bill was put off until at least Wednesday because of remaining differences. Democrats say Bush's budget, while increasing education spending, does not go far enough to meet the costs of hiring more teachers and building or repairing schools.

The House this week takes up two bills that are favorites of social and fiscal conservatives but have had little success in the past.

A measure that makes it a crime to harm a fetus during a violent act against a pregnant woman is the first showdown this year on the abortion issue. The bill passed the House during the last Congress but stalled in the Senate.

On Thursday, the House is to take up a proposed amendment to the Constitution requiring Congress to have a two-thirds majority for tax increases. Supporters fell some 50 votes short of passage last year.

Felons, fugitives get illegal benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of dollars are paid annually to felons and fugitives, largely because U.S. officials haven't matched medical and Social Security beneficiaries with law enforcement records, government investigators say.

"The Social Security and Medicare programs don't have a penny to spare for undeserving populations," said Sen. Charles Grassley, whose Senate Finance Committee will hold hearings on the payments this week. "They're already being squeezed to the limit."

Medicare, for example, paid more than $25,000 for services to an inmate convicted of killing his mother and more than $97,000 to a facility that treated nine inmates whose crimes included arson, attempted assault, breaking and entering and burglary.

The payments were made despite federal laws prohibiting most prisoners from receiving Medicare and Medicaid payments and barring fugitive felons, probation and parole violators from receiving Supplemental Security Income for needy aged, blind or disabled people.

While some state or local laws include provisions that could qualify prisoners for Medicare and Medicaid, officials of those programs have not tried to determine which jurisdictions might allow the benefits.

"The government is aiding and abetting the flight of fugitive felons," said Grassley, R-Iowa. "Government programs are paying to help convicted criminals stay on the lam."

According to documents provided to The Associated Press, problems identified so far by investigators for the Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security, Congress and Louisiana show:

—$32 million in Medicare fee-for-service payments were made on behalf of 7,438 incarcerated beneficiaries during calendar years 1997 through 1999, with a strong likelihood that most of the payments violated the law.

—Some $75 million in federal Medicaid funds were paid to Louisiana State University medical facilities for inmate care from 1997 through this year. A top Louisiana state auditor, Daniel Kyle, questioned why federal officials approved the disbursements when the Code of Federal Regulations "specifically states such costs are not allowable."

—At least 27,700 fugitives were paid some $76 million in Supplemental Security Income benefits since August 1996 contrary to law, and the tab may increase by $30 million annually if the payments continue, the AP reported in December.

"We are concerned ... because, in general, no Medicare payments should be made for services rendered to prisoners unless certain strict conditions are met by the government component which operates the prison," Acting HHS Inspector General Michael Mangano said in testimony prepared for a Senate hearing Wednesday.

In most cases, investigators learned that information to stop many of the illegal payments was available, but efforts by Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security officials to obtain the data were inadequate. In some cases, time-consuming computer programs would have to be devised.

HHS investigators noted the Health Care Financing Administration, which administers Medicare and Medicaid, does not have records to identify incarcerated beneficiaries.

The Social Security Administration had a list compiled from law enforcement records of 38,600 beneficiaries who were incarcerated. HSS officials are arranging to gain access to the same data to stop improper Medicaid and Medicare payments.

Kyle, the Louisiana auditor, said in prepared testimony that despite a federal rule barring Medicaid benefits to inmates, U.S. officials approved payment to the Louisiana State University facilities for treating them, after the state passed a law deeming them indigent.

He questioned how the Medicaid officials "can allow Louisiana (or any other state), simply by passing a state law, to include prisoner medical care" when a federal rule "specifically states such costs are not allowable."

Medicare and Medicaid officials said they are analyzing what it would take to determine which payments are improper and compile a database of differing state laws.

Social Security investigators found considerable problems in complying with a 1996 law making fugitive felons, along with probation and parole violators, ineligible for Supplemental Security Income payments.

The law requires Social Security officials to provide beneficiary information to law enforcement officers who inquire about individuals they identify as fugitive felons or probation-parole violators.

This information helps law enforcement agencies apprehend the violators and fugitives while providing federal officials with names of those who should not receive benefits.

However, not all states are participating in the computer matching program. Social Security officials said they're working to expand the network.

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Four tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $25 (M) million.

The tickets were sold in: Dallas, Grand Prairie, North Richland Hills and Duncanville

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-10-23-29-47-48

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 (M) million.

Pick 3

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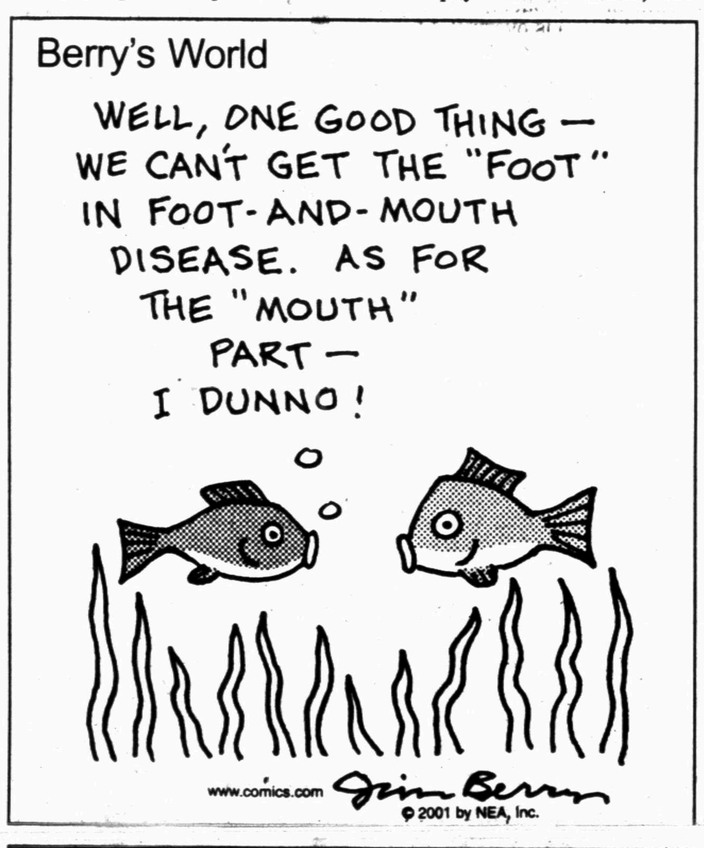

Date book

Monday, April 23, 2001

Today is the 113th day of 2001 and the 35th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1838, the steamboats Great Western and Sirius arrived in New York City. Their arrival marked the beginning of trans-Atlantic steamboat travel.

On this day in 1887, the Minnesota legislature appropriated $5,000 to create a hospital for disabled children in St. Paul. The Gillette State Hospital for Crippled Children was the first such hospital to be founded by a state.

On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley made his Las Vegas debut. He appeared as a warm-up act for comedian Shecky Greene.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Shakespeare (1564-1616), [illegible] 1868), U.S. president; Shirley Temple Black (1928-), actress-diplomat, is 73; Roy Orbison (1936-1988), singer; Lee Majors (1940-), actor, is 61; Valerie Bertinelli (1960-), actress, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, Hank Aaron hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "From Caesar to Cromwell, and from Cromwell to Napoleon ... history presents the same solemn warning — beware of elevating to the highest civil trust the commander of your victorious armies." — James Buchanan

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Delta and pilots OK tentative contract

WASHINGTON (AP) — Delta Air Lines' pilots soon could become the highest-paid in the industry after agreeing to a tentative, four-year proposal that exceeds the current most lucrative contract at United Airlines.

The agreement, reached Sunday, warded off a strike a week before Delta's 9,800 pilots had threatened to leave their cockpits.

The Air Line Pilots Association said the contract included pay increases of 24 percent to 34 percent for Delta pilots between now and 2005 and pay increases of 63 percent by 2005 for pilots at Delta Express, the carrier's lower-cost unit.

The contract was reached after five days of talks with the National Mediation Board. It also includes improvements in retirement, job security and vacation benefits, union officials said.

"We are pleased that we were able to achieve a collective agreement through the collective-bargaining process and without government intervention," Charles S. Giambusso, chairman of ALPA's Delta group, said.

"This agreement will make Delta pilots the best paid in the industry and will provide other industry-leading improvements," company chairman Leo F. Mullin said in a statement Sunday.

Under the existing contract, a pilot at Delta with 10 years of seniority and flying the carrier's smallest jet, makes $157,152 per year, according to Air Inc., an Atlanta-based pilot career counseling firm.

A Delta spokesman said the company would not discuss details of the agreement until today. Union leaders are scheduled to meet Saturday to consider the contract, with members expected to vote on it by July.

Gregg Holm, a union spokesman and Delta pilot, said the contract would make up for concessions pilots made in 1996, when the Atlanta-based airline was emerging from several years of financial losses.

"This gives the pilots pretty much what they were looking for," Holm said. "I think this is going to go a long way toward repairing the rift that was caused by the 1996 contract."

The agreement comes at a key time for Delta, which has been losing $3 million per day from a pilots' strike at its Comair regional carrier.

The industry also faces labor unrest.

Earlier this month, Northwest Airlines reached a tentative deal with its 9,400 mechanics, and American has been haggling with flight attendants on a new contract. Texas-based American also faces labor uncertainty as it attempts to merge workers from Trans World Airlines, which it formally acquired this month.

United also faces contract issues with its mechanics.

Delta pilots had sought a deal to surpass the generous contract United Air Lines and its pilots ratified last year, making "United Plus" a slogan for the talks.

The proposed Delta contract provides wage and benefit hikes that are about 1 percent higher than United's. ALPA was seeking gains of 4 percent to 5 percent beyond the United contract, a source familiar with the negotiations said.

Money issues were the easiest part of the deal, the source said.

"We just weren't far apart on pay. The crux of the biscuit really stuck with scope, retro pay and Express."

While Express pilots will see raises, ALPA was unable to eliminate a lower-wage system at the Florida-based airline.

Delta said repeatedly that it needed to retain lower costs at Express to compete with low-fare leader Southwest, which has made strong inroads in Florida.

If approved, the contract would end a 19-month process that included a work slowdown by pilots and the company's successful pursuit of an injunction.

Before the deal, Delta had been lobbying vigorously for the White House to appoint a presidential emergency board to study the dispute. Under the Railway Labor Act, which governs airline and railroad labor contracts, a presidential emergency board can be appointed to study the situation and recommend a contract.

The appointment of a board would automatically put any job action on hold for 60 days, after which the pilots could strike unless Congress acts to mandate a contract. President Bush has pledged to block strikes at major airlines this year with such boards.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Husband's interrogations reveal his lack of trust

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 14 years. We have two wonderful boys. Last weekend, my husband questioned me about a missing condom. He asked if I knew where it was. At first, I laughed it off, because I had no idea where it might be. He questioned me about it for three days.

Yesterday, I discovered the missing condom. It had been thrown into another drawer. When I told my husband, he actually checked the lot number to see if it matched the others in the package. He said it was "very suspicious," and did not apologize for accusing me of taking it.

Abby, our married life has not been the happiest. He has falsely accused me of things in the past. I've mentioned marriage counseling many times, but he refuses to go. How should I handle this? — **TIRED OF THE THIRD DEGREE**

DEAR TIRED: The lack of trust in your marriage needs to be addressed. Since your husband refuses to go to counseling, go by yourself. You need a safe, supportive place to vent your understandable frustration and anger.

P.S. You didn't mention how old your sons are, but I suspect one or both of them became curious and went into your drawers. In their haste to return the condom, it was put into the wrong drawer. If you haven't done so already, your sons are old enough to hear some straight talk about human sexuality, the reproductive system and their parents' right to privacy.

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DEAR ABBY: Recently you've printed several letters from readers complaining about their neighborhood "pests." I live in an idyllic home at the end of a private road. Vegetation obscures my immediate neighbors.

My neighborhood "pest" is my next-door neighbor. For years she complained that I was cutting weeds and vines from the ditch that separates our properties. (I cut the weeds because I want the hedge I planted to grow.)

One day while she was complaining, I said, "You know, it makes me very uncomfortable knowing that you watch me when I'm all sweaty and working with my shirt off." Then I winked at her. It was the last complaint I've had from her in five years. — **GARDENER IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR GARDENER: You probably scared the "pest" with your flirtatious accusation. I hope your hedge has finally grown tall enough that she no longer gets an "eyeful," if she's so inclined.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are planning a simple, intimate wedding, and because I am Jewish and he is not, we're having a nondenominational ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, I would like to have the traditional "stomping of the glass." However, my mother says that we cannot do it because we're not having the traditional Jewish ceremony.

What is the proper etiquette? — **STACY IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.**

DEAR STACY: There is no rule that says you cannot include the breaking of the wine glass in your wedding ceremony if you wish. Civil ceremonies can (and do) vary greatly, and some customs can be modified according to your own preference.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Kids asked to turn off TV, and be more active

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attention kids: Drop that remote control, put down those fattening snacks munched while watching television, and go outside to play.

That's the message in a campaign beginning today that encourages youngsters and their families to turn off their sets and exercise more.

"This is the most overweight, obese generation of children in our history," Surgeon General David Satcher said in an interview. "The message this week is about saving lives."

One parent whose family is taking the no-television pledge said his children, ages 5 and 10, will skip the few hours of public television they usually are allowed.

"It's just such a fixture in our lives," said Tom Cara, an advertising businessman from Niles, Ill., who is leading the campaign in his community. "But we have to set an example for our children."

Studies show U.S. children are watching, on average, 1,000 hours of television each year, or about three hours every day. At the same time, about one in 15 school-age children is overweight.

Those numbers add up to a public health crisis, Satcher said. As adults, today's young couch potatoes will have heart disease, diabetes and other life-threatening ailments, he said.

"If children are spending a thousand hours in front of the TV, they're not doing much else," says Jennifer Kurz, spokeswoman for the TV Turnoff Network, which says television is the main culprit for poor exercise habits.

Entire families keep the set on eight hours a day, says the nonprofit group. It hopes 6 million children and adults will turn off their televisions and use time to toss footballs, take walks or ride bikes. Since 1995, the group has organized pledge drives through schools and community centers.

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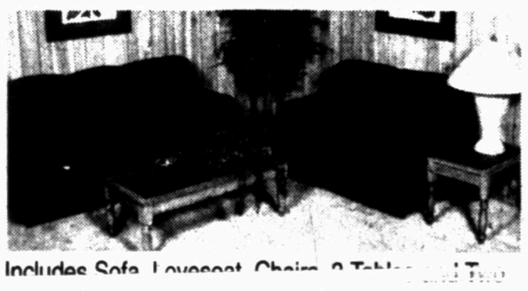
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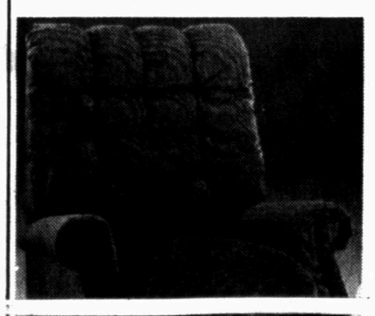
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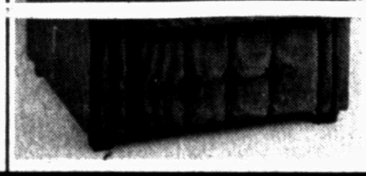
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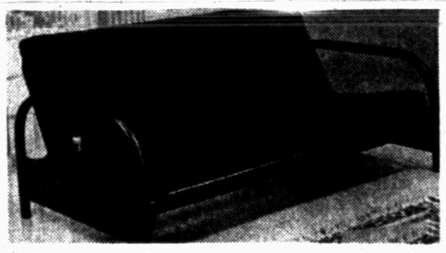
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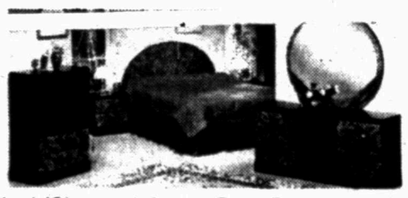
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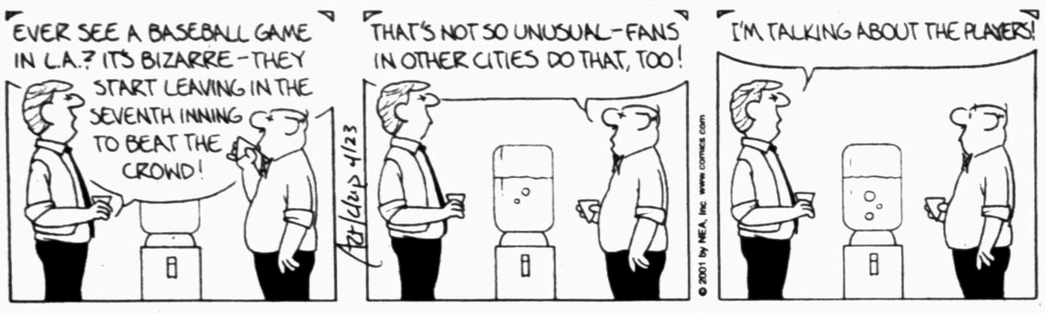

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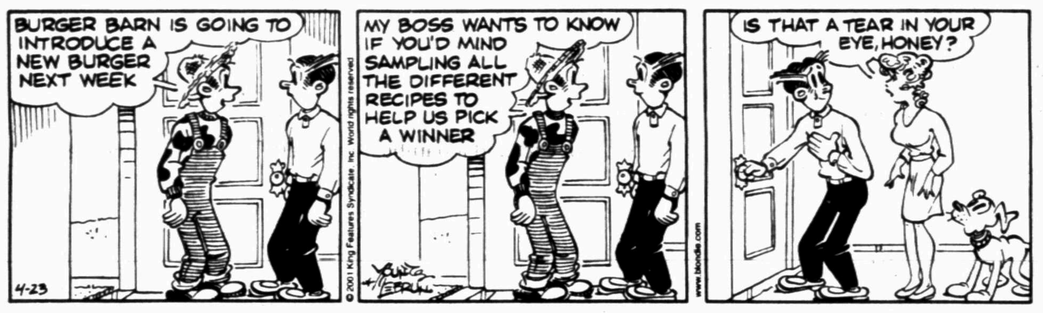

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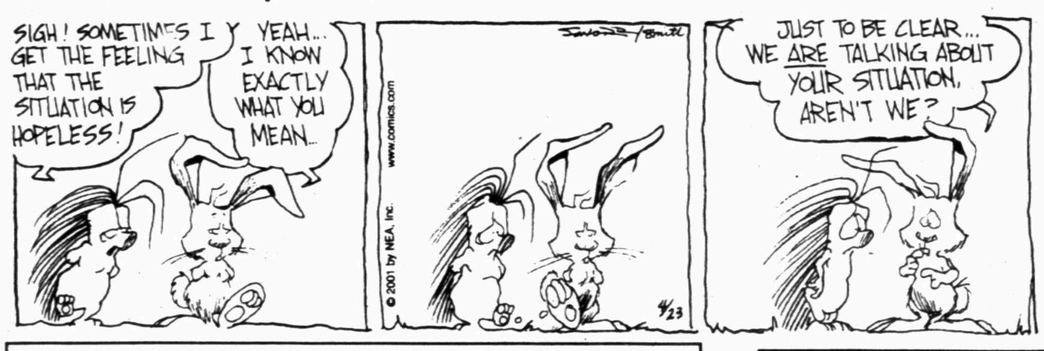

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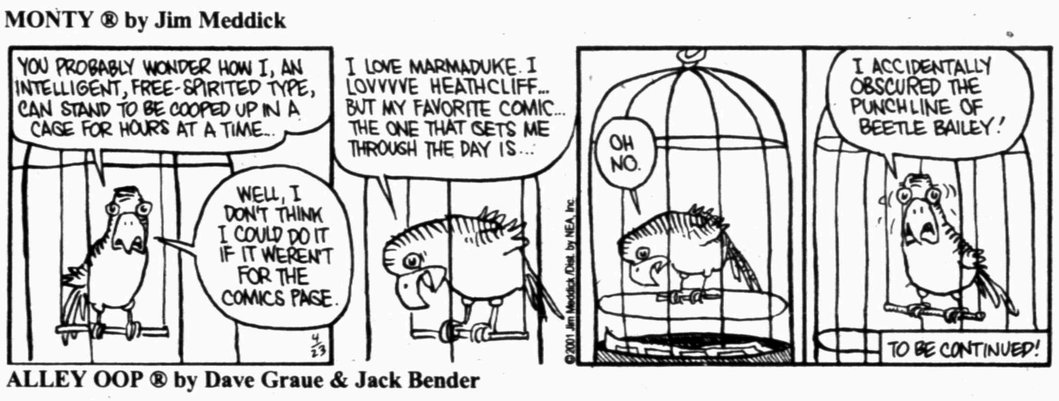

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7 Downy duck
12 Poetic foot
13 Mistreat
14 Collision
15 Delicate
16 "— King and I"
17 Air-quality org.
18 "Nova" network
23 Baby food
26 — and hearty
28 Basketball's Archibald
29 Map abbr.
30 Neighbor on
31 Having made a will
33 Optimistic
36 "Take — — from me"
37 Companion of aah
38 Paving goos
40 "Vision" start
41 Vessel's curved planking
42 Use a dressing room (2 wds.)
44 Mom's partner
45 Type of pick?
46 Golf standard
48 Disregard
51 Baking tin (2 wds.)
55 Tenant
56 Maliciously
57 Work on dough
58 Signify

DOWN

1 Sundial numeral
2 Whale group
3 Ref's counterpart
4 Blind as — —
5 Nape of the neck
6 Rearward
7 Goes by, as time
8 Skeleton parts
9 Press for payment
10 Superlative ending
11 "The Bridge of San Luis —"
13 Conceive
18 The Lighthouse of —
19 Zoo animal
20 Like partially frozen snow
22 Place to dine
23 Chattered
24 King of the Huns
25 Chirped
27 Paris summer
32 Make doilies
34 Clad
35 More sour
39 Soaked (up)
43 Ingenuous
45 — bene
47 Check
48 Annoy
49 **** officer (abbr.)
50 Compass pt.
52 Middle East org.
53 Mt. abbr.
54 Bill —, the Science Guy

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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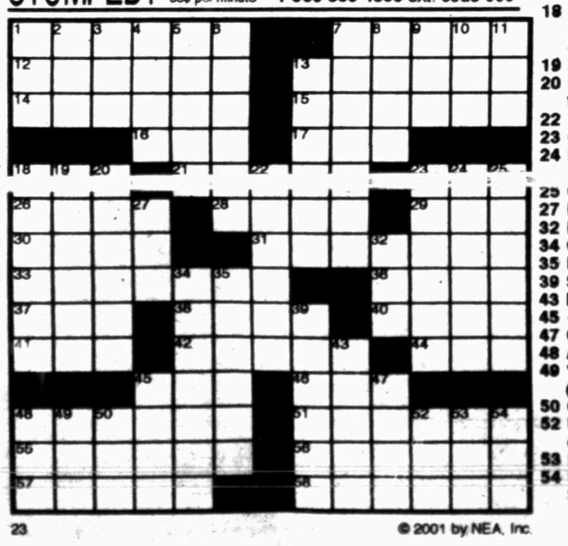

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SPORTS

SHS squads open regional play

Thirteen Snyder High School athletes began competition today in San Angelo, with hopes of advancing to Austin in two weeks.

A pair of SHS golf teams, along with three Snyder tennis players, opened play this morning at the Region I-4A golf and tennis tournaments.

The top two finishers in each event qualify for state competition May 7-8 in Austin.

The Snyder Tiger golf team teed off at 7:45 this morning at Quicksand Golf Club, while the Lady Tigers' opening round started at 7:30 at Riverside GC.

Despite turning in the lowest qualifying scores, the SHS boys were not paired with the other regional favorites. The Tigers, who figure to be in the hunt along with Wichita Falls Rider, Southlake Carroll and Andrews, were teamed up with Brownwood, Wichita Falls High and Fort Worth Western Hills for the first round.

"For some reason, they just didn't figure the pairings correctly," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "There were a lot of mad coaches, but there's nothing we can do about it now. These pairings can work for you, or against you.

"On one hand, you're having to play with teams who might struggle more than you, and could break your kids' rhythm. On the other hand, it gives you a chance to sneak up on some teams, without them knowing how well you are playing."

Also competing in the boys' tourney are Justin Northwest, FW Arlington Heights, Granbury, Pampa, Canyon Randall, El Paso Riverside, EP Burges and two teams from Pecos.

At the girls' event, there was no surprise to the pairings. Snyder garnered the No. 3 seed and was grouped with Andrews, Pecos A and Southlake Carroll.

The remaining teams are WF High, WF Rider, FW Arlington Heights, FW Eastern Hills, Granbury, Stephenville, Justin Northwest, Pecos B, Borger, Hereford, EP Burges and EP Ysleta.

The final round for both tournaments is slated for Tuesday.

While the SHS linksters make their bids for state berths, three Snyder netters will do the same at Bentwood Country Club.

The boys' doubles team of Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith were due up early this morning for their first-round match, as was Patricia Vargas in the girls' singles competition.

The regional tennis tourney is a single-elimination event. This morning's winners advance to this afternoon's second round.

The semifinals and finals are scheduled for Tuesday.

In other regional competition, five Ira High School golfers teed off this morning in the Region II-A tourney at Maxwell GC in Abilene.

The Ira girls captured second place in the district tournament to advance to Abilene. Competing for the Lady Bulldogs are Tosha Walker, Mikanna Herring, Lacie Thompson and Lindsey Wilson.

Ira's Jeff Fine, runner-up in the boys' district medalist race, is also competing at Maxwell.

Carter hopes for bright future as Cowboys' QB

IRVING (AP) — New Cowboys quarterback Quincy Carter of Georgia has already inherited Troy Aikman's locker at the team's training facility.

He hopes to someday follow in his footsteps on the field.

Carter, the 53rd pick in the NFL draft this weekend, is the first quarterback that the Cowboys have drafted since Bill Musgrave in 1991. Aikman led Dallas to three Super Bowls in 12 seasons before being waived in March. Two weeks later, veteran Tony Banks signed a one-year, $500,000 deal with no incentives.

Owner Jerry Jones has said Banks will be the starter. Nevertheless, Carter is looking toward what he hopes will be a bright future with the club.

"It's going to be tough coming to Dallas," Carter said on Sunday. "I'm not looking to replace Troy, I'm looking to be the future quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys."

"As a little kid you always look at the great teams, " Carter said. "When I was in high school I was trying to be like Troy Aikman. There's great tradition here, and the quarterback has to be aware of that."

Softball playoff games scheduled

Cates Field will be the site of softball playoff games today and Tuesday.

At 5:30 p.m. today, Abilene Cooper and Odessa Permian will play, while at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, San Angelo Central will play the winner of today's game.

The games are necessary to determine the third place playoff team from District 4-5A. All three teams tied for third place with 5-7 records.

Tickets are $3 for adults and $1 for children.

Spurs, Wolves set for Game 2

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Terrell Brandon isn't about to let a sprained ankle knock him out of the Minnesota Timberwolves' playoff series against the San Antonio Spurs.

Brandon, the Wolves' second-best shooter, sprained his left ankle late in San Antonio's 87-82 victory Saturday.

The top-seeded Spurs and eighth-seeded Wolves play Game 2 of their best-of-five series tonight at the Alamodome.

"I've been treating it all night — that's why I'm kind of tired," Brandon said Sunday before the start of practice.

The 5-foot-11 point guard said he definitely would play in tonight's game, though his minutes could be limited because of the sore ankle, which has bothered him off and on for years. He missed four games after spraining it in November.

Brandon, who had 16 points on Saturday, slipped several times before the fall that sent him limping off the court.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Golf

Snyder girls at 4A regional tourney, Riverside GC in San Angelo

Snyder boys at 4A regional tourney, Quicksand GC in San Angelo

Ira at 1A regional tourney, Maxwell GC in Abilene

Tennis

Snyder at 4A regional tourney, Bentwood CC in San Angelo

TUESDAY

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Snyder boys at 4A regional tourney, Quicksand GC in San Angelo

Ira at 1A regional tourney, Maxwell GC in Abilene

Tennis

Snyder at 4A regional tourney, Bentwood CC in San Angelo

Baseball

Plainview at Snyder, 7 p.m.

Helling, Rangers pound Athletics

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rick Helling, Texas' No. 1 starter, struck out eight and got his first win of the season as the Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 11-2 Sunday.

Helling (1-3) gave up just two runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings, which is his longest outing. He was winless his first four starts, and had given up 20 runs and 26 hits in 13 1-3 innings the last three.

Ivan Rodriguez homered for the third straight game, and Rafael Palmeiro hit a three-run homer for the Rangers against Tim Hudson (2-2).

Alex Rodriguez went 3-for-4 with a walk to extend his hitting streak to 11 games. A-Rod is 18-for-41 (.439) in the streak, including 12-for-25 in seven games against the A's.

Hudson, 9-1 with a 2.00 ERA in his previous 11 starts since last Aug. 28, gave up seven runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out three and walked four.

Texas went ahead to stay with four runs in the fourth, including Palmeiro's fifth homer. Andres Galarraga and Frank Catalanotto had consecutive two-out doubles later in the inning to make it 5-2.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Lanes	127	69
Snyder Iron	114.5	81.5
Blue Sunco	105.5	90.5
Cutting Edge	105	91
The Shack	104.5	91.5
YZ Systems	92.5	105.5
Tinder Storage	88.5	107.5
Larry's Trucks	87	109
Timely Finance	83.5	112.5
Tiger Mart	72	124

High series: Mark Glasscock, scratch, 576; Ray Jasso, handicap, 620.

High game: Jeff Smith, scratch, 236; Cory Maxfield, handicap, 249.

Splits and special mentions: Gary Kinder, 5-6; Harold Kornegay, 4-5; Kenneth Parker, 5-7; Anthony Palacios, 5-7-9; Gary Kinder, 3-10.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Countryplace	64	7
Renegades	22	6
Snyder Iron	18	10
BCEC	17	10
Pool	15	12
J.Shea Jewelers	13	15

High series: Scratch: Mark Glasscock, 545; Donna Smith, 444. Handicap: Mark Glasscock, 623; Mary Eime, 607.

High game: Scratch: Roger Pavlik, 227; Donna Smith, 164. Handicap: Roger Pavlik, 259; Donna Smith, 214.

Sports Briefs

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be low net twosome.

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held Saturday at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player, and includes green fee, golf cart and a hamburger lunch. Teams must have a combined handicap over 50.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes will be a $5,000 CD and a 2001 Ford Focus. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

Major League Baseball

National League

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	11	6	.647	—
Montreal	9	10	.474	3
Florida	8	10	.444	3½
New York	8	10	.444	3½
Atlanta	8	11	.421	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	6	.667	—
Houston	10	7	.588	1½
Cincinnati	9	9	.500	3
Milwaukee	8	10	.444	4
St. Louis	8	10	.444	4
Pittsburgh	7	10	.412	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	11	7	.611	—
Colorado	10	8	.556	1
Los Angeles	10	9	.526	1½
Arizona	8	10	.444	3
San Diego	7	11	.389	4

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets 5, Cincinnati 2
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 9, Houston 2
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 3
Florida 5, Montreal 0
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 1
Arizona 10, Colorado 5
Los Angeles 4, San Diego 2

Sunday's Games

Montreal 6, Florida 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 10 innings
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
San Francisco 6, Milwaukee 4
San Diego 7, Los Angeles 6, 11 innings
Colorado 2, Arizona 1
Houston 4, St. Louis 3

Monday's Games

Atlanta at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Florida at Arizona, 9:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
Florida at Arizona, 9:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	13	6	.684	—
Toronto	12	7	.632	1
New York	11	8	.579	2
Baltimore	8	11	.421	5
Tampa Bay	5	14	.263	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	14	3	.824	—
Cleveland	11	6	.647	3
Chicago	6	11	.353	8
Kansas City	6	12	.333	8½
Detroit	5	12	.294	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	15	4	.789	—
Texas	10	10	.500	5½
Anaheim	7	12	.368	8
Oakland	6	13	.316	9

Saturday's Games

Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 3
Cleveland 5, Detroit 4, 11 innings
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 5, Anaheim 2
Tampa Bay 6, Baltimore 5
Oakland 7, Texas 6
Kansas City 5, Toronto 4, 13 innings

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 3, 10 innings
Cleveland 11, Detroit 3
Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 8, 11 innings
Kansas City 5, Toronto 1
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 11, Oakland 2
Seattle 5, Anaheim 0

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Texas at Toronto, 7;05 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Oakland at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT

FIRST ROUND

Wednesday, April 18

Toronto 3, Ottawa 1, Toronto wins series 4-0
Colorado 5, Vancouver 1, Colorado wins series 4-0

Saturday, April 21

Buffalo 8, Philadelphia 0, Buffalo wins series 4-2
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1, Pittsburgh leads series 3-2
Dallas 3, Edmonton 1, Dallas wins series 4-2
Los Angeles 3, Detroit 2, Los Angeles leads series 3-2
St. Louis 2, San Jose 1, St. Louis wins series 4-2

Sunday, April 22

New Jersey 5, Carolina 1, New Jersey wins series 4-2

Monday, April 23

Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24

Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, April 25

Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT

FIRST ROUND

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami vs. Charlotte

Saturday, April 21

Charlotte 106, Miami 80, Charlotte leads series 1-0

Monday, April 23

Charlotte at Miami, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia vs. Indiana

Saturday, April 21

Indiana 79, Philadelphia 78, Indiana leads series 1-0

Tuesday, April 24

Indiana at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Milwaukee vs. Orlando

Sunday, April 22

Milwaukee 103, Orlando 90, Milwaukee leads series 1-0

Wednesday, April 25

Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

New York vs. Toronto

Sunday, April 22

New York 92, Toronto 85, New York leads series 1-0

Thursday, April 26

Toronto at New York, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio vs. Minnesota

Saturday, April 21

San Antonio 87, Minnesota 82, San Antonio leads series 1-0

Monday, April 23

Minnesota at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Utah vs. Dallas

Saturday, April 21

Utah 88, Dallas 86, Utah leads series 1-0

Tuesday, April 24

Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers vs. Portland

Sunday, April 22

L.A. Lakers 106, Portland 93, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0

Thursday, April 26

Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

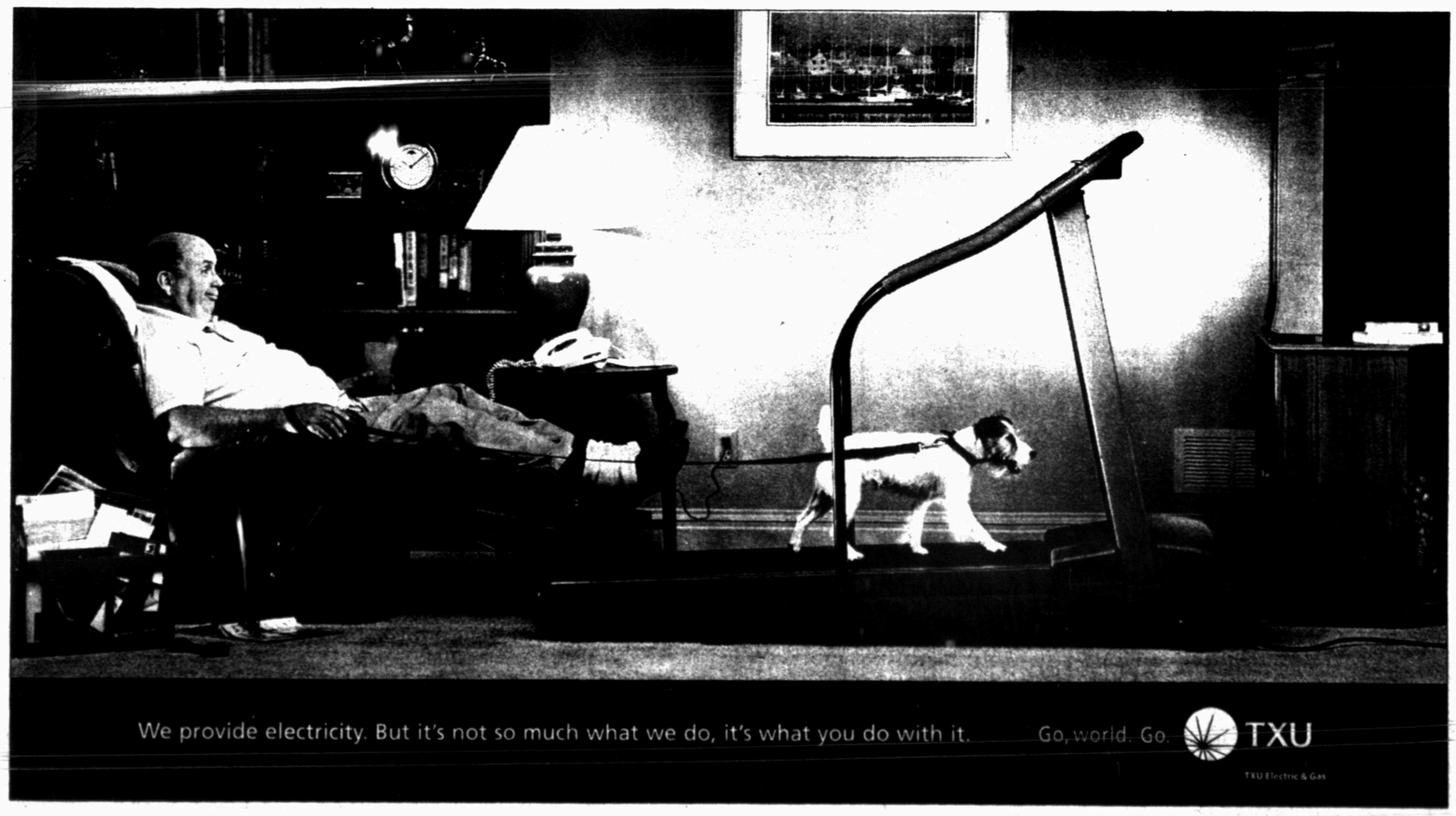
Sacramento vs. Phoenix

Sunday, April 22

Phoenix 86, Sacramento 83, Phoenix leads series 1-0

Wednesday, April 25

Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.



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Wildlife mangement meeting set in May

A wildlife program, "Sustainable Wildlife Management," hosted by Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell, Garza and Kent Counties Extension Offices. The meeting, sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resource and Conservation Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., and the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, 10 miles north of Snyder, Texas just off U.S. Highway 84 on County Road 2128, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:10 p.m. The meeting is planned to help area landowners and managers to further develop the wildlife management skills toward profitable wildlife enterprises.

The first part of the program will begin at 8 p.m. on the evening of May 8 when Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Association stationed in Scurry County will conduct a spotlight deer survey on the Wagon Wheel Ranch to help area mangers learn how to estimate their deer population.

Leading off the program on Wednesday, May 9 at 9 a.m. will be Tamara Trail, director of education and special events for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Association headquarter in San Antonio, will discuss the function of the Texas Wildlife Association and the benefits of membership to those interested in wildlife.

Following Tamara will be Rory Burroughs with Krooked River Outfitters who will present Techniques to Enhance Wildlife Habitat. After a break, Duane Lucia, conservation scientist with Texas Parks and Wildlife, will discuss how to live with feral hogs, a growing problem in our area. Kent Mills, with Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., will finish the morning session with a talk on some practical feeding programs for deer.

After a steak dinner at the Rusty Spur Café, Steve, Nelle, wildlife biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in San Angelo, will cover the topic of determining the proper deer harvest for your county. Dr. Dale Rollinns, wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo, will then discuss how to manage your quail harvest to maintain a viable population on your ranch.

Finishing out the afternoon session will be a talk from Roy Wilson, of Texas Best Outfitters, on how to improve the dove hunting opportunities in this area; and Mike Graham, a wildlife biologist near Del Rio, will give his insights on selection and location of deer blinds and feeders to enhance your hunting success.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in wildlife management. The fee for this wildlife meeting is $20 for those who pre-register by May 2. For those who wish to sign up at the door, the fee will be $30.

All proceeds in excess of the costs of the meeting will go toward a scholarship fund for area youth who attend either the Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigade youth wildlife and leadership camp sponsored by the Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Service and private and university volunteers.

To pre-register, call your local county agent or Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agent — Agriculture for Scurry County at 915-573-5423.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-23-01
♠ K Q J 10 7
♥ A K Q J 9
♦ A
♣ J 4

West
♠ A 8 4 3
♥ 10 5 2
♦ K Q J 10 8
♣ K

East
♠ 9 6 2
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 7 3 2

South
♠ 5
♥ 3
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ A Q 10 9 8 6 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Monday, April 23, 2001

Senryu produce play themes

By Phillip Alder
Michaels' convention
Tells partner I have the majors
Pick the better suit
— Frances G. Campbell, Scottsdale, Ariz.

This week's senryu sent in by entrants to the Christmas Competition all mention card play, so here are six deals highlighting those themes.

The Michaels Cue-Bid is ubiquitous in the tournament world these days. It occurs when you overcall the opener's suit with two of the same suit. In the old days, that showed game in hand, but it cropped up once every five years or so. In Michaels, if your opponent opens with one of a minor and you overcall two of that minor, you show at least 5-5 in the majors. If he opens one of a major and you overcall two of that major, you show at least 5-5 in the other major and either minor. (Partner bids two notrump to ask for the minor.)

Here is a deal in which the play is easier than the bidding. (Ever hear that before?) How would you plan to win 12 tricks after West cashes the spade ace and exits with a diamond to dummy's ace?

South's three clubs announces a long suit and no interest in the majors. North should settle for five clubs, but let's assume he pushes South into six.

The trump suit must be played without loss. The percentage tables tell you to finesse, but count the points. There are only 13 missing. So, as West must have the club king, lead a club to the ace. When the king drops, draw trumps and claim.

Always count the high-card points, especially when an opponent has bid.

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Decision to sell stirs controversy

BEAUMONT (AP) — Angry and upset feelings have surfaced since Boy Scouts officials decided to sell one of their local camps in the Piney Woods to an investment company that plans to clear-cut most of the trees on the property.

Camp Bill Stark sits on a 132-acre tract southeast of Kirbyville. It was given to the Boy Scouts by Orange millionaire Lutcher Stark almost 70 years ago to be used as a camp.

But Boy Scouts officials with the Three Rivers Council said the land was no longer needed, and they had a financial obligation to sell it at the best price. The land and its timber were sold to the highest bidder for $276,000. The loggers are scheduled to begin work today.

Correction

Meagan Downing was inadvertently left off the Central Elementary third grade A Honor Roll.

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AT&T Corp		22.74	22.21	22.23—.69
Albertsons		29.30	28.76	28.80—.60
Alltel		50.95	50.01	50.48—.47
AmEl Pw		49.90	49.24	49.24 + .30
AndarkPtr		65.20	64.36	65.00 + 1.85
ATMOS Egy		21.61	21.15	21.20—.25
Avlall		8.50	7.80	8.40 + .40
BP Amoco		53.49	53.25	53.31 + .96
BakerHughes		36.05	35.62	35.90 + 1.20
Bank of Amer		55.35	54.86	55.01
BellSouth		40.15	39.63	40.00—.41
Bethl Steel		2.71	2.60	2.71 + .08
BurNoSFe		28.72	28.33	28.50—1.83
Caterpillar		48.40	47.75	48.20 + .32
Chevron		94.75	93.70	94.30 + 1.05
Citigroup s		49.45	48.60	48.93—.49
CocaCola		47.80	47.03	47.59 + .59
ColgatePal		53.97	52.85	53.04—.26
ComclMetals		24.82	24.81	24.82—.09
Cooperin		34.41	33.79	33.82—.78
DaimlrChry		49.70	49.30	49.38—.07
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ProctGamb		58.30	57.77	57.93—.07
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RadioShack		30.35	29.85	30.02 + .02
ReliantEngy		49.90	49.25	49.25 + .04
RoyalDut		58.10	57.25	57.29—.05
SBC Comm		39.60	38.38	39.04—.96
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WstnGasRs		37.70	36.05	37.30 + 1.30
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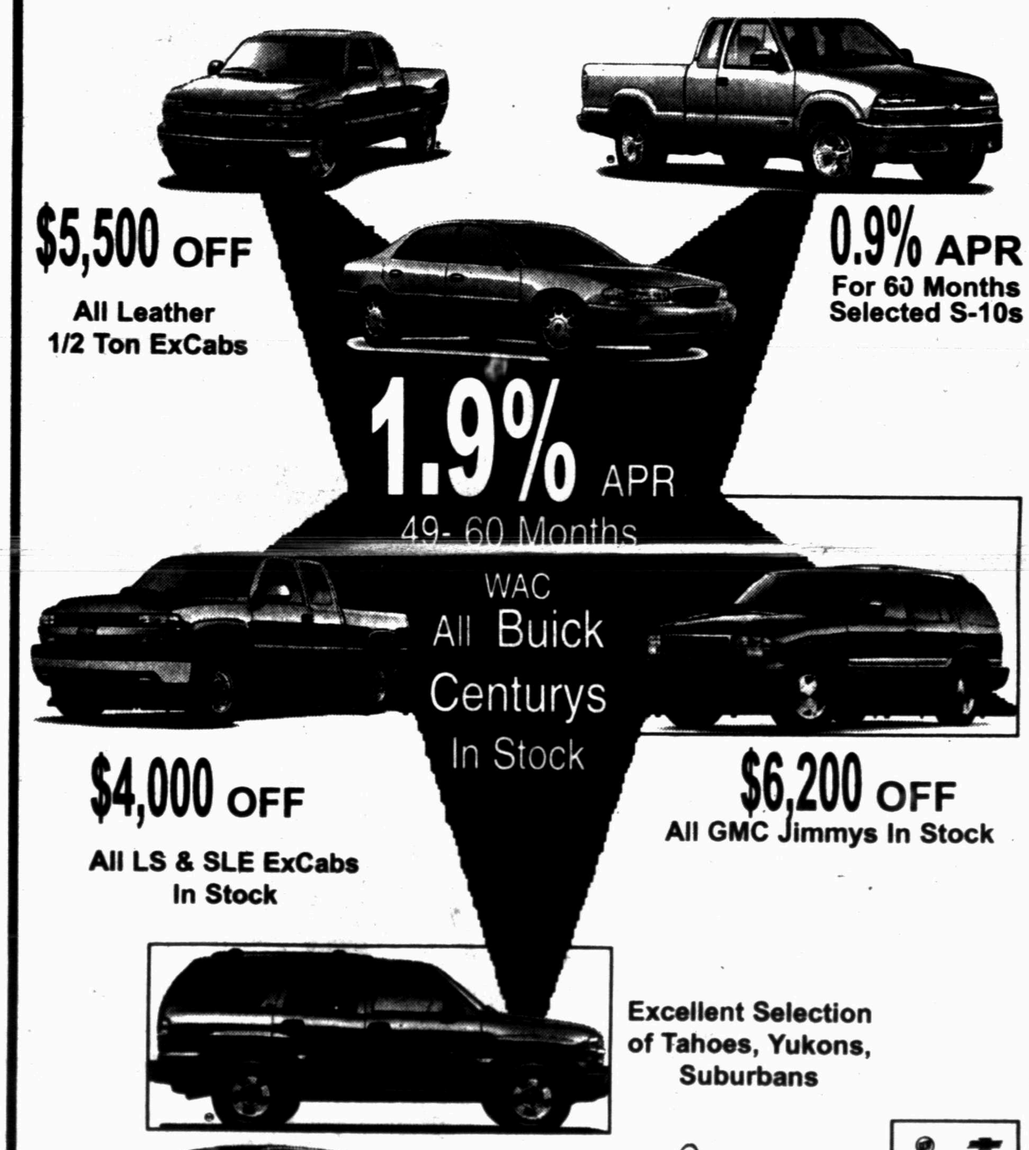

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Nursing homes could see funding under bills

AUSTIN (AP) — It's a sad story that lately has been told too often.

Texas nursing homes abruptly shutting down, leaving hundreds of elderly residents and their families to scramble for care. Dozens of facilities in bankruptcy, dozens more on the brink.

Lawsuits, skyrocketing costs, high occupancy rates and even higher employee turnover.

"If we don't do something to provide an immediate financial injection to an industry that's already on life support, while it's hard to imagine, the situation is only going to get worse," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

The state has "underfunded this industry for 20 years," said William Horabin, president of Stonebridge Health Center in Austin, a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the state over low rates.

From lawmakers to nursing home operators, everyone agrees it's time to increase funding to nursing homes.

Exactly how to do that in a tight budget cycle isn't as clear.

Moncrief and Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, are sponsoring legislation that could raise $500 million that would flow through the Medicaid program.

The industry is split over the plan, which would charge all nursing homes a "quality assurance fee" of $5 per occupied bed per day whether or not the home has Medicaid patients. It would be used to match, or "draw down" new federal money.

Texas receives about 60 cents in federal money for every 40 cents the state pays.

"It is not the best way to draw down this federal money, but in this tight budget, it appears to be the only way," Eiland said.

About 71 percent of the estimated 93,000 Texas nursing home residents receive Medicaid, the federal-state health care program for the poor.

If approved, the plan also would send money to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for use at state hospitals and schools and to agencies that help care for the disabled.

The plan would help 1,150 of the state's 1,265 nursing homes, Eiland said. He acknowledged that 115 private homes, which do not participate in the Medicaid program, would not benefit.

The funding increase would help the industry where employee turnover rates are as high as 150 percent, Eiland said. The average hourly wage for nursing home employees is about $7.

"You can't operate a business, you can't get quality care for elders, if these people keep turning over. I don't blame them for turning over because the wage is so low," Eiland said.

The state would use $339 million of the new funding to form a "Quality Assurance Fund" for the next two years.

The fund would be used to increase reimbursements to nursing homes as well as give the homes funding for wage increases and to pay for expensive liability insurance. Money also would be carved out for use on additional wage and staff increases.

Eiland and Moncrief stress that the idea is not a permanent solution to a problem that has been plaguing the state for years, but it's the best lawmakers can do right now.

"I would love to fund this out of general revenue but we don't have it. That's why we're going to include a sunset provision for four years to give us time to try to find it and fund it in different ways," Eiland said. "If anybody can find us $500 million, I would drop this in a heartbeat."

Industry lobby group Texas Health Care Association applauds the effort. Most of its member homes would receive additional funding under the plan.

"It's a good first step," said spokesman Tim Graves. "In desperate times, unfortunately, sometimes we need to be real creative."

Horabin's group, Texas Alliance for Nursing Homes, oppose the idea because many private homes would not benefit despite paying the fee.

"Representative Eiland calls this a quality assurance fee. I call it a tax on Granny," Horabin said.

Merchants hawk commemorative McVeigh T-shirts

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — With thousands expected to travel to the site of Timothy McVeigh's execution, entrepreneurs are hoping to cash in with commemorative T-shirts.

Among the four T-shirts already available in the Terre Haute area is one bearing the words "Hoosier Hospitality/McVeigh/Terre Haute/May 16, 2001, Final Justice" and emblazoned with a picture of a syringe.

McVeigh is scheduled to die by injection on May 16 for the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, which killed 168 people.

"They haven't really been flying," said Terre Haute resident Jim Handlin, who designed that shirt. "I look to have more sales as time gets closer and there's more publicity on national TV.

"I'm not really in the T-shirt business. I just bought a machine, a heat press here a month ago or so," added Handlin, 65. "The idea just popped in my mind that these would sell pretty good."

Rod Henry, president of the Greater Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, said city officials frown on local residents profiting from McVeigh's death. "We just kind of hope that we can escape that kind of vendor activity," he said.

Tony Lewis, 31, of Terre Haute is selling two pro-death-penalty T-shirts and one anti-death- penalty shirt.

His "Stop the Killing, Let McVeigh Live" T-shirt features a man strapped to a gurney. Another shirt says, "Terre Haute Extra Hangin' Times, Die!, Die, Die!" and displays a newspaper front with McVeigh's likeness. His third shirt also uses the "Hangin' Times" theme but is profanity laden.

Lewis, who said he has sold about 100 shirts so far, is also selling buttons.

"I'm doing it just to make a little money," he said.

Debbie Walker is selling Lewis' shirts at her Terre Haute store, the Body Art Emporium. She said the shirts are "selling like hotcakes" even though she's charging $20 and $25 for them.

"Let's face it: This is the first time this has been done in Terre Haute, let alone that this guy ruined so many lives," she said.

Suzanne Carter, who chairs the Terre Haute chapter of Unitarian Universalists for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, said the shirts were in poor taste.

"I just think it's completely inappropriate to create souvenirs for this event," she said.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Osteoporosis and calcium deficiency

DEAR DR. GOTT: I appear to have early-onset osteoporosis. I'm only 33 and still menstruate regularly, but a bone density showed that my bone-calcium levels are low. What should I do?

DEAR READER: Osteoporosis is so unusual in women before menopause that I hesitate considering the usual, age-related postmenopausal bone changes in your case. Rather, I urge you to have a full examination and blood tests to determine the cause of your low bone-density. I would be especially interested in assessing the function of your parathyroid gland, which governs calcium metabolism in the body. As part of this medical evaluation, an endocrinologist (specialist in metabolic disorders) will need to examine the way your body handles calcium. Is your diet, for example, severely deficient in the mineral? Are you failing to absorb calcium from your diet? Are you excreting excess quantities of calcium because your bones and body are not being appropriately stimulated to conserve it? Once a deficiency is identified, it can be treated or corrected. I advise you to address this issue expeditiously before you risk developing serious calcium shortages that could lead to fractures, permanent bone damage or possible handicaps.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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: We hear so much about cholesterol these days — what about triglycerides? Is this fat dangerous, too?

DEAR READER: The body produces and uses two major classes of fats: cholesterol and triglycerides. For the past few years, cholesterol has been in the limelight because of its association with coronary artery disease. The indictment of triglycerides is less clear, although that perception may be changing.

The normal level of triglycerides in the blood is less than 250 milligrams per deciliter, usually about 100 to 150 mg./dL. Patients with levels exceeding 500 mg/dL are at risk for pancreatic inflammation that can be life-threatening and difficult to treat. At levels of 250 to 500 mg/dL, patients have a statistically higher incidence of heart disease, although experts are still unsure whether the fat itself is a cause of the coronary disease or if it is simply a marker for cardiovascular disorders.

An elevated triglyceride level is usually secondary to other factors — primarily obesity, use of alcohol or certain medicines (such as estrogen, diuretics and beta-blockers), diabetes, hypothyroidism, kidney failure and liver disease. When these conditions are treated and controlled, blood triglyceride levels will often fall back to normal. Thus, most patients with high triglycerides will respond to a non-drug program of calorie-restriction, dietary-fat reduction, exercise, avoidance of alcohol, and treatment of underlying disorders, such as diabetes and thyroid disease. In resistant cases, fat-lowering drug therapy may be necessary.

Ordinarily, triglycerides are checked along with cholesterol in what is called a "lipid panel." This blood test also measures LDL ("bad") cholesterol and HDL ("good") cholesterol. If further analyses of blood fats are necessary, more sophisticated lab analyses can be undertaken. In my opinion, cholesterol and triglyceride levels should be checked periodically in every adult — and in some children, too, if there is a strong family history of excess blood fats.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

What you personally initiate in the year ahead will have excellent chances for success. However, you mustn't allow interference to amend what would have been effective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're more than aware of your virtues and abilities, yet today you could allow yourself to be plagued with feelings of inadequacy and self-doubt. Get back on track. 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) — Procrastinating will prove to be detrimental to your ability to produce today. As the day wears on, the less effective you'll become and the more errors you could make.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Get a handle on those impulses you possess today that entice you to buy things for which you really have no need. Wastefulness could have a heavier price tag to pay.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Taking too much time to deliberate today could cause you to become doubtful and confused. Don't behave impulsively, but do know when to stop your contemplation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Holding back information could work against you today, instead of protecting what you know. Be as frank and forthright as possible when dealing with co-workers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Watch out for buying pie-in-the-sky today. If something looks like it is too good to be true, chances are someone is selling all puff and no substance. Pass it up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Chances are you could wiggle out of an impulsive [illegible] made to another today, but you'd better weigh the consequences before you do. It might not be worth it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It could be those little, seemingly nothing mistakes you make today that come back and bite you. Be as detail-conscious as possible, no matter what you're working on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There's a strong possibility you might be tempted to take a few shortcuts today in order to expedite an endeavor you wish to get out of the way. Unfortunately, it'll only prolong things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is not a day to take your friends for granted. Be friendly to someone new, but don't neglect your true-blue pals in the process. They could end up being deeply hurt.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It might be all too easy to find excuses for shirking your regular duties today. The result will be that unproductive interests will command the greater portion of your time and energy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This might be a good day to let another act as your purchasing agent when it comes to the acquisitions you need professionally. You won't possess that sharp eye for a bargain today.

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Funding for Agent Orange research may be stopped

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Threatened loss of funding for research into Agent Orange is putting at risk millions of documents on the subject at a Texas air base.

Researchers at Brooks Air Force Base have for two decades studied health effects of the herbicide, used during the Vietnam War, which some scientists and veterans groups have linked to cancer, birth defects and other illnesses.

"When the funding is ended, we will leave these buildings," Joel Michalek, a Brooks-based researcher who heads the study, told the San Antonio Express-News in today's online editions. "We don't want to leave those records sitting in boxes anywhere to threaten anyone's privacy."

Workers at Brooks keep medical and military records as well as 50,000 blood, urine, semen and fat specimens in one building on the base. Agent Orange-related studies are conducted by a staff of 35 people under an annual budget of $4 million to $10 million.

The research, called the Air Force Health Study, began in 1978 to track 1,000 war veterans exposed to the defoliant and compared them with a group of 1,300 Air Force Vietnam veterans not directly affected by the chemical.

Records that include blood and tissue samples will be returned to thousands of servicemen participating in the Agent Orange study or destroyed after research concludes in 2006 — unless Congress steps in with funding.

So far, except for an unexplained increase in diabetes among some exposed veterans, the study failed to find any conclusive link between veterans' health problems and Agent Orange, which contains the cancer-causing chemical dioxin.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 4-C Northwest Ira, a 7,350-foot wildcat located nine miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 167, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 210-08 SACROC unit in Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 216-06 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Devon Energy will drill the No. 106 Canyon Ranch unit in the Joe-Mill field, 14 miles southwest of Gail. Planned depth is 1,100 feet, and location is in Section 39, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 438 Mary Foster in the Iatan Field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The re-completion is planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, and drill site is in Section 18, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 44 Mary Foster, a 2,840-foot re-entry project located in the Iatan field, 10 miles southwest of Westbrook. Location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2869-E Snyder in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2885-E Snyder in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Scheduled for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2866 Snyder in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2852-C Snyder in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Contracted for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2898-D Snyder in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Also planned for 4,000 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2851-C Snyder in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Amarillo Globe-Times to print its last issue Friday

AMARILLO (AP) — The Amarillo Globe-Times, which has brought the day's news to readers each afternoon since 1924, will roll off the presses and onto subscribers' doorsteps for the last time Friday.

Amarillo Globe-News Publisher Garet von Netzer said dwindling circulation led to the decision to combine the afternoon edition's resources with those of the morning edition "to produce an expanded and improved morning paper, one that will better serve the interests and needs of our readers and advertisers."

The expanded morning edition will hit the streets April 30.

"We'd gotten to the point where we had to question from a business perspective: 'Is this the most efficient use of our resources?'" von Netzer said of publishing two editions. With an afternoon circulation of 13,000, "basically, our readers made the choice for us."

The El Paso Herald-Post, an afternoon daily, stopped publishing in October 1997, leaving Amarillo as the last Texas market with both an afternoon daily with a corresponding morning edition.

After Friday, only 14 U.S. cities will have both morning and afternoon editions, von Netzer said.

The move also leaves Amarillo with just one daily newspaper, another trend. In the past decade, several Texas cities with competing newspapers of separate ownership have become one-newspaper towns.

The Houston Post closed in 1995, ending 94 years of competition between it and the Houston Chronicle. Hearst Corp. closed the San Antonio Light after getting approval to buy the rival Express-News in 1993. Dallas lost the Times Herald in 1991, leaving the city with The Dallas Morning News as the only daily paper.

"We bucked the trend for a very long time," von Netzer said.

Newspapering in Amarillo began with a morning prohibition newspaper on Nov. 4, 1909. Baptist deacon Dr. J.E. Nunn began the Daily News when the Panhandle city found itself torn by a fight over whether the area should be wet or dry.

An afternoon edition called the Amarillo Globe began in 1924, when a Kansas man bought out the Nunn family.

The Amarillo Globe merged with an afternoon tabloid called the Amarillo Times in 1951. The afternoon paper became the Globe-Times, while the Daily News continued as the morning paper.

The afternoon paper went on to win a Pulitzer Prize in 1961 for community service based on an investigative story by Editor Thomas H. Thompson that detailed corruption within county government.

Eleven years later, Georgia-based Morris Communications bought the newspapers and kept both in circulation despite the trend against such an arrangement, said George Sylvie, a journalism professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

The cost of newsprint, declining circulation and a change in people's lifestyles have made it "a losing proposition these days to have an afternoon paper competing with a morning paper," he said.

Sylvie said although discontinuing Amarillo's afternoon edition is not the worst that could happen, it does result in "one less avenue of expression."

"It's always a bad sign journalistically when a source dries up like this," he said.

The news of the afternoon edition's end saddened longtime reader Doris Blackwelder, who switched to the afternoon edition more than a decade ago when she tired of searching her yard for the morning paper.

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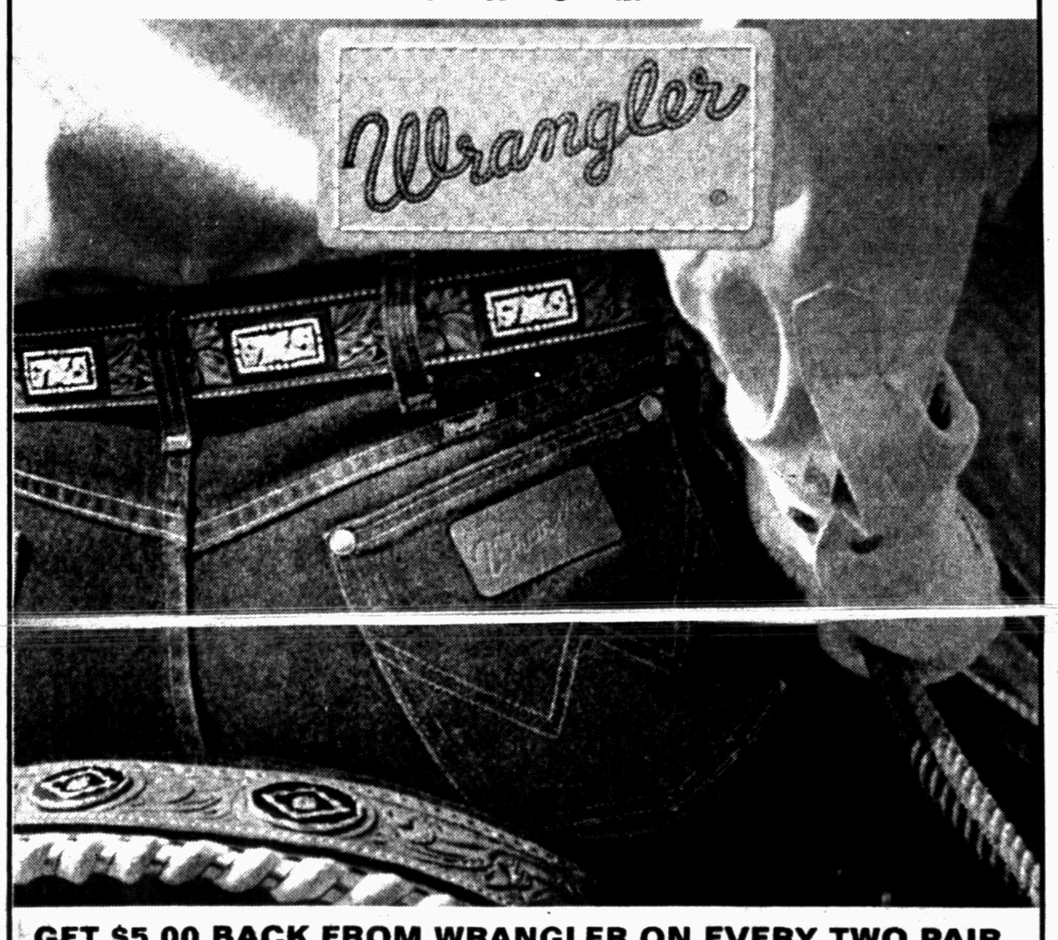

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ADVANCE TO STATE — Snyder High School drama students' *Taming of the Shrew* advanced to state following the Region 1 UIL One-Act Play contest Friday at Angelo State University. Students pictured are back row, from left, Jeff Scott, Austin Haire, Matt Coronado, Brandon McCraw, Josh Heaton, RJ Sanders, Mark Haines; second row, Sterling Milhollon, Clark Reed, Hayley Elkins, Joanna Burk, Hayli Henderson, Crissida Tyler, Bobby Sands; third row, Shahala Massingtill, Kendall Brewster, Whitney Graham, Kelli Henderson, Emily Vinson, Sarah Cantu; front row, Caleb Durham, Valery Haines, Michael Compton. The final two hometown performances are for 7:30 tonight and Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. (Staff Photo by Shirley A.

100th day coming for Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush surrounds himself this week with star teachers and young environmentalists as he looks ahead to his 100-day mark — a spotlight he has invited all 535 Democrats and Republicans in Congress to share.

Invitations to lunch at the White House went out Sunday to every member of the House and Senate. Aides said the massive luncheon on April 30, which will include Cabinet officials, is unprecedented and a symbol of Bush's commitment to bipartisanship.

The household staff, meanwhile, faced the challenge of squeezing so many tables and chairs into limited space.

"A lot of different rooms — they'll be spread out in the East Room, the foyer, the State Dining Room," said presidential counselor Karen Hughes.

"We think it's a sign that the president is continuing what he did when he started."

Over the weekend...

Burglaries, vehicles and residence, reported

• ***Vehicle burglaries***

Norma Verduzco contacted an officer at 8 a.m. Saturday to report that her 2000 Chevrolet pickup had been broken into and her purse stolen.

At 7:42 p.m. Sunday, Tammy May reported the theft of an assortment of compact discs from a 1999 Ford Escort parked at 2411 29th Street.

• ***Burglary***

An offense report for burglary of a residence was filed at 10:45 p.m. Saturday. Alejandra Ornelas told officers that miscellaneous jewelry items had been taken from 3105 Avenue I.

• ***Theft***

Zelda Atwood called authorities at 12 a.m. Sunday to report the theft of a box of Avon orders from 3609 Jacksboro. She called back at 9:30 a.m. Sunday to advise that the box had been returned to her porch, and it did not appear to have anything missing.

• ***Bicycle stolen***

An offense report for Class B theft was filed at 12:22 a.m. Sunday in reference to a bicycle being stolen from Larry Jaramillo's porch at 2412 29th Street.

• ***Bicycles found***

A woman called police at 7:59 a.m. Saturday after finding a bicycle in the1500 block of 28th Street.

Another bicycle was found at 2:37 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of 35th Street.

• ***Throwing rocks***

Officers received a complaint at 10:47 p.m. Saturday of several kids throwing rocks towards Nancy's Art Style in the Snyder Shopping Center. The responding officer did not locate any juveniles or any damage to the buildings in the area.

• ***Harassment***

A mother spoke with an officer at the Law Enforcement Center at 11:07 p.m. Saturday in reference to her daughter being harassed by a male and female. The woman asked officers to tell the two to stay away from her daughter or charges would be filed.

• ***Runaway***

A 16-year-old female was reported as a runaway by her father at 11:50 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Arrests***

At 5:14 p.m. Saturday, a Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 24-year-old man on Gary Brewer Road on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

A charge of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated resulted in the arrest of a 57-year-old man at 10:10 p.m. Saturday on Highway 350 at Ira.

A 20-year-old female was arrested at 10:54 p.m. Saturday for Class A assault and family violence.

Officers took a 24-year-old man into custody at 11:49 p.m. Saturday at 23rd Street and Milburn for driving while his license are suspended and no liability insurance.

Misdemeanor warrants for probation violation, theft by check, failing to wear a seatbelt and failure to appear landed a 22-year-old man in jail at 12:04 a.m. Sunday.

Officers arrested a 33-year-old man at 2:05 a.m. Sunday at 27th Street and Avenue V for public intoxication.

A DPS trooper took a 33-year-old man into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and an outstanding warrant from Crown Point, Ind., for misdemeanor possession of marijuana Sunday morning.

Jacob Klassen, 47, of Box 393 in Morris, Manitoba, Canada was arrested at 5:13 p.m. Sunday for state jail felony possession of cocaine. A DPS trooper took him into custody at 180 and U.S. Hwy. 84.

• ***Loud music***

Loud music complaints were made this weekend at 1:18 a.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of 30th Street, at 12:07 a.m. Sunday in the 2500 block of Avenue K, and at 1:12 p.m. Sunday in the 100 block of Ash.

Officers spoke with subjects in each of the incidents and asked them to keep their music turned down.

• ***Accidents***

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, DPS trooper James Arnwine investigated a one-vehicle rollover seven miles west of Snyder on U.S. Hwy. 84. Bonnie Threadgill, 17, of Cleburne suffered minor injuries when the 1993 Ford Ranger she was driving overturned.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 12:15 p.m. Sunday in the 1800 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1991 Nissan pickup driven by Jerry Wayne Tatom, 51, of 1802 Sc[illegible] and a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Manuel Stan Gutierrez, 53, of 3204 Avenue A.

An accident occurred at 12:43 p.m. Sunday in the 1800 block of 37th Street. The mishap involved a 1997 Geo Prizm driven by Jennifer Bigham, 20, of 204 38th Street and a 2000 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Carrie Cox, 37, of 2700 35th Street.

Officers worked an accident at 3 p.m. Sunday in the 3600 block of College involving a 1999 Chevrolet van and a 1996 GMC pickup. Mary Havins, 67, of Abilene was driving the van, and Lewis Wayne Elliott, 33, of San Angelo was driving the pickup.

Obituaries

Virginia Bethel

1908-2001

Virginia May Bethel, a longtime resident of Snyder, died this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Virginia Bethel

Funeral service for Mrs. Bethel, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Ga[illegible] under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 6, 1908 in Wagoner, Okla., she married A.L. Bethel on Dec. 27, 1927 in Wagoner. He died April 12, 1986.

She moved with her family to Snyder in 1949. She was a member of the Martha Ann Woman's Club and a member of the First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School in the primary department for many years.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Kate Bethel of Snyder; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Charles Anderson

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AMARILLO — Charles Euel Anderson, son-in-law of Gussie Gray of Snyder, died Sunday, April 22, in Amarillo.

Funeral service for Mr. Anderson, 55, is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in Paramount Baptist Church. Dr. Gil Lain, senior minister; Dr. Chad Rue, retired minister; and Tommy Spencer, youth minister, will officiate.

Burial will be in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Stackhouse, retired minister, officiating.

Born in Borger, he married Marie Gray on Sept. 7, 1968 in Snyder. He was reared in McLean-Pampa and was a 1963 graduate of Pampa High School. He graduated from West Texas State University in 1970 with a degree in computer science.

A resident of Amarillo since 1969, Mr. Anderson had worked for Marriman Grocery, American Beauty Products, and as a sales representative for Hershey Chocolate the last 28 years. Active in civic organizations, he was a deacon and Sunday school teacher for Paramount Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Anderson of Amarillo; two sons, Chuck Anderson of Euless and Chris Anderson of Dalhart; a brother-in-law, Borden Gray of Borden County; and a nephew, Glen Gray, also of Borden County.

Memorials may be made to the Paramount Baptist Mission Fund, 3801 S. Western; Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950; or to the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd.; all in Amarillo.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 22-Eva Allen, Bertha Johnson and Louise Yaw.

DISMISSALS: Maggie Glasscock and Wendy Ingram.

CENSUS: 48 (Med./Surg.-18, Long-term Care-24, ICU-2, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

Births

Johnny and Kyn Alaniz of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Rae Alaniz, at 10:43 p.m. Sunday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed one pound, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tommy and Brenda Trammell and Luis and Janie Alaniz, all of Snyder.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ira project graduation

A Project Graduation organizational meeting for all 8th-12th grade parents will be held at 6 p.m. today in the Ira school cafeteria.

SHS boosters

There will be a meeting at 7 tonight at the high school student center for planning the all-sports banquet to be held May 3. A representative from each booster club needs to be present. For information, call Chris Thornhill at 573-2272.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "God Has Spoken Through a Prophet Like Moses," followed by "Till He Comes."

Community Care Hospice

Community Care Hospice is sponsoring a Care Givers dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Garden Room of First Baptist Church. Call Laura Jones at 573-4296 if you plan to attend.

Hermleigh parents booster club

The Hermleigh parent's booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the cafeteria to discuss the upcoming all-activities banquet.

West family night out

West Elementary's family night out will be Tuesday at Snyder Lanes Grill.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room in the Scurry County Library. Members will read narratives written about their paternal grandfathers. Visitors are invited and membership dues are $12.50 per person, or $15 per couple.

Farewell reception

A farewell reception in honor of Lee and Debra McNair will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder ISD administration building board room.

Cancer Society meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

MAWC Game Day, Luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon will be held Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Call 573-3427.

Docent training, membership drive

A docent training session and membership drive will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Dermott School by Historic Scurry County Inc. for persons wanting to assist with the Cornelius Dodson House and Dermott School. WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek and WTC museum director Charlene Akers will make presentations. A tour of historical buildings will be held, followed by lunch. For information, call Carole Haynes at 573-7874 or Millie Sentell at 573-0538.

Discovery School

Friday is the final day to register for the summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church. Fee is $12 for the session that begins Monday, May 21. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each weekday and is for children ages six weeks through pre-kindergarten. Pre-registration for the fall session are also being accepted.

GED testing

Testing for GED (high school equivalency) will be held Friday. For information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 574-2112 at home or 573-8511, ext. 297, at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Benefit enchilada dinner

The Lady Drillers basketball team will have a benefit enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Adult tickets are $5, and children's tickets, 10 and under are $3. Delivery is available for five orders or more. Call 573-9847 before 11 a.m. on Friday.

Men's Conference

The Word Is Life Deliverance Church will sponsor a Men's Conference at 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday. David Fees will be the guest speaker. Barry Knight will be in charge of music.

Weekend revival

First Baptist Church of Hermleigh will host a weekend revival starting Friday featuring the Steve Phillips family from Huntington, Tex. Services Friday and Saturday are at 7 p.m. and the Sunday worship is at 10 a.m.

Farm Bureau seminar

The Scurry County Farm Bureau is sponsoring Scurry County students to attend the student citizenship seminar at Angelo State University June 4-8. Applications must be in the Farm Bureau office by Friday. Information is available at each high school's counseling office. Call the Farm Bureau for additional information at 573-9963.

Youth garage sale

First Christian Church youth will have a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church parsonage, 2700 30th St. Used appliances, furniture, books and clothing will be offered. Proceeds help send youth to summer camp.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge will have a called meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday to honor the widows of Masons. Two 50-year Masonic Service Awards also will be given. All Master Masons and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served by the Eastern Star.

SHS football booster club

The Snyder High School football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. next Monday in the student center. Parents of high school and junior high players are urged to attend. The upcoming fundraiser and the all-sports banquet will be discussed. The public is invited.