FIRM 79903
2410 02-01-10
SOUTHWEST MICRO
2627 E YANDELL DR
EL PASO TX 79903-3724
30 25S
**C041

INSIDE
What's up 2
Dear Abby 3
Sports 4-5
Classified ads 6-7
Weather 10

WT-Int. Crude - $41.38
WTIC Posted - $38.25
Natural Gas - $6.42

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

MONDAY
May 17, 2004
Vol. 56 No. 17
10 Pages 50¢
Home of Rebekah Thornton

SISD takes big jump...

Estimated tax values increase

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

Record high petroleum prices are expected to result in a positive impact on most taxing entities in Scurry County — especially the Snyder Independent School District.

The Scurry County Appraisal District released its estimated values late Friday, but the tax rolls will not be finalized until August.

Snyder ISD's estimated net taxable value is up 40 percent over 2003, not only because of oil, but also because of the addition of approximately 75 wind turbines, according to Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks.

While other affected taxing entities, including Scurry County and Western Texas College, offered tax abatements to attract the wind farm here, school districts are prohibited.

Largely because of the wind farm, the "industrial and utility" valuation estimates climbed 64 percent, bringing in nearly $338 million in property values in that category.

Based on estimates, minerals, primarily oil, will rise more than 55 percent over last year.

Although none of the other taxing entities saw as large of an increase, only one, Hermleigh, expects a decrease in taxable values.

"A good portion of Hermleigh's taxable property is agriculture based," Crooks said. "While pasture land values went up, cultivated ground decreased in value."

At Hermleigh, mineral values are expected to jump more than 136 percent from the previous year, possibly indicating new wells in the district, he said, but "minerals are a very small part of the total picture there."

Oil accounted for approximately $1.4 million of the $32.69 million in taxable value for Hermleigh.

The reason real estate dropped almost nine percent is agricultural land is appraised on a five-year average to avoid huge jumps or drops that could come with a bumper crop or disaster crop season, Crooks noted. The year that was dropped this year was 1997, a particularly good year for crops. Next year, 1998 will be the year to dropped and it's smaller crop profits could mean an increase in land values again.

Pasture land values are based on lease values and they are rising as older, less valuable leases are dropped, Crooks added.

Valuations for Scurry County are expected to increase about the same as Snyder ISD, but they will not see as large of an increase because of the abatements.

Even with that tax break, industrial and utility values are expected to rise some 22 percent. And with the rise in oil prices and possibly more drilling, there is still a 25.46 percent increase in county land values over 2003.

Estimated increases for Western Texas College closely mirrored the county and WTC valuations are estimated 24.11 percent higher than the current year.

Ira's mineral valuation is expected to increase only 10.19 percent, and with small declines in both real estate and industrial values, the net taxable values are projected to rise only 6.61 percent.

That is higher than the city of Snyder, which has almost no mineral values and is only projecting a 3.64 percent increase in overall values.



FATAL ACCIDENT – A Justiceburg-area man with connections to Snyder died Sunday in a one-vehicle accident near Fluvanna. Dan Griffis, 59, was ejected from his vehicle as the pickup failed to negotiate a curve. He was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 4:32 p.m. by Peace Justice Deborah Boyd. DPS trooper Toby Zalman is shown investigating the accident. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

Sunday wreck kills area man

A 59-year-old Garza County man, with links to Snyder, died Sunday afternoon when his vehicle failed to negotiate a curve near Fluvanna.

Dan Griffis, a rancher who had served as hospital administrator in Stanton in Martin County since 2000, was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS following the 2:42 p.m. mishap that occurred on FM 1269, four miles north of U.S. 180.

Griffis was pronounced dead at Cogdell at 4:32 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd.

Investigators said Griffis was driving alone in a late-motel Ford pickup when it failed to negotiate the first curve. The driver apparently over-corrected, the vehicle skidded sideways, went airborne after hitting a small embankment and overturned. Griffis was ejected from the vehicle.

The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Toby Zalman of Snyder.

Griffis was president of Hemphill-Wells in Lubbock when the department store chain was acquired by Dillard's in 1986.

Griffis then became a vice president of St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock and was part of a management team that negotiated Cogdell's affiliation agreement with St. Mary's in 1987.

Griffis had been a long-time resident of Lubbock, but in recent years had lived on the family ranch near Justiceburg.

Services are pending at Rix Funeral Directors in Lubbock.

Taxable Values

Scurry County Appraisal District has released estimated tax values for 2004. The following compares this year's estimates to estimates and certified values for 2003.

Entity	2003 Est.	2003 Cert.	2004 Est.
Scurry	$1,013,396,659	$943,627,866	$1,183,920,078
WTC	$1,067,111,636	$997,600,325	$1,238,082,127
City	$248,509,993	$247,519,276	$,256,537,109
SISD	$867,416,745	$800,876,630	$1,121,278,649
IISD	$93,491,888	$90,835,637	$96,840,667
HISD	$35,016,863	$34,114,332	$32,695,842



MONDAY MORNING FIRE — One room at the American Motor Inn was damaged by fire this morning, and other rooms had smoke and water damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sheriff requests pay increase for deputies

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

Sheriff Darren Jackson this morning made a passionate plea for pay hikes for his deputies.

"For the last three years I have been speaking with several members of this and previous commissioners courts in reference to the pay scale for deputy sheriffs. I can no longer, in good conscience, allow this matter to go on without at least having an open discussion about it," the sheriff said.

Jackson said he had talked to several members of the court individually but nothing has been done, noting that the department has been short one officer since September and has been unable to fill the slot "due to the low salary scale.

"I have advertised locally, out of town and sent advertisements to every law enforcement agency within 100 miles of Snyder," he said

While the sheriff has received several inquiries, he said as soon as salary is discussed the caller either doesn't submit an application or withdraws one submitted.

Jackson said one sheriff in a nearby county told him he would be embarrassed to advertise and list the salary that the Scurry County pays, especially since that sheriff's deputies start making $6,000 a year more.

Jackson submitted a list of salary comparisons. A Snyder police officer is listed with a starting salary of $28,764 a year, almost $7,000 more than the $21,960 the county pays.

Jackson said he has lost deputies to the Texas Department of Public Safety who pay rookie officers $36,396.

"However an officer doesn't have to join the DPS to earn that much money, they could just

See DEPUTIES, Page 10



STATE CHAMPION — Snyder High School junior October Wells takes the top position on the medal stand after winning the gold in the girls 200-meter dash. Wells' time of 24.72 seconds is a new personal record for her and new school record. (Contributed Photo by Glenda Boyd)

Wells captures gold in state track meet

Monday morning, October Wells still had not found a description for her emotions.

"There are no words for it," she said. "It felt like a dream — I didn't expect it."

Wells returned to Snyder High School this morning as the fastest 200m female runner in Class 3A in Texas, winning a dramatic race that was hard to gauge with the naked eye.

"It was tight, and from where I stood, it was hard to see," girls track coach Todd Pollard said. "I had to look at the scoreboard to see who won."

Wells won the gold medal with a new personal record and a new school record of 24.72, .03 seconds faster than the second-place time.

It was the first state gold medal for a Snyder track and field athlete since Kyle Freeman, now an assistant football coach for the Tigers, won the discus in 1985.

Pollard said Wells had struggled with a groin injury late in the season, and he and she had been working on her starts out of the blocks for the past two weeks.

Wells said late starts had been her weakness in the regional meet.

She came around the turn in third place, with her sights fixed on Perryton's Janell Appelhans, who beat Wells in the event at the Region I meet in Odessa's Ratliff Stadium.

"I was trying to get out faster and just trying to keep up with her," Wells said. "I was trying to come around and started catching her and I just kept pushing and running all the way through."

Wells qualified for state in the 200m dash and the triple jump in 2003, but was the lone entry for Snyder. This year, she was accompanied by the boys 4x200 relay team, which included her brother Malcome, and discus thrower Ricky McNatt. She finished fourth in the long jump this year.

"I think she still soaking it in," Pollard said of the first Lady Tiger gold medalist in school history. "She was really excited right after the race. It's hard to believe she's first in the state."

MAY 17 2004

ASK US

Q—Why are names of some people arrested printed in the paper and some are not?

A—It is the policy to print the names of those charged with a felony but not those charged with a misdemeanor.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Oscar Haney...

...has called Snyder home for some 47 years. He retired from Halliburton in 1986. Oscar loves to work jigsaw puzzles and fish. Local relatives include a stepdaughter, Connie Robbins, and two great-granddaughters, Caitlyn Cribbs, 7, and Lili Cribbs, 1½.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Failure isn't so bad if it doesn't attack the heart. Success is all right if it doesn't go to the head.

—Grantland Rice

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

West Elementary retirees

Five members of the West Elementary staff will be honored from 3:30-5 p.m. today at the Colonial Hill Baptist Church fellowship hall. To be honored are Willita Farmer, Carolyn Hamby, Patti Palmer, Sid West and Jo Ann Williams.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "God Has Spoken through Nature," followed by "What is Man?"

Ira project graduation

Eighth and ninth grade parents will meet at 7 tonight in the Ira community center is discuss Ira project graduation.

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.

GED, ESL classes

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College are held from 8 a.m. until noon every Tuesday through Thursday and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 30. Classes will then resume in August. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

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.

Iraqi prison set up by ex-TDCJ head

HOUSTON (AP) — A former head of the Texas prison system reportedly was the civilian in charge of preparing Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison for U.S. military use.

Now director of business development for a private prison company, Lane McCotter told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions that he never trained military personnel working in Iraq's prisons and turned over the management of Abu Ghraib to military officials before the United States began housing prisoners there.

But Sen. Charles Schumer of New York has urged Attorney General John Ashcroft to investigate how civilians such as McCotter were chosen to oversee the opening of prisons in Iraq, noting that McCotter is an executive for a company operating a private prison in New Mexico that the Justice Department criticized last year for unsafe conditions and lack of medical care for inmates.

Schumer, D-New York, asked how someone with McCotter's "checkered record" was appointed to the team Ashcroft dispatched to Iraq to help rebuild its judicial system.

"There are many questions begging for answers," the senator said last week. "Mr. McCotter 's selection also raises serious questions about the role that was played by civilian advisers in setting prison policies, designing training programs for prison guards and directly influencing the environment in which the horrible abuses at Abu Ghraib took place."

McCotter spent 18 months administering the Texas prison system during a period when the state was threatened with as much as $1,000 in daily fines if it did not make court-ordered improvements. The Legislature had required automatic release of prisoners when prison capacity neared the court-ordered limit of 95 percent.

However, McCotter was widely criticized for allowing early release of thousands of violent convicts who accrued "good time" in segregation cells where they were placed because they were too dangerous to mix with others.

In December 1986, a special report of the Legislative Budget Board said that during the previous year at least 665 inmates received credit for good behavior while serving time in "solitary confinement" for misbehavior.

Under pressure from newly elected Gov. Bill Clements, McCotter resigned that same month. He took a job as secretary of the New Mexico Department of Corrections in the late 1980s and later served as director of the Utah Department of Corrections. However, he resigned from the Utah job in 1997, again under pressure, when inmate Michael Valent, a 29-year-old schizophrenic, died after being strapped naked to a chair for 16 hours.

Valent died after blood clots formed in his legs during his confinement, according to autopsies.

"The treatment of Mr. Valent was described by a number of critics as 'torture,' " said Schumer. "Nonetheless, Mr. McCotter defended what was done to Mr. Valent and other prisoners, saying, 'You have to have a way to deal with violent inmates."

McCotter joined Management & Training Corp., headquartered in Centerville, Utah, after leaving that state's prison system post.

"I am proud of what I and my team accomplished while in the Middle East," he said in a statement issued through his company.

He returned to the United States in early September after four months of work in Iraq, first evaluating and then preparing the country's prisons for reopening. The first documented abuses in Abu Ghraib prison occurred in October.

"Like all Americans, I am offended and sickened by the improper actions that have taken place at Abu Ghraib since my departure. Certainly, those who have acted improperly should be fully prosecuted."

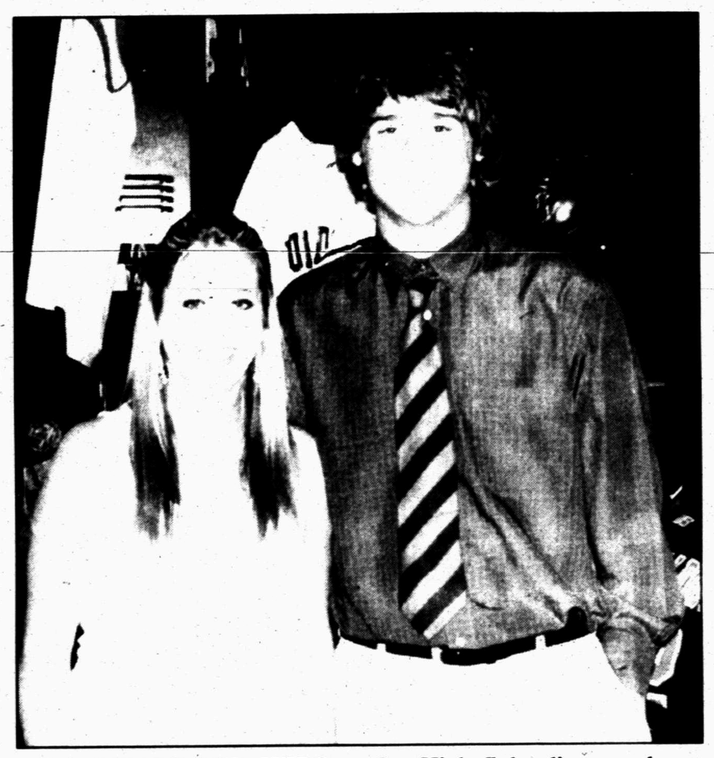
Union disappointed with offer

DALLAS (AP) — The nation's No. 2 local-phone company, SBC Communications Inc., has disappointed the union representing 100,000 employees with its latest contract offer.

The Communications Workers of America expressed frustration Sunday with the pace of negotiations and "extreme disappointment" with the proposal, although a company spokesman said the talks were continuing and had not hit an impasse.

The union could still call a strike with 24-hour notice. CWA president Morton Bahr was scheduled to talk with local CWA leaders from across SBC's 13-state operating territory at 3 p.m. CDT Monday.

"The leaders will be discussing the extremely serious situation that SBC has caused by its head-in-the-sand posture," read the CWA statement late Friday.



SWEETHEART AND HERO — Ira High School's sweetheart and hero for the 2003-2004 school year are Amanda Calley and Jake Barnes. (Contributed Photo)

Bush: Bald Eagle will be off threatened list this year

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The American bald eagle — the national symbol whose decline helped spur the Endangered Species Act and a ban on the pesticide DDT — will be off the threatened species list this year, a top Bush administration official said Saturday.

Craig Manson, the administration's point man on the Endangered Species Act, said it's time to concentrate recovery efforts on more needy species.

"It's no longer endangered, but it's still deserving of special protection," Manson said in an interview.

The birds still would be safeguarded under the federal Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940, which prohibits killing or selling the animals.

The Interior Department will outline its plans this summer after taking public comment on how to protect the birds' habitat while recognizing that its population has recovered, said Manson, the department's assistant secretary for fish and wildlife and parks.

"The more species that we get off the list that are ready to be recovered, the more we can start focusing on those that are not quite there and ultimately move them off the list as well," he said.

World Almanac

Monday, May 17, 2004

Today is the 138th day of 2004 and the 59th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange was formed.

In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, ruled that segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

In 1973, the Watergate scandal Senate hearings began.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (1900-1989), Iranian religious and political leader; Dennis Hopper (1936-), actor, is 68; Sugar Ray Leonard (1956-), boxer, is 48; Enya (1961-), singer/songwriter, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1970, Hank Aaron passed two major milestones, collecting his 3,000th hit and 500th home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There will be no whitewash in the White House." — President Richard Nixon, at an April 1973 press conference.

TODAY'S FACT: The vast majority of Iranians, an estimated 89 percent, are Shiite Muslims.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 2,750 — companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (May 11) and new moon (May 19).

Copyright 2004, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Today's chuckle

Police dog gave life to save officers

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Gero gave his life for his fellow officers.

The 5-year-old German shepherd was shot in the line of duty when he took a bullet meant for policewoman Geraldine Earthman and fellow officer Eric Janusz.



The two officers were responding to a call for help at an apartment building May 6 when police said John Martin Martinez came out a window firing. The police dog darted in front of the officers who had no cover.

"He saw the threat and went towards it. He went directly in front of us and saved our lives," Janusz said.

Martinez was shot in the arm, went back inside the building and killed himself, police said.

On Saturday, Gero was remembered at a full-dress funeral that reduced officers to tears. Officers came from all over the state, wearing black ribbons. Earthman, his handler, cradled his ashes briefly.

Fire trucks crossed their ladders and hung an American flag in front of the Canyon View Vineyard Church.

The dog was remembered as an animal who loved to bite.

"I'm going to miss being afraid of him," officer Lincoln Folkers said.

events

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers

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

Winning numbers drawn: 17-27-36-39-42 . Bonus Ball: 40.

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

Number matching five of five: 5. Prize: $9,610.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 27. Prize: $1,615.

Number matching four of five: 894. Prize: $104.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 785. Prize: $105.

Number matching three of five: 33,756. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 9,691. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 46,386. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $57,000,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 06-08-17-25-27.

Number matching five of five: 0. Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 127. Prize: $432.

Matching three of five: 4,264. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 42,755. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 9-2-8

(Night) 3-9-2

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Published each Sunday morning and each evening, except Saturday, by Snyder Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 College Ave., Snyder, Texas 79549.

Periodicals postage paid at the post office at Snyder, Texas, Publication Number USPS611-520.

POSTMASTER send change of address to P.O. Box 949, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By carrier in Snyder, $9.25 per month.

By mail in Scurry and adjoining counties, one year $88.80 balance of Texas and out of state $113.85.

Roy McQueen, Publisher

Wade Warren, Managing Editor

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to use for republication all news dispatches in this newspaper and also local news published for republication of special dispatches.

I love you Jaiden.

Dad

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 166-18 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, six miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 254, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 32 Jack in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 31 Jack in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 138-1 McLaughlin in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 137-1 McLaughlin in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Also set for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

JVA Operating will drill the No. 3-B McCabe in the Jameson field, four miles north of Silver. The re-completion project is planned for a depth of 7260 feet, location is in Section 5, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Phoenix Crude Oil Co. will drill the No. 2-A Hamilton in the Sharon Ridge field, nine miles northwest of Colorado City. The re-entry is set for a depth of 1,590 feet, location is in Section 9, Block 27, T&P survey.

Certificates

$2.25 Ea.

1-10... $2.25 ea.

11-24... $1.95 ea.

25-50... $1.50 ea.

Walnut Plaques

$49.99

14"X11"

+Tax

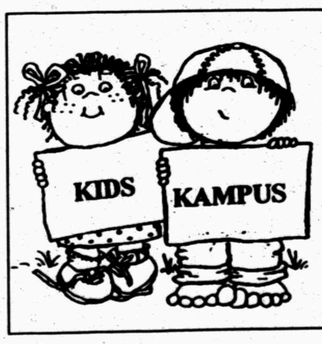
Perfect For

Organizational

Awards & Honors

Snyder Daily News

3600 College Ave. 573-5486



CHILD CARE

Open 7 Days A Week

5 a.m. - Midnight

Birth to 12 Years Old

Transportation Provided

111 37th Street 573-4848

Family of accused soldier wrote to congressmen before photos were released

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — Two months before pictures of Iraqi prisoner abuse became public, the family of one accused soldier wrote to 14 members of Congress that "something went wrong" involving "mistreatment of POWs" at Abu Ghraib prison.

Separately, a suspended Army officer in Iraq wrote to Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania that he was being unfairly punished after "pictures of naked prisoners" were discovered. He sent the letter six weeks before the CBS program "60 Minutes II" first broadcast photographs of the prisoners on April 28.

The strongest reply any of them got was a note saying what they already knew — that the Army was investigating, according to documents released last week by Specter's office and the family of Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick.

Frederick, of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company, faces a general court-martial on charges of conspiracy to maltreat detainees, dereliction of duty, maltreatment of detainees and wrongfully committing an indecent act.

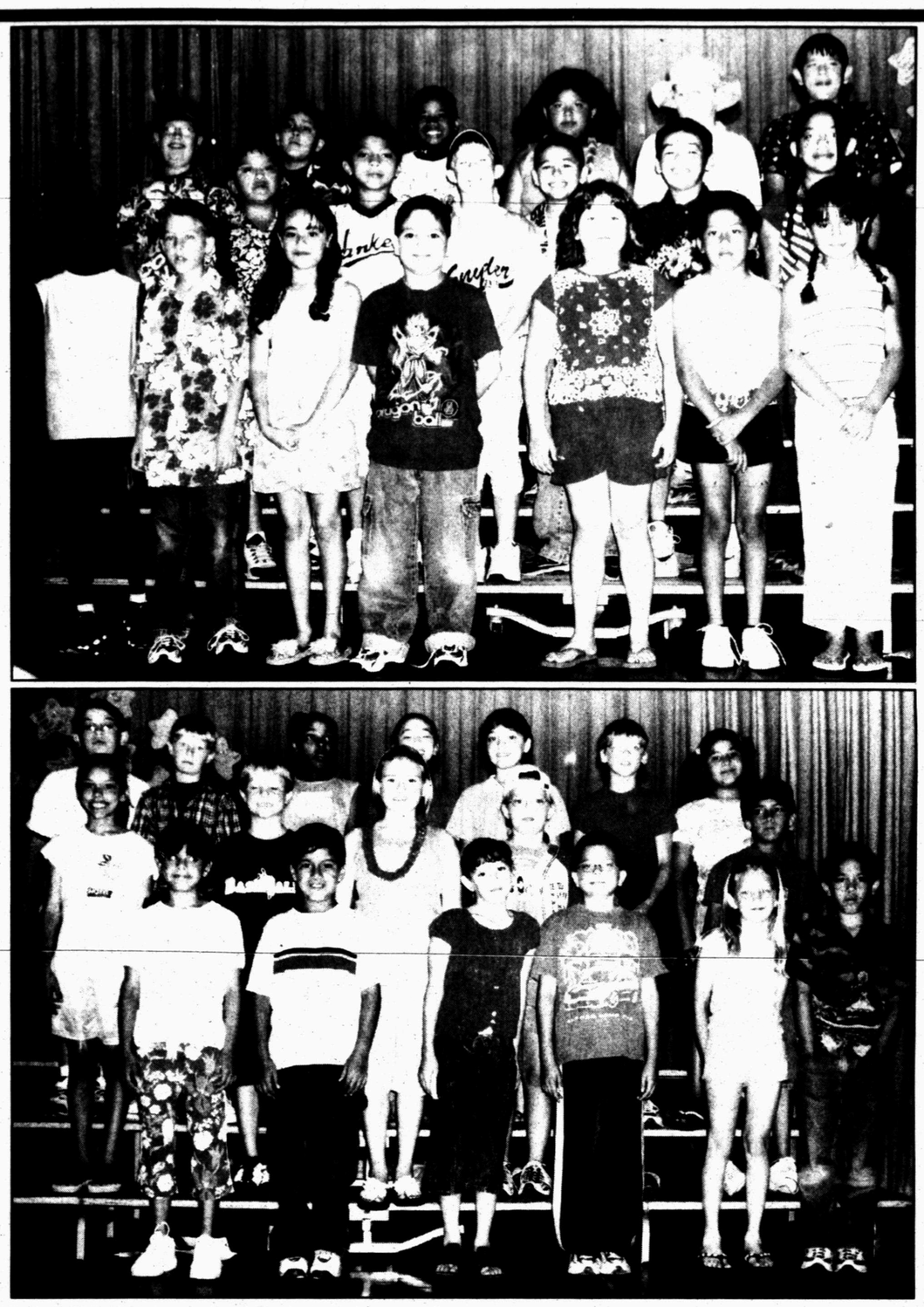
In late February, his family sent letters or e-mails to 11 Democrats on the Senate Armed Services Committee, plus three of their local congressional members and Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, seeking information on Frederick's status, said Frederick's uncle, William W. Lawson, of Newburg, W.Va.

A Feb. 23 letter from Lawson to Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV of West Virginia said Frederick was relieved of prison-guard duty without explanation Jan. 14, two days before the Army publicly announced a criminal investigation of alleged prisoner mistreatment.

"At some point, something went wrong at the prison related to mistreatment of POWs," Lawson wrote.

Rockefeller responded on March 2 that the Army could not act on the request unless it came from Frederick's wife or mother.

Mark Ferrell, a spokesman for Rockefeller, said the letters sent on behalf of Frederick were "consistent with what had been in the news about a Pentagon inquiry into prisoner abuse but gave no indication that widespread abuse existed."



I NEED A VACATION — Two East Elementary classes presented *I Need A Vacation*, under the direction of Sharlot Sparlin, music teacher. Sarah Hanson's students (top photo) are top row from left, Michael Coddington, Beto Arellano, Keenon Ward, Berenice Soberon, Travis Hagins and Valentin Medina; middle row, Victor Pena, Juan Tejado, Kyler Billingsley, Justin Torres, Josh Sandoval and Jessica Villa; bottom row, Khari Powell, Brady Williams, Andrea Miranda, Carlos Landa, Sarah Pyburn, Cristina Herrera and Yesennia Cabrera. Meredith Schneider's class (bottom photo) are bottom row from left, Ryanna Martinez, Brandon Mireles, Macy Bilano, Timothy Hagins, Jessica Nobles and Anthony Sosa; middle row, Morgan DeLoera, Hunter Cox, Natalie Kerry, Audrey Miller and Gene Alarcon; top row, Emilio Felan, Robbie Rinehart, Patricia Brantley, Taylor Garcia, Alisha Guzman, Larry Settles and Jessica Hernandez. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Some cattle groups seek to weaken ban on disabled cows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some states and cattle groups are urging the Agriculture Department to weaken a ban on consumption of injured "downer" cows imposed after last year's mad cow case. Public comments, however, are running roughly 10-1 in favor of keeping the ban, a review by The Associated Press found.

USDA issued the ban in December after a Holstein cow in Washington state tested positive for mad cow and became the nation's first recorded case of the brain-wasting disease. Its Food Safety and Inspection Service maintains that the cow was a downer — one too sick to stand or walk on its own — although some witnesses have challenged that.

The department just finished a public comment period on whether to keep, scrap or make revisions to the ban. The food safety service's acting administrator, Barbara Masters, will make that decision, although there is no time frame, said agency spokesman Steven Cohen.

People who eat beef tainted by the aberrant protein that causes mad cow can contract a similar rare but fatal disease, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Supporters of the ban cite health concerns and compassion as reasons to keep it in place. Cattle groups, meanwhile, argue that the ban should apply to diseased animals, but not to injured ones that pose no health risk to humans.

"If these (injured) animals are condemned, rather than slaughtered, then producers will suffer an unnecessary economic loss," the National Milk Producers Federation said. "Condemning animals suffering from a physical injury such as a broken leg does not seem to be supported by science with respect to BSE risk."

The milk producers acknowledge that downer cows have a higher risk for mad cow disease. But they argue that human health would not jeopardized if the government allows injured cattle to be slaughtered for food, provided they are tested for disease first. Most downer cows are dairy cattle.

Wisconsin, which is second in the nation in dairy production, also wants meat from injured cattle back in the food supply. The state's director of meat safety and inspection, Terry Burkardt, said condemning animals with broken bones is "a waste of wholesome food and an economic burden" on small farmers and meat establishments.

Burkardt estimated that the government's current ban will preclude 3,000 "otherwise healthy, freshly injured cattle" from Wisconsin's food supply, or about 2.4 million pounds of meat.

North Dakota, Oklahoma, Arizona and West Virginia filed similar comments.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman fears confession may not be good for her soulmate

DEAR ABBY: I am 24 and have been in many bad relationships. Every guy I have dated has been an addict, and some of them have been in jail. All of them were abusive.

Finally, I have met a decent man and I care for him a lot. The problem? I have a criminal record and haven't told him because I didn't want to scare him off.

If I tell him now, he will know I lied, and he has made it clear that he hates liars. So far, I have been able to avoid telling him about my past, but I won't be able to much longer, and I'll have to fill in the blanks.

What am I going to do? Should I tell the truth and face the consequences, which will probably mean losing him, or continue skirting the issue with lies? — **TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES IN TEXAS**

DEAR TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES: Honesty is the best policy. Tell him now. The longer you wait, the more deceived he will feel. Explain that you kept silent because you were afraid you would lose him. It's the truth. He may not be thrilled with the news, but he will have to give you marks for wanting to set the record straight. I wish you luck.

**

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a self-employed contractor. We recently had to convert our home office into a bedroom for my son, so our "office" is now in our bedroom until we can add on to the house. My husband has a new client who thinks nothing of calling at 10 p.m. or later, and last night he sent a fax at 11:45! The ringing woke me and it took two hours to get back to sleep.

I want my husband to ask his clients not to call after 9 p.m. He thinks I'm being unreasonable, and he's embarrassed to admit that our office is in our bedroom. I don't think any explanations are necessary. What do you think? This issue is creating hard feelings. — **SLEEPLESS IN THE MOUNTAINS**

DEAR SLEEPLESS: I have another idea. Most phones and faxes have switches that control the ringer volume. Turn them off when you go to bed, and you should be able to slumber like a baby. If yours do not have volume control, consider investing in ones that do.

**

DEAR ABBY: This letter is for "Invited but Can't Always Go," who is reluctant to allow her daughter to attend all the birthday parties to which she is invited because she can't afford to buy the gifts.

I suggest that the girl create a scrapbook of the event. She can take photos and collect memorabilia such as napkins, ribbons and wrapping paper for the scrapbook. She might use pieces of the wrapping paper as borders or corners for the pages, or "frames" for the photos she'll mount inside. She could also have each guest write a special note or birthday wish for the party child and include them.

In her card to the birthday child, she should include a note that says her gift will arrive in a week or so. I have done this for shower gifts, and they always become treasured keepsakes. — **ON THE CHEAP IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR ON THE CHEAP: Treasured? I'm sure they are priceless! Thank you for a terrific idea.

**

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

**

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

COPYRIGHT 2004 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-17-04
♠ K Q 6
♥ 9 6 4
♦ A K 5 2
♣ J 10 4

West
♠ 10 9 8 7 5
♥ 7
♦ 10 7
♣ Q 9 7 6 5

East
♠ 4 3
♥ J 10 8 5 3 2
♦ Q J 9 8 4
♣ —

South
♠ A J 2
♥ A K Q
♦ 6 3
♣ A K 8 3 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

Monday, May 17, 2004

The play is not obvious

By Phillip Alder

You are the declarer. You count up your winners and losers, then you decide from where the extra tricks must be generated. And if they have to come from one particular suit, usually it will be clear-cut how to play that suit. But occasionally a tricky position will arise — as in this deal. How would you plan the play in six no-trump after West leads the spade 10?

You have 10 top tricks: three spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. You need two extra club tricks, not three. So, you can afford to lose one club trick. There is a safety-play that will guarantee four club tricks whatever the distribution of the missing cards. Did you see it?

Many players win the first trick in the dummy and call for the club jack. Anytime the clubs split 3-2 or 4-1, or East has all five, no damage is done. But what happens when West has five clubs? Suddenly the contract has died; you can win only three club tricks.

Although West will have all the missing clubs less than two percent of the time, South should take out insurance to allow for it. He should win the first trick in hand and lead a low club toward the dummy. At the worst, this costs an overtrick when East has Q-x, Q-x-x or Q-7-6-5 of clubs. With the actual distribution, if West wins with his club queen, four club tricks are established. So let's assume West plays low. After winning with dummy's club 10, declarer plays a heart to his hand and leads another club toward dummy, ensuring 12 tricks.

However, I think that this play is very hard to spot because it is counterintuitive.

Copyright 2004, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Goose blamed for fatal crash

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. (AP) — A Canada goose smashed through the windshield of a van carrying high school students to a science fair Sunday, leading to an accident that killed the driver, police said.

The driver was taking eight girls and a chaperone from the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr to the Pennsylvania State Fair when the collision happened on the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Valley Forge, northwest of Philadelphia. The van went 250 feet up an embankment before striking a tree, police said.

"We can only assume that he was rendered unconscious by the impact of the goose, and that striking the tree is what caused the fatality," state police Sgt. Robert Foose said.

MAY 17 2004

Trees - Shrubs - Bedding Plants
Time to put down
ferti·lome
Lawn Food
SNYDER NURSERY
106 37th St. 573- 0123
HOURS:
8:30-5:30 Mon-Fri
9:00-2:00 Sat.
Closed Sun

Chicken Fried Steak Lunch
First United Methodist Church
2700 College Avenue Snyder, Texas 573-5416
Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Strips
DATE: Sunday, May 23rd
Time 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm
Adults - $7 Kids - $4 (under 10)
Tickets available at the church, from the members or at the door.

Hinton C & S Farms
325-573-0878
Check Your Soil Ph for Proper Fertilization
Irrigation
• monthly checks
• system installation
• repairs
Sod Installation:
• Hydra Mulch (sprigs or in squares)
• Grasses
Tiff 419 or Tiff Sport
Tifton 10
Common Brumuda
Fescue
St. Augustine
We also offer weed control
• Grub control
• kill winter weeds
• prevent summer weeds (Dandelions, Grassburs)
• fertilization
• ground sterilization and year around maintenance
• offer 5 & 7-step lawn care system
Tx Commercial Lic. # 284642
Floral Certificate # 298929
Tx Irrigation Lic. # 6312
Complete field, lawn and irrigation service

SPORTS

Weekend of winners for Snyder and Ira

Wells wins state, Barnes second; baseball and softball advance...

Snyder shuts down Borger Saturday, advance to semis

PLAINVIEW — After allowing just one run in Friday's shutout loss to Borger, hurler Ashley Martinez knew she could handle the Lady Bulldogs lineup.

So she did it two more times.

Martinez pitched a two-hit shutout in game two, then returned to the mound for game three to pitch the Lady Tigers past Borger to win the regional quarterfinals and advance to the regional semifinals.

"Defensively, we are stronger with Ashley on the mound. She's been our go-to pitcher all year," head coach Darren Pool said.

"I wasn't tired until I got home," Martinez said after pitching 21 innings Friday and Saturday. "I was pretty confident. I knew what to expect."

Martinez allowed just two hits and struck out 10 in the second game of the series, that the Lady Tigers controlled from the outset.

Laura Clanton smashed an RBI double for one of her three hits on the game, and Martinez and Ashley Luecke each delivered an RBI single.

Game three was more competitive, with Borger taking a 2-0 lead early before the Lady Tigers bounced back for seven in the fourth inning to claim an 8-3 win.

Clanton and Terann Ragland each drove home two runs, and Missy Vasquez was 2-for-2 with a pair of walks and an RBI.

Erin Hackfeld and Sarah Covington each contributed a base hit.

Martinez said the competition has been stiffer with each round of the playoffs.

District 7 champion Decatur is next on the agenda, with a one-game playoff tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University.



THAT'S A WINNER! — Terann Ragland celebrates after scoring in the fourth inning of the final game of the regional quarterfinals series with Borger. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Tigers sweep River Road

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Tigers made it abundantly clear in the first inning which way this series was going to tilt.

The Tigers (23-4) scored eight runs in the top of the first Saturday, finishing a sweep of Amarillo River Road in the area round of the playoffs with a 17-8 victory in game two.

The Tigers also found some power in game two, belting three home runs off the bats of Isaac Ramon, who nailed a two-run shot in the first, Eric Martinez and Hadley Hirt.

"We came out looking to swing the bats well," head coach Charles Bollinger said. "We knew we could score runs on them. We had to be ready to make things happen and be aggressive."

Lico Castillo earned the victory, pitching effectively for four innings before River Road pulled itself off the floor for one last, desperate effort to get back into the series.

The Tigers had the stage set for a 10-run mercy killing, leading 12-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth before River Road strung together a pair of hits then took advantage of some careless Snyder defense to plate seven runs and claw back into the game, 12-8.

"I think it was the first-round jitters," center fielder Bradley Price said of the team's defensive hiccups, adding that the Tigers knew they let an outmanned River Road stay too close in Friday's 5-4 win.

"We know we didn't show our best ball Friday," he said. "We wanted to come out (Saturday) and show them an old West Texas whipping."

Snyder tallied 17 hits in the series finale, with Blake Grimmett collecting four hits and driving in three.

Hirt and Martinez both went 2-for-4 with four RBIs each.

The win sets the Tigers up in a rematch with last year's area-round opponent Canyon, which bounced the Tigers from the postseason and moved on to play in the state tournament.

Canyon swept District 3 third-place Seminole, 6-1 and 4-2.

Snyder is the only District 3 team left in the playoffs, as Sweetwater also was eliminated over the weekend.

The Mustangs fell to third-ranked Lubbock Cooper in three games, 11-1, 3-4 and 19-4.

The teams will play the series opener at 7 p.m. Friday at Moegle Field in Lubbock. Game two is set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Moegle.

"They'll be tough, but our guys rise up to play tough teams," Bollinger said. "Whoever plays the best defense will win this one."

Multi-Mile
Tires
Because So Much Is Riding On Your Pocketbook... Call Us For a Quote on Your Next Set of Tires!
McCormick Marketing
2401 Ave. Q 573-6365

PUBLIC FAX SERVICE
Fax Number
573-0044
Sending: $1.95 First Page
$1 Thereafter
Receiving: 75¢ Per Page
Snyder Daily News
3600 College Ave.
573-5486

Snyder, Ira set new marks at state track meet

Saving their best for last, area thinclads set personal records in four events at the state track and field meet Saturday.

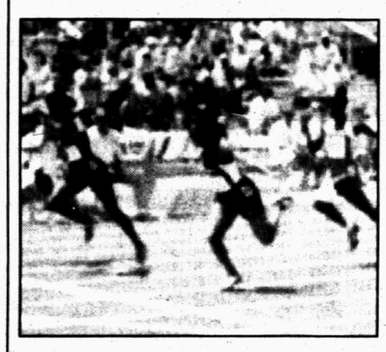
October Wells, the first state champion for Snyder in track and field in 19 years, set a new personal record and a new school record in the girls 200 meter dash with a time of 24.72 seconds.

State silver medalist Jake Barnes of Ira set a new personal mark with a heave of 51-10.25 in the shot put.

The Snyder boys 4x200-meter relay team of Justin Boyd, Zach Cain, Jesus Juarez and Malcome Wells finished sixth in that event with a new personal mark of 1:28.71 at the meet. That sixth-place time was just 1.64 seconds behind the winning time from state champion Atlanta.

Ira's 4x200 relay squad of Bryson Higgins, Wes Kellner, Bryan Proctor and also set a personal mark with a time of 1:34.50. They placed seventh at state.

State Track and Field meet...





WHAT A WEEKEND — Snyder and Ira thinclads had their best day when it counted most, with every competitior setting new school and personal marks at the 2004 state track and field meet in Austin. Above, October Wells needed a photo finish to win the state title in the girls 3A 200-meter dash. At right, Justin Boyd and Jesus Juarez have a laugh after the 4x200m relay team set a personal record.





MEDALS AND METTLE — Above, Jake Barnes sets a new Ira High School record in the shot put, earning the silver medal in the event (right). Below left, Zach Cain and Juarez get a clean exchange in the 3A boys 4x200m relay. Below right, Bryan Proctor hands the baton off to Wes Kellner in the 1A boys 4x200m relay event. The Bulldogs set a new personal record in the race.





Photos by Glenda Boyd

Lady
earn



Luecke

Senior Cami
man Ashley
named to the
second team
Tigers placed t
golf tournamen

Luecke shot
the eighth-best
nament, with T

Freshman S
(174) and sop
Williams (17
named honorab

"I am really
girls. Not many
us to get here,"
Hunter said.
well. We got o
on the first day

Detro

DETROIT (AP
son pitched five
and three relieve
throw four shuto
Detroit Tigers'
the Texas Range

Johnson (2-5)
a blister proble
training, but
enough to win f
since beating R
April 5. He allo
five hits, and stru
best seven, on
career high.

Detroit's bull
where Johnson l
pitched two perfe
ban Yan allowed
inning, and Ugu
three outs for his



**AREA CHAMP
ond baseman
after the Tigers
Staff Photo by**

Ma

**Nationa
East D**

Florida
Philadelphia
New York
Atlanta
Montreal

Central

Chicago
Houston
Cincinnati
St. Louis
Milwaukee
Pittsburgh

West D

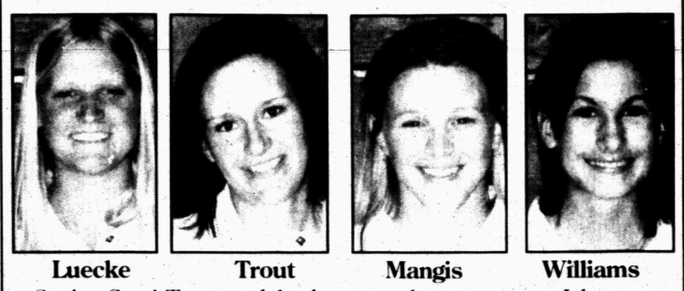
Los Angeles
San Diego
Colorado
San Francisco
Arizona

Sunday
Milwaukee 4, Atlanta 1
N.Y. Mets 3, Houston 2
Florida 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 7, Philadelphi
Chicago Cubs 4, San D
Pittsburgh 8, San Franc
Cincinnati 6, Los Angel
Montreal 6, Arizona 1

Today
Philadelphia (Wolf 2-3)
3:05 p.m.

SPORTS

Lady Tiger golfers earn All-State nods



Luecke Trout Mangis Williams

Senior Cami Trout and freshman Ashley Luecke were named to the 3A All-State golf second team after the Lady Tigers placed third at the state golf tournament.

Luecke shot a team-low 169, the eighth-best score at the tournament, with Trout firing a 170.

Freshman Shannon Mangis (174) and sophomore Christi Williams (178) were both named honorable mentions.

"I am really proud of these girls. Not many people expected us to get here," golf coach Ricky Hunter said. "We competed well. We got off to a slow start on the first day. I am sure this was due to nerves. I knew we would have the nerves, I just hoped that we would get them under control a little quicker. Once we settled down, we really played pretty good the rest of the round."

Hunter said the team knew it would have to make up ground on Yoakum and Monahans in the second round, but those teams kept their pace and did not falter.

He said the tournament was "a great experience for both me and the girls.

"I think this will help us all in the future. This was a great ending to a great season," he said.

Sacramento-Minnesota series comes down to seventh game

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The Sacramento Kings and Minnesota Timberwolves deny there's bad blood between them. They're chalking up all their scuffles to playoff intensity.

"It's physical. What can you say?" Minnesota's Latrell Sprewell said after tempers flared again in the second-round series.

Chris Webber guaranteed a Game 7, and the Sacramento star got all kinds of help in making it happen — even teammate Anthony Peeler's ejection for throwing elbows at league MVP Kevin Garnett had the Kings feeling good.

Mike Bibby had 16 points, 10 assists, five rebounds and three steals despite foul trouble and the energetic Kings used an inspired effort on both ends of the floor to survive elimination, beating the Timberwolves 104-87 in Game 6 Sunday.

The deciding Game 7 is Wednesday night in Minneapolis, with the winner advancing to face the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Right now is the time we all dreamed about: Game 7," Webber said. "We're ready. ... I'm very confident, but no more predictions."

In the only other game Sunday, Detroit beat New Jersey 81-75 to force a seventh game in the Eastern Conference series.

In the other conference semifinals, the Lakers eliminated San Antonio on Saturday night, and Indiana beat Miami on Saturday night to take a 3-2 lead into Game 6 in Florida on Tuesday night.

Peja Stojakovic finally found his shot, scoring 22 points and swishing a long 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer that gave Sacramento the momentum in another testy affair between these teams. Webber had 14 points, seven rebounds and three assists.

The Kings haven't won a Game 7 on the road since they were based in Kansas City and beat Phoenix in 1981.

"The good thing is, we've been in this situation before," Webber said. "So I feel comfortable going into it."

Doug Christie had 16 points and sparked a strong defensive effort against Garnett and company, and Sacramento just plain outhustled the Wolves to loose balls and rebounds.

Sprewell scored 27 points and Garnett added 19, 10 rebounds and five assists for the Timberwolves, who are trying to reach their first Western Conference finals. Sam Cassell scored 16 points before fouling out with 2:32 left, and he was hit with a technical afterward for arguing. Cassell had to be held back from an official by teammate Ervin Johnson.

The Kings were fired up from the start, jumping out to a big lead early and calmly weathering a 17-0 run by Minnesota late in the first quarter. After losing to Minnesota at Arco Arena in three straight games this season — including 114-113 in OT in Game 3 — Sacramento has won its last two at home to stay in the series.

Peeler was ejected with 13.5 seconds left in the third after throwing an elbow at Garnett. Peeler, who claimed Garnett tried to hit him in the throat, had also elbowed Garnett on the previous possession, then Garnett stuck his elbow into Peeler's chest when the Kings came down on offense.

Garnett was still grimacing from the previous hit when Peeler struck him again and immediately got thrown out. The two have been sparring all series.

"I feel everybody should have gotten kicked out," Peeler said. "It always takes two people to fight. It's never one person."

Garnett also received a technical and went to the bench. The fans then started throwing glow sticks used for pregame festivities onto the court. Vlade Divac lightly shoved a Minnesota assistant coach during the scuffle but was quickly pushed away.

"This is not a class act," Garnett said. "I think you should have a little more respect for the game."

Bibby said the Kings supported Peeler.

"We ain't going to let anybody walk over us. We gave him a pat on the back," Bibby said.

The first elbow thrown by Peeler was similar to the hit teammate Brad Miller took in the midsection in a collision with Minnesota guard Darrick Martin in Game 5 on Friday night. Martin fell, and as he lay face-down on the floor, Miller pushed him hard in the back. Both players were tossed.

Miller was fined $10,000 by the NBA on Sunday for an obscene gesture toward fans following his ejection, then went out and got 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists off the bench.

While the Wolves took better care of the ball than in Game 4 here Wednesday when they made 24 turnovers, Sacramento's defense made it hard for Minnesota to find a consistent rhythm.

Constantly trying to play catch-up — Sacramento led by as many as 16 early in the fourth quarter — didn't allow Minnesota to relax on offense. The Kings shot 50 percent after making just 33 percent of their shots in Game 5.

Detroit silences Texas

DETROIT (AP) — Jason Johnson pitched five strong innings, and three relievers combined to throw four shutout innings in the Detroit Tigers' 3-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Johnson (2-5) has been battling a blister problem since spring training, but stayed in long enough to win for the first time since beating Roy Halladay on April 5. He allowed one run on five hits, and struck out a season-best seven, one short of his career high.

Detroit's bullpen picked up where Johnson left off. Al Levine pitched two perfect innings, Esteban Yan allowed one hit in an inning, and Ugueth Urbina got three outs for his sixth save in as many chances.

Omar Infante homered and Alex Sanchez had three hits for the Tigers, who have won three of four.

Ryan Drese (2-1) lost for the first time in six starts, giving up three runs on nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out five and walked none.

The Rangers fell to 3-3 on their current road trip, but their 22-15 record is only two games short of the best 37-game start in franchise history.

"We just ran into a good performance today," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "They pitched well, and so did we, but we didn't take advantage of the opportunities we did get."

Pistons, Nets going down to the wire

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Richard Hamilton pump-faked Jason Kidd off his feet and drilled a clutch 18-footer with 15.5 seconds remaining, capping a 24-point performance that kept the season alive for the Pistons.

Hamilton's shot, Ben Wallace's rebounding and the Pistons refusal to quit added up to victory over the New Jersey Nets, evening their Eastern Conference semifinal series at three games apiece.

After two blowout victories and one close win for each team, the series will be decided on the Pistons' home court. Game 7 is Thursday night, the winner advancing to the Eastern Conference finals beginning next Saturday.

New Jersey will be looking to make it there for the third straight year, while Detroit will try to get there for the second consecutive season.



AREA CHAMPS — Snyder catcher Eric Martinez follows second baseman Blake Grimmett and the area trophy off the field after the Tigers eliminated Amarillo River Road Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Garcia claims Byron Nelson

IRVING (AP) — The victories have come slowly for Sergio Garcia since he made his first PGA Tour start as a pro at the Byron Nelson Championship five years ago.

After an opening 62 that helped him finish third in the '99 Nelson, the teenage Garcia was the runner-up that summer in the PGA Championship after a duel with Tiger Woods. He starred for Europe in the Ryder Cup.

The Spaniard was considered a rising star at 19 and seemed destined for countless victories.

At 24, he has retooled his swing. And he finally got his fourth PGA Tour victory Sunday in the latest Nelson.

Garcia won on the PGA Tour for the first time in two years despite a closing 1-over 71. He lost his lead late, but made enough clutch pars to get into a playoff at 10-under 270, then won with a tap-in par on the first extra hole after Dudley Hart and Robert Damron faltered.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	21	16	.568	—
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	1
New York	18	20	.474	3
Atlanta	17	19	.472	3
Montreal	13	25	.342	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	22	15	.595	—
Houston	22	15	.595	—
Cincinnati	20	17	.541	2
St. Louis	20	18	.526	2
Milwaukee	19	18	.514	3
Pittsburgh	17	18	.486	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	14	.611	—
San Diego	21	17	.553	2
Colorado	15	21	.417	7
San Francisco	15	23	.395	8
Arizona	14	23	.378	8

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee 4, Atlanta 1
N.Y. Mets 3, Houston 2, 13 innings
Florida 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 7, Philadelphia 6
Chicago Cubs 4, San Diego 2
Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 1
Cincinnati 6, Los Angeles 3
Montreal 6, Arizona 1

Today's Game

Philadelphia (Wolf 2-3) at Colorado (Estes 5-2), 3:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	15	.595	—
Boston	22	16	.579	½
Baltimore	18	16	.529	2½
Toronto	16	22	.421	6½
Tampa Bay	10	26	.278	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	22	14	.611	—
Chicago	20	16	.556	2
Detroit	18	19	.486	4½
Cleveland	17	19	.472	5
Kansas City	11	24	.314	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	25	13	.658	—
Texas	22	15	.595	2½
Oakland	20	17	.541	4½
Seattle	13	24	.351	11½

Sunday's Games

Toronto 3, Boston 1
Detroit 3, Texas 1
N.Y. Yankees 2, Seattle 1
Cleveland 10, Tampa Bay 0
Oakland 6, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 11, Minnesota 0
Baltimore 4, Anaheim 0

Today's Games

Minnesota (Radke 3-2) at Toronto (Lilly 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Diaz 0-0) at Cleveland (C.Lee 4-0), 6:05 p.m.

Stanley Cup

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 16
San Jose 4, Calgary 2, series tied 2-2

Monday, May 17
Calgary at San Jose, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19
San Jose at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 20
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21
Calgary at San Jose, TBA, if necessary

Saturday, May 22
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., if necessary

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 15
Indiana 94, Miami 83, Indiana leads series 3-2
L.A. Lakers 88, San Antonio 76, L.A. Lakers win series 4-2

Sunday, May 16
Sacramento 104, Minnesota 87, series tied 3-3

Sunday, May 16
Detroit 81, New Jersey 75, series tied 3-3

Tuesday, May 18
Indiana at Miami, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 20
Miami at Indiana, TBD, if necessary
New Jersey at Detroit, 6 or 7 p.m.



CITY WIDE
Garage Sale
June 12th

HEY SNYDER...

Plan now for your City Wide Garage Sale. Gather up those items taking up space in your garage, attic and basement and sell them for cash at your garage sale!

Ad must be placed by noon, Wednesday, June 9.

- Garage Sale Ads Published Friday, June 11th in the Snyder Daily News
- Use up to 30 words to describe your sale (additional words 20¢ each)
- Sale ads will be grouped by location
- Get 2 Garage Sale Signs
- Rain Insurance... If it rains, your Garage Sale ad will be reprinted FREE!

GET ALL THIS FOR $6.75
PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

Snyder Daily News
3600 College Ave. 573-5486

MAY 17 2004

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS CLASSIFIEDS
ALWAYS A WINNER

BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Appliance Repair

It's all about Speed & Performance
JOHNNY'S APPLIANCE
Service On All Major Home Appliances
Part Sales
ALL MAKES and MODELS
Authorized Warranty Repairer
17 Yrs Experience Locally Owned
24-HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
573-2273
Accepting All Major Credit Cards
Insured

Air Duct Cleaning

Our Service Provides
CLEAN AIR!!
CARPET CLEANING *EXPRESS*
10 years experience
573-2661

Auto Service/ Oil Changes

LUBE ON LOCATION
WE COME TO YOU!
Snyder, TX
207-0574
We Will Beat Our Competitor's Prices

AUTO CLINIC
We Do All Major & Minor Repairs & Complete Custom Exhaust Systems
Let us save you money!!
405 26th St. (Behind Skinny's on E. Hwy.)
(W) **325-573-0495** (H) **325-573-4028**
Robbie & Sarah Jamison, Owners

Kwik Kar Lube & Tune
3406 College 573-8150
$19.95 Oil Change
Up to 5 qts of our featured 10-30 oil

Carpet/Cleaning

KING CARPET
•Cleaning •Floor Coverings & Air Duct Cleaning
24-HR Fire & Water Restoration
Free Estimates On All Jobs
Carpet - Tile - Laminate - Linoleum
Residential & Commercial Installation
Minor Remodeling & Repairs
3707 COLLEGE AVE.
325-573-3032

CARPET CLEANING *EXPRESS*
Your Local Carpet Cleaning Specialist
*Water, *Fire & *Smoke Damage
24 Hour Emergency Services
573-2661

Dynamic
Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning
for all your carpet needs call
573-0704
Gary 207-2156 Jerry 207-0911
Authorized Dealer of Scotchgard Protector

The SDN Business Directory Gives You The Most Exposure For Your Advertising $$

Catering

CATERING
Specializing in Briskets & Ribs
Homemade Sauce
•Weddings •Anniversaries
•Reunions • Private Parties
Call Kerry Clay
(325) 573-8349
(325) 207-2934 (mobile)

Construction

NEED A CARPENTER?
Repair - Remodel
Paint - Build
James Mills
573-0081

Lee's Construction
"No Job Too Small"
Residential
Remodeling & Repair
STEVE LEE
Snyder, Texas
79549
325/573-2709
Mobile
325/207-1879

Sparlin
Enterprises / Construction
Coca Cola *Metal Bldgs*
Oil & Gas *Fencing*
ANTIQUES *Painting, etc.*
James & Samijane Sparlin 2701 48th St.
573-9752 574-2206 Snyder, TX
or 575-4182 79549

CIRCLE M WELDING & Services Inc.
• Welding • Residential
• Fabrication • Roustabout
• Concrete Work
• Backhoe Services
Office: **325-573-8005**
Fax: **325-573-8047**
7393 West Hwy 180 Snyder, TX 79549

Electric

DALE'S ELECTRIC
403 33rd St.
Commercial or Residential
573-5330
James c# 207-1228
Dale c# 207-1227

Let Us Spotlight Your Business Right Here!
Call 573-5486
Mon. – Fri. 8 - 5:30

Fitness

Tiger Health & Fitness
3409B Snyder Shopping Center
573-3414
Membership includes:
*24 hr access 7 days/wk *Group classes
*Over 5000 lbs of free weights *Circuit weights
*Cardio equip. *6000 sq.ft. facility
Also available:
*Certified personal trainers
*Supplements *Sports drinks
*Wolff sunbeds *Lotions *Herbal body wraps

Insurance

A PROUD PAST WITH A SOLID FUTURE
GERMANIA SINCE 1896
Property • Auto • Life Insurance
KUBENA INSURANCE AGENCY
325-863-2754
Marsha Kubena, Agent

ALLSTATE INSURANCE
•Best Rates In Town•
All Lines of Insurance
Yo vendo Seguros para México
3201 College Ave.
573-4076

Masonry

Straight Line Masonry
*Brick *Block *Stone
*Concrete Work
*Custom Fireplaces
*Repairs - Houses *Retaining Walls
*Track Hoe Work - Digging & Grading
Bobcat 322
Free Estimates
Paul Dickerhoff
573-0258 436-9143 (C#)

Painting/Roofing

RAYMOND'S
Painting ~ Roofing
Residential - Commercial
Minor Remodeling - Repairs
•Texture •Sheetrock •Acoustic
•Restoration of Picket Fences
-Free Estimates-
R. Arriega 325-573-4070
Owner 325-207-1910

Pawn Shop

TIMELY PAWN LOANS
"We Loan More!"
Pawn loans to $1,000
•Great Buys On Quality Pre-Owned Merchandise
•Authorized SBC Payment Center
Payments Posted Instantly
573-9200
Mon.–Fri. 9–5:30 Sat. 9–12
3609 College Ave. (Old Snyder Drug)

SDN Business Hours
Monday - Friday
8a.m. – 5:30p.m.
573-5486

Plumbing

Plumbing Repair Service
Telephone
(325) 573-3085
Coventry Plumbing
M-19955
1311 College Ave. Jim Coventry
Snyder, Texas 79549 Owner

Roofing

CARDINAL BUILDERS
For All Your Roofing Needs
COMPOSITION, METAL & WOOD
Metal roofs installed on Mobile Homes,
Carports, Patios, Metal Buildings
Metal & Wood Fencing
FREE ESTIMATES
GARY BURT, Owner Snyder, Texas
325-573-1562 325-207-3280

Fullmoon Roofing
•Commercial •Residential
Insured Bonded
Save 100's to Thousands on your next roof!
Voted Top 100 Roofing Contractors in America 2002
~Free Estimates~
432-267-5478
Big Spring, TX

Storage Rentals

North Ave. E Storage Buildings
10' x 20'
Fenced Boat & Trailer Storage
DAVID HOLT
573-3255

Tree & Lawn Service

TREEMASTERS
• Tree & Shrub Trimming, Pruning & Shaping
• Deep Root Fertilization Injection
• Bucket Truck for those high to reach spots
• Trees & Shrubs Planted & more
21 yrs. experience References available.
325-573-4937

Complete Field, Lawn & Irrigation Service
** Fertilizer Available **
Foliar feed or Granular
For a healthy lawn call
HINTON C & S
(325) 573-0878
TX Commercial Lic. #284642 Floral Certificate #298929
TX Irrigation Lic. #6312

Internet Service

Dell Computer Dealer
Local support if you buy from us
Internet Business Consulting
Now affiliated with
#1 Internet Consulting Corp.
Free Internet Business Analysis
Internet Access Provider
Dialup and Broadband Wireless
If you have Internet problems, we fix them for free.
Networking, Repairs, Upgrades
In house technician.
Bullard's Computer Solutions, Inc.
3405 College Ave
573-4801
dbullard@snydertex.com

Let us help you get more for your advertising $$

FOR AS LOW AS $2.50 PER DAY
You Can Advertise Your Services In The
BUSINESS DIRECTORY
Call 573-5486 to ask how!

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF SNYDER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held Monday, May 24th at 5:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas, to review and discuss the following item:

Consider the request submitted by Mr. J.D. Greene to change the property located at 4001 Ave. R, legally described as parcel number 2216 of Section 153, Block 3 H&GN RR Survey from the present C-1 Commercial District to a C-2 Commercial District.

After review by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the request will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the earliest date available.

Vick Chambers, Secretary
Planning & Zoning Commission

Lost & Found

LOST
Black & white female cat w/pink collar. Lost vicinity of 33rd & Beaumont. 436-9555

Vehicles

1999 Suburban 4-wheel drive 72K $14,000 OBO Call after 5p.m. 574-8117 or 207-0475

2000 Chevy Silverado Ext. cab PU. 143K miles $10,500 575-3286

1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse GS-T Convertible only 54K miles, 2.0L 16 valve, turbo fuel injected engine, power top, AC, 8 speaker CD system, power locks & windows, keyless entry, 4-speed automatic, rear spoiler, red w/black top & grey interior. $8,250 Call Wade Warren, 573-1252 after 5:30p.m.

Business Opportunity

ABSOLUTE GOLDMINE! **60** vending machines w/excellent locations for $10,995 800-234-6982 (All major credit cards accepted)

Mexican Restaurant for sale in Colorado City. Well established & fully equipped. **Priced to sell.** For information call 325-242-0857

CALL FOR RESULTS!
573-5486
CLASSIFIEDS

Business Services

Bullard Lawn Mowing Service specializing in large yards and lots, edging & weedeating. 728-8242

Duke and Son Concrete, Masonry, House Leveling, Patchwork (brick & concrete). 573-5911, 573-2477

Tilling–Leveling **Front-end loader**, Walk-behind tiller, Tractor tiller, Small acreage plowed. 325-573-8264

BAR-R-DOZER
-Raygene Shipp-
•Brush control
•Road blading & repair
•Cleaning & building tanks
Free Estimates
No charge for road time!
325-338-5656 325-962-2416

Employment

Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Roby Office
Consumer Accounts Representative, full-time w/benefits. Office and customer service experience necessary. Applications available at 1010 W. South 1st St., Roby; 2100 College Ave., Snyder; 225 W. McHarg, Stamford.

College Students/H.S. Seniors
SUMMER WORK
$10.00 BASE/APPT
Flexible schedule, Sales/service, no experience necessary, all ages 18+. Conditions apply. Work in Snyder. Apply in Abilene (325)690-6430.
www.workforstudents.com

Construction Co.
Full-Time Secretary
•Billing & Invoicing Experience
•Strong Communication & Organizational Skills
•Detail Oriented
•Prior Experience w/Peachtree Accounting, Microsoft Office, Excel and Access
•Medical, 401K, and Vacation Benefits Included
•Pay to be determined by experience and qualifications.
Please send resume to:
P.O. Box 949N
Snyder, TX 79550

HIRING IMMEDIATELY!
Truck drivers needed with oilfield experience. Must be able to travel. No need to relocate. Two years truck driving experience required. Class A CDL and good driving record a must.
Call **1-800-588-2669**
Mon.–Fri., 8a.m.–5p.m.

Long Term Care Facility
looking for LVN's, all shifts. $600 sign on bonus for LVN's. Also need Certified Nurse Aides, all shifts & PT Social Worker. Competitive pay & benefits. Apply Nolan Nursing & Rehab, 1901 Lamar St., Sweetwater, TX. EOE

Wanted
PLUMBER'S HELPERS & SHEET METAL WORKERS
****
If You Are Interested in Working on Snyder High School Remodel Project, Starting Work in June for the Summer Months
Please Apply at 710 East 40th, Lubbock, Texas
or Call (806) 747-4218
ARMSTRONG MECHANICAL
EOE

CNAs
Immediate Openings!
Contact
SWEETWATER HEALTHCARE CENTER
(325) 236-6653

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS CLASSIFIEDS
ALWAYS A WINNER

Employment

Make up to $3,000.00 in 11 days! Looking for enthusiastic adult to manage a fireworks stand outside Snyder June 24 thru July 4. No investment required. Phone 10am thru 5pm for more info. 830-429-1408 or 800-364-0136.

Midwestern Services, Inc. Tank Cleaners needed. In & out of state travel & work 60+ hrs per week. Transportation to and from job site. Hotel paid & $140 a week per diem. Hourly wage & bonuses. 100% drug free. EOE. Apply at 1913 7th St., Snyder, TX.

Weaver Pipeline Services

Now Taking Applications for Roustabout Crewmen, & Welder's Helper
Requirements:
21 years of age and older
Driving record must meet insurance requirements
Benefits:
100% Employee Health/Dental Ins.
401K Retirement Plan
Physical/Drug Screen
4668 FM 1607
(Apply In Person, NO CALLS)

Opening for manager at Eddins-Walcher Co. Salary depends on experience. Apply at Eddins Walcher Co. 573-5722

Our agency is looking for a caring, compassionate LVN, Nurse Aide, PT and PTA to provide quality care to patients in Snyder and surrounding areas. If interested please contact: Covenant Home Health Care 113 West Main, Post, TX (806) 495-3533 Equal Opportunity Employer

WANTED
Experienced plant operator for natural gas processing plant NE of Big Spring. Send resume to: Plant Supervisor 11703 E. FM 846 Coahoma, TX 79511 or fax to (432) 399-4290

WANTED
Full-time Secretary for filing & data entry. Some computer experience preferred. Apply in person at Key Brothers Implement, 507 E Coliseum Dr.

GET PAID!
For learning a new skill. We need Diesel Mechanics, Communications personnel, and Combat soldiers. ONE weekend a month, two weeks in the summer! Up to $8,000 signing bonus, Limited Free Tuition, monthly salary. DEFEND AMERICA FROM YOUR HOMETOWN. www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com **TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

WSI CASED HOLE SPECIALIST

WSI Cased Hole Specialist
Now Taking Applications
Requirements:
21 years of age and older
CDL desired but not required
Benefits:
100% Employee Health/Dental Ins.
401K Retirement Plan
DOT Physical/Drug Screen
Paid Vacation/Holidays
Stable Employment
4668 FM 1607
(Apply In Person, NO CALLS)

Instructions

Big Spring Driver Education Driver education at the Big Spring Mall. 1st class begins May 31st, 2nd class begins July 6th. FMI call 432-270-4610, 432-268-1023 or 432-263-2505. C1200

College music major will give guitar lessons. For more information call Wes 573-6270, 207-4141

For best results, use Snyder Daily News classifieds. They really work! 573-5486

Instructions

Swimming Lessons **Call** Bradi or Kelsi 573-8358 574-1641

Recreational Vehicles

2000 28' Wilderness 5th wheel travel trailer w/awning & slide-out living room. 325-573-6597

Boats

FOR SALE **1999** 18ft. Bayliner ski boat. Call 325-207-4144.

Merchandise

14x40 Barn/Garage **Overhead** door - heavy wood floor. 806-794-6772

For Sale - Moving Oak 5-pc king bedroom suite w/select comfort sleep number air mattress. Excellent condition! 3-pc. sectional couch w/2 recliners & sleeper, 3-yrs old, multi-color. 325-728-5237 after 5p.m. or leave message.

18' ROUND POOL-IN-A-BOX 48" tall (includes wall, frame, liner, cartridge filter, ladder & grass killer). 806-794-6772

GUARANTEED USED APPLIANCES Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges & Freezers WESTERN AUTO 2510 Ave. R

ABOVE GROUND POOLS Up to 40% OFF. 18', 24', 27' round, 12x24 and 15x30 oval. 806-794-6772

Gym going out of business. **All equipment must go!** For more information call 325-242-0857

Spa & Gazebo Sale Reduced to sell fast. Warranty, Terms & Delivery. 806-794-6772

Skyline Boomer travel trailer, $5,000; (3) dressers, $125/ea.; Pans, Tool box (wood). **573-3364**

Ugly Red Barn 12x16 Must move, priced to sell quick. 806-794-6772

Large Selection of Books Cooking - Gardening Ranching - Texas History Sports & Lots More!! Come by Snyder Daily News

YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE SAVINGS! Blemished (2) 12x16, (2) 12x20 and (1) 10x12 Morgan Buildings. Free delivery. 806-794-6772

Newspaper End Rolls $1.00 & Up Call 573-5486 or come by Snyder Daily News today!

PALLETS FOR SALE 2 For A $1.00 Call 573-5486 or come by Snyder Daily News

Building Materials

T Post.....$2.50
Farm gates.....$40
Sheet rock..... $4
Metal door $40
Concrete wire ...$40
3/8" 10' rebar.....$1
409 Coliseum
235-2490 325-518-9219

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Association for Retarded Citizens open each Tuesday and Thursday, 8a.m.-3:30p.m., 2504 Ave. W. Good used children's clothes. Donations of useable & sellable items accepted. For local pickup on items, call 573-4186, 573-5374 or 573-3729.

Apartments For Rent

1 bedroom furnished apartment w/all bills paid. Deposit required. Call 573-5879 or 325-728-8482.

$75 Move-In Special La Posada Apartments Security gate, swimming pool, energy efficient apartments, new appliances, more... 573-9605 (office) 575-2966 (cell)

Furnished 1 bedroom apartment for rent in Hermleigh. Has refrigerated air. Clean and quiet. 863-2700

College Park Apartments Under New Management •**2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished** $385/mo. $150 deposit **water allocation** **4503 College Ave.** **575-3084**

Western Crest & Windridge Village
Do you have a pool, 24 hr. maintenance, or a yard person??



Motor on by & check out our carefree living at affordable rates!
3901 Ave. O Snyder, TX **573-1488**
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Pool
2 Bedrooms, 2 bath
W/D Connections, Pool & Playground

Houses For Rent

For Rent ***1 bedroom duplex** Nice & clean! **Call Tresa Cornett** Heritage Homes Realtors **573-5056**

Mobile Homes

For Sale **1988** mobile home, 18x80. $3,500 OBO 863-2300

Real Estate

GOOD LOCATION! **3-2-2,** w/approx. 2200 sq.ft. living space, nice fireplace, nice yard. Recently updated. 2511 31st. Low $100's 573-5495

House and large shop on 4.5 acres. 254-968-8236 325-370-8289 or 325-370-8288

Big, beautiful 3-2-2, formal living, den, new kitchen, isolated master, large covered patio. 2703 47th $118,900 573-1428



Kiss unwanted items goodbye by selling them in the **Snyder Daily News CLASSIFIEDS** **573-5486**

Thousands of Iraq, Afghan war veterans seek VA care

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Willie Buckels applied for veterans health care after returning from Iraq, the back and knee injuries he suffered while rescuing a fuel truck during a mortar attack were not enough to guarantee him treatment.

The Mississippi reservist had to bring along Army paperwork proving his combat service because the Veterans Affairs Department still lacks a computer system that tracks a new applicant's service record.

More than a half-century ago, soldiers who fought in World War II were showing similar paper documents to ensure they got medical care.

"I took my paperwork, showed it to the VA, they got me in the system, got me an ID card and made appointments for doctors," said Buckels, who did not complain about his experience.

More critical, however, are lawmakers who have pressed the agency to make amends for the highly publicized problems it had serving veterans of the first Iraq war a decade ago.

"In this technologically advanced age," proof of service "can't be a sheet of paper crumbling around the edges," said Republican Rep. Christopher Smith of New Jersey, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

Nearly 18,000 soldiers who have returned from Iraq have sought care at VA health facilities, officials reported at the end of March. A separate report in mid-April said 4,000 troops from the war in Afghanistan sought care, although there is some overlap from those who served in both conflicts.

About 60 percent of the Iraq veterans and 84 percent of those from Afghanistan who sought VA care came from the National Guard and Reserves. The most common problems affected joints and back, teeth and the digestive system.

Mental disorders were diagnosed in 16 percent of the Afghanistan veterans and 15 percent of the Iraqi veterans.

The statistics reflect medical conditions regardless of their origin. They are not broken down by causes such as bullet wounds, blast injuries, accidents and illnesses.

With thousands more veterans expected to seek benefits and health care, the VA faces its biggest challenge since the early 1990s. Officials are well aware of the stakes.

"I believe the agency will be defined for generations by how well we take care of these returning troops," Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi, a combat-decorated Vietnam veteran, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The agency has a mixed record in dealing with the crush of new veterans.

The lack of a 21st-century computer operation is a black eye. Recently the VA health care director, Dr. Robert Roswell, resigned after the failure of a $472 million hospital computer system for veterans in Florida that was supposed to become a national model.

The department, in a statement, said it does not now have an automated way of identifying veterans who served in Iraq of Afghanistan. "We rely on military records provided by the veteran," the VA said.

The Defense Department has compiled a computerized roster of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans for the VA, but the list has many discrepancies, officials said.

Botched pyrotechnics show clears coliseum at ball game

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A pyrotechnics show before an indoor football game Sunday went awry, emptying the coliseum and sending two people to an ambulance for treatment for respiratory problems.

The Corpus Christi Hammerheads game was delayed 45 minutes after the coliseum filled with smoke.

At least two fans were carried out on stretchers and treated in a waiting ambulance, authorities said. Players were sprawled on the grass outside the coliseum trying to catch their breath.

Corpus Christi EMS administered oxygen to several players and some fans with asthma, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported.

"It felt like I was choking," said Denise Gipson. "As I tried to take a deep breath, it felt like I couldn't get any air."

The pre-game pyrotechnics show was performed by Pyrospectacular, a group whose repertoire includes shows at Super Bowls and other professional sporting events.

The show was approved by the Corpus Christi Fire Department after a test run earlier Sunday, but Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hernandez said the pyrotechnics group didn't follow the plan.

"Based on the test and the number of pyrotechnics they stated they would use, it wasn't going to be a problem," Hernandez said. "They said they would just use a few, but they ended up using a lot more than that."

Chad Dittman, Hammerheads owner and Intense Football League founder, disputed Hernandez's claims. He said the fire department had a copy of what was planned and approved it.

"I can't explain what happened, but it's unfortunate, and it will be the last time we have fireworks," he said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Therapy for gallstones

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an 85-year-old widow in excellent health except for cycles of indigestion, abdominal pain and gas. To establish a diagnosis, my doctor ordered a CT scan. The test showed gallstones. Now I must decide how to proceed. Although I want to avoid an operation if possible, a surgeon told me that my gallbladder should be removed because sooner or later I will have serious health problems from it. What do you think?

DEAR READER: In many people, gallstones cause few, if any, symptoms. However, you are experiencing cyclic pain and maldigestion, indicating that your gallbladder is badly diseased. You are at risk for future difficulties, such as jaundice, liver damage and severe abdominal discomfort. Consequently, I believe that you should consider surgery.

In the past, this operation was complicated and extensive; it required several weeks of convalescence. Now, however, doctors can perform laparoscopic ("Band-Aid") surgery, an operation carried out through a tube with a tiny incision and little risk. You can leave the hospital the day of surgery and should not require significant convalescence.

Thus, while your desire to avoid surgery altogether is understandable, I think you would be better off having your gallbladder removed laparoscopically. Discuss your concerns with the surgeon, who will give you a detailed overview of the procedure, its advantages and risks, and will answer your questions.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Informed Approach to Surgery." 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: My husband is 64 and was recently diagnosed by a CT scan to have a colonic polyp that may be cancerous. He doesn't want to get cut. Where do we go from here?

DEAR READER: Virtual colonoscopy, during which radiologists examine the colon with special X-ray studies, is an exciting medical advance: it is easier and safer than the standard colonoscopy, which involves visualizing the colon with a fiberoptic, lighted tube. However, virtual colonoscopy has one crucial drawback: suspicious lesions cannot be biopsied or removed.

Although your husband should follow his doctor's advice in this matter, I'd be surprised if the physician doesn't order a traditional colonoscopy, during which a specialist can remove the polyp for microscopic analysis. This technique, although technically surgical, does not involve any "cutting," incisions or convalescence.

Once the polyp has been removed and examined, your husband can decide, based on the findings, what course of action to take. This will range from simple follow-up exams (if the polyp is benign) to extensive colon surgery (if the polyp is malignant).

I suggest that your husband take this one step at a time, starting with colonoscopic removal of the polyp.

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.

Copyright 2004, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	10.39	10.04	10.17	— .38
AT&T Corp	16.75	16.51	16.71	— .01
Albertsons	22.74	22.43	22.57	— .19
Alltel	50.07	49.71	49.85	— .22
AmEl Pw	29.76	29.26	29.36	— .52
AndarkPtr	55.98	55.16	55.68	+ .49
ATMOS Egy	23.89	23.61	23.69	— .26
Aviall	16.50	16.30	16.34	— .55
BP PLC	52.96	52.67	52.75	— .18
BakerHughes	35.73	35.05	35.49	+ .15
Bank of Amer	80.82	79.24	79.86	— .34
BellSouth	26.16	25.04	25.09	— .48
BurlNoSFe	32.81	32.31	32.71	— .26
Caterpillar	74.45	72.70	73.40	—2.29
CenterPoint	10.65	10.40	10.42	— .18
ChevronTex	92.65	91.96	92.05	+ .09
Citigroup	45.28	44.95	45.05	— .60
CocaCola	49.90	49.52	49.52	— .48
ColgatePal	56.67	55.48	56.30	+ .55
CmclMetals	26.28	25.45	25.57	— .56
ConocoPhill	73.67	72.80	73.20	— .13
Cooper Inds	54.24	53.42	53.66	— .83
DaimlrChry	42.10	41.74	42.04	— .23
DeltaAirLines	4.90	4.58	4.79	— .19
Dillards Inc	17.63	17.20	17.48	+ .04
DowChem	37.44	36.74	37.01	— .63
DuPont	41.48	41.13	41.25	— .44
EastmanChem	44.60	43.68	43.81	— .82
EstKodak	25.40	24.90	25.10	— .03
EDS Corp	15.98	15.62	15.81	— .26
Entergy	51.34	50.65	50.74	— .93
ExxonMobil	43.54	43.27	43.39	+ .12
FootLocker	21.60	20.60	20.84	— .84
GenDynam	94.53	93.61	94.25	— .94
GenlElec	29.98	29.68	29.88	— .28
GenMills	45.95	45.50	45.76	— .10
GenMotors	43.72	42.88	43.57	— .78
GaPacific	33.54	32.92	33.40	— .49
Goodrich	27.82	26.90	26.90	— .91
Goodyear	7.92	7.75	7.88	— .14
GtAtlPac	7.30	6.80	7.00	— .27
Halliburtn	29.37	28.93	29.13	— .02
Hanson PLC	35.95	35.73	35.85	— .44
HarteHanks	23.11	22.80	22.87	— .37
HomeDepot	33.49	33.07	33.40	— .40
Honeywellintl	33.43	32.78	33.18	— .30
IBM	85.94	85.15	85.62	— .79
IntlPaper	40.55	40.01	40.16	— .61
JohnsonJn	54.92	54.13	54.84	+ .32
KinderMorg	39.06	58.73	58.74	— .69
Kroger Co	16.41	16.21	16.33	— .21
LockheedM	47.43	47.02	47.04	— .39
Lowes Cos	50.59	49.30	49.48	— 1.10
Lubys	4.95	4.85	4.85	— .21
LucentTech	3.12	2.98	3.09	— .19
MarathonOil	33.79	33.31	33.56	+ .22
MayDeptStr	28.22	27.58	28.13	— .24
Medtronic	49.51	49.15	49.27	— .78
Motorola	18.70	18.33	18.65	— .24
NCR Corp	45.39	44.93	44.94	—1.02
Navistar	40.85	40.00	40.21	—1.05
PNM Rescs	28.90	28.50	28.52	— .47
Penney JC	31.80	31.10	31.42	— .60
PepBoys	23.95	23.65	23.82	— .38
PepsiCo	53.48	52.92	52.95	— .80
PhelpDodge	61.79	59.90	60.63	—2.01
PilgrimsPride	25.90	25.32	25.58	+ .18
Praxair s	35.95	35.32	35.37	— .90
ProctGamb	107.15	105.81	106.48	+ .07
RadioShack	29.21	28.28	28.45	— .94
RoyalDut	48.72	48.42	48.61	— .40
SBC Comm	24.35	24.11	24.27	— .23
SaraLee	22.91	22.71	22.79	— .16
Scripps EW	101.91	101.11	101.11	—1.79
SearsRoeb	37.90	37.20	37.35	— .47
SherwinW	36.77	36.30	36.40	— .72
SouthernCo	28.19	27.81	27.83	— .42
SwstAirl	14.26	14.05	14.22	— .10
SprintFON	17.36	17.15	17.25	— .15
Sunoco Inc	62.33	61.30	61.69	+ .05
TXU Corp	35.11	34.51	34.51	— .60
TempleInland	62.74	61.65	61.96	— .99
TexInd	32.29	31.72	31.90	— .38
TexasInst	25.10	24.60	24.99	— .37
Textron	53.04	52.06	52.55	— .88
TimeWarner	16.56	16.18	16.41	— .09
TrinityInds	27.80	27.00	27.08	— .92
TylerTech	8.89	8.65	8.78	
UnionPacif	57.06	56.51	56.82	— .55
USSteel	26.19	25.78	26.08	— .41
UnitedTech	82.80	81.50	81.93	— 1.32
Unocal	35.48	34.88	35.17	— .10
VerizonComm	36.74	35.85	36.02	— .34
WalMart	55.10	54.14	54.80	— .26
WellsFargo	56.90	56.26	56.52	— .47
WstnGasRs	54.55	53.70	53.86	— .54
WinnDixie	6.24	6.07	6.12	— .14
Xerox Cp	12.78	12.64	12.66	— .19
YumBrands	36.07	35.32	35.53	— .79

MAY 17 2004

ZITS ® by Scott & Borgman



THE BORN LOSER ® by Art and Chip Sansom



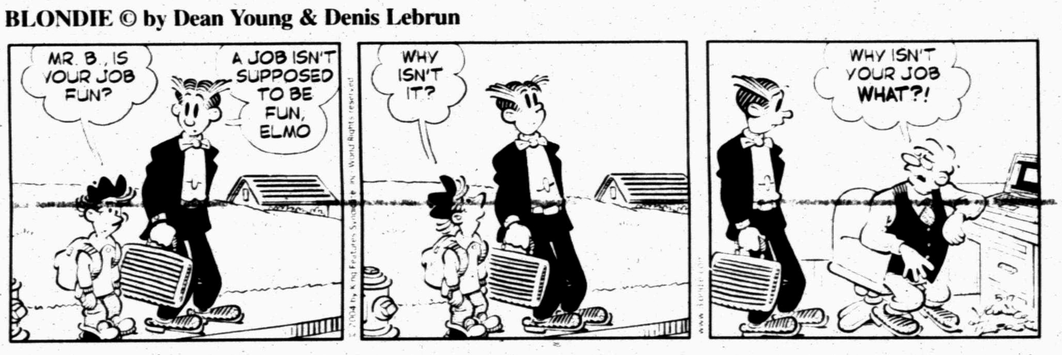
SOUP TO NUTZ ® by Rick Stromoski



BARNEY GOOGLE & SNUFFY SMITH © by Fred Laswell



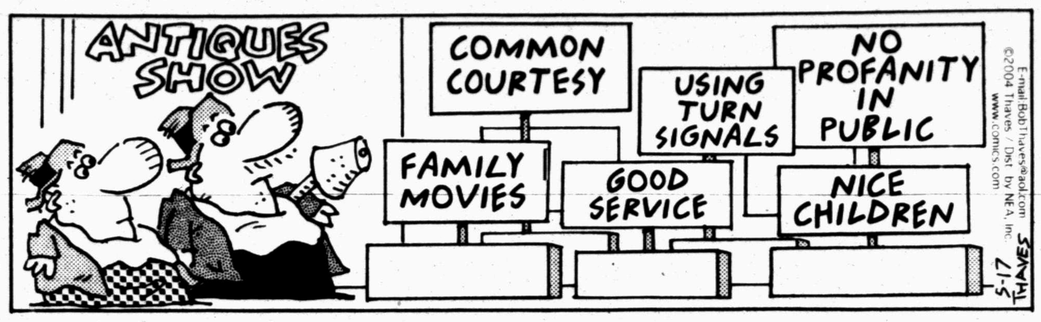
BLONDIE © by Dean Young & Denis Lebrun



THE GRIZZWELLS ® by Bill Schorr



FRANK & ERNEST ® by Bob Thaves



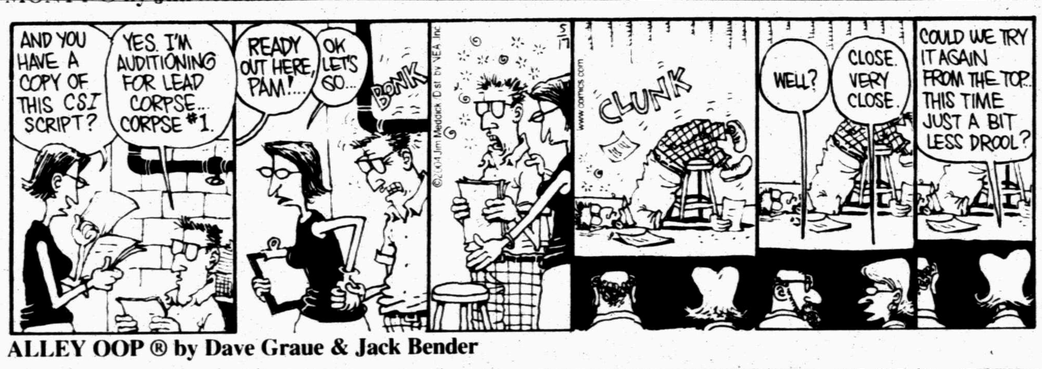
ARLO & JANIS ® by Jimmy Johnson



BIG NATE ® by Lincoln Peirce



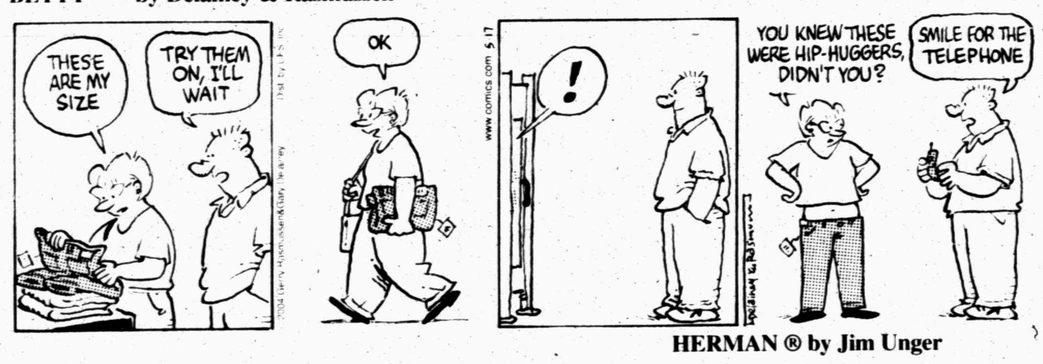
MONTY ® by Jim Meddick



ALLEY OOP ® by Dave Graue & Jack Bender



BETTY ™ by Delainey & Rasmussen



HERMAN ® by Jim Unger

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Fiber plant
5 Baron — Richthofen
8 CEO, perhaps
11 Energy source
12 From square one
14 Down under bird
15 Thick head of hair
16 Petty or Loughlin
17 Seize
18 Gandhi, e.g.
20 Fixes software
22 Woodlands grazer
23 Finish last
24 Perch
27 Ice cream treat
29 Transatlantic kin of NASA
30 Medieval entertainer
34 Arctic hunters' prey (2 wds.)
37 Baseball's Mel —
38 Superman, incognito
39 Let loose
41 Wobble
43 — Lanka
44 Pint-size
46 Smidgens
49 Not just my
50 Pasta alternative
52 Slangy no (hyph.)
54 Air-pump meas.
55 Sweater flaw
56 Befuddled
57 Look at
58 Capt.'s heading
59 Oodles

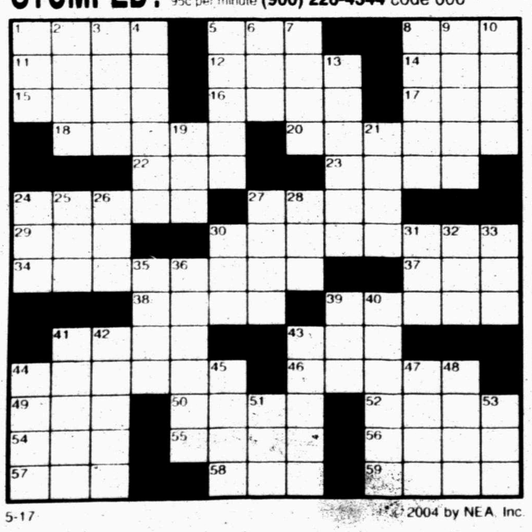
DOWN

1 Wedge in
2 Idaho neighbor
3 Pulitzer winner — Morrison
4 Corrects
5 Treasure
6 Mrs. Lennon
7 Oddball
8 Second planet
9 Reflection
10 Dartboard locales
13 Brandishes
19 Tiny speck
21 Scow or barge
24 NBA official
25 Big Ten sch.
26 Boathouse item
27 River deposit
28 Switch positions
30 Operate
31 Caviar, actually
32 Riviera summer
33 British inc.
35 Distort
36 Moray catchers
39 To's partner
40 Ceremony
41 Be frugal
42 Spooky
43 Battle tactic
44 Firecracker noises
45 Berlin single
47 Chan rejoinder (2 wds.)
48 Tallow source
51 Knows how
53 Acquired

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	S	T			A	A	H		H	A	R	M
I	O	U		E	M	M	A		E	R	O	S
L	A	B		N	A	P	S		A	G	O	G
E	R	S	A	T	Z		P	I	V	O	T	
			D	R	E			D	I	N	S	
S	A	M	O	A		M	U	S	E			
S	P	A		P	O	O	F		R	I	L	L
T	E	E	S		K	N	O	B		C	A	B
			L	I	S	A		R	A	I	D	S
	Z	E	U	S			F	E	D			
	O	M	I	T	S		O	N	D	E	C	K
B	R	I	C		M	A	I	D		V	I	E
A	B	L	E		U	R	S	A		E	N	E
R	A	Y	S		G	E	T			R	E	N

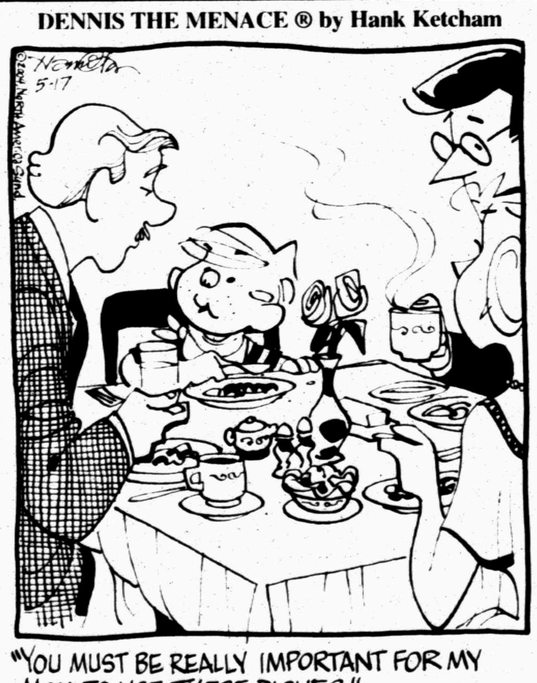
STUMPED? Call for answers ● Touch-tone or rotary phone 95c per minute **(900) 226-4344** code 000



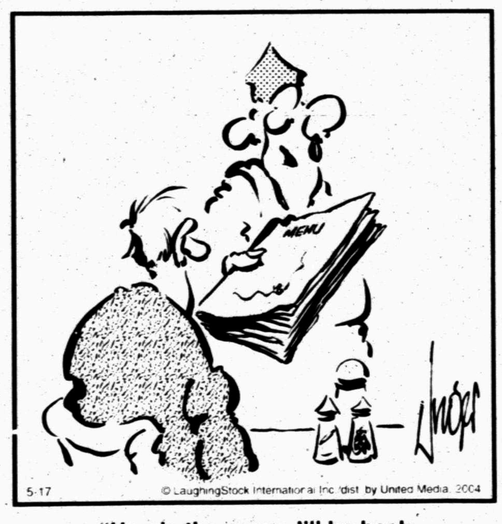
5-17 © 2004 by NEA, Inc.

Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

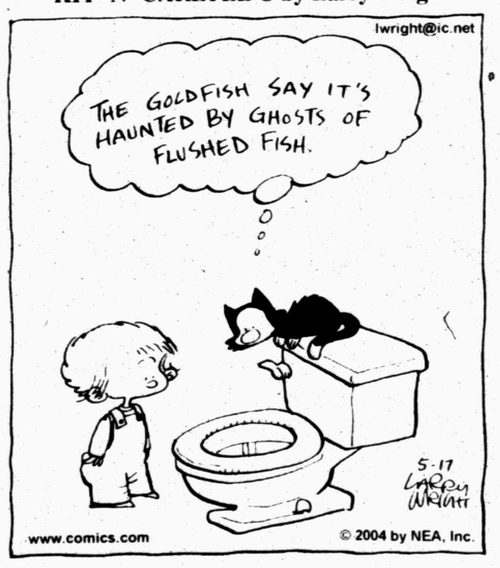


"YOU MUST BE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR MY MOM TO USE *THESE* DISHES."



"Here's the menu. I'll be back in a couple of hours."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



Killer's parents feel no need to be forgiven

NEW YORK (AP) — In their first interview since the Columbine High School massacre, the parents of one of the killers said they feel no need be forgiven and didn't realize their son was beyond hope until after he was dead.

"Dylan (Klebold) did not do this because of the way he was raised," Susan Klebold told columnist David Brooks in The New York Times. "He did it in contradiction to the way he was raised."

Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris killed 13 people on April 20, 1999, before taking their own lives.

The couple took issue with people who say they forgive them for what happened.

"I haven't done anything for which I need forgiveness," Susan Klebold said.

They acknowledged they missed signs that their son was in trouble. Klebold and Harris were in a juvenile diversion program for breaking into a van and stealing tools and other items in January 1998.

"He was hopeless. We didn't realize it until after the end," Tom Klebold said.

"I think he suffered horribly before he died," Susan Klebold said. "For not seeing that, I will never forgive myself."

The couple said they felt under siege after the shooting and never had a chance to grieve for their son.

Tom Klebold said they hope to understand someday why the shooting happened.

"We're not qualified to sort this out. People need to understand this could have happened to them," he said.

The Klebolds said their son was set off by the "toxic culture" of the school, where athletes were worshipped and bullying was tolerated.

Jefferson County Public Schools officials have consistently denied that bullying was tolerated or that athletes received special treatment.

The Klebolds' comments was criticized late Saturday by some of the victims' parents.

"I'm horrified," Dawn Anna, whose daughter Lauren Townsend was killed at Columbine, told The Associated Press. "I wanted an apology. I wanted a contribution to help us understand why it happened, so that it would never happen again. I didn't hear it."

Brian Rohrbough, father of victim Daniel Rohrbough, said he was outraged that the Klebolds likened the day of the shootings to a natural disaster in the interview with Brooks.

"This was murder," he said. "In my opinion, what went on in their home led to Columbine."

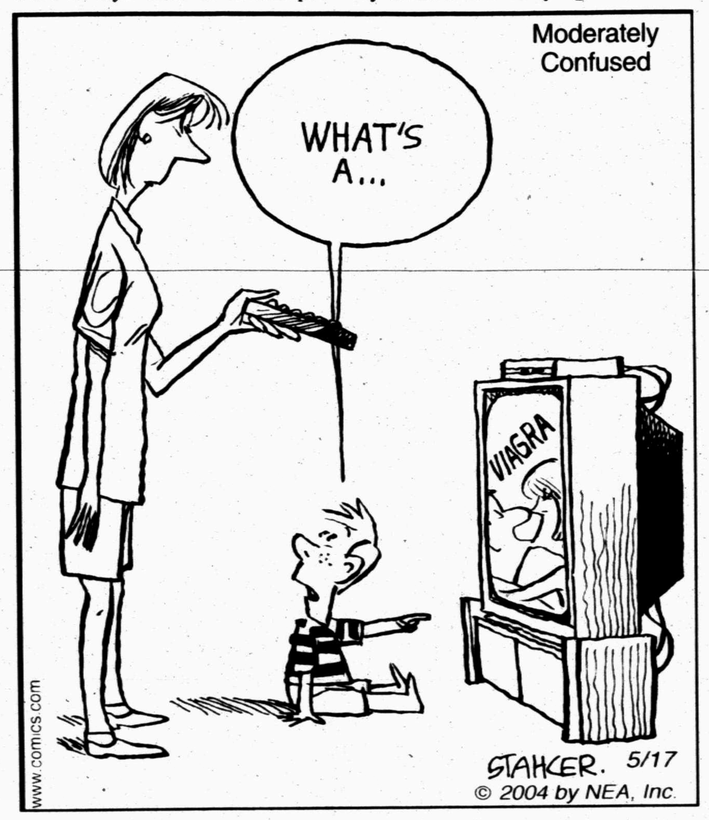
Brooks said the Klebolds agreed to the interview after an exchange of e-mails initiated by Tom Klebold, who was angered by Brooks' April 24 column. Brooks'column did not say when and where the interview took place.

In the April 24 column, Brooks had paraphrased an article in the online publication Slate that said Harris and Klebold yearned to become the most prolific mass murders in history.

The Klebolds' attorney, Gary Lozow, told The Denver Post the Klebolds had no plans to grant any other interviews.

In a story for The Post, Lozow related the first moments after the Klebolds learned of the shooting.

They had heard the gunmen may have been part of the Trench Coat Mafia, a loose group of students, including their son, who said athletes at Columbine bullied them.



Dry weather may mean sweeter watermelons

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Cool temperatures and a lack of rain have slowed the growth of Georgia's $40 million watermelon crop, but the melons should recover by the Fourth of July and may be even sweeter than usual, experts say.

Georgia is a major watermelon supplier for Fourth of July picnics, when demand for the fruit peaks. Florida growers are already harvesting their crop, and Georgia's season will run from early June to the end of July.

The nation's leading watermelon states are Florida, Texas, California, Georgia and Arizona, but the fruit is also grown in 39 other states.

Below-average temperatures in March and early April put Georgia's melons behind schedule, but the fruit should make a quick recovery with the arrival of showers and warm, sunny days, said horticulturist Terry Kelley, a University of Georgia watermelon specialist.

Most growers have irrigation systems to provide adequate moisture during droughts. Those without irrigation had to delay planting this spring, Kelley said.

"The peak harvest may come a little later," he said. "But consumers will see no real difference. There should be plenty of melons for the Fourth of July market."

Extremely wet springs and summers tend to increase disease problems and excessive rain can reduce sweetness, he said.

"It dilutes the sugars," said Kelley. "Plus, when it's raining, you don't have as much sunshine. Sunshine is where you get the sugar production."

Rebecca grower Bob Rawlings, president of the Georgia Watermelon Association, said his 100 acres are looking "pretty good," despite some wind damage in April.

Buddy Leger, a watermelon broker in Cordele, said Fourth of July shipments will begin about June 15.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Changes are in the offing in situations where you have previously played a minor or supporting role. In the year ahead, you may find yourself stepping out of the shadows and being recognized as a leader.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Starting today, you should be able to disengage yourself from unproductive involvements if you've got the gumption to start anew. Let fruitless activities go without regret.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Greater insights into something which you have previously viewed strictly from an intellectual point of view can be gained today if you allow yourself to consider instinct as a possible source.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If there is something you've wanted to launch, but have found excuse after excuse to support your trepidation in launching it, today is the day to stop rationalizing and take positive action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It behooves you to set loftier objectives for yourself today instead of continuously sticking to the routine you've become so accustomed to. Break out of the mold and bring your talents into play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're now in a pattern where you can profit from past mistakes if you'll take the time to review things from a new perspective and face the truth. Move forward today with new confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Listen attentively to someone who has had a successful track record should this person talk about a new proposal. There's a strong possibility you could gain at this time from a joint venture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Matters of importance should not be ignored today, but tackled with new gusto instead. With the right attitude, you can complete many assignments that have been on the drawing board.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This is the right day to initiate that diet or exercise program you've been promising yourself to start. The odds are better than usual for sticking to whatever you begin today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — As of today, you could gather greater control over a personal matter that is of extreme importance to you. It may have something to do with your social life or a romantic situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Two important involvements may be taking a new direction for you today that would allow you to get on top of matters and realize the success for which you had hoped.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Make a concerted effort to be more concise and time-conscious today regarding plans you have in the making. Concentrate primarily on what you want to accomplish and make things happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be alert today for opportune signals that suggest new avenues for financial gain. If you're ready to plow new pastures and are willing to stay the course, you'll have good chances for success.

Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

Copyright 2004, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

MAY 17 2004

Your Complete Area

Business Directory

Texas Treasures

Concrete Benches *Concrete Birdbaths* *Other Yard Decorations*

Old Fashion Recipes, Jellies, Preserves, Pickles, Peppers and other vegetables

573-7567

Here's My Card...

Advertise Your Business Here.

Call Carolyn 573-5486

Advertise Your Business Here.

Call Carolyn 573-5486

JSA Independent Distributor — WATER & AIR FILTERS

Tom's Marine and Chemical Pump Sales & Service, Inc.

315 E. Highway • Snyder, Texas 79549

Tom Machen (325) 573-6562 Home 573-5219

Hillside Monument

Next Door To

Hillside Memorial Gardens

Specializing in Pre-Need Family Memorial Estates

Colorado City Hwy.

573-5251 Night 573-5536

BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY

Spotlight

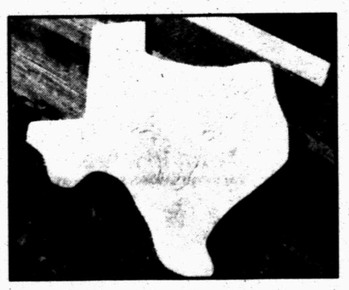
Texas Treasures

573-7567

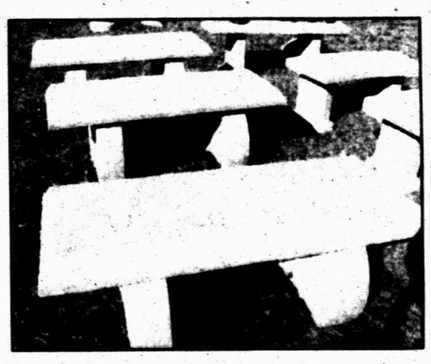
TEXAS TREASURES is a local business run by **Tommy and Mary Williams** listed on the internet as **texastreasurechest.com**. The website features a partial list of current family oriented productions. Other than video production, we have beautiful concrete birdbaths, benches and many other yard decorations at a reasonable price. We also handle a delicious array of jellies, vegetables, relishes and many other food items made with old fashioned recipes. Our booth at **The Whistle Stop** features all our **food items** and our **concrete items** are located at the home address on **U.S. Highway 84. Call 573-7567** or come by and visit.



Tommy & Mary Williams







2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

This morning...

Deputies' pay discussed by sheriff

Continued From Page 1

drive 40 miles to Sweetwater where a basic patrolman is earning $35,448," he said. "I want to make it clear I'm not asking for a pay raise or even an adjustment for myself. I knew what the job paid. This request is for my current deputies and any future openings so I can attract qualified, hard working deputies to help better serve our community."

Scurry County Judge Rod Waller said he had asked a panel of a commissioner and other elected officials to look at the issue, but he had not heard back.

Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, a member of that committee, said they were waiting to see what the state legislature is doing on taxes, but a report should be done soon.

Jackson said he couldn't submit a proposed budget until he knows what he can do with salaries.

The court also heard what the new justice of the peace Precinct 2 would cost for the remainder of the year. A budget amendment for $29,062, including the judge's salary, office rent, insurance, communications, travel allowance and other items. The amendment was approved with Commissioner Ralph Trevey voting against it.

Commissioners heard from Jeff Graham of the accounting firm of Condley and Company. Both the county and the hospital got unqualified reports, the best an accounting firm gives a government body.

A state-approved program making it easier for the county to prove it owns old roads where records don't exist was discussed, but no action was taken.

A John Deere tractor was bought at a net cost of $20,500 from Key Brothers Implement, the only bid submitted.

A contract for Hermleigh water system improvements was also approved and the court also heard from new hospital CEO Carol Hanes about her first week at the hospital.

Routine line-item transfers and paying the bills were also approved.

Numerous arrests reported

Arrests

Eugenia Smith, 33, of Clovis was arrested on Curry County, N.M., warrants for failure to appear on possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia charge. He was taken into custody at 6:01 p.m. Saturday near Hermleigh.

Ernesto Guajardo Cerda, 48, 2206 Ave. T, was arrested Sunday at 1:50 a.m. on Hwy. 180 on charges of felony driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Marcus Villarreal, 18, of 2602 35th Street was arrested Sunday at 11:41 p.m. on charges of possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony.

A 33-year-old female was arrested at 6:43 a.m. Saturday in the 1800 block of 39th Street on a warrant for public intoxication.

A 43-year-old male was arrested and held for INS officials at 7:35 p.m. Saturday in the 1800 block of 26th Street.

A 39-year-old male was arrested on charges of assault/family violence and public intoxication at 11:58 p.m. Saturday south of Dunn on Highway 208.

Police responded to the 2100 block of 27th Street at midnight Sunday on a report of a fight where they arrested a 19-year-old male on warrants for minor in possession and consumption of alcoholic.

At 1:54 a.m. Sunday, a 42-year-old male was arrested on charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, first offense, five miles south of Dunn on Texas 208.

Police responded to the 1900 block of Ave. L at 6:24 p.m. Sunday to a report of someone dumping garbage in a vacant lot. When police found the vehicle, the 20-year-old driver was arrested on warrants for failure to yield right of way and failure to appear.

• ***Thefts***

Deputies investigated two reports of theft Saturday morning.

One report was made from Rhodes Welding on the Lamesa highway and the other from the Johnny Eicke farm east of Snyder.

Two juveniles were taken into custody and later released to their parents after being caught shoplifting at Allsup's Saturday morning.

Officers investigated a theft from 208 Elm in which a soft drink vending machine was reported taken along with a television.

A purse was found Sunday morning in the 2700 block of Ave. U and all the items had been dumped out. The owner was later located and said it had been taken out of her car, but nothing was missing.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Officers responded to a report Sunday morning that a pickup window had been busted while parked at UCO Spinning at the industrial park.

At 8:30 a.m. Sunday, a report on the restrooms at Towle Park being vandalized was filed.

Officers were called to the 100 block of Browning Sunday morning as eggs had been thrown at a house and a car had been keyed. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

• ***Dog bite***

Officers filed a report for a dog bite after a woman reported her son being bitten by a dog near the junior high.

Obituaries

Robert Taylor

1927-2004

Robert George Taylor, a native of Snyder, died Sunday, May 16, in Carillon House in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Taylor, 77, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 20, 1927 in Snyder, Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Louise Smith Taylor, and a sister, Mary Louise Thompson.

Opal Cooper

1914-2004

Opal Sorrells Cooper, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Saturday, May 15, at her home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cooper, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Mosley officiating. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born Dec. 21, 1914 in Shackelford County, she married Marvin Sorrells on Sept. 21, 1941 in Ira. He died Jan. 22, 1975. She married W.A. "Bill" Cooper on April 28, 1998 in Las Vegas, N.M.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

A resident of Scurry County since 1941, she was a homemaker and a member of the Ira Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Cooper of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Betty Sorrells of Ira; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Lew Edelen and Sue and L.D. Ely, all of San Angelo; a stepson and his wife, Charles and Deana Cooper of Snyder; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Judy and Patrick Thomas of Arlington and Betty and Ross Burns of Alpine; a sister, Ann Fangman of Jarrettsville, Md.; five grandchildren, Marty Cleckler, Kyle Sorrells, Justin Ely, Amanda Streetman and Kristi Clyburn; six great-grandchildren, Kyla Sorrells, Tanner Sorrells, Kaitlyn Cleckler, Lauren Cleckler, Lainey Streetman and Abby Clyburn.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Box 1396; the Scurry County Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M; or Odyssey Hospice Care, 1510 South Gregg in Big Spring, 79720.

James Manley

1921-2004

James C. Manley, a resident of Snyder since 1966, died at 10:45 a.m. today at his home in Snyder.

A memorial service for Mr. Manley, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, will officiate. Interment is planned in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born June 7, 1921 in Loraine, he married Meta N. Hudson on Nov. 16, 1940 in Big Spring. She died 1989.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Nickie Adkins, in 1980; and a granddaughter, Sarah Coffey, in 2001.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Manley had worked for Chevron Oil Co. in Snyder for a number of years.

Survivors include four sisters, Merle Cross of Brownwood, Lou Richardson of Baraboo, Wisc., Ruth Barree of Dallas and Marie of San Angelo.

LaMar Easlon

1924-2004

WACO – LaMar Franklin Easlon, the brother-in-law of Betty Bruner of Snyder, died Saturday, May 15.

Funeral service for Mr. Easlon, 79, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Pecan Grove Funeral Home with burial to follow in Waco Memorial Park.

Born Aug. 2, 1924 in Oklahoma City, he married Dorothy Lee Bruner on March 4, 1944 in Waco. He was a member of Emanuel Baptist Church.

Mr. Easlon retired from General Tire after 34 years and was a former Shriner clown.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Franklin and Reddie Loraine Easlon; and a son, Grady LaMar Easlon.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Lee Easlon of Waco; two daughters Jeanie Francis of Mexia and Patricia Campbell of Garland; a brother, Donald Easlon of Rialton, Calif.; two sisters, Jeanette Jankowski of Norwalk, Calif., and Beatrice Young of San Diego, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

COUNTRYPLACE
Floral & Gifts
4213 College
325-573-1817

Personal, Professional Service
BELL CYPERT-SEALE FUNERAL HOME
3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Friendly Flower Shop
3203 1/2 College Ave
325-573-5260, 325-573-3851

WCFH
Independently Owned & Operated
WRIGHT COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME
200 East 37th St.
Snyder, Texas
325-573-6200

Barbee defeats O'Day

Incumbent Carolyn Barbee outdistanced challenger Bob O'Day in Saturday's Western Texas College board of trustee election by 53 votes.

Barbee polled 144 votes to retain her Place 3 spot on the board, while O'Day garnered 91.

Place 5 incumbent, Dr. Jay Kidd, was unopposed but received 150 votes.

In the Hermleigh ISD trustee election, Burton Sandefur and John Williamson will return to the board as they received 58 and 52 votes respectively, while Billy Luna tallied 31.

Both Sandefur and Williamson had served on the HISD board previously.

No incumbents sought new terms at Hermleigh.

Land issue on Hermleigh ISD agenda

Hermleigh ISD's board of trustees will again address a land issue during a called meeting tonight in the high school library.

The strip of land that is in dispute is adjacent to property owned by Joel Roemisch of Dallas. Trustees this evening will consider authorizing the district's attorney, Andy Chance, to represent HISD in any legal action forthcoming from the disputed property lines.

Trustees also will canvass the results of the Saturday election that saw Burton Sandefur and John Williamson elected, and elect officers for the coming year.

A contract for library services also will be approved.

The meeting is at 8 o'clock in the high school library.

Job fair planned Tuesday at NG armory

The Texas National Guard and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a job fair from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday at the National Guard Armory located in Towle Park.

Several colleges and universities will be represented at the fair, as will many local businesses.

Western Texas College will be on hand as will Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons, McMurry, Cisco Junior College and TSTC.

Prospective employers scheduled to be at the fair include Cogdell Memorial Hospital, American State Bank, Texas Department of Transportation, First American Bank, United Supermarkets and Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Two blood drives planned this week

United Blood Services will hold its quarterly blood drive in Snyder beginning Tuesday and continuing on Wednesday.

Tuesday's drive will be from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

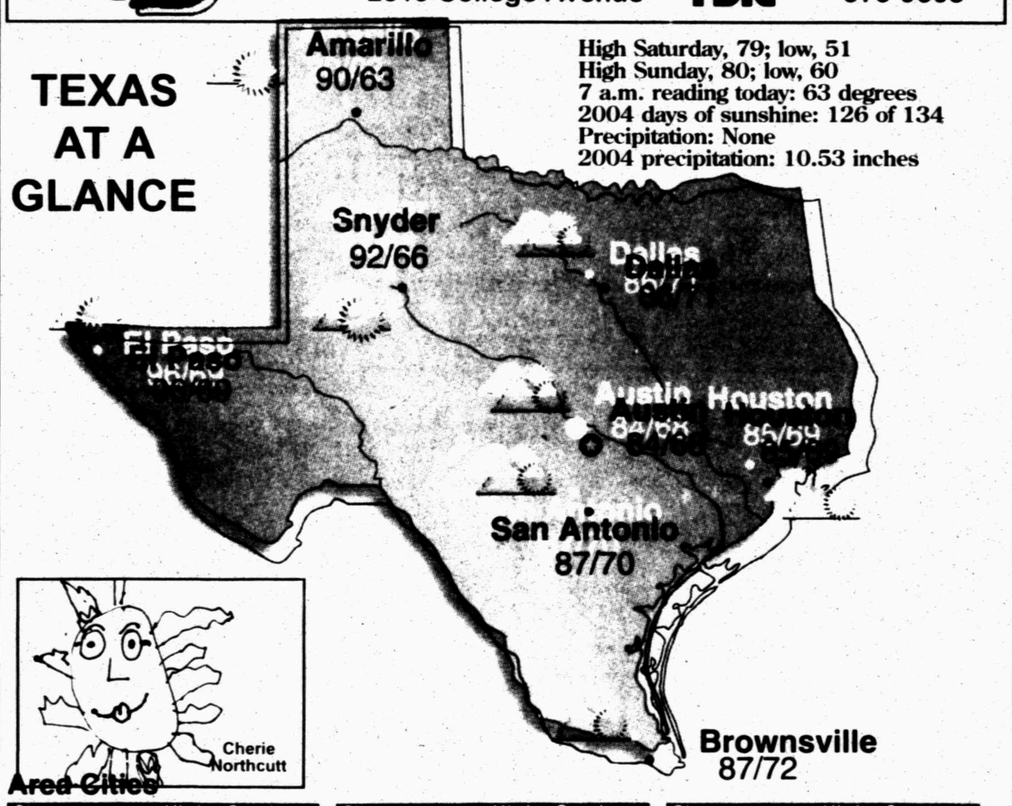
Cogdell Memorial Hospital will host Wednesday's drive in the donor coach from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 5/18	Wed 5/19	Thu 5/20
92/66	93/65	91/64
Mainly sunny. Hot. High 92F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Morning clouds followed by late day sun.
Sunrise 6:43 AM, Sunset 8:38 PM	Sunrise 6:42 AM, Sunset 8:39 PM	Sunrise 6:42 AM, Sunset 8:39 PM

Texas Savings Bank
"MOVE IT ON OVER"
2619 College Avenue FDIC 573-9305



City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	67	mst sunny	El Paso	96	69	mst sunny	Midland	95	66	sunny
Amarillo	90	63	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	95	66	sunny	Raymondville	87	70	pt sunny
Austin	84	68	pt sunny	Gainesville	85	67	pt sunny	Rosenberg	85	69	pt sunny
Beaumont	84	68	t-storm	Greenville	85	67	pt sunny	San Antonio	87	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	87	72	pt sunny	Houston	85	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	85	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	89	67	pt sunny	Kingsville	86	71	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	72	pt sunny	Livingston	85	66	pt sunny	Sweetwater	91	67	mst sunny
Corsicana	84	68	pt sunny	Longview	86	67	pt sunny	Tyler	86	67	pt sunny
Dallas	86	71	pt sunny	Lubbock	93	65	mst sunny	Weatherford	85	67	pt sunny
Del Rio	89	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	67	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	90	68	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	62	t-storm	Houston	85	69	pt sunny	Phoenix	100	74	sunny
Boston	76	61	t-storm	Los Angeles	71	57	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	51	windy
Chicago	68	52	t-storm	Miami	84	75	rain	Seattle	75	54	mst sunny
Dallas	86	71	pt sunny	Minneapolis	71	49	mst sunny	St. Louis	83	69	t-storm
Denver	75	53	pt sunny	New York	77	64	t-storm	Washington, DC	84	67	t-storm

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
May 11	May 19	May 27	Jun 3

UV Index

Tue 5/18	Wed 5/19	Thu 5/20
11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

©2003 American Profile Hometown Content Service