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ENTRANCE WORK — Green Images employees Louis Calderon (left) and Gilbert Brown fill in around a pine tree they have just planted. The Texas Department of Transportation contracted with Green Images for the landscape development project at State Highway 350 and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital entrance. (SDN Staff Photo)

Highway 350 entrance to town landscaping project has begun

Preparations are underway for a landscape development project at State Highway 350 and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital entrance.

Green Images out of Amarillo was awarded a $45,739 contract on March 11 to enhance the landscaping at the hospital's entrance. The site is on the south side of Snyder and one of the main entrances into town.

Pete Krause, Abilene district landscape architect, said the contract calls for the contractor to plant pine trees as well as several varieties of ornamental trees and shrubs, build a planter box, put in a drip irrigation system and build a retaining wall.

"This landscape project is a joint venture between the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Snyder with TxDOT funding the project and the city being responsible for maintaining the project once it's completed," Krause said.

The city has received private donations to provide for a City Pride-Welcome sign to be built and placed in the landscaped area.

Green Images has been allotted 60 working days to complete the project.

Fort Worth's tornado damage at $450 million

FORT WORTH (AP) — From the curb, there's little evidence that the mountain of crushed concrete, twisted metal and sprawling wires is The Sweet Shop's chocolate factory.

But closer to the rubble, the smell of smashed bonbons is overpowering.

A powerful tornado broke thousands of pounds of confection to pieces Tuesday night. The F-2 twister swept through downtown Fort Worth, destroying the Sweet Shop and dozens of other businesses.

Several candy shop workers were trapped in the debris but miraculously, none was seriously injured.

It's their spirit that hurts the most, said Darla James, a 16-year employee.

"I'm just devastated, sheer devastation," she said. "I've been here so long. It's my life."

James said her employer has vowed to rebuild. The candy company is one of the largest wholesalers of gourmet chocolates in the United States.

Many other Fort Worth businesses won't be so lucky, said Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr.

"Undoubtedly, there will be some businesses that can't reopen," he said. "And a lot will have to relocate."

The tornado damage ranged from the leveling of small convenience stores and automotive repair shops to structural damage to large skyscrapers.

Damage to all areas in Tarrant County, including homes, is expected to top $450 million, according to the Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

County leaders hope to gain federal aid for employers through the Small Business Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Administration. Gov. George W. Bush has declared Tarrant County a disaster area.

Today, city officials planned to meet with business owners to provide information on business assistance programs and environmental regulations for dumping debris.

At least one local bank announced it has set aside $50 million in bridge loans for victims of the twisters. Frost Bank officials said people who qualify for federal aid are eligible for these loans, which will be awarded to people while they wait to receive their federal money. Once the federal money comes in, it will be used to repay the bridge loan.

Among the thousands of displaced workers were about 40 employees at Perkins Aircraft Services, a manufacturer of jetliner windshields.

Owner Jim Perkins said that even though the concrete building and specialized equipment sustained about $700,000 in damage, he felt lucky that no workers were present.

Price Daniel car wash is postponed

Price Daniel Unit employees have postponed a planned car wash and bake sale to benefit the Special Olympics until next weekend.

"We had planned the activities for Saturday, but with the weather the way it is, we decided to wait until next Saturday," said Debra Cheyne.

To serve industrial park...

DCOS okays gas line pact

Development Corporation of Snyder board gave approval Thursday to a contract with TXU Gas to construct a 10,000 foot- plus gas line to the industrial park.

The six-inch line is being constructed in anticipation of possible Lorber Industries expansion as well as other industrial prospects.

The cost of the line is estimated at $265,780.

The agreement between the DCOS and TXU also provides for rebates to be paid to the DCOS based upon gas usage at the park over the next 12 years.

"This makes it incumbent on the DCOS to find tenants for the industrial park," said board member Roy McQueen, who presented the details of the agreement to the board, along with Roy Baze.

The agreement also provides that TXU will assume liability for the line once the title is conveyed to the gas company.

"This committee did an excellent job of protecting the city and DCOS from any future liabilities," said local TXU Gas manager, Daryl Thomas.

Serving on the committee were McQueen, Baze and Torch Energy engineer, Mike Post.

Board member Gary Landes gave the report of the prospect committee and said Western Texas College is in the planning stages to add a manufacturer's technician degree to its curriculum.

"That program should help in our recruitment of industries," said Landes.

Landes also reported that WTC is in the initial stages of developing training programs for existing local manufacturers.

In DCOS Executive Director John DeLille's report to the board, he said Exxon Corporation and Roy Baze had added $2,500 to the Arnold Lorber Memorial Scholarship Fund at WTC.

Funding cuts will not affect service of Snyder CADA

A five percent funding cut by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will not affect services at Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, according to Vicki Mahoney, interim executive director.

"We will have no service cuts," she said. "We can absorb that five percent without it affecting our services."

TCADA's budget shortfall led to cuts statewide.

"It is my understanding that all prevention service providers received a five percent cut across the board," Mahoney said. "That meant almost $15,000 for us."

Snyder Area CADA had expected $293,462 for the current year but will only receive $278,789, a difference of $14,673.

"We had to go back and make an adjustment for the whole year," Mahoney said. "We took everything out of overhead, but we didn't have to touch salaries or benefits for the employees. We took ours out of travel and office supplies. We were real fortunate to absorb it easily without touching our services."

Mahoney said the council is actually planning some additional services.

"Not only are we not going to cut services, we are looking to do some extra services for the youth in the community this summer."

Including Mahoney, the council employees seven and provides services to Scurry, Mitchell, Fisher, Kent and Borden counties.

Funding for the council comes from TCADA and the Scurry County United Way.

Mahoney said the office will not need to seek other funding to make up for the budget cuts.

"We got a little bit more this year from United Way because [the campaign] did so well. We are so very grateful to the community for the United Way support. That was wonderful, not just for us, but for the entire community."

A majority of the United Way money funds the council's newsletters.

"We send out approximately 5,000 newsletters to elementary schools, middle schools and junior highs in the five-county area."

Starting in April, there will be a teachers' newsletter as well. "It really is a gift to the entire community. We are able to use the money to give back to the entire community."

Classes that the council offers, such as minor in possession courses for alcohol and tobacco, do not bring in income for the council.

"The fee that we charge for the various classes that we provide just covers supplies and instructor fees," Mahoney said. "We don't make any money off of it."

Mahoney will attend a program directors meeting in Austin next week.

"We will get an update on where TCADA is right now and what we can expect in the future from them."



THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can avoid altogether."

It's a shame that laws aren't written where the average guy can understand 'em, but it's worse that even the lawyers can't agree on what is said.

Such is the case concerning the unfortunate disqualification of **Sheriff Darren Jackson** as the Democratic nominee in the general election.

After finding that he had erred by voting in the GOP primary, lawyers in Austin first advised that it is up to the local Demo county executive committee. A week later, the word was that Jackson could run as a write-in candidate. Three days later, the lawyers' interpretation changed again.

As of this writing, local officials are still awaiting a promised "quick" decision.

Congratulations to Subway owner **Tony Scott** for being named chairman of the board of county development. And thanks to **Dr. David Kattes** for leading the BCD the past year.

Terrific showing!

Snyder High School academic competitors fared well in last week's UIL meet held in Big Spring.

Some of the first place medals included the accounting team of **Cara Best, Amber Haarmeyer** and **D'Ann Hager** with **Best** as top individual. In literary criticism, a first place was garnered by **Alesha Miller, Jenny Mayer** and **Laura Greenwood. Miller** was top individual.

Jennifer Bell captured the district championship in computer applications, and **Lyndell Lee** was first in persuasive speaking. **Trey Gorman** was first in overall science and first in both chemistry, physics and in computer science. **Trevor Kerr** placed first in biology.

The science team of **Gorman, Kerry** and **Wade Ashby** finished first.

The spelling and vocabulary team of **Michael Gibson, Angie Shoemake** and **Justin Guy** also placed first.

Although the Ira one-act play didn't advance past zone competition, congratulations to **Trey Shirley** for being name best actor and to **Katie Howard** and **Shade Everton** who were named to the all-star cast.

In Hermleigh, the one-act team did not advance but **Randi Herrington** and **Jared Higgins** were named to the all-star cast.

The cowpokes and cowgirls at WTC continue to dominate the regional competition. WTC's **Jill Childers** grabbed the women's all-around title and wrangler **Luke Richards** finished in a three-way tie for the men's top spot.

And six Snyder junior high students advanced to the math and science regional meet. They are **Blake Robertson, Matthew Kerr, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Andra Dunham, Josh Kemp** and **Thomas Hefner**.

And more basketball honors...

Ira's **Jerek Brown** was named to the All-South Plains first team and teammate **Logan Daves** was honorable mention. Snyder's **Kameron Kallemeyn** and **Sonny Cumbie** were honorable mention on the Class 4A-5A team. Tigers **Jared Hester** and **Heath Pinkerton** were second-team selections.

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ASK US

Q—Is there a time Saturday when parents can view the Snyder High School junior-senior prom decorations?

A—Parents may view the decorations until 7 p.m. The prom begins at 8.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 66 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Friday, 46; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy; 50% rain chance; low 45-50; E wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, cloudy, breezy; 40% rain chance; high 65-70; N wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Tilatha Akins
Chance of Rain

Sunset:
7:03 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:03 a.m.
Of 90 days in 2000, the sun has shone 88 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Every day is a gift. Treat it kindly. Share it with joy.

Bush, GOP criticize questions on Census

WASHINGTON (AP) — While Census officials and some lawmakers say they're concerned that many American families may refuse to complete the Census 2000 long form, GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush said he's not sure he would fill it out.

"We want as accurate a count as possible but I can understand why people don't want to give over that information to the government," Bush said Thursday during a campaign stop in Milwaukee. "And if I have the long form, I'm not sure I would either."

The Texas governor didn't advise people not to complete the form. But he said, "If they're worried about the government intruding into their personal lives, they ought to think about it."

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt chided several congressional Republicans for telling constituents to ignore what they consider intrusive Census questions and said their opposition was motivated by politics.

Gephardt said Democrats "haven't gotten criticism" about the form but Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle said his office has been getting questions about it.

"The Republicans have been trying to frustrate this census from the beginning," said Gephardt. "They don't want more people counted because they think it serves their political purpose. That's a pretty shoddy reason to do what they're doing."

John Czwartacki, the spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, said that if Gephardt's not getting calls, "I think he's the only member of Congress who isn't."

Lott's office and at least two House Republicans said they had received a number of complaints in recent days about questions on census forms. Reps. Nick Smith, R-Mich. and Tom Coburn, R-Okla., were specifically critical of the long-form questionnaire, sent to one in six of the country's 115 million households.

Earlier Thursday, Czwartacki said that Lott has been heavily promoting the census in his state, but was also suggesting to callers concerned about privacy to leave unanswered those questions they felt were intrusive and mail it back to the Census Bureau.

Daschle, D-S.D., said, "It is of concern, I think, to people that the questions asked and the length of time required has made it somewhat problematic." Daschle said he has advised people not to skip questions. "I'm not sure that it is anything that we ought to address, at least at this point," he said.

Democrats have long supported incorporating a statistical method known as sampling to raw census numbers. Sampling would adjust actual head counts to account for populations with traditionally low response rates, such as minority groups in cities. Republican lawmakers have opposed sampling, fearing it could force a redrawing of boundary lines to their disadvantage.

Czwartacki said Lott has done television and radio ads encouraging census participation. But he added it was better to leave questions unanswered because "if the choice is between the trash can and partially filling it out, we're going to tell people to fill out as much as they can."

Census director Kenneth Prewitt said the long form is an "essential tool" to help communities across the country.

Even questions that some Republicans labeled as intrusive, such as "how old is your home" and "are you a veteran?" are useful to determine how local services are provided, Prewitt said.

There are 53 questions on the long form this year, down from 57 in 1990.

Members of Congress received a detailed list of the questions two years ago from the Census Bureau.

L.A. police scandal growing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Police Department's corruption investigation of the Rampart station has expanded to include at least three other parts of the city, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

Authorities are now investigating officers at the LAPD's Central, 77th and Southeast stations, the newspaper reported.

The allegations involving the other stations are similar to those raised at Rampart, including charges that officers planted drugs, made false arrests and covered up at least one unjustified shooting, the Times said, citing internal police and prosecution documents.

"Apparently we had two officers assigned to Rampart who transferred to another division and took their bad habits with them," said LAPD Cmdr. David J. Kalish. "There are other serious acts of misconduct that we have uncovered ... in various parts of the department, but they are isolated and there is no nexus to the Rampart corruption."

On Thursday, a Superior Court judge dismissed the convictions of four more people whose cases were tainted by the Rampart scandal. So far, 50 people have had their convictions overturned after being arrested by anti-gang officers.

More than two dozen officers connected to the Rampart station have been fired, relieved of duty or quit as a result of the investigation.

The scandal broke last year when former Officer Rafael Perez, in exchange for a lighter sentence for stealing eight pounds of cocaine from an evidence room, told investigators he and other anti-gang officers in the city's poor, largely minority Rampart area routinely framed people, shot suspects without justification, doctored crime scenes and lied under oath to win convictions.

Perez is serving a five-year prison sentence.

In another development, the Times said a ranking Immigration and Naturalization Service agent revealed that many Hispanics arrested by the LAPD and handed over to INS agents were falsely accused of gang membership.

Alleged members of the 18th Street gang targeted in a joint effort by the LAPD, FBI and INS were handed over to the INS's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, which arranged the deportation or prosecution of as many as 200 people accused of immigration offenses.

"It was later discovered that many of the individuals arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department ... as suspected gang members were not gang members at all," according to an Oct. 18 memo from the task force's section chief, Jorge Guzman.

Intervention sought at juvenile prison

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Responding to reports of beatings by guards and vicious fights and rapes among inmates, the federal government asked a judge to intervene immediately in the operation of a juvenile prison.

The Justice Department filed a federal lawsuit Thursday in an effort to force the operator of the privately run Jena Juvenile Justice Center to take immediate steps to improve the facility.

The agency's request for emergency relief seeks an end to the use of corporal punishment and gas grenades and limits on the use of chemical restraints and isolation.

"We're taking this action on behalf of young people in this facility who cannot help or protect themselves," said Bill Lann Lee, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights.

The agency also asked U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola to include the Jena prison in its November 1998 lawsuit accusing the state of failing to provide adequate care for more than 1,700 juvenile prisoners.

Polozola had not set a hearing on any of the government's motions Thursday.

Officials with Wackenhut Corrections Corp. of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., the juvenile prison's operator, has said reported problems at the facility have been exaggerated.

Wackenhut officials said in a statement Thursday they are working to improve operations, adding that the company "is providing a constitutionally sound, safe and secure facility" for juvenile inmates.

The new lawsuit, filed in Baton Rouge, echoes a February report by the Justice Department, which found that guards at the 276-bed facility use excessive force and that prisoners often get into fights over things such as food, clothes and shoes.

Some inmates repeatedly mutilate themselves so they will be transferred to the prison's medical unit and avoid being pressured for food or sex by other prisoners, the report said.

The report stemmed from a visit in January to the facility, which opened in 1998.

The Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth, which had been the state's only other private facility, was taken over by the state last year after a series of scathing Justice Department reports highlighted similar conditions.

Jena is about 170 miles northwest of New Orleans.

On the Net:
Wackenhut Corrections Corp.: http://www.wackenhut.com/
Department of Justice: http://www.usdoj.gov/

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, April 1, 2000
A number of favorable changes are in the offing for you in the year ahead. These transformations will effect your social life as well as your material circumstances.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're smart, you'll keep to yourself today any commercial dealings you might have in the mill, except with those who are directly involved. The timing is wrong for releasing the news. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Hopeful aspects are hovering around you today and could pervade a situation in your life that's been rather dismal. They will prove to make things better for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Competitive developments should turn out very successful for you today, because there are a number of factors out there which could intervene and give you the edge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It behooves you today to exercise those keen powers of observation you possess. What you perceive could later be used to your own advantage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Follow through with actions that will help you accomplish your goals. Be enterprising where your aims are concerned and this could be a day of accomplishments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Provided the agreements are within your realm of expertise, teaming up will prove advantageous for you today. Get together with those who can ante up in kind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Concentrate your efforts on matters that can yield rewards. If you apply yourself, you'll have the wherewithal to focus your talents toward profitable ends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll have a commanding air about you today that could earn you the respect of others. Even associates whom you prod a little aren't likely to mind a bit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you'll have the ability to field everything as if you are playing in your own ballpark, even when you aren't. Neither knotty problems nor complex tasks are likely to phase you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't discount your ideas today, because others won't. Those around you will find few are a match for you when it comes to the old gray matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you are dealing with people today whom you can trust and with whom you have shared gains together in the past, you might want to team up with them again in some kind of financial endeavor.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although you may think others aren't paying any heed to what you have to say, they are. In fact, they'll even give you credit later when your suggestions bear fruit.

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Berry's World



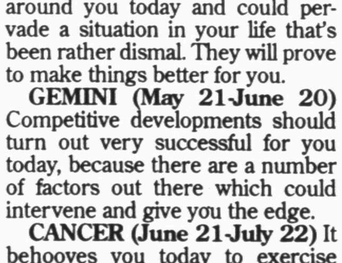
"... and that's a list of contributors to Mrs. Clinton's campaign who want to sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom."

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Road to El Dorado
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Voices of Kevin Kline, Rosie Perez, Edward James Olmos, Arnold Assante, Kenneth Branagh. Music by Elton John.
Animated comedy - adventure about a pair of card cheats who find themselves worshipped as gods after they get a map they believe will lead them to a lost city of gold.

American Beauty
★★★★ - R
Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening
One of the years best films, this searing comedy-drama deplores the single-minded pursuit of the American Dream and the dysfunctional state of many families. Beautifully acted and directed.

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Outlook improved for SS, Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Armed with news that the strong economy has improved the financial outlook for Social Security and Medicare, the Clinton administration is renewing pressure on Congress to create a new prescription drug benefit for the elderly this year.

"It's an issue of a political will, not an issue of resources," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

Congressional Republicans are including $40 billion for drug assistance for the elderly in their budget blueprint, but they and the administration are far from agreement on exactly how benefits should be designed and who should be eligible. And election-year grandstanding will make compromise difficult.

Thanks to the strong economy, Medicare will have an additional eight years, until 2023, before cash runs short to pay benefits to aging baby boomers. And Social Security will remain financially healthy an extra three years, until 2037, trustees of the programs said Thursday.

On Capitol Hill, the good news prompted Republicans to renew attacks on Clinton's proposals to commit future income tax surpluses to bolster the nation's retirement programs.

"Instead of that failed approach, we should work on a real plan that saves Social Security and creates personal savings accounts for all Americans," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

This is the third consecutive year that both Social Security and Medicare have shown improvement in their long-range financial outlook.

For Medicare, it was the best report card in 25 years. The health insurance program for the elderly and disabled had been projected to run short of cash in 2001, lending urgency to lawmakers' struggle over historic legislation to balance the federal budget back in 1997.

Last year, trustees reported that date had improved to 2015. It was moved to 2023 in their newest estimate on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the date when Social Security will exhaust its trust fund was moved back to 2037, compared with an estimate of 2034 last year. The trustees had pushed it off by two years in 1999 and three in 1998, from 2029.

Also significant this year, the trustees estimated that Medicare will take in more money from workers' payroll taxes than it has to pay out in benefits until 2010, when it will have to start dipping into its trust fund to pay bills.

Before the boost from the strong economy, Medicare had already started to dip into the trust fund.

Social Security will have to start tapping its trust fund in 2015, the trustees said this year, compared with last year's estimate of 2014.

Economic factors contributing to the brighter prospects for Social Security and Medicare included the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years. With more Americans working, more are also paying the payroll taxes that support the two programs, padding their balance sheets.

Low inflation also has saved Social Security money because yearly cost-of-living raises to retirees are smaller.

In addition, Medicare spending decreased slightly in 1999, by about 1 percent — the first decline in the program's history. The trustees attributed that to restrained inflation, budget cuts ordered by Congress in 1997, and a crackdown on fraud and billing errors.

Medicare spending is not expected to continue to fall, however, mainly because the nation's elderly population is growing.

Also, Medicare's trust fund only backs up part of the program: the core hospital benefits. Other coverage, known as Part B, including doctor's office visits and other outpatient care, is paid for with income taxes and participants' premiums.

Women over 65 have more fractures

ATLANTA (AP) — Hip fractures among women 65 and older climbed 40 percent between 1988 and 1996 and fully one-third of older Americans suffer serious falls each year, according to government research.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention attributed the increase in part to a growing number of people 85 and older.

People are living longer because of advances against such killers as heart disease, stroke and cancer. But older people run a higher risk of falls because they are generally more sedentary, have weaker muscles and poorer balance, and take more medication that can make them dizzy.

More adults 65 and older die from fall-related injuries each year than from any other kind of injury. The CDC said 9,000 such deaths occurred in 1997.

According to the CDC report released Thursday, 340,000 people 65 or older were hospitalized in 1996 with a broken hip. Of those, 80 percent were women.

In 1988, the rate of hospitalization among women 65 and older was 972 per 100,000. By 1996, it had climbed to 1,356 per 100,000.

The report found that one in three older adults requires hospitalization for a fall each year, with a broken hip the most common and serious injury. Half of those who break a hip do not regain their former level of mobility or independence, ending up in a nursing home or moving in with relatives, the CDC said.

"Hip fractures can really mark the beginning of the end for seniors," said Judy Stevens, a CDC epidemiologist. "It can lead quickly to decline and death."

America had 31 million people 65 and older in 1990. That number is expected to more than double by 2040.

Older adults are hospitalized for fall-related injuries five times more often than for other injuries, and women are nearly three times more likely than men to be hospitalized for falls, the CDC said.

The CDC suggests older people remove clutter and throw rugs from their homes, and exercise to increase muscle strength and balance.

On the Net:
CDC:
http://www2.cdc.gov/mmwr
National Resource Center on Aging and Injury:
http://www.olderadultinjury.org

Day trader in Texas charged with fraud

NEW YORK (AP) — A Houston man was held without bail after he was accused of issuing a bogus press release on the Internet that prosecutors say managed to devalue communications giant Lucent Technologies by $7.1 billion.

Fred Moldofsky, 43, was charged with securities fraud for allegedly posting a phony earnings warning that caused the value of the stock of the world's top manufacturer of communications equipment to fall as much as 3.6 percent from $62.62 to $60.37.

"This case is the latest example of our commitment to the speedy investigation and prosecution of those who choose to use the Internet as the medium through which to commit securities fraud," said U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White.

"Those who seek to deceive the investing public should be forewarned that the Internet provides no anonymity and offers no insulation from law enforcement," she said in a release.

Prosecutors alleged that Moldofsky used phony names and addresses on the Internet to hide the truth behind his bogus press release posted on March 22, the same day he traded 6,000 shares of the company's stock. Prosecutors blame Moldofsky for causing the stock to fall $7.1 billion in value.

Moldofsky was arrested at his home early Thursday by U.S. Postal inspectors. Later in the day, he appeared in U.S. District Court in Houston, where Assistant U.S. Attorney George Tallichet requested that he be held without bail as a risk of flight. Moldofsky agreed to remain in custody until a bail hearing in Manhattan.

A federal defender assigned to represent Moldofsky in Houston did not immediately return a telephone message.

The bogus Internet release alleged that the former division of AT&T expected its operating results for its second fiscal quarter of 2000 to be lower than analysts' estimates.

The fake announcement was made at a time when companies typically issue any warnings about their earnings prior to the actual earnings reports later in the quarter.

In January, the Murray Hill, N.J., company actually had warned that its earnings would fall short of expectations, causing analysts to slash estimates and the value of the company's stock to fall.

In court papers, U.S. Postal Inspector Thomas F.X. Feeney said the phony posting was made on an electronic bulletin board attached to the Web site entitled, "Yahoo? Finance."

Feeney said a Yahoo user identified as "hot like wasabe" posted a message at 6:57 p.m. captioned, "LUCENT RELEASES EARNINGS WARNING! DAMN!"

Attached to the message was the phony news release, Feeney said.

Between March 22 and March 23, a user identifying himself with a screen name that mimicked the name of someone who regularly gives stock advice on the Internet posted messages such as "LUCENT Warns!" "We're all doomed tomorrow!" and "LUCENT WARNS! I'm going to cut my throat." Each of the messages, he said, allowed readers to connect to the bogus news release.

Feeney said the wording of the phony news release was similar to that of a Jan. 6 news release in which Lucent announced that its first quarter earnings would be lower than analysts' estimates.

Feeney said he eventually tracked down the man who posted the bogus news release as an American Online user identifying himself online as "WALLSTREETWEEK." In a home page, Moldofsky said he was a full-time online stock investor, according to the investigator.

If convicted, Moldofsky could face up to 10 years in prison and a fine of $1 million or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime.

Officer is charged

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Secret Service officer was charged with drunken driving after crashing his car through a plate glass window at a downtown sports arena.

Keith Olive, 28, of Bowie, Md., told officers that he had worked a double shift and had stopped at a couple of downtown clubs early Wednesday before heading home.

Investigators believe Olive fell asleep and drove through a window of the MCI Center.

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By Phillip Alder



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♦ Q
♣ A 9 8 6 2

West
♠ Q 9 8 4 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ K J
♣ K J 10

East
♠ J 6
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 7 6 5 3
♣ Q 7 5 4

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

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
7 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Why didn't it catch the judges' eyes?

By Phillip Alder

In 1973, the International Bridge Press Association started giving annual awards for excellence in bidding, declarer-play and defense. However, in 1981 no bidding award was given, which I cannot understand because this effort from that year "couldn't lose."

Why is the deal so good? First, David Berkowitz (South) and Harold Lilie reached seven hearts with only a combined 27 high-card points (which included a wasted diamond queen). Second, there are two points of interest in the play. How would you declare seven hearts after West leads either a trump or the diamond king?

The one-club opening bid was artificial, showing at least 16 points. Two no-trump denied a top heart honor. Three spades, four diamonds and five clubs showed first-round controls (ace or void) in those suits. Five spades and six diamonds indicated second-round controls (king or singleton).

Without a trump lead, declarer ruffs his three low diamonds in the dummy, scoring 13 tricks via two spades, six hearts, one diamond, one club and the three ruffs.

However, West found the trump lead. Now Berkowitz had to establish a long club to compensate for the one lost diamond ruff. After winning trick one in the dummy, declarer cashed the club ace, ruffed a club, took the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, and ruffed a club. Berkowitz drew trumps, crossed to dummy's spade ace, and cashed the established club nine, discarding his last diamond.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Grocery store parking lots aren't safe for kids in carts

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday at the grocery store, I observed a woman with two young children in the parking lot. While she loaded her groceries and her toddler from the cart into her van, she left the younger child (under a year old) sitting in the cart behind her vehicle.

The scene brought back an incident when my own child was just a year old. I parked the grocery cart at the rear of my small pickup truck and hesitated only a moment before deciding to load my child into the pickup before my purchases. I had taken only three steps when a car pulling out of the parking space directly behind me slammed into my grocery cart hard enough that the cart dented the tailgate of my truck. Customers all over the parking lot heard the impact. Even if my child had not died from the impact, he would have been seriously — and possibly permanently — injured.

During the time that this woman took to load her toddler and groceries, the cart and the baby were out of her line of sight. Someone could have pulled up and taken her child, could have hit the cart, or the cart could have rolled into the path of a car.

Abby, please remind your readers that the most important thing in a grocery cart is your child. Always put the child (or children) in the car first. — **DIANE IN SCAPPOOSE, ORE.**

DEAR DIANE: When I read your letter, the hairs on my arms stood straight up! In case other parents need this reminder: If a child is a passenger in the grocery cart, the cart should be placed beside the parent's vehicle where it's protected from traffic. And, of course, the child (or children) should be placed first in the vehicle.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter regarding calendars depicting almost nude women hanging in businesses frequented by both men and women brought back an incident that I experienced.

I worked in a car radio company and had to regularly visit the garage where the radios were installed. The installers had many calendars in their work areas that offended me, some depicting completely nude women.

I spoke to the owner (a woman) about my feelings and she had the perfect solution. She bought a magazine (Playgirl) that contained photos of completely naked men and tacked a few of the pics up in the garage. The installers had a fit, telling her that the pictures were "obscene." Needless to say, all the girlie pics were down the next day!

By the way, this was 25 years ago, long before there were any laws regarding sexual harassment. **— JO IN LARGO, FLA.**

DEAR JO: What's good for the gander is good for the goose! I have to wonder at the logic that pictures of nude women are art and pictures of nude men are obscene, since both the subjects were formed by the same creator.

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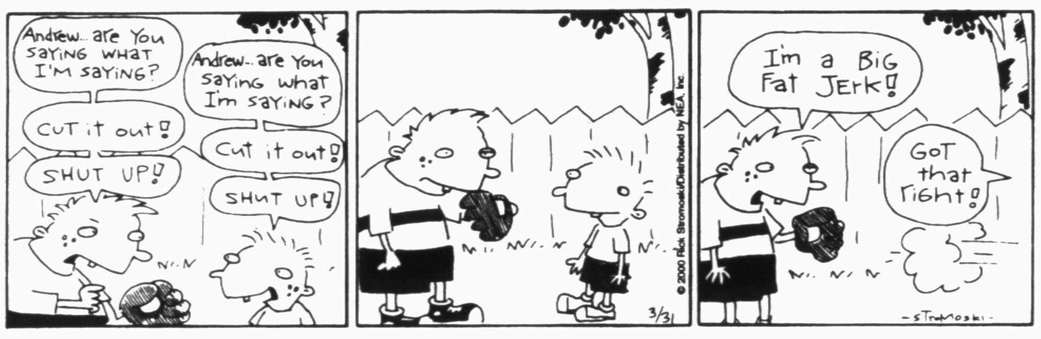
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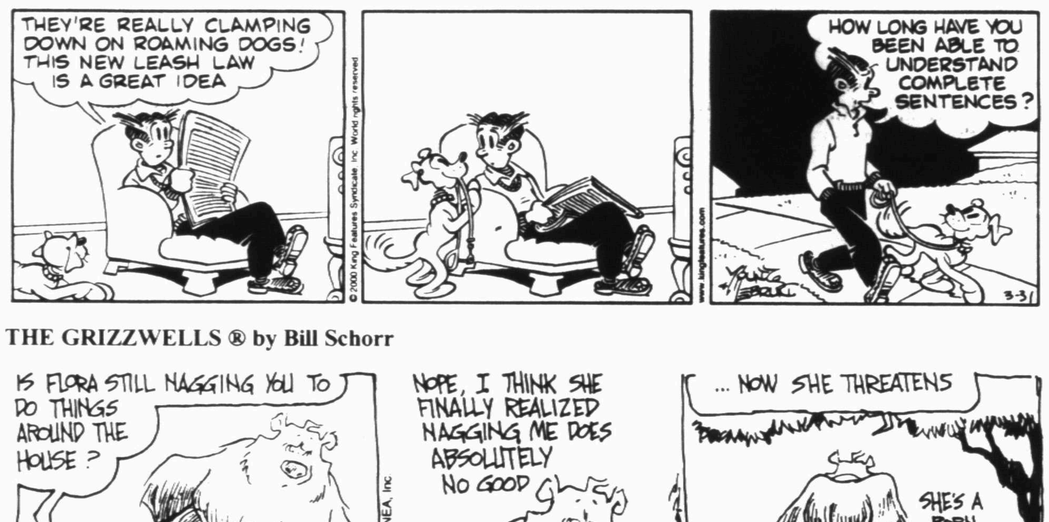
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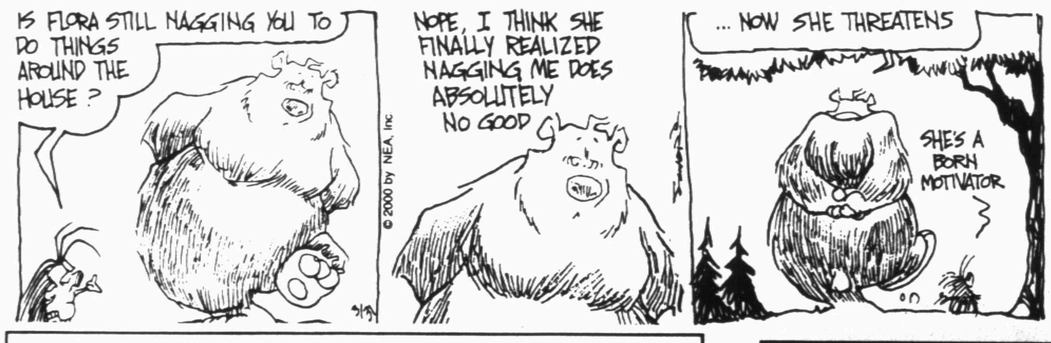
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7 Conceive
13 Surgical stitch
14 Yellow element
15 Demand strongly
16 Hair problems
17 Pollack fish
18 Golf mound
20 — Miss
21 — forth (sets out on a trip)
25 Gave out (light)
28 Identical siblings
32 Private teacher
33 Devastation
34 Garlic unit
35 Sphere of action
36 Start of a toast
37 Duchess of —
39 Horse homes
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54 Taking the bus
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56 Epic poem
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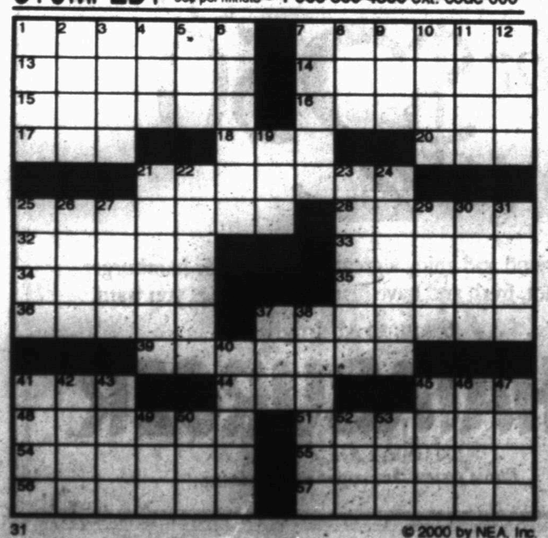
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3 — -bitsy
4 French yes
5 Married woman's title
6 Colonize
7 Japanese-American
8 Demand payment from
9 Guido's high note
10 Bushy hairdo
11 Jethro —
12 Irish Gaelic
19 Old age
21 Kitchen appliances
22 Not moving (2 wds.)
23 Refrigerant
24 Turf areas
25 Engrave
26 Stubborn one
27 Believe — — not
29 "As I was going to St. —"
30 Taboo item
31 Wound mark
37 Pugilist's org.
38 Mistreat
40 Motto
41 Dull person
42 Radar-screen image
43 Fashionable beach resort
45 Dig for ore
46 Prophetic sign
47 An ex of Liz Taylor
49 CEO, e.g.
50 Made of (suff.)
52 Neighbor of Ger.
53 Explosive Inits.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

On the diamond tonight...

SHS faces key district contests

Snyder faces a pair of key district ballgames on the diamond tonight, when the Tigers and Lady Tigers put their district leads on the line.

The Tigers (8-10) can improve to 2-0 with a win tonight at Sweetwater (10-7). Game time is set for 7 o'clock.

Snyder snapped a five-game slump Tuesday with an 11-6 victory over Fort Stockton in the league opener, and Coach Charlie Bollinger believes the Tigers are back on track.

"The guys are pretty positive about the district race," said Bollinger. "They know as long as they put together seven solid innings, they'll be tough to beat. We worked in practice the last couple of days going over game situations, so if we get in a tight spot, the guys know what to do."

Bollinger is filling in for Head Coach Roland Herrera who has yet to be released by doctors, after suffering chest pains last week.

The Tigers' hitting picked up in the opener. Snyder belted three home runs and a total of 13 hits against the Panthers. Bollinger said he expects the same aggressive style at the plate against the Mustangs.

"We're going up there to swing the bat," Bollinger stated. "We're going to be aggressive, because that's the style that best suits us. We'll hit-and-run and steal bases, or do anything we have to in order to manufacture runs."

DISTRICT 5-4A BASEBALL

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	1	0	8	10
Andrews	1	0	11	7
Lake View	1	0	8	9
Fort Stockton	0	1	6	5
Big Spring	0	1	7	8
Sweetwater	0	1	10	7

Today's games: Snyder at Sweetwater; Big Spring at Lake View; Fort Stockton at Andrews.

DISTRICT 5-4A SOFTBALL

Team	District W	District L
Snyder	4	1
Big Spring	4	1
Lake View*	2.5	2.5
Andrews*	2.5	2.5
Fort Stockton	1	4
Sweetwater	1	4

*A Lake View-Andrews game was halted with a tie score. Each team was given half of a win.

Today's games: Lake View at Snyder; Sweetwater at Big Spring; Fort Stockton at Andrews.

Senior Sonny Cumbie draws the start on the hill, with Ralph Ramon assuming the duties behind the plate.

While the Tigers visit Sweetwater, the Lady Tigers remain home to host Lake View at 6:45 at Cates Field.

The Lady Tigers will be looking to keep their share of the district lead, while also avenging their only league loss. The Maidens upended Snyder, 1-0, in the 5-4A opener, but Coach Robbie Dickenson expects his players to be ready tonight.

"This is a big game for us, because the girls want to get back at Lake View for the earlier loss," Dickenson said. "I think our girls were a little embarrassed by the way they played, and they want to show what they're really capable of."

Snyder sits atop the district standings with Big Spring at 4-1, followed by Lake View and Andrews at 2½-2½. The Maidens and Lady Mustangs were tied late in the late innings of their first meeting, when rain halted the game. The squads were unable to finish, and were each awarded a half of win and half of loss.

With Big Spring facing 1-4 Sweetwater, the Lady Tigers will likely need a win tonight to remain atop the standings.

Dickenson has his choice of pitchers to throw against the Maidens. Courtney Rinehart drew the start in the first matchup, before giving way to Kristin Martinez.

Both hurlers have thrown well of late, and could split time again tonight.

"Having two pitchers who can throw well is an advantage for us," Dickenson stated. "We're comfortable with either one out there, and both of them are capable of getting the job done."

Snyder nabs two wins at hoops event

LAMESA — Both of Snyder's all-star teams chalked up victories over Levelland at the Little Dribblers regional tournament, but in totally different fashions.

Snyder's junior squad ran over Levelland II, 63-19, while Snyder's major all-stars were forced to rally in the fourth quarter to pull out a 48-35 win.

In junior division action, Snyder held Levelland to single digits in all four quarters, and held a 28-7 advantage at halftime.

Brent Bollinger led all scorers with 17 points, with Brooks Gafford adding 12 more. Lance Day and Ryan Claxton also finished in double digits with 10 points apiece.

Dustin Murdock, Brandon Jones and Jesse Conner drained four points each, and Kadrian Groage chipped in two.

In the major division match-up, Snyder trailed by a bucket at the end of the third quarter, before putting together a 20-5 run in the final stanza to pull away.

Cade Simpson, Blake Scott and Eric Martinez poured in eight points apiece, with Chris Smith and Jay Weaver posting seven each.

Barrett Bowlin registered four points, and Garrett Pinson, Blake Seale and Dustyn Williams finished with two.

Both Snyder squads earned spots in tonight's semifinals, which tip-off at 6 o'clock.

Snyder Junior squares off with Plainview I, while Snyder Major meets Plainview II.

WTC off to strong start at Big Spring

BIG SPRING — The Western Texas men's squad turned in another consistent performance to open the Howard College rodeo Thursday, with the Lady Westerners scheduled to ride tonight.

Rawley McFarland led the Westerners' effort with a score of 76 to sit atop the standings in the saddle bronc event.

Brandon Mayberry's 68 put him in fourth place after one round, while Harper Sharp's 59 placed him seventh.

B.J. Scott scored a 63 to sit third in the bareback riding, and Cimarron Boardman tied down the third fastest time in the calf roping at 10.4 seconds.

Bill Herbert was sixth in the steer wrestling with a time of 5.9, and Cody Honeycutt and his partner were fifth in the team roping after posting a time of 7.4 seconds.

The event continues tonight, with several Lady Westerners slated to ride.

The final round is Saturday night.

Houston opens new ballpark

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have moved into their new home at Enron Field. Now, they have to get used to it.

Daryle Ward hit a two-run homer, fueling a four-run rally in the eighth inning that treated Astros fans to a 6-5 victory over the New York Yankees on Thursday night in the first game played in Enron Field.

The Astros won, the fans got to see all the new amenities, but it's still not quite like home in the Astrodome, where the Astros had played since 1965.

"It's going to take awhile," Craig Biggio said. "It doesn't seem like our park yet. We were in the Dome for so long we knew every nook and cranny. It's going to be a little weird playing here for awhile, but we'll get used to it."

Fans started showing up hours before the game, just to gawk at the Astros' new playing field, complete with its retractable roof, grass playing field and unusual features. There is a 30-degree rising hill to the fence in center field.

The multiheight fence has 21 different angles to cause unusual bounces.

Jeff Bagwell went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs, but he's not comfortable yet, either.

"We still don't know how this field is going to play," Bagwell said. "It will take awhile to see how the winds blow. The only thing we're sure of is the balls are probably going to fly out in left field."

Actually, the first two homers went to right field, and they were by the Yankees. Ricky Ledee's sixth-inning solo off Dwight Gooden was the first homer.

Paul O'Neill also went to right field with a three-run homer.

JV netters grab top spots

Led by Sara Cantu's first-place performance, Snyder served up several top-10 finishes in junior varsity tennis action.

Cantu secured the girls' singles title, while Kristen Casas took third and Amanda Hartzog nabbed sixth.

In doubles play, Marcie Kruger and Miranda Eckert teamed up to claim the runner-up spot. Right behind the Kruger-Eckert duo in third place was Kara Brumley and Laura Hager, followed by Jackie Beccue and Afton Sutter in fourth.

In boys' action, Alex Best and Charlie Gorman paired up to pace the Tigers with a runner-up finish in doubles. The tandem of Trace Dennis and Tyson Kubena took eighth.

Adam Rodgers grabbed fourth place in singles, with Jason Hall notching seventh.

Boys' doubles: Dennis-Kubena lost to Chungchansat-Batra, Lubbock, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6; Best-Gorman def. Stark-Sharp, Coronado, 6-0, 6-3; Dennis-Kubena lost to Anz-Hopping, Coronado, 6-1, 6-2; Best-Gorman def. Williamson-Mireles, Big Spring, 6-3, 7-6; Dennis-Kubena lost to Stark-Sharp, Coronado, 7-6, 6-2; Best-Gorman lost to Smith-Vela, Big Spring, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6.

Boys' singles: Rodgers lost to Wingert, Big Spring, 6-1, 6-2; Hall lost to Strong, Lubbock, 6-2, 6-3; Rodgers def. Cochrane, Lubbock, 6-1, 6-4; Hall lost to Roffers, Big Spring, 6-4, 6-3; Hall def. Cochrane, Lubbock, 6-0, 6-2; Rodgers def. Roffers, Big Spring, 6-3, 6-4.

Girls' doubles: Beccue-Sutter lost to Whyburn-Hertel, Coronado, 6-3, 6-4; Brumley-Hager def. Peterson-Baker, Lubbock, 6-2, 6-0; Beccue-Sutter def. Peterson-Baker, Lubbock, 6-1, 6-1; Brumley-Hager lost to Whyburn-Hertel, Coronado, 6-4, 7-5; Kruger-Eckert def. Creswell-Simmons, Big Spring, 6-3, 6-2; Brumley-Hager def. Creswell-Simmons, Big Spring, 6-0, 6-0; Kruger-Eckert lost to Whyburn-Hertel, Coronado, 7-5, 6-0; Beccue-Sutter def. DelGuidice-Ervine, Lubbock, 6-2, 6-4.

Girls' singles: Cantu def. Legg, Big Spring, 6-0, 6-2; Casas def. Baird, Big Spring, 6-0, 6-2; Hartzog lost to Craig, Coronado, 6-1, 6-0; Hartzog def. Baird, Big Spring, 6-2, 6-0; Cantu def. Sodeman, Coronado, 6-5, retired; Casas lost to Craig, Coronado, 6-1, 6-0; Hartzog lost to Ward, Lubbock, 6-1, 6-3; Casas def. Sodeman, Coronado, default; Cantu def. Craig, Coronado, 7-6, 1-6, 7-6.

At San Angelo Central...

Four players suspended for beating teammate

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Four San Angelo high school baseball players have been suspended from regular classes and could face criminal charges for allegedly attacking a teammate with a baseball bat last week, school officials said.

The on-campus suspensions of the four Central High School players began Wednesday and will continue throughout the duration of a police investigation into the incident, said Jesse Martinez, director of pupil services for the San Angelo Independent School District.

"This is serious," said district superintendent Joe Gonzales, who vowed to get to the bottom of the accusations. "It's serious if it's hazing, it's serious if it's aggravated assault."

A junior varsity player has alleged that the four players pinned him to the locker room floor last Wednesday and hit him with a baseball bat fashioned into a paddle.

The incident is being investigated as an assualt after the boy and his parents contacted police last weekend. Capt. Mark Englert said the case could turn out to be felony aggravated assault.

Following the investigation, the case will be forwarded to a grand jury in May to decide which, if any, charges should be brought against the players, Englert said.

The junior varsity player told police he suffered serious bruising on his buttocks from the attack.

One player reportedly asked the victim if he was going to "take his swats like a man."

On Monday, baseball coach Ted Leps turned the bat wrapped with tape over to police. Two witnesses told the victim that six people participated.

Martinez said evidence only warranted suspending the four students, who have also been removed from the baseball team.

Gonzales said the district is cooperating with authorities and wants to uncover "the most factual account available."

An on-campus suspension means the four can't take part in regular classes or outside activities. They're still on campus and must work independently on their assignments while in a special classroom.

Women's Final Four

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Wake Forest 71, Notre Dame 61

Girls' Little Dribblers

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Wildcats 17, Little Tigers 14

Wildcats: Cassie Hernandez, 8; Britney Webb, 4; Jessica Bilderback, 3; Jaclyn Deleon, 2. **Little Tigers:** Shelbie Talavera, 7; Erma Rodriguez, 4; A'Lex Koonce, 3.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Lady Raiders 34, Bullettes 8

Lady Raiders: Glyn Wright, 14; Alana Culp and Ashley Pruitt, 7; Wendy Reed, 4; Alicia Culp, 2. **Bullettes:** Ember Proffitt and Kenetra James, 4.

Jawbreakers 42, Nikes 14

Jawbreakers: Sirena Medrano, 22; Jessica Taylor, 16; Gena Dooley and LaCree Tippens, 2. **Nikes:** Kendra Burns and Ashton Wall, 4; Candace Chandler, Tatum Gruben and Temi Thompson, 2.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Sweetwater, 7 p.m.

Softball: Lake View at Snyder, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 6:45

Rodeo: Western Texas at Big Spring rodeo

Track: Snyder at Levelland's Lobo Relays

SATURDAY

Golf: Snyder boys host district round at WTC course

Golf: Snyder girls at Big Spring, district round

Rodeo: Western Texas at Big Spring rodeo

Track: Snyder at Levelland's Lobo Relays

Baseball: Andrews at Snyder JV, doubleheader, 10:30 a.m.

Baseball: Snyder 9th at Andrews, doubleheader, 10:30 a.m.

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Atlantic Division

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x-Miami	45	26	.634	—
New York	44	27	.620	1
Philadelphia	42	29	.592	3
Orlando	36	36	.500	9½
New Jersey	31	40	.437	14
Boston	30	41	.423	15
Washington	25	47	.347	20½

Central Division

x-Indiana	47	24	.662	—
Toronto	40	31	.563	7
Charlotte	39	31	.557	7½
Detroit	36	34	.514	10½
Milwaukee	34	37	.479	13
Cleveland	28	43	.394	19
Atlanta	26	45	.366	21
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Midwest Division

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x-Utah	48	22	.686	—
x-San Antonio	47	25	.653	2
x-Minnesota	44	27	.620	4½
Dallas	31	41	.431	18
Denver	29	43	.403	20
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x-L.A. Lakers	60	12	.833	—
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x-Phoenix	46	25	.648	13½
x-Sacramento	41	29	.586	18
Seattle	40	31	.563	19½
Golden State	17	55	.236	43
L.A. Clippers	14	59	.192	46½

x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games

New Jersey 107, Toronto 103
Miami 105, Chicago 80
Phoenix 118, Atlanta 74
Minnesota 122, Houston 90
San Antonio 102, Golden State 90
Portland 96, Dallas 85
Milwaukee 104, L.A. Clippers 85

Friday's Games

Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
New York at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 4 p.m.
San Antonio vs. Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

WGA season starts Tuesday

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will start its season Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Players are asked to meet at the pro shop prior to tee-off. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

MGA tees off Tuesday

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will begin its season Tuesday at 6 p.m. Players should arrive early to take care of annual business. Format will be a two-man scramble.

There will be no monthly MGA tournament on Saturday.

Senior league needs help

Snyder Senior Baseball League is in need of board members. Anyone interested in serving on the board, or helping in any capacity, should contact Joel Hook at 573-4872 or 573-5213.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Softball tourney scheduled

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will host a men's softball tournament April 14-16 at Winston Field.

Deadline to enter is April 12, and entry fee is $110 per team. Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams.

For more information, call Ricky Garcia at 573-5996, Henry Ramos at 573-2037, or Ygnacio Benitez at 573-6401.


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School bus did not stop at crossing

TENNGA, Ga. (AP) — The school bus struck by a freight train here this week did not stop at the rail crossing, according to investigators who also said drivers cannot adequately see an approaching train.

Three children died as the result of Tuesday's collision. Four other children and the driver were seriously injured as the train ripped the bus from its chassis and dragged it for 100 yards.

"We've come to the preliminary conclusion that the bus did not stop at the crossing prior to entering it," said Ken Suydam, the National Transportation Safety Board's investigator in charge.

Investigators also said Thursday that the horn on CSX train sounded for at least eight continuous seconds before the collision. They said a radio was on inside the bus and there were several conversations taking place.

Suydam said he could not say whether bus driver Rhonda Cloer tried to stop the bus. The vehicle's brakes were being examined and Suydam said the bus's speed had not been determined.

Cloer has refused to be interviewed by investigators, referring questions to her lawyer, Suydam said.

Using a locomotive still streaked with yellow paint from the crash, the investigators reenacted the moments before the crash, steering the freight train through the crossing, checking its braking distance and the volume of its whistle.

NTSB Chairman Jim Hall boarded a duplicate of the school bus destroyed in the crash to observe the driver's visibility at the crossing and to study its seat belts.

He also interviewed local residents, many of whom told him the crossing's marking — signs, but no crossbars or warning lights — was inexcusable.

"The bottom line is school buses should not go over railroad crossings of this type," Hall said. "This is not a safe situation for children."

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	31 15-16	31⅛	31 11-16 +	½
AT&T Corp	58 3-16	56⅝	57⅝—	⅛
Albertsons	31 3-16	30⅝	30⅝—	¼
Alltel	64 9-16	64	64 —	¼
AmerOnline s	66⅝	64¼	64⅜ +	¼
AndarkPtr	39 5-16	38¼	39¼ +	9-16
AtlRichfld	87 5-16	85½	85½ + 2	13-16
ATMOS Egy	16⅜	16	16½ +	¼
Aviall	8¾	8⅜	8⅜—	½
BP Amoco s	55⅛	54⅛	54⅛ + 2	3-16
BakerHughes	30½	29⅜	30¼ +	5-16
Bank of Amer	51⅜	50⅝	51¼ +	9-16
BellAtl	62 9-16	61⅜	61⅝ +	⅜
BellSouth	47 1-16	46¼	46¾—	¼
Beth Steel	6¼	6⅛	6⅛	
BurlNoSFe	21 13-16	21 9-16	21¾ +	¼
CBS Corp	58 5-16	57½	58 +	½
Caterpillar	41⅛	40¼	40½ +	1-16
CenSoWst	17 7-16	17 1-16	17 1-16—	5-16
Chevron	94¼	91⅞	93¾ + 1	9-16
Citigroup s	60 7-16	59⅛	59⅝ +	⅛
Coastal	48¾	47 15-16	48⅜ +	5-16
CocaCola	48 11-16	47⅞	47 15-16—	⅝
ColgatePal s	56¾	55 15-16	56 3-16	
CrncllMetals	28 9-16	28	28½ +	⅝
CooperIn	35	34 5-16	34¾	
DaimlrChry	65 11-16	65⅛	65¼—	7-16
DallSemicn s	38	35 11-16	37 +	¼
DeltaAirl	54⅝	52⅜	53¾ +	1⅜
Dillards Inc	16⅞	16¼	16 11-16 +	½
DowChem	119⅛	115 15-16	118½ +	2
DuPont	54 7-16	53¼	53 9-16—	3-16
EastmanChem	45 13-16	45 5-16	45 9-16—	1-16
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EDS Corp	67¼	66 3-16	66 —	1¾
Entergy	20	19⅜	20 +	5-16
ExxonMobil	79 15-16	78⅞	79½ +	87-256
Flowers	14⅜	13⅞	14 1-16—	3-16
FordMotor	46⅝	45 11-16	45⅞—	¾
GTE Cp	71 15-16	71¼	71⅝ +	¾
GenDynam	49 15-16	48 3-16	49¾ + 1	7-16
GenElec	159⅞	156	156½—	2¼
GenMills s	38 9-16	35¾	36 7-16 +	9-16
GenMotors	82 11-16	81 7-16	82 +	⅛
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GlobalMar	26 1-16	24⅞	25 11-16 +	15-16
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Goodyear s	23 7-16	22⅞	22⅞—	7-16
GtAtlPac	19 11-16	19⅛	19 11-16 +	3-16
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LucentTech	62¾	61 9-16	61 11-16 +	7-16
MayDeptStr	29 5-16	28⅜	29 1-16—	⅛
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USDA plans new meat inspection program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study found that one in every 100 chicken carcasses gets past a federal inspector with fecal contamination or signs of disease on it, and federal officials say a new inspection program could reduce that rate.

"While our system is good, it's not perfect," said Thomas Billy, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

Chicken carcasses are subject to additional cleansing after they pass the inspectors, so all fecal material should be eliminated before the meat reaches consumers, industry officials say.

The study, released Thursday, was conducted over the past year at 16 poultry plants that have agreed to take part in the new inspection program.

Under the existing system, federal inspectors sit at fixed points along production lines and have about 2 seconds to check each carcass for defects and contamination as it passes by. Under the new system, that job is being left to company employees. Federal inspectors are being pulled off the production lines to do testing and oversight.

Billy said that will allow inspectors to focus on catching food-safety problems, such as fecal contamination, rather than looking for defects or stray feathers that should be the packing plant's responsibility to find. Inspectors will be doing four times as much sampling for fecal contamination as they do now, as well as testing for dangerous microbes, he said.

Some 306 of the 32,075 carcasses sampled in the study had fecal contamination. Another 43, or 0.1 percent, had lesions and other signs of poultry diseases that are dangerous to humans.

Consumer advocates generally support the experimental system. But the contamination rate is already low enough that it will be difficult to reduce it, said Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "The data is going to be tough for the industry to beat," she said.

The plants also were tested for the presence of harmful microbes, including salmonella. About 6 percent of the chickens sampled were contaminated with salmonella. The federal limit is 20 percent and the national average is about 10 percent, DeWaal said.

Additional testing will be done at the plants to see how they performing under the new system. The first such data is expected to be available in June or July.

The American Federation of Government Employees, which represents 7,000 inspectors, unsuccessfully sued USDA to stop the new inspection program, claiming that a 1907 law requires that the agency physically examine every meat and poultry carcass.

The union says the department essentially is allowing companies to police themselves. The program started last fall at a plant in Alabama and other facilities are being phased in over time.

In addition to the 16 chicken plants, the program is being started at five plants that slaughter hogs and three that process turkeys.

On the Net: FSIS site: http://www.fsis.usda.gov

Study: Unlocked, loaded guns in many U.S. homes with kids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An alarming number of U.S. homes have a dangerous mix of children and unlocked, loaded weapons, according to a new study.

Researchers found that one-third of U.S. homes with children have at least one firearm and nearly half of them keep the weapons unsecured.

Forty-three percent of such homes kept one or more guns in an unlocked place and without trigger locks. Guns were kept loaded as well as unlocked in 9 percent, according to the survey conducted by Rand Corp. and the University of California, Los Angeles.

The study, released Thursday, was reported in the April issue of the American Journal of Public Health, a publication of the American Public Health Association.

The findings come at a time of heightened awareness over the issue of children's access to firearms and calls for stricter gun laws in the wake of school shootings such as last year's rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado and a 6-year-old's shooting of a classmate in Michigan last month.

Smith & Wesson, the nation's largest gun manufacturer, already has agreed to provide external safety locks on all its handguns within 60 days and internal locks within two years.

"The fact that at least one major gun manufacturer is going to be building safer firearms is good news," said Dr. Mark A. Schuster, a UCLA pediatrician and the study's lead author. "But it's still the responsibility of parents and other adults to keep firearms out of their children's hands."

The study used information from interviews of 45,435 households for the 1994 National Health Interview Survey and additional questioning of 19,374 of those households in a 2000 supplement that included a section covering firearms. The surveys were administered by the National Center for Health Statistics.

Firearms are present in 35 percent of U.S. homes with children — representing more than 11 million homes with more than 22 million children younger than age 18, according to the study.

The 9 percent of those homes that keep firearms unlocked and loaded would translate into homes with 1.7 million children, researchers found. Another 4 percent of the homes have guns that are unlocked and with ammunition stored nearby.

Just 39 percent of homes with firearms had them locked, unloaded and stored separately from ammunition, the report said.

National Rifle Association lobbyist James J. Baker said he was not surprised by the study and he cited National Safety Council data showing gun accidents at an all-time low.

"We think education and training is the key to reducing figures," Baker said. "Ultimately, families will decide what they feel is best for their particular circumstances."

Rand, the Santa Monica, Calif., think tank, does research on national security, public policy planning, education, health, science and technology.

On the Net:
American Public Health Association: http://www.apha.org/
Rand: http://www.rand.org/

Launch is delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A space shuttle commander's sprained ankle has prompted NASA to delay its next mission by one week, so he and his crew can complete all their training.

Atlantis is now scheduled to blast off with supplies and replacement parts for the international space station on April 24. The launch had been targeted for no earlier than April 17.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Home births: There are pros and cons

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on home births.

DEAR READER: This deceptively simple question is actually quite complex.

To begin with, home birthing is appropriate for most women. Mothers have delivered babies for eons in a wide variety of circumstances, with little or no help. In many societies, home birth is still the rule; in ours, for a number of reasons, hospital birthing is the norm.

Modern women seem to be newly attracted to home deliveries. And, under the usual circumstances, with proper training and supervision, they can deliver perfectly normal infants. In fact, many obstetricians are advocating and providing home-birth services.

Having given such a glowing testimonial, I feel obligated to warn prospective parents of the risks. Despite routine and capable prenatal care, things can go terribly wrong during the birthing process. The woman may hermorrhage. The baby may suffer circulatory difficulties. Complications can occur during labor, necessitating Caesarian section. The infant may need ventilatory assistance. The list goes on. In short, unexpected complications may occur, and occur suddenly. At home, under such circumstances, the lives of both the baby and the mother may be in danger.

The advantage of giving birth in hospital is that complications can be detected early, treated effectively and monitored if necessary. Hence, hospital birthing is safer for mother and baby. For the most part, women deliver babies without mishap in hospital. However, it's reassuring to know that if an unanticipated emergency develops, trained personnel and modern equipment are available. This often means the difference between a healthy newborn and an unnecessary, tragic loss.

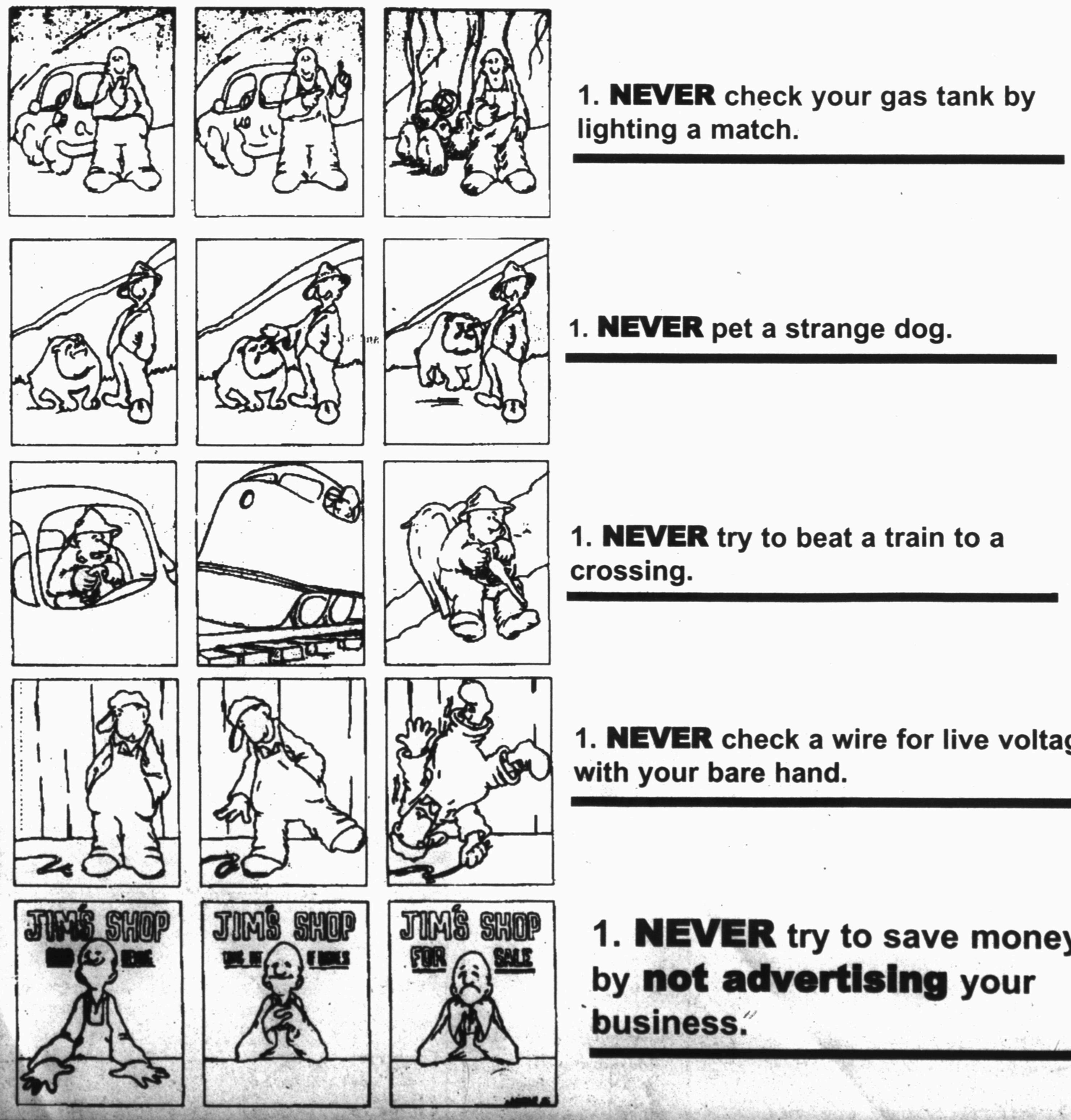
Unlike the sexist orientation of generations ago (when the pregnant mother was anesthetized and the doctor "had the baby"), today's women demand the right to deliver at home. And they should be allowed — even encouraged — to do so. But only after considering the added security in a hospital environment. To me, it makes sense to be prudent. Those women who choose the home-birth option must recognize and accept the risks inherent in that choice.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have thrush, vaginal infections, athlete's foot, an underactive thyroid and bulimia. I recently read that people with yeast infections and thyroid problems like mine are more prone to eating disorders. Is this true?

DEAR READER: No. Eating disorders, such as bulimia and anorexia, are not related to yeast infections or thyroid disease. In some respects, this is fortunate because such infections are far easier to treat (with antifungal drugs, such as Nystatin) than are eating problems. If you have an underactive thyroid gland, this, too, can readily be treated by the daily administration of thyroid supplements. Eating disorders ordinarliy require intense psychotherapy.

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

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Japan's Mount Usu erupts today

DATE, Japan (AP) — After threatening mountainside villages for four days, Mount Usu erupted today, spewing a roiling mixture of rock, gas and ash over the snowy countryside.

Many townspeople near the volcano rushed into the streets and onto rooftops to watch the eruption, which was clearly visible for several miles.

There were no reports of injuries or damage, and Mount Usu's eruption appeared to be subsiding hours after it sent a huge column of ash and debris shooting into the sky early this afternoon.

"It is possible that widespread damage could result from this eruption," chief Cabinet spokesman Mikio Aoki said from the government's emergency headquarters in Tokyo. Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi was also there monitoring the situation.

Residents were calm, and most followed directions to stay at evacuation centers or at their homes. Coast guard ships and military helicopters also were mobilized to rescue thousands of residents near the volcano.

About 51,000 people live in the coastal city of Date and several smaller towns near Usu, located 475 miles north of Tokyo on Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido.

Experts had predicted the eruption because of increased seismic activity that began earlier this week. The evacuation of more than 11,000 people began Wednesday.

Almost immediately after the eruption, volcanic ash began to rain down on nearby towns. Residents downwind were soon enveloped by the pungent smell of sulfur.

The plume rose from the volcano amid generally clear skies. Within two hours, it had reached two miles into the sky, according to the nearby Muroran Observatory.

The coast guard, military and police mobilized shortly after the eruption to evacuate the village of Abuta, said coast guard spokesman Hirotaka Mikubo. Abuta, located between the volcano and the ocean, has a population of 13,000. Several hundred were evacuated by helicopter and truck, and the ships remained in Abuta port awaiting any others

Impasse remains in Elian's custody case

MIAMI (AP) — A request by Elian Gonzalez's father to come to the United States may be complicating custody negotiations between the boy's Miami relatives and the U.S. government.

Armando Gutierrez, a spokesman for the relatives, said the strategy by Elian's father was "harming" talks with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which have ended for the week with no agreement. He did not elaborate.

"Like the family, we are monitoring developments concerning the possible arrival of Juan Miguel Gonzalez in the United States," Miami INS director Robert Wallis said late Thursday.

While the future home of the 6-year-old boy remains unclear, the INS has agreed to hold more talks with his Miami relatives on Monday. The agency wants a written guarantee that they will surrender Elian if they lose their court battle to keep him in the United States.

The INS said it would revoke the boy's residency status but twice this week backed away from a deadline. Still, dozens of anti-Castro activists linked arms outside the boy's Miami home Thursday.

Iraq can buy more spare parts for its oil industry

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In a bid to get more food and medicine to Iraq, the Security Council agreed today to double the amount of money Iraq can spend on spare parts to repair its ailing oil industry.

All 15 ambassadors voted in favor of a U.S.-sponsored resolution without comment.

Independent oil industry experts have said Iraq must rehabilitate its pumping stations if it wants to continue exporting crude through the U.N. oil-for-food program, which lets Baghdad buy humanitarian goods using proceeds from U.N.-supervised oil sales.

Baghdad's oil industry — its main source of revenue — was targeted during the Gulf War and has been decimated by nearly 10 years of sanctions.

The U.N. oil-for-food program was started in 1996 to provide for Iraqis suffering under sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The Security Council agreed in June 1998 to allow Iraq to use $300 million every six months from oil-for-food proceeds to buy oil spare parts.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the independent experts recommended last year that the amount be doubled so the vital repairs can be made.

The resolution approved today allows Iraq to spend $600 million every six months and says the council would consider renewing that amount in future six-month phases.

It also says the council would be willing to consider other ways to improve the oil-for-food program.

British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock urged Iraq to take advantage of the new spare parts allowance which he said would enable Baghdad to meet the needs of its people.

Washington says it has to review the contracts to make sure the equipment isn't used to help Iraqi President Saddam Hussein rebuild his weapons of mass destruction.

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Top female general reports sexual harassment complaint

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Army investigation of a sexual harassment complaint by the highest-ranking female Army general "should go forward and will go forward," Defense Secretary William Cohen said today.

Asked about news reports on the case, Cohen confirmed that Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy, 52, the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence, filed a complaint that she was sexually harassed by a fellow general.

Cohen said he became aware of the case on Thursday, when it was first reported by The Washington Times, and that he had not directly discussed the matter with anyone involved.

"Since a complaint has been filed, I'm not in a position to comment other than to say we maintain a zero-tolerance policy that no harassment at any level is going to be acceptable or tolerated and that the process should go forward and will go forward."

Kennedy is the first female three-star general in the history of the Army and is due to retire this summer.

Army officials refused to comment on the matter, saying it was policy not to discuss an ongoing investigation.

Maj. Gen. John G. Meyer Jr., the chief Army spokesman, said Kennedy had informed his office that she would not comment.

In its report Thursday, the Times said it had not learned the identity of the accused general. The Times did not say when Kennedy lodged her complaint, but it said the allegation stemmed from an incident in her Pentagon office in October 1996 when she was a two-star major general and was in the post of assistant deputy chief of Army intelligence.

The newspaper quoted an unidentified Army source as saying Kennedy accused the general of "inappropriate touching."

Defense officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition they not be identified said Thursday the investigation was being handled by the Army's inspector general.

The Times wrote that a former officer said he was interviewed by the accused general's defense lawyer, who asked him about Kennedy's "demeanor on a certain October date in 1996."

Probation is given for theft of auto

An 18-year-old Snyder man Thursday entered two guilty pleas in 132nd District Court.

Jacob Roy Rodriguez of 500 31st Street pleaded guilty to two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Both offenses occurred Oct. 30.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Rodriguez to serve two years in a state jail facility on each count. The sentences were probated for five years.

Rodriguez also was ordered to pay a total of $1,278 in restitution to Max Hildebrand and David Hayes and $403 in restitution to Carlos Marquez.

Warrants land two in jail Thursday

Outstanding warrants resulted in the arrest of two people Thursday.

Deputies took a 31-year-old male into custody at 6:53 a.m. in the 900 block of 30th Street. The subject had a Mitchell County warrant for making alcohol available to a minor.

At 9:11 a.m., officers arrested a 27-year-old male on justice of the peace warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

Three offense reports were also filed Thursday.

A clerk with Allsup's requested an officer at the store at 10:35 a.m. in reference to a shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was taken at 8:22 p.m. at the North College Baptist Church in reference to damage done to a door to the annex building.

Jeremy Hegedus contacted officers at 11:29 p.m. to report stereo speakers stolen from his residence. A report was filed for burglary of a residence.

Obituaries

A.C. Chandler

1913-2000

A.C. Chandler, 87, died Wednesday, March 29, in Midland Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Chandler is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Looney, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Jan. 4, 1913, in Scurry County, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Elaine Burditt and Revis Groves, a longtime Hermleigh resident who died on Dec. 23, 1999.

Mr. Chandler graduated in 1930 from Ira High School. He was pitcher on the baseball team that continued to play for a year after their graduation.

Mr. Chandler moved to California and picked fruit before going into the army. Serving as tank commander in the 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, he was in all the campaigns that Patton's 3rd Army was involved in during World War II. Mr. Chandler was retired from ARCO where he worked for many years and was a former longtime resident of Portland, Tex. He moved to Midland in 1997 and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Allie and Elmer Martin of Midland; a brother, Buck Chandler of Houston; a brother-in-law, Maurice Burditt of Mathis; two nieces; and six nephews.

Isaac Hudson

1922-2000

SEAGRAVES – Isaac Benjamin Hudson, the father of Ava Joyce Russell of Snyder, died Thursday, March 30, in Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City.

Funeral service for Mr. Hudson, 77, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Head Family Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Seagraves Cemetery.

Born April 1, 1922 in Portales, N.M., he married Betty Nell Kinney on July 8, 1958 in Seagraves. She died in 1992.

Mr. Hudson was a farmer and had lived in Yoakum County since 1938.

Survivors include two other daughters, Carolyn Jean Record of College Station and Darlene Jane Lester of Lampasas; a brother, Aaron Hudson of Brownfield; a sister, Vera Hart of Denver City; and five grandchildren.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 30 — Bertha Huestis, William Mapes, H.B. Walker, Leroy Brown, Sue Cotton, Ima Goodwin, Kenneth Rinehart and Amanda Witte.

DISMISSALS: Joe Brown, Virginia Escareno and William Pearson.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tee-ball sign ups

Sign up time concludes today for five and six-year-old tee-ball,-and seven-year-old coach-pitch tee ball. Signup between 4-7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Fee is $30 per player.

Masonic awards night

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a 25-year pin awards night at 7 this evening. All Masons and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Bake sale

Snyder junior high Texas Math and Science students will have a bake sale from 9-1 Saturday at Wal-Mart. Funds will help finance a trip to the state meet in San Antonio.

County Demo convention

The Scurry County Democratic Party will conduct its county convention at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Scurry County Library.

Aggie moms meeting

The Rolling Plains Aggie Moms will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Buck's Steakhouse in Sweetwater. For more information contact Caron Perkins at 573-4729.

King's Kids pre-registration

Pre-registration for King's Kids and Mother's Day Out for the 2000-01 school year begins Monday. King's Kids is offered Mondays and Wednesday for ages 1-5, and Mother's Day Out is Friday for ages three months to five years. Call the First Baptist Church for more information at 573-7401.

Apostolic Faith concert

Apostolic Faith Bible College will perform at 7 p.m. Monday at the Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th St.

Band boosters meeting

SHS band boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the band hall.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Love That Serves God," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 7."

Joy School registration

Pre-registration for the Eastside Church of Christ Joy School will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday in the East foyer of the church. Joy School runs from Monday through Friday for age 18 months to Pre-K. For additional information, call 573-3554.

Northeast parent council

Northeast Elementary parent council will have a dutch-treat meeting at noon Tuesday at the White Buffalo Café.

Brisket dinner

Snyder Senior Little League will sponsor a brisket dinner starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Moffett Field prior to the Tigers' game with Big Spring. Cost is $6.50 per plate.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

CHIP program signup

A representative of CHIP, a program to provide children's health coverage for parents who can't afford private insurance, will be in Snyder from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 11. Applications and assistance will be available at 1212 37th St. For more information call 1-800-592-7433, ext 21.

Summer, fall pre-registration

Pre-regisation for Children's Day out at the First United Methodist Church is underway through May 15 for the summer and fall. The program provides childcare on Tuesday and Thursdays during June and July. The fall session begins in August. Call Barbara at 573-4770 for more information.

Building fund sale

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church is accepting items of any kind for its building fund sale. The church will pick up items. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947.

1990 SHS reunion

The 1990 senior class of SHS is planning a 10-year reunion in July. If you are a graduate, or have contact with a graduate, contact Anne Osborn @Echostar.com, or call Jennifer Pate at 915-223-9110 in San Angelo, or contact Shelley LaRoux at 574-1826, or mail information to 3209 40th St.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-4-4

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
7-11-23-26-27