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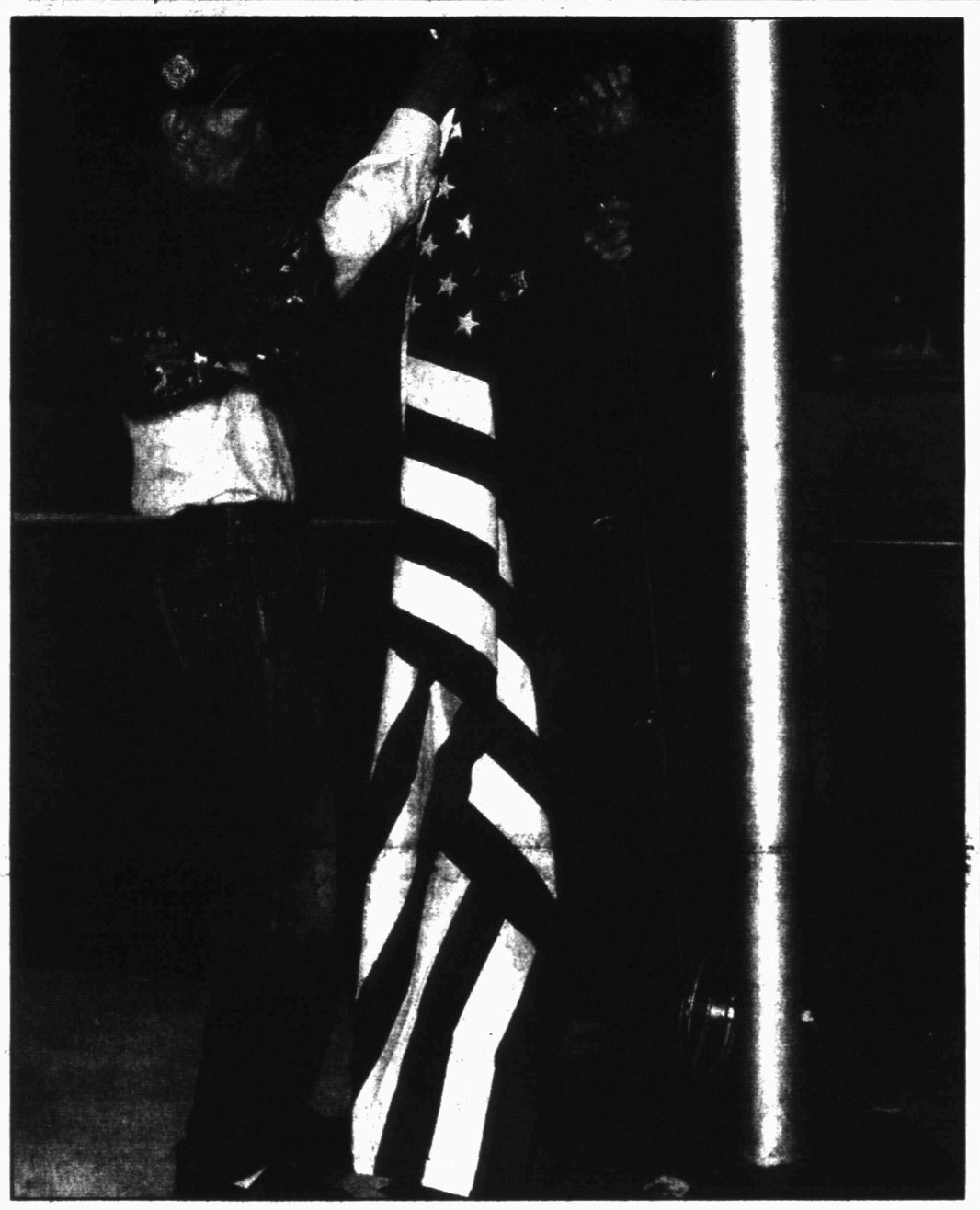
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MEMORIAL DAY — Wayne Merritt, VFW commander, and Velton Buchanan, right, American Legion commander, prepare to raise the American flag in ceremonies this morning in honor of Memorial Day. (SDN Staff Photo)

Political parties argue over service to vets

WASHINGTON (AP) — This Memorial Day finds itself intruding upon a political tussle over whether Republicans or Democrats are serving veterans better.

Democrats contend Republicans are shortchanging veterans to help pay for President Bush's tax cuts. GOP lawmakers say Democrats are scaring older veterans with speeches about budget cuts.

Reports of budget cuts are "an unmitigated lie," says the chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., said the 2004 spending plan that Congress approved last month provides $63.8 billion for veterans programs, a $6.2 billion increase from the year before. He says money for veterans' health care services would increase $3.1 billion, to $27 billion.

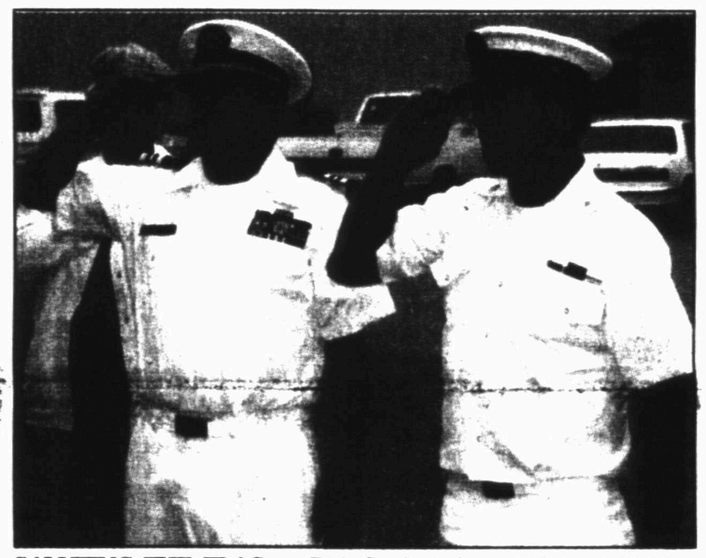
Many Republicans joined Democrats in increasing the original White House budget proposal for veterans and in exempting veterans programs from an across-the-board 1 percent cut for all federal programs.

Democrats are not backing down. With hundreds of thousands of military personnel overseas, "the administration and Republicans in Congress would like to reward their service with fewer services for their fellow veterans," said Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the House's second-ranking Democrat.

Democrats cite Congressional Budget Office figures that conclude spending projections would leave the Veterans Affairs Department $6.2 billion short of what it needs to meet its obligations over the next 10 years.

They also say that cost-cutting proposed by Bush, if fully put in place, would force more than 1.4 million veterans to be denied health care or would drop them from the VA health care system.

Funding to run VA health programs has grown an average 7.9 percent a year since 1998, but that is not keeping pace with medical inflation, increased demand and the rising costs of treating aging veterans.



SALUTING THE FLAG — Bob Sealy, left, and Robert Neblett pay their respects to the flag during ceremonies today at the Snyder VFW Post. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chicago seniors expelled following videotaped hazing

GLENVIEW, Ill. (AP) — The 31 high school seniors suspended as a result of a videotaped hazing incident in suburban Chicago have been expelled, but will be allowed to receive their diplomas on time, school officials said.

At a meeting late Sunday, the Glenbrook High School District 225 Board of Education also voted to uphold the suspensions of all of the students.

The students will be banned from the school grounds and all school activities, including the graduation ceremony, but the school will freeze their grades at previous levels instead of automatically flunking them, said Superintendent Dave Hales.

Videotape of the May 4 event shows juniors from the school being showered with mud, paint, feces and garbage as onlookers, some holding beer cups, cheered.

Fifteen students also have been charged with misdemeanor battery.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.01
Lake Thomas	.20
Hermleigh	1.80
Fluvanna	.85
Polar	1.30
Loyd Mountain	.70
Dunn	.60
Ira	.80
Dermott	1.1
Gail	Trace

Totals as reported by area residents for the weekend and early Monday.

Registration Tuesday at WTC

Western Texas College will hold registration for summer classes Tuesday beginning at 8am.

New students will begin registration in the admissions office and returning students will start in the counseling office.

Classes also will kick off Tuesday.

For more information or for a schedule of classes, students may contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313 or visit the WTC website at www.wtc.edu.

The college is closed today in observance of Memorial Day, but will resume regular hours Tuesday.

U.S. should use caution removing Iran leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States needs to have a more amenable government in Iran but must be careful how it removes the religious hard-liners now in power to avoid alienating the many Iranians friendly to America, lawmakers say.



Sen. Rockefeller

Some also cautioned that even if Bush administration suspicions are correct that Iran is harboring senior al-Qaida operatives, the United States had better tread cautiously.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Sunday that Americans could expect good news soon from Iran, and it would be "very foolhardy" to try to destabilize Tehran in expectation of a surge in pro-Americanism there.

"I think we have to be a little bit cautious about ... tossing out that term 'destabilize,' 'take over,'" Rockefeller said on CNN's "Late Edition". "We're getting to think that way too much because of — after Afghanistan and Iraq."

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, worried about taking on too much at once, citing the continuing instability in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I'd like to see us finish one job at a time," he told NBC's "Meet the Press."

In Tehran, Iran's foreign minister insisted his country does not and would not shelter al-Qaida terrorists and even has jailed some members of Osama bin Laden's network, with plans to prosecute them.

"Iran has been the pioneer in fighting al-Qaida terrorists, who have been posing threats to our national interests," Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi told the government's Tehran Television. "Iran was al-Qaida's enemy before the U.S."

The Washington Post reported Sunday that the administration has cut off contacts with Iran and "appears ready to embrace an aggressive policy of trying to destabilize the Iranian government."

"No, our policy continues to be the same," White House spokesman Scott McClellan replied. The United States insists that Iran stop supporting terrorists and end illicit weapons programs, he said, and "Iran knows what it needs to do."

"We don't have relations with Iran," McClellan said.

Worry about possible activities of senior al-Qaida operatives thought to be in Iran was a factor in raising the domestic terror alert level in the United States last week, officials have said. Those operatives are suspected of being connected to the recent bombings in Saudi Arabia and Morocco.

ASK US

Q—When will Snyder High School announce this year's valedictorian and salutatorian?

A—At an assembly at the high school at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Jim Williams...

...is a lifetime Snyder resident and a 1972 graduate of Snyder High. His wife, Lisa, also is a Snyder native, graduating from SHS in 1975. The couple have two daughters, Adriane, 22 and Ann Lou, 18. Jim doesn't have times for hobbies, as farming east of town keeps him plenty busy.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Wisdom is knowing what to overlook.
—William James

Auditions for Ritz production today, Tuesday

Auditions for *You Can't Take It With You* are set from 5-8 p.m. today and Tuesday at the Ritz Community Theatre.

Play dates will be June 27-29.

Tanner Beard will director. He is a senior at Snyder High School and will graduate next Friday.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Mary Ann Caldwell will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. today in the West Elementary library.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. today is "A Sure Word from God," followed by "If I Be Lifted Up."

Scurry County Child Welfare

The Scurry County Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center for its monthly meeting.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Dale Hamby, Janeen Patterson, John Richardson and Frances White will be from 3:45-5 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Junior High library.

SISD family literacy

Closing ceremonies for SISD's Family Literacy Program will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Region XIV Service Center.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County genealogical society will met at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. The program will be a continuation of "U.S. Migration and Settlement, 1607-1900." Visitors are welcome.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, June 3 at the WTC pool.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Car wash

Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders will have a car wash-bake sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

WIN Women's Conference

WIN Women's Conference, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, is set for Friday and Saturday at Thee Place, 904 26th St. Music will be by Mercy & Truth, Dance Troupe Doorkeepers of His Glory. Speakers are Barbara Murrell of Forney and Jay Hawkins of Toccoa, Ga. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Camp Spring homecoming

The annual Camp Spring homecoming will be fro 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at the Northeast Community Center. Meat will be provided, as will paper goods and ice. Please bring side dishes and desserts. Donations will be accepted to offset expenses.

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., will have Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. until noon June 9-13. Theme is "The Great Kingdom Caper – cracking the character code." All children first through sixth grade are invited.

Colonial Hill Baptist VBS

Like a good mystery? Come to the Great Kingdom Caper – Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church June 16-20 for grades K-6. Call 573-8596.

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle will be held July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail class of 93shs@yahoo.com.

SHS 1967-68 reunion

Snyder High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will have a class reunion July 5 at Jack Greene's park starting at 7 p.m. Barbecue and music will be provided. Cost is $15 per person and those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. RSVP by June 25. Contact Gina Rhodes at 573-2400, or Janet Lay at Janetlay@remax.net.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

At least four dead in cruise ship explosion

MIAMI (AP) — An explosion and fire in the boiler room of a docked cruise ship that killed at least four crew members appeared to be an accident, officials said.

The explosion Sunday on Norwegian Cruise Line's SS Norway injured more than 15 other crew members, but none of the more than 2,100 passengers were harmed.

The historic ship has been churning the oceans for the better part of four decades. It was once in keen competition with the famed Queen Elizabeth 2 on the trans-Atlantic run.

Fifteen crew members were taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, and five of them were in critical condition. Victims were taken to other hospitals, but Miami-Dade officials would not say which ones.

The Norway came into the Port of Miami at the end of a weeklong Caribbean cruise around 5 a.m., with 2,135 passengers and 911 crew members on board, port director Charles Towsley said.

The fire began about two hours later, the result of an explosion likely caused by a steam leak, Miami-Dade Police Director Carlos Alvarez said.

The force of the explosion tossed four crew members through an open cargo bay door into water, Alvarez said.

Sentence of death vacated

WESTMINSTER, Colo. (AP) — For people of faith, the Bible can serve as a compass to help navigate life's dilemmas, from questions about spirituality to everyday problems with relationships or work.

But one jury took that too far when they thumbed through the Bible during deliberations to find passages on the death penalty, a Colorado judge ruled.

Friday's decision to throw out the death sentence has left some experts wondering where to draw the line.

"Most people during life and death events rely to some extent on their religion," said former Denver prosecutor Craig Silverman.

Some question whether banning the Bible from jury deliberations is wise, or even feasible, considering how ingrained the Bible's teachings can be for those who spent years learning them.

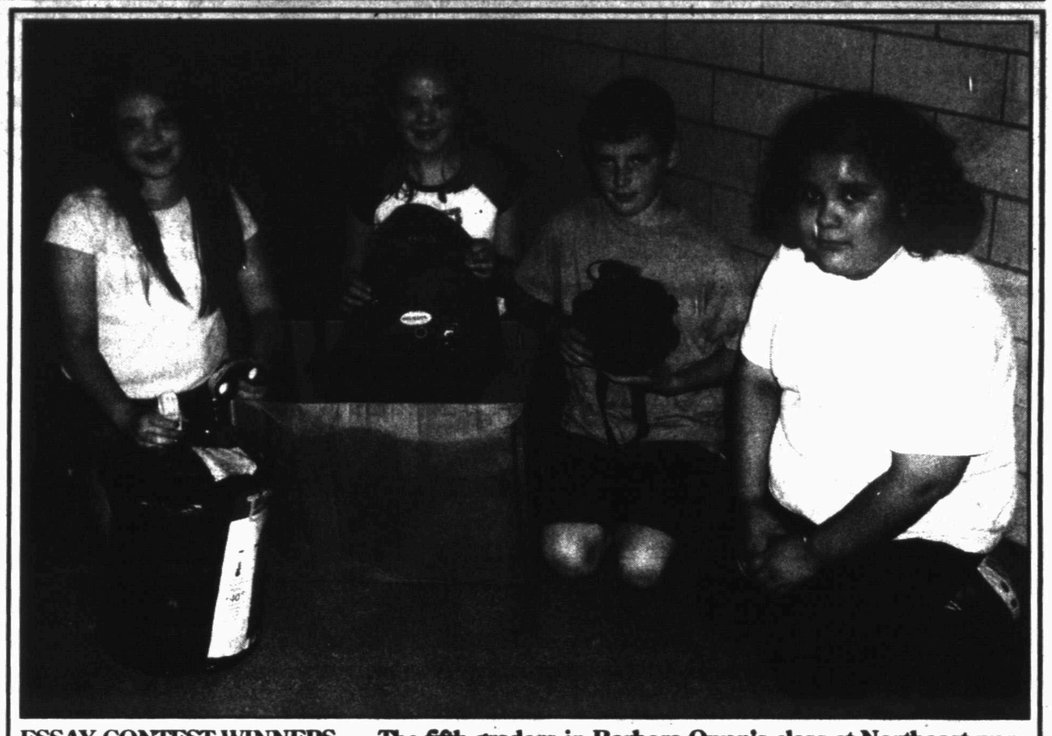
"I think that the Bible is kind of the root of who I am," Jan Polzin, 51, said Sunday before services at Grace Church in Westminster. "Any decision I make, the Bible would be the foundation, whether it's work, day-to-day, or on a jury."

Judge John Vigil's decision is one of a handful in the last two decades to overturn death penalty sentences because the judges considered the Bible to be illegal outside reference material.

"You don't ask jurors to set aside their personal beliefs but they can't be going to outside sources and making the decision," said Kansas state District Judge David Kennedy.

Kennedy ordered a new sentencing phase in 2000 for a man convicted in the slaying of a Wichita couple after at least two Bibles were brought into the deliberation room. Some jurors told the judge they had referred to a passage reading, "If a person does not ask for mercy, they may not be granted mercy," suggesting that the suspect never asked for mercy because he didn't take the stand.

In July 2001, an Oklahoma appeals court overturned the conviction and death sentence of a man accused of beating another man to death with a baseball bat. At least one Bible was brought into the jury deliberation room.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS — The fifth graders in Barbara Owen's class at Northeast were named winners in the Hometown Horned Toads Essay Contest. From left are Stacey Clifton, second place; and Meagan Downing, Tye Holley and Kyra Lara, top 10 winners. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

4 Northeast fifth graders win essay contest

Where in the world are the horned toads (actually they are lizards)?

That question was posed to students in grades 3-12 who entered the Hometown Horned Toads Essay Contest.

It seems that the horned lizards are not as plentiful in the state of Texas as they used to be.

Students were to interview people in Snyder who remember the lizards and find out about their habit.

The contest was designed to explore the history of the Texas horned lizard and perhaps decline in some communities in Texas.

Fifth grade students in Barbara Owen's class at Northeast entered the contest. Three students were Top 10 winners: Meagan Downing, Tye Holley and Kyra Lara. Stacey Clifton won second place.

Sailor presumed dead after fall

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The air and sea search continued for a sailor missing from a Navy vessel returning from Iraq, and another sailor was presumed dead after falling into the Atlantic Ocean about 900 miles off the Virginia coast.

Petty Officer 1st Class Shaun Dale was reported missing Sunday morning aboard the USS Nassau, said Lt. Cmdr. Dave Werner, spokesman for the Atlantic Fleet.

A search also was being conducted aboard the 833-foot amphibious assault ship, which has a crew of 964 and is transporting 1,900 Marines to North Carolina, then heading to its homeport of Norfolk.

Asked if Dale could be onboard, Werner said, "It's a very large ship and they are actively searching inside the ship."

On Friday, Petty Officer 3rd Class Dwayne Williams, 23, of Philadelphia, fell from the Nassau while chasing a football, officials said.

Cmdr. Ernest Duplessis, a spokesman for the Navy's Second Fleet, confirmed Sunday that the Navy had ended its search and that Williams' body had not been recovered. Williams had been in the Navy for nearly four years.

Williams' mother, Betty Williams, wanted more information from military officials and said she might hire a lawyer.

"I'm not satisfied with the way the military handled telling me how he had passed. It wasn't done in a respectable way," she said. "They (are) making it sound like he was up on top of the deck messing around."

"I want to have closure for my child. I want to know when, how he was up on top of that deck with no protection."

Williams, 23, was born in Kinston, N.C. in eastern North Carolina. His family moved to Philadelphia when Dwayne was 10. Betty Williams was staying with family in Kinston on Sunday.

Capt. Terry O'Brien said it was possible Dale had been injured or incapacitated and was still on the ship.



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On this day in 1897, Bram Stoker's "Dracula" went on sale for the first time in London.

On this day in 1940, Operation Dynamo began, in which close to 350,000 British, French and Belgian soldiers in Dunkirk were successfully evacuated in response to their becoming increasingly trapped by encroaching German forces.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Al Jolson (1886-1950), jazz singer; John Wayne (1907-1979), actor; Robert Morley (1908-1992), actor; Stevie Nicks (1948-), singer and songwriter, is 55; Sally Kristen Ride (1951-), astronaut and the first American woman in space, is 52; Helena Bonham Carter (1966-), actress, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, Rick Mears won his fourth Indy 500 race.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't feel we did wrong in taking this great country away from them. There were great numbers of people who needed new land, and the Indians were selfishly trying to keep it for themselves." — John Wayne

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (May 22) and new moon (May 31).

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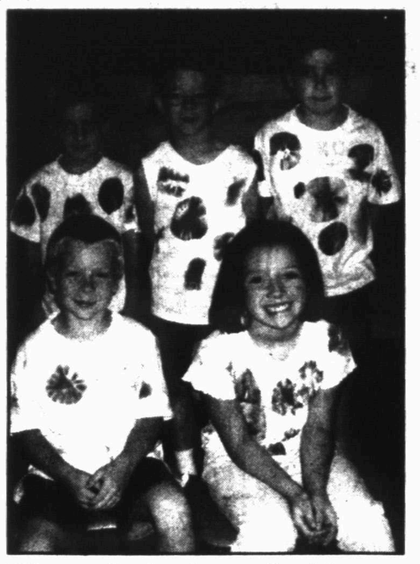
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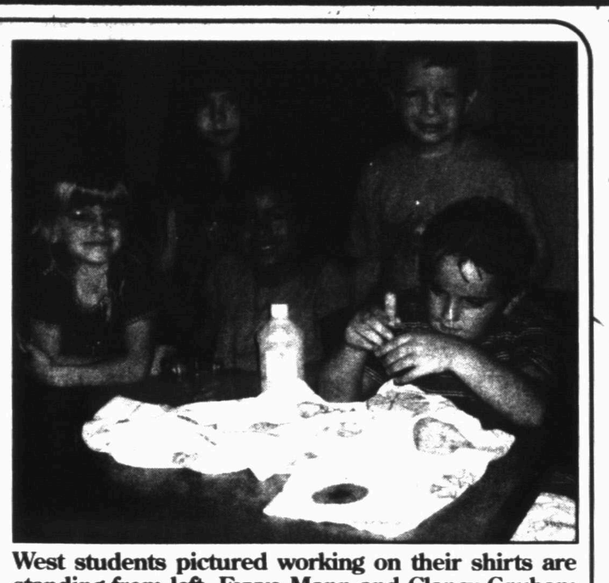
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West students who made shirts are standing from left, Hunter Glenn, Josh Molter and Tyler Fields; seated from left, Cody Stewart and Briana Doucette.



West students pictured working on their shirts are standing from left, Eyvye Mann and Clancy Gruben; seated from left are Taylor Head, Adrianna Hernandez and Dylan Kirby. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Advanced academics kindergarten, first grade



Stanfield students wearing the shirts they made are standing from left, Sloan Boren, Parker Garmer, Cameron Horton and Patrick Dicamillo; seated from left are, Jessie Noblett, Madison Shaw, Krystin Kruger and Abby Noblett.

Advanced Academics students in kindergarten and first grade recently studied the topic of "dissolving." Students observed what happened when an eggshell is put in vinegar.

Over the course of one month, the smooth eggshell dissolved, and as the vinegar evaporated, a puffy, white, powdery substance appeared. Students also attempted to dissolve salt, pepper, chalk and seashells.

The shirt project combined art and science. First, students tested permanent markers to see if the ink was really permanent. They discovered that the ink was permanent in water, but that it could be dissolved by using rubbing alcohol.

Using this principle, they decorated their shirts with permanent markers, then dissolved the ink to make beautiful patterns and designs.

Work on dam hurting farmers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — While Medina Lake had water for parched crops downstream, the problem was that farmers couldn't get to it because of construction on the 91-year-old dam's gates.

So a few weeks ago the farmers used heavy equipment to chip a 13-foot notch in the 1,000-foot-long concrete lip forming the edge of the natural limestone spillway. The 2-foot-deep cut served to get additional water downstream for a while, as the lake level dropped a foot in the past month.

Work replacing the old gates at the lake 30 miles northwest of San Antonio began in a wet period two months ago, when farmers had rain for their crops, said Jerry White, general manager of the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, which operates the dam for the benefit of its 1,800 tax-paying farmers.

But since March 22, when 0.21 inches of rain fell at San Antonio International Airport, there's been a 63-day stretch with only 0.13 inches of sporadic raindrops. Since Jan. 1, only 4.14 inches has fallen at the airport, 7.3 inches or 64 percent below normal for the period through May 24.

With the work on the gates, water couldn't be let out the usual way to send five miles downstream to Diversion Lake, where a dam diverts water into the district's canal system, White said.

About 55 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water naturally seeps from springs in the rocks around the ends and base of the 1,580-foot-long dam.

Port Arthur clinic to close on June 1

BEAUMONT (AP) — A clinic that serves mostly low-income women in far Southeast Texas will close June 1 after Jefferson County failed to pay its share of the costs for five years.

The Port Arthur clinic, which handles 400 to 500 patient visits each month, is one of two Jefferson County clinics run by the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Today praise the heroes who have kept us free

DEAR READERS: Today is Memorial Day. Don't forget to take a moment and, regardless of what your religious affiliation may be, offer a prayer for those brave souls who sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom. Blessed are they all.

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DEAR ABBY: My 30-something girlfriend, "Heidi," is in her first year of business school. She is on a committee to organize the graduation party for students who will graduate next month.

It's going to be an all-night "affair" (good choice of words?), and will be held at a hotel, so the drinkers can stay overnight. Heidi is in charge of reserving a block of rooms, and for the past few weeks has been immersed in every detail of the event.

Heidi thinks there's nothing wrong with attending this graduation party as a member of the committee — as well as staying overnight. I say it's a recipe for disaster. Your opinion is needed ASAP. — **DUMBFOUNDED BOYFRIEND IN NOVA SCOTIA**

DEAR DUMBFOUNDED BOYFRIEND: Your girlfriend has worked hard to make this event a success, and I don't blame her for wanting to enjoy it. However, you know Heidi better than I do. If she has shown you in the past that she can't be trusted, you can't be blamed for feeling as you do.

P.S. If she has been as faithful as Fido — YOU have an insecurity problem you had better deal with before you drive Heidi away.

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DEAR ABBY: "Hurt and Confused in Oregon" didn't know what to make of the fact that her friend of many years suddenly stopped talking to her. You advised that the reason could be that there's something going on in her friend's life that she's not willing to share.

Anyone whose friend stops communicating — seemingly for no reason — should ask him- or herself the following questions:

(1) Are you a braggart? Do you boast incessantly about yourself, your family, your abilities, etc.? Maybe your friend got tired of hearing it.

(2) Are YOU the favorite topic of your conversation? Maybe your friend isn't as fascinated by you as you are!

(3) When something good happens to your friend, do you show genuine happiness, or do you exhibit jealousy and resentment?

(4) Do you encourage your friend and build him/her up — or do you say things to dampen your friend's spirits, thereby bringing that person down?

Sometimes people say things that alienate others without realizing they are doing so. I speak from experience, Abby. Sign me ... **HAD ENOUGH**

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: There is always room for improvement. This may be a time when introspection is called for. If one's friends are bailing, an honest look in the mirror may be in order.

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DEAR ABBY: At what age can one relinquish the role of godparent? My godchildren are now adults, and I simply cannot afford to keep doling out gifts. They never phone or visit; we have little contact unless I initiate it. Frankly, I'd like to hang up my title and retire gracefully. What is the etiquette on this? — **NO FAIRY GODMOTHER IN WASHINGTON STATE**

DEAR NO FAIRY GODMOTHER: There is no law that compels you to bestow gifts from the cradle to the grave — their cradle and your grave. Send the grown "godchildren" a lovely card and your heartfelt good wishes.

P.S. I'll bet you get a phone call!

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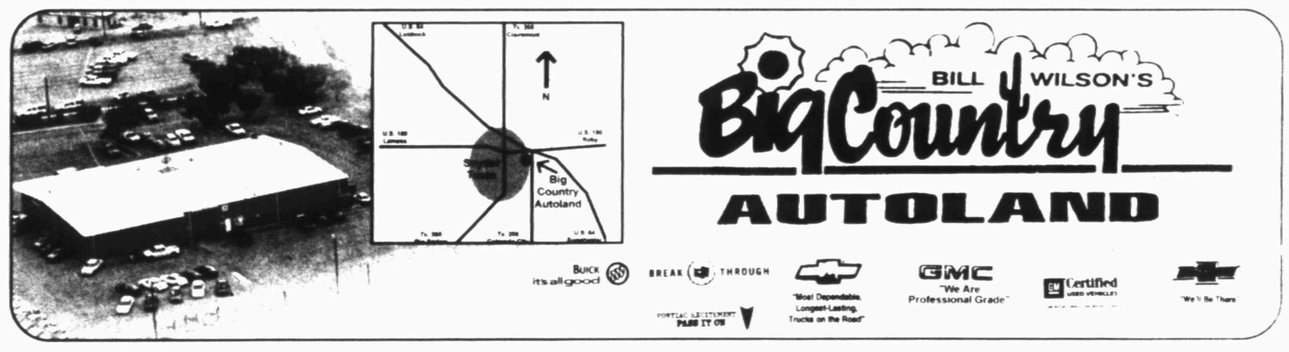
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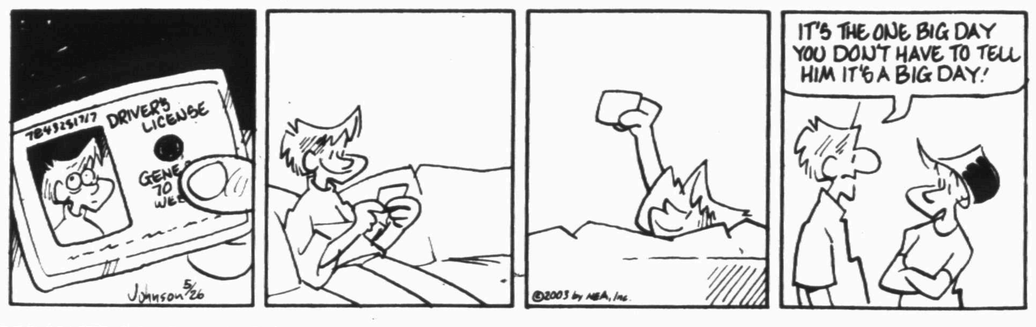
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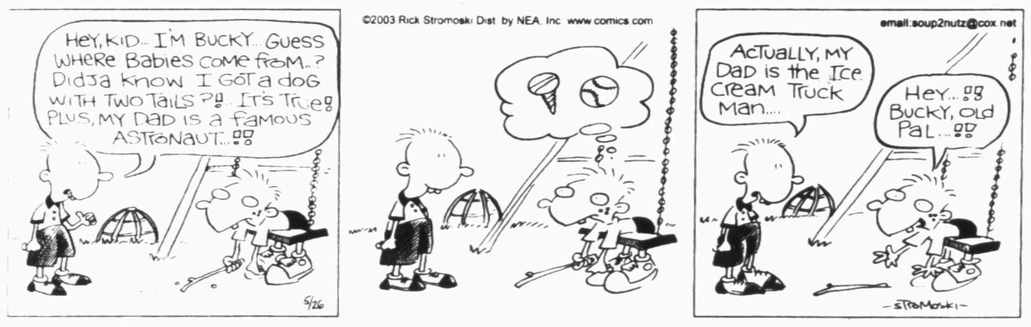
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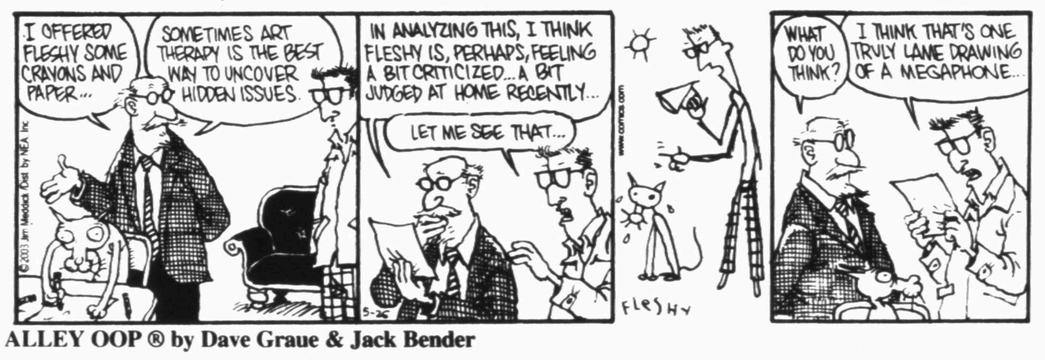
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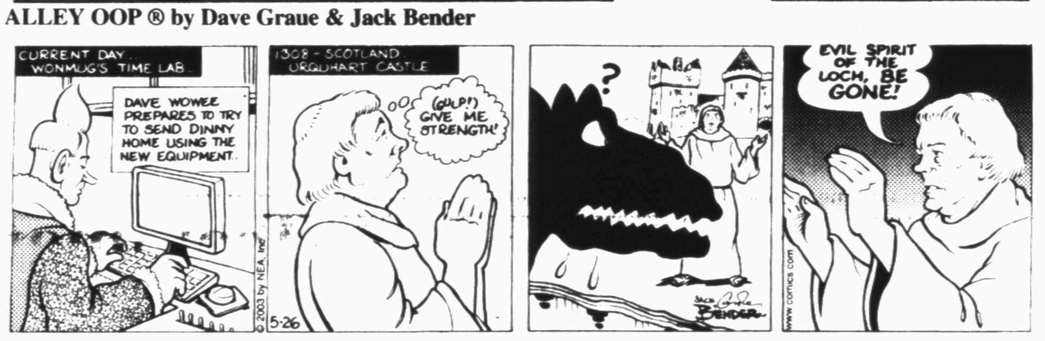
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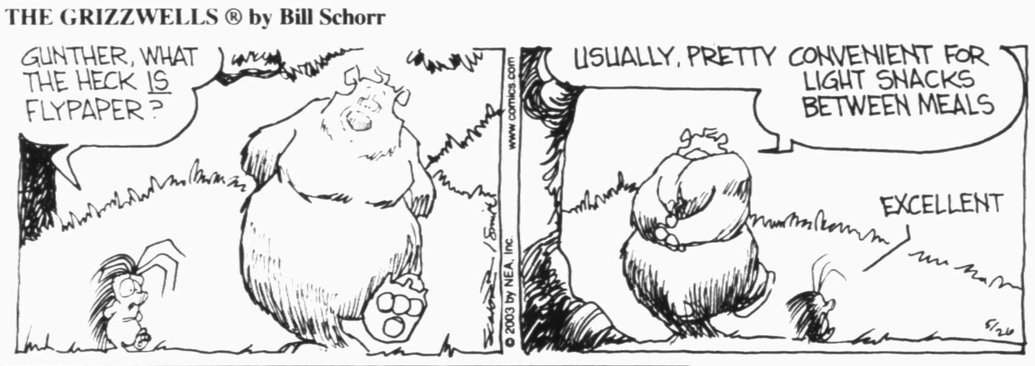
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7 CPR pro
10 Scold
11 Lean
13 Dawn goddess
14 House wing
15 Largest artery
16 Prune
17 Good look
19 Defeats
21 River bottom
22 Very long time
23 Window frames
26 Waded
30 Bullring yells
31 Sock part
32 Natural resource
33 Lo- —
34 Fabled bird
35 Field mouse
36 Soft leather
39 Cabbie's fare
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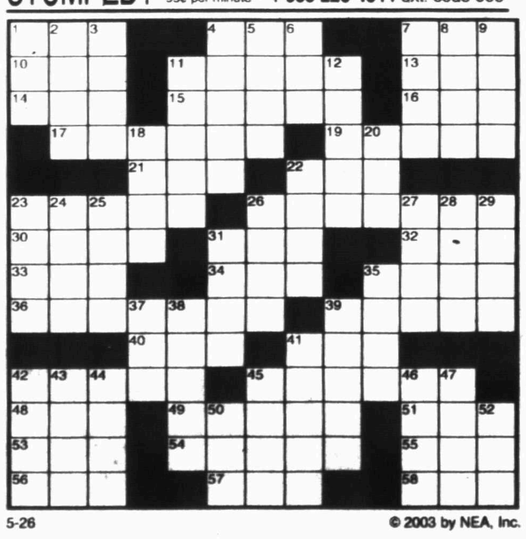
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18 Wanes
20 Dash widths
22 AC supply
23 Athlete
24 Jai —
25 Canasta play
26 In a short time
27 Parka extra
28 Della's penner
29 Shy creature
31 Neat
35 Pedro's wine
37 — Lanka
38 Metric pounds
39 Judge's duds
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42 Cork
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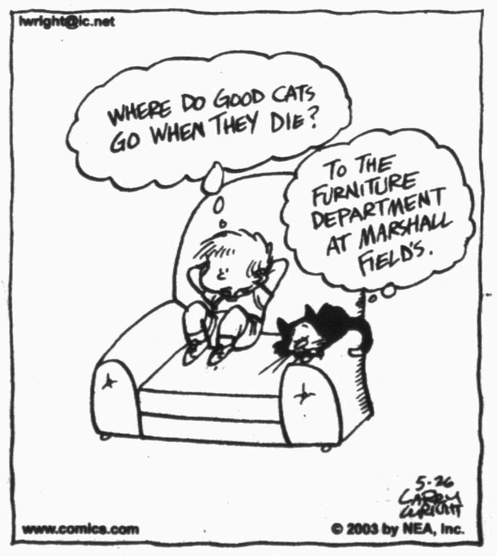
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SPORTS

Perry sets tourney record at Colonial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Kenny Perry got the red plaid jacket and the $900,000 winner's check, but he knows what everybody else will remember about his record-setting Colonial victory.

"I'll probably be remembered as the guy who won Annika's event, but that's OK with me," Perry said. "That doesn't bother me. At least I'll be remembered for something."

Perry had a closing 68 Sunday for a record 19-under total that gave him a six-stroke victory over Justin Leonard.

It was an anticlimactic ending for the tournament that began on a historic note Thursday when Annika Sorenstam became the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour. She missed the cut with rounds of 71 and 74.

Leonard shot a near-perfect round of 9-under 61, which ended with a bogey and matched Perry's course record, but didn't challenge for the win.

With his own 61 Saturday, Perry was already a stroke under the Colonial record of 16 under by 1993 winner Fulton Allem and had an eight-stroke lead.

"I knew if I kept making pars, they were going to have to make a lot of birdies to catch me," Perry said. "That was kind of the my mind-set."

The 42-year-old Perry played steady. He had three birdies and was bogey-free until missing a 5-foot par putt at 16, but still led by six strokes.

It was the fifth win for Perry in 17 years on the tour, the first since the 2001 Buick Open. The check was his largest ever and pushed his career earnings over $11 million.

Jeff Sluman (65) finished third at 12 under, a stroke better than Brandt Jobe (64).

The only drama Sunday involved Leonard.

At 9 under for the day after his 10-foot birdie at the 430-yard 15th, Leonard knew he had a chance to become only the fourth person to shoot a 59 in a PGA Tour event. The last was David Duval in the 1999 Bob Hope Classic.

Leonard blasted to 7 feet out of a greenside bunker to save par at the 188-yard 16th. But he set up his shot at history with a 12-foot birdie at the 383-yard 17th.

So in the fairway 144 yards away at the 18th hole, the former University of Texas player tried for the perfect shot. His 9-iron came up woefully short.

The approach landed short of the green, 65 feet from the flag.

Spurs hold off pesky Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — With Dirk Nowitzki in street clothes, the San Antonio Spurs seemed to have it easy.

After all, the Dallas Mavericks weren't exactly dominating the Western Conference finals with their leading scorer and rebounder in the lineup. How could they do better without him?

For 2½ quarters, the Spurs found out all too well as a pesky, gritty lineup gave Dallas a nine-point lead. Then Tony Parker led a 26-6 surge that sent San Antonio to a 102-95 victory Sunday night, giving the Spurs a 3-1 series lead.

"In the fourth quarter, we made a series of stops that got the game for us," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "But other than that period, when we did well defensively, I thought Dallas was fantastic and did everything it could to win the game. We were really fortunate to win."

Parker had 25 points and Tim Duncan had 21 points, 20 rebounds, seven assists and four blocks, putting the Spurs within a victory of their second trip to the NBA Finals in five years. The New Jersey Nets already have secured their spot in the championship round, having swept the Detroit Pistons on Saturday night.

San Antonio's first chance to make it comes Tuesday night.

"The series isn't over," said San Antonio's Malik Rose, who had eight points and eight rebounds. "It's heavily in our favor, but we've got to go home and take care of business."

Business should be easier if Nowitzki and his playoff averages of 25.3 points and 11.5 rebounds are again missing. He's considered doubtful because of a sprained left knee sustained late in Game 3.

Although Nowitzki arrived at American Airlines Center on Sunday hoping to convince coach Don Nelson that he could play, the discussion ended when he tried to push off on it and couldn't.

"He told me I'm not playing under any circumstances. The risk is too high. I'm 24. I've got a lot of basketball ahead of me," Nowitzki said. "He knows better. He's seen it all. Sometimes, you've got to be smart. And it was smart for me not to play. It was probably the best choice."

Only six NBA teams have overcome a 3-1 deficit, the last being Miami against the New York Knicks in 1997.

Dallas will be facing elimination for the third time this postseason. Both others were Game 7s after failing to end the series earlier.

Another nugget in the Mavs' favor: They haven't lost four in a row since March 2000. This was their third straight loss since winning the opener on the strength of 49 straight free throws.

Rangers belt 4 homers, fall to O's

ARLINGTON (AP) — Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove joked that he needs to start exercising.

"I'm going to have to work out to make my heart stronger," Hargrove said after the Orioles' 13-10 victory over Texas on Sunday. "I haven't worked out in 20 years, but these guys are pushing me to work out."

Melvin Mora went 5-for-5, Jeff Conine drove in three runs and Luis Matos hit a two-run homer for the Orioles.

The victory ended a 4-2 road trip for the Orioles that included two one-run games, Brian Roberts' grand slam to beat Anaheim in the ninth, and a victory Sunday in which the Orioles nearly lost a six-run cushion.

Mora, who equaled a career high with five RBIs Saturday, had a career high in hits Sunday and also drove in two runs. He has seven straight multihit games, and was 9-of-15 in the series with eight RBIs.

"He has a really good idea of what he wants to do at the plate," Hargrove said. "Melvin is a little stronger and more sure himself."

Alex Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro, Carl Everett and Mark Teixeira homered for the Rangers, who have lost two straight following a seven-game winning streak. Texas leads the majors with 82 homers.

But the power wasn't enough against the Orioles, who had a season-high 18 hits. Baltimore scored 23 runs and had 34 hits in the past two games.

Brian Roberts had three hits and scored twice, Tony Batista went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, and Jay Gibbons and Brook Fordyce added two hits apiece.

Matos hit his second homer of the year to cap a five-run first inning against Joaquin Benoit.

Texas scored five in the third to go up 7-6. Teixeira's first career grand slam was the big blow. Baltimore starter Rick Helling walked the bases loaded before Teixeira became the first Texas rookie to hit a slam since Mike Stanley on July 3, 1987.

"I was just looking for something over the plate in that situation," Teixeira said. "I got a good pitch and hit it hard."

Mora's RBI double tied it in the fourth and the Orioles went ahead 8-7 when Matos scored on a throwing error by Rodriguez at shortstop with two outs in the fifth.

The Orioles broke open a close game with three runs in the sixth on Conine's two-run double and Gibbons' RBI single. They extended their lead to 13-7 on Roberts' RBI triple and Mora's run-scoring double in the seventh.

Rodriguez and Palmeiro hit back-to-back shots in the bottom half off Travis Driskill. Rodriguez' 15th homer tied him with Toronto's Carlos Delgado and New York's Alfonso Soriano for the AL lead. Palmeiro's blast was his 12th of the season and the 502nd of his career.

Michael Young followed with an RBI single to bring Texas to 13-10. The Rangers brought the tying run to the plate later in the seventh, but B.J. Ryan struck out Everett to end the threat.

Cubs top Astros, 7-3

HOUSTON (AP) — The Chicago Cubs proved they can win without injured slugger Sammy Sosa during their longest trip of the year.

"I think we have all done a good job of stepping up. We wanted to show that we are a good team even without Sammy," Mike Remlinger said after the Cubs beat Houston 7-3 on Sunday.

"We feel that we can win games without Sammy. When he comes back we will be even better."

Moises Alou had three RBI singles and Carlos Zambrano pitched 6 1-3 strong innings for the NL Central-leading Cubs, who took two of three in Houston to finish 8-5 on the trip. Sosa is on the disabled list because of an injured right toe.

"I'm just glad it's over," manager Dusty Baker said. "I knew this would be a tough stretch, but we played hard and we played well. I can't say we surpassed our expectations. We knew what we had to do, we just didn't know how we would do it without Sammy."

Alou isn't surprise at the Cubs' successful road trip.

"We really believe in ourselves. We expect to win," Alou allowed.

Baker isn't ready to declare a favorite in the NL Central Division race.

"It's too early to say it is a three-team race. It's an every- team race right now," Baker said.

Alou hit RBI singles in the third, fifth and seventh innings against his former team. He went 3-for-3 to raise his career average at Minute Maid Park to .344.

Zambrano (5-4) allowed three runs, five hits and five walks. He struck out five.

Indianapolis 500...

Teammate denies Castroneves three-peat

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indy got its three-peat.

No, it wasn't Helio Castroneves, whose bid for an unprecedented third straight victory in the Indianapolis 500 came up about five car-lengths short.

But teammate Gil de Ferran kept the Borg Warner Trophy in the family Sunday, giving Roger Penske another niche in the record book.

The Captain joined Lou Moore (1947-49) as the only car owners to win the race three years in a row. And no one comes close to touching Penske's record of 13 victories.

On a day when Michael Andretti drove into retirement on a golf cart, victimized again by the dreaded "Andretti Luck," Penske showed no signs of slowing down.

"We are a team," Penske said, sounding every bit like a guy who expected to win before the engines fired. "Everyone in the whole organization won. That is what counts."

Two years ago, Castroneves won Indy on his first try, holding off de Ferran. This time, the order of finish was reversed but the team colors remained the same.

"One of the things I pride myself in is getting here and staying connected," Penske said. "I spent more time here than I ever did."

He wanted to manage the attention surrounding Castroneves' quest for the three-peat, while ensuring de Ferran had recovered from a March crash that left him flat on his back with broken bones in his neck and back.

As usual, the Penske plan worked to perfection.

Driving in pain, de Ferran passed his teammate and fellow Brazilian on the 170th lap and held the lead the rest of the way. He got help from three caution periods that prevented Castroneves from building up momentum to go for a pass.

"Obviously, there's a little bit of disappointment," Castroneves said. "But I guess this is part of the game."

De Ferran grimaced as he extricated himself from his car in Victory Lane. The frown quickly morphed into a smile and tears of joy as he hugged his wife and two children, then sipped from the most cherished drink in motorsports: a bottle of milk.

So was Andretti, who led 28 laps in his farewell race as a driver. He didn't get a chance to go for his first Indy victory, doomed when a part in the throttle failed just before the halfway point.

"It was just a freaky deal," Andretti said. "Maybe one screw came loose. It could have been a 10-cent part."

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	19	.612	—
New York	29	21	.580	1½
Toronto	27	24	.529	4
Baltimore	23	26	.469	7
Tampa Bay	19	30	.388	11
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	29	20	.592	—
Kansas City	26	22	.542	2½
Chicago	23	26	.469	6
Cleveland	18	31	.367	11
Detroit	12	36	.250	16½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	31	18	.633	—
Oakland	29	20	.592	2
Anaheim	24	24	.500	6½
Texas	23	26	.469	8

Sunday's Games

Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
Cleveland 6, Boston 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 5, 12 innings
Baltimore 13, Texas 10
Anaheim 6, Tampa Bay 1
Oakland 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings
Minnesota 3, Seattle 1

Today's Games

Boston (Wakefield 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 6-2), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Westbrook 2-3) at Detroit (Bonderman 2-7), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2-7) at Toronto (Hendrickson 4-4), 7:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	34	16	.680	—
Montreal	32	18	.640	2
Philadelphia	27	23	.540	7
New York	22	28	.440	12
Florida	22	29	.431	12½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	28	21	.571	—
St. Louis	25	23	.521	2½
Houston	26	24	.520	2½
Cincinnati	24	26	.480	4½
Pittsburgh	20	29	.408	8
Milwaukee	18	32	.360	10½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	30	19	.612	—
Los Angeles	30	20	.600	½
Arizona	23	27	.460	7½
Colorado	23	27	.460	7½
San Diego	14	36	.280	16½

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 3
Florida 6, Cincinnati 2
Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 7
Chicago Cubs 7, Houston 3
Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 1
Colorado 5, San Francisco 1
Arizona 9, San Diego 5

Today's Games

Cincinnati at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball booster club

The volleyball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. today at the high school gym. Head coach Laura Moses requests all parents attend the meeting.

Ladies play day

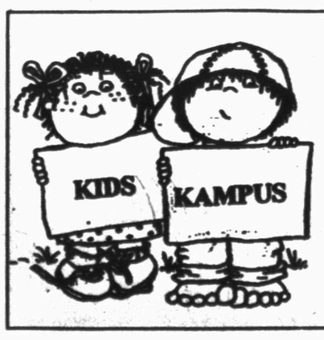
The Scurry County Golf Association hosts a ladies play day each week at Scurry County golf course. This week's play day will be Wednesday, and the format is guess your score.

Girls basketball camp

SHS girls' basketball coach Mike Martin will host a basketball camp June 10-13 at the high school gym.

Incoming 3rd-5th graders will get instruction from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., incoming 6th and 7th grade players at 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and incoming 8th and 9th graders go from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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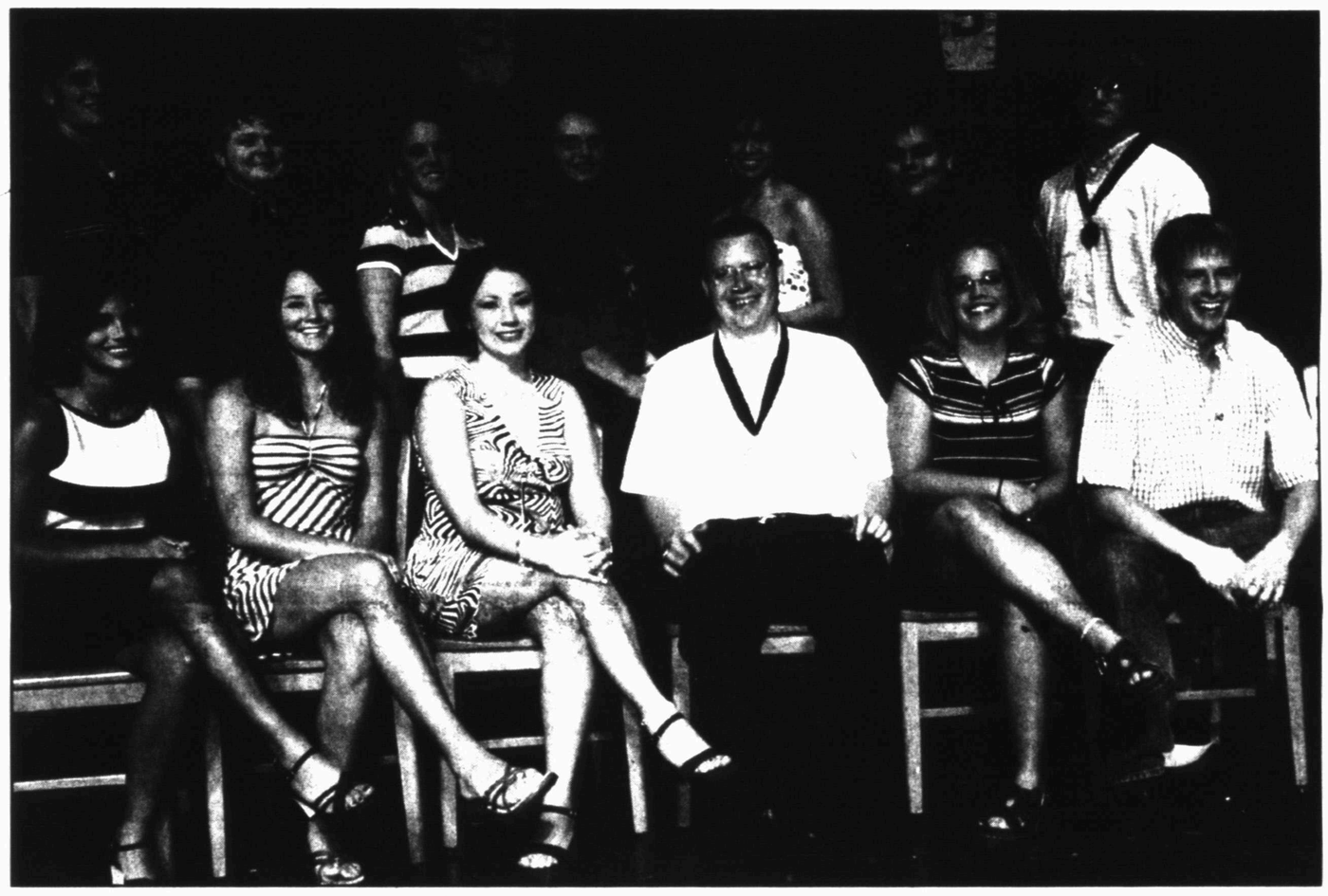
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9th A Honor Roll and Top 10% — Snyder High School ninth graders on the A Honor Roll and Top 10 percent of their class are first row from left, Chase Ashworth, John Birks, Dondi Brock, Seth Cooper, Megan Crisp, Will Floyd, Emily Jones; second row, Amber Luecke, Austin Lyle, Megan McCormick, Sirena Medrano, Ashly Pavlovsky, Christi Williams, Aaron Winder and Glyn Wright. Not pictured Yuliana Arellano, Barrett Bowlin, Jason Cave, Bryan Clifton, Garrett Pinson and Dustyn Williams. (Contributed Photo)



12th A/B Honor Roll — Snyder High School seniors on the AB Honor Roll are first row from left, Jacque Alvarez, Jackie Beccue, Scotti Boone, Marvin Butler, Dara Chambers, Will Davis; second row, Colby Driggers, Caleb Durham, Shelly Fisk, Mathilde Frikke, Chrissy Hernandez, Isaac Hernandez and Danny Hoyle. Not pictured, Kara Brumley, Kyle Clifton, Lauren Day, Horacio DePaz, Josh Green, Chance Greenwood. (Contributed Photo)



12th A/B Honor Roll — Snyder High School seniors on the AB Honor Roll also include first row from left, Nikki James, Jessie Keller, Josh Knox, Lina Olvera, Natalie Perez, Curt Phillips; second row, Austin Rinehart, Chaelyn Robinson, Pat Vargas, Anthony Vasquez, Kasey Wemken and Clay Williams. Not pictured Holly Lee, Josh Mendoza, Cindy Nachlinger, Beth Parsley, Brady Reed and Afton Sutter. (Contributed Photo)

More foreigners are populating border areas, statistics show

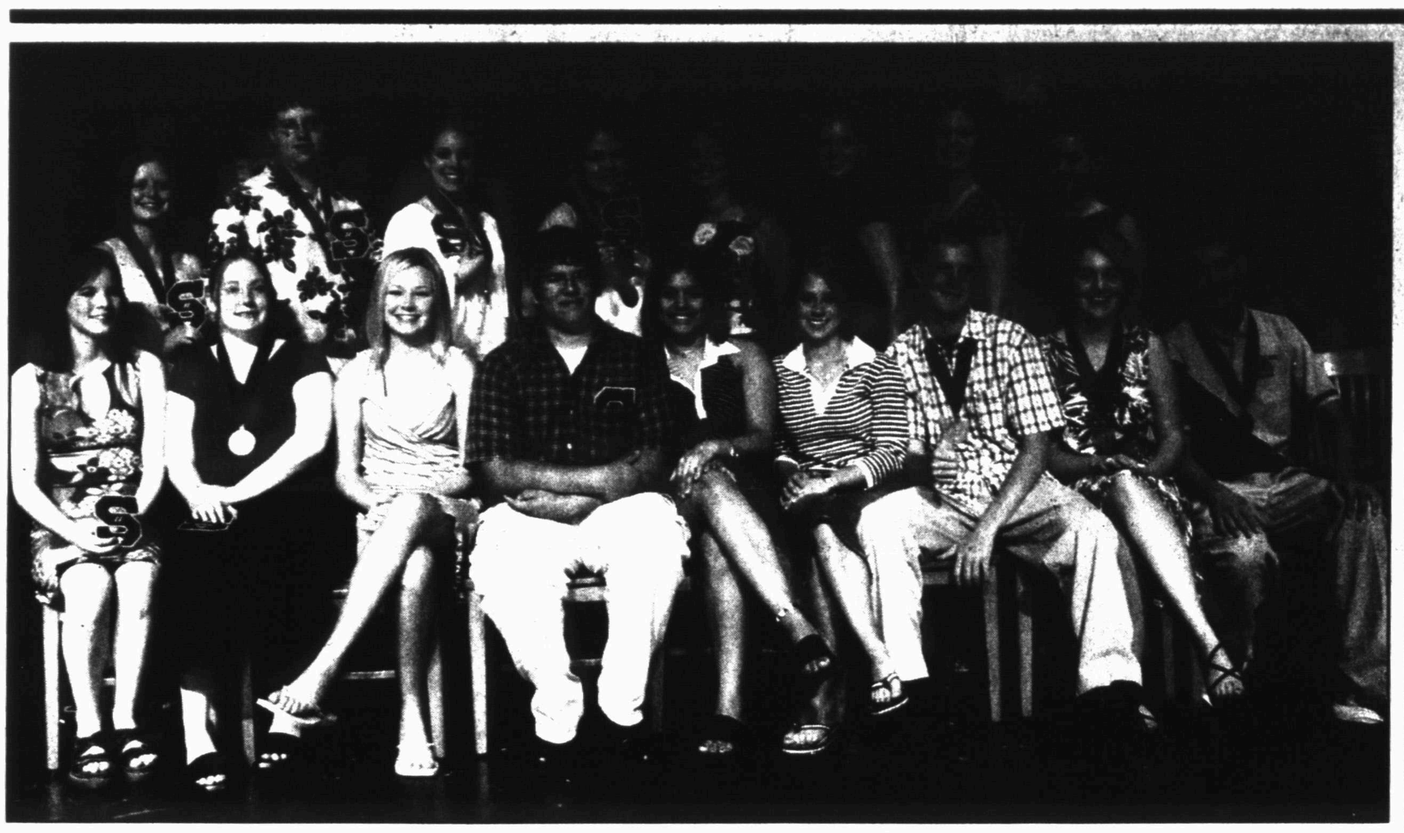
PHOENIX (AP) — The number of foreigners in Southwestern states is increasing, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

The trend is due to increased foreign immigration, coupled with declining or reversing domestic migration, which is revealed in an analysis of the latest Census Bureau estimates of county population changes, covering April 2000 to July 2002.

The Arizona Republic examined counties with populations of more than 100,000 across Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

In 31 of the 53 counties, or nearly 60 percent, more foreign than domestic immigrants moved in.

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10th A Honor Roll and Top 10% — Snyder High School sophomores on the A Honor Roll and in the Top 10 percent of their class are first row from left, Paige Anderson, Amanda Blythe, Kasey Burney, Nathaniel Clarady, Kayla Guerrero, Heather Holmes, Patrick Jones, Traci Jordan, Matthew Kerr; second row, Lacey Kincaid, Matthew Morris, Samantha Moyers, Stephanie Parmer, Mattie Phillips, Blake Robertson, Kelsey Shaw and Kalli Wesson. Not pictured Logan West. (Contributed Photo)

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Woodrow Wilson was asked how long it took him to prepare a 10-minute speech. "Two weeks," was the answer. And how long did it take him to prepare a one-hour speech? "One week." And how long to prepare a two-hour speech? "I am ready now!'

Today's chuckle

No closed door meetings in Las Cruces

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — It would be hard to break the new Las Cruces mayor's prohibition against closed door meetings in his City Hall office. There isn't a door to close.

Removing the door from the mayor's office was one of Bill Mattiace's first official acts upon taking office in March.

Now, anyone can walk into the mayor's office to chat if he's available. Mattiace said the policy has been working.

"It's definitely a literal example of my intent to promote open government," Mattiace said.

But he admits it took a little time to get used to the no-door policy. Several people didn't want to meet with the mayor unless it was more private.

He said one developer who came into the office looked for a door to close, saying he had something private to discuss with Mattiace.

"I told him there wasn't any door, and if he really needed to say it then he could go ahead and say it without a door," Mattiace said. "He left, and I heard him muttering, 'There's no door, there's no door.'"



Mattiace is a relative newcomer to politics. He was elected to the City Council in 1999 and voted mayor in a special March election after former Mayor Ruben Smith left to take a job with the state.

Before that, he was a substitute high school teacher, assistant college tennis coach, sales manager at an automobile dealership and vice president of a travel agency owned by his wife.

"It's been a learning experience so far, but something I've welcomed," Mattiace said.

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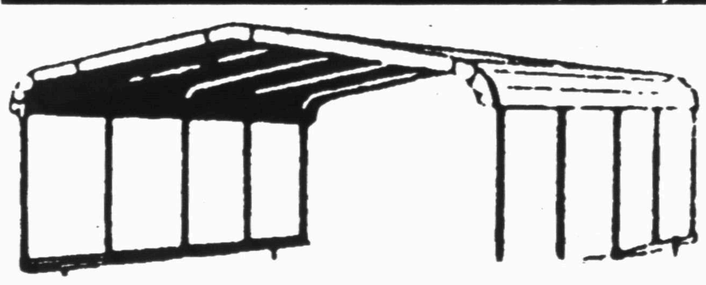
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Legislature's approval rating down, poll says

AUSTIN (AP) — Fifty-three percent of Texans disapprove of the Legislature's job performance, a new survey indicates.

The marks are the lowest since the mid-1980s when lawmakers also had to bridge revenue shortfalls to balance state budgets. According to the Scripps Howard Texas Poll, 32 percent of Texans approve of the Legislature's job performance.

The telephone survey of 1,000 Texans included both voters and nonvoters. It was conducted April 28 through May 10, before House business was halted by a four-day walkout by more than 50 Democrats the week of May 12 to block action on a Republican-backed congressional redistricting bill.

In the poll, 50 percent of respondents approved of Gov. Rick Perry's job performance. That's a statistically insignificant rise from the 49 percent who gave the governor good marks in February. The number of respondents disapproving of the governor's work increased from 40 percent then to 44 percent now.

Forty-seven percent of respondents to a similar poll had a favorable impression of the Legislature during the 2001 session when lawmakers weren't dealing with a budget crunch. Then, 38 percent disapproved of lawmakers' performance.

Sixty-four percent of Texans believe state government is already doing a "poor" or "only fair" job of providing services to the needy, according to the poll.

And 59 percent believe Texas is doing a "poor" or "only fair" job of providing a quality education in the public schools.

A day after the state's top two legislative leaders brokered a budget deal, House and Senate budget writers Saturday worked out the details of Texas' next spending plan, including eased cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick said their proposal would maintain CHIP, increase some public school funding, trim money to colleges and universities and cover disabled Texans who depend on in-home care.

Despite the state leadership's opposition to higher taxes, 56 percent of people responding to the Texas Poll said they backed a combination of tax increases and spending cuts to balance the new budget.

Dewhurst's job performance was viewed favorably by 38 percent of respondents and unfavorably by 39 percent. Twenty-three percent either didn't know who Dewhurst was or had no opinion on his performance.

Craddick, the first Republican speaker of modern times, had an approval rating of 27 percent and a disapproval rating of 36 percent. Thirty-seven percent didn't know how to rate him.

The poll, conducted by the Scripps Data Center, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-26-03
♠ A 6
♥ 6 5 2
♦ J 4 3
♣ A Q J 10 4

West
♠ K 9 4 2
♥ J 10
♦ K 9 8 7 2
♣ 9 3

East
♠ Q 10
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ A 10 6 5
♣ K 5 2

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

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Dbl.
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♦ 7

Monday, May 26, 2003

Players better known in other fields

By Phillip Alder

There are many people well-known in their own fields who also enjoy playing bridge. Some examples are Sandra Day O'Connor, Martina Navratilova, and Clint Eastwood. Competing in Philadelphia during the Spring Nationals last March was Tim McCarver, the former baseball great and now leading commentator. (What is the main trivia fact about McCarver's playing career?)

McCarver and his partner, Bruce Keidan, did well on this deal from the Educational Foundation Pairs.

It is strange that South didn't bid two hearts immediately, but when he balanced with that bid and North gave preference to spades, West was happy to double. (One no-trump doubled would fail after a low-diamond lead, but succeed if East selects a heart start.)

Keidan led a low diamond. (You or I, being super-clever, would have selected the king, which allows the defenders to tap declarer and net a 500-point penalty.) After winning with his ace, McCarver shifted to a low heart. Declarer put in his queen, then tried the club finesse. When East won with the king, he returned a diamond, declarer discarding a heart from hand. West won with the king and led back a heart. Although South won with his ace, crossed to dummy with a club, and discarded his last heart on the diamond jack, the defenders had to collect three trump tricks. Plus 200 was a shared top.

McCarver is the last player to steal home successfully during a World Series, on October 15, 1964, in the seventh game against the Yankees, which the Cardinals won 7-5.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

The year ahead represents a favorable growth cycle for you. The harder you work, the better the returns and the more things will work out for you. Many of the developments have been a long time in the making.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The secret to success today is to adopt an "I can do it" attitude early on in the day. You'll be amazed as to what you're capable of doing once you get your hands wet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't be discouraged if the returns you've been expecting from an enterprise haven't as yet lived up to your expectations. Starting today, you should begin to see a turn around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you are called upon today to make a difficult decision, don't hesitate to do so. What makes you such a good judge is that you don't ignore the needs of those involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Give a commercial situation the time and attention it needs and chances are everything will work out quite profitably for you today. Keeping your hand steady on the helm will bring you into port.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A pleasurable social gathering today might turn out to be very advantageous for you from a business standpoint. There could be an outstanding contact among the hors d'oeuvres.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although you'll be quite productive performing tasks unaided today, you could do even better with assistance. In either case, the secret is to work in conjunction with what others have going.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The proper time and circumstance to get something off your chest you've been harboring for a long time could present themselves today. It'll work out well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The profits for which you've been looking are available today. However, they can't be had without the proper effort and desire to succeed. A little elbow grease will go a long way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — What will help you advance your self-interests today is taking a no-nonsense approach to matters that are important to you. Others will fall in line when they see that you mean business.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — An old obligation that has been hanging around for some time is about to be cleared up today in a most astounding way. While the debtor is working on something for himself or herself, the results will benefit you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A friend of yours may be in need of a favor from you today. Even if it requires some sort of sacrifice on your part, don't let this person down. There's more in it for you than you realize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Things could look far more intimidating today when viewed from a distance. Once you jump into the fray, however, it'll surprise you how up to the task you are.

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Anthrax detector to be installed at regional post office

ODESSA (AP) — An experimental anthrax detection system being installed at the Midland Regional Post Office will be tested from June 3 to July 3.

The detection system, one of only 14 in the country, will read addresses and check for biological contaminants, said Midland Postmaster Chito Ramirez.

"If it detects any kind of anthrax, the letter goes into a recycling canister filled with water," Ramirez told the Odessa American for its today editions. "It stays there for about an hour, then the machine reads whatever's in the water. If it's positive for anthrax, a signal goes off, and we shut the whole system down."

Ramirez said the new system doesn't delay mail service and protects postal employees.

"Everyone is pretty much safe because no mail leaves facility within the two hours it takes to check," Ramirez said. "If mail does leave, we can call it back and say, 'We have a positive; come back.'"

The postal service is also testing the system in California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington.

All of the systems will be installed and tested for the month of June, said Jim Coultress, U.S. Postal Service communications program specialist.

"After July 3, we'll pull that system down and evaluate the tests on all 14 sites," Coultress said. "After that, we anticipate rolling out to about 280 sites throughout the country."

Coultress said no live anthrax would be sent through the system during its testing.

"The system itself has been tested previously," Coultress said. "There's no need to send live anthrax through there. We just want to see if naturally occurring anthrax will set the machine off."

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

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Howard County

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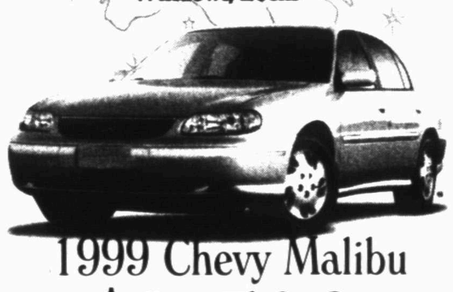
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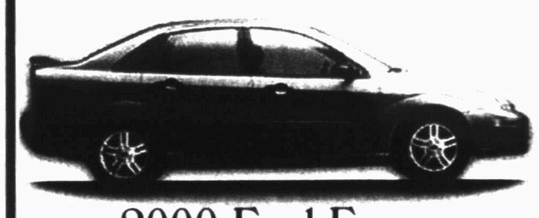
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*One Owner



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* 20K Miles, A/C *One Owner
*Power Windows/Locks, Cruise



1999 Olds Alero
$8,500
*White 4 Door Sedan, Automatic
* 44K Miles, A/C, One Owner
*Power Windows/Locks *CD Player



2000 Ford Focus
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*Hunter Green, 4 Door Sedan, Automatic
*34K Miles, A/C, One Owner
*Power Windows/Locks, CD Player

2001 Chevy Metro
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Plane crash in Turkey kills 74 people

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — An airplane carrying Spanish peacekeepers crashed into a mountain in northeastern Turkey today while making its third attempt to land in thick fog. All 74 people aboard were killed, officials said.

The Spanish armed forces described the crash as Spain's worst military accident.

The Russian-made Yak-42D was flying from Kabul, Afghanistan, to Zaragoza, Spain, and was scheduled to make a refueling stop in the Black Sea port of Trabzon, the Spanish Defense Ministry said. Turkey's Transportation Ministry said the plane also made a stopover in Bishkek, Krygyzstan.

The plane hit a mountain slope near the town of Macka, 30 miles south of Trabzon, officials said.

Spain's Defense Ministry said today the "cause of the accident from our first impressions was the thick fog in the area. The plane was trying to land because of heavy turbulence caused by bad weather conditions."

Gov. Aslan Yildirim of Trabzon told the private CNN-Turk television station that the pilot reported not being able to see the runway during his first two landing attempts, and the plane disappeared from radar screens at 4:45 a.m.

The airplane, which belonged to Ukrainian-Mediterranean Airlines, carried 62 Spanish peacekeeping troops and 12 crew members, Turkish officials said, who said all were killed. The dead on the plane included 41 army soldiers and 21 air force personnel, the Spanish Defense Ministry said.

U.S. soldier killed in ambush in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. soldier was killed and another was wounded today when their convoy was attacked north of Baghdad, the U.S. Central Command said.

It was the second death of an American soldier in two days, after an American soldier died Sunday in an accidental munitions dump explosion near the town of Diwaniya, 95 miles south of Baghdad.

The eight-vehicle convoy of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was attacked with small arms, rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine guns while on a resupply mission near Hadithah, about 120 miles northwest of Baghdad.

A statement from the U.S. Central Command said the U.S. troops called in attack helicopters and troops to counterattack. The dead and wounded soldiers' names were withheld until their families can be notified.

Meanwhile today, the International Atomic Energy Agency said nuclear inspectors would return to Iraq by the end of the week to ensure nuclear material stored at the Tuwaitha complex southeast of the capital remains safe.

The mission will be limited to inspecting whether Iraq is fulfilling its obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and is not related to weapons inspections, IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky said.

In Washington, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, said he believes it's "just a matter of time" before U.S. military forces find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

"We knew going in that a regime that had spent over a decade trying to deny and deceive the United Nations and others about its weapons of mass destruction program, that this would be very, very tough," Myers said.

The Bush administration charged that Saddam held weapons of mass destruction and was seeking to develop more sophisticated weapons, but little has been found.

Outside Baghdad's Palestine Hotel, about 100 former Iraqi soldiers demonstrated to protest the U.S. dismantling of the Iraqi army and the Republican Guard last week, saying the action left one million people unemployed.

Sixteen hurt in earthquake

TOKYO (AP) — A powerful earthquake rocked northeastern Japan today, knocking out power, starting fires and disrupting road and rail traffic. At least 16 people were hurt, mostly with minor injuries from falling objects.

The quake registered a preliminary magnitude of 7.0 and was the strongest to hit Japan in more than two years, the nation's Meteorological Agency said. An agency official suggested the impact of the quake might have been mitigated by its depth.

The temblor was centered 44 miles below the sea floor about 12 miles off the coast of northeastern Miyagi state, the agency said. Earlier it had estimated the depth at 37 miles.

A magnitude 7.0 quake can cause major damage over a widespread area. More than 6,000 people were killed in the western city of Kobe when a magnitude-7.2 quake struck there in 1995.

Today's quake was felt across a broad area of the northern part of Japan's main island, sending shoppers rushing out into the street in the northeastern city of Sendai and rocking buildings in Tokyo, 260 miles away.

Sixteen people were hurt and 13 houses were damaged, all in the northeastern states of Iwate, Miyagi and Akita, said Tomoki Sano, a spokesman for the National Policy Agency in Tokyo. Sano said most of the injuries were minor and caused by falling household objects and broken glass.

Media reports quoting local officials estimated the number of injured at 34 to 42.

Two fires broke out, one at a power substation and another at a house, and 19 landslides were reported in the region, the police official said. Highways and railways were closed to check for damage, and about 35,000 homes lost power immediately after the quake.

Meteorological Agency official Noritake Nishide described the epicenter as "relatively deep" and said there was no danger of tsunami, powerful waves that can be stirred up by seismic activity.

Minor offense turns into felony arrest

Arrests

A minor offense turned into a felony arrest at 12:45 a.m. Sunday when officers arrested Daniel Guzman Hernandez, 28, of 4100 Brick Plant Road, Apt. D-2 for felony escape.

Hernandez was being arrested for the Class C misdemeanor offense of public intoxication when he tried to escape from officers.

At 2:17 a.m. Sunday, Gabriel Lee Villanueva, 27, of 500 29th Street was arrested on a warrant for parole violation.

Snyder officers arrested a 21-year-old woman in the 3800 block of Highland at 6:50 a.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

A 46-year-old woman was taken into custody at 12:45 p.m. Saturday on U.S. 84 on warrants for theft.

At 1 a.m. Sunday, a 22-year-old man was arrested in the 2600 block of Ave. X for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old man in the 2500 block of 26th Street at 1:35 a.m. Sunday for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

DPS troopers arrested a 36-year-old woman in the 1800 block of 18th Street Sunday morning for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 3:10 a.m. Sunday, troopers took a 29-year-old man into custody on U.S. 84 for possession of marijuana.

Assault

At 9 a.m. Saturday, a woman reported that she was assaulted by three individuals and a report for Class A assault, family violence was submitted.

A woman on Ave. V called 9-1-1 at 12:45 p.m. Sunday to report that a subject was threatening to assault her. Officers responded and advised an offense report for Class C assault, family violence would be submitted.

Thefts

Mozelle James reported the theft of two saddles at 1:10 p.m. Saturday and an offense report for theft was filed.

Kenny Buchanan reported at 1:20 p.m. Sunday that his storage unit at Landes Storage had been burglarized. A lock on the unit had been cut and a report for burglary of a building was filed.

Disturbance

A woman requested an officer at her residence Saturday afternoon in reference to her husband pushing her and telling her to leave the house. Officers advised the man had left the residence and a report for family violence was filed.

Gas drive offs

A gas drive off in the amount of $17.20 was reported at Town and Country East at noon Saturday.

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a drive off worth $15.01 at 4:20 p.m. Saturday.

Another drive off was reported from Town and Country East at 9:15 p.m. Saturday in the amount of $15.

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off at 2:20 p.m. Sunday worth $6.

Obituaries

Eulala Ault

1914-2003

BAIRD — Eulala Ault, a native of Dunn, died Friday, May 23, in an Abilene hospital.

Service for Mrs. Ault, 88, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Baird Church of Christ. Bob Kiser and Joe Wilson will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ross Cemetery Annex directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ault, born Oct. 10, 1914 near Dunn, married Lynn Ault on Jan. 11, 1937 in Abilene. Living in Baird for 51 years, Mrs. Ault was a registered nurse and served as the Callahan County school nurse for 36 years before retiring. She was a member of the Baird Church of Christ and was active in civic affairs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lynn Ault, in March 1994; and a son, Joe Lynn Ault Jr., on March 16, 1976.

Survivors include one son, Edwin G. Ault of Houston; one sister, Neva Brown of Moffit, Tex.; three sisters-in-law, Nita Bowley of Abilene, Carolyn Cotton of Clifton and Stella Cotton of Plano; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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CDC doc exposed to SARS doing well

ATLANTA (AP) — The U.S. doctor suspected of developing SARS symptoms while investigating the disease in Taiwan is in good condition in Atlanta, federal health officials said.

Dr. Chesley L. Richards Jr., an infection control expert with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been placed in isolation, said CDC spokeswoman Rhonda Smith. Isolation has been used during the SARS epidemic to prevent the spread of the respiratory disease.

Richards arrived Friday evening from Taiwan by air ambulance and after health officials examined him at a local hospital, the Georgia Division of Public Health classified the doctor as the state's eighth suspected SARS case.

"He has arrived and is doing well," said Richard Quartarone, spokesman for the state division.

CDC officials decided to have Richards return to the United States after he developed a fever and a cough last week that indicated the possibility of SARS. However, a chest X-ray did not indicate pneumonia, which is a symptom of a probable SARS case.

CDC officials are not sure how Richards became ill, whether it was from the health care setting or elsewhere. CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding noted he may have a different respiratory illness.

Three other CDC officials — a doctor and two other disease experts who had contact with Richards when he became ill — have returned and also are under isolation. But they have not exhibited any SARS symptoms, Smith said.

Smith added the agency is doing what it can to help the four investigators.

"They are our colleagues and they certainly have our support," Smith said. "Whatever they need us to do, we'll do our best to accomodate."

Richards went to Taiwan on May 15 to analyze infection control procedures in hospitals as part of the CDC's SARS investigative team. Taiwan has had 72 deaths from SARS, the third-highest toll after China and Hong Kong. More than 700 people have died from SARS worldwide.

The doctor had visited the emergency rooms and intensive-care units at two Taipei hospitals where SARS outbreaks were reported, Taiwanese officials said.

Calls to Richards' home Sunday were not immediately returned.

Another disease investigator who had been sent from abroad after the SARS outbreak died of the disease earlier this year in Thailand. Dr. Carlo Urbani had been an Italian World Health Organization communicable disease expert based in Hanoi, Vietnam, and was the first person to identify SARS and alert the world of its potential dangers.

The United States has had 290 suspected cases of SARS and 65 probable cases since the illness first surfaced in Asia late last year. No SARS deaths have been reported in this country.

Today's Weather

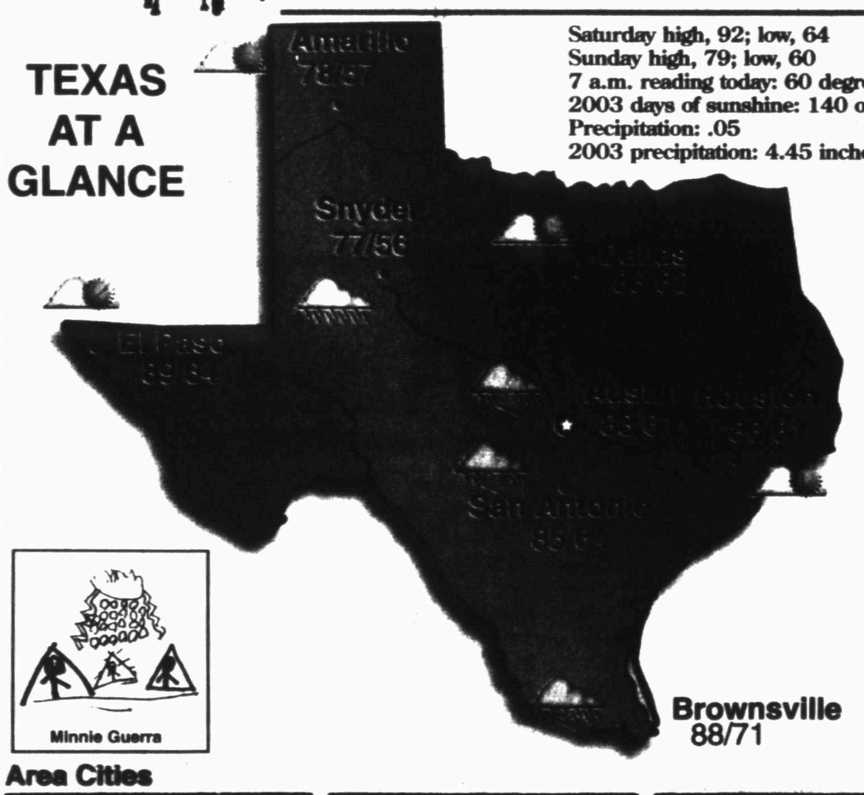
Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 5/27	Wed 5/28	Thu 5/29
77/56	84/60	88/62
Cloudy with a few showers. High 77F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 8:43 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 8:44 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 8:45 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Saturday high, 92; low, 64
Sunday high, 79; low, 60
7 a.m. reading today: 60 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 140 of 143
Precipitation: .05
2003 precipitation: 4.45 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	76	59	pt sunny	El Paso	89	64	pt sunny	Midland	79	60	t-storm
Amarillo	78	57	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	79	60	t-storm	Raymondville	89	68	t-storm
Austin	83	61	t-storm	Gainesville	81	57	pt sunny	Rosenberg	87	61	pt sunny
Beaumont	85	60	pt sunny	Greenville	81	57	pt sunny	San Antonio	85	64	t-storm
Brownsville	88	71	t-storm	Houston	86	61	pt sunny	San Marcos	84	61	t-storm
Brownwood	80	59	pt sunny	Kingsville	88	67	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	83	57	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	86	68	t-storm	Livingston	84	56	pt sunny	Sweetwater	78	57	rain
Corsicana	78	59	pt sunny	Longview	82	56	pt sunny	Tyler	85	59	pt sunny
Dallas	83	62	pt sunny	Lubbock	78	58	rain	Weatherford	81	57	pt sunny
Del Rio	86	69	t-storm	Lufkin	82	57	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	84	58	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	76	56	pt sunny	Houston	86	61	pt sunny	Phoenix	106	82	sunny
Boston	59	53	cloudy	Los Angeles	80	62	mst sunny	San Francisco	72	54	windy
Chicago	70	51	pt sunny	Miami	86	76	t-storm	Seattle	73	53	pt sunny
Dallas	83	62	pt sunny	Minneapolis	80	56	sunny	St. Louis	76	57	pt sunny
Denver	80	52	pt sunny	New York	65	54	cloudy	Washington, DC	69	58	cloudy

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
May 23	May 31	Jun 7	Jun 14

UV Index

Tue 5/27	Wed 5/28	Thu 5/29
Very High	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

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