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AMONG THE STARS — Juniors Samantha Moyers (left) and Marisa Munoz help get the stars in the sky of the Scurry County Coliseum in preparation for Saturday's Junior-Senior prom. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

State DHS office could close here

The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) is considering closing 217 branch offices across the state, including one in Snyder.

Monday, local staff members are going to address the Scurry County commissioners court to ask for its help to keep it open.

The closures would be part of Texas House Bill 2292 which proponents say is designed to save the state $389 million and make applying for government assistance easier and more efficient. The changes could put 4,500 DHS employees out of work by closing 217 DHS offices.

According to Luann Grice, of the Snyder DHS office, 10 employees at the local office could lose their jobs.

State officials feel that closing the offices will be more efficient because those applying for benefits will be able to do so on the Internet, by phone, fax or by mail. Grice and other opponents to the plan think the change will leave a lot of those that are now being served without help.

"If you close this office, some people will have to go to the library to use the Internet, or call on the phone, which some of our clients don't have, or go out of town to another office," Grice said. "Some of them can't, or won't do that so if they become ill they end up at Cogdell Hospital and they are right back on county indigent care."

She said not every person that now works in the office would be affected, but the people with the food stamp program, Medicaid and long term care would be.

She said that almost everyone in her office will be at the commissioners' court meeting Monday.

"They won't all speak but they will be there to show their support," said Grice.

She said the 1,628 families on food stamps and 1,300 households on Medicaid in Scurry County could also be affected.

The commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "April showers bring...weeds — and lots of 'em."

It's been a long time since we've seen farmers and ranchers with such wide grins.

It's hard to believe, but Scurry County will first have to dry out before planting can begin.

Also, the ground temperature is hardly at a high enough level — especially after last week's "Easter spell."

An Easter spell is what all those ole folks tell their kids about. Ole what's-her-name reminded us of that on Easter Sunday when we asked number one son if he remembered the year it....?

Tabulating the exact rainfall in Scurry County is not an exact science — sort of like a lot of the personnel evaluations that have become so popular in Snyder.

Anybody who has lived in West Texas for long can attest that it can rain three inches in two minutes in the south part of town while the sun is actually shining in the north part.

When it rains, our staff calls residents around the county and we've found that it may rain in downtown Dermott, but not in the suburbs.

So for the sake of convenience and consistency, we use the rainfall total at the city water plant for our accumulative figure.

So far in 2004, Snyder has been blessed with 9.28 inches compared with 1.41 at the same time last year. If our cheap calculator and cheaper operator is correct, that's a 558 percent increase.

Farmer Eicke Perry is grinning just like he got back-to-back holes in one while playing for quarters with Pete Greene.

SDN rainfall records date back to 1912, and our data indicates that this is the best start ever in the history of Scurry County.

In 2001, the first three months of the year netted 7.33 inches while the first quarter total in 1973 was 7.75 inches. And in 1938, the total for the first three months was 6.70 inches.

Billy Bob McMullan, retired Snyder High School ag teacher, has been around Scurry County a spell and attests that he's never seen the landscape this lush and green.

And the city and other mowing crews will start and stay behind this year as the weeds respond accordingly.

Just for fun, we calculated that if the pace of rainfall continues for the remainder of the year, the total would be 37.12 inches. It can happen, however, West Texans know you don't bet on the weather.

In 1941, the rainfall total was 44.02 inches and it was 35.82 in 1932. In 1973, the total was 30.21 and the last time it peaked just over 30 inches was in 1990.

That's the explanation we have for those marathon city council sessions — rain requires more indoor activity. We predict the trial of Saddam Hussein won't take as long as the city manager's evaluation.

But what the heck, moisture makes everybody happy.

Car show, cruise is just two weeks away

Plans are underway for the annual Snyder Wheels Car Show next Friday and Saturday.

The event is sponsored by Sonic Drive-In and the show this year includes a $500 Best of Show award presented by NAPA Auto Parts.

Also new this year is a midnight poker run beginning Friday evening at 9 o'clock on April 30 to benefit Gateway Family Services.

The public is invited to the show that will be in downtown Snyder on the square. Events include a swap meet, burn-out contest, lawn mower drag races and a Hula-Hoop contest.

Registration for the car show will be from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, and the swap meet runs from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Early entry fees for the car show are $15, and on the day of the event, the fee will be $20.

The lawn mower drag race carries an entry fee of $5, while the burn-out contest fee is $10.

At 4 p.m., the awards for the car show and burn-out contest will be given.

In another new twist, the car show will have a controlled cruise on 37th Street from College Avenue to Coliseum Drive from 6-9 p.m. Saturday.

"Bring your lawn chairs, your barbecue pits and set up along 37th Street around 5:30 to get a good spot to watch the cruise," said Jim Edmonds, a member of Snyder Wheels. "We can all have one big tailgate party on 37th Street."

WTC hosts reception

Western Texas College will host a reception for its new community meeting room at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The room is named the Pruitt Community Room in honor of the late Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt who taught social studies at Snyder High School from 1952 until 1974 and at Western Texas College from 1974 until 1988.

The event is in the Student Center.

National Honor Society to induct new members

Twenty-two Snyder High School seniors and 37 juniors will be inducted into the National Honor Society at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Worsham Auditorium.

The program will begin with a welcoming address by NHS president Andra Dunham, and a candlelight ceremony by Beth Clements, Sara Thornhill, Sarah Crawford and Stephanie Williams.

Senior inductees are Ashlye Amox, Aleida Arellano, Kelby Drum, Paula Fritz, Blake Grimmett, Katie Haggard, Corey Longorio, Sterling Millhollon, Hortensia Murillo, Eric Guadarrama and Kathrine Neves.

Also Jose Perez, Tanner Reed, Marcus Rodriguez, Brandi Russell, Jeffery Scott, Chance Tatum, Jonathan Thomas, Kendall Tidwell, Brock Tyrrell, Cody Wall and Misha Wofford.

Junior class inductees are Jacy Beccue, Amanda Blythe, Briana Burk, Sarah Carpetner, Lico Castillo, Krista Chaidez, Devin Chandler, Nathaniel Clarady, Courtney Cox, Lacee Early, Alan Gray, Kayla Guerrero, Erin Hackfeld, Austin Hatfield, Corie Hernandez, Heather Holmes, Jason Hook and Lesli Jackson.

Other junior inductees include Matthew Kerr, Lacey Kincaid, Michelle Miller, Matthew Morris, Samantha Moyers, Marisa Munoz, Michael Nelson, Stephanie Parmer, Tony Pena, Blake Robertson, Oscar Sauceda, Kelsey Shaw, Rusty Smith, Nikki Timora, Whitney Waldon, Kalli Wesson, Logan West, Stacey Williamson and Heather Zajicek.

Present members of the NHS are Laura Arellano, Tass Baze, Jeffery Bruton, Mandy Burns, Erin Burleson, Beth Clements, Jake Cottrell, Sarah Crawford, Andra Dunham, Alexis Dupree, Kristel Fitts, Megan Fletcher, Adrienne Garcia, Molly Haire, Rankin Hardin and Anna Henson.

Also Gretchen Hollis, Ashley Jenkins, Josh Kemp, Meagan Langham, Emily Long, Ashley Martinez, Molly Mason, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Josh Payne, Bradley Price, Lee Scott, Tamara Taylor, Sara Thornhill, Cami Trout, Amanda Whitson and Stephanie Williams.

Sausage festival is Sunday

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church is having its annual sausage festival from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the parish center.

The fete is an all-you-can-eat event with all the trimmings Adult tickets cost $7 and children's tickets, 12 and under, will be $4. All tickets will be sold at the door.

All take-out orders are $7.

Sausage also will be sold by the pound for $4 cooked, and $3 uncooked.

The festival also will feature game booths, raffles and a country store.

Jury trial cancelled

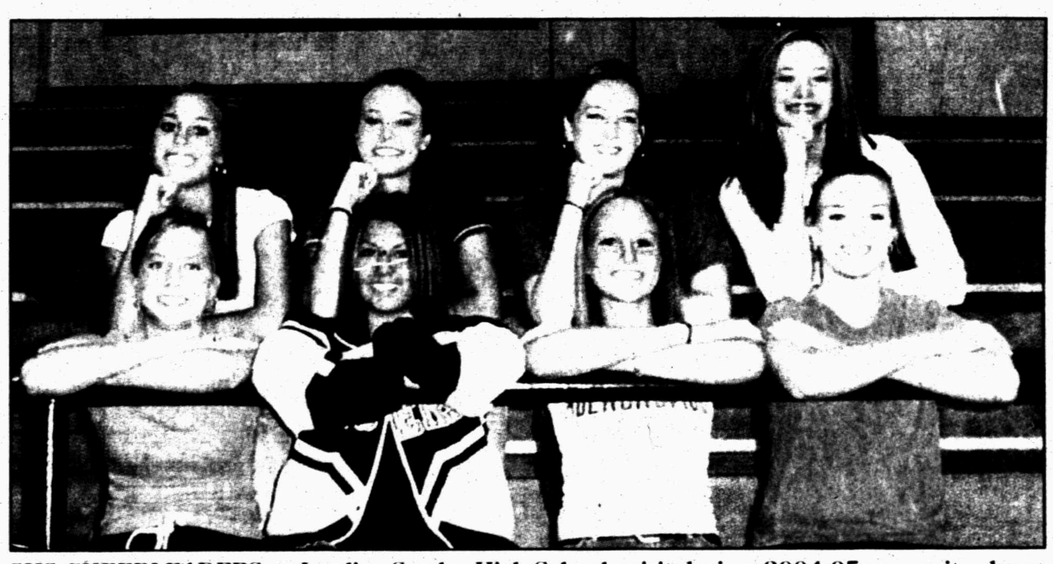
A 41-year-old Snyder man scheduled to go on trial Monday for forgery entered a guilty plea Friday in 132nd District Court and his trial has been cancelled.

David Tovar Alaniz of 1300 26th Street was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for passing a forged check on July 24, 2003.

As a result of the guilty plea, the jury called for Monday morning has been cancelled.



READY TO CLEAN UP — Vollie Sorrels, 86 years old, has been active in the chamber clean-up program and will be helping this week as the city holds its annual clean-up campaign. (Contributed Photo)



SHS CHEERLEADERS — Leading Snyder High School spirit during 2004-05 as varsity cheerleaders will be (from left), top row, Starla Bruton, Casey Gregory, Kayla Hartzog, Camry Hill; bottom row, Heather Holmes, Lindsey Morin, Wendy Reed and mascot Kelsi Shaw. Not pictured is Dondi Brock. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—Can a bartender serve a minor if parents are present?

A—No. However state law says that a minor may possess an alcoholic beverage if the minor is in the visible presence of his adult parent, guardian or spouse.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Cynthia Jackson...

...has lived in Snyder all her life, is married to Joe and they have a son, Cole, and a daughter, Brooke. She is the administrative assistant to the county judge. She likes golf, snow skiing and working in the yard.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If more politicians were thinking about the next generation instead of the next election, it would be better for the United States and for the world.

—Claude Pepper

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

His Joy Ministries conference

The conference continues at 7 p.m. Sunday at Thee Place, 904 26th St. Bobbie Jean Merck of A Great Love Ministries of Georgia is the speaker and Mercy & Truth of Dallas will provide the music. Doorkeepers of His Glory of Snyder will bring worship into motion. For more information, call 573-9799.

Bake sale and car wash

Baile Folklorico De Guadalupe is sponsoring a bake sale and car wash until 4 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. The money will be used to purchase costumes for the dancers.

First Christian performers

First Christian Church will host Justin and Linda Marquez, performing a mountain dulcimer program, at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. The community is invited.

Enchilada casserole dinner

The Hermleigh senior class will host a enchilada casserole dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at the school cafeteria. Cost is $6 for adults and $3 for children. The class also will be selling tamales to bedelivered on May 2.

WTC reception

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AARP meeting

The AARP monthly meeting will be held at noon Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. Sheriff Darren Jackson will be the speaker.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Nicodemus: Powerful Man with Powerful Questions," followed by "The Worship of the Church."

AA meeting

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

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.

What's up guidelines

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

Ashanti will appear in special on divas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ashanti is among the performers scheduled to appear on Sunday's "VH1 Divas" special, to air live from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. But the singer says she keeps herself very un-diva.

"I'm the same old girl from high school," she told AP Radio. "So I think it's very important once people meet you and they see in real life, yeah, you're a real person, you're normal just like them."



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DISPLAY ART — These Snyder High School art students were to be recognized at a brunch Saturday in Abilene. (See story.) From left are Kristel Fitts, Stephanie Williams and Sara Thornhill. (Contributed Photo)

Art students honored at brunch

The top ten student-winners in the 17th Congressional District from the 23rd Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students were to be recognized at the congressional art brunch Saturday morning in Abilene.

Three Snyder High School students were among the 10 winners including Kristel Fitts, Stephanie Williams and Sara Thornhill.

Students' parents and art teachers also attended the brunch. Cong. Charles W. Stenholm, 17th Congressional District, met the art students.

Stenholm has hosted eight regional competitions in recent weeks, leading up to Saturday's art brunch that honors the top 10 and the overall winner.

The winning art entries were displayed during the brunch.

The winning entry from Stenholm's district will be exhibited — along with art from students in the 434 other Congressional Districts in the U.S. — for one year in the tunnel space between the U.S. Capitol and the Cannon House Office Building in Washington.

Man again accused of murder

BEAUMONT (AP) — A man found not guilty by reason of insanity in the death of his handicapped sister is now facing a capital murder charge in the death of his girlfriend's 6-year-old son, Beaumont police said.

Kenneth Pierott, 27, was arraigned on a capital murder charge Friday in the death of Tre-Deven Odoms. He was being held in the Jefferson County Jail.

Kathy Jo Odoms found her son's body inside an oven Friday morning, Justice of the Peace Paul Brown told The Associated Press. The burners on the stovetop were on, but the oven was not, he said.

The boy had no visible injuries, including burn marks, Brown said. He did not know what caused the boy's death and said he expected to have autopsy results by Monday.

Police removed the oven from the home and took it to their headquarters as evidence.

Odoms told police she woke up around 6:45 a.m. because she was hot and smelled gas. Pierott was pacing around her bedroom and ordered her to go back to sleep, Kathy Scott, Odoms' mother, said in a story in Saturday's Beaumont Enterprise.

Odoms instead went to the kitchen, where she found three stove burners alight, Scott said. She turned them off and went to check on her sons. Her 2-year-old son with Pierott was still asleep, but Tre-Deven, her child from a previous relationship, was missing.

Pierott, who did not live in the house, drove away while Odoms searched for Tre-Deven. She found the boy curled in a fetal position in the oven with his head resting in his hands, Scott said.

Relatives told the newspaper Tre-Deven was a happy kindergartner who loved basketball and crawfish.

Authorities found Pierott at his father's home in the Baytown area, after they were called to the residence on a complaint that a mental patient wouldn't take his medicine, Jack Hagee with Harris County Constable Precinct 3, told the Enterprise.

The suspect has a long history of mental illness, according to Hagee.

Pierott was arrested on traffic warrants issued by the Baytown police and was later questioned by Beaumont police about the child's death.

Pierott spent six months in state mental hospitals after being found not guilty by reason of insanity in the December 1996 beating death of his 25-year-old sister, who was confined to her bed with severe cerebral palsy.

Court documents obtained by the newspaper show Pierott killed his sister by hitting her in the head with a heavy metal dumbbell. He was found covered in blood and body tissue in a nearby apartment.

SHS choir sets review

The Snyder High School Choir Department will present a Broadway Review at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 each.

Admission includes New York style cheesecake served at intermission.

Call the high school at 573-6301 to purchase tickets.

Selections from Broadway musicals will include *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Sound of Music*, *Les Miserables*, *My Fair Lady*, *The King and I*, *Oklahoma*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Annie and Newsies*.

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RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $20 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $13 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were six second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000 each. Also, 14 players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 6, 24, 29, 42, and 51. The Mega Ball number was 41.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-24-28. Bonus Ball: 31.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $850,000.

Number matching four of four: 7. Prize: $2,322.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 30. Prize: $66.

Number matching three of four: 1,259. Prize: $22.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 829. Prize: $22.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,420. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,352. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $200,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-8-13-28-37.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $21,278.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Mesquite.

Matching four of five: 179. Prize: $107.

Matching three of five: 5,168. Prize: $8.

Matching two of five: 48,095. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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(Night) 2-2-4

Three arrested in quadruple slayings

McKINNEY (AP) — Police say a tip from a confidential informant led to the arrests of three men in the deaths of four people who were shot at a McKinney home just over a month ago.

Rosa Barbosa, 46, her nephew, Mark Barbosa, 25; and a family friend, Austin York, 18, died March 12 at Rosa Barbosa's home, where the shootings occurred. Another family friend, Matthew Self, 17, died at a hospital the next day. All four were shot in the head.

Police Chief Doug Kowalski said at a news conference Friday night that Rosa Barbosa was the initial target in the shooting and the secondary target was Cliff's Check Cashing, where she worked.

Police charged Jecory May, 22, of McKinney; Calvin Walker, 28, of Dallas and James Jones, 33, of McKinney. Each man was charged with four counts of capital murder and was being held on bond of $4 million.

Police said a confidential informant's tip led them to a home in McKinney. A search of the home Thursday led to the arrests, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Jones was arrested earlier this week on an unrelated matter and was being held at the Collin County jail when police identified him as a suspect in the slayings. May and Walker were arrested in McKinney on Friday.

Police said one of the suspects gave a voluntary statement that he was involved in the shooting and implicated the others. The chief would not say which suspect made the statement, but said the statement included details known only to police and participants in the crime, the newspaper reported.

Lori Wilson, Austin York's mother, told Dallas television station WFAA that the arrests were a good first step.

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Dewhurst discusses school finance options

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Friday he wants to give Texans immediate and significant property tax relief. Gov. Rick Perry's proposal to fix the state's troubled school system offers a more gradual tax decrease.

"We want as much local property tax relief as we can reasonably get for our homeowners and our businesses today," Dewhurst told The Associated Press, noting that senators would be willing to negotiate. "And we want the assurance of it, not a wish for it at a later time."

Legislators will begin a special session on Tuesday to address the public school finance system. Leaders want to eliminate the so-called Robin Hood system of paying for schools, while reducing local property taxes and increasing the state's share of funding.

Dewhurst, a Republican, said most senators still want a 50 percent property tax decrease, similar to one passed by Senate last year but rejected by the House.

Perry's plan, which he'll introduce to lawmakers Monday, offers homeowners an immediate 17 percent property tax reduction. The rate would be gradually "bought down" with future state budget surpluses until rates are cut by 50 percent.

"I'm not opposed to anything," Dewhurst said. "What I'm simply saying is I think the Senate remains consistent in wanting to see significant local property tax (reductions) today."

Dewhurst declined to critique specifics of Perry's plan, saying only "I don't want to negotiate against myself."

Dewhurst said senators are united behind the principles of the bill they passed during the regular legislative session. That measure would have expanded the sales tax base to include services.

Dewhurst said he is committed to replacing property taxes with the "the fairest system possible."

One option Dewhurst said senators are considering involves reforming the franchise tax to broaden its base. Perry, who also is Republican, has warned that any large tax bill could harm job development in Texas.

Perry's plan also includes a measure that would separate the residential and business property taxes, making commercial property tax a statewide revenue.

"To date, I'm not seeing a lot of support from the Legislature, but let's wait and see if hearings on Monday and Tuesday change any of that," Dewhurst said.

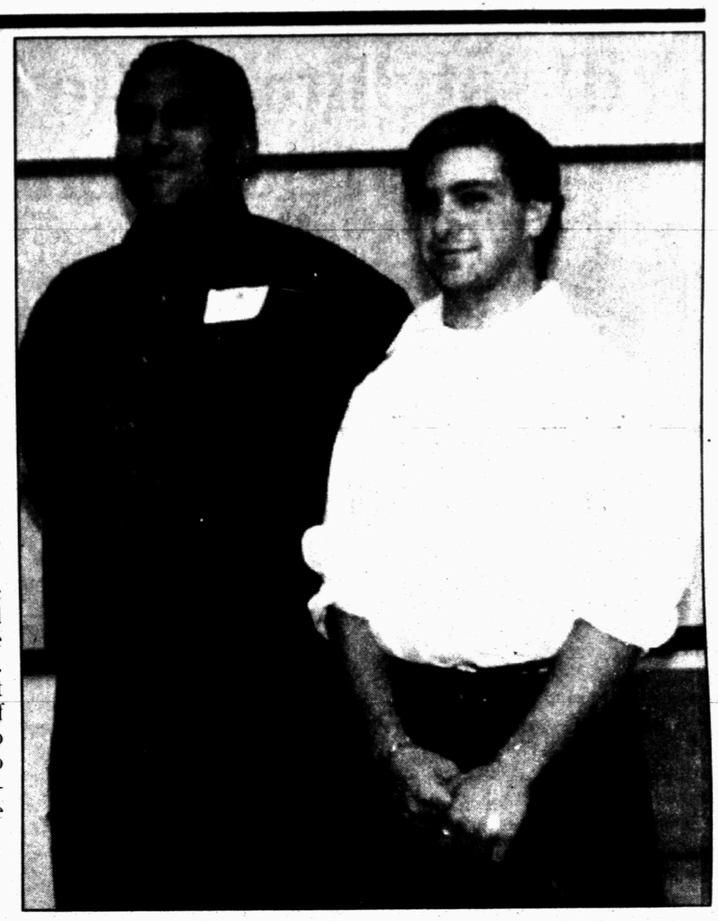
The Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance has scheduled public hearings in the Capitol early next week.

Perry's plan also includes a measure that would raise additional revenue by legalizing state-taxed video slot machines at racetracks in Texas, increasing taxes by $1 on cigarettes and a new tax on some adult-oriented businesses.

"I've been opposed over the years to expansion of gambling, but I'm open to considering video lottery terminals providing that there's ultimately a vote of the people," he said.

Video lottery would require a constitutional amendment and a popular vote before it could be instituted.

Some teachers groups have speculated that lawmakers would pass a school voucher initiative during a school finance session. Dewhurst said that although it wasn't in the recommendations of the joint committee, he is "open to a pilot program, but we're going to have to wait and see if there's support for a pilot program in the House and in the Senate."



TOP WINNERS — Eric Guadarrama, left, and Christopher Smauley were the top winners in Tuesday's Big County Regional Citizen Bee Competition. (See story) (Contributed Photo)

Campaign ad spending tops $90M during past seven weeks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Through next week, President Bush, Democratic rival John Kerry and liberal interest groups will have spent at least $90 million to air television ads since early March — a whopping total for an election that's still about six months away.

Campaign commercials started early and spending already has reached levels that typically aren't seen until after Labor Day.

So, why so many ads now?

Bush and Kerry — as well as Democratic-leaning interest groups — are broadcasting commercials not necessarily to secure votes on Nov. 2, but rather to set the stage for the rest of the campaign and to energize core supporters for what both parties expect will be an extremely close election.

The candidates also are running unprecedented amounts of ads early for financial reasons: They aren't constrained by spending limits that they would have faced had they accepted public financing and they are raising hefty amounts of money that must be spent before their party conventions this summer.

"They're behaving right now as if it's September," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center.

In just seven weeks: Bush will have spent at least $50 million; Kerry will have spent about $12 million; and Democratic-leaning groups, including the Media Fund, MoveOn.org's affiliates and the AFL-CIO, will have poured in at least $28 million.

That's far more than the $77 million that Bush, Democrat Al Gore, the Republican Party, the Democratic Party and interest groups supporting both candidates spent over four months — from June through September — in 2000, according to New York University Law School's Brennan Center for Justice.

So far, Bush's re-election ads have run at least 35,000 times, mostly in 18 competitive states but also nationally on some cable networks, while Kerry's ads have appeared more than 12,000 times in 17 states, according to TNS Media Intelligence/Campaign Media Analysis Group, a Virginia-based nonpartisan organization that tracks ads. Commercials by liberal interest groups have run thousands of times as well.

Political analysts and media experts agree that ads airing now probably won't directly affect how people vote in November.

"In some sense what this advertising does is provide an ever-unfolding dialogue over a couple months," said John Geer, a Vanderbilt University professor who has studied 40 years worth of presidential campaign ads. "A presidential election year is very much like a 15-round fight, and we're in the first few rounds."

Bush kicked off the general election ad wars March 4, just two days after Kerry secured the Democratic nomination. The incumbent Republican's first few re-election ads were optimistic commercials that portrayed him as having "steady leadership in times of change" and spots that depicted Kerry as weak on the economy and terrorism.

Small grains forage meeting scheduled

Small grains forage trials will highlight a regional turnrow meeting Thursday at the Russell Erwin Farm, about 1 mile north of Westbrook on FM 670. Producers can observe dryland forage clipping trials for beardless and bearded wheats, rye, triticale, and other small grains varieties.

The trial has 32 different varieties including new releases. Forage varieties and production tips will be discussed by Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist, Texas A&M – Lubbock.

The meeting will begin at the plots at 9 a.m. and conclude about 10:30 a.m. For further information contact John Senter, Mitchell County Extension, (325) 728-3111, or Greg Gruben at the Scurry County Extension Office, (325) 573-5423.

1.5 CEUs will be offered.

Free seminar will look at addiction

In recognition of National Alcohol Awareness Month, River Crest Hospital and the Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will present a free workshop from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Region XIV Service Center on South College Avenue in Snyder.

Dr. Raul G. Rodriguez, medical director of the chemical dependency and psychiatric unit, will speak on "Guilt and shame: The background music of addiction." He will examine addiction as well as look at the causes and treatment of addiction. For more information, call 1-800-777-5722.

This workshop is free to the public. Continuing education credits will be offered to licensed professionals.

2001 SHS graduate enlists in U.S. Navy

Johnny Ramos Gabriel, son of Ramona and Juan Ramos of Snyder, has enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the delayed entry program at the Navy Recruiting district Dallas in Irving.

Gabriel will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's recruit training center at Great Lakes, Ill.

He is a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School.

SHS captures Citizen Bee awards at ACU

Snyder High School swept the Big Country Regional Citizenship Bee Competition April 13 at Abilene Christian University. Eric Guadarrama captured first place honors and Christopher Smauley won second place. Each received a $100 U.S. Savings Bond and an opportunity to participate in the state meet May 8 in Austin.

Also participating from SHS were Casey Newby and Samantha Moyers.

The Citizen Bee is a written and oral competition testing the students' knowledge of U.S. history, government, geography and current events. It is sponsored by the State Bar of Texas, Law-Related Education division.

The SHS team had practiced and prepared for the meet for the past two months. The contest is designed to stimulate greater understanding of our American Heritage and the issues facing this country.

Janice Mitchell is the advisor.

Redistricting OK'd

BOSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court Friday approved a legislative redistricting map that minority activists say better reflects Boston's changing racial and ethnic mix.

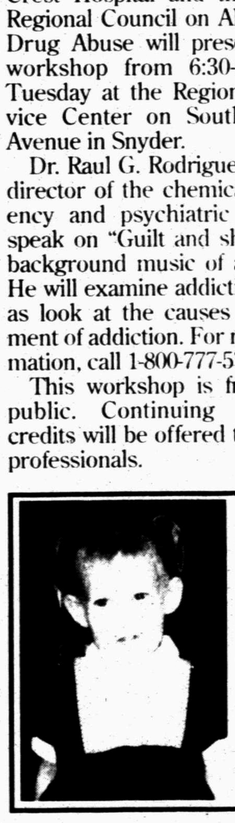
"This map is definitely leaps and bounds better than the one that was deemed illegal by the courts. It's a much better map for communities of color," said Atiya Dangleben, statewide director for the Massachusetts Voter Education Network.

The map of 17 state House of Representatives districts in Boston was approved by the same three-judge panel of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that in February threw out the original plan used in the 2002 elections.

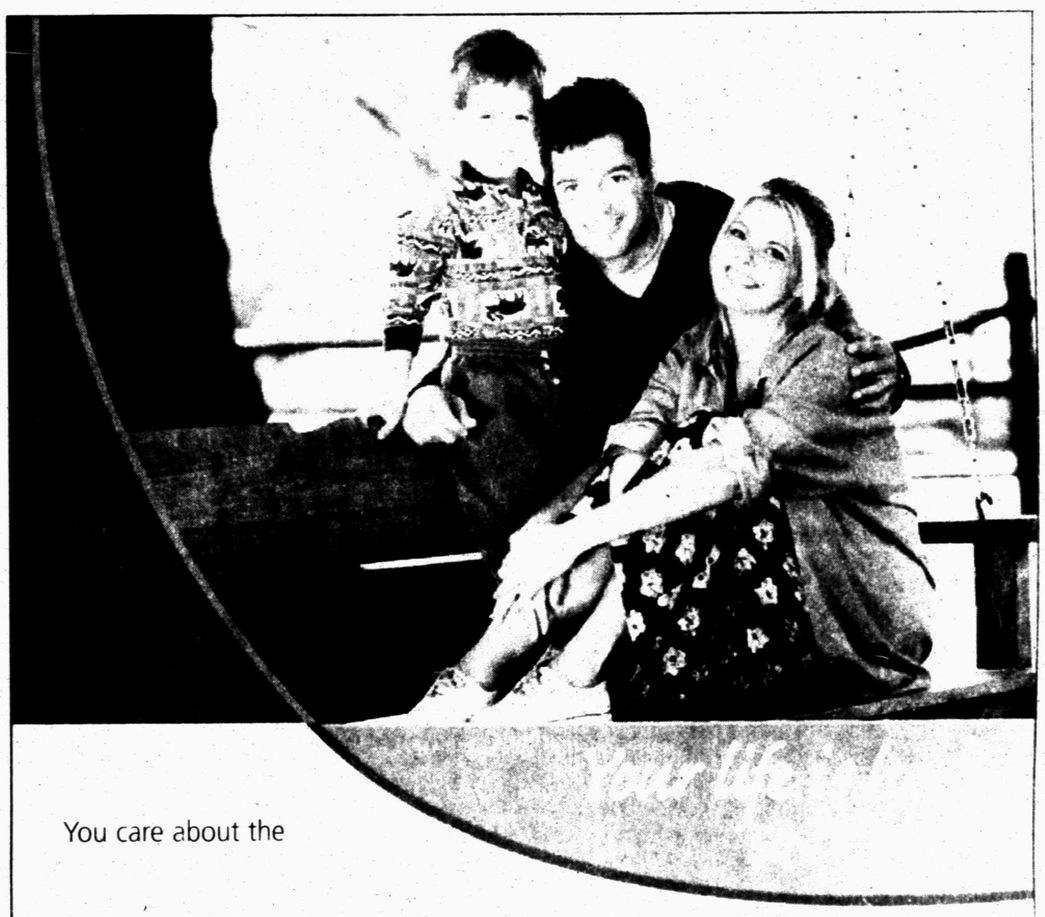
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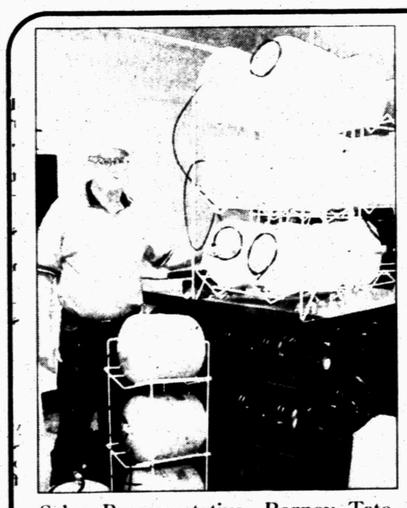
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Will satellite radio become the cable television of radio?

NEW YORK (AP) — If traditional radio decides Howard Stern is too hot to handle, satellite radio is waiting with an armload of wet T-shirts.

Even if the prince of "shock jocks" stays where he is, the two nationwide satellite radio companies hope the Stern controversy can help them become the radio equivalent of cable TV — a popular destination for racy, raunchy, unregulated content.

When the National Association of Broadcasters meets Sunday in Las Vegas, much of the table talk will center on the unprecedented scrutiny from the Federal Communications Commission, record indecency fines and the threat that the FCC could yank the licenses of repeat offenders.

Like cable television, satellite radio is not subject to federal indecency scrutiny because it is available only to paid subscribers. So the indecency dust-up has satellite radio companies executives salivating.

XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio, the No. 1 and No. 2 players, lose money and have only 2 million subscribers total. But subscriber numbers have been growing quickly, and Stern has been talking on the air about a move to satellite radio.

"If Howard Stern's listeners didn't already know about satellite radio, they do now," said April Horace, an analyst at Janco Partners, a telecommunications investment bank in Denver. "He can say whatever he wants on satellite radio."

Satellite radio is "certainly additional competition," said Dennis Wharton, spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters. "I don't know if we'd call them a serious threat at this point."

Stern started ruminating about a move to satellite after the FCC fined Clear Channel Communications $475,000 earlier this month for indecency on Stern's show. Clear Channel then dropped Stern from its six stations that carry his show.

The agency also fined Clear Channel $755,000 earlier this year for comments made by a Tampa, Fla., radio personality known as Bubba the Love Sponge.

Stern's show still airs on 35 stations and has an estimated 15 million listeners. His contract is with Infinity Broadcasting and the company has repeatedly said it would stand by him.

An Infinity spokeswoman refused to comment about the contract this week. Stern did not return an e-mail requesting comment.

Hugh Panero, president and chief executive of XM, which has 1.7 million subscribers who pay $9.95 a month for the basic package, said his company would be happy to talk to Stern.

"In the radio business, there are few celebrities and talents that have lasted 20 years, and he's one of them," Panero said this week during a satellite industry panel discussion. But he added that any talk of Stern moving to satellite is premature, given the Infinity contract.



WINS AGAIN — Aryn May, Snyder junior FFA member, brought home her fourth grand championship with her percentage doe, Angel, from the North Texas Boer Goat Classic held in Sherman. Aryn was also awarded the junior showmanship. She also earned two firsts, three seconds, two fifths, an eighth, and an 11th with other does. Aryn is pictured with her mom, Shana, and the goat's breeder, Doug Neff. Aryn is the daughter of Bob and Shana May, and the granddaughter of John Billy and Peggy Koonsman and Ralph and JoAnn May of Plainview. (Contributed Photo)

Today's chuckle

Man in the wrong pants at wrong time

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — It was a case of being in the wrong pants at the wrong time.



Kendrick Gibson, 26, was arrested by police Thursday after failing to surrender himself for booking on a misdemeanor citation for a suspended license.

Authorities went to Gibson's residence to arrest him. With police inside his residence, Gibson began getting dressed, putting on a pair of blue jeans. He then suddenly took them off for another pair.

The officers became suspicious and found plastic bags containing crack cocaine and a small amount of marijuana in the pockets of the first pair.

Gibson also now faces charges of felony possession of crack for resale and misdemeanor marijuana possession.

Christian teens stealing Christian music

DALLAS (AP) — Christian teens are stealing Christian music through Internet downloads and CD burnings at the same rate non-Christians are stealing secular music, according to a new study.

Christian pollster George Barna completed a study on teens and piracy for the Gospel Music Association. The study, which has not been made public, showed only 10 percent of Christian teens considered music piracy to be morally wrong, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Of those, 64 percent have engaged in downloading or CD burning. That's virtually the same percentage as non-Christians.

Last year, sales of Christian albums dropped 5.2 percent, to just more than 47 million and major labels cut their work force by 10 percent, said John Styll, president of the Gospel Music Association. Styll blames the economy, downloads and CD burnings for the downturn.

The pirating comes as a surprise to the evangelical music industry, which expected teens to adhere to the commandment "Thou shalt not steal."

"You would never steal Bibles to give them away," said Barry Landis, president of Word Records, a Christian label. "You shouldn't steal Christian music to give away either."

Christian music takes center stage next week in Nashville, Tenn., as fans and vendors gather for Gospel Music Drop. The festivities are a precursor to April 28 Dove Awards, the Christian music industry's equivalent of the Grammys.

Despite the dip in sales, Christian artists sold 68 CDs for every 100 in country music. The $800 million in sales edged that of classical music and jazz combined and at least as much money was generated in merchandise and concert tickets, Styll said in Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Some musicians are hesitant to talk about the piracy issues because they don't want to be viewed as greedy.

"We can't be like Christina Aguilera and get all attitudy," said Jaci Velasquez, a platinum-selling singer originally from Texas. "We're supposed to be like Christ and turn the other cheek."

While the Recording Industry Association of America is involved in a legal battle that includes more than 1,000 suits against illegal downloaders, Christian labels have kept a low profile on the issue.

Styll said the secular music industry views piracy as a legal issue, but Christian labels, even though many are owned by mainstream companies, view it as a moral dilemma.

"We take it further and say it's a moral issue," he said. "But we're not going to sue people. It just doesn't seem right. And nobody really has the will to do it."

Some Christian teens don't view burning CDs as immoral.

Scott Ferguson, a junior at Fort Worth Christian Academy, said he doesn't burn CDs, but friends have given them to him as birthday gifts.

"If a CD comes out and you like a couple of songs, they'll burn it for you," he said. "It's what friends kind of do for one another. It doesn't take long and it's easy. That's how they look at it."

John Cooper, a member of the Christian band, Skillet, said fans often ask him to autograph their CDs. After one concert, a fan told him how he had all the band's music and the music had changed his life.

"Then he asked me to sign the CDs and they were all burned from a computer," Cooper. "I always sign because I don't want to be rude. But sometimes I'm tempted to say, 'Man, you've got to buy it.'"

NRA has meeting

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Before she met her husband, Linda Davis had never even fired a gun. Eventually, though, Gary Davis told her she would have to join the National Rifle Association if they were to get married.

Five years later, Linda Davis has gotten bullets from her husband for Valentine's Day, and the couple even schedules one of their yearly vacations around the NRA convention.

This weekend, they are among thousands of target shooters, hunters, collectors and Second Amendment activists gathered for the group's 133rd annual convention here.

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Financial Focus

Tax-smart Investment Tips for 2004

In just a few days, millions of Americans will scramble to file their tax returns. And many of them will wonder if they could have done anything to lower the taxes resulting from their investments. Of course, by then it will be too late for 2003 — but there's plenty of time to make "tax-smart" moves for 2004.

Are investment taxes an issue for you? If so, then you, too, will want to take action. Here are a few steps to think about:

•Boost your 401(k) contributions — If you're under 50, you can put in up to $13,000 to your 401(k) in 2004 - up from $12,000 in 2003. If you're 50 or over, you can put in $16,000 this year — up from $14,000. Of course, your 401(k) provides you with two major tax benefits. First, you generally contribute "pre-tax" dollars, so, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. And second, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis, so they have the opportunity to accumulate faster than if they were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

•Consider adding dividend-paying stocks — In 2003, new legislation lowered the taxes for qualified stock dividends. Previously, when you received these dividends, you were taxed at your individual income tax rate. But now, if you're at the 25 percent tax bracket or above, your dividends will only be taxed at 15 percent. On the other hand, your interest payments will continue to be taxed at your individual rate. Consequently, for the income portion of your portfolio, you may want to shift some assets from bonds and certificates of deposit to dividend-paying stocks. (Keep in mind, however, that, by doing so, you will increase your investment risk, including the risk of loss of principal. Also, stocks are not fixed-income investments, and they may not pay out dividends.)

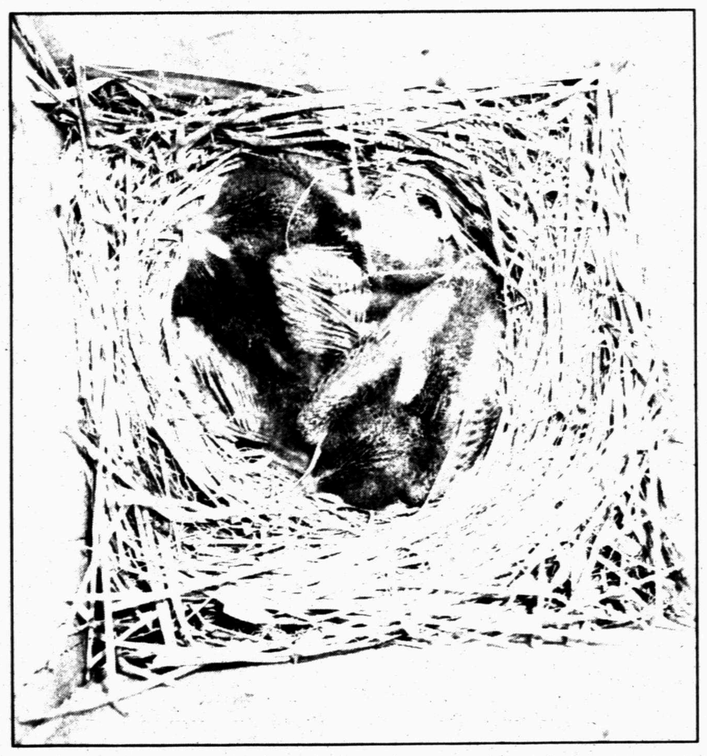
•Invest in municipal bonds — If you're in one of the top tax brackets, you may be able to benefit from investing in municipal bonds. When you own municipal bonds, or "munis," your interest payments will be free from federal income taxes; if the municipality that issues the bond is located in your state, your interest payments also may be exempt from state and local taxes. In fact, the tax advantage of municipal bonds may be so great that you'd have to earn a considerably higher interest rate on a taxable bond — such as a corporate bond — just to get the same after-tax return. (However, some municipal bonds — particularly airport and housing bonds — may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.)

•Open a Roth IRA - If you meet the appropriate income guidelines, you may want to open a Roth IRA. Your Roth IRA earnings grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're 59½. For 2004, you can put in $3,000 to your Roth IRA, or $3,500 if you're 50 or older.

See your investment professional

Not all the suggestions described above may be suitable for your individual needs. To find out which ones may work for you, and what other tax-advantaged opportunities exists, see your investment professional and your tax adviser.

Also, remember that taxes, while important, are just one component of your investment strategy. So, while you're thinking "tax-smart," don't fo get other key elements, such as diversification and quality. By putting all these pieces together, you'll have a pretty complete picture.



NESTING — This Blue Bird nest was discovered in Ed McAnally's yard before the Easter holiday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Kerry wants to get young voters to polls

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Democrat John Kerry, with rockers Jon Bon Jovi and blink-182 in tow, is courting the college crowd that typically shuns the voting booth, hoping unease about the Iraq war and jobs propels millions of 18-to-24-year-olds to the polls in November.

"We need you to become involved in this race as never before," the presumptive Democratic nominee implored a noisy crowd of more than 5,000 at the University of Pittsburgh Friday.

The rally was Kerry's fifth college appearance in a week and reflected the campaign's sense that a new activism is brewing on campuses nationwide, fueled by opposition to the war, concerns about postgraduate jobs and Republican-led efforts to curtail gay rights and change long-standing environmental rules.

Kerry dedicates his speeches to those issues, as well as college tuition and public service, while bringing along familiar musicians and sports legends. The Boston band Guster played at one event; famed Pittsburgh Steelers running back Franco Harris and Bon Jovi joined Kerry on Friday.

The candidate recently held a conference call with college newspaper editors and the campaign has established voter registration booths on more than 40 campuses. Based on recent history, however, any presidential candidate faces a daunting task in wooing students.

Apathy toward the political process has grown in the past three decades among young voters. In the 2000 election, one of the closest in history, just 29 percent of eligible voters ages 18-24 — about 8.4 million — cast a ballot for president. Overall, 55 percent of all eligible voters participated.

By contrast, slightly more than 45 percent of 21-to-24-year-olds voted in November 1968 when a military draft was sending young men to war in Southeast Asia.

"The thing about this generation is, we're not stupid, we're just lazy," said Greg Heller-LaBelle, 21, the editor in chief of The Pitt News at the University of Pittsburgh. "If you could vote online, I think you'd see that number skyrocket."

Young people don't vote in large numbers because they are largely ignored by politicians, said Courtney Hickson, 22, editor in chief of the University of Connecticut's Daily Campus.

"I think they want to be courted," Hickson said. "You can't court an 18- to 25-year-old in the same way you court a 30-year-old or a 40-year-old. We have very different ideas, we have very different tastes than the generations that are ahead of us."

The key to motivating young people who aren't politically active may be as simple as asking what they think, Heller-LaBelle said. Raised on the Internet, instant messages and cell phones, they respond to personal communication rather than mass media, he said.

"The thing to do if you are a candidate? Walk through a cafeteria. Don't do a big rally," Heller-LaBelle said. "We've got four cafeterias on campus. Walk through them, shake some hands with some students and just ask them what they think about stuff."

Of the two candidates, the four-term Massachusetts Democratic senator may have a better chance with young voters than President Bush.

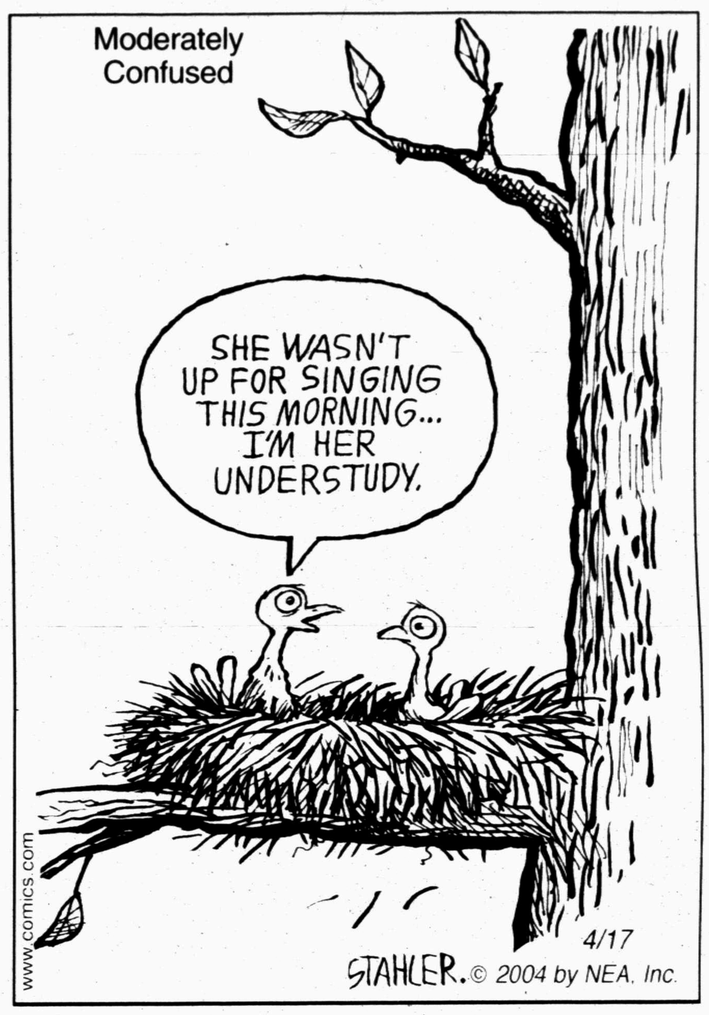
Among those ages 18-25, Kerry led Bush, 50 percent to 35 percent, according to an early March poll by Ipsos-Public Affairs for The Associated Press and Newsweek.com. Independent candidate Ralph Nader had 13 percent.

Exit polls in 2000 showed that Democrat Al Gore and Bush split the vote of those 18-to-29, but Gore prevailed among first-time voters, 52 percent to 43 percent.

Concern about Bush's handling of the Iraq war looms large on college campuses. At several of his appearances, Kerry has been questioned about the possibility of reinstating the draft to fill the military ranks, a step he opposes. The query harkens to an era Kerry knows well — the Vietnam period.

Kerry enlisted in the Navy and served from 1966-70, was decorated for his war efforts and returned home to help lead the opposition to the Southeast Asian conflict. The draft helped fuel that anti-war movement some 40 years ago.

Leigha Smith, an 18-year-old student from Florida, said Kerry's criticism of the Iraq war caught her attention.



Senior Center News

The Scurry County Senior Center is a non-profit organization that provides meals, activities, and services for the senior citizens of our community.

The center receives support from the county, the city, the college, the federal nutrition program, meal donations, the memorial fund and businesses.

The center budget includes all these factors plus fundraising. May Day, the annual fundraiser, is scheduled May 8 at the Scurry County Coliseum. The booths open and the entertainment begins at 2 p.m., the barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m., and the quilt auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Sunshine Choir will present a Mother's Day Program at 2:15 p.m., the Deep Creek Cloggers will perform at 3 p.m., and the Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain from 4-6 p.m.

The Sweet Tooth Booth and the Craft Booth will have homemade baked goods and craft items for sale. Brownies, cookies, candies, cakes, breads, and sugar-free items are great items for the food booths.

For food safety homemade pies cannot be sold. The Silent Auction will have items and services donated by local businesses.

Volunteers will be needed May 3-7 to visit each business for their donations for the Silent Auction Please contact Pamela if you can help with this project The ExxonMobil cooking crew will prepare the brisket for the barbecue. The barbecue meal will cost $6 per plate. The tickets are available at the center and senior citizens are encouraged to sell as many as possible before May Day.

There will be take-out plates for individuals who cannot attend the activities. Grady Morris has once again volunteered his talents as auctioneer for the quilt auction. May Day will be a success due to the donation of time and talents of every volunteer. The center is located at 2603 Avenue M and can be reached by calling 573-4035.

The center has a computer lab that is available for all senior citizens. Eight are connected to the Internet and two are available for games. Tom Machen, a volunteer, has just organized a Computer Club that meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. New computer classes are scheduled for May. They are being offered and taught by Western Texas College staff. The classes are scheduled as follows:

Introduction to Computers, May 10-13 1-3 p.m., cost is $20

Basic Internet, May 17-20, 1-3 p.m., cost is $20.

Introduction to Microsoft Office, May 24-27, 1-3 p.m. Cost is $20

A copy of this schedule with a more detailed description of each class can be picked up at the Senior Center office. Each class has a limit of 7 students. Register at the center office.

MONDAY

Bridge play will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Skip-Bo at 10 a.m. Both of these activities are in the quilting area. AARP will meet at noon in the conference room. County Sheriff Darren Jackson will speak on safety for senior citizens.

All senior citizens 60 years of age or older are invited to join us for the noon meal Monday-Friday. The suggested donation is $2.50 per meal.

TUESDAY

Eighty/eighty-eight at 9:30 a.m. in the quilting area Seniors are invited to the water aerobics, swimnastics, at the Western Texas College at the Physical Education Building. A volunteer instructs the class from 10-11 a.m. and the college provides a life guard. The class and parking are free. The Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain in the dining room from 11 a.m. to noon. The Booster Club will meet at noon in the conference room. Allie Beth Beauchamp will present a program about her trip to Brazil The Computer Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the computer lab.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. A volunteer is available to help newcomers learn the game. Games for the day include Skip-Bo at 10 a.m. and Pinochle at 1 p.m. Dominoes and pool are always available in the poolroom

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FRIDAY

Blood pressure readings, bridge, and eighty/eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m.

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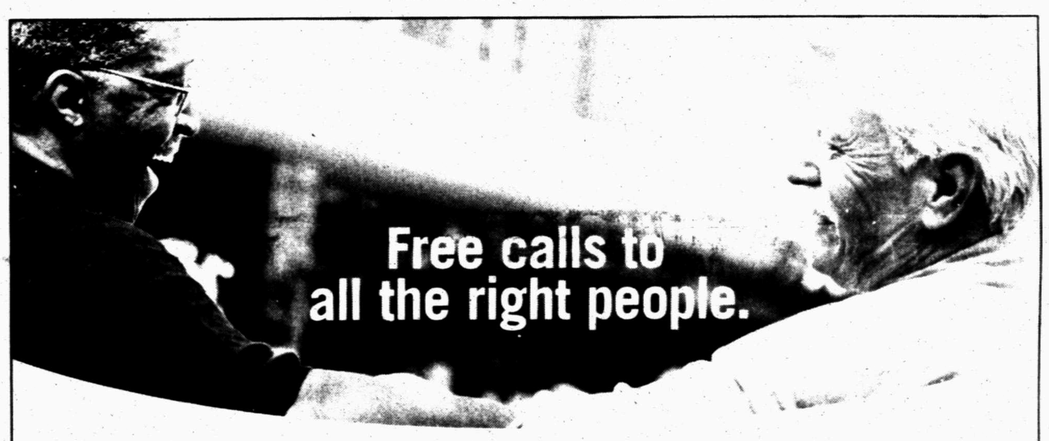
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47th Annual City Bowling Championships



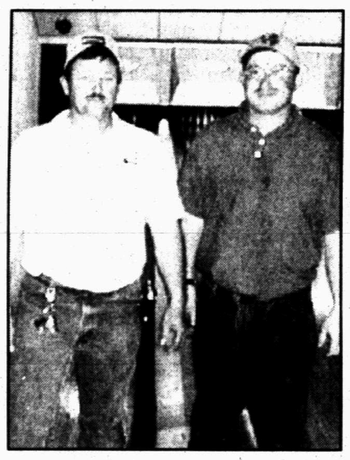
Team champions Higginbotham Bros.
Lynn Smith, Jerry Glover, Dude Jones and Darrel Grant



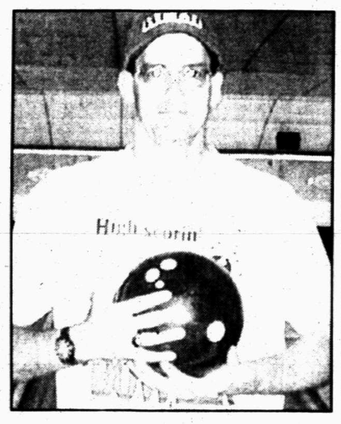
Singles winner
Shawn Roemisch



All-events champ
Chris Goebel



Doubles winners
Buddy Adams and
Timmy Marshall



Mark Glasscock bowled a 298 game, the second time that score has been reached at Snyder Lanes.

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All Events

1. Chris Goebel 1980; 2. Jerry Glover 1916; 3. Shawn Roemisch 1900; 4. Timmy Marshall 1898; 5. Mike Logan 1866; 6. Roger Pavlik 1851; 7. Harold Kornegay 1837; 8. Lynn Smith 1834; 9. Butch Evans 1834; 10. Barney Tate 1812; 11. Jeff Smith 1791; 12. Marcus Parham 1783; 13. Cory Maxfield 1763; 14. Cory Maxfield 1756; 15. Butch Evans 1756; 16. Charley Johnson 1752; 17. Darrel Grant 1746; 18. Buddy Adams 1731; 19. Lynn Smith 1729; 20. Mark Thompson 1706; 21. Larry Bufkin 1692; 22. Jay Roemsich 1677; 23. Roger Pavlik 1672; 24. Chris Goebel 1669; 25. Stacey Browning 1666; 26. Elbert Klein 1654; 27. Mark Glasscock 1652; 28. Daryl Nachlinger 1652; 29. Dewey Farley 1576; 30. Jim Northcutt 1568

Team Event

1. Higginbotham Bros. 2483; 2. Submersible Oil Services 2440; 3. Snyder National Bank 2427; 4. American State Bank 2387; 5. Bryan Cave. O.D. 2379; 6. Timely Pawn #2 2376; 7. Professional Bail Bonds 2357; 8. Easy Money 2340; 9. Lone Star Cleaners 23339; 10. Timely Pawn #1 2328; 11. Culligan 2322; 12. Snyder Lanes 2289; 13. Snyder Iron & Metal #1 2283; 14. Friends Pub 2272; 15. Friendly Flower Shop 2252; 16. Snyder Iron & Metal #2 2244; 17. The Pros 2241.

Doubles Event

1. Marshall-Adams 1263; 2. Pavlik-Thompson 1241; 3. Grant-Glover 1237; 4. Goebel-Maxfield 1231; 5. J. Roemisch-Marshall 1223; 6. Kornegay-Tate 1222; 7. Goebel-Evans 1217; 8. S. Roemisch-Marshall 1203; 9. Coy-Smith 1187; 10. Parham-Smith 1170; 11. S. Roemisch-Guzman 1167; 12. Browning- J. Northcutt 1165; 13. Nobles-C. Northcutt 1158; 14. Browning-Nobles 1151; 15. J. Northcutt-Logan 1151; 16. Evans-Pavlik 1139; 17. Thompson-J. Smith 1136; 18. Parham-Johnson 1135; 19. Nachlinger-Maxfield 1130; 20. Klein-Thompson 1125; 21. Johnson-Maxfield 1119; 22. Glasscock-Pavlik 1099; 23. Kinder-Browning 1089; 24. Goebel-Jones 1075; 25. S. Roemisch-J. Roemisch 1070; 26. Farley-Bufkin 1020; 27. J. Northcutt-C. Northcutt 964.

Singles Event

1. Shawn Roemisch 671; 2. Butch Evans 651; 3. Chris Goebel 647; 4. Chris Goebel 644; 5. Darrel Grant 643; 6. Roger Pavlik 643; 7. Harold Kornegay 643; 8. Lynn Smith 642; 9. Jim Browning 640; 10. Timmy Marshall 635; 11. Jim Browning 633; 12. Marcus Parham 624; 13. Cory Maxfield 624; 14. Timmy Marshall 619; 15. Roger Pavlik 610; 16. Shawn Roemisch 608; 17. Larry Bufkin 607; 18. Charley Johnson 605; 19. Elbert Klein 602; 20. Charley Johnson 601; 21. Mark Thompson 601; 22. Timmy Marshall 600; 23. John Nobles 599; 24. Jay Roemisch 595; 25. Cory Maxfield 594; 26. John Guzman 594; 27. Cory Maxfield 592; 28. Shawn Roemisch 591; 29. John Nobles 588; 30. Jerry Glover 584; 31. Mark Glasscock 582; 32. Jeff Smith 581; 33. Mark Thompson 579; 34. Barney Tate 566; 35. Mike Logan 560; 36. Chris Goebel 5558; 37. Roger Pavlik 553; 38. Daryl Nachlinger 551; 39. Buddy Adams 548; 40. Chris Northcutt 546; 41. Jay Roemisch 540; 42. Dewey Farley 537; 43. Jim Northcutt 536; 44. Kevin Jones 536; 45. Mark Thompson 535; 46. Lynn Smith 531; 47. Stacey Browning 524; 48. Chris Northcutt 516; 49. Butch Evans 516; 50. Marcus Parham 514; 51. Jim Northcutt 504; 52. Jim Northcutt 471.

Lady Tigers clinch share of District 3-3A championship

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Lady Tigers won a share of their second straight District 3-3A championship Friday, shrugging off an early Denver City rally to top the Fillies, 14-4, on Senior Night in the final home game of the season.

Snyder (18-9, 10-1) and ace Ashley Martinez surrendered three runs in the top of the first, before the Lady Tigers responded with six in the bottom half of the frame.

"We started off slow, but we responded — it was a big win," head coach Darren Pool said.

He said his goal going into the season was to simply make the playoffs, but he raised the bar once he saw what kind of team he had.

"Once I saw what we've got, I wanted the district title," he said. "It's a big deal for these girls and for the program."

Pool said he did not envision a championship in his first year at the helm.

"I didn't know we'd have a shot. We got surprises from some younger kids and from some of the older kids, too," he said. "This is the starting point of seeing the pieces come together."

After Denver City added a run in the top of the third, Snyder added a five-run cushion to make it 11-4 after three. The Lady Tigers added three more in the bottom of the fourth for the margin of victory.

Terann Ragland was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs and filled in at catcher after Heather Zajicek was dinged in the first inning, while Amber Luecke drew three walks and scored three runs.

Missy Vasquez, Rachel Clanton and Laura Clanton each contributed two hits, with Rachel Clanton driving in two runs.

Shalea Thompson hit a three-run double and drove in four runs on the night and Kelsi Johnson and Briana Bernal added a hit apiece.

Martinez said she didn't change her approach before or after the big third inning.

"It's always nice to have a cushion, but the closeness (of the score) didn't bother me," she said. "(Winning the district) is a real big deal. We had high expectations and we proved we could come together as a team and live up to the expectations others had for us and we had for ourselves."

The Lady Tigers can claim the trophy outright with a win Tuesday at Lamesa. Snyder leads Lubbock Cooper by one game and Merkel by two games in the standings, as all three teams have sewn-up a post-season berth.

Although Snyder has beaten Cooper in both of their match-ups this year, there will be a one-game playoff for the title should the teams finish with the same record.

Snyder will play at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Lamesa.

The junior varsity girls finished off an impressive campaign Friday, winning 14-3 in three innings.

Tana Sullenger improved to 6-0 on the season and the team ran its district record to a perfect 10-0, 13-1-1 overall.

Jessica Calvert drove in four runs on two hits, Sarah Covington plated three on two hits, including a triple, Courtney Tyrrell added an RBI triple and Joshlyn Tovar cracked an inside-the-park home run.

Tigers mow down Mustangs

DENVER CITY — The Tigers handled Denver City in much the same way they have handled most district opponents this year — quickly and efficiently.

The Tigers (17-3, 7-0) maintained their top spot in District 3-3A, reeling off seven runs in the third inning to keep the Mustangs winless in district with a 14-4, six-inning win.

Lico Castillo earned his first victory of the year, pitching four innings and giving up two hits while striking out two.

Ty Collier pitched the final two innings, recording three strikeouts.

Four Tigers had a multiple-hit game, with Blake Grimmett leading the way from the leadoff spot with a 4-for-5 afternoon, while Bradley Price was 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles.

Eric Martinez hit two doubles, Marcus Rodriguez slapped a pair of singles, and Hadley Hirt and Isaac Ramon collected a base knock each.

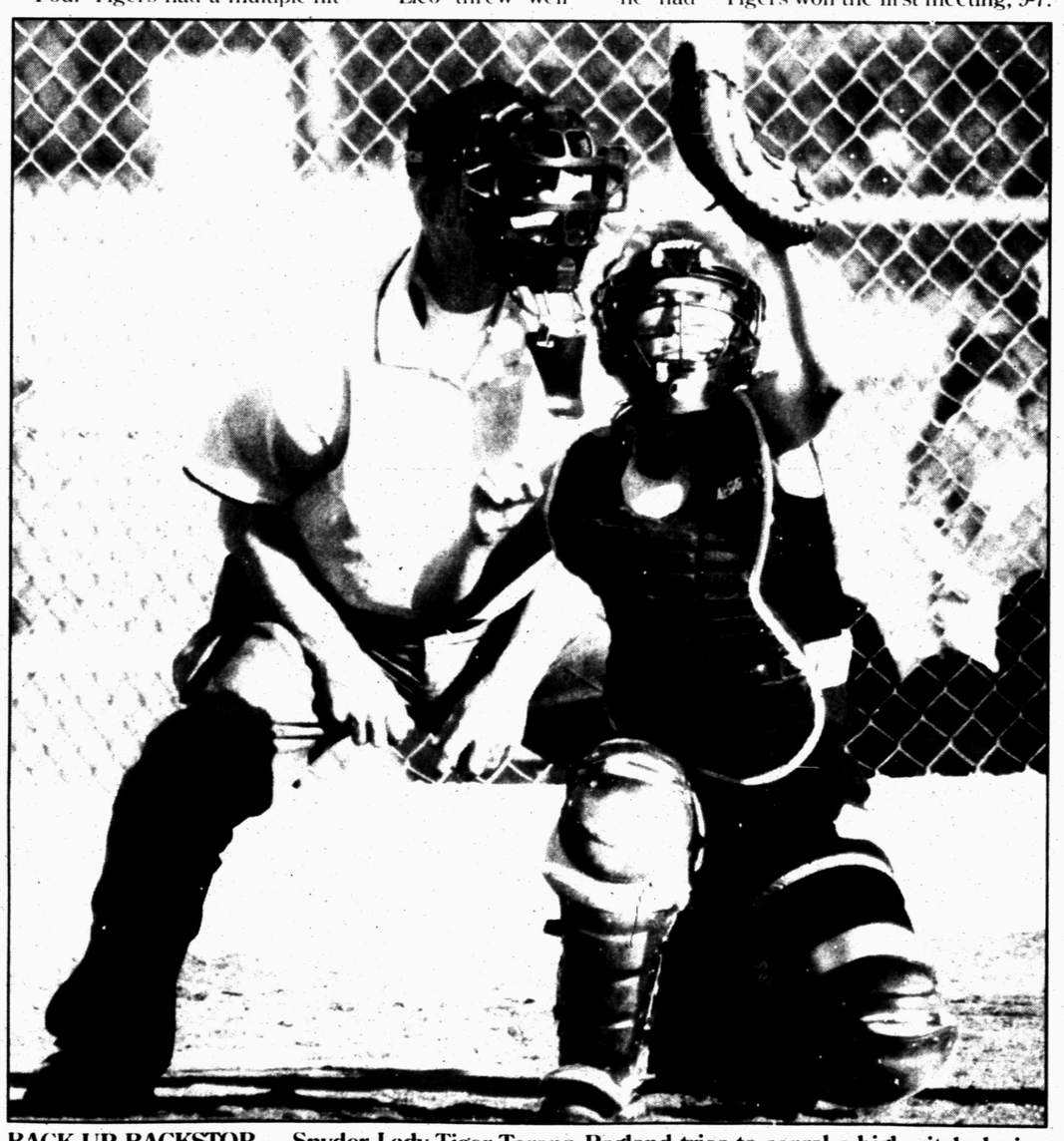
Snyder head coach Charles Bollinger said the atmosphere contributed to a slow start offensively for the Tigers, with more Snyder fans in attendance than Denver City fans, but said the defense and pitching were right from the start.

"Lico threw well — he had good movement on his pitches — and our defense played well," Bollinger said. "We started slow, but we did a good job adjusting to the slow pitching."

The Tigers stayed a game up on Sweetwater, which edged Seminole, 7-6. In the other district contest, Merkel capitalized on seven Lamesa errors to win, 10-0, in five innings.

Snyder clinched a playoff spot with the Seminole loss.

The Tigers travel to Merkel Tuesday with the start time to be determined. The teams swapped home dates after rain washed out Merkel's field on April 2. The Tigers won the first meeting, 9-7.



BACK-UP BACKSTOP — Snyder Lady Tiger Terann Ragland tries to corral a high pitch during the team's 14-4 victory over Denver City. Ragland replaced cathcer Heather Zajicek, who suffered a minor injury inthe first inning. The Lady Tigers can clinch the district title outright with a win over Lamesa Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Park delivers 7 shutout innings

SEATTLE (AP) — Backed by an early lead, Chan Ho Park rewarded the Texas Rangers with one of his best outings.

Park pitched seven scoreless innings, and Hank Blalock and Laynce Nix got the Rangers' offense off to a quick start in Texas' 5-0 win over the Seattle Mariners Friday night.

"The early scores helped me a lot," Park said. "I was able to relax and make good pitches."

Blalock hit a solo homer in the first and an RBI double in the second, when the Rangers roughed up Mariners starter Gil Meche for four runs. Nix's two-run homer in the second was a 417-foot shot to center.

"We jumped on Meche early with five runs," Blalock said. "That will make it easy on any pitcher. We didn't score any more after that, but Chan Ho pitched a great game. A shutout is about as much as we can ask of a pitcher. It was a really nice win."

The Mariners fell to 2-8, matching the 1990 team for worst start in franchise history. Seattle has dropped all four games at Safeco Field this season.

"I'm real frustrated," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said. "There's not one guy in that clubhouse who's not frustrated with what is going on. It's getting old. It's been old."

Park (1-2) allowed eight hits over seven innings. He struck out five and walked John Olerud three times. Seattle left 10 runners on base against Park.

Park was at his best in the fifth after putting runners on first and second and falling behind in the count to Raul Ibanez 3-0. After Ibanez hit a long foul ball to bring the count full, Park struck him out with wicked two-seam fastball.

Astros, A's swap righthanders

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros traded right-handed pitcher Kirk Saarloos to the Oakland Athletics for right-hander Chad Harville on Friday.

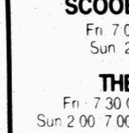
The trade provides the Astros with help in middle relief, while Oakland adds a potential starter.

"We felt like we had a chance to add a power arm to our bullpen," Houston general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "We felt like Harville had a better chance to help us win this year."

The 27-year-old Harville had a 3.38 ERA in 2 2-3 innings over three games without a decision for Oakland.

The 24-year-old Saarloos is 0-2 with a 15.43 ERA for Triple-A New Orleans.

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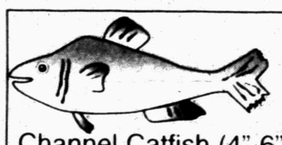


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SPORTS

Lakers unsure about play heading into Houston series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nobody seems to know how the Los Angeles Lakers are going to perform in the playoffs.

That includes the Lakers themselves.

And that's no surprise considering the way they played during the regular season.

"That wasn't a pretty 82 games for a lot of reasons. We've proven we can crack," forward Rick Fox said Friday at the team's practice facility in suburban El Segundo.

"I think we're all excited, because we don't know what to expect — we don't know how good we can be," teammate Derek Fisher said.

The Lakers, who open the playoffs Saturday night against the Houston Rockets, are battle-tested, having won three straight championships before being eliminated by eventual champion San Antonio in the second round last May.

Karl Malone and Gary Payton weren't around, having joined the Lakers as free agents last summer in search of their first championship rings. But Malone has played in 172 playoff games and Payton 100.

"If you haven't experienced it before, there's a lot of pressure," Fox said. "The game gets more physical. (Rockets coach Jeff) Van Gundy's got to do a good sell job. He's done it — he's coached a team to the NBA Finals."

Van Gundy guided the New York Knicks to the 1998-99 NBA Finals, where they lost to the Spurs.

But his current team is awfully green. Stars Steve Francis and Yao Ming have never appeared in a playoff game, and Cuttino Mobley hasn't since his rookie year of 1999 — the last time the Rockets qualified for the postseason.

"Now that we're here, we have to do something," Mobley said. "We can't be content that we made it."

Backup point guard Mark Jackson has appeared in 126 playoff games — 47 more than the rest of the Rockets' active roster combined.

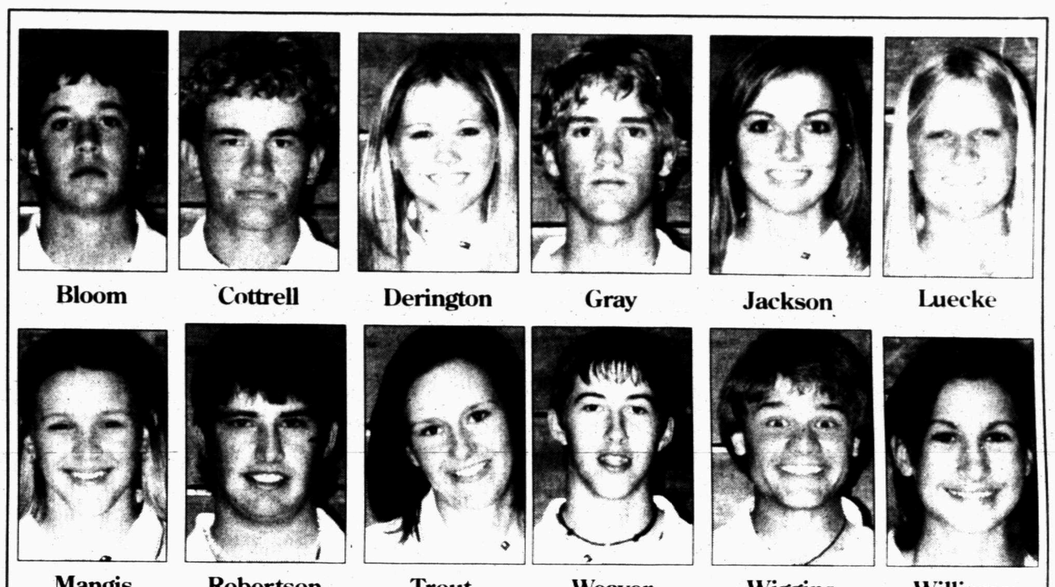
The Lakers listed Malone, Fox, Fisher and Devean George as questionable for the opener because of injuries.

Malone (sprained right ankle), Fox (dislocated right thumb) and George (strained left calf) all said Friday they intend to play. Fisher (strained groin muscle) expressed hope, but said he'll have to see how he feels at gametime.

Malone, George and Fisher all received treatment Friday and sat out practice. Fox took part with his thumb taped up.

"I came here for this. You've got to shoot me in the head for me not to play," Malone said. "That's it — end of story."

The Lakers won 14 of their last 17 regular-season games to finish 56-26 and earn the No. 2 seed.



SHS holds 12 spots on all-district team

Snyder golfers earned 12 spots on the 2004 All-District 3-3A golf team, with seven of those spots on the first team after the boys and girls captured dual district titles.

Sophomore Jay Weaver was the top medalist in the district with a three-round total of 223.

Junior Alan Gray shot a 225 and was the third medalist in the district.

Joining Weaver and Gray on the boys first team are junior Jake Cottrell (233) and junior Tanner Bloom (229).

The girls placed three on the first team, with senior Cami Trout earning third medalist with a 239. She is joined by sophomore Christi Williams (250) and freshman Ashley Luecke (253) on the first team.

Snyder placed five on the second team including juniors Wyl Wiggins and Cole Robertson for the boys and freshmen Shannon Mangis and Heather Derington, as well as junior Brooke Jackson, for the girls.

The teams will compete in the regional tournament beginning Monday, with the boys teeing-off at Nueva Vista in Midland and the girls playing at Ratliff Ranch in Odessa.

There will be a send-off for both teams at 9:15 a.m. Sunday at the sophomore parking lot at Snyder High School.

Oswalt pitches 3-hit shutout

HOUSTON (AP) — Milwaukee manager Ned Yost knows why Roy Oswalt started for Houston on opening day over Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte.

Oswalt pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 in his second career shutout, leading the Astros to a 2-0 victory over the Brewers on Friday night.

"There is a reason why he is the No. 1 starter on that staff. That is the best that I've seen anyone pitch in a long time," Yost said. "He would have beaten the '27 Yankees tonight. He was unbeatable. I don't think anyone could have beaten him tonight."

Oswalt (2-0) retired 17 of his final 18 batters and threw just 94 pitches. He walked none and matched a career low for hits allowed, accomplished twice before.

The right-hander's other shutout was Sept. 9, 2001, also against Milwaukee. This was his fourth career complete game.

Oswalt, who has a 7-3 career record against the Brewers, used a different strategy than usual.

"I've faced Milwaukee so many times and I usually like to go right after them with fastballs," Oswalt explained. "Tonight I tried to change the game plan and throw off-speed stuff away. When you can spot your off-speed pitches you can come in with your fastball."

Only one Brewers baserunner, Scott Podsednik in the fourth inning, advanced past first base. Podsednik reached third after stealing two bases.

"That was pretty impressive right there. It was totally awesome," Houston center fielder Craig Biggio said. "Only one guy hit the ball hard."

Raptors axe coach

TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Raptors fired first-year coach Kevin O'Neill, a day after he questioned the team's commitment to winning.

The Raptors finished 33-49 this season and missed the playoffs for a second straight year. Toronto also fired general manager Glen Grunwald on April 1 after a rift between O'Neill and Grunwald became public.

Interim general manager Jack McCloskey told O'Neill of the decision.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	8	2	.800	—
Atlanta	5	5	.500	3
New York	5	5	.500	3
Philadelphia	3	6	.333	4½
Montreal	2	8	.200	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	7	4	.636	—
Chicago	6	4	.600	½
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	1
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	1½
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	1½
St. Louis	5	6	.455	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	7	3	.700	—
San Francisco	5	5	.500	2
Arizona	4	6	.400	3
Colorado	4	6	.400	3
San Diego	4	6	.400	3

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 11, Cincinnati 10
Philadelphia 4, Montreal 2
Pittsburgh 7, N.Y. Mets 6
Atlanta 5, Florida 4
Houston 2, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 13, Colorado 5
Arizona 5, San Diego 0
Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games

Montreal (Patterson 1-0) at Philadelphia (Millwood 0-2), 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ol.Perez 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Colorado (Estes 2-0) at St. Louis (Marquis 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lidle 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-0), 1:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Lima 1-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 1-0) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Kinney 0-1) at Houston (Duckworth 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Webb 1-0) at San Diego (Valdes 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida (Penny 1-1) at Atlanta (Hampton 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Montreal (Vargas 1-1) at Philadelphia (Wolf 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Capuano 1-1) at Houston (Clemens 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 0-1) at St. Louis (W.Williams 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (P.Wilson 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Maddux 0-2), 1:20 p.m.
Arizona (Sparks 0-1) at San Diego (Eaton 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Weaver 0-1) at San Francisco (J.Williams 1-1), 3:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	5	4	.556	—
Boston	5	4	.556	—
Tampa Bay	5	4	.556	—
New York	5	5	.500	½
Toronto	3	7	.300	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	4	.600	—
Detroit	6	4	.600	—
Minnesota	6	4	.600	—
Kansas City	4	6	.400	2
Cleveland	4	7	.364	2½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	7	3	.700	—
Anaheim	6	5	.545	1
Texas	6	5	.545	1
Seattle	2	8	.200	5

Friday's Games

Baltimore 11, Toronto 2
Cleveland 10, Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 3, Chicago White Sox 0
Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Minnesota 9, Kansas City 7
Texas 5, Seattle 0
Oakland 3, Anaheim 0

Saturday's Games

Baltimore (DuBose 0-2) at Toronto (Towers 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 1-0) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 1-2) at Boston (Schilling 1-0), 12:20 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wright 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 3-0), 5:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Gobble 0-0) at Minnesota (Lohse 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 1-0) at Seattle (Moyer 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 1-0) at Anaheim (Washburn 1-1), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore (Bedard 0-0) at Toronto (Hentgen 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bonderman 1-0) at Cleveland (C.Lee 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 0-2), 12:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 0-1) at Boston (Lowe 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 0-2) at Minnesota (Greisinger 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Drese 0-0) at Seattle (Pineiro 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 1-1) at Anaheim (Escobar 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

WTC in top-10 in seven events at Howard rodeo

BIG SPRING — The Western Texas College rodeo hands hold eight top-10 places after the first round of the Howard College Rodeo.

Cody Carter remains in first in calf-roping after recording a time of 10.8 seconds in his event. Carter also is in eighth in team roping with an 8.5.

Guy Simanton and Sam Spreadborough hold down second and third in the saddle bronc competition, with Simanton earning a 72 and Spreadborough getting a score of 71.

Trent Cormier is sixth in saddle bronc with a 74.

Clay Bunney is holding second place in bareback riding with a 73.

Sabrina Lay stands in third in barrel racing with a 16.97, Ashley Hadley is fifth in goat-tying (9.9) and Jennifer Weeding is seventh in breakaway roping (3.7).

"We've got quite a few women going (Saturday morning), and our men are doing a good job," head coach Greg Rhodes said.

The rodeo is scheduled to conclude with the championship go Saturday night.

Blues forward arrested in murder-for-hire scheme

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Blues forward Mike Danton was arrested in an alleged murder-for-hire scheme, the FBI said.

Danton, 23, was arrested at the airport in San Jose, Calif., after the Blues were knocked out of the NHL playoffs in a loss to the San Jose Sharks on Thursday.

According to a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Illinois, Danton told a female friend that a hitman from Canada was coming to kill him and asked the woman if she knew someone who would kill the person for $10,000.

Danton, formerly known as Mike Jefferson, was suspended twice by the New Jersey Devils, who eventually traded him to St. Louis last June. He had seven goals, 12 points and 141 penalty minutes in 68 games this season with the Blues.

Sports Briefs

Golf team send-off

There will be a send-off for the Snyder golf teams at 9:15 a.m. Sunday in the sophomore parking lot at the high school.

Ladies play day

The WGA hosts a ladies play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Scurry County golf course. Format is queen of the hill.

Friday swingers

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

Sammy Baugh tournament

The Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament will be held May 1 Sammy Baugh Golf Course at WTC. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Golf: SHS boys at regional tournament, Nueva Vista, Midland
SHS girls at regional tournament, Ratliff Ranch, Odessa
Baseball: SHS JV at Merkel 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Golf: SHS boys at regional tournament, Nueva Vista, Midland
SHS girls at regional tournament, Ratliff Ranch, Odessa
Baseball: SHS varsity at Merkel, TBA
Softball: SHS varsity at Lamesa, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tennis: SHS in regional tournament, Ratliff, Odesssa

THURSDAY

Tennis: SHS in regional tournament, Ratliff, Odesssa
Rodeo: WTC at Tarleton State Rodeo

FRIDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity vs. Seminole, 7 p.m.
Softball: WTC at Midland College, DH, 4 p.m.
Rodeo: WTC at Tarleton State Rodeo

SATURDAY

Baseball: SHS JV at Seminole, 1 p.m.
Softball: WTC at Midland College, DH, 4 p.m.
Rodeo: WTC at Tarleton State Rodeo

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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Friday, April 16

Toronto 2, Ottawa 0, Toronto leads series 3-2
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT, Tampa Bay wins series 4-1

Saturday, April 17

Detroit at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 2 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

Toronto at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
Colorado at Dallas, TBA, if necessary

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, April 17

Boston at Indiana, 1 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 3:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

Milwaukee at Detroit, noon
Dallas at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 6 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

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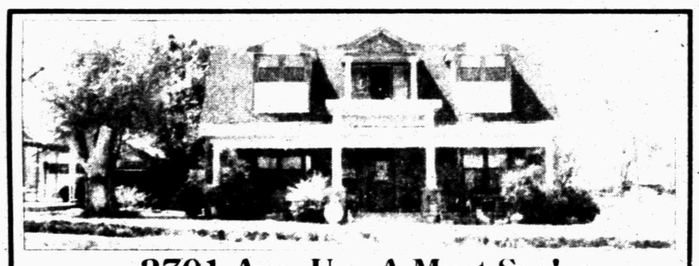
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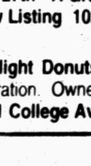
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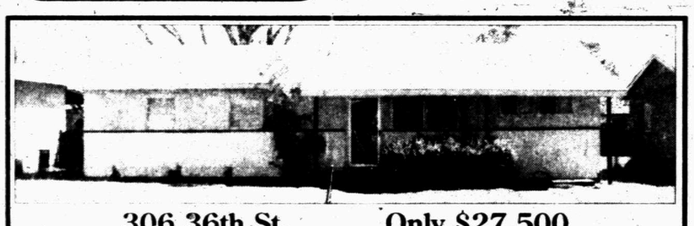
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2212 28th 2-2 CONTRACT PENDING $44.5T
2214 40th 3-2-1 SOLD $39.5T
3749 Avondale 3-1¾ $39T
New Listing! 1711 O'Neil 2-1-2cp $35T
Edge of Town - 1015 Mobile Rd. 3-1-2 ..$31.5T
217 36th Place 2-1-1 ..... $28T
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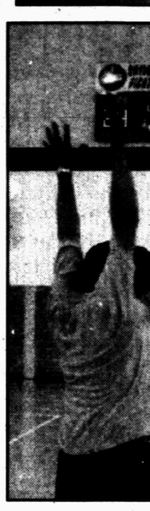
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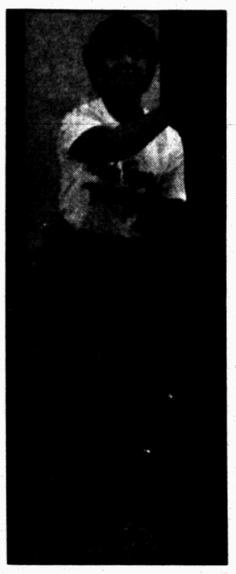
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Houston assistant principal files suit

HOUSTON (AP) — An assistant principal in the Houston school district said he was retaliated against after pointing out falsely reported dropout numbers at Sharpstown High School.

Robert Kimball said he now works at an elementary school in an office the size of a closet. He filed a whistle-blower lawsuit Wednesday in District Court. He is asking for his old job back and $250,000.

In his lawsuit Kimball said he noticed that Sharpstown administrators had incorrectly reported no dropouts for the 2001-2002 school year. Kimball said in the lawsuit that he knew of at least 30 students who had left the school.

Kimball said when he reported the discrepancy to HISD officials in fall 2002, administrators did nothing, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Saturday editions.

Kimball's allegations led to a Texas Education Agency review of 5,458 records of students who left Houston schools in the 2000-2001 school year. The TEA found that 2,999 of those students, who have since been reclassified as dropouts, had wrong or missing information.

A TEA-appointed monitor has recently reported improved dropout reporting practices by the district.

Houston ISD officials said Kimball did not report his concerns to administrators. Trustees have accused Kimball of being more interested in getting on television than the students' welfare.

"The allegations in this lawsuit are primarily the same allegations presented in Mr. Kimball's grievance," HISD attorney Kaye DeWalt said in a written statement. "The Board heard his grievance in January and denied it.

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Bin Laden will be captured some day

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An intense manhunt will ultimately net the United States' No. 1 enemy, Osama bin Laden, but there is no telling how long it might take, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Friday during a whistle-stop visit to Afghanistan.

Gen. Richard B. Myers denounced bin Laden's latest taped message, saying its barbarity was a reminder that U.S. forces are involved in "a fight for freedom and civilization."

Two and a half years after their al-Qaida group organized the deadliest terror attack in history, bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al-Zawahri are still at large and believed hiding in the craggy mountains between Pakistan and Afghanistan. A dragnet involving thousands of troops has also failed to track down Taliban leader Mullah Omar or renegade Afghan warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Catching the men is considered a top priority and would be an enormous boost to President Bush ahead of the November elections in the United States — the reward for information leading to bin Laden's capture was recently raised to $50 million.

Myers insisted he has not grown frustrated at the military's inability to locate bin Laden and his deputy, or at the terror leaders' success at smuggling out anti-American audio messages.

"We will be successful against al-Qaida and their leadership, but I'm not going to put a timeline on it, because I just can't tell you," he told reporters at Kabul International airport before departing. "One or two people hiding in very tough terrain where they have either paid for their security or have sympathizers ... this is very difficult work."

Buoyed by the capture of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, the U.S. military boasted in January that it was sure it would catch the al-Qaida chiefs by year's end. It backed off those predictions last weekend.

In the past month, Washington has ordered 2,000 Marines to Afghanistan to beef up a U.S.-led force that had already numbered 13,500 soldiers — taking troop strength to the highest level since the ouster of the ruling Taliban militia at the end of 2001. The forces, from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, have been arriving since late March.

The military has vowed a sweeping spring offensive to crush remaining Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts ahead of Afghan presidential and parliamentary elections scheduled for September. Myers said the election, and an expected uptick in terrorism during the spring thaw, were the main reasons for bringing in the Marines.

He said he did not feel any additional troops are needed in Afghanistan or Iraq.

The Marines are due to return to Camp Lejeune, N.C., in September. The unit is one of two rapid response outfits the Pentagon keeps patrolling the world's oceans year-round.

In the audiotape, which the CIA said appeared authentic and recorded in the last week, bin Laden offered European nations a truce if they pull troops out of Muslim countries — and threatened violence against the United States and Israel.

Myers said the tape "just reminds us once again what kind of extremism we are up against." and it is useful to have a reminder every once in a while about the type of threat we face and how serious it is to those who want to live in a free and democratic environment."

"This is really a fight for freedom and civilization in many respects," he added.

Lt. Gen. David Barno, the top American commander in Afghanistan, said Friday that fighting dropped off in recent weeks, perhaps a sign that the U.S. clampdown is starting to take hold.

"There is certainly less evidence of any offensive operations on the part of the enemy than we have seen historically during this time of year over the last two years," he said.

Captured soldier's hometown worried but relieved to see tape

BATAVIA, Ohio (AP) — The hometown of an American soldier taken hostage in Iraq was decked with yellow ribbons and American flags as friends and neighbors held a vigil to show support, saying they were relieved to see video footage of him even as they worried about his safety.

Army Pfc. Keith M. Maupin, known as Matt, was shown on video footage Friday surrounded by five masked men holding automatic rifles. He was captured April 9.

"We'd like to say, 'Matt, we love you and we can't wait until we get to hug you again,'" said Carl Cottrell II, a friend of the family serving as its spokesman. Cottrell wore a yellow ribbon pinned to his shirt and was flanked by military officers who went to the home to be with the family.

Cottrell declined to answer questions.

Police closed off Main Street in downtown Batavia on Friday night to accommodate several hundred people who gathered for the vigil.

An honor guard of former Marines stood in front of the county courthouse next to a 2-foot-by-21/2-foot photo of Maupin in uniform. Several members of the crowd wore a smaller version of the photo pinned to their shirts.

"He's a great kid," said Peggy Luck, a bus driver from Maupin's former southwest Ohio school district. "Every parent wants a kid to grow up to be like him."

Cottrell thanked the crowd for attending, saying the past week has been difficult for the family. "But the truth is, today brought somewhat of a ray of light, to know that Matt is still with us."

Yellow ribbons dotted the family's neighborhood of modest one-story houses about 15 miles east of Cincinnati. Several American flags were flying outside homes.

Stella Hiltbrand, a neighbor, said she did not know the Maupin family, displayed a yellow ribbon on her mailbox.

"I plan to get a bigger yellow ribbon and pray for him," she said. "I think that's the most important thing, to pray for him."

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Tape shows captive U.S. soldier

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An American soldier missing for a week was shown unhurt but clearly frightened in video footage aired on Arab TV, surrounded by masked gunmen who offered to exchange him for imprisoned Iraqi fighters and claimed they had more hostages.

There was no sign of what happened to a soldier who disappeared with 20-year-old Pfc. Keith Maupin after their convoy was attacked April 9 outside Baghdad during a wave of kidnappings blamed on anti-U.S. insurgents.

In Fallujah, west of the capital, Iraqis and U.S. officials held their second day of direct negotiations Saturday aimed at stemming violence in the besieged city. About a dozen representatives of the city met with top U.S. and civilian leaders.

"Things were very quiet in Fallujah last night, which means we are succeeding," said Hashem al-Hasani, a representative of the Iraqi Governing Council who has been mediating between the United States and city representatives.

U.S. commanders moved forces from a key bridge across the Euphrates River that also controls access to the city's hospital.

"There are a lot of risks that we accept by pulling away from the bridge so it will be a gradual process," said Col. Tom Toolan, commander of the 1st Marine Regiment.

The footage of Maupin, aired Friday, showed him in a floppy desert hat, sitting on the floor and nervously looking around. Men whose head were covered with keffiyeh scarves stood nearby.

"My name is Keith Matthew Maupin. I am a soldier from the 1st Division," he said, looking into the camera. "I am married with a 10-month-old son. I came to liberate Iraq, but I did not come willingly because I wanted to stay with my child."

The footage was aired during a day that saw several important Iraq developments. In Washington, President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, lead allies in the coalition that ousted Saddam Hussein, endorsed giving the UN broad control over Iraq's political future.

Commissioners court will meet on Monday

The Scurry County commissioners court will hear a request Monday for more personnel in one office and another request to help keep a state office open.

They also will meet in closed session about the possibility of joining a lawsuit against various oil companies who may have under-valued and under paid taxes.

The personnel request comes from Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd who will ask the court to allow her to hire one additional person in her office. The request is not an action item and will not be voted on Monday.

The commissioners had previously discussed a lawsuit against various oil companies that may have undervalued the value of oil pumped in Scurry County.

Department of Human Services officials will ask for the county's help in keeping the local office open. (See related story on Page 1).

The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday in the courtroom at the County Courthouse.

Study: Changes in ocean temps caused 1930s' Dust Bowl

LUBBOCK (AP) — Will-Allen Jameson still remembers the sound the huge, rolling wall of dust made before it reached her family's West Texas ranch.

"You could kind of hear a faint roar, and it would get real quiet," the 76-year-old Plainview woman said as she described one of the many dust storms she witnessed as a youngster. "Birds were alarmed. They could sense something was coming up."

It was the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s, a time when drought choked the Great Plains stretching across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado. Soil from America's breadbasket filled the skies. Sometimes a single dust storm lingered for days.

The storms were the result of drought and poor agricultural practices. Grasslands, which held soil in place, had been plowed and replanted with wheat. With rain, the crop was abundant. But when drought struck in the 1930s, farmers continued to plow and plant. With no ground cover remaining, the winds whipped the soil skyward.

Now, more than 70 years later, a NASA scientist studying moisture and air patterns in the atmosphere believes he may have stumbled upon why the drought occurred in the first place.

Siegfried Schubert, a meteorologist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., wrote in a study published last month in Science magazine that slight changes in the surface temperatures of two oceans created atmospheric conditions that caused the Dust Bowl from 1931 to 1939.

Chamber sets Monday meet

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors will culminate plans for the annual banquet and review two hotel/motel fund requests at Monday's board meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the chamber boardroom.

Requests for hotel/motel funds will be heard from representatives from the chamber banquet and the Western Swing Festival.

The banquet committee co-chairmen are Anita Talbott and Judy Moss. An update on the Wednesday banquet will be given by Talbott.

Executive director Vicki Shroyer will address the progress of the Sparkle City Clean-Up project in progress.

Directors will also discuss participation in the Relay for Life, April 23-24 at Tiger Stadium; Snyder Wheels, April 30-May 1 to be held on the downtown square; and the Senior Center May Day on May 8 in Scurry County Coliseum.

Four persons arrested in Snyder

• ***Arrests***

A 15-year-old male was arrested at 12:39 p.m. Friday on a request from the Texas Youth Commission.

Police responded to a 9-1-1 hang up call in the 2700 block of 37th at 10:53 Friday and arrested a 32-year-old man for interfering with an emergency phone call.

At 12:40 a.m. Saturday police responded to a call about a maroon pickup in which someone had a gun. Police found the vehicle in the 3600 block of College Ave., and arrested one 23-year-old male for public intoxication and a 21-year-old male for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

A 23-year-old female was arrested at 3:25 Saturday morning or misdemeanor driving while intoxicated on FM 1605.

• ***Aggravated Assault***

At 3:43 p.m. Friday, police responded to Northeast Elementary concerning a fight between elementary students in which one tried to stab another with a ball point pen. The juvenile was taken into custody and released to the parents.

• ***Fight***

Police responded to a report at 4:03 p.m. Friday in the 800 block of 27th St. of a fight between juveniles.

• ***Theft***

At 6:45 Friday morning a theft of items from a vehicle was reported at the Willow Park Inn.

• ***Burglary***

A cargo trailer was reported stolen in the 3300 block of Blockline Road at 1:17 p.m. Friday.

• ***Disturbance***

Police responded to a disturbance call at 4:26 p.m. in the 3000 block of Ave. M.

Calls came in at 11:19 and 11.48 p.m. Friday from the 600 block of Ave Q concerning several vehicles in which the occupants had reportedly had guns. However, none were found and a close patrol was initiated.

• ***Criminal Mischief***

A report of a car being keyed in the high school parking lot was made in at 6:53 p.m. Friday.

• An officer was flagged down by several people at the Park Village Apartments with reports of an explosion at the apartment. Police believe the explosion may have been fireworks.

Car packed with explosives seized

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi police on Saturday seized a car packed with explosives that they have been searching for since February, an Interior Ministry official said.

In a statement carried by the state-run Saudi Press Agency, the unidentified official said the wanted GMC Suburban was found "packed with an amount of explosives."

The vehicle was secured, the statement added.

No further details were released, including where the car was found or if anyone was arrested. Officials were not immediately available for comment.

In February, the Interior Ministry used TV broadcasts to warn Saudis, particularly residents in the capital, Riyadh, that there was an imminent threat of a car bomb attack involving a GMC Suburban.

The car found Saturday was the same vehicle mentioned in the TV warning.

Saudi Arabia has launched a high profile crackdown on terrorists following several attacks inside this oil-rich Gulf state, including a May bombing in Riyadh that killed 26 people.

Mauldin recognized for academic honors

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Leeja Mauldin of Ira has been named an All-American Scholar.

To qualify, students must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average.

In addition, the Academy has also announced that Mauldin has been named to its honor roll.

Leeja is the daughter of Claude and Pamela Mauldin of Ira. Grandparents are Archie and Rachael Luce of Piedmont, S.C. and Minnie Douglas of Bedford, Va.

Obituaries

Marvin Sentell

1931-2004

Marvin E. Sentell, 73, died at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Sentell was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Fane Downs, interim pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow in Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Marvin Sentell

Born Feb. 24, 1931 in Snyder, he was a graduate of Snyder High School and Texas Tech University. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1955.

Mr. Sentell served as an artillery officer in the U.S. Army for two years and worked in the district attorney's office in Fort Worth for one year before joining the office of Texas Attorney General.

He married Julie Tiffany on Nov. 1, 1975 in Snyder. Mr. Sentell returned to Snyder in 1988 to set up a private law practice until 1998. He was Democratic candidate for 132nd District Judge in 1992. Mr. Sentell was active in the Snyder Rotary Club, serving as club president in 1994 and as district governor in 1996. He also was a Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder where he served as an elder.

Mr. Sentell also was a director of the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, a director and past-president of the Historic Scurry County Inc., and a director of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas Family Pride Council.

He and his wife Julie also were active in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and served several times as host parents for exchange students in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Sears Sentell and Joe Sentell.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Sentell of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Holly and Mike Davis and Erin and Lawson Copley, all of Dallas; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Waylana Sentell of Lamesa and Mike and Susanna Sentell of Austin; a sister, Mary Sue Harbaugh of Anacortes, Wash.; four nieces, Susan Birkenfeld of Snyder, Diane Russo of Waco, Kelley Mabry of Spokane, Wash., Lois Harbaugh of Bellevue, Wash.; two nephews, Mark Harbaugh of Fircrest, Wash., and Charles Harbaugh of Seattle; a cousin, Anne Sears of Longmont, Colo.; and 10 grandchildren.

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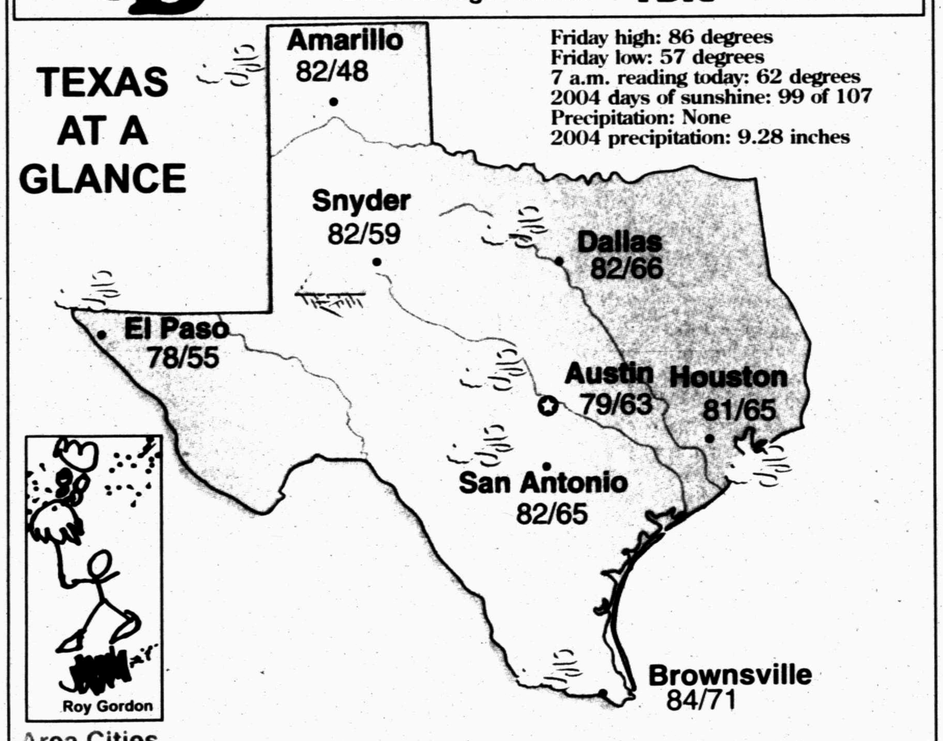
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Local 3-Day Forecast

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	62	windy	El Paso	78	55	windy	Midland	83	59	t-storm
Amarillo	82	48	windy	Fort Stockton	83	60	t-storm	Raymondville	86	68	windy
Austin	79	63	windy	Gainesville	81	62	windy	Rosenberg	81	64	windy
Beaumont	80	63	windy	Greenville	81	63	windy	San Antonio	82	65	windy
Brownsville	84	71	windy	Houston	81	65	windy	San Marcos	80	63	windy
Brownwood	83	62	windy	Kingsville	85	68	windy	Sulphur Springs	82	63	windy
Corpus Christi	82	70	windy	Livingston	81	61	windy	Sweetwater	82	61	t-storm
Corsicana	82	63	windy	Longview	83	62	windy	Tyler	81	62	windy
Dallas	82	66	windy	Lubbock	83	54	t-storm	Weatherford	82	62	windy
Del Rio	84	65	windy	Lufkin	82	62	windy	Wichita Falls	82	62	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	53	sunny	Houston	81	65	windy	Phoenix	81	58	sunny
Boston	58	50	pt sunny	Los Angeles	66	51	mst sunny	San Francisco	61	49	cloudy
Chicago	81	65	t-storm	Miami	78	69	windy	Seattle	55	45	rain
Dallas	82	66	windy	Minneapolis	70	50	t-storm	St. Louis	82	68	t-storm
Denver	61	35	windy	New York	76	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	81	61	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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SOLAR SYSTEM PROJECTS — Cindy Martini's fifth grade students completed a project on the solar system with students using creative ways to make a model of the nine planets by utilizing a variety of materials including bakers' clay, plastic eggs, styrofoam and wooden balls. The students are gearing up for the science TAKS test on April 29. Students pictured back row from left are Jacob Tollison, Brandon Elam, Blaire Toombs, Marcie Phillips, Emma Nunley, Michaela Jones and Karissa Medina; middle row, Angel Guerrero, Shelby Grice, Ricky Esquibel, Bryson Elliott, Kaitlin Bass, Adrienne Gonzales-Keller; front row, Chris Ward and Nelson Sears. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Public Records

Marriage License

Nathaniel Shane Jones and Jennifer Mae Gordon, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

West Texas State Bank vs. Davidson's Foods, suit on note.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Kyle William Smith and Jessica Marie Smith, divorce granted.

In the marriage of David S. Castillo and Rebecca K. Castillo, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Billie Ann Bennett and Paul Martinez Jr., divorce granted.

Deed Records

Treva Rae Hawthorne to Treva Rae Hawthorne, Trustee of the Moore Family Trust D, tract one being Lots 4 and 5 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1; tract two being the east 30 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 206, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being all the northwest one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Curtis and Delia A. Guynes to John W. and Wynelle F. Redman, an 0.805-acre tract out of Tract 45, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Mary Carolyn Boren Ezell to Mildred Jane Elmore, Lot 16 in Block 4 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Bob and Monette O'Day to Dean and Leticia Ann McJimsey, the south 7.4879 acres of Lot 25 of Round Top Acres, a subdivision of Sections 185 and 186, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Elmer and Patti Hebert to Fieldcrest Investors Partnership, 10 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 126, Block 3, H&GN survey.

First Baptist Church of Snyder to Bethel House of Prayer, Lots 1 and 2, and the south 100 feet of Lots 3 and 4, all in Block 33 of the Wenninger Addition.

Juan Garza to Weslee Allen Pharris, Lots 5-8 in Block 29 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Keith and Temi Matthies to George V. Edgar, Lot 13 in Block E of the replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Juanita Ellington, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Welcome Joe Ellington, et al, to W.D. Buchanan, all the north one-half of Lot 2, Block 24 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Ronald Keith and Debra Ann Ward to Genifer F. Johnson and Leslie W. Vantine, the east 23 feet of Lot 12 and the west 47 feet of Lot 11, both in Block 7 of the Highland Addition.

Diet: McHealthier? McDonald's adds adult Happy Meals

CHICAGO (AP) — Striving for a healthier image in the age of obesity, McDonald's is rolling out new Happy Meals specially for adults with salad, bottled water and pedometers — and coming soon for the kids, fresh fruit instead of fries.

Now it's up to the patrons of Big Macs and fries to decide how big an appetite they have for a healthier McDonald's, which unveiled its latest low-fat offerings Thursday as part of a new marketing blitz.

"If I want to eat healthy, I'll eat at home," said 33-year-old Chuck Horton as he lunched at a crowded McDonald's in Garrisonville, Va.

"I come to McDonald's for one reason: the fries. ... I think this healthy eating thing has gone too far," he said.

Horton and other fast-food lovers need not panic. The restaurant giant isn't changing the recipe for its burgers and fries — the financial meat-and-potatoes of its $6 billion-a-year U.S. operation — or dropping its triple-thick shakes.

A target of obesity lawsuits and a magnet for criticism that fast food is bad for you, McDonald's Corp. is simply trying to meet health issues head-on and show that it, like many of its customers, has become more diet-conscious. Top executives announced the new campaign in Washington, where U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson applauded McDonald's for promoting balanced eating and exercise.

The new "Go Active!" adult Happy Meals will be available in all 13,600 U.S. McDonald's on May 6, accompanied by brochures offering some gentle exercise advice: Walk more. Other changes will soon follow.

"We want to help adults achieve the right balance between their daily calorie intake and physical activity, and to help children adopt active, balanced lifestyle habits early on," said Mike Roberts, president of McDonald's U.S. business.

Food-industry experts credit McDonald's with taking steps in the right direction but voiced some skepticism about its new pro-health stance.

Bob Goldin, an analyst for the restaurant consulting firm Technomic Inc. in Chicago, called it ironic that the world's leading purveyor of fast food, "which has a lot of calories, fat, sodium, you name it," is trying to portray itself differently.

"Their menu has inched toward healthier, it certainly hasn't leapfrogged," he said.

The introduction of adult Happy Meals is just one in a series of related moves by McDonald's, which introduced white-meat chicken nuggets late last year and is phasing out super-sizing.

As part of the campaign, the company said that in June it will roll out healthier choices in its Happy Meals for kids nationwide, such as the option to substitute apple slices and juice for fries and soft drink.

It also will distribute brochures telling customers how to modify their McDonald's orders for lower fat, calories and carbohydrates, such as by skipping the cheese or bun. The promotion has been employed at its New York-region restaurants since January.

Also new: lowfat salad dressing, a fourth variety of salad, and providing nutrition information on Happy Meal packages starting in test markets.

Obesity and diet concerns have been forcing sweeping changes in the U.S. food and restaurant industries.

DeVito, Eastwood headline film board

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Photographers popped their flashes as if at a movie premiere and anxious spectators squeezed to get a glimpse of Hollywood elite Thursday as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger introduced five new appointees to the California Film Commission.

The appointments read like a Hollywood who's who list, led by Schwarzenegger pals Clint Eastwood and Danny DeVito. The others are actor-director Bill Duke, producer Tom Werner and producer-director Lili Zanuck.

Schwarzenegger announced the choices at a news conference that again showed how things in the Capitol are no longer the same now that the former action hero is in charge.

The news conference drew more than 50 photographers, reporters and TV crews who had to compete to gain seats in the tight quarters of the Capitol's main briefing room.

A lighthearted Schwarzenegger opened the session by admiring his appointees' stature and talent and noted that between himself, Eastwood and Zanuck "we have three Oscars" — three for Eastwood and Zanuck and none for Schwarzenegger. He also joked that the diminutive DeVito should serve as his stunt double in another "Terminator" sequel.

The selection of marquee names to the commission is aimed at bringing more national attention to California's problem of runaway film production.

High costs have forced film producers to take their projects elsewhere, often to Canada, and the lost income hurts the state and the nation, said the governor, who made many of his films outside California.

"Until now, no one paid any attention in Washington to the entertainment industry even though it is such a huge, successful export business," Schwarzenegger said.

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TO MARRY IN AUGUST — Gary Willingham of Houston and Judy Willingham of Dallas and former Snyder residents Glenn and Jan McCathern of Amarillo announce the engagement of their children, Ashlea Erin Willingham and Levi Glenn McCathern II. They are planning a 7 p.m. ceremony on Aug. 21 in Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas. (Contributed Photo)

Casual gatherings need fun snacks

Party foods that are tasty and comfort guests can also be easy to prepare

When planning a last minute casual party, the first two rules are to keep it easy and make it fun.

Sometimes there just isn't time to prepare things from scratch. Good thing there is plenty of party foods that can be prepared without much fuss at all. Grocery stores stock trays of cheese and crackers, vegetables, shrimp, chicken wings, deli meats and more.

PIGS IN A BLANKET

1 package Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies smoked sausage (any variety)

1 (8-oz.) can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

Heat oven to 375F. Cut each dinner roll in quarters. Wrap each Lit'l Smokie smoked sausage in one-quarter roll. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 375F for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with ketchup and mustard, if desired.

LIT'L SMOKIES CORN WRAPS

1 (11.5-oz.) pkg. refrigerated cornbread twist dough

1 (1-lb.) pkg. Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies smoked sausage (any variety)

Separate dough into 16 strips; cut each strip in half. Wrap dough around Lit'l Smokies smoked sausage and press ends together to seal. Bake as directed on dough package. Serve with Wild Raspberry Salsa: Mix 1 cup of your favorite salsa with 1 cup of seedless raspberry jam.

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CASSIE CALLAWAY AND DALE COOPER
JAMIE BRINKER AND ERIC MCCLENDON
CHELSEA WILDT AND BEAU TAFT
JENNIFER ROSA AND BRYAN BILLINGS
STORMY CLARK AND PAUL CAMP
TRISH PORTER AND TREY SHIRLEY
TERA KINCAID AND TREY GORMAN
COURTNEY MARTIN AND JEFFREY LEVENS
SUSAN BIGHAM AND WILLIAM TAYLOR
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By Phillip Alder

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♥ K Q 3
♦ 8 7 2
♣ J 2

West
♠ 10 7
♥ 7 4
♦ K J 10 9 5
♣ A K 7 5

East
♠ Q J 9 6 5
♥ 6 5 2
♦ 4
♣ 10 9 4 3

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Saturday, April 17, 2004

Show preference for one line of play

By Phillip Alder

Since the harsh winter weather had finally abated and the snow had melted, the Senior Life Master started his spring series of classes.

"The opener bids one heart. The responder has game values with exactly three hearts. How should he plan the auction?"

If the responder has four or five spades (continued the SLM), he should respond one spade, planning to rebid four hearts over two of a red suit by the opener. When the responder holds a balanced hand and no five-card minor, he should bid a natural, game-forcing two no-trump, intending to support hearts next. With a five-card minor, responder should bid that suit, then jump in hearts on the next round.

Now look at the North and South hands. How would you plan the play in four hearts? West begins with three rounds of clubs.

After giving them a minute to decide, the SLM resumed.

You could try to establish a long spade in the dummy. If the missing spades are 4-3 and the trumps 3-2, you will end with 10 tricks from three spades, five hearts, one diamond and one club. At around 42 percent, it is a fair line. With this layout, though, you would fail. However, there is something much better.

Pitch a diamond from the dummy on the third club, then play the ace and another diamond. In a moment, you will ruff a diamond with one of dummy's trump honors and finish with two spades, five hearts, one diamond, one club and that diamond ruff.

"Anytime you can take a ruff in the shorter trump hand, it is almost certain to be right," concluded the SLM.

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Bridge Scores

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club Scores

Friday, April 9

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

A Group

1. Linda West-Monte West
2. Sue Reed-Anita Talbott
3. Mary Beth Vestal-Jane Hinton
4. Nina Nesbit-Margaret Dillaha

B Group

1. Sue Reed-Anita Talbott
2. Nina Nesbit-Margaret Dillaha
3. Pat Floyd-Robbie Floyd
4. Dorothy Rosson-Patsy Williams

Tuesday, April 13

A Group

1. Margaret Presswood-Durelle Gorman
2. Pat Floyd-Robbie Floyd
3. Betty Gibson-John Gibson
4. Barbara Yorgensen-Dora Blakey

B Group

1. Margaret Presswood-Durelle Gorman
2. Pat Floyd-Robbie Floyd
3. Betty Gibson-John Gibson
4. Carol Miller-Betty Courtney

Dacus, Groves pledge vows

Kendra Danelle Dacus became the bride of Cody David Groves in a 7 p.m., Feb. 27, ceremony at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Dale Huff, minister of 37th Street Church of Christ, officiated the double-ring rites.

The bride's mother is Rhonda Dacus of Snyder and the groom's parents are David and Shirley Groves of Midland.

The Wagon Wheel Ranch barn was decorated with sunflowers, horseshoes and candles. The couple stood under a sunflower and horseshoe decorated wooden arch the bride's grandfather built for them.

Bryson Elliott, cousin of the bride, and Megan Williamson, friend of the bride, were candlelighters.

Cory Williams from Lubbock played the "Wedding March" on the fiddle along with other wedding songs.

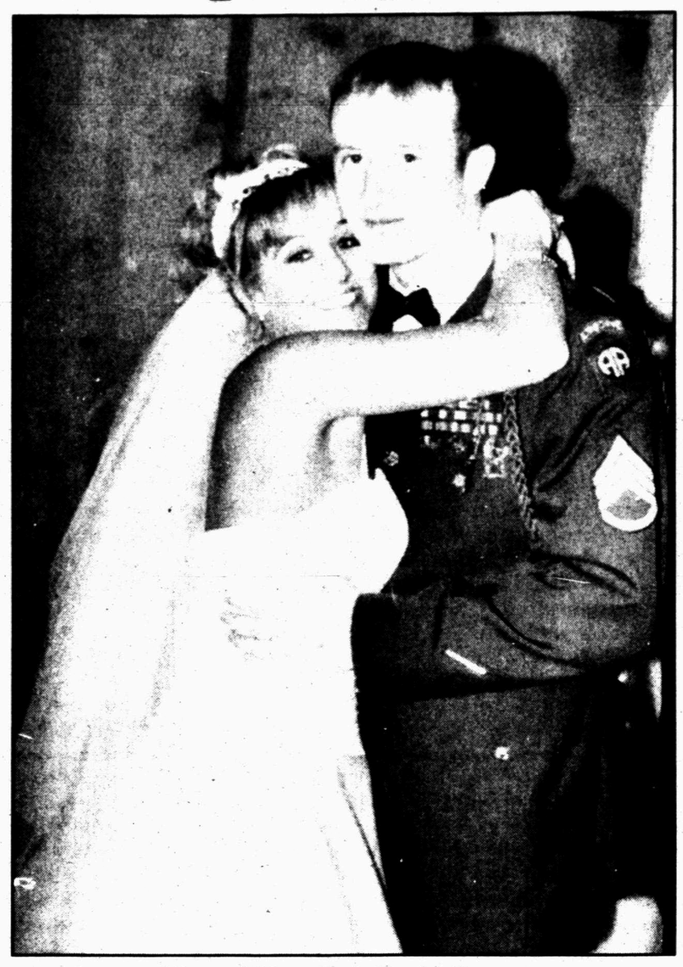
The bride, given in marriage by her grandfather Travis Elliott, wore a stunning gown of white Italian satin from Mary's. The bodice was ornately beaded with silver bugle beads, rhinestones and sequins. The design was further enhanced with silver thread.

The halter neckline featured a spaghetti strap, beaded to match the bodice. The basque waistline allowed the soft A-line skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a dramatic mid cathedral train. The skirt and train were beaded to echo the look of the bodice.

To complete her ensemble, she chose Cinderella slippers and a stunning tiara of rhinestones finished with illusion that was sprinkled with rhinestones.

A large sunflower centered her bouquet. It was surrounded with small wildflowers and was tied with a hot pink and turquoise ribbon.

Effie Elliott, aunt of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were sisters of the groom from Midland, Summer Groves and Sarah Groves. They wore two-piece, hot pink satin dresses made by JoRetta Elliott and Shirley Groves, the groom's grandmother and mother. They carried bouquets of small sunflowers and wild flowers with hot pink and turquoise ribbon. Friendly Flowers was in charge of wedding flowers.



Mr. and Mrs. Cody David Groves (Contributed Photo)

Flower girl was Emma Williamson and ring bearer was Austin Elliott, cousin of the bride.

John Beasley of Fayetteville, N.C., was best man. Groomsmen were Tim Hankins and Greg Morgan, both of Fayetteville, and ushers were Ricky Elliott, uncle of the bride, and Burton Sandefur of Hermleigh.

The groom, SSG Cody Groves, wore his Army dress greens; Sgt. Beasley and SSG Hankins, also wore Army dress greens, and Morgan wore a black tuxedo.

The reception also was held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. The bride's table was decorated in country-style with a black and white cow-print tablecloth, hot pink tulle, sunflowers, miniature hay bales and horseshoes. Punch was served from a tin bucket.

The three-tiered white horseshoe-shaped cake was decorated with matching wedding flowers and topped with a cowboy and cowgirl bride and groom. It was made by Donna Dupree. Serving were Sue McGuire and cousins of the bride, Billie Doty and Sherrye Cooper

The groom's table was covered with a turquoise cloth, chocolate horseshoe cake, bales of hay and his childhood boots with sunflowers in them. Lanterns also graced the tables.

Serving at the groom's table were Becky Gonzales, cousin of the groom of Midland, and Betty Hartman, aunt of the groom, also from Midland.

Following their honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, the couple are at home in Fayetteville where the groom has been stationed for five years. The bride, a 2000 graduate of Hermleigh High School, attended Western Texas College.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, director

Happy National Library Week. This next week the Scurry County Library will celebrate National Library Week by having some special drawings. Just come in and check out some books, and you may put your name in the drawing for a gift. Each day a library staff member will draw a name, and you might be a lucky winner.

If you have not been to the library lately, come by and see all the new books awaiting your enjoyment. There are fiction books for every desire, and nonfiction for every subject.

During the past three weeks, I have had to be in Lubbock everyday, Monday through Friday. Some days I was only there for a couple of hours, and other days I would be there all day long, going from one doctor's appointment to another. Although we spent a lot of money on gas, I found I saved a lot of money also.

You see, while riding to Lubbock and while waiting for appointments, I read an average of four books a week. At three weeks worth of trips, that equals twelve books. When I figure the average price of a book at Sam's, it is usually around $19. That price of a book multiplied by 12 equals $228. I cannot afford to purchase that amount in books in three weeks, so fortunately, I know where my public library is located.

I also searched the TexShare databases on the Internet while at home in order to find out more information about a certain medication.

If my family had subscribed to this database, it would have cost at least $50-$100 a month, so there is another savings, just as a result of the Scurry County Library belonging to the Texas State Library System.

So many Americans and many in Snyder do not realize what a blessing we have when we have access to all information at no charge.

I can look up a subject and make my own judgement, instead of having to watch someone on television tell me what they want me to believe. Plus, there is the added bonus of no commercials! I can read my Sunday School lesson and consult several different Bible translations at the library to further understand teachings.

I can locate valuable information to help me in life. The biggest enjoyment, however, is reading a good fiction book to relax my mind and take me away from life's worries for a short while, or to read a nonfiction book by Patsy Clairmont who makes me laugh and relax. The added bonus is my brain cells receive constant exercise.

I have lived in places with no libraries, and to be honest, I got tired of reading my same books over and over again. That is why I am so thankful for American libraries, where anyone can check out books and enjoy the reading experience.

What does it cost me? It costs me nothing.

Come get your library card at the Scurry County Library, and enjoy the world of reading. Happy National Library Week from the Scurry County Library.

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trail and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved.

—Helen Keller

Clarification

Snyder Daily News received incorrect information for a baby shower picture that ran Sunday, April 11 on page 4B. The name Laura Mackert should have read Laura Huckert.

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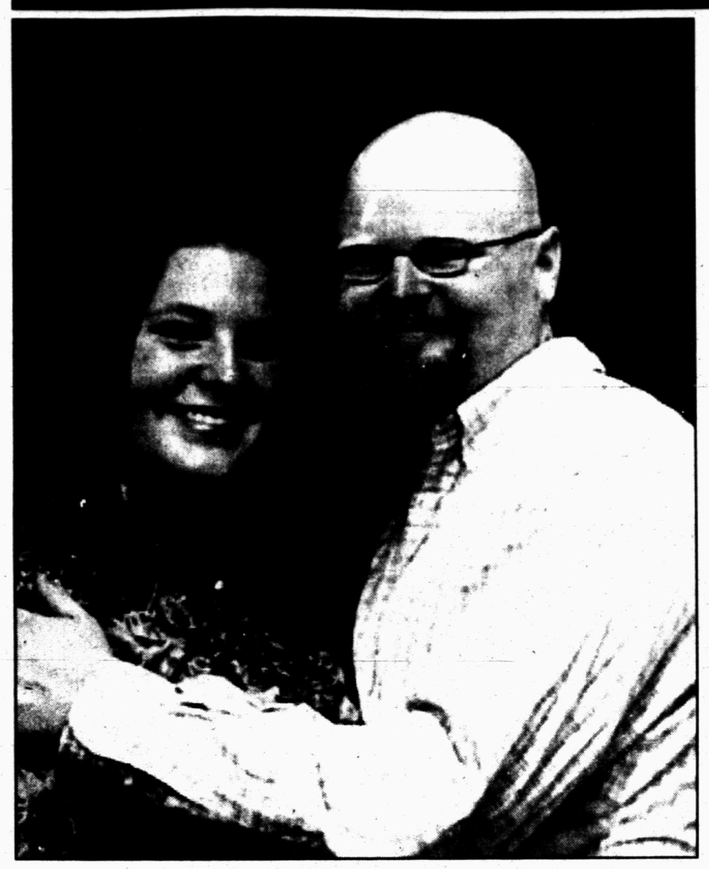
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LINDBERG-FARLEY SET VOWS — Dewey and Donna Farley of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Dane Matthew, to Marla Lindberg. Both Dane and Marla are graduates of the New England Culinary Institute of Burlington, Vt. She is the daughter of Ken and Lisa Lindberg of Kansas City, Kan. Dane and Marla are planning an outdoor wedding at 3 p.m. on April 25 in Telluride, Colo. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; a 7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Alpha Study Club; Scurry County Library; hostess, Ladean Rhodes; 2 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; "Being a Child Again," by Linda Devitt and her Barbie Dolls; Jo Flynn and Sandra Robinson, hostesses; placed to be announced; 4 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

Named spokeswoman

ROME (AP) — Presidential niece Lauren Bush has been named honorary spokeswoman for the World Food Program's new student campaign against global hunger.

The campaign's aim is to encourage high school and college students to take up the "neglected" cause of ending world hunger — the No. 1 killer in the world today, the Rome-based food agency said Thursday.

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk pouch. Breakfast menu offiers juice, and cereal and Toast.

ALL SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
Monday
Oatmeal
Tuesday
Pancakes & Syrup
Fresh Fruit
Wednesday
Ham & Egg Biscuit
Thursday
Waffles & Syrup
Sliced Apples
Friday
Cheese Toast

Elementaries
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger
Beef Parmesan Sandwich
Lettuce & Pickles
Mixed Vegetables
Applesauce
Tuesday
Steak Fingers
Beef Nachos
Corn
Spanish Rice
Gelatin
Wednesday
Chicken Burrito
Chef Salad
Green Beans
Peas & Carrots
Peaches
Thursday
Ravioli
Soft Beef Tacos
Mexicorn
Refried Beans
Pineapple Chunks
Friday
Cheese Pizza
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Mixed Salad
French Fries
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Junior High School
Monday
Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mixed Vegetables
French Fries
Chilled Pears
Condiments
Tuesday
Steak Fingers
Nachos w/Beef
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Golden Kernel Corn
Lettuce & Pickles
Spanish Rice
Fruited Gelatin
Wednesday
Chicken Burrito
Chef Salad
French Dressing
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Breadstick
Peas & Carrots
Chilled Peaches
Thursday
Ravoli
Soft Beef Tacos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mexicorn
Refried Beans
Chilled Pineapple Chunks
Friday
Hot Dogs
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mixed Salad w/Dressing
Mixed Vegetables
Chocolate Chip Cookie

High School
Monday
Parmesan Sandwich
Green Chili Chicken Casserole
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Lettuce & Pickles
Mixed Vegetables
Chilled Pears
Condiments
Tuesday
Steak Fingers
Nachos w/Beef
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Golden Kernel Corn
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Fruited Gelatin
Wednesday
Chicken Burrito
Chef Salad
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
French Dressing
Mexi-Rice
Broccoli Salad
Chilled Peaches
Thursday
Ravioli
Soft Beef Tacos
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mexicorn
Refried Beans
Chilled Pineapple Chunks
Friday
Cheese Pizza
Hot Dogs
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Beef Burrito
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Mixed Salad w/Dressing
Mixed Vegetables
Chocolate Chip Cookie

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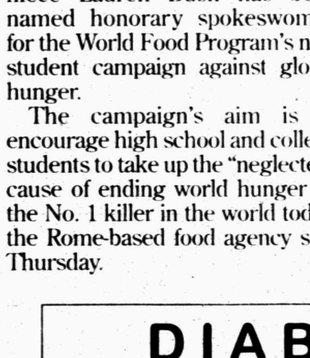
All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfast offers juice.

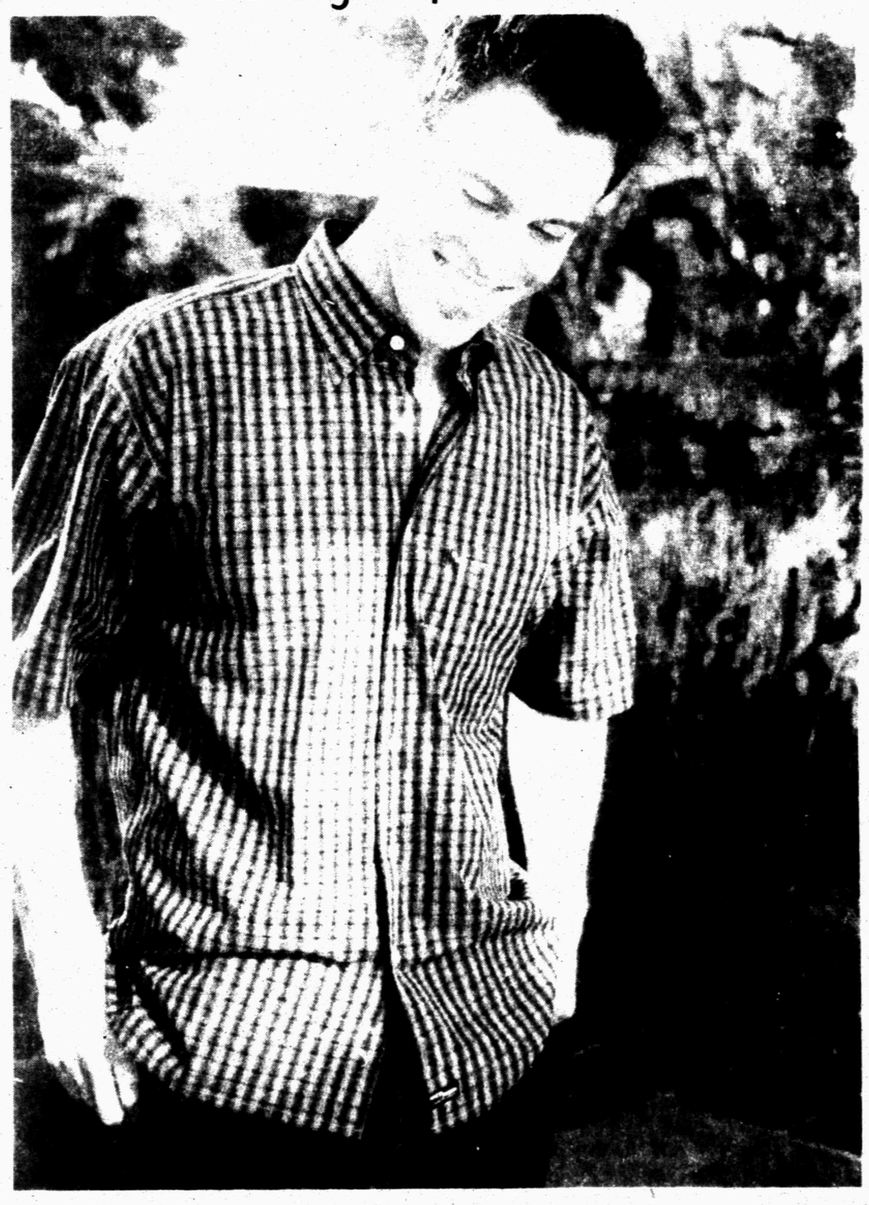
BREAKFAST
Monday
Biscuits and Gravy
Sausage
Tuesday
Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday
Homemade Burritos
Thursday
Sausage on a Stick
Friday
Waffles & Bacon

LUNCH
Monday
Patty Melts/Grilled Cheese
Potato Wedges
Pork 'n Beans
Pineapple
Tuesday
Fish Sticks/Chicken Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Bread
Peach Cobbler
Wednesday
Chicken Casserole/Peanut Butter Sandwich
Salad
Ranch Style Beans
Cake
Thursday
Corn Dogs/Barbecued Sausage
Fried Okra
Parsley Potatoes
Corn Bread
Jell-O & Whipped Cream
Friday
Chicken Fried Steak/Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been chronically overweight and have tried a variety of diet plans, including Weight Watchers, the grapefruit diet, the Atkins diet and several others. The problem is that while I can successfully lose weight on these diets, I cannot keep the pounds off. I lose, I gain; I lose, I gain. This is a frustrating experience and I feel bad about myself. But these diets are impossible to maintain — at least for me. What do you suggest?

DEAR READER: First, don't come down hard on yourself. Your on-off pattern does not reflect a personal failure. Rather, it is a common consequence of most weight-loss programs. Experts estimate that more than 90 percent of dieters regain unwanted pounds within a year after losing weight because most diets are too inflexible and restrictive for long-term use.

Second, I suggest that you try my "no sugar, no flour" diet.

By eliminating these foods, you will reduce unnecessary calories in your meals. You may continue to consume modest portions of meat, poultry, fish, salads, vegetables and fresh fruit. But if a food contains sugar (table sugar, corn syrup, brown sugar, honey, maple syrup, molasses and so forth) or flour (such as pasta, bread, muffins, most dry breakfast cereals and baked goods), it should not be consumed. Natural fruit sugar (fructose) and milk sugar (lactose) are OK.

Here is the best part of my diet. Once you have reached your weight goal, you can start to relax the diet. Have an occasional pizza, enjoy a sandwich or toast, eat pasta. In other words, stay off refined sugar, but introduce modest portions of flour-containing foods.

Weigh yourself weekly. If you maintain your goal, continue your (modified) diet. If you have gained, cut back again. If you have lost weight, further modify the diet. In this way, you should be able to maintain a constant weight without too much effort. It's a lot easier, for example, to vary your weight by a pound or two than to "pig out" and face a 20-pound challenge.

Also, I suggest that you stringently diet (no sugar, no flour) in preparation for holidays and special occasions. This will enable you to break the diet in these instances, without having to deal with post-holiday, "overweight blues."

I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight" which includes my no sugar, no flour diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

NOTE: A recent Dr. Gott column about playing the harmonica as a form of respiratory therapy erroneously referred to the Wisconsin Easy Breathers organization. We apologize for any confusion this caused. If you would like to learn more about this form of lung therapy, go to the NurseZone Web site at www.nursezone.com and search for the word "harmonica."

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on male menopause. My otherwise sane, stable, honest, successful and loving husband of many years began an affair at 61. When he ended it, the disappointed woman became so enraged that she telephoned and told me everything. She sounded so coarse and vulgar that I couldn't believe he would have had anything to do with her. However, when I confronted him, he confessed. We got counseling, were tested for AIDS and went on with our lives.

I have since spoken with other women whose husbands did the same — or refused to bathe, became hypochondriacs, bought a sports car, stood on the street ogling women or pawed females at parties.

Apparently, a man in his 60s can be a very dangerous creature! It's been several years now, but sometimes I look across the dinner table at my husband and wonder who he really is.

DEAR READER: I appreciate how you feel. You think you know someone and then, after several years, Wham! You're hit with an unpleasant surprise.

It sounds to me as though your husband exhibited behavior that is more commonly associated with "midlife crisis" than with male menopause. (Anyway, several authorities question the whole concept of male menopause, which is supposed to cause moodiness, hot flashes and loss of sexual interest.) In contrast, midlife crisis often causes men to get "itchy" after many years of marital fidelity. They long to "break out" and recapture some of their youthful passion. Also, as much as it distresses me to say so, men may become bored with their spouses. Irresponsible, somewhat childish behavior may result.

You are to be congratulated for handling the situation in a rational, constructive and mature manner. Many women, given the same scenario, would have dumped their husband and financially cleaned his clock. Fortunately for your husband, you chose a more constructive, forgiving and circumspect approach.

Still, maybe you don't really know your husband after all. And perhaps your job as a couple is to get to know each other all over again. This can be fun as well as challenging. It requires nonjudgmental, open communication. You may want to enlist the help of your counselor from time to time to get over the rough spots or head off trouble before it starts.

As someone in his 60s, I hope that men my age may be "dangerous creatures" — within reason, of course. Frankly, many middle-aged wives are bored by the numbing over-familiarity of marriage, and by their husbands, who have settled into life a bit too comfortably in an easy chair with a beer in one hand and the TV remote in the other.

Therefore, such men must once again become less predictable and more experimental with respect to their behavior and attitudes. They need to have more verve, rattle the cage now and then — but with their wives, using care and consideration. The key here is to work as a couple, not to go off on some wild and destructive tangent.

You raise an interesting question: Can we really ever know our spouses?

Can we really ever know ourselves?

Thanks for writing and, I hope, provoking discussion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following my last mammogram, I was instructed to have an ultrasound exam for further resolution of two cysts. My gynecologist decided that aspiration wasn't necessary because I've had fluid removed from breast cysts in the past. I'm concerned about this decision. Could this be cancer that hasn't been diagnosed?

DEAR READER: The fact that you had fluid removed from previous breast cysts probably means that your two new cysts are benign and simply reflect harmless fibrocystic disease, a common condition in middle-aged women. That is, your mammogram and ultrasound exams appear to be consistent with fluid-filled breast lesions that do not need to be biopsied or drained.

If you feel uncomfortable about this decision, you have the right to request a second opinion from a surgeon, who will review the testing you have had, discuss the situation with your gynecologist and present you with a recommendation.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a previous column you discussed the dangers of vitamin E. I have fibrocystic breast disease for which my gynecologist has prescribed 500 IU of vitamin E daily. Are there benefits, or is this just a waste of money?

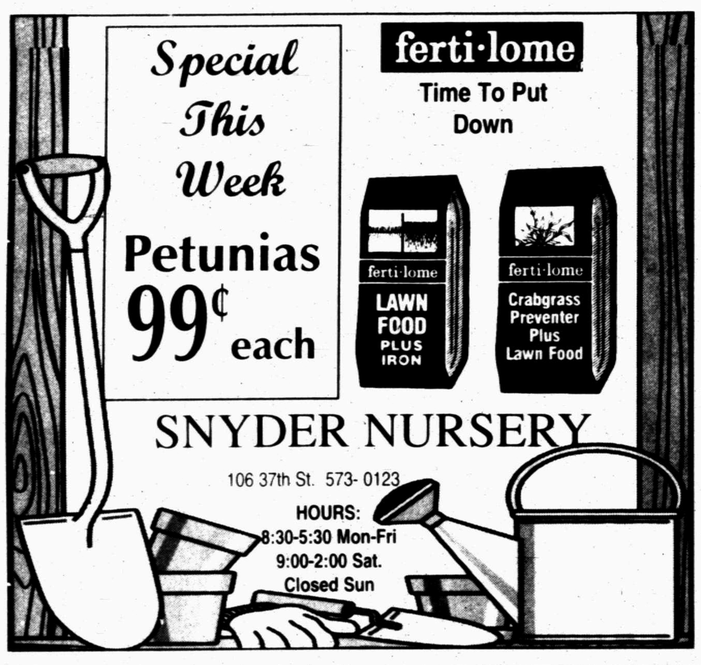
DEAR READER: I'm afraid that you misread my column. Vitamin E is not dangerous, even in large dosages (above 2,000 international units) a day. The Recommended Daily Allowance is 10 IU a day.

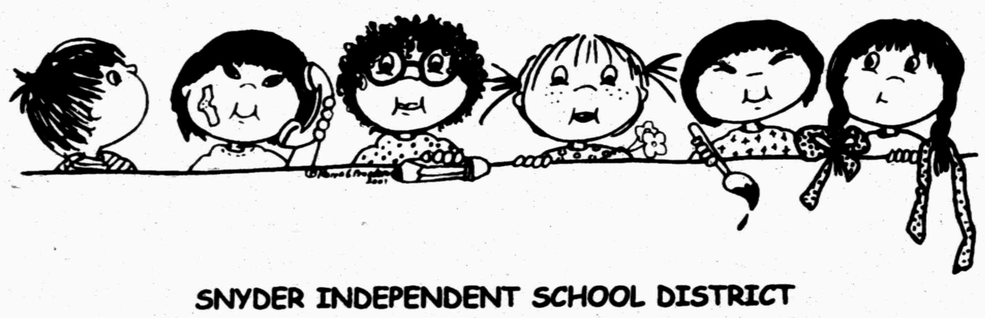
For unknown reasons, vitamin E helps the breast pain and swelling caused by fibrocystic disease, a common and benign disorder in women causing painful, fluid-filled cysts in the breasts.

Therefore, I agree with your doctor. Follow her advice.

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

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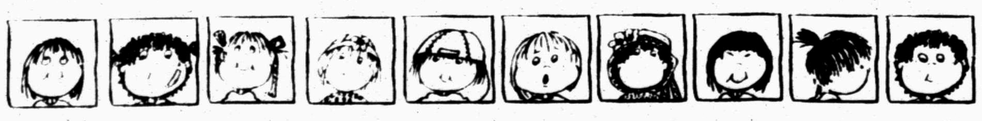
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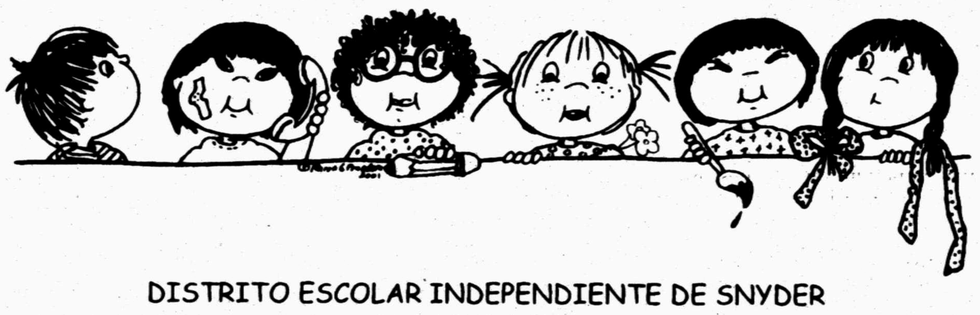
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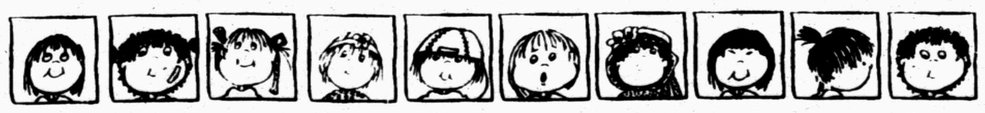
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Great-grandkids haven't excuse for ignoring family matriarch

DEAR ABBY: My mother is 102. She lives in a nursing home where everyone loves her. She is an inspiration to all. She is unable to walk but her memory is fine. In the three years she's been there, I've visited her every day except two.

Mother has more than a dozen great-grandchildren, all adults now. There wasn't a single happy event in their lives that she didn't commemorate with a gift or card. How sad, Abby, that since she's been confined, they've shut her out. They don't visit or send greeting cards for special occasions — not even Christmas.

When I visit her, it hurts to see the tears in her eyes as she asks about each one. They are all living well, and distance is not a problem. They just don't take the time.

Please, print this in your column. They all read it. If they heed your advice, maybe smiles will replace the tears on Mother's sad and forgotten face. — **DISAPPOINTED IN CHICAGO**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: You're complaining to the wrong person. Pick up the phone and direct your dismay at "the great-grandchildren." Remind them that your mother is of sound mind and that isolation can be a killer. One nice thing about nursing homes is the fact that many patients can be taken out of them for a meal or an outing. If your grandchildren are not aware of it, be sure to let them know.

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DEAR ABBY: I am in the process of trying to quit smoking, and I have a pet peeve.

Sometimes when I'm home relaxing and watching television, a commercial for a product to help people stop smoking will come on. Abby, the sight of a cigarette gives me the urge to smoke!

Since the surgeon general was wise enough to ban cigarette ads on TV, why are they allowed to advertise smoking cessation products and show lighted cigarettes? The sight of that burning cigarette in the ad starts me craving.

It's torture to those who are trying to quit. Please help me encourage stop-smoking advertisers NOT to use cigarettes in their ads! Thank you. — **TRYING TO QUIT SMOKING IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR TRYING TO QUIT: I'm printing your letter because you have a valid point. There have been times when 15 minutes after watching a food commercial, I have found myself in the kitchen with my nose in the refrigerator. Since marketing is such a large part of our culture, the lesson here may be that people can never let down their guard.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband has run up telephone bills amounting to $15,000. His credit cards are maxed out on "900" numbers. That's not all — our two children can't go online without something sexual appearing on the screen or someone sending an instant message, thinking they are talking to my husband about sex.

When I leave the house, he immediately puts our daughters in their rooms and goes online to porn sites or to talk to women. He is taking much-needed money from me and our children to get his kicks. I have begged him to stop, but the problem is getting worse. Should I stick to my word and leave him if he doesn't quit? — **WORRIED WIFE IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR WORRIED WIFE: Yes. Because your husband's problem affects the children, it is time to draw the line. He isn't behaving that way for "kicks." He appears to be severely addicted to sex.

If he's receptive to getting help, he should contact the Augustine Fellowship. It's an international organization of more than 1,000 groups — a 12-step program based on the principles of AA. It serves people who want to break their patterns of sex and love addiction, or obsessive/compulsive behavior. The Web site is www.slaafws.org; the phone number is 781-255-8825.

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DEAR ABBY: I am so mad! My husband doesn't understand my feelings and told me to write and ask for your opinion.

We threw a swimming party for our son's fifth birthday. We invited a few of his closest friends from kindergarten, along with their parents, and his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

went inside to change my clothes and ran smack into a burglar. He tied me up with cords from the window blinds; then he used one of my husband's ties to gag me and left me squirming on the floor. I was bound so tightly I couldn't work my way out of the room.

I figured someone would come looking for me. I am an extrovert, and I was sure my absence would not go unnoticed. I wriggled around for what seemed like an eternity before anyone came looking for me. In reality, it was 45 minutes of misery before my husband walked in, trailed by our children.

My family and our guests had not noticed I was missing for all of that time! Abby, I was crushed. They have tried to explain it away, but I am mortified. I can't seem to get over this. My family thinks I am making too much of it, but I find myself breaking down in tears all the time. What do you think I should do to get over this and get my life back on track? — **ALL TIED UP IN PALM SPRINGS**

DEAR TIED UP: You have my sympathy, and there is a name for what you are experiencing: It is post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It often occurs in people who have survived a disaster, such as an earthquake, flood, car accident or being a victim of a crime. The feelings of anger you are aiming at your family and friends should appropriately be aimed at the burglar who invaded your home, hog-tied you and violated your sense of security.

Before any more time elapses, I urge you to ask your doctor to refer you to a psychotherapist who specializes in PTSD. Please don't wait to make the call, because it's the quickest way to resolve your anger and feel better.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Danny," is obsessed with his cousin's little daughter, to the point where he thinks she is his (and acts like she's his, too). If Danny doesn't see her often enough, he says he's in "withdrawal." She doesn't live near us, so it's expensive getting her here. Danny is out of work at the present time, and doesn't consider the fact that I'm the one earning the money.

I have an older child from another relationship, and I would love for Danny and me to have one of our own. However, he says we can't afford another child. It hurts me that he wants his cousin's child, but not mine.

Danny accuses me of being jealous. Am I overreacting? — **RESENTFUL IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR RESENTFUL: Money may be tight now, but you and Danny could benefit from marriage counseling. Your questions are valid, but the person providing the answers should be your husband — in the presence of a referee. His attachment to his niece does seem excessive. (Could the child really BE his daughter?)

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DEAR ABBY: My live-in boyfriend of 12 years won't let me visit my never-married girlfriends on the East Coast. He says they're man-haters, which has some validity. But these are long-time friends who share intellectual interests he and I do not. How can I manage his feelings and have my freedom, too? — **MANAGING HIS FEELINGS**

DEAR MANAGING: You're asking the wrong question. His feelings are his feelings. His insecurities are his insecurities. You can't fix him; only he can do that.

He is only your live-in — not your husband and not your warden. The question you should be asking yourself is why you are allowing him to dictate who you can and cannot visit.

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Kentucky Legislature latest to struggle with new budget

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Joining a list of states struggling over money in tough times, Kentucky's General Assembly deadlocked over whether to overhaul the tax code and adjourned this week without passing a budget.

The impasse involves Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher's plan to cut income and business taxes while raising taxes on tobacco and alcohol, among other things. The stalemate comes as the GOP-controlled Senate and Democrat-controlled House fight for advantages in legislative elections this year.

In neighboring Virginia, the Legislature should have adjourned nearly a month ago but was still trying to pass a budget this week. A tax increase is the hang-up.

Last year, legislatures in eight other states — California, Connecticut, Oregon, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Nevada — started fiscal 2004 without budgets as disagreements over spending and taxes dragged past July 1.

In Kentucky, Fletcher inherited a budget shortfall upon entering office in December and ordered $300 million in spending cuts. It was the fourth straight year in which revenue fell short of budgeted spending. And within the past year, Kentucky's tax laws governing holding companies and cable television franchises have been declared unconstitutional.

Of Kentucky's 138 legislators, 41 Republicans and seven Democrats have signed the no-tax pledge promoted by Washington-based Americans for Tax Reform, as has Fletcher himself. Before presenting his plan, Fletcher cleared it with Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform.

In a plan designed to placate legislators who signed the no-tax pledge, Fletcher proposed a new tax code that would broaden certain taxes on corporations but at lower rates and make a modest cut in individual income taxes.

Fletcher wanted to raise taxes on tobacco and alcohol and put a replacement tax on communication services, which for the first time would have included satellite television.

Democrats came out against the plan, saying its net effect would be tax cuts for business and tax increases for most individuals. The House refused even to take up the measure, and both chambers adjourned Tuesday night, the 60th and final legislative day allowed by the Kentucky Constitution.

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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 18, 2004

The year ahead could turn out to be quite a lucky one for you in matters that involve relationships. Chances are you will establish several friendships that will turn out to be rather significant in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Success becomes more likely today when you find ways to share with others what you hope to gain for yourself. It will inspire them to want to support your efforts any way they can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A joint venture can be successfully concluded today, provided you and those with whom you're involved at this time collectively pull all of your forces together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your greatest asset today is your ability to sway others to your way of thinking. You can use this effectively with both your social interactions and your business negotiations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Because you're willing and prepared to make adjustments at times when your antagonists aren't, the odds go up and become greatly tilted in your favor in all competitive situations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're looking for ways to improve upon your competence today, operate in situations that require imagination and creativity, and that will impassion you. Projects done by rote will be boring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — New information may come your way today that could turn out to be helpful to you in developing a second source of earnings. Listen carefully when the wise ones speak.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Thoughtful action on your behalf will go quite far today in shoring up an important relationship that has been beginning to teeter a bit lately. Put yourself out and be your old sweet self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Financial conditions today could go in the direction you had being hoping for. Be alert for this material opportunity, it may only be temporary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Today could be an especially good day for making valuable new social contacts that may be helpful to you in other areas of your life. Get out and circulate and see what comes of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Because you're a good problem solver today, it enables you to turn two doubtful situations that have existed for some time into something financially beneficial to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Packaging and presentation will be of extreme importance today in being able to sell your proposals in ways that could benefit you personally. Use your imagination to help things glitter.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The aspects indicate that your material prospects are extremely encouraging today, provided you don't put limitations on your thinking. If the other guys can hit it big, so can you.

Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Monday, April 19, 2004

There are better than average chances that advancement or recognition in your chosen field of endeavor will be awarded you in the year ahead. You might even skip over a couple of associates with more seniority.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't become discouraged today if financial conditions aren't living up to your expectations. There's a shift about to occur, and chances are you will soon find things a whole lot better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is a good day to release something you've been working on for quite awhile if you feel it is ready to be launched. Your chances are better than average now for your innovations to be accepted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You are now entering a cycle where good deeds you've done for others in the past are apt to be reciprocated. One or more could come about today. Be a grateful receiver.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Involvements with large organizations or business connections could offer special benefits for you today. The most probable rewards are apt to come from associations you've nurtured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Conditions are ripe for you to make a leap forward involving your work or career, so it's to your advantage today to establish far loftier goals than usual. Chances are you'll be successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Special knowledge and expertise you've developed and established through hard work and personal experiences over a long period of time can be put to good use today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There are lots of business opportunities about you today. One in particular may come to your attention through an old, reliable contact who has given you good leads in the past.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Starting today, but lasting through the next few weeks, you may form several new alliances. Although each will be for different purposes, they all will have excellent chances for success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you think your recent efforts deserve special recognition, don't be shy about bringing it up to the boss today. Reminding your boss of your contributions could lead to a bonus or promotion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A person you know socially who respects you greatly may open a door of opportunity today that has real merit attached to it. Don't take it lightly, because it could end up meaning a great deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Several troublesome situations that have been causing you concern will now be concluded successfully. Today marks the beginning of this favorable turn of events.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Any bright ideas you get today should not be treated indifferently or ignored because you think you're not capable of achieving them. What you envision at this time may work out better than you imagine.

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Greenspan urges restoration of trust

WASHINGTON (AP) — In light of the corporate scandals of recent years, companies need to work harder than ever to restore trust in the operation of the nation's financial markets, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Friday.

Greenspan predicted that such trust can be restored, but he warned of serious consequences if it is not.

"Recent allegations on Wall Street of breaches of trust or even legality, if true, could begin to undermine the very basis on which the world's greatest financial markets thrive," he said in remarks to a financial conference sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Greenspan said that Americans had lost sight of the need for trust in their business dealings because of a false sense of security that laws and government agencies would protect them in their financial dealings.

"Corporate scandals of recent years have clearly shown that the plethora of laws of the past century have not eliminated the less savory side of human behavior," Greenspan said in remarks delivered by satellite to the conference at Sea Island, Ga.

Greenspan predicted that the market place will now push businesses, in light of the scandals, to strive harder to show honesty and integrity in their dealings with customers.

And Greenspan warned that if businesses don't make such an effort, lingering distrust by investors could prove to be a serious harm to the functioning of America's financial markets.

Greenspan said in order to restore trust, guilty parties "should be expeditiously punished."

He said that some rules governing the financial markets may need to be updated, but he cautioned against carrying regulation so far that it harms the proper functioning of markets.

Mandy Moore loves performing

WASHINGTON (AP) — While other young performers play up their sexuality, Mandy Moore says she doesn't feel comfortable doing that.

"There are those out there that definitely play up their sexuality and whatnot, but I don't and I never really have, so it's kind of weird to kind of see yourself in that light or for people to regard you in that light," the 20-year-old actress-singer told AP Radio in an interview.

Her films include "The Princess Diaries," "A Walk to Remember" and "Chasing Liberty." Her upcoming movie "Saved!" also stars Jena Malone, Macaulay Culkin and Patrick Fugit.

Would she ever give up singing?

"No. Never. Never. Music is my passion. It's my priority. I love it," Moore said. "And it kind of challenges me each and every time the fact that the music isn't necessarily the most successful thing that I have going on in my life. I love music and I guess I have less expectations or pressure to kind of put on myself because the music hasn't been some huge sensation."

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

Alcohol Awareness Month

Do you have a problem with alcohol?
Do you drink because you have problems?
Do you drink when you get mad at other people, friends or parents?
Do you prefer to drink alone rather than with others?
Are your grades starting to slip? Are you goofing off on your job?
Do you ever try to stop drinking or drink less and fail?
Have you begun to drink in the morning, before school or work?
Do you gulp your drinks?
Do you have blackouts/forget what you did while drinking?
Do you lie about your drinking?
Do you ever get into trouble when you're drinking?
Do you get drunk when you drink, even when you don't mean to?
Do you think it's cool to be able to hold your liquor, do you brag about how much you drink?

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to drink alcoholic beverages. That is the number one reason why you should not be drinking!

Number two is your health — alcohol blocks the messages going to your brain and alters your perceptions and emotions, vision, hearing, and coordination. Number three are the long-term effects of heavy alcohol use. Effects include loss of appetite, vitamin deficiencies, stomach ailments, skin problems, sexual impotence, liver and heart damage, central nervous system damage and memory loss.

When you stop smoking, your lungs can begin to repair damage done. When you stop drinking, the brain cells lost from drinking do not return, they are not replaced! DON'T START DRINKING!

Quick Facts

Alcohol is illegal to buy or possess if you are under 21.

Wine coolers have as much alcohol as a beer or a shot of whiskey.

Drinking increases the risk of injury. Car accidents, falls, burns, drowning, and suicide are all linked to alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol is a DRUG!

Alcohol can ruin your looks, give you bad breath and make you gain weight.

Play it safe... drinking can lead to DEATH.

Having a designated driver is no excuse to drink. Drinking at home or sticking to only beer does not make drinking any safer.

Drinking puts your health, education, family ties and social life at a huge risk.

For more information call 325-574-1931. If you have a problem, don't wait. Enjoy the holidays. Don't drink and you will remember the holidays!!

Alcoholism is a disease, just like diabetes or high blood pressure. It can make people do things that later bring remorse or embarrassment. But having the disease is nothing to be ashamed of. People from all walks of life are affected by this disease, rich and poor, old and young, educated and uneducated... over 30 percent of teenagers aged 14-17 have used alcohol and other drugs and paid the consequences: arrests, highway crashes, DWI's, health problems, and impaired school and job performance. A significant number of these teens have determined that they are alcoholics and are getting help through Alcoholics Anonymous. Don't wait till it is too late. Seek help now!

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For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

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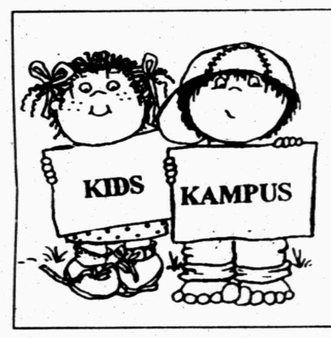
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Arbitrator orders American to pay millions to union

FORT WORTH (AP) — An arbitrator has ordered American Airlines to pay more than $23 million to its pilots' union, ruling that the world's largest airline improperly subcontracted regional flights.

The Allied Pilots Association had contended that Fort Worth-based American, which had inherited contracts with two regional carriers flying under its American Connection name, was booking those flights under a different system to circumvent terms of its labor contract.

Arbitrator Stephen Goldberg, in his ruling Thursday, agreed that American executives did not act in good faith when they changed the way that American Connection flights were booked.

"We are very gratified with the decision, in which the arbitrator agreed that American violated what had been clear language in our contract," Steve Blankenship, an American captain who is a union spokesman, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Friday's editions.

American executives in a statement said they believed that they "fully complied" with the pilots' contract. The arbitrator's ruling cannot be appealed.

The APA has been strapped for cash since revenue from dues dropped after last year's concessions deal in which American said the favorable terms helped it avert bankruptcy.

Soon after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, American had changed the way it labeled flights on two regional carriers, Trans States Airlines and Chautauqua Airlines, that flew from St. Louis. American had inherited contracts with the regional airlines when it bought TWA in 2001, and both airlines flew under the American Connection name.

American, in October of that year, began booking those flights under a different flight code, with the trips not technically considered American flights. Pilots contended that American was using the label change to get around terms of its contract that limited the amount of flying that could be done by regional affiliate American Eagle.

Pilots argued that, by using a different name for the American Connection flights, the airline could boost the number of flights on Eagle. They said that move reduced the number of American Airlines flights, resulting in additional pilot layoffs. Pilots for Eagle and the American Connection carriers receive less pay than counterparts at American Airlines, making those flights cheaper to operate.

Last year, American halted the practice when the airline signed its concessions deal with pilots. Goldberg ruled that the airline still owed pilots for the amount they would have been paid for the flying that was improperly diverted — totaling more than $23 million.

"While we do not agree that a monetary award is warranted, we look forward to continuing the positive steps we have taken to improve our relationship with the" union, American's statement said.

Blankenship, asked if the union would forgive the payment, said, "Absolutely not."

World Almanac

Saturday, April 17, 2004

Today is the 108th day of 2004 and the 29th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1524, Italian navigator Giovanni da Verrazano, sailing for France, led the first European expedition into New York Harbor.

In 1861, Virginia seceded from the Union, the eighth state to do so.

In 1961, a group of CIA-trained exiles launched an unsuccessful invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nikita Khrushchev (1894-1971), Soviet political leader; Thornton Wilder (1897-1975), playwright/novelist; William Holden (1918-1981), actor; Norman "Boomer" Esiason (1961-), football player, broadcaster, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1953, Mickey Mantle of the Yankees hit a home run at Washington's Griffith Stadium that was measured at 565 feet.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Seek the lofty by reading, hearing and seeing great work at some moment every day." — Thornton Wilder

TODAY'S FACT: U.S. clothing stores sold nearly $600 in apparel for each man, woman and child in 2002.

TODAY'S NUMBER: -272 — Temperature in degrees Celsius of the Boomerang Nebula, the coldest known place in the universe.

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

Sunday, April 18, 2004

Today is the 109th day of 2004 and the 30th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride, warning, "The British are coming!"

In 1906, the Great San Francisco Earthquake struck.

In 1942, U.S. bombers, led by Lt. Col. James Doolittle, hit Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clarence Darrow (1857-1938), lawyer; Wendy Barrie (1912-1978), actress; Haley Mills (1946-), actress, is 58; Conan O'Brien (1963-), TV personality, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1983, Joan Benoit won her second Boston Marathon by an extraordinary 6 minutes, 45 seconds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Just think of the tragedy of teaching children not to doubt." — Clarence Darrow

TODAY'S FACT: In 2002, U.S. farmers harvested more than 23 million tons of potatoes.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,545 — Area in square miles of Rhode Island, the smallest state in the United States.

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

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LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASS

Scurry County Parks and Recreation Department & Western Texas College will be offering a lifeguard training class May 1st – May 2nd .

Prerequisites for lifeguard student:
Participant must be at least 15 years old on the first class day.
Participant must swim 500 yards in this order:
A) 200 yard front crawl (free-style stroke)
B) 100 yard breast stroke
C) 200 yard breast and/or free-style
Participant must swim 20 yards; retrieve a 10-pound object at a depth of 8-10 feet and swim back 20 yards.

Class will be held at Western Texas College Pool
Cost: $110 ($50 deposit is required)
Dates: May 1st & 2nd

Interested students can reserve a place in this training by calling Western Texas College at 573-8511 ext. 390

Spring into Motion



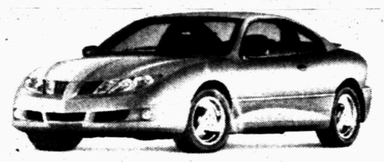
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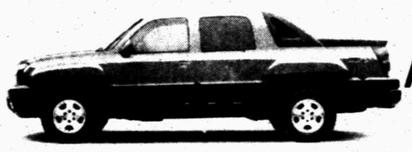


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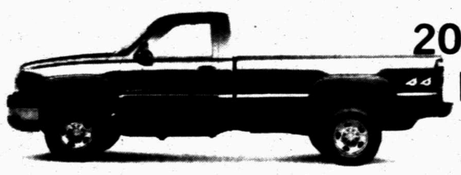
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Letters to the Editor

Moving Wall

Dear Editor:

On Friday April 9, my husband James and I had the opportunity and privilege of going to Johnson City to view the Moving Wall. This is a half-size replica of the Wall honoring the service men and women killed in the Vietnam War.

In my mind I thought Scurry County had only lost one service man. I knew his last name was Deere, but I did not remember his first name. At the information tent there was a list of all the names and location on the wall.

These names were listed by state, then city. When the aide found Snyder I was so surprised because there were five men from Snyder, one from Hermleigh and one from Fluvanna, only they had it spelled Fluvanne. I did not think to ask about Dunn or Knapp.

From Snyder: Donald Deere, 7E, Line 69; Jerry Rodgers 24E, Line 41; Reynaldo Rodrigues 20W, Line 51; William Rollins, 42W, Line 43; Richard Russell 1W, Line 7; from Hermleigh William Odstricil, 7W; Line 100; from Fluvanna, Aaron Hartness, 56E, Line 24.

We found each one of these names and I touched each name and said "Thank You" to each one of them for giving their life in the service of their country.

It is hard for me to think of words to explain the feelings I had to see so many names listed, just as close as they could get them, and to know that each one of them was a service man or women that did not come home.

Looking back I don't know why I didn't know there were these others from Scurry County. Even now I have no idea as to how many Vietnam veterans there were. I would like to say "Thank You" to each and every one of them now. I do appreciate the service you did for your country, also.

I have read and heard stories that hurt my heart to even know about. So, I can only imagine what it is like for all of your and your families for the things you went through then and since then. Thank you all again.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Halbert

Signs

Dear Editor:
I enjoyed Mr. West's column dated 4-15, about old abandoned signs on closed businesses around town.

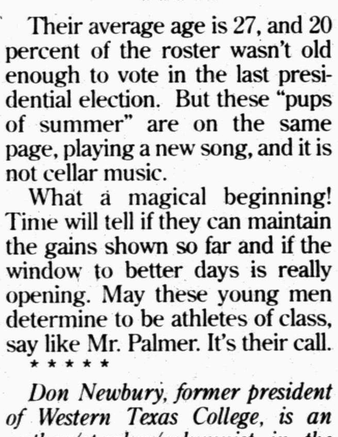
As a coincidence, I had spoken to a gentleman at city hall about the possibility of an abandoned sign ordinance around a year ago. Nothing ever happened. Do you think that the sign (CITY HALL) has been abandoned also?

Richard Dupree

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Cogdell Hospital	8
Snyder ISD	3
DCOS	3
City of Snyder	3
Ira ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	1
WTC	0
Scurry County	0





Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

Scriptural as it sounds, the oft-quoted statement originated just 45 years ago — on Broadway — when Rogers and Hammerstein unveiled their classic musical, *The Sound of Music*. "When God closes a door, He opens a window somewhere."

As Arnold Palmer walked slowly toward his final putt at Augusta National Golf Club, a door was quietly closing on 50 straight years for the golfing king at the Masters. Meanwhile, in another venue almost a thousand miles away, a 23-year-old Texas Ranger baseball player led his teammates in opening a window of hope for a downtrodden franchise where too much has gone miserably wrong for too long.

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The kid is Laynce Nix — a guy whose first name looks misspelled — on a team of no-names. At this point, they are mere pups, but they are a band of brothers committed to proving the pundits wrong. Nix, a Midland High School graduate drafted by the Rangers straight out of high school, was a bonafide star in the home opener. He batted .500, including one homerun into the teeth of a brisk breeze. He also made two against-the-fence catches in centerfield and there were "oooohs and ahhhhs" from the record crowd of more than 50,000 fans.

Lost in the roar of a massive crowd were cheers from his "designated relatives," a dozen fans including cousins, uncles, aunts and a grandmother. On the phone a few dozen times was his uncle, Ross Williams. In fact, it was phone-to-ear more often than not. Ross was trying as best he could to keep Laynce's folks apprised about Ball Park happenings.

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His parents — Laynce and Leslie Nix of Midland — were in Tulsa for a minor league baseball game. Wait a minute — they weren't shunning Laynce. Their younger son, 21-year-old Jayson, is a baseball professional, too, and he was penciled in to start at second base for the Drillers against the Frisco Rough Riders.

And the game was rained out.

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Jayson, drafted by the Colorado Rockies in 2001, was his brother's teammate at Midland High School. Both were MHS baseball stars, both have won numerous minor league honors, and both bring smiles to proud parents who pledge to give "equal time" to sons in their baseball pursuits — like in everything else. And Uncle Ross, or another designee, will man the phones so mom and dad can know what's going on with their other son at another park — all season long.

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Clearly, Ranger baseball is fun again. (If A-Rod wants to be a part of the Texas legacy, he should pony up some of his Texas millions to buy naming rights for The Ball Park. They could call it ARF — acronym for A-Rod Field.)

I pick the band of brothers over Alex Rodriguez — and all prima donnas — now and later. Such bands don't make demands of preference, they don't point fingers of blame, and they don't describe their 24 teammates as "boys." The Rangers are frisky, energetic, and fun-loving, so the "pup" moniker is okay. But — not "boys," the word A-Rod threw out to describe his former teammates the other day.

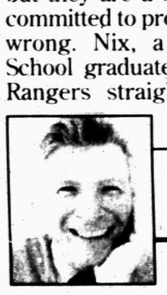
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Their average age is 27, and 20 percent of the roster wasn't old enough to vote in the last presidential election. But these "pups of summer" are on the same page, playing a new song, and it is not cellar music.

What a magical beginning! Time will tell if they can maintain the gains shown so far and if the window to better days is really opening. May these young men determine to be athletes of class, say like Mr. Palmer. It's their call.

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Don Newbury, former president of Western Texas College, is an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. His column appears weekly in 100 Texas newspapers. He may be contacted at 817.447.3872.



The Village Idiot — by Jim Mullen

Remember the first word in 'funeral' is fun

We just got back from a huge family reunion. Or as some people like to call it, a funeral. We haven't had this much fun in ages. We hadn't seen most of the people in years. Aunts, uncles, first cousins, second cousins, cousins forcibly removed. Bob's first wife's brother and Bill's high school buddy Jack, the doctor who delivered Sue, and in-laws from the out-of-town side of the family.

People say funerals make you think about your own mortality but what they really make you think about is other people's mortality.

"I thought Ed looked good. For being on chemo. You can hardly tell that's a wig."

"I didn't know Shirley was still alive. How old is she now? A hundred and eight?"

And Shirley was fun. We drank like underage college kids on spring break in Cancun. Hey, we're in mourning, what's their excuse? It was so much fun that many of us are hoping someone else dies soon so we can do it again. But next time we'll do a few things differently.

Next time we'll get a hotel room. We tried, but you know how relatives are — they get all huffy and offended if you don't stay with them. It's worse than fighting over a check at a restaurant.

"Stay in a hotel? What's wrong with you? You'll stay with us, we won't hear of anything else."

Big mistake.

You don't have to leave the bathroom the way you found it in a hotel. You can let the water run. You don't get scalded when you're in the shower and someone on the other side of the house flushes a toilet. You don't have to make the bed in a hotel. You can stay up till all hours and watch any channel of television you want, and not just the Weather Channel.

Nieces and nephews won't wake you up at 6 a.m. in a hotel. Coughing, hacking, runny-nosed, grabby, touchy little nieces and nephews. Great. I've just caught every disease that's going around the second grade this week. It's no longer the common cold. It's mutated into something that's a cross between the Ebola virus and the plague. "That's what probably carried your Grandpa off in the first place," I think but don't say.

You can order room service in a hotel. Somehow, I can't see my sister-in-law wheeling a cart down to our room every morning filled with eggs benedict and double lattes. Besides, she's busy making food for the wake.

Let's see, we've had a memorial, a church service, a viewing, a sitting, a luncheon and a dinner. She's now making something to take to the wake. All the relatives that haven't yet moved to Florida are making something that 200-plus people can nibble on. Ribs, hams, sausages, pastries, pies and cakes. Not a vegetable in sight.

"It's comfort food," says Sue. Yes, a comfort to the heartburn tablet industry. Three days of that and I'm about to die myself.

We would also rent a car. "What do you need to rent a car for? You're only going to be in town a few days. We'll pick you up at the airport. We'll take you anywhere you want to go." Another mistake. I'd like to go antiquing. I'd like to go golfing. I'd like to go see an Adam Sandler movie. But you can hardly ask the bereaved to run you over to Happy Times Golf Course to play a quick nine holes.

If we had stayed in a hotel and rented a car, who would be the wiser? Instead, we sit at home, stare at each other and say things like, "It's sad that the only time we get together like this is funerals." It may be sad, but what's so wrong with people getting together at a funeral? What would be sad is if no one got together at your funeral? If no one laughed about the silly things you did when you were alive, the practical jokes, your most embarrassing moments? And if you haven't done anything silly or had any embarrassing moments, what makes you think you're alive?

Jim Mullen's latest book, "My First Wedding: A Primer for Modern Couples," was just published by Simon & Schuster. He also contributes regularly to Entertainment Weekly, where he can be reached at jim_mullen@ew.com

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News

France, Germany refuse to adapt

France and Germany are the big cheeses of what Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has described as "Old Europe." An undiplomatic phrase? Perhaps. But judging by the current state of affairs in both countries, the designation "old" — as in crabby, feeble and resistant to change — is apt.

The governments of President Jacques Chirac and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder are dealing with widespread public discontent, stemming in large part from persistently high unemployment and sluggish economic growth. Yet the public remains stubbornly defiant in the face of attempts to rein in generous social spending by the vast welfare state bureaucracies. The French and the Germans no longer can afford their welfare states, yet they can't bring themselves to abandon them.

There's a French word for what grips both nations: malaise. It's a word commentators used to describe the speech that Jimmy Carter delivered to a national TV audience in July 1979 — an address that recognized the crisis of confidence then paralyzing America. There's a straight line from the malaise speech to the election of Ronald Reagan 16 months later, which restored America's self-confidence and brought about painful but necessary reforms (as Britain had embraced earlier with the election of Margaret Thatcher).

We will see if there are any Reagans or Thatchers in France and Germany. In the meantime, we Americans should learn the lessons of our allies' crises. In an era of globalization, reality will wash away economic and social structures that seemed permanent. If France and Germany don't find ways to embrace reform and arrest decline, they will write one more lesson into the history books: Old nations never die; they just fade away.

Houston Chronicle

Reaching out to Iraq

Seven years ago, Saddam Hussein ordered the right hands of six Iraqi small businessmen amputated and crosses tattooed on their foreheads.

Their crime? Saddam blamed them for Iraq's crumbling economy.

Iraqi secret police videotaped the mutilations, as they did many of the regime's atrocities. Last spring Don North, an American video producer and former television correspondent, viewed a copy of that tape in Baghdad, according to the Houston Chronicle and the Associated Press.

North was so shocked by what he saw, he decided to do something about it.

North found the six men. With institutional and individual support, he brought them to Houston last week where doctors will fit them with prosthetic hands, treat their scarred foreheads and provide rehabilitative care.

"Every one of us has had pain from that day until now. I feel like there is a knife cutting me from the inside," Bassim Al Fadhly told the Chronicle.

The struggle to rebuild Iraq is at the center of world events. The struggle to rebuild Iraqi lives often goes unnoticed. The good deeds of North and others have helped put back together six lives shattered by brutality.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Federalizing crimes against fetuses

President Bush and members of Congress may be patting themselves on the back for protecting pregnant women and their unborn children with a bill signed into law on April 1. But for all its emotional appeal, the legislation is being oversold.

First of all, this federalization of assault or murder — both of which typically are covered by state law — is being driven largely by Republicans who in other contexts rail against federal judges, whom they consider too activist to be trusted.

Second, although the law makes it a crime to injure or kill a fetus, it applies only to 68 federal offenses, such as an interstate kidnapping or an assault on federal property. It will not provide a penalty for a murder prosecuted under the law of a state that doesn't separately criminalize harm to a fetus. Third, the legislation is named for slain mother Laci Peterson and her unborn son, Conner, but it has nothing but symbolic meaning for that case because those killings already are covered by California statute.

At least 29 states, including Texas, make it a crime to kill or injure a fetus that a woman intends to carry full-term. Those laws correctly recognize that losing a wanted, planned-for, eagerly anticipated child before birth to someone else's malevolence or even negligence is a wrong to that family and to society. They also show that the states already are addressing the issue without Congress stepping in to exploit tragedy.

Tax blues vs. tax Red, White and Blue

By Ed McAnally

Did you just finish your income taxes like I did? I sometimes feel that I do not mind paying the taxes as much as I dislike all the bookkeeping. Many little lines and every one a calculation confound my bifocals and my brain.

I often finish and wonder why all the trouble—considering I am not paying the government any more than that? Why couldn't I just pay what I paid last year and avoid the bookkeeping quagmire?

However, I get a patriotic rush from the knowledge that I sent more money to Washington to support America than Enron did for years while it was king of Wall Street. Not only am I patriotic—I must be quite a financial power player. The Government Accounting Office verifies I paid more income taxes than two-thirds of the foreign multinational corporations who do business in the United States.

According to Reuter's, the GAO reported that 71% of foreign companies paid no taxes on American profits and 61% of domestic companies paid no taxes. Most American companies paid no taxes from 1996-2000. So if you did, you are supporting our nation like a real trooper!

Some corporate spokespersons might argue that corporations already pay other taxes. (As if the rest of us do not have sales taxes, gasoline taxes, city taxes, county taxes, school taxes, etc.) Furthermore, corporations are rather more likely to enjoy tax abatements from taxing entities than we are.

North Dakota Senator Bryon Dorgan and Michigan Senator Carl Levin released a GAO study showing that 100 American companies have 464 tax haven subsidiaries. Need to site your business headquarters in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, too?

I would like to complain to my congressmen —not about my taxes — but about the multinational giants' paying nothing. Yet I don't seem to have "access" to Washington like the Cayman Islands do.

"Sunday Morning" commentator Ben Stein said it's a national embarrassment to ask our military to serve for such low pay. He gave the example that a master sergeant with five years experience, a wife, and two children would be pressed to stay above the poverty line.

Then Stein took an inspiring stand. He stated his preference, as one of the top 1% of the taxpayers benefiting from the Bush tax cut, that his tax cut money go to those defending our nation. He noted that were the rest of the top 1% to do likewise, military persons could have a $10,000 raise. My hat is off to you, sir.

WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Softball Field Dedication
Sunday, April 18
12:45 PM
Games @ 1:15 & 3:15

Sunday, April 18, 2004 Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Pruitt Community Room Dedication

On Sunday, April 18, from 2 to 4 pm WTC will hold a dedication for the Pruitt Community Room. It will be a come and go reception. The Pruitt family will be present and Dr. Jim Palmer will speak briefly in honor of Dr. Franklin Pruitt. The community is invited to attend.

At the November board meeting, WTC President, Dr. Greg Williams announced that the faculty dining room would be named in honor of Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt. It was announced that the name of the room would be the Pruitt Community Room.



Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt

The room will be available to be rented out by the community.

Dr. Pruitt was born in Waco, Texas, on February 1,1927. He was one of six children. His father passed away when he was seven years old and his mother moved all the family to a farm in Lindale, Texas, so that she could better provide for them.

After World War II began, three brothers and a sister were in the service. Not wanting to be left out, Franklin hitchhiked to Tyler every weekday in the summer of 1944 so that he could graduate midterm. His mother would not sign for him to go into the service until he completed high school. He entered the coast guard in January 1945 and in May, his mother walked across the stage to pick up his diploma.

After the war was over and he was discharged he went to Baylor University and received his BA degree with a major in history and a minor in journalism.

During the Korean Conflict, he again served his country but this time he was in the Navy.

He came to teach at Snyder High School in 1952. Besides being a history and journalism teacher, he was very involved in the sports program.

He received his Master of Education from East Texas State in 1955. Also in 1955, he married Elois McDow, who was a native of Snyder.

In 1974, Dr. Pruitt began teaching at Western Texas College. He was a professor of history and government.

He received his Doctor of Education from Texas Tech University in 1978.

Dr. Pruitt was the recipient of the first student senate and Phi Theta Kappa award honoring the "Outstanding Campus Personality" at Western Texas College.

Dr. Pruitt and Elois have four children. Deborah Boyd who is married to Gaylon Boyd. They have four children: Samantha, Ben, Matt and April, Cecile Cheatham, married to Mark Cheatham, who has two daughters Laurie and Katie. Kyle Pruitt, and Kevin Pruitt with wife Christie and two boys Lucas and Noah.

Shortly before his retirement in 1988, Dr. Pruitt remarked to his wife that he never one day dreaded going to work. It was always a pleasure, even when he was running a temperature and was sick.

A close friend, Dr. Jim Palmer, Dean of Academic Instruction, recalls Dr. Pruitt's love of teaching. He would get to the door, lift his head and shake off the illness, for an hour or so, no student had a hint that he was not well.

His great love was teaching. An aunt offered to pay all his tuition, books, and support him while he was in college if he would choose another profession. He turned it down and never regretted that decision.

He loved history and could remember almost everything he read. At restaurants, where he and Elois ate, he would look at the bill and whatever the total was, he would translate it to a date and tell the cashier what happened in that year. Some were not impressed but an owner of a restaurant said after his death, "I will never have my history lesson again."

One professor at Western Texas College told his student, "If you have questions concerning anything in history, go ask Dr. Pruitt. He was there." After hearing him teach, you felt as if you were there.



Shay Franks and Amber House Named as Mr and Miss WTC

The Annual Spring Formal was held Tuesday night in the Student Center. The students were served dinner at 6 pm by staff and faculty of WTC. Dinner was prepared by Great Western Dining. Immediately following the dinner WTC Student Government Association presented a plaque to Dr. Williams, WTC President, in appreciation of his support of SGA. A plaque was also presented to Casey Crawford in appreciation for her 3 years of service to SGA. The dance began at 9 pm and the students were dressed in formal attire. Mr. and Miss. WTC were announced during the dance. The titles were given to Shay Franks from Snyder and Amber House from Watauga, TX. The other nominees were: Shannon Jones, Cody Carter Casey Crawford, Kristi Sterling, Ashley Sirmen and Teddrick George

WTC Benefits to Senior Citizens

Did you know that WTC had senior benefits. WTC is administrator over the Senior Center and offers benefits thru them.

Any one over the age of 65 may audit any class free of charge. No class credit is given but one could learn a new skill or hobby.

Also, WTC offers free Swimnastics for 60 and over thru the Senior Center. You can call Pam Fenton at 573.4035 for more information on taking Swimnastics.

WTC is also offering computer classes that will be held at the Senior Center for $20 per class. The classes will be Introduction To Computers, Basic Internet, and Introduction to Microsoft Office. Classes will be taught by Raul Alcala, Assistant Workforce Director. You can find out dates and times and register for these classes by calling the Senior Center at 573.4035.

Theatre Department Presents 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona'

WTC Theatre Department will present *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* by William Shakespeare. The play is about two youths, Valentine and Proteus, who make their way from Verona to Milan. Performances are set for April 22-24 at 7:30 pm and April 25 at 2 pm in the Fine Arts Theatre. Ticket prices are $5 for Adults, $3 for Seniors and Students, and WTC faculty, staff and students are admitted free.

National Library Week
Events Slated on Campus

National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country, this week of special events has been held annually for 45 years to recognize the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

Western Texas College Learning Resource Center was officially opened in April, 1972. At that time the library had classrooms, the reading lab, offices, and a language lab. The books were contained in the Reference Room as well as the 2nd floor main shelf area for circulating material. The Audio-Visual area was also a part of the building.

The library changed in 1997 when the card catalog was changed to an automated system. as well as the computerized catalog, the students benefit from other programs on computers in our computer center as well as the main computer lab housed in the library. The main computer lab is where the Language Lab was formerly.

The state of Texas has an online database system named TexShare that enables the students to search databases in many areas of interest. Newspapers and magazine articles from around the world, medical information, market search on public and private companies, latest breaking news from newspaper wire services, Spanish language resources and many other areas of interest are accessible through TexShare. These are updated daily. Our resources are expanded greatly through this database system. The library contains approximately 30,000 volumes.

The library will celebrate National Library Week with brown bag lunches on Tuesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 22nd. Those in attendance will have discussions about libraries and what they have meant to them as well as the WTC LRC and how we can improve our service to the students and staff.

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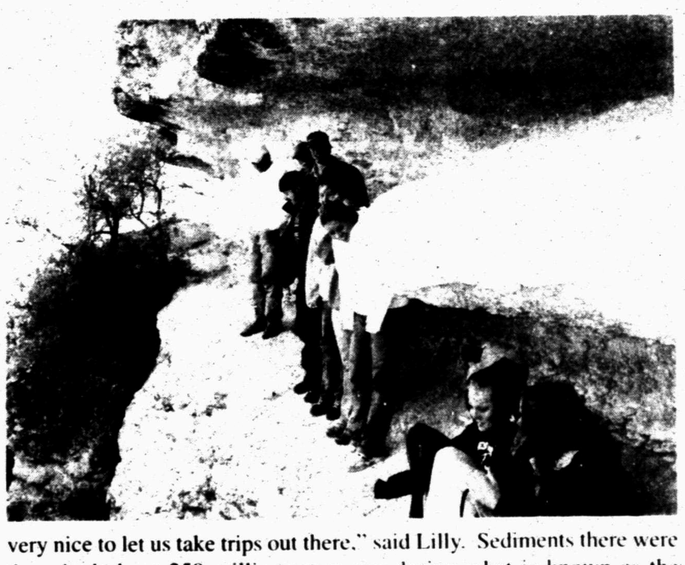
Application Deadline is April 23rd. Applications can be picked up in the WTC human resources office or downloaded from www.wtc.edu.

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Geology Class On The Hunt For Fossils





Troy Lilly, Associate Science Professor at WTC, took his Geology class to the Caprock Escarpment at Fluvanna.

Lilly said, "This is an ancient reef or shoreline of an old inland sea. It extends from around Matador down to about Stanton. We are lucky that a large part of it goes through the northwestern part of Scurry County."

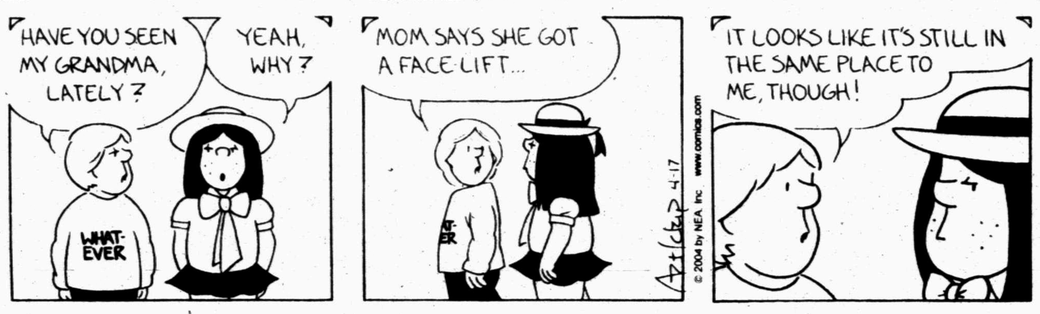
The land they were on is owned by Bob Jordan. "He has always been very nice to let us take trips out there," said Lilly. Sediments there were deposited about 250 million years ago during what is known as the Permian Period. The class was looking for, and found, fossils that were indicative of that environment. Lilly and students make the hiked up the steep Caprock on foot and then back down again.

Lilly takes his Geology class on this trip every semester to give them a hands-on experience in finding fossils.

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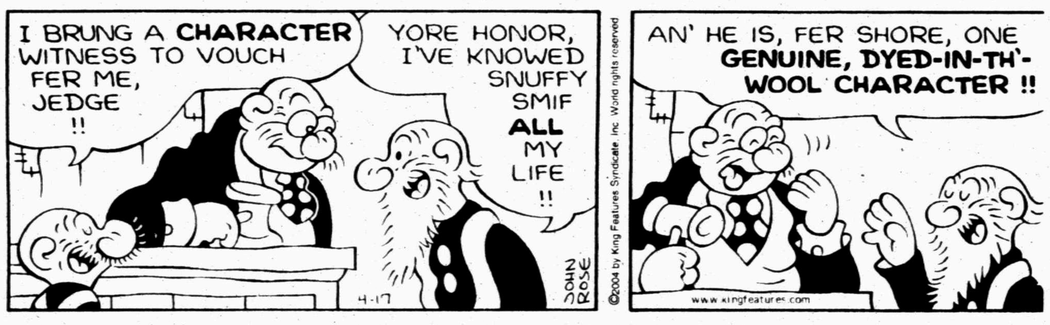
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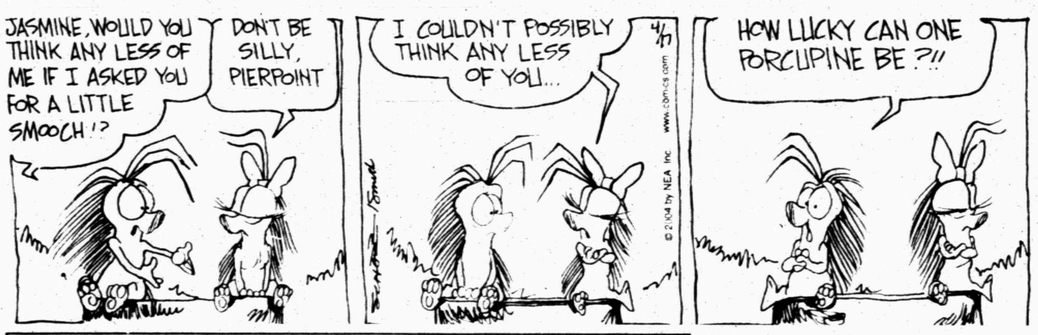
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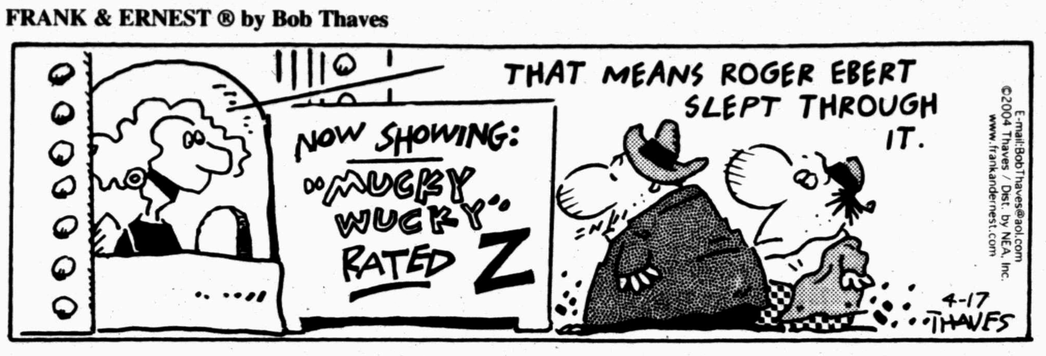
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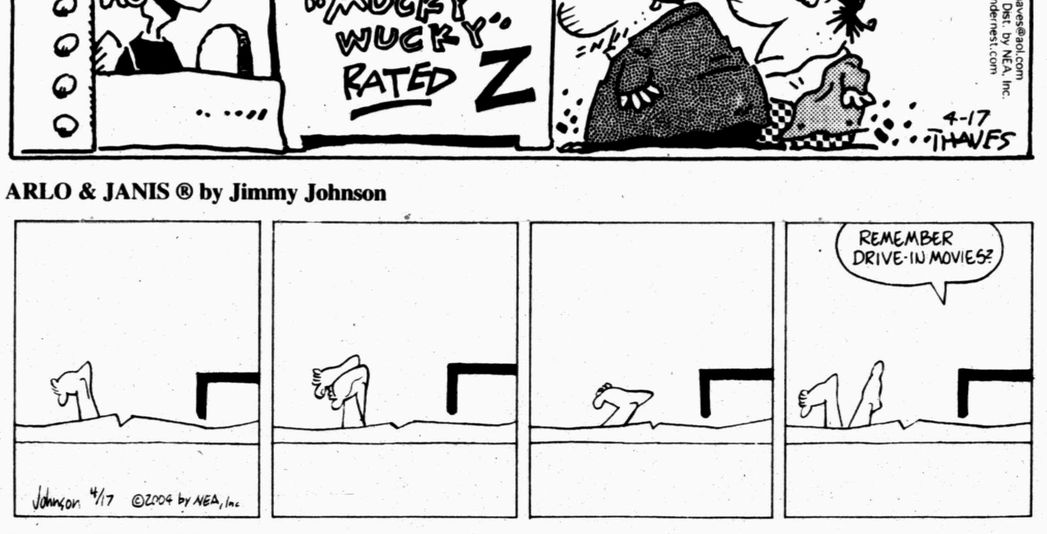
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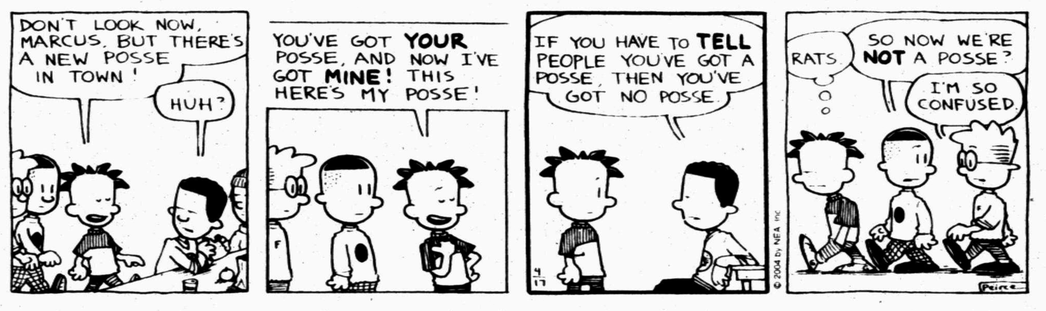
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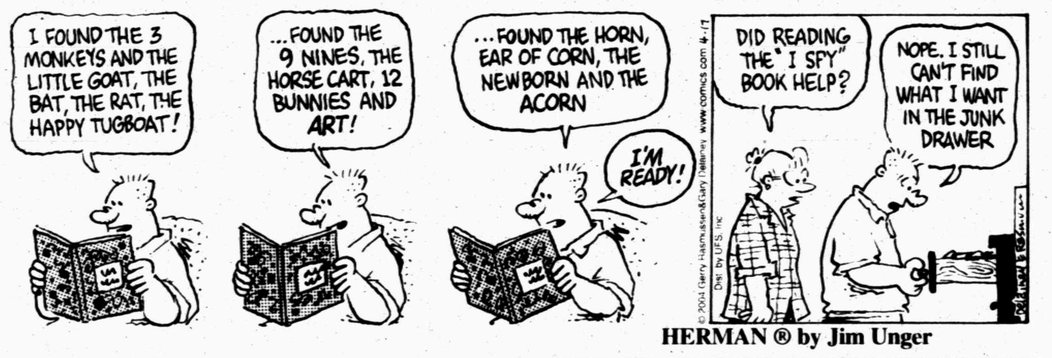
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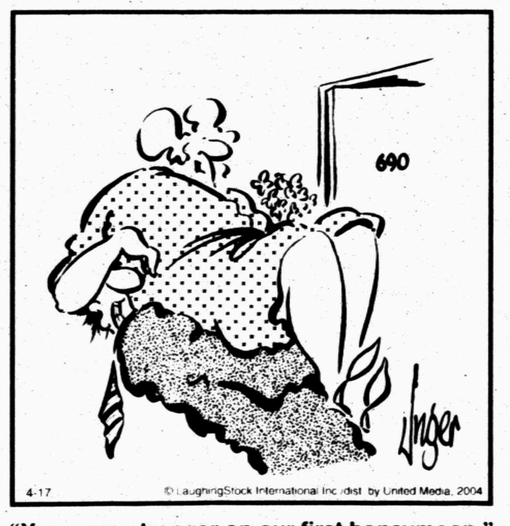
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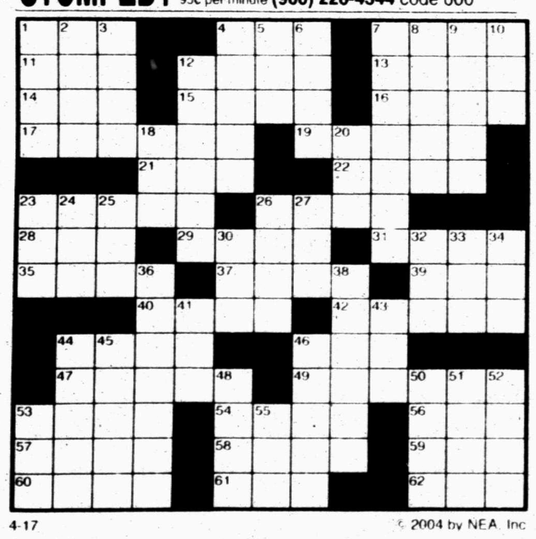
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Major airlines hit hard by fuel increases

ATLANTA (AP) — Having hedges in place would have seemed like a good bet for the airlines with how high fuel prices have risen. But some major carriers have been caught ill-prepared and are now feeling the pain.

Fuel hedging allows airlines to essentially buy a guarantee that the price they pay for fuel, their second-biggest cost behind labor, will remain the same or be capped at a certain amount regardless of price fluctuations.

That kind of cushion would be welcome as the average price paid for jet fuel climbing in 2003 to 84.9 cents per gallon industry-wide — the highest level, in nominal terms, since 1984, according to the Air Transport Association, a trade group.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines has no current hedge contracts. Houston-based Continental Airlines lately has not been aggressive about hedging fuel, and Dallas-based American Airlines has had trouble doing so because of its finances.

"Just about nobody is hedged," said Ray Neidl, an analyst with Blaylock & Partners in New York. "Most of the airlines didn't expect prices to go this high and stay this high, which is why most of them are naked."

Low-fare carriers Southwest Airlines of Dallas and JetBlue Airways of New York are among the few that are significantly hedged in the mid-$20-a-barrel range. Not coincidentally, both are among the few that have been turning quarterly profits.

The major carriers that are not hedged are having to pay market price for fuel, which is in the mid-$30-a-barrel range.

A common way of fuel hedging is for airlines to pay an advance or installments to a bank or investment firm for a contract that guarantees a specific price or price limit for fuel. Someone else, either the bank or a third party, covers the extra cost if the fuel prices exceed the price guaranteed under the contract.

Financial problems have made it tough for some of the major carriers to make such arrangements. Poor credit ratings make it more expensive for them to borrow money to pay for hedge contracts.

Some airlines also may be choosing not to hedge fuel because they believe the price will go down and if it goes up they can cover the extra cost by raising ticket prices. But with low-fare carriers eating up market share in the big carriers' backyards, that is a risky proposition, industry analysts say.

"The bet that the airlines have made to date ... is a risky bet," said David Treitel, chief executive of aviation consulting firm SH&E in New York.

In Delta's case, fuel hedging has proven to be an even riskier bet than not doing it because the airline, which lost $387 million in the first quarter, needs the money to fund its operations. That could be the reason it sold its remaining hedge contracts, analysts say.

"They had to raise money, so they decided to check out of the casino," Neidl said.

Delta would not elaborate on its exit from hedge contracts.

Without hedges, many carriers already dealing with heavy losses sit unprotected if prices continue to climb. Fuel accounts for about 12 percent airlines' operating expenses.

Continental chairman and chief executive Gordon Bethune said this week "the outrageously high cost of fuel remains a challenge" to the airline's return to profitability. The carrier lost $124 million in the first quarter.

United Airlines is taking a particularly big hit from not hedging. The Chicago-based carrier, which filed for federal bankruptcy court protection in December 2002, has been able to restructure more easily in Chapter 11, but is prevented by law from hedging while still in bankruptcy.

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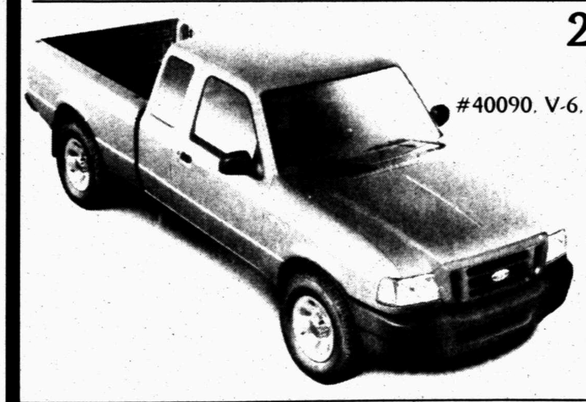
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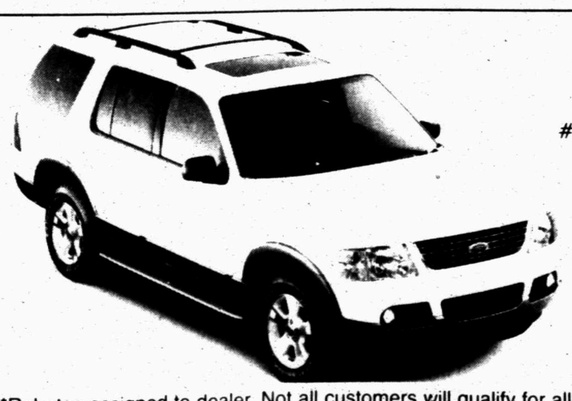
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REGIONAL BOUND — Snyder High School students headed to the regional UIL Academic Literary Meet next weekend in Odessa are back row from left, Austin Hatfield, Emily Jones, Jeff Scott, Josh Payne, Josh Kemp, Bryan Clifton, John Whitworth, Seth Cooper and Matthew Morris; middle row, Marisa Munoz, Mechelle Renfro, Whitney Waldin, Kim Cooper, Fran Leighton, Amanda Whitson, Megan Fletcher, Molly Haire, Katie Haggard and Erin Hackfeld; front row, Erin Burleson and Aeryal Peoples. Not pictured: Matthew Kerr, Ashley Pavlovsky, Gretchen Hollis, Anna Henson, Hollie Berryhill and Blake Robertson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



HEADED TO REGIONAL CONTEST — Snyder High School drama students will perform in the regional one-act play contest Friday at Odessa College. Students pictured with their area award are back row from left, Jerry Ashley, Coleman Welch, Logan Martin and Cade Owen; middle row, Paul Jackson, Jeff Stanfield, Michael Nelson, Jason Hook, Justin Cox, Tyler Price, Lance Turner, Nathan Graves and Adrian Brooks; front row, Amanda Blythe, Stephanie Parmer, Aurélie Semillon, Kerissa Shipp, Paula Fritz and Corie Hernandez. Director Michael McQuerry is pictured in front. Not pictured: Casey Smith, Alyssa Davis, Laura Culwell and Blake Robertson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



DISTRICT CHAMPS — The Snyder boys and girls varsity golf teams repeated as district champions and will head to regionals in Odessa and Midland Monday. The girls team finished the tourney Wednesday at Seminole. The team is, above from left, head coach Ricky Hunter, Christi Williams, Shannon Mangis, Ashley Luecke, Cami Trout, Brooke Jackson, and coach Cody Cox. Below, the boys concluded the tournament Tuesday at Denver City. The boys team is, from left, Hunter, Jake Cottrell, Cole Robertson, Alan Gray, Tanner Bloom, Jay Weaver and Cox. (Contributed Photos)



REGIONAL BOUND — These Snyder tennis players are from left: Matt Hale, Joseph Ynguanzo, Tanner Reed and Andra Dunham. They begin regional play Wednesday in Odessa.

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