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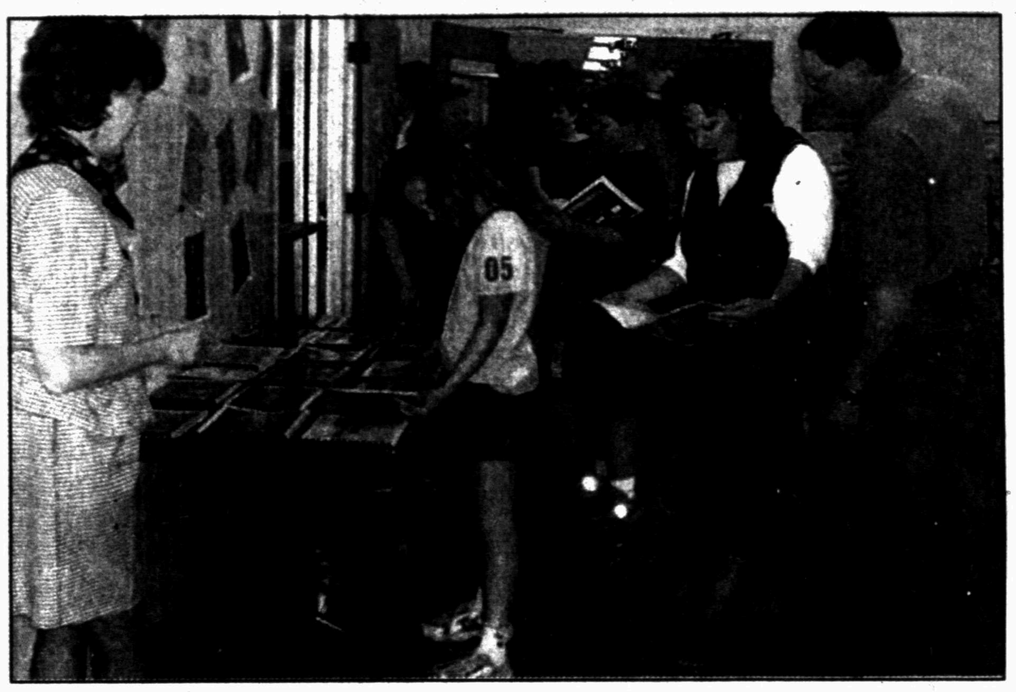


JUNIOR HIGH SHOWCASE — Sixth grade students and their parents got acquainted with junior high school and staff Monday evening. During the tour Claire Morris and her parents, Scott and Robin Morris, look at a display of books written by Virginia Trevey's (standing left) eighth grade English class. At right, April Boyd waves to a friend prior to the welcome by principal Kellye Starnes, shown in the background visiting with Deborah Boyd. Also pictured are Tasha Bell, left, and Claire Morris. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

WTC to recognize top students Wednesday

One of the highlights of the year at Western Texas College is the annual Awards Day Program.

The program will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Among the presentations is the outstanding male and female student award.

Nominated for the outstanding male student award are William Atkins, Josh Burney, Kevin Gutierrez and Reid Johnson. Nominated for the outstanding female student award are Lina Alvarez, Jennifer Bigham, Lisandra Bueno, Helen Fare and Connie Irvine.

Bettie McQueen, WTC vice president, will present both groups of students.

The ceremony also will recognize Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College for 2000-2001.

These students are Lina Alvarez, Amber Atkinson, Jennifer Bigham, Josh Burney, Lisandra Bueno, Jason Campbell and Jason Carr.

Others are Mary Castillo, Jeff Ellis, Helen Fare, Justin Guy, Renee Goswick, Renae Hall, Chris Hartman, Jeremy Hernandez, Connie Irvine and Reid Johnson.

Also Susan Klein, Joyce May, Linda Maynard, Peggy Pigford, Aaron Stansell, Angela Syddall and Matt Thackerson.

Students also will be recognized for awards in academic subjects including communications and fine arts, math, science, business and social science.

Academic athletes will also be recognized, as will vocational and technical students.

Scholarships will be awarded for President's Ambassador winners and the outstanding students.

The awards day committee consists of Tammy Wesson, Sue Freemyer, Donny Brown, Robert Adams, Joann Snider, Jim Judah and Jennifer Beard.

One candidate withdraws...

College expected to name new president by May board meet

Western Texas College trustees hope to name a new president by its May 14 meeting, but the list of finalist is down to three after one candidate withdrew Monday.

Dr. John Pruit of Dallas contacted board president Lee Presswood Monday afternoon and said he is dropping his bid to become WTC's fourth president.

Presswood said Dr. Pruit, dean of student support services at Mountain View College in Dallas, told him that prospects for employment for his wife was not promising in Snyder. Mrs. Pruit is a teacher.

Dr. Pruit interviewed with the full board last Thursday. On Monday evening, the board met with the fourth candidate, Dr. Dusty Johnston, dean of instruction at Rich Mountain Community College in Mena, Ark.

Dr. Johnston is a former rodeo coach and administrator with Howard College in Big Spring.

Other candidates include Dr. Jim Palmer, an original WTC faculty member and currently the dean of academic instruction; and Dr. Greg Williams, vice president for student services at Midland College.

Dr. Harry Krenek, who is retiring this summer after 14 years as college president, said the board had hoped to meet Thursday evening to further discuss the applicants, but that a 72-hour posted notice is required for a meeting.

Presswood was out of town this morning, so the meeting has not been rescheduled, but Dr. Krenek said the executive session to discuss the president's position could be held as early as Friday, but more likely on Monday.

May 14 is the date of the next regular trustee meeting, and the board has indicated that it hopes to announce the selection of a new college chief at that session.

Dr. Krenek is the longest tenured of presidents in the school's 29-year history. Dr. Robert Clinton was the first president and he was followed by Dr. Don Newbury.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If WD-40 can't fix it, then it can't be fixed."

Ole what's-her-name's kitchen is never messy. It's rarely has the opportunity.

The last home-cooked meal was in 1988 when the party of the third part took off to college. The oven still remains a great place to hide a Christmas gift. Currently, it really is broken.

That was our disclaimer for the following: "Signs found in the kitchen." We can think of some places where they apply, but not at our house. We even have to get a drink using a paper cup.

Consider these kitchen messages:

—Kitchen closed…this chick has had it.

—Martha Stewart doesn't live here.

—I'm creative. You can't expect me to be neat too.

—So this isn't Home Sweet Home… Adjust!

—Ring bell for maid service. If no answer, do it yourself.

—I clean house every other day. Today is the other day.

—I would cook dinner, but I can't find the can opener.

—If you write in the dust, please don't date it.

—My house was clean last week, too bad you missed it.

—A clean kitchen is the sign of a wasted life.

—Cook can't take it anymore! I came, I saw, I decided to order take out.

—If you don't like my standards of cooking, lower your standards.

—You may touch the dust in this house, but please don't write in it.

—Apology: Although you'll find our house a mess, come in, sit down, converse. It doesn't always look like this. Some days it's even worse.

—A messy kitchen is a happy kitchen, and this kitchen is delirious.

—If we are what we eat, then I'm easy, fast and cheap.

—A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

—Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.

—Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

—A clean house is a sign of a misspent life.

—Help keep the kitchen clean. Eat out!

—Countless number of people have eaten in this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives.

—My next house will have no kitchen, just vending machines.

—Dull women have immaculate houses.

—Well, at least my kitchen hasn't been exposed on Food for Thought.

One killed in fire at private dorm near UT-Austin campus

AUSTIN (AP) — One man was killed and another was critically injured this morning when a blaze erupted at a private high-rise dormitory near the University of Texas that was not equipped with sprinklers.

One man was pronounced dead at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin and the other was being transported by helicopter to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, said Gary Wilks, an Austin Fire Department spokesman.

Both men suffered burns and smoke inhalation, officials said. The critically injured man suffered burns over 80 percent of his body, Wilks said.

The fire broke out in the second floor of a 10-story tower housing 200 students. The building is part of a two-tower complex called University Towers apartments that houses a total of 600 residents.

Fire officials had not been able to locate the smoke detector in the room where the fire broke out this morning. The room was described as having a living room, a bedroom and a bathroom.

Fire officials have not determined if the men were roommates and their names have not been released.

The building, located several blocks west of the UT campus, was built before a 1981 ordinance that required all high-rises to have sprinkler systems. The building is required to have a 24-hour air monitoring system and smoke alarms in each room.

The emergency lighting system and the fire alarm system in the hallway outside of the room where the fire broke out had melted, although Wilks said the alarm system had sounded at least before it melted.

Wilks said the building did have the smoke detectors and the required alarm system.

Rainfall skips most of county

Areas south and southwest of Snyder were the main beneficiaries of a spring thunderstorm Monday evening as Lake Thomas and parts of Mitchell County received measurable rainfall.

Snyder received only a few sprinkles from the clouds that did produce thunder and lightning.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District reported 1.2 inches of rain fell on the Snyder side of Lake Thomas, while the Big Spring side received .7 of an inch.

Residents at Ira reported only a sprinkle, while Gail recorded .44.

Colorado City and Cuthbert received a half inch while the western parts of Mitchell County measured up to 1.5 inches.

Jury selection underway

Jury selection was underway in 132nd District Court this morning where a 17-year-old man is on trial for an alleged drive-by shooting last October.

Michael Jason Garcia of 2006 Avenue N is charged with deadly conduct, a third degree felony.

The incident occurred in the 4000 block of College Avenue on Oct. 15.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside during the trial and the state's case will be presented by District Attorney Dana Cooley.

Peter Lopez of Sweetwater represents Garcia.

Early voting ends for city, Ira ISD

Early voting ends today for the May 5 city and Ira school board elections.

Those wishing to vote early for the Snyder city council and mayor can do so until 5 p.m. at City Hall.

James Ashley and Francene Allen-Noah are candidates for mayor, while Terry Martin, John Reed and Carl Moon Jr. are on the ballot for two at-large council posts. Martin is the lone incumbent councilman.

For the Ira school board, Dirk Dunn, Gilbert Sanchez and Doug White are running for Place 7, while Fran Farmer, Jeff Reimer and Randy Sterling are seeking the Place 2 spot.

Shane Smith and Keith Clements are unopposed on the board.

Voters may cast ballots today until 3 p.m. in the Ira school business office.

Election day is Saturday and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Those wishing to vote Saturday in the city election will do so at City Hall, and the Ira board election will be held in the Ira Community Center, located across the street from the school.

ASK US

Q—Does AHNTECH, the firm that will operate the flight training program for the Air Force, have a web site?

A—It is www.ahntech.com.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 83 degrees; low, 59; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 59; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.40 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low lower 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy, slight rain chance, high near 90. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, low around 60.

Mary Guerra
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:24 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.

Of 120 days in 2001, the sun has shone 108 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Creativity is the natural extension of our enthusiasm.

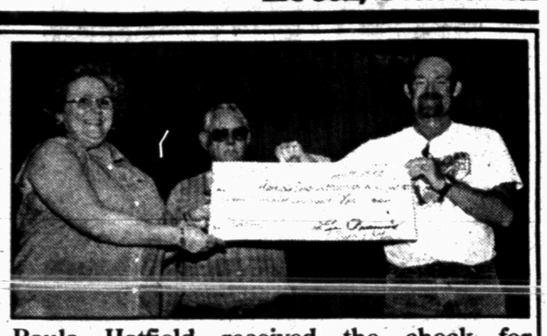
—Earl Nightingale

MAY 01 20

Diabetes walk at Northeast

Students raised $3,567.01. Travis Hatfield, center, brought in the most money — $374.01; Craig Robertson was second with $280; Angela Massey was fourth with $125. Luke Robertson is not pictured. He earned $195.

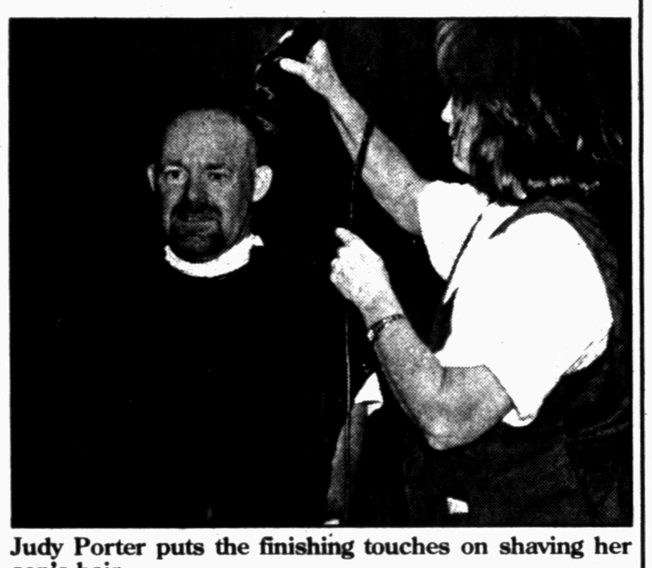
Principal Lee Presswood had to kiss a pig because the students raised at least $2,000.



Paula Hatfield received the check for $3,567.01 from Coach Chris Porter, far right, and principal Lee Presswood, center.

When students raised at least $2,500, coach Chris Porter kept his promise and had his head shaved by Judy Porter, his mother and hairdresser.

Halfway through the hair cut, coach Porter showed off his mohawk look.



Judy Porter puts the finishing touches on shaving her son's hair.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Cheney pushes for oil, gas, nuke development

TORONTO (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney warned on Monday that the whole nation could face California-style blackouts as he outlined a national energy strategy relying heavily on oil, natural gas, coal and nuclear power development — but not conservation.

"The aim here is efficiency, not austerity," Cheney told editors and publishers at The Associated Press annual meeting. The nation cannot "simply conserve or ration our way out of the situation we're in."

It was his first trip outside Washington for official vice presidential business, made possible, he joked, when President Bush invited the Senate to lunch — "the best way to ensure no tie votes while I was out of town." Bush invited all members of Congress to the White House to mark the first 100 days of his administration.

Cheney addressed concerns about his history of four heart attacks by jokingly offering to do jumping jacks. More seriously, he said, "If I ever get to the point where my doctors believe that it's not wise or prudent for me to continue in this capacity, obviously I'd step aside."

In his first extensive remarks about the energy recommendations his Cabinet-level task force will make to Bush by the end of May, Cheney blamed current shortages on shortsighted decisions in the past. He said that conservation, while perhaps "a sign of personal virtue," does not make for sound or comprehensive policy.

Saving the specifics — and the price tags — for his boss to review and then announce, Cheney promised "a mix of new legislation, some executive action as well as private initiatives" to cope with rising energy prices and growing demand.

He said anew that the administration intends to push for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, despite strong congressional opposition.

He definitively rejected turning to price controls, tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve or creating new bureaucracies.

Over the next two decades, it will take between 1,300 and 1,900 new power plants — or one every week for 20 years — just to meet projected increases in nationwide demand, Cheney said.

Energy shortages in California already have forced rolling blackouts. And he said, "Without a clear, coherent energy strategy for the nation, all Americans could one day go through what Californians are experiencing now, or even worse."

The vice president, who made millions of dollars as an oil services' company executive, made no bones about placing oil, coal and other fossil fuels at the center of his recommendations.

Alternative fuels are still "years down the road," he said.

The Bush administration wants to open the Arctic refuge in Alaska to oil drilling, a controversial plan that could be executed, Cheney said, with very little disruption to the refuge's 19 million acres of natural habitat: "The amount of land affected by oil production would be 2,000 acres, less than one-fifth the size of (the Washington area's) Dulles Airport."

Along with additional exploration must come new refineries, Cheney said, noting that it has been 20 years since a large oil refinery was built in the United States.

He also suggested federal initiatives to boost the use of hydroelectric dams and the construction of new nuclear power plants. He called nuclear power "a safe, clean, very plentiful energy source."

Although one-fifth of the nation's electricity is nuclear-generated, the industry has not sought a government permit to build a new plant in more than 20 years, since before the accident at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island.

In developing hydroelectric power, Cheney said the Bush administration, whose environmental record has been sharply questioned by activists, would be "mindful of the fish and wildlife affected by manmade dams."

He put in a good word for coal, which he said remains the most available, most affordable way to generate electric power. The Bush administration has budgeted an additional $150 million for next year — up from $82 million this year — to support development of cleaner coal technologies.

On natural gas, Cheney called for some 38,000 miles of additional pipeline and thousands of miles of added distribution lines to bring natural gas into homes and businesses. He did not mention expanded exploration off the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Acting on a campaign proposal, the president is committed to extending offshore oil and gas drilling to the eastern Gulf of Mexico in a tract that, in some areas, comes within 30 miles of the western tip of the Florida Panhandle.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who is expected to seek re-election amid widespread local opposition to the drilling, has petitioned the administration to cancel an auction of new drilling leases.

CASTING CALL

GRAND CHAMPION, an independent film written and directed by Snyder's own Barry Tubb, is in production now through mid-June. **GRAND CHAMPION** is being filmed entirely in and around Snyder. It's a movie about a boy who raises a show calf, then must make an adventure-filled journey across Texas to save the calf's life. We are looking for **LOCALS** of all ages and sizes to be in the movie. If you are interested in being an **EXTRA, PLEASE** come to the **RITZ COMMUNITY THEATRE** located on the square at **1810 26th St.** in downtown Snyder, Saturday, **MAY 5TH** anytime between **9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** to meet with the extras casting director. Please feel free to bring the whole **GANG** — family & friends —Everyone is welcome!!!

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IF UNABLE TO ATTEND CASTING CALL, PLEASE SEND PHOTO, NAME, AGE, SIZES, HT, WT, AND TELEPHONE #
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Dale Huff
Minister

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Survival or Life

Survival instincts can be strong in all of us. Extreme situations can bring out the best and worst in all of us. When my life is threatened, I can respond quickly to protect myself. But is that response a good guide to living a full and rich life. Is the primary goal of life survival or something else?

God calls us to resist our natural responses and live differently. Unselfish concern for the needs of others instead of intense concern for our needs is the path of Christ. It is different and sometimes can seem very unnatural. Jesus stated this principle of living very clearly and in very simple terms:

"Do to others what you would have them do to you."
Matthew 7:12

Jesus turns the principle of self-interest around. What you want others to give you... give them. What you want others to do for you... do for them. Applying Jesus' principle to our real life can yield surprising results. Just ask the question, "How do I want them to treat me?" Or another way of saying it, "What would I want them to do for me?" These questions will almost always change our perspective on people and how we should treat them.

Unselfish giving is the way to a good life. If we can turn our attention to the needs of others rather than just our own needs, we can find real life. This was the way Jesus lived. He gave of himself to others. He sacrificed himself for all of us. It is truly the road less travelled, but it is a good road. It will bring us real life, not just survival.

Dale Huff

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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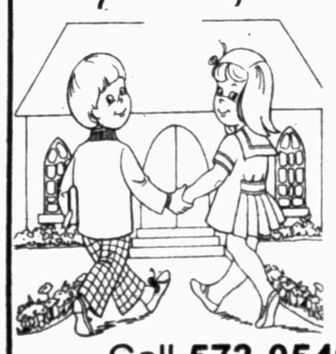

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Date Book

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Today is the 121st day of 2001 and the 43rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1873, the first post cards were issued in the United States. The one-cent price of the 3-by-5-inch cards included postage.

On this day in 1898, Adm. Dewey defeated a Spanish naval force at the Battle of Manila Bay, in the Philippines.

On this day in 1963, James W. Whittaker of Redmond, Wash., became the first American to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary ("Mother") Jones (1830-1930), labor leader; "Calamity Jane" Burke (1852-1903), frontierswoman; Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955), paleontologist-philosopher; Mark Clark (1896-1984), U.S. Army general; Kate Smith (1909-1986), singer; Glenn Ford (1916-), actor, is 85; Jack Paar (1918-), TV personality, is 83; Joseph Heller (1923-1999), novelist; Judy Collins (1939-), singer, is 62; Bobcat Goldthwait (1962-), comedian, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1920, the Braves and the Dodgers played a 26-inning game that ended in a 1-1 tie.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." — Edwin Way Teale

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter.

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Cheetahs, the fastest land animals on Earth, can run at 60 mph for short periods of time. They cannot roar, but they do chirrup, hiss and purr.

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WEDDING SHOWER — A wedding shower was held for Alisha and Jeremy Bowden Saturday in the East Side Church of Christ multi-purpose building. They married March 23 at First Baptist Church with the groom's paternal grandfather, Ken Andress, officiating. A reception followed in the Garden Room. Both are to be May graduates, Alisha from the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, University of North Texas in Denton, and Jeremy from Ira High School. From left are Nell Finney of Tulia, maternal grandmother of the bride; LaQuita Blevins of Granbury, mother of the bride; the honoree, Alisha Bowden of Snyder; Paula Bowden, mother of the groom of Snyder; Betty Andress, maternal grandmother of the groom of Abilene; and Fran Bowden, paternal grandmother of the groom of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Recognition luncheon...

WTGS Council met in Sweetwater

The West Texas Girl Scout Council held its annual meeting and recognition luncheon April 21 at TSTC in Sweetwater. Lisa Peterson of Sweetwater, president of the board of directors, reported to the volunteers the many accomplishments of the previous year.

Camp Boothe Oaks will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year with camp improvements made possible by the generosity of individuals, foundations and businesses throughout the council's 16 county jurisdiction.

Also noted was the hiring of a new executive director, Shirley I. Olson, who joined the council in October. Elected to the board of directors are Olga G. Balderas of Sweetwater, Ninfa M. Esquivel of Sweetwater, Wilma F. Butman of Abilene, Cynthia Scott of Big Spring and Dr. R. Scott Van Pelt of Big Spring.

Returning to the board for a second term are Wes Cockrell of Lamesa, Sherri Statler of Abilene and Ricki Brown of Abilene. Janis Test, a current board member, was elected to the position of secretary for the coming year. Robert Moore of Sweetwater joined the nominating committee.

The recognition luncheon followed the meeting and was opened with a parade of flags representing the many troops throughout the council. The County Judge Tim Fambrough, Nolan County, offered the welcome and the guest speaker was Sandra Spears. Spears' father was instrumental in the development of Camp Boothe Oaks. She shared her experiences, complete with pictures, from the early days. The following were recognized for their outstanding service to Girl Scouting during 2000 with six awards going to Scurry County leaders and supporters:

- Leadership Development Pin: JoAnn Cearley of Snyder and Karla Cervantez of Big Spring.
- Outstanding Volunteer: Carla Seale of Snyder.
- Outstanding Leader: Evelyn Liccardi of Snyder and Debbie Zucco of Merkel.
- Green Angel Award: JoAnn Cearley of Snyder.
- West Texas Community Service Award: KSNY Radio, Snyder.
- Friend of West Texas Award: Wesley and Lizz Shankles of Hermleigh.

Others awards included Appreciation Pin: Debbie Zucco of Merkel and Sharron Warren of Sweetwater; Hancock Award: Russell High of Sweetwater; Honor Pin: Debbie Pelant of Buffalo Gap and April Ferguson of Big Spring; and Thanks Badge, JoAnn Prentice of Abilene.

Also receiving recognition were Dr. Kathryn Banner, an active volunteer and member of the Product Sales Task Force who received the Citizen of the Year Award in Merkel; Donna Dugger of Big Spring, Debby Pelant of Buffalo Gap; Peggy Hockman of Anson; and Angie Griffin of Sterling City. The council at the Precious Jewels luncheon to be held in Abilene will honor them.

Tune's piano students will audition Thursday

Barbara Tune's piano students have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which their teacher is a member.

This group of young piano hobbyists will play in the National Piano Playing Auditions Thursday at First Baptist Church.

Entrants include Kristen Miller, Ryanna Alexander, Rachel Dupree, Brandon Hagins, Annie Ezell, Kristina Mayer, Brittany Scott, Sara Cantu, Charley Stewart, Whitney Jones, Gretchen Hollis, Jason Hall and Michael Gibson.

McGraw amused

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tim McGraw is amused when asked whether he feels a bit eclipsed by the success of his wife, Faith Hill, during the past two years.

"You kidding?" the 34-year-old country singer said in an interview with The Associated Press. "That means I can retire early. I got me a fishing boat picked out already on the coast of Florida."

Hill, 33, won three Grammy Awards this year.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club luncheon; BeBe Boren's home, Ave. U & 30th Street; installation of officers by Sandra Browning.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Food allergies can be dangerous

DEAR DR. GOTT: Although I'm otherwise extremely healthy, in the past few months I have developed an allergic reaction to raw carrots, apples and avocados. Are the itching and swelling of my lips dangerous?

DEAR READER: No one knows with certainty how and why food allergies develop. In addition, it's usually difficult to identify the food component that is to blame. Shellfish and nuts are primary exceptions to this rule, but some people mistakenly attribute their allergies to the food itself, when, in fact, they may be reacting to a substance that was sprayed on the food or added to it during processing. Nitrite salts, for example, are such a substance. They are added to processed meats and may be sprayed on fresh produce to preserve color and prevent spoilage. Some people react violently to nitrites.

Similarly, monosodium glutamate (MSG), a flavor-enhancer popular in Asian cooking, can cause severe reactions in people who are allergic to it.

The most common symptoms of allergic reactions are swelling of the lips and tongue, hives, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache and dizziness. In more pronounced forms, throat swelling or asthma will cause acute illness — or even death.

If you experience itching and lip-swelling after eating certain foods, you are at risk of developing a more dangerous, full-blown reaction in the future unless you avoid these foods.

I think that you should be examined by an allergist. Such a specialist can test you (to determine what it is you are reacting to) and offer advice about how to deal with or overcome your allergies. In the meantime, I suggest that you purchase an Epi-Pen and carry it with you. The device will enable you to self-inject a medication that will instantly neutralize an allergic reaction. It could be comforting to have this antidote with you if you happen to be out for dinner and experience allergic problems.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 52-year-old woman with high serum cholesterol and a family history of osteoporosis. Because I have been told to limit my consumption of dairy products, I fear that I am not getting enough calcium in my diet. Would you recommend calcium pills and, if so, how much?

DEAR READER: It is difficult to find high-calcium foods that will replace dairy products. Therefore, I recommend that you take a daily calcium supplement because without it, you will aggravate the age-related osteoporosis that commonly affects post-menopausal women.

In addition to the mineral itself, you will need extra vitamin D to ensure its absorption. The current guideline for most post-menopausal women is about 1,500 milligrams of calcium and 400 International Units of vitamin D daily. There are many products available that supply these supplements. One of the most reliable is Os-Cal 500 with D. Two of these tablets a day will provide 1,000 mg of calcium plus 400 IU of D. To complete the daily requirement, many patients take two TUMs, which contain 500 mg of calcium.

Remember that other factors are important in preventing osteoporosis. Female hormones, regular exercise and stopping smoking will also help. Most authorities agree that calcium pills are useful; what's more, they're safe and relatively inexpensive.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-01-01
♠ Q J 8 7 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ K J
♣ A K Q J

West
♠ —
♥ 9 8 6 4 3
♦ 9 8 6 5 2
♣ 8 5 4

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

South
♠ A 10 9 6 3
♥ A Q J 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 6 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

The chocolate melted in the hand

By Phillip Alder

I opened one spade.

My partner smiled, bid six spades — ugh.

Never open light!

— Estelle Sherman, Woodstown, N.J.

Mrs. Sherman failed to make her six-spade contract. Still, I think she has placed the blame in the wrong quarter.

Look first only at the West hand. If it went one spade-six spades, what would you lead?

Next, if you held that South hand as dealer, would you pass, or open one spade?

Finally, what do you think of North's slam raise? If you would do something else, what would that be?

Taking them in order of appearance, I agree with the one-spade opening. I was weaned in England, where the players aren't as wealthy as Americans, picking up fewer high-card points. Rather than pass throughout, they open lighter. Here, South has all his points in two long major suits. Also, he has no rebid problems.

North's six-spade raise is also not unreasonable. True, it might miss a grand, but does your partnership have the methods to find out if partner has the spade ace and diamond ace? Mine cannot.

Now the lead. As North didn't use Blackwood, he is marked with a void somewhere. Still, leads from all suits are feasible. West actually selected the diamond nine, so Mrs. Sherman lost the first two tricks. Unlucky, I say.

I used Mrs. Sherman's senryu and deal partly because of the notepaper on which it was written. It claims: "Chocolate is the Answer. Who cares what the Question is!"

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Births

Carin Grace Gartman, daughter of Brad and Rhonda Gartman of Fort Worth, was born April 23 at 7:41 a.m. in Harris Methodist Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tommy and Kay Echols of Snyder and paternal grandparents are Dennis Gartman of Ganado and Linda Gartman of Coppell. Great grandparents include Douglas and Erma Lee Gartman of Robert Lee and Fred and Kay Schafroth of McAllen.

Bert and Dayla Merritt of Broken Arrow, Okla., announce the birth of their daughter, Kyla Brooke, at 3:15 p.m. on April 27 in St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. Kyla weighed six pounds, 13 ounces. Her brother, Dylan Kade, welcomed Kyla home.

Grandparents are Gilbert and Dolores Merritt, Charles and Judy Church and Larry and Theresa Wall, all of Snyder.

Hospital

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DISMISSALS: Margarito Ornelas.

CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-18 and Long-term Care-24)

CORRECTION

Today's Davidson's IGA circular advertises Best Yet Soda as 2-12 packs for $6. This is incorrect. The correct price is 4-12 packs for $6. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

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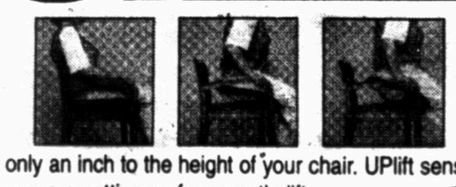

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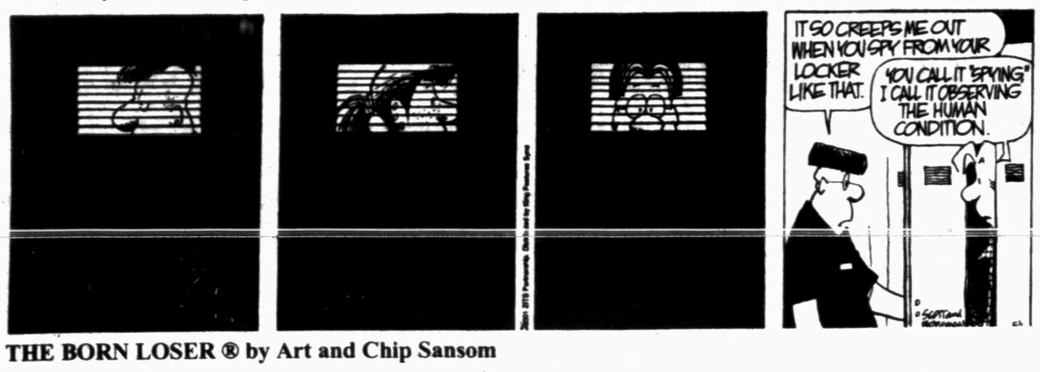

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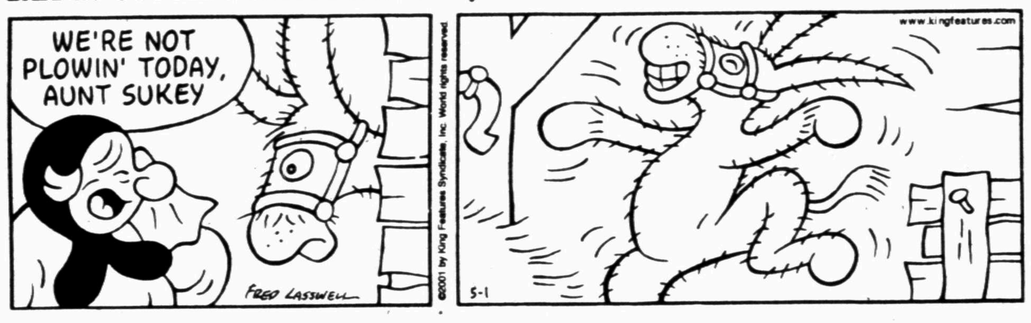

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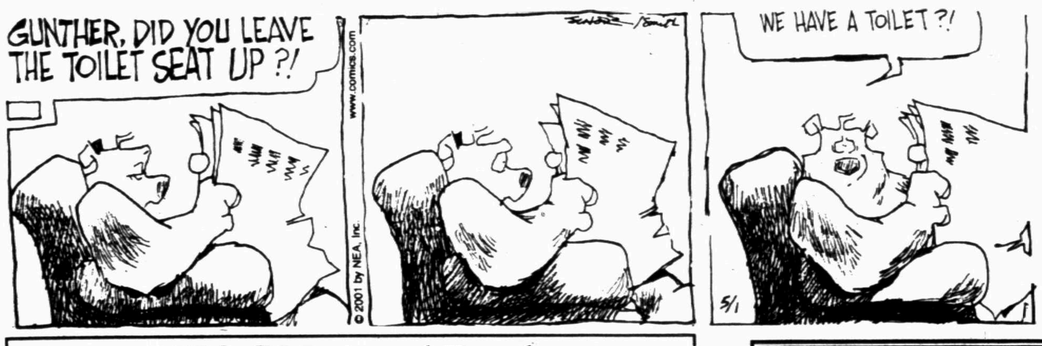

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Seize control of a plane
7 Snake sounds
13 Idaho's neighbor
14 Brightly colored bird
15 Restful
16 Stable employee
17 Chemical suffix
18 Finale
20 St. crosser
21 Goals
23 Condensation
24 Maple genus
25 Shade of blue
27 Beckoned
29 Debtor's letters
31 Diarist Anais —
32 A Bobbsey twin
33 New Zealand parrot
34 — and yon (here and there)
37 Comedian Laurel
40 Sisters
41 Columnist Landers
43 Flightless birds
45 Whale
46 Sunbeam
47 Celebratory poem
48 Like a fence's goods
51 Horsemanship school
54 Thriller writer Leonard
55 Looked into
56 Leaked (out)
57 Torment

DOWN

1 Prophet
2 Peaceful
3 Actor Irons
4 Vital statistic
5 Against
6 Weak- — (spineless)
7 Deceive
8 Tax agcy.
9 Use a chair
10 Comfort
11 Football team
12 More like the Gobi
19 Omaha's st.
22 New Orleans team
24 Congenitally joined
26 Man with an ark
28 Conks out, like a battery
30 Not merited
34 Go full speed ahead
35 Revenue
36 Genetic abbr.
38 Protozoan
39 Pushes gently
40 Organs of smell
42 Nature goddess
44 Future plants
49 Prune (branches)
50 "... — I saw Elba"
52 Coach Paraseghian
53 And not

Answer to Previous Puzzle

G	L	I	T	C	H		G	L	I	D	E	D
I	O	D	I	N	E		I	O	L	I	T	E
G	R	E	E	N	E		D	A	K	O	T	A
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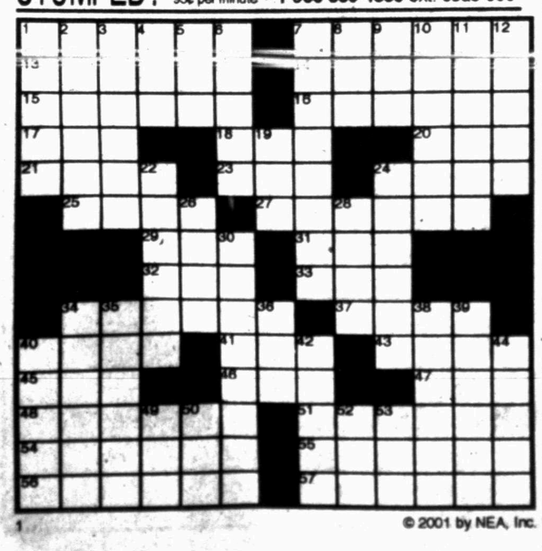

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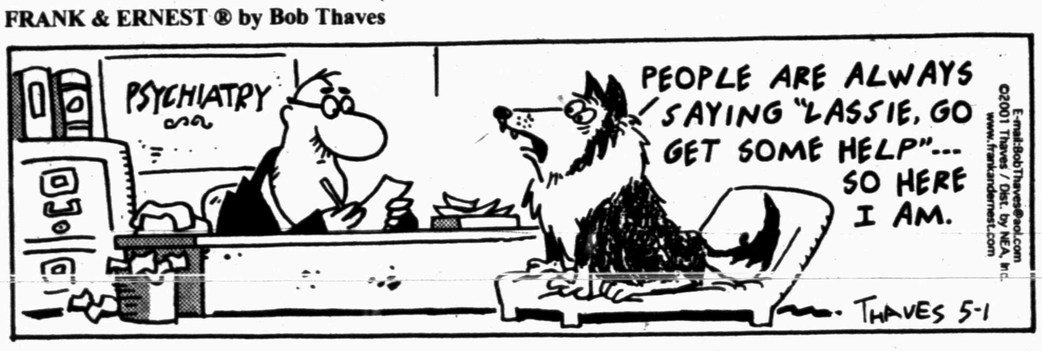

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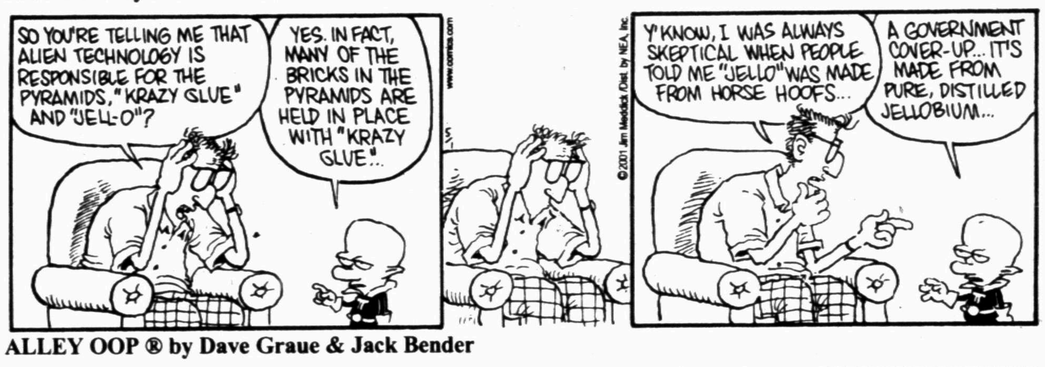

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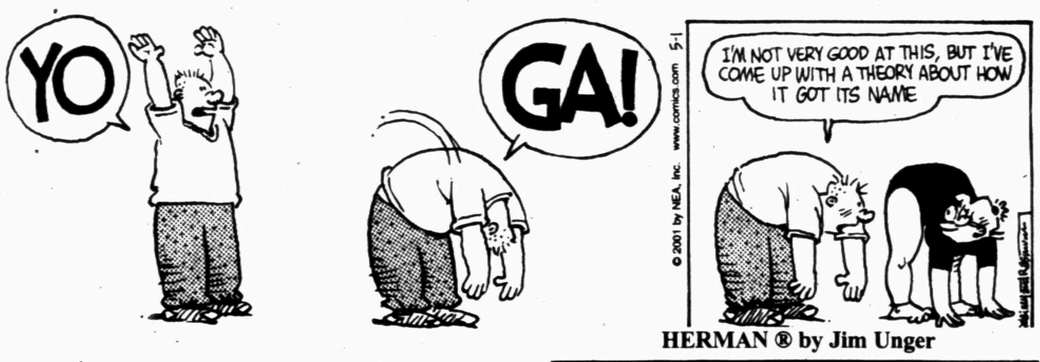

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SPORTS

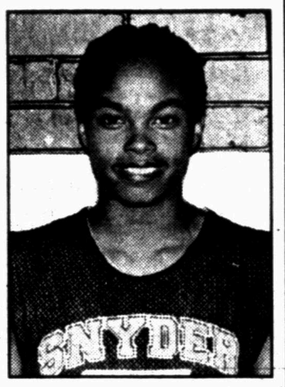
Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Here are a few odds and ends to pass the time while anxiously awaiting the state golf and tennis tournaments.

Snyder senior Ashley Delce will play in the TABC 5A/4A All-Star Basketball Game Friday in San Antonio.

Delce, a TABC first team all-region and second team all-state selection, will compete for the squad comprised of players from Regions I and III. The team is coached by Tony Taylor of Lampasas High School.



Ashley Delce

"This is a tremendous honor for Ashley," said SHS coach Sam Tipton. "Another post suffered an injury and Ashley was on the alternates' list. She had a great game when we played Lampasas in a tournament this year, so when Coach Taylor saw her name, he immediately called me."

Out of the approximately 2,250 players that participated on Class 5A and 4A teams this past season, only 24 are selected to play in the all-star contest.

Delce, who signed a letter of intent with South Plains College earlier this year, will also participate in the TGCA All-Star Game later this summer.

The Class 4A UIL State Golf Championships begin Monday at Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin. The Snyder Tigers and Lady Tigers both qualified for the event.

Also participating in the boys' tournament are Southlake Carroll, Highland Park, Palestine, Marble Falls, Brenham, Austin Anderson and Boerne.

Joining the Lady Tigers will be Andrews, Highland Park, Hewitt Midway, New Braunfels Canyon, San Antonio Southside and two squads from Montgomery.

The girls tee off on No. 1 on Monday, while the boys start on No. 10. The order is reversed for Tuesday's final round.

One other note, fans should get to the course early, or run the risk of parking a few miles away. This year, the adjacent Jimmy Clay Golf Course is playing host to the Class 2A boys and girls, so twice as many fans will be on hand.

Snyder tennis fans staying in Austin won't have to travel as far this year to see Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith battle for a doubles title at the Class 4A UIL State Tennis Championships, which begin Monday.

Unlike last year when the tournament was about an hour's drive from Austin at Lakeway World of Tennis, this year's event is scheduled for the Penick-Allison Tennis Center on the UT campus.

The Snyder duo's quarterfinal match is at 9 a.m. Monday, with the semifinals slated for 2 tha' ernoon. The championship match will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Snyder's tracksters weren't able to notch a spot at the state track meet, but turned in strong performances just to stay in the chase in what turned out to be one of the best regional meets in the state.

Of the four Class 4A regional meets held over the weekend, the Region I event in San Angelo was host to the fastest mile relay, the quickest 100-meter dash, the longest discus and shot put throws and the tallest high jump.

The meet also had the second fastest sprint relay, the third quickest 3,200-meter run and 300 hurdles, and the third longest long jump.

With that kind of talent in the field, there's no disgrace in Snyder's eighth-place finish as a team. The squads that placed ahead of the Tigers were simply unbelievable.

Sports Briefs

Moffett Field hosts game

Class 5A Midland High and 3A Abilene Wylie square off at 7 tonight at Moffett Field in a playoff practice game. Tickets are $2 for adults, and $1 for students.

Bass club meeting

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 6:30 tonight at the TXU service center.

SHS sports banquet

The Snyder High School sports banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Jack Greene's Place. Parents and sub-varsity players must purchase tickets before 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are $5. All parents should bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 25-28 at the SHS gym. Sessions are scheduled for incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls, and for incoming sixth through ninth grade girls only.

Cost of the camp is $60, and deadline to register is May 19. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS girls' athletic office. For more information, contact Coach Brent Parr at 574-6040 or 721-7930.

Spurs finish off Timberwolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Whoever is up next for San Antonio doesn't really matter to the Spurs.

They will face either Utah or Dallas after wrapping up their first-round series with a 97-84 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night.

"You can say it doesn't matter, and sometimes it does matter," said Tim Duncan, who had 24 points and 16 rebounds in Game 4. "This time, it really doesn't. If Dallas comes back, that could take a lot of them. Utah would be fine, too."

David Robinson, who had 21 points and 14 rebounds, said he hasn't given much thought to the Jazz or Mavs, who meet in Game 4 Tuesday night with Utah leading 2-1.

"It was so hard to think past this series," Robinson said. "I've just been focused on trying to beat these guys.

"Minnesota was a tough matchup for us. They're a jump-shooting team, and that's hard for us. We might face that again. That's why we have to get better."

The Spurs, 3-1 winners of the series, knocked the Wolves out of the first round in 1999 before going on to win the NBA title.

The Wolves lost in the first round for the fifth time in as many seasons. Their 0-5 series record in the playoffs is the worst among all NBA franchises.

"It's getting pretty old," Timberwolves guard Terrell Brandon said. "The fans want something else to happen, and they deserve it."

The Spurs-Wolves game was the only NBA playoff game Monday night. Besides Utah-Dallas on Tuesday, Milwaukee takes a 2-1 lead into Orlando.

On Wednesday, it's Philadelphia at Indiana, Sacramento at Phoenix and New York at Toronto. The visiting team has a 2-1 lead in all three of those series.

At Minneapolis, Robinson came up with a pair of big baskets after Minnesota's Brandon and Anthony Peeler, both scoreless in the first half, hit back-to-back 3-pointers with less than six minutes left to close the Wolves to 75-73.

"There was a tough stretch where we got into a slump there," Robinson said. "Coming back down the floor, I felt pretty good, so I put them up there. Finishing out this game means so much to me."

The Spurs outscored the Wolves 22-11 the rest of the way.

Danny Ferry and Antonio Daniels complemented the 7-footers by hitting four 3-pointers apiece.

"That's vintage NBA playoff basketball right there," the Wolves' LaPhonso Ellis said.

Minnesota's guards missed their first 10 shots. Brandon and Peeler were a combined 0-for-6 in the first half, which ended with the Spurs leading 44-43.

Reserves scored 17 of 19 points for the Spurs during a stretch between the first and second periods, boosting their lead to 31-26.

Cowboys' receivers return to practice after knee injuries

IRVING (AP) — While the passes weren't thrown by Troy Aikman and there were no defenders, the Dallas Cowboys' top two receivers ran routes and caught passes for the first time since last season.

Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail, both coming off knee injuries, were on the practice field Monday as the Cowboys began their first offseason mini-camp for veterans.

"They are on schedule as far as I can see, and that's a real plus," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "I fully expected them to be real factors this year."

Campo expected both to be factors last season, but Galloway and Ismail both had season-ending injuries.

Galloway tore a ligament in his left knee in the season opener after being traded from Seattle. He caught just four catches for 62 yards in the first year of his seven-year, $42 million contract.

Ismail was hampered by nagging injuries for most of the season, then tore a ligament in his right knee Nov. 5, in the ninth game at Philadelphia. He finished with 25 catches for 350 yards and one touchdown.

While Galloway and Ismail ran routes and caught passes thrown by kicker Tim Seder, Tony Banks — the quarterback who replaced the retired Aikman — took part in team drills on another field.

"I feel good. It's tough to tell because I'm not going against people," Galloway said. "But things went well, and we just have to build on that."

While Galloway feels he is ready, he isn't sure when he will be back completely.

"If it's up to me, tomorrow. If it's up to them (Cowboys trainers), then later on," Galloway said. "All I can do is work very hard at getting ready. My job is to play football and their job is to tell me when ligaments are ready. Right now, they say we run routes against air after practice. That's what I do."

Ismail feels good, but isn't yet where he wants to be.

"I'm running now, but I still haven't felt the speed kick over like it could. I'm anxious for that," Ismail said. "I'm anticipating what my knee is going to be like for me."

Most of the veteran Cowboys, including the receivers and running back Emmitt Smith, are at Valley Ranch for the workouts.

Area playoff set for Friday

The date, time and site of Snyder's area playoff game are set. Now all the Lady Tigers have to do is take care of the Ysleta Maidens.

Snyder and El Paso Ysleta square off at 4 p.m. Friday at Mugs Field in Midland in an area softball playoff game.

The Lady Tigers, who knocked off Canyon Randall in the opening round, sport a record of 19-12. The Maidens are 22-7 after capturing the District 1 title.

The winner advances to face the winner of the Dumas-El Paso Riverside contest.

A Snyder-Dumas match-up would be played May 11 at Lubbock's Westerner Field.

Region I-4A Softball Playoffs

Area

EP Parkland (15-12) vs. Big Spring (23-5), TBA

Andrews (20-7) vs. Pecos (16-7), TBA

Burkburnett (22-2) vs. Burleson (22-4), time TBA Friday at Graham

FW Eastern Hills (16-6) vs. Southlake Carroll (23-0), 7:30 Thursday at NRH Birdville

EP Riverside (21-7) vs. Dumas (23-7), time TBA Thursday at Odessa

Snyder (19-12) vs. EP Ysleta (22-7), 4 p.m. Friday at Mugs Field, Midland

FW Brewer (21-4) vs. FW Southwest (15-4), 7 p.m. Thursday at FW Brewer

Crowley (16-3) vs. WF Rider (21-4), TBA

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
First Round
(Best-of-5)

Monday, April 30
San Antonio 97, Minnesota 84, San Antonio wins series 3-1

Tuesday, May 1
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2
New York at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 3
Orlando at Milwaukee, TBD, if necessary
Dallas at Utah, TBD, if necessary

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, April 29
St. Louis 2, Dallas 1, St. Louis leads series 2-0

Monday, April 30
Buffalo 4, Pittsburgh 1, Pittsburgh leads series 2-1
Colorado 4, Los Angeles 3, Colorado leads series 2-1

Tuesday, May 1
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Thursday, May 3
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	10	.583	—
Atlanta	12	14	.462	3
Montreal	11	14	.440	3½
Florida	10	14	.417	4
New York	10	15	.400	4½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	9	.625	—
Cincinnati	14	10	.583	1
Milwaukee	13	11	.542	2
Houston	12	12	.500	3
St. Louis	12	12	.500	3
Pittsburgh	9	14	.391	5½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	10	.600	—
Colorado	13	11	.542	1½
Arizona	13	12	.520	2
San Francisco	12	12	.500	2½
San Diego	10	15	.400	5

Monday's Game
N.Y. Mets 8, Houston 2

Tuesday's Games
Arizona (Schilling 3-0) at Montreal (Reames 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Benes 1-1) at Florida (Grilli 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 2-0) at Philadelphia (Daal 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 1-1) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Martinez 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Dotel 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Gonzalez 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 2-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 1-2), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Bere

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	16	9	.640	—
Toronto	16	9	.640	—
New York	14	12	.538	2½
Baltimore	12	14	.462	4½
Tampa Bay	8	18	.308	8½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	18	6	.750	—
Cleveland	14	9	.609	3½
Kansas City	10	15	.400	8½
Chicago	8	15	.348	9½
Detroit	8	15	.348	9½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	20	5	.800	—
Texas	11	14	.440	9
Anaheim	10	15	.400	10
Oakland	8	17	.320	12

Monday's Games
Kansas City 6, Toronto 3
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 2, N.Y. Yankees 1

Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-3) at Baltimore (Johnson 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 1-3) at Minnesota (Milton 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 1-2) at Texas (Rogers 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 1-2) at Kansas City (Suzuki 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Martinez 2-0) at Seattle (Halama 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 2-1) at Oakland (Lidle 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wells 2-2) at Anaheim (Rapp 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

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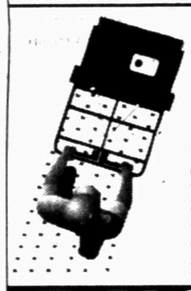

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Prosecutor closes in church bombing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A prosecutor pointed to a former Ku Klux Klansman's racism and his comment that "I like to go bombing" as he urged a jury today to convict him of murder in the 1963 church blast that killed four black girls.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Posey quoted ex-Klansman Thomas Blanton Jr.'s own words secretly recorded by the FBI in summing up the prosecution's case.

"The defendant didn't care who he killed as long as he killed someone and as long as that person was black," Posey said.

The jury of 10 whites and six blacks was to be narrowed to the final 12 after closing statements by prosecutors and defense attorney John Robbins. The case could go to the jury by late today.

Blanton, 62, is charged with murder in the deaths of 11-year-old Denise McNair and 14-year-olds Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson.

He did not testify at the trial but has repeatedly said he is innocent. Robbins, who was to follow Posey in closing arguments, has said that when the pieces of the prosecution's puzzle are put together, "you don't have a picture."

Posey read the state murder indictment against Blanton and sought to underline the horror of the bombing as he described what happened to "four little girls in church on Sunday morning."

The bombing, which tore through a church wall as the girls were preparing for a worship service, was the deadliest single act against the civil rights movement.

Key evidence during six days of testimony was secret FBI tape recordings made in 1964 in the kitchen of Blanton's apartment and in the mid-1960s in a car while Blanton and FBI informant Mitchell Burns were drinking and driving around Birmingham. On one of the tapes, Blanton is heard saying he wouldn't be caught "when I bomb my next church."

Posey went over the taped statements, putting on a screen portions of transcripts of the tapes. "He had names for black people. They were hateful, profane names," he said.

He read from one transcript in which Blanton describes himself to Burns as a clean-cut guy: "I like to go shooting, I like to go fishing, I like to go bombing."

At another point Posey quoted Blanton as saying he was through with women. "I am going to stick to bombing churches," Blanton said, according to Posey.

The courtroom, which seats more than 400, was mostly empty during the first few days of the trial, but the seats have filled up over the last couple of days as Birmingham residents have come out to view a retelling of perhaps the city's most catastrophic day.

It was almost full today for the final statements from attorneys.

The bombing erupted at a time of white backlash to desegregation, including a series of dynamite bombings of black homes in Birmingham. The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church had become a downtown rallying site for civil rights protesters seeking an end to racially segregated water fountains and lunch counters.

The bombing, claiming the lives of youngsters at worship, became a galvanizing moment for the civil rights movement, exposing the depths of racial hatred among some of its foes. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 followed.

Blanton is the second former Klan member put on trial in the bombing. Robert "Dynamite Bob" Chambliss was convicted of murder in 1977 and died in prison.

Grand jurors last year indicted another former Klansman, Bobby Frank Cherry, with Blanton. The judge delayed Cherry's trial after evaluations raised questions about his mental competency.

A fourth suspect, Herman Cash, died without ever being charged.

'Fog of war' doesn't end with cease fire

NEW YORK (AP) — Carl von Clausewitz called it "the fog of war" — the confusion and terror of armed conflict.

As former Sen. Bob Kerrey faces accusations of leading a massacre of innocent Vietnamese villagers, so much hinges on the reliability of individual memories.

But psychologists, historians and Vietnam War veterans say even the most vivid battle memories are obscured by time, stress and, sometimes, the guilt of having killed or survived.

The passage of three decades dulls and distorts perceptions. Psychological blocks prevent a stitching together of details. Some veterans embellish or mentally edit their experiences, and then become so trapped in their lies that they come to believe their own fabrications.

"A lot of things you remember clearly just didn't happen that way. Someone else will tell it differently, and you'll say, 'Oh yeah, that's right!'" said retired Army Col. Robert Burke, who commanded a missile battalion in Vietnam.

And Vietnam, where the Viet Cong enemy could be indistinguishable from ordinary civilians, was a new kind of battleground.

"Vietnam as a counter-guerrilla war was very different from the world wars and even Korea. You never knew where anything might come from. Any moment you could be overwhelmed — and 15 seconds later, nothing," says Dr. Chaim Shatan, a professor of psychoanalysis at New York University and a pioneer in the study of post-traumatic stress disorder, which affects as many as 100,000 Vietnam veterans.

Shatan said his interviews with hundreds of veterans make clear the difficulties they have in recalling traumatic events.

"Most of them have struggled very hard to bring their memories into focus," he said. "You can never know the shame and guilt of being alive when others have died — whether friend or foe."

According to Kerrey, the night commando raid he led as a 25-year-old Navy SEAL officer on Feb. 25, 1969, resulted in the "mistaken" killing of 12 to 14 Vietnamese civilians in the village of Thanh Phong.

But one of the seven team members, Gerhard Klann, told CBS News and The New York Times that the civilians were killed on Kerrey's orders — some of them herded together and shot at point-blank range. Klann's charges will be aired on "60 Minutes II" today night.

The two accounts are so divergent that there seems no middle ground, no way of melding them into a single, accurate version.

Shatan said it is possible that, despite the wide differences, "they are both telling the truth to the best of their ability. It is not easy to bring out all the details."

Dr. Frank Ochberg, a former associate director of the National Institute of Mental Health and another expert on post-traumatic stress disorder, said there are "flashbulb memories" — details that are never forgotten.

But in the subconscious development of memory, other factors come into play, such as "the desire to try to transform reality" to fit a preferred image of oneself, he said.

The trauma of combat, said Ochberg, "makes it possible to remember things in a part of the brain that causes you to focus on certain events and completely ignore others." The events relating to the SEALs raid, he said, "could have been transformed for all involved, including the Vietnamese witnesses."

Dr. Henry Roediger, an expert in cognitive psychology at Washington University in St. Louis, said it was possible both Kerrey and Klann are speaking the truth as they believe it. But, he said, "if these people were rounded up and shot, I find it hard to believe that Kerrey would not remember that."

If that were the case, he added, "I would expect one or more of the others to come out and admit that it was true."

In "Home to War: A History of the Vietnam Veterans' Movement," to be published this week, author Gerald Nicosia argues what happened in Thanh Phong was commonplace and "the nation's aversion to hearing such stories" caused veterans to "bury (them) in the psyche."

"Vietnam vets took part in some of the worst things this country ever did," he said in an e-mail interview. Then, he said, they had little chance to talk about their experiences.

"To even try speaking of it got them labeled un-American and kicked in the pants by the nation that had sent them to do its dirty work," he said. "The question we should ask is not why it took so long for someone like Bob Kerrey to confess to Vietnam atrocities, but why we have made it so hard for these men and women to tell us what they actually experienced."

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Education board would keep control of fund

AUSTIN (AP) — The elected State Board of Education would keep control of the state's $20 billion school trust fund but an appointed board would serve as an advisory council under a bill approved by the Senate on Monday.

The bill by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, would require that the full board, not a board committee, consider and make investment decisions relating to the Permanent School Fund and would prohibit money managers of the fund from lobbying legislators and the advisement board.

The legislation, which now moves to the House Public Education Committee, comes after two recent investigations found serious problems with how the Permanent School Fund is managed. The State Auditor's Office and a legislative investigative committee accused the education board of conflicts of interest and lack of financial expertise regarding the fund.

The bill is not the piece of legislation that Duncan had wanted to pass. Duncan for weeks has been trying to draw up support for a bill that would take the Permanent School Fund away from the State Board of Education and put it into the hands of an appointed board.

Strong lobbying by the fund managers halted Duncan's effort and forced him to come up with a compromise with other lawmakers to get the bill out of the Senate, Duncan said.

"When you don't have the votes, you don't have the votes," Duncan said. "I think this agreement solves some problems, but it doesn't go as far as I want to go."

State Board of Education Chairwoman Grace Shore was not supportive of the legislation that was approved.

"I would rather not have the bill at all," Shore said. "I would rather leave things as they are."

Shore said that the provision in the bill that would prohibit committees from discussing the Permanent School Fund could make it difficult for the board to operate. She added that under the current setup, the full board, not a committee, makes final decisions on the investment of the fund.

Duncan said that provision could solve all of the problems that the board has experienced.

State Board member David Bradley, said he believes that many members of the board support the provision that would require all members to study the investment strategies, rather than just a committee.

Bradley, however, was critical of the rule that would ban the money managers from lobbying state lawmakers.

"Why does it only apply to a select group of state contractors?," said Bradley, R-Beaumont. "If he is concerned about lobbyists, why not extend it to all state vendors." He said the rule seemed personal and directed.

Shore said she was not sure what effect lobbying has had on the lawmakers and was not sure the proposed rule would now have.

"I don't know very much about the lobbying efforts of the money managers or how much they spend," Shore said.

The board is the fund's steward, but the Texas Education Agency staff is responsible for managing two-thirds of the fund comprised of stocks, bonds, oil and gas royalties from state-owned lands. Private money managers handle the rest.

Duncan said that newspaper articles showed that lobbyists hired by money managers had been paid as much as $100,000 to ward off his original legislation.

Senate approves sliding scale for severance tax

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would adopt a sliding scale for the state severance tax on oil and gas to help the industry survive tough times under a bill tentatively approved by the Senate on Monday.

The bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, would create a sliding tax scale that allows the industry to pay as little as 1 percent in taxes if the price of oil falls below $12 a barrel

The state levies a 4.6 percent severance tax on crude oil and 7.5 percent on natural gas.

Under Bivins' proposal, the severance tax on oil would be 4.6 percent when the price is more than $20 a barrel. It would drop to 2.3 percent if the price were more than $12 but less than $20, and would drop as low as 1 percent if the price per barrel fell below $12.

The taxes on natural gas would fall to 5 percent if the price fell between $1.25 and $3 per MMBtu. It would drop to 2 percent if the price fell below $1.25.

Bivins said a $45 million tax-relief bailout in 1999 showed the Legislature is willing to protect the industry. Lawmakers approved that measure when the price of oil fell below $15 a barrel for three consecutive months.

The bill was criticized by some lawmakers who said that tax relief should not be doled out to the oil and gas industry when the lawmakers may have to approve tax increases in 2003.

The sliding scale would take effect in 2004 to give time for computer and administrative adjustments but customers would get credit if the price dips before the effective date.

The bill would have to get legislative approval to stay implemented longer than two years.

The sliding scale bill is SB 344

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Dedicated foster parents give kids the tools to succeed

DEAR ABBY: We are an actress and a basketball player writing to you to ask your help in lighting a lamp of inspiration for the 600,000 children currently living in foster care.

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month, and we would like former foster children to join us in sharing their personal stories.

We both grew up in the foster care system. Being a foster child can be a painful and isolating experience, leaving many children without direction and purpose in their lives. We acknowledge that many foster children have experienced shame and felt "unattached" — with no real sense of belonging to a family or community. Yet, we know firsthand that as painful as it is for children to live without their parents, foster care can also be the best thing for a child in harm's way. It was for us.

We were blessed to receive support and commitment from dedicated foster parents and mentors who believed we could fulfill our greatest dreams. And both of us, as well as thousands of other foster children, have gone on to lead successful and productive lives.

We believe that the skills and life lessons learned by former foster children can serve to light the way for those now in foster care. They can inspire current foster families and social workers by reminding them of the enormous difference their dedication makes, and encourage other caring individuals to become foster parents.

By sharing our personal stories, we can bring a world of promise to children in foster care, and provide them with clear examples of how they can live their lives to the fullest, and in doing so, enrich the lives of others. It is a legacy that all of us who have been in foster care must leave for our children and the future. — **VICTORIA ROWELL AND ALONZO MOURNING, NATIONAL SPOKESPERSONS FOR FOSTER CARE**

DEAR VICTORIA AND ALONZO: You are living proof that with consistent mentoring, and with caring foster parents with an abundance of patience, foster children can succeed. For them to achieve, strong role models are essential because children absorb what they see around them.

That is why I am joining you in asking other successful former foster children to take pen in hand and share their stories. What was it that worked for you? What fortified you when times were difficult? Your personal experiences can bolster and enlighten current foster parents, inspire new ones and improve the foster care system. I know I can count on you. My readers are the most generous people in the world when it comes to giving of themselves.

Please address your letters to: Casey Family Services, 1 Corporate Drive, Shelton, CT 06484. The toll-free number is 1-888-799-KIDS (5437). The e-mail address is: dearabbyresponse@rowellfosterchildren.org. They're waiting to hear from you.

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

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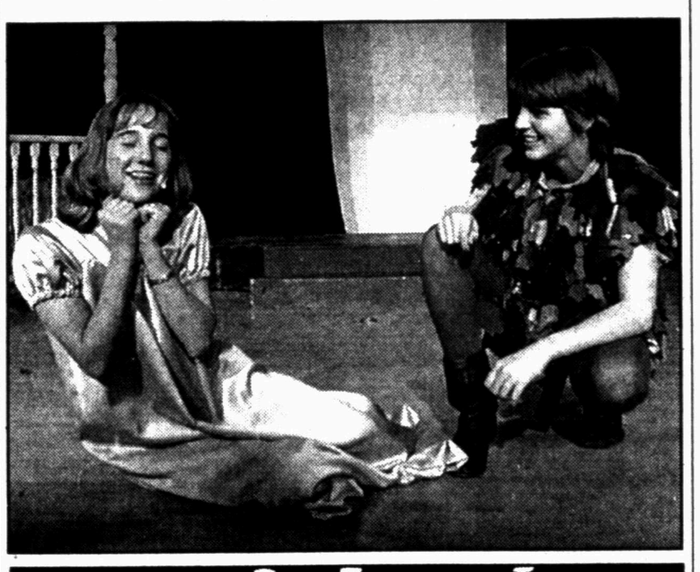

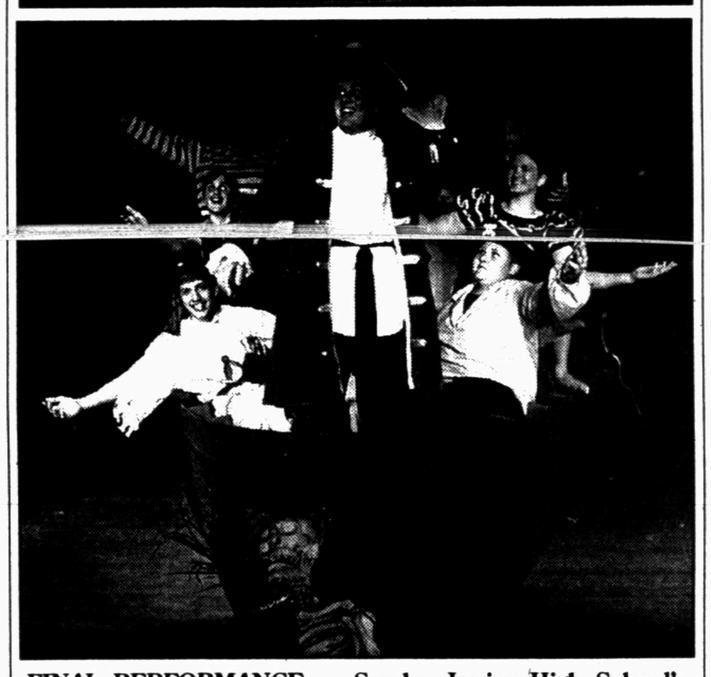

FINAL PERFORMANCE — Snyder Junior High School's *Peter Pan* concludes at 7:30 tonight at the school auditorium. Tickets are $5 each. (top photo) Blake Robertson, right, as Peter Pan shares a moment with Wendy, played by Jana Lewis. (middle photo) Players starting with boy on floor are Casey Pierce as John; Shala Thompson, Liza the maid; Stephanie Parmer and Austin Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Darling; Christi Williams as Michael; Jessica Taylor as Nana the dog; and Jana Lewis as Wendy. (bottom photo) Captain Hook, center, played by Logan Martin; and a boat load of pirates include, continuing clockwise, Austin Hatfield as Jukes; Briana Burk, Ceeco; Jason Hook, Smee; Paul Jackson, Starkey; Katie Curry, Mullins; and Sarah Carpenter, Noodler. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Endeavour lands in California

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Shooed from rainy Florida, space shuttle Endeavour and its seven-man crew landed in California on today after installing a billion-dollar robot arm for the international space station.

Endeavour touched down at 9:10 a.m.

"Welcome back after a tremendously successful mission taking the arm to space," Mission Control said as soon as the shuttle rolled to a stop.

"It's great to be back," commander Kent Rominger replied.

Mission Control waved Endeavour off two chances to return to Cape Canaveral, Fla., because of rain, wind and clouds, and decided to take advantage of clear skies and light wind at the backup landing strip at Edwards Air Force Base in Southern California. The weather in Florida was not expected to improve throughout the week.

It was a disappointment for Rominger and his crew; their families were waiting for them at Cape Canaveral.

This was the second time in three months that a space shuttle was diverted to Edwards because of bad weather in Florida. Atlantis ended up there in February, also following a space station construction mission.

NASA prefers to land in Florida to save time and money. It costs as much as $1 million to send the shuttle on a cross-country trip atop a jumbo jet when it lands in California.

Endeavour launched April 19 on the mission to install and wire up the robot arm at the station, called Alpha.

After the crew met those objectives, shutdowns of computers critical to operating the new arm postponed testing it until Saturday and kept Endeavour at the station an extra day.

More than 500 flight controllers and engineers at Mission Control worked continuously to bring the main computer's two backups back to life. The main machine and one backup were fully functional today and a third was working without a good hard drive.

The Canadian-built arm, with two hands and seven joints, will be the station's high-tech construction crane, adding pieces to the 250-mile-high complex over the next 15 to 20 years.

"This is hard what we're doing and we have been 100 percent successful because of all the hard work we put in beforehand and all the tremendous amount of work that was done on the ground," said Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, who installed the arm during two spacewalks with U.S. astronaut Scott Parazynski.

Endeavour undocked Sunday, clearing the way for a Russian Soyuz spacecraft to dock, which will serve as a lifeboat at the station.

The Soyuz delivered two Russian cosmonauts and the world's first space tourist, California millionaire Dennis Tito, who will return to Earth in an older Soyuz already docked at the station.

On the Net:
NASA:
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Closing agruments in embassy bombings

NEW YORK (AP) — Four men on trial in the bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa were on a mission to "murder the people of the United States merely because they were Americans," a federal prosecutor said today in closing arguments.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Karas showed jurors in Manhattan federal court a video of the aftermath of the deadly 1998 attack in Nairobi, Kenya. He called the scenes of the bombed-out embassy and smoldering cars "a painful reminder of why we have spent the past 2-1/2 months together."

Karas argued the government had proven that the defendants — identified as followers of exiled Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden — guilty of "unspeakable acts."

"We have established the guilt of these defendants in a conspiracy to murder the people of the United States merely because they were Americans," he said.

The defendants pleaded innocent to murder conspiracy charges in the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The attacks left 224 people dead, including 12 Americans.

If convicted, Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, 24, and Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, 27, could face the death penalty. Sadeek Odeh, 35, and Wadih El-Hage, 40, could face life in prison.

At trial, prosecutors portrayed the defendants as militant Muslims recruited by bin Laden's terrorist organization, Al Qaeda, to fight a holy war against the United States. Bin Laden — a fugitive believed to be under the protection of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia — "wanted to export jihad ... to fulfill his dream," Karas said.

Defense attorneys did not dispute that El-Hage, an American citizen who last lived in Arlington, Texas, once worked for bin Laden. But they insisted he only was involved in legitimate business ventures.

Prosecutors alleged that El-Hage led "a secret double life," traveling the globe to raise money for Al Qaeda's terror plots and even shopped for Stinger missiles on the black market.

Odeh, an alleged explosives expert, was accused of being a "technical adviser" to the terror group. Prosecutors claimed Al-'Owhali personally asked bin Laden for "a mission," and ended up riding in the truck that carried the bomb to the Nairobi embassy.

Mohamed was charged with renting a house that was used as a bomb factory in the Tanzania attack, helping grind the TNT used in the explosion.

Navy exercises on Vieques delayed

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico (AP) — Overcast skies, not protesters, delayed the start of military maneuvers on this Puerto Rican island, but the Navy said that, barring any other problems, the exercises would end today.

Thirteen more people were detained overnight for trespassing on federal land, the Navy said. Only a dozen stood outside the Navy's base this morning with flags and posters demanding "Peace for Vieques."

Clouds and rain prevented the Navy ships and fighter jets from firing inert shells and bombs but after the weather cleared, exercises would resume and likely end by nightfall, said spokesman Lt. Jeff Gordon.

Monday's maneuvers were stalled for hours after a report that protesters were burying themselves in the 900-acre firing range littered with unexploded ammunition. No one was found.

The Navy says the range provides unique training that saves American lives in combat. It denies the claims of opponents that 60 years of bombing and shelling have harmed islanders' health.

White House spokesman Air Fletcher asked where President Bush stands on Vieques, said the president's concern was "making sure that American troops are able to carry out their missions."

"And the line of responsibility for making certain that our troops are able to carry out their missions falls to the Department of Defense," added Fletcher, who spoke at a briefing Monday.

TDCJ Wallace sets graduation

The first of three graduations to be conducted by Western Texas College is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

A 10 a.m. graduation also is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday at Snyder's Price Daniel Unit.

At 7 p.m. Friday in the WTC Courtyard, some 62 students will receive diplomas. In case of inclement weather, the Friday commencement ceremony will be moved to Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

At tomorrow's graduation at Colorado City, some 19 inmates have earned associate degrees. Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, will give the commencement address at both Wallace and Daniel units.

Mayor Jim Baum will make opening remarks and Senior Warden Charles O'Kelly will give the welcome and Clayton Finch of the Windham School regional office will introduce the speaker.

Twenty-three from the Daniel Unit and six from the Smith Unit in Lamesa will be awarded degrees at the Thursday ceremony. Warden Vernon Pittman will give the welcome and Finch will again introduce Dr. Krenek.

At both ceremonies, WTC dean of vocational instruction John Gibson will present the diplomas.

At WTC's graduation Friday night, two graduates – Reid Johnson and Helen Fare – will give addresses while Stephanie Ducheneaux, president of the Faculty Association, will give the response.

Dr. Krenek and Bettie McQueen, WTC vice president, will present the diplomas.

Also on Friday, State Rep. David Counts will be present to make a special presentation.

Vehicle not returned reported as stolen

• ***Stolen vehicle***

Henry Valdez of Henry's Auto Sales reported that a rental car had not been returned. Officers filed a report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• ***Burglary of a vehicle***

Officers were called to the 4400 block of Avenue U around 11 p.m. in reference to someone breaking the window out of a vehicle and stealing a purse.

• ***Family violence***

A woman filed a report for family violence at 1:24 p.m. as her ex-husband had made threats toward her.

• ***Found property***

A Lubbock woman's purse was found at Whataburger and she was notified that it had been taken to the police department.

• ***Dog problems***

Officers were called to the 100 block of Milburn at 7:39 a.m. in reference to a person stating her neighbor's dog had barked throughout the night.

A report of a vicious dog running loose in the 2100 block of 26th Street was made at 10:10 a.m.

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An 18-year-old male was arrested in the 1300 block of 26th Street at 5:20 p.m. for failure to pay his fine for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

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Obituaries

Garry Rhodes

1959-2001

Garry Mark Rhodes, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, April 30, at his home in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Rhodes, 41, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Dr. [illegible] ing.

Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 11, 1959 in Snyder, Mr. Rhodes was a construction worker and a Baptist.

Survivors include his parents, Coy and LaDean Rhodes of Snyder; two sisters, Janice Philen of Austin and Julie Lawrence of Weatherford; a brother, Coy Dale Rhodes of Snyder; and seven nieces and [illegible]

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T.J. Walls

1934-2001

BIG SPRING – T.J. Walls of Forsan, the father of Teresa Ragland of Snyder, died Sunday, April 29, in a Midland Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Walls, 66, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Rosewood Chapel. The Rev. Jeff Janca, pastor of the Forsan Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Sept. 26, 1934 in Silver, he married Marie Smith on June 26, 1955 in San Antonio.

A member of the Forsan Baptist Church, Mr. Walls worked for Forsan Oilwell Service, for Weatherford Tool Company and then for Knight Tool Company of Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Walls of Forsan, a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Mary Walls of Carrollton; a son-in-law, Shawn Ragland of Snyder; three sisters, Helen Mathers of Robert Lee, Joy Spradlin and Lois Grey, both of Grand Prairie; three brothers, Thad Walls of Moseley, Va., Bob Walls of Andrews and Troy Walls of Colorado City; and four granddaughters, Annie Martin of Edmond, Okla., Alex Walls and Abbi Walls, both of Carrollton; and Terann Ragland of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the Allison Cancer Center, 301 N. N St. in Midland, 79701.

WHAT'S UP? events

ONGOINGS

Snyder Band Boosters

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the band hall. Officers will be elected and plans will be made for the band banquet.

Class of '56 reunion

The SHS class of 1956 is seeking addresses of class members for a June 30 reunion. The classes of 1954-1958 are also invited. To submit names and addresses, call Gay Birdsall Kimmel at 573-5021 or Anniece Hardy Trujillo at 573-8987 or 573-7455. Reply by today.

Registration extended

Summer childcare registration for Discovery School for school age children through seven years old has been extended through Wednesday. Summer activities begin May 21. Some spaces are open for ages six weeks to four years. For more information call 573-4770.

National Day of Prayer

Two observances will be held Thursday in Snyder. East Side Church of Christ will have a community prayer service at 7 a.m. at the East Side Multi-Purpose Building, 201 31st. A Continental breakfast will follow. First Baptist Church will sponsor a prayer service at 12:10 p.m. Thursday on the front steps of city hall.

West family reading night

West Elementary will have only two more family reading nights this school year. The sessions will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday and also Thursday, May 10. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

The yearly report for the Pyron Cemetery will be given at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hermleigh Community Center. A covered dish lunch will be served.

Mayday

The Senior Citizens Center's annual Mayday fundraiser begins at 2 p.m. Saturday. Activities include quilt auction, silent auction, barbecue dinner, crafts and food booths, flower show and antique tractor show. Barbecue tickets are $6 each.

Country and gospel music program

There will be a country and gospel music program beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Abiding Life Conference

Michael Wells of Abiding Life Ministries International, will be featured Sunday through next Tuesday in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Author of "Sidetracked in the Wilderness," sessions are at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. weekdays.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Senior steak supper

Parents of SHS seniors should send $20 for the steak supper and all-night party for the Class of 2001 to P.O. Box 768 in Snyder.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Big redistricting fight in state about to begin

AUSTIN (AP) — The first House redistricting skirmish is over. The big battle is about to begin.

Rep. Delwin Jones, chairman of the House Redistricting Committee, said he hopes to have the redistricting plan his committee approved Monday before the full House for debate later this week.

Expect sparks to fly.

Some Republicans don't like the proposal. Some minority Democrats don't, either.

Jones was the only Republican on his committee supporting his proposal in an 8-4 vote. Three Republican lawmakers voted against it, and two other Republicans did not vote.

"Whether it's party leaders or individual people out there, I always contend that they have a right to express their opinion, and I encourage them to express it," Jones said.

Seven Democrats joined Jones in approving the plan, which Republican Party of Texas leaders call a "politician protection plan" aimed at protecting the job of House Speaker Pete Laney, a Democrat, and other House incumbents.

Laney appointed Jones, a fellow West Texas lawmaker, to lead the House redistricting effort.

Democrats hold a 78-72 advantage in the House.

Redistricting is the redrawing of political boundaries every 10 years after new census figures are released. The Texas Legislature creates boundaries for its two chambers, the Texas congressional delegation and the State Board of Education.

Jones said his redistricting committee will move next to working on congressional and education board plans.

Two minority Democrats on the redistricting committee — Reps. Vilma Luna of Corpus Christi and Ron Wilson of Houston — did not support the committee's state House plan.

Wilson voted against it, saying it dilutes the strength of black voters. Luna did not vote. She said she prefers a plan she contends is fairer to South Texas and the Coastal Bend.

Both said they would regroup and prepare for the subjects to come up again on the House floor.

"We have to maintain the integrity of these districts for 10 years, not just the next election cycle," Wilson said.

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Last-minute rush to beat deadline for visas

NEW YORK (AP) — Illegal immigrants across the country turned out in extraordinary numbers and stood in line for hours, trying to beat Monday's deadline for applying for legal residency under a new federal law.

In Dallas, a line of illegal immigrants hoping to stave off deportation spent Sunday night at the INS office, anticipating long lines Monday. Lugging chairs, pillows and their paperwork, eager immigrants and their sponsors arrived as early as noon Sunday, trying to beat the midnight Monday deadline for deportation.

In Albuquerque, N.M., they camped overnight outside the Immigration and Naturalization Service office. In Charlotte, N.C., parents hoisted infants in their arms in a line that snaked around a building.

In Philadelphia, they marched into a truck, where application photos were taken assembly-line style. And in New York, about 500 people lined up to file applications.

"I need papers," said Abdoulaye Diallo, a taxi driver who arrived in New York in 1995 from Guinea in West Africa. "I didn't hear before. I found out today from TV."

The Legal Immigration and Family Equity Act, which took effect in December, will allow approximately 640,000 illegal immigrants to seek green cards without first returning to their home countries.

That is significant because most illegal immigrants who leave the United States are barred from re-entering for up to 10 years.

"We've been married for 10 years and we have three children," one man said while waiting outside the Dallas INS office with his wife. "They still said she had to go back to fill out her paperwork. This way we won't have to be separated for 10 years."

To apply, an immigrant must be sponsored by an employer or by a close relative, such as a spouse, who is a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

Anticipating the rush of immigrants, INS offices from Albany, N.Y., to Yakima, Wash., extended their hours until midnight.

By 10:30 p.m. Monday, the INS office in Dallas had taken in 1,173 envelopes and people were still trickling in. Lynn Ligon, INS Dallas region spokesman, said some of the envelopes probably have multiple applications inside.

Ligon said about 10 people were in line. "They'll probably be trickling in probably up until midnight. We were still giving out forms, applications, up until just a little while ago," he said.

Among the hundreds of people in lines wrapped around the Detroit office was Rebecca Nava, who traveled 140 miles from Grand Rapids, Mich., seeking legal status for her husband, a Mexican citizen.

"It seems like everybody that comes over here doesn't want to go back because life (in Mexico) is so difficult," she said.

For immigrants without a sponsor, marriage to a U.S. citizen can be the fastest route to legal status. One byproduct of the new federal law was a rush to the altar in cities with high immigrant populations.

Paula Pagan, a wedding clerk in New York, said she performed 255 ceremonies last Friday alone and expected a lot more Monday.

Danny Ang from Malaysia, waiting in the INS line nearby, said he was frustrated that he couldn't take that route to citizenship. "I'm a gay guy so I can't get married just for the paper," Ang said. "I don't even know if I have the right forms now. Maybe I should just give it up."

INS spokeswoman Elaine Komis said the agency would not know for several weeks how many immigrants filed applications. But she said petitions from relatives hoping to sponsor immigrants suggest the applications are on a record pace. The prior record dates to 1998, just before the deadline for a similar law.

Although many applicants admitted to procrastination, some said it simply took time and money to get their papers in order.

Henry Harrison, was waiting in Miami with his wife, Kimberly. They said they had known about the deadline since November but needed time to raise the $1,000 application fee and $455 in additional costs.

"There are a lot of people who want to lead good lives and they shouldn't be deprived of that chance," Kimberly Harrison said.

Mario Russell, director of immigrant services for Catholic Charities in New York, said the agency counseled hundreds of applicants, extending the hours of its immigration hot line and adding eight new languages, including Polish, Turkish and Serbo-Croatian.

"We expanded our staff, we expanded our hours, and we've been working nonstop on this for four months," Russell said. "Everybody's pretty tired."

In Boston, the INS had accepted about 10 times the average daily number of applications by noon Monday.

Richmond Akesseh said he came to Boston from Ghana illegally about a year ago. "Even when I was little, I wanted to come and make a family here," he said. "I want to go to school and finish my courses."

At the Dallas marriage license office bilingual couples sat in a stark city hall lobby, waiting anxiously for their names to be called before heading to the INS office to wait in yet another line.

One woman waiting in the Dallas lobby with her boyfriend of four years said they decided to tie the knot to ease both their minds.

"It makes me more relaxed, knowing that he's not going to be kicked out of the country at anytime," said the woman, who declined to give her name.

Maria Elena Lara, who came to Texas from Guanajuato, Mexico, four years ago, was marrying her boyfriend of 10 years.

"We wanted to get married so that nobody gets sent back to Mexico," Lara said in Spanish.

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Astro-graph

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Your Birthday

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In the year ahead, you could find yourself in the position where you'll have jurisdiction over the affairs of others. Remember you are there because you've already proven yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When accepting a social invitation today, know ahead of time what you're getting yourself into, especially the costs. You won't have a good time if you feel taken. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's good to be kind and generous with your time and resources, but make sure you do so only with those who appreciate your large-heartedness. Ingrates will make you sad.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't rely too heavily upon your personality to get you out of a tight jam you've got yourself into. You may not have as many fans as you think you do, so it's best to simply apologize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be extremely careful what you do with some valuable information to which you are privy today. If you misuse it in any way, you'll never be trusted again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Capitalize on your strong points today, and don't yield to your weaker character flaws. Your reputation could be on the line, so keep your wits about you to act with dignity at all times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Should you make some blunders today, don't count on Lady Luck to get you out of it. You're going to have to put your thinking cap on and figure out what you can do about it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — In the final analysis today, you will only be able to count on yourself and no one else. Depending on someone else's word could be opening yourself up to disappointment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Someone you thought you could team up with today to accomplish an important goal might not be available. Don't get upset with this person. Next time, make arrangements ahead of time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Make sure there is only one person in charge when embarking on a project. Confusion, complications and disorientation will result if you have too many cooks in the kitchen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Think twice before you allow those in your charge to get involved today in something that may be way over their heads. It's not unkind to be realistic about things.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Get your mind off your emotions today, and think about what's best for all others involved in joint affairs. It's selfish not to consider the feelings of others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — No matter how badly you want something to be true, it'll only be the honest facts that can help you move on with something and handle it wisely. Don't kid yourself today.

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