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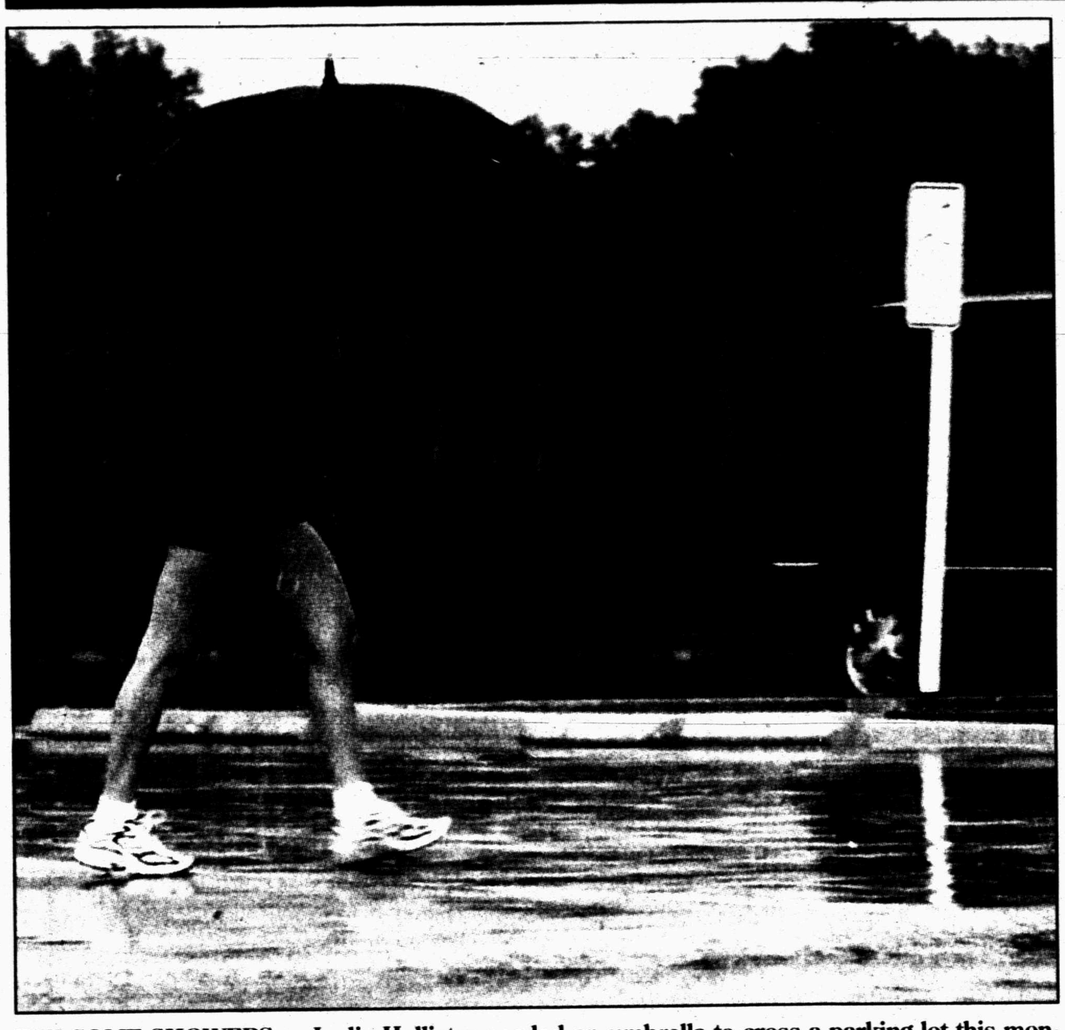
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Home of Mackey Greene & Erin Kirk



WELCOME SHOWERS — Lydia Hollister needed an umbrella to cross a parking lot this morning as almost a half-inch of rain was recorded in Snyder. More showers are forecast today and Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Brick plant on healthy footing

Company emerges from bankruptcy proceeding

Snyder Brick & Tile Co. Wednesday announced that it had emerged from a seven-month bankruptcy proceeding as a stronger company with a bright future.

The order was signed Friday by Judge Robert L. Jones in Lubbock.

Wilson Thomas, president and chief executive officer of Snyder Brick & Tile, said the reorganization actually began last July. "We were forced into (Chapter) 11 in October due to threat of foreclosure."

Thomas said the success of the reorganization effort required many "hands to the plow" of every single employee and the company's far-flung distributor base.

"This included the unprecedented support of our largest distributor, Acme Brick Company." Thomas said. "In addition, the support we received from local and regional businesses and suppliers played a major role in our ability to achieve this goal so quickly.

"Not one creditor or supplier voted against our reorganization plan. The Snyder community and the High Plains Region supported our efforts from the get-go. And for this we say a big, big thanks."

Thomas added that production capacity is "sold out" through September and order backlog grows daily. "Our unique product line has met with almost unbelievable success as we are making daily shipments into Utah, Idaho, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and into the southeastern states."

Thomas said Snyder Brick & Tile plans to introduce a new building product called "Hand-Crafted ClayStone" that is being well received.

"Our immediate goal is to allocate 25 percent of production capacity to this new product line by year's end. This new product should go along way toward securing the financial future of Snyder Brick & Tile Co.

Local plant manager Mitchell Goodger said 40 people are currently employed at the Snyder plant.

"We've increased out sales and increased our distributor base," added Goodger. "Distributors are spread from Nashville to Salt Lake City to Florida."

Development Corporation of Snyder executive director John DeLille said news about the brick plant is certainly good.

"We're very pleased and hope they are in town for many more years," said DeLille. "We continue to enjoy our relationship with them and appreciate the number of employees they have and the payroll that is generated."

The DCOS worked with the brick plant in its reopening by offering job creation incentives.

No charges expected in jail investigation

The investigation into alleged sexual liaisons at the Scurry County Jail has concluded without any criminal charges being filed to date, and none are expected.

"I am not anticipating any criminal charges being filed in this case although I still need to consult with the DA," said Texas Ranger John Billings.

Sheriff Darren Jackson said today he had not received the Ranger's report, but would make a statement as soon as he has it in hand.

Jackson said the Ranger's report had to be presented first to the Texas Ranger regional office in Midland, along with a copy to District Attorney Dana Cooley.

Billings said earlier that he couldn't release any of his findings until he has presented them to Sheriff Jackson.

The investigation involved complaints from female inmates at the jail that a jailer had escorted a male inmate into the women's section of the jail and allowed the male and a female inmate to have intimate contact.

One of the possible scenarios Billings investigated was that the male inmate might have been brought into the female section to do some work, such as plumbing, and the jailer was perhaps not vigilant enough in watching the inmates.

A female jailer, Katrina Burney, had been on sick leave for several weeks, and a check with the county auditor's office today indicated she did not receive a paycheck during the last county pay period.

Sheriff Jackson today would not confirm the jailer's name nor that anyone had been terminated.

"I won't make any more comments on the matter until I receive the final report — then I will," Jackson said.

Retreat being held by Snyder district

Representatives from Snyder ISD are holding a district-wide retreat today and Friday at First United Methodist Church.

The two-day event will focus on formulating campus plans for the 2004-2005 school year.

The retreat began at 8:30 in the morning and continues until 4 p.m.

Rod Cottrell, executive director of curriculum and instruction, led the discussion this morning.

SISD personnel director takes job in Alamogordo

Dr. Melissa Jones, Snyder ISD director of personnel, has accepted a position with the Alamogordo, N. M., school district to serve as an assistant administrator at the high school.

Dr. Jones had been with the local school district since August 1997 and at one time, served as the assistant superintendent for personnel and curriculum.

She was named the director of personnel prior to the start of the recently concluded school year.

Dr. Jones' contract expires at the end of this month, said Snyder ISD Supt. Dr. Ronny Collins.

Her contract was not extended by the school board earlier in the fall as Dr. Collins told the board at the time that she did not plan to remain in Snyder.

Thousands still without power

DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of Texans remained without power early today, victims of severe storms packing hail and high wind that downed power lines and delayed airline flights.

Three people were killed in storm-related incidents, authorities said.

At their peak, Tuesday night's lightning and high winds left more than a half-million electric utility customers without power. Crews came in to start repairing the damage, but a second evening of bad weather brought more squall lines through the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

It probably will be midday Friday before power is restored.



MAKING PLANS — Snyder ISD's director of curriculum and instruction, Rod Cottrell, led a discussion this morning at a district-wide retreat at First United Methodist Church. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

ASK US

Q—With the recent rains, does the city have plans to spray for mosquitoes again?

A—Weather permitting, the city will resume spraying tonight north of 25th Street and west of College Avenue.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Maribeth Vestal...

...has lived in Snyder since 1952. She was married to the late Bill Vestal and has three children, Jerry Vestal of the Metroplex, Beth Burkhalter of Lubbock and Jan Hegi, who also lives in the Metroplex. She also has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren with one more on the way. She taught school for 22 years, and now enjoys gardening and bridge.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I feel sorry for the person who can't get genuinely excited about his work. Not only will he never be satisfied, but he will never achieve anything worthwhile.

—Walter P. Chrysler

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jeff West



I know you folks are busy so I don't know if any of you have had the chance to notice, but — it's hot.

When I lived in the DFW area and would hear someone complain about the summer heat, I'd reply, "Well let's see, middle of summer in Dallas, what were you expecting?" (not that I'm a smarty-pants, but the routine doesn't need comment.)

But this ain't Dallas and it's not the middle of summer. So what the heck is going on?

I think when I read my travel packet it showed that Snyder was considerably west of the metroplex and that was supposed to guarantee cooler weather, especially in May and the first few days of June.

I thought it was in the deal somehow, not as hot here as there. Despite what's been said and written lately, this is still spring.

I've heard and read several people say the Memorial Day is considered the start of summer. I don't know how that rumor started, but summer starts June 21. That's what it says on my calendar, that's the way the government set it up, I think that's the way the Bible says it should be. It's in Second Joseph or First Bartholomew or somewhere like that. It's not supposed to get hot until June 21.

But even then it's not supposed to get hotter here than there. I don't know if you look at the weather map of Texas that we run every day, (What's that, no boss, of course I know that everyone reads every part of the paper, I was just kidding,) but Snyder is showing up on that map a lot lately as the hottest place in the state. Hotter than Dallas, hotter than El Paso, hotter than Houston — where the devil goes to warm up.

I don't know, but it must have something to do with Martha Stewart being sent to the big house for lying to the feds about a crime she wasn't charged with while a New Yorker who confessed in Texas to killing his roommate gets off because authorities never could find the victim's head.

How do the two trials in different parts of the country affect weather in Snyder? The theory I'm working on is the possible injustices have upset the universe's sense of order, upsetting the natural order of things. And since Snyder is almost exactly the same distance from nearly every major city in West Texas, we caught the brunt of universe's confusion. Hey, it's just a theory, I could be wrong.

Speaking of the differences between kids and grownups, (those who read closely may notice I wasn't really speaking about any kids-adult things. This was my attempt at a smooth transition, work with me here.)

I'm not sure exactly when the transition from kid to grown-up occurs, but there is a fairly foolproof way to tell when it happens.

Whenever I'm with a group of people to shoot a picture, all the grown-ups will try to hide, persuade me not to shoot them or make excuses for their perceived lack of photogenic qualities.

All the kids will, however, jump up and down trying to attract my attention while shouting, 'shoot me, shoot me.'

I was going to explain the psychological reasons behind this, but I'm out of space and don't know why.

Be good to one another, and be good to yourselves.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ritz auditions

Auditions for the July Ritz Theatre production of *Harvey* will be at 6 p.m. today, Friday and Monday.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Carol Garza, Texas Department of Human Services supervisor, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at the DHS office in Snyder Shopping Center.

AARP garage sale

An AARP garage sale will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 3209 Houston.

Class of 1989 reunion

The SHS class of 1989 is seeking addresses of graduates for the 15th-year reunion on July 3.

What's up guidelines

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

Conjunto accordionist dead at age 72

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Tony De La Rosa, a conjunto accordionist who helped to shape the Tejano music industry, has died from complications following surgery.

Funeral arrangements for De La Rosa, who died Wednesday at a Coastal Bend hospital, are pending.

De La Rosa helped to revolutionize conjunto music by adding drums and electrifying the bajo sexto or 12-string guitar in his post-World War II band, creating a new style called tacuachito.

More than 75 records bearing De La Rosa's name were issued on regional labels, during his heyday in the 1950s and 1960s.

Public Notice

The elevator at Scurry County Courthouse will be shut down the week of June 7-11 for required maintenance.



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Mixed reviews for insurance bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas homeowners, paying some of the highest insurance rates in the nation, were promised relief last year when the Legislature passed a bill aimed at lowering costs and providing better access.

While rates have decreased for some Texans, many homeowners still pay higher prices and some have difficulty securing insurance.

"The one-year report card would definitely not be glowing," said Dan Lambe, head of the consumer advocacy group Texas Watch. "I would say it's questionable what the score would be, but for many Texans it would be a failing grade."

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor disagrees, saying all but two of the more than 29 companies ordered to reduce rates last year have done so and more companies are writing policies.

"My expectation is that we have in fact turned a corner," Montemayor said. "I think the changes that the Legislature enacted are working and are working well."

The wide-ranging insurance bill approved last year gave the state more control over premiums and allowed the insurance commissioner to order companies to lower rates to help consumers who had endured steady increases for three years. The insurance industry blamed much of the higher rates on billions of dollars in mold-damage claims.

Montemayor in August ordered insurers to cut their rates anywhere from 1.5 percent to 31 percent, saving Texans an estimated $510 million. The rate cuts were to come when consumers renewed their policies.

The department does not yet have data to show what consumers are paying now, but six months worth of data should be available in August. However, the department uses an example of a hypothetical $1,000 premium in 2000 to illustrate that rates are lower. Under actual circumstances, that rate would have climbed to $1,426 in 2002, TDI said. The premium would drop to $1,390 because of the mandated rate cuts, TDI said.

Two of the largest insurance companies in Texas, State Farm and Farmers, continue to challenge their mandated rate cuts in the courts. State Farm was ordered to reduce its rates by 12 percent and Farmers by 17.5 percent.

"We believe our rates are where they need to be and that the (state's) rate request is excessive," Farmers spokeswoman Michelle Levy said.

State Farm spokeswoman Sophie Harbert agreed, saying State Farm's rates are "necessary and justified." She also said that State Farm, which has 1.2 million homeowners, renters and condo owner policies in Texas, has started selling policies to new homeowners on a limited basis, a practice it stopped in 2001.

"That's an adjustment that we would not have been able to make if we had accepted the commissioner's rate rollback recommendation," Harbert said.

State Farm still is not writing policies for new customers in the Dallas-Forth Worth and Houston metropolitan areas or along the Texas coast, she said, though it is writing new renters and condo owner policies everywhere.

Montemayor said the companies' rates will be adjusted, whether it's done in court or through a settlement. He said more consumers should see a savings as more policies come up for renewals.

Lambe said another example that the law is not benefitting consumers as it should is the number of Texas homeowners who have been forced to buy their insurance through a "market of last resort" plan called the FAIR (Fair Access to Insurance Requirements) Plan. The plan only takes homeowners who have been denied insurance by two companies.

Insurance Department spokesman Jim Hurley said 124,000 homeowners had signed up for the plan by April, up from about 119,000 by March. He said growth is tapering off and enrollment has hit its peak.

Rod Borderlon, head of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, which represents consumer interests before the state, said the state is better off today than it was before the bill took effect. He said he expects to see additional decreases in the future because catastrophic losses have declined and the insurance market has stabilized.

The number of mold-damage claims filed in Texas exceeded $4 billion in three years, with a monthly high of $215 million in July 2002, according to the Insurance Council of Texas. Since then, the losses have decreased and are continuing to dwindle down, spokesman Mark Hanna said.

Anderson to be featured at book signing

ABILENE — Former Snyder resident Charles G. Anderson will be featured at a book-signing party starting at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Abilene public library auditorium.

Anderson is author of "Buddy – World War POW #1831."

The book tells of Buddy Hart's experiences during World War II.

When T/Sgt. Hart floated down the snow-covered mountains of Czechoslovakia on Feb. 22, 1944, his chances for survival were slim.

The burning plane was circling and Sgt. Hart thought his crew members had died, but later found that all had miraculously survived. But their ordeal was just beginning.

Before liberation on May 1, 1945, Sgt. Hart had lost half his weight, suffered through a harsh winter, saw a lynching and was almost killed by a mob at Frankfurt.

He spent time in Stalag Luft VI, IV, and I. Sgt. Hart and his fellow POWs were forced to eat rats, mice and maggot-filled meats to survive.

Sgt. Hart ship landed in New York on July 5, 1945. "I cried," he said. "I had not cried for a long time, but when I saw the Statue of Liberty and knew that I was free, I broke down. So did many others."

The book signing will continue until 1 p.m. at the library, located at North 2nd and Cedar. Buddy Hart also will be present.

Anderson, a retired public school educator, lived in Snyder for many years.

Man is found dead in desert

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The body of a Mexican national has been discovered by U.S. Border Patrol agents south of Bisbee.

The man was identified as Juan Manuel Guerrero Diaz, 35, of Silao, Guanajuato, according to the Cochise County Sheriff's Department.

Guerrero Diaz's death brings the total known migrant deaths in Southern Arizona to at least 85 since October, according to the count by Mexico's Arizona Consulate.

The body was found Wednesday morning near Bisbee Junction and was turned over to the county medical examiner to determine the cause of death.

Today's chuckle

93-year-old plans 75 year school reunion

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) — Gene Noe fears he may be the only one who shows up for his high school class reunion.



Noe, 93, is planning a 75-year reunion for the class of 1929.

"It's kind of funny," Noe said. "I hope we can find seven or eight, if we're lucky."

Noe, a former assistant postmaster, graduated from Fond du Lac Senior High School with about 270 other students.

His class last met 10 years ago. Since then, many of Noe's classmates have died or can no longer get around. Noe doesn't know how many are living and can attend.

Noe's son is helping to throw the party at a local restaurant at the end of the month.



events

LOTTO TEXAS™ TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-11-30-38. Bonus Ball: 30.

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

Number matching five of five: 9. Prize: $7,332.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 31. Prize: $1,932.

Number matching four of five: 1,314. Prize: $98.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1,205. Prize: $94.

Number matching three of five: 51,978. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 14,779. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 64,374. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $81 Million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-16-22-26.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $38,577.

Winning tickets sold in: SAN BENITO.

Matching four of five: 108. Prize: $160.

Matching three of five: 3,612. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 37,436. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
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NHS DONATES WORK-MONEY TO UW — Members of the Snyder High School National Honor Society car-hopped at the Sonic three evenings and donated their tips to the United Way. From left are Trent Driggers, UW president; Michael Humphrey, Sonic owner; Andra Dunham, NHS president; Beth Clements, vice president; Sarah Crawford, treasurer; Stephanie Williams, historian; Sara Thornhill, secretary; Cami Trout and Katie Neves, senior members; and Larry Scott SHS principal. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)





COSMORAMA GARDEN MEETING — Cosmorama Study Club met for a morning in the country at the Wagon Wheel Ranch on May 15 for its final meeting of the year. Breakfast buffet was served at tables decorated with colorful placemats and flower arrangements. Outgoing president, Margaret Presswood, top photo, right, was presented a gift from club members, standing at left is Margaret Dillaha, seated is Virginia Clark. Hostesses were Jane Crenwelge, Millie Sentell and Dorothy Rosson, bottom photo. The group concluded the morning with a tour of the Billy Ray and Pam Browning's gardens. (Contributed Photo)



BRIDE FETED — Mrs. Eric Ochoa of Lawn, nee Darla Blackwell, was honoree at a bridal shower in the home of Dianna Riggan on May 1. From left are Mauna Blackwell of Manvel, sister-in-law of the bride; Dee Blackwell, her mother; the honoree; and Janis Blackwell, aunt of the bride from Electra. The couple married on March 8 in Las Vegas. Other hostesses included Stoni Riggan, Barbara Eicke, Lois Cave, D'Ann Preston, Bettie McQueen, Aline Parks and Sue Stephens. (Contributed Photo)

Births

J.B. and Cristi Burton of Snyder announce the birth of Te'Andra Aspyn Burton. Their daughter was born at 8:27 p.m. on June 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds and was 19½ inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Danny and Marita Burton and maternal grandparents are Tommy and Elaine Buchanan, all of Snyder.

Robbie and Sarah Jamison of Snyder are parents of a son, Johnny Drew Jamison, born at 9:36 a.m. on June 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, five ounces.

Virginia Inez Jamison of Snyder is paternal grandmother and Carl and Sharron Drew of Ashtabula, Ohio, are maternal grandparents.

Aaron, Braden and Layton announce the arrival of their baby sister, Lillie Diane Hilburn. Lillie was born at 10:20 a.m. on May 20, weighing six pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Parents are Brian and Tracey Hilburn of Midland.

Grandparents are Tommy and Sue Cotton of Snyder, Renee Myler of Oklahoma City and Rick and Lei Hilburn of Big Spring.

Record donation

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Yale's Class of 1954 relied on the Wall Street smarts of some alumni to turn an initial $75,000 into a $110 million donation — the largest-ever class gift to the Ivy League school.

The proceeds of the 54/50 Donation Fund will be presented to the school during the class' 50th reunion this week.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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♥ K J 2
♦ K 6 4 3 2
♣ J 5

West
♠ 8 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 8 7 5
♣ A 9 8 6 3

East
♠ 10 5 3
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ J
♣ Q 10 7 4 2

South
♠ K Q J 7 6
♥ A 9 6 5 3
♦ A Q
♣ K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ??

Thursday, June 3, 2004

To find the answer, listen carefully

By Phillip Alder

The opponents are in a small slam, and you have a side-suit ace in your hand. Should you lead that ace, hoping that your side has another trick to come; or should you try to develop a trick elsewhere, with that ace being a later entry?

There is no easy answer to that question. Analyze the bidding and try to judge how likely it is that your ace will be a winner at trick one, but not later.

Now look at the West hand in today's deal. With the opponents in six spades, would you lead the club ace? If not, what would you choose?

North's three-spade rebid showed game-forcing values with exactly three-card support.

If West leads the club ace, he defeats the contract. It isn't certain to be best, but since the opponents bid the other three suits, there is a distinct risk that if the ace isn't taken now, it will never win a trick. At the table, though, West selected the diamond 10. (He hoped partner could ruff, but East, with a diamond void, surely would have doubled the final contract — a Lightner Slam Double, asking for a lead of dummy's first-bid suit.)

South cashed in. He won with the diamond ace, drew trumps, and unblocked the diamond queen. When East discarded, it was likely that he was long in hearts. So, South played a heart to dummy's king, discarded the club king on dummy's diamond king, and called for the heart two, covering East's eight with his nine. Whatever happened, declarer knew that he would lose only one heart trick and land his slam.

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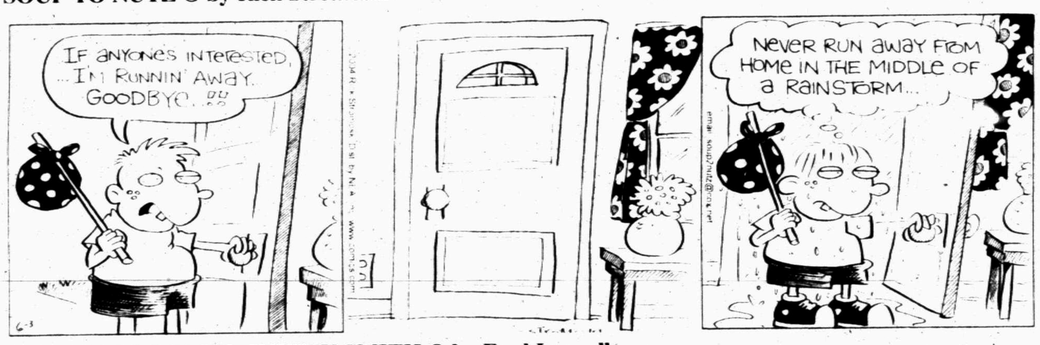
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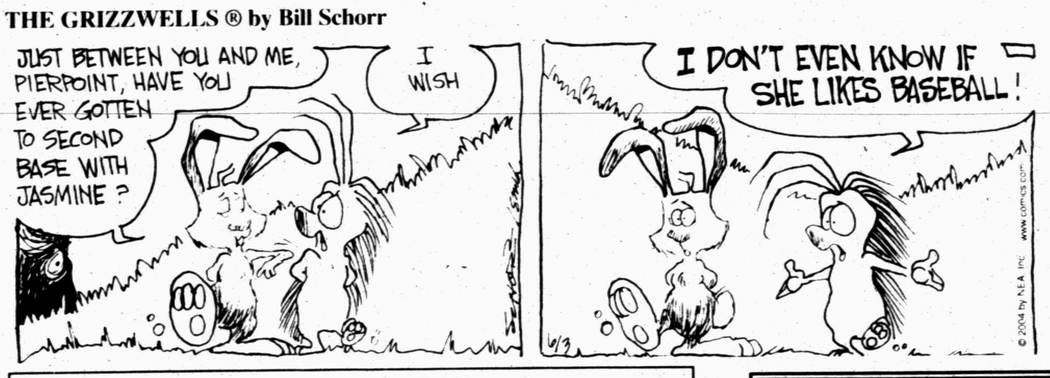
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

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6 Creme caramel
10 Trace element in salt
12 Hot-dish holder
14 Bug
15 More misty
16 Silk source
18 Like a desert
19 Yell insults
21 Dollar
23 Pleasure
24 Barely scrape by
26 Big pitcher
29 Stale
30 Huntsville's loc.
32 Merry sound (hyph.)
34 Fishing spot
36 Pen point
37 Locker locale
38 Economist — Smith
40 Pouch
42 CPR giver
43 Diving position
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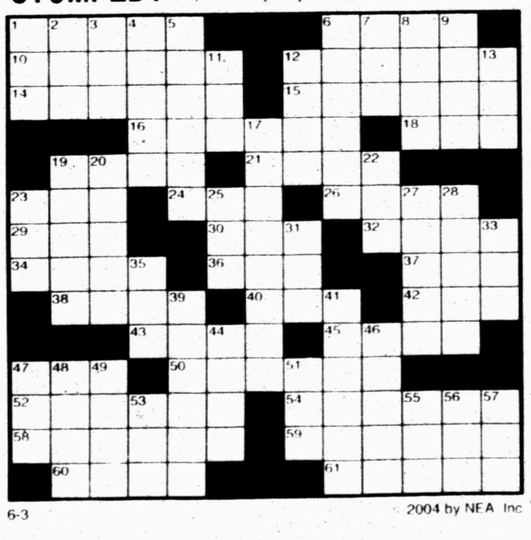
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12 Quaker "you"
13 Experiment
17 Egyptian monuments
19 Child or Roberts
20 Put a stop to
22 Elec. measure
23 Fancy dresser
25 Jayhawker st.
27 More than willing
28 Verse
31 Perry Mason's org.
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35 Ship deserter
39 Henson creation
41 Make a fist
44 Fed a line
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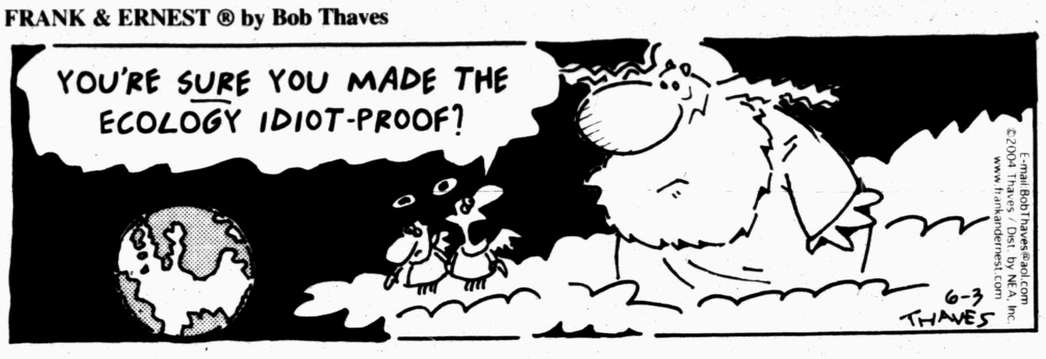
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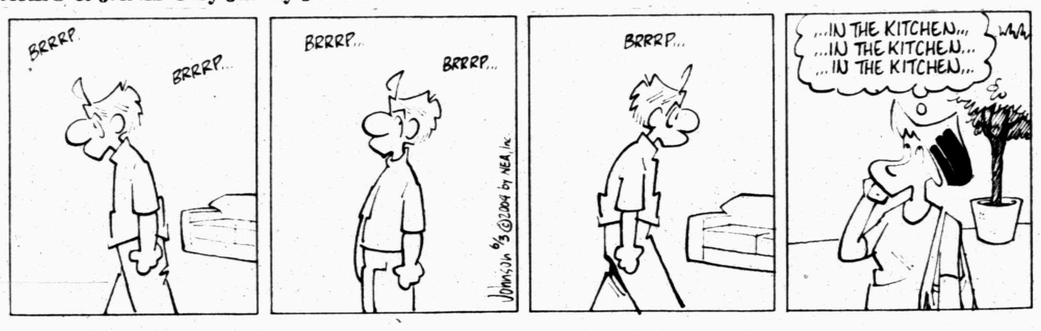


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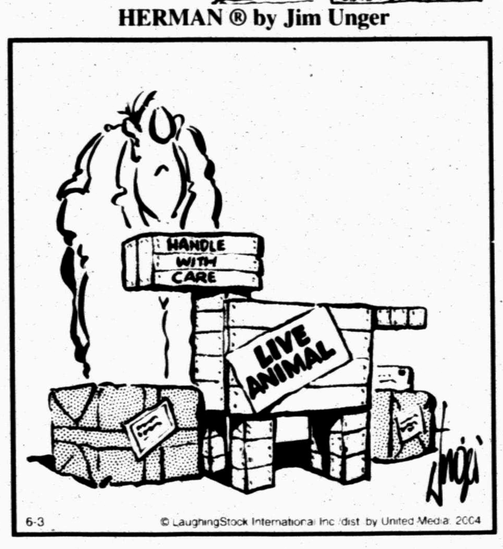
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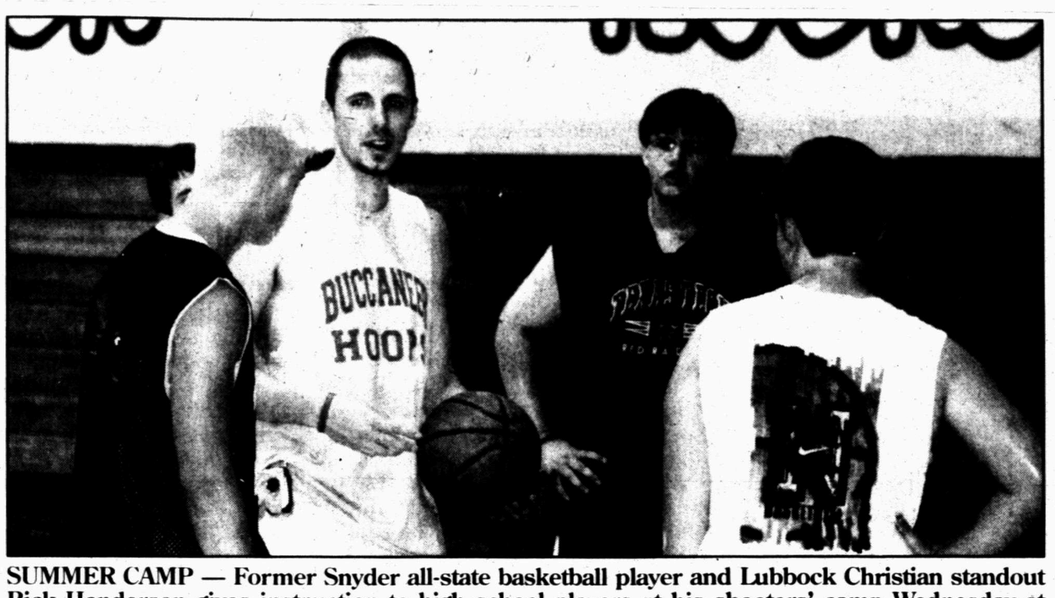
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SUMMER CAMP — Former Snyder all-state basketball player and Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson gives instruction to high school players at his shooters' camp Wednesday at Tiger Gym. The camp was scheduled to end today. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Rangers complete sweep

CLEVELAND (AP) — Gary Matthews homered leading off the ninth inning and Hank Blalock connected with two outs, leading the Texas Rangers to a 5-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday and sweep of the two-game series.

Matthews, who hit an RBI double in the second and a sacrifice fly in the sixth, connected on a 0-1 pitch from Rafael Betancourt (2-4) to break a 3-3 tie.

The homer — Matthews' first since Aug. 26 for San Diego — was a special one for the journeyman outfielder playing with his seventh team since 1999. He signed with Texas in April after being cut by Atlanta in spring training.

"It's my first since coming back up," said Matthews, who came in 2-for-17 since his contract was purchased from Triple-A Oklahoma on May 25. "Any time you can hit a game winner, it's really a big lift."

Two outs after Matthews' shot, Blalock hit his 13th homer as Texas won a third straight road game for the first time this season.

The streaky Indians have had their last five games decided in the final at-bat.

Betancourt sat and stared in his locker for several minutes before showering.

"I made bad pitches, and that was it," he said. "I didn't do my job."

Texas reliever Carlos Almanzar (5-0) picked up the win despite giving up a tying single in the eighth.

Francisco Cordero walked two in the ninth before getting his 18th save in 18 tries, setting a team record. He had shared the mark of 17 straight converted saves with John Wetteland (1999) and Jeff Zimmerman (2001).

After the one-out walks, Cordero struck out Matt Lawton and got Omar Vizquel on a foul popup for the final out and a place in Texas' record book.

Jody Gerut homered for the Indians, who were blanked for six innings by Texas starter R.A. Dickey.

The right-hander, mixing a fastball and changeup with an offspeed pitch he calls "The Thing," allowed an unearned run and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. However, Dickey remained winless since May 2.

Injured Thornhill gets bid for NCAA championships

LUBBOCK — The NCAA announced the field for the 2004 Track and Field Championships to be held next Wednesday through Saturday in Austin. The 18th-ranked Texas Tech men's team qualified 10 athletes in eight events, including Snyder graduate Jared Thornhill, who earned an at-large bid for his jump of 17-10.5 at the UTEP Invitational.



Thornhill

Thornhill, a junior, will be joined by fellow pole vaulters freshman Sage Thames and sophomore Bobby Most, who both cleared 17-11 at regionals to finish second and third, respectively.

Thornhill has not jumped competitively since May 13 when he was hit in the knee by a recoiling pole. An MRI revealed a deep bone bruise, and Thornhill has been unable to work out since that time.

His 15th-place finish at the NCAA regional meet was the result of the injury, but Thornhill was required to jump to receive his at-large bid.

Correction

In Wednesday's edition, the time of the FCA All-Star game was listed at 8 p.m., which was last year's start time.

This year, the game will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Gildon, Trotter head list of cap casualties

By The Associated Press

Former All-Pro linebacker Jason Gildon and Redskins linebacker Jeremiah Trotter are back on the free-agent market, as expected.

Gildon and Trotter were the latest salary-cap cuts Wednesday, joining quarterbacks Kurt Warner and Vinny Testaverde along with several others.

Gildon was released by the Pittsburgh Steelers in a long-expected move that creates $3.65 million of salary-cap room for the team.

Gildon, who will be 32 next month, learned weeks ago he would be traded or released. The Steelers also told him not to attend last month's minicamp or their ongoing voluntary coaching sessions, though he has worked out by himself at the team's practice complex.

By releasing Gildon, the Steelers freed themselves of his $3.65 million salary but still must count $1.3 million of his deferred signing bonus against their 2004 cap and $2.6 million next year. They would have been required to count the entire $3.9 million this year if they had cut Gildon before now.

The 6-foot-4, 255-pound Gildon, coming off two consecutive down seasons after making All-Pro in 2001, is expected to sign shortly with another team. The Texans, Redskins, Packers, Ravens and Browns are believed to be interested in Gildon.

Trotter was told months ago not to attend the spring minicamps and was given permission to seek a trade. He was let go along with running back Trung Canidate and guard Dave Fiore.

The trio were high-profile acquisitions that never worked out, representing the hit-and-miss pattern of offseason player signings under owner Dan Snyder.

Trotter never lived up to the seven-year, $35 million contract he received as a free agent from Philadelphia two years ago.

Canidate, acquired last year in a trade with St. Louis, was billed as the big-play back that would fit well into former coach Steve Spurrier's offense. But Canidate rushed for just 600 yards, scored only two touchdowns and missed five games due to injuries. Spurrier has since been replaced by Joe Gibbs.

Fiore's signing was a risk from the start. He already had a history of knee problems when the Redskins gave him a four-year, $6.5 million contract last year. He played only three games before his knee sidelined him the rest of the season.

In another expected move, defensive tackle Daryl Gardener's brief and tumultuous stint with the Denver Broncos formally ended when he was waived.

Gardener was suspended twice last season for conduct detrimental to the team, and in March he and the team settled a dispute over his $5 million signing bonus.

Gardener, who signed a seven-year, $34.8 million deal last year, was supposed to be Denver's big free-agent pickup of the offseason.

Also, the Atlanta Falcons cut cornerback Tyrone Williams. The move will reduce the team's 2004 salary cap charge on Williams from $2.3 million to $600,000.

The Rams cut Warner, and the Jets said goodbye to Testaverde. Both are expected to land elsewhere for the upcoming season.

In other NFL news:

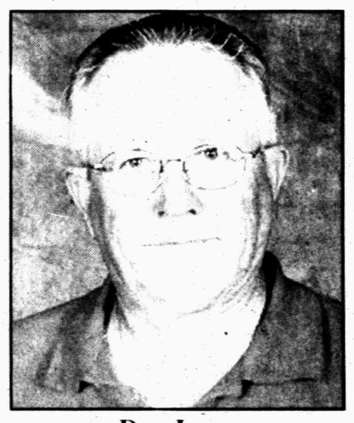
— Kurt Warner's agent worked on a deal with the New York Giants to bring the two-time NFL MVP to mentor top draft pick Eli Manning. Mark Bartelstein confirmed the two sides talked.

— Kordell Stewart agreed to a one-year contract with the Baltimore Ravens, who plan to put the quarterback to work Thursday during the final session of a two-day passing camp.

— Pro Bowl defensive tackle Corey Simon will skip the Eagles' voluntary minicamp this week.

— Panthers rookie receiver Drew Carter tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee on the first day of minicamp.

Jones, Parr move on to new opportunities



Don Jones



Brent Parr

A pair of local coaches will have new addresses for the 2004-2005 school year.

Don Jones, who spent the past two seasons as athletic director and head football and basketball coach at Hermleigh High School, has foregone retirement to take the head football job at Lazbuddie.

Jones originally planned to retire, but said the offer from the Lazbuddie ISD was too good to turn down, and he was to begin working immediately.

"Lazbuddie has a good tradition, but they have been down the past couple of years," Jones said. "It's a good challenge, I've met the kids and they seem excited. It's going to be a good town."

Jones, who has spent the bulk of his career coaching six-man football, resigned after Hermleigh made the move to 11-man football for next school year. In 2003, he led the Cardinals to their first win on the gridiron in six years.

"I had good times with the kids and the staff, but it's time to move on," Jones said.

Jason Brewer from Charlotte was hired earlier this year to take over for Jones.

Ira girls basketball coach Brent Parr also will be heading out as he signed a contract with Spur ISD Wednesday to coach girls basketball, cross-country and golf at the Class A school.

Parr was let go by Ira following a reduction in staff. The Spur assignment will be his second head coaching job. The Spur girls have advanced to the Class A regional basketball semifinals in each of the past two seasons.

"This is an opportunity to take a program that has been successful and push it to the next level," he said. "

Parr, who was an assistant coach at Snyder before taking over at Ira, said he would miss the area.

"I've lived here seven years and it was starting to feel like home," he said. "I like the community and have enjoyed being here. I'll miss the kids and the people I work with."

Kristi Goodwin, wife of Ira football coach Toby, will take over the Lady Bulldogs.

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Sports Briefs

Region I finals at Moffett

The Class 3A Region I championship series between Perryton and District 5 champ Graham is set for Moffett Field beginning with game one at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Game two will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday, with a third game, if necessary, slated for 30 minutes after the conclusion of game two.

API scholarship golf tournament

The annual API scholarship golf tournament will be held Saturday at Scurry County golf course. Format is four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50. Cost is $300 per team with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The first 24 paid teams will be accepted. For more information call Randy Glasscock at 575-6709.

Strength and conditioning camp

SHS football coaches will host a strength and conditioning camp beginning Monday at the field house. The camp is free and is open to all SHS students, and will run from Monday through Thursday for each of the next two weeks.

Sophomores through seniors will lift from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and freshmen will work from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Junior golf camp

SHS coaches Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox will host a junior golf camp June 15-18 at Sammy Baugh golf course at WTC.

Seven through 11-year-olds will receive instruction from 1-3 p.m. and 12 to 19-year-olds will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost is $75 and $50 for siblings and clubs will be available. Space is limited, so campers will be taken in order of registration. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information or to sign up.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Contact coach Rogers or coach Martinez at 574-6039 for more information.

Snyder doubles tournament

The Snyder tennis booster club will host a doubles tournament July 3. Events include open men's, women's and mixed doubles. Entry fee is $5 per person per event, and players may enter two events. To enter contact SHS tennis coach Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	30	23	.566	—
Philadelphia	27	24	.529	2
Atlanta	26	26	.500	3½
New York	26	26	.500	3½
Montreal	17	35	.327	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	32	21	.604	—
Houston	29	23	.558	2½
St. Louis	29	23	.558	2½
Chicago	27	25	.519	4½
Milwaukee	26	25	.510	5
Pittsburgh	23	26	.469	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	28	23	.549	—
San Diego	29	24	.547	—
San Francisco	26	26	.500	2½
Colorado	20	32	.385	8½
Arizona	20	33	.377	9

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 3, Florida 1
Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 1
San Diego 2, Colorado 1, 10 innings
Montreal 8, Atlanta 4
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings
Arizona 8, San Francisco 6
Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 2

Today's Games

St. Louis (W.Williams 2-5) at Pittsburgh (Ol.Perez 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (A.J.Burnett 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 2-4), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hancock 0-0) at Atlanta (Thomson 4-2), 6:35 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Williams 4-3) at Arizona (Webb 2-5), 8:35 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	19	.627	—
Boston	31	22	.585	2
Baltimore	24	25	.490	7
Toronto	24	29	.453	9
Tampa Bay	19	32	.373	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	22	.569	—
Minnesota	28	24	.538	1½
Detroit	24	28	.462	5½
Cleveland	22	28	.440	6½
Kansas City	18	32	.360	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	32	20	.615	—
Texas	29	22	.569	2½
Oakland	28	23	.549	3½
Seattle	19	33	.365	13

Wednesday's Games

Texas 5, Cleveland 3
Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 5
Detroit 2, Kansas City 0
Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 2
Toronto 5, Seattle 3
Anaheim 10, Boston 7

Today's Games

Baltimore (Cabrera 3-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 5-4), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (D.Reyes 1-0) at Detroit (Bonderman 4-4), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 2-5) at Minnesota (Santana 2-3), 12:10 p.m.
Toronto (Batista 3-4) at Oakland (Zito 3-3), 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland (C.Lee 5-0) at Anaheim (Escobar 3-2), 9:05 p.m.

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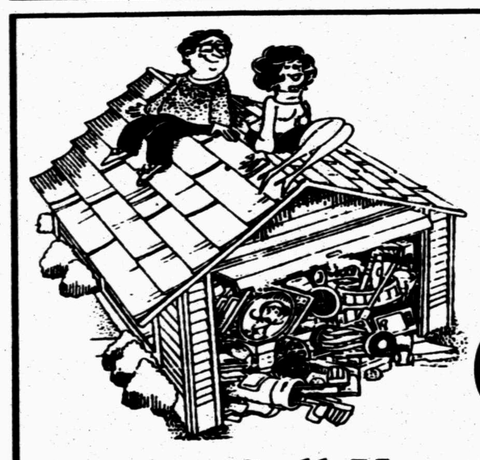
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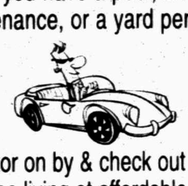
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Homefront efforts aim to look after deployed American troops

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Debbi Benoit is planning a care package for her husband, Chris, an Army major serving in Kuwait.

She'll send phone cards and beef jerky, hard candy and homemade M&M cookies, though her sweetie can't eat the baked goods — he's on a low-carb diet.

"I'll put a love note on it saying, 'Honey, these are not for you. Please pass them along."

From personal packages from family to larger corporate mailings, scores of morale-boosting efforts are under way to show support for the troops: donations to the USO, free pet sitting, electronic greeting cards, stuffed bears for military brats, a two-woman charity.

The bears come from a St. Louis-based business where customers can make customized stuffed animals. Last week alone at Build-A-Bear Workshop, 40,000 bears were donated to children who have a parent deployed.

One of those bears came from 9-year-old Joey Mack of O'Fallon, himself a Navy brat whose dad William is serving in Germany.

Joey, who lives with mom Lisa in nearby O'Fallon, Ill., liked knowing he was giving a teddy bear to somebody just like him. And he had some advice for his counterparts: "Your Mom or Dad will be home soon. Don't worry."

The United Service Organizations is making sure the bears get to where they're going. It also has its own effort under way called Operation USO Care Package.

So far, the USO has assembled and distributed more than 300,000 care packages, each financed by a $25 contribution. Donors can also send some encouraging words online.

"We can't accept donated items, but this is a way for people to send a message," said Beth Bradner, a USO spokeswoman.

Troops usually receive the packages, which include a disposable camera and playing cards, when they're deploying. That timing ensures the care packages don't take up resources needed to move other shipments.

In fact, the Defense Department is so concerned about keeping the delivery system unclogged and free of hazardous materials that it continues to ask the public not to send unsolicited mail or packages to service members.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the civilian agency that runs military stores, suggests the public send soldiers gift certificates they can use at 54 stores in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait, said Judd Anstey, spokesman for the Dallas-based agency.

Steve Albin, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., has found his way to help by starting the Military Pets Foster Project through the charity NetPets Inc. He uses the Internet to match service people with volunteers who will look after their pets while they're deployed.

To date, Albin has found temporary homes for about 7,000 military pets.

Amy Oxford and her mother, Kathy Williams, have been sending custom care packages to soldiers in Iraq since the war began. They run their charity, Southern Illinois Yellow Ribbon Campaign, out of an old brick house in Harrisburg, Ill.

Oxford and Williams keep a detailed file on each soldier they send items to, complete with clothing size, favorite snack and a list of friends who need things, too. The requests — at 10 to 50 a day — outpace donations now. But the two aren't deterred.

"War is rough," said Oxford, as she rummaged through waterless soap, lemonade mix, sun block, Big Red gum and other most-requested items. "We're over here enjoying our freedom, so we ought to be willing to help by sending them stuff that reminds them of home."

Some of it does more than combat homesickness. Spc. David Morgan of the Freeport-based 333rd Military Police Company sent most of his belongings home or gave them away when he thought his unit was returning, he wrote in an e-mail message to The Associated Press.

Then he learned the 333rd would be overseas at least three months longer. The toiletries Oxford and Williams sent saved him and others from having to buy replacements, he said.

"I always took out what I needed and passed around the remaining stuff," wrote Morgan. "So they helped make many people happy — one box at a time."

On the Net:

U.S. Dept. of Defense Troop Support site: http://www.defendamerica.mil/support—troops.html

Operation USO care package: http://www.usocares.org/USO-Cares.htm

Military Pets Foster Project: www.netpets.org

Build-A-Bear: www.build-abear.com

Southern Illinois Yellow Ribbon Campaign: http://www.siyellowribbon.com

Army and Air Force Exchange Service: http://www.aafes.com



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

The benefits of dried berries

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Do dried blueberries have the same anti-oxidant benefits as fresh? — **C.S., Albany, Calif.**

DEAR C.A.: A fresh blueberry is about 80 percent water by weight; a dried berry is down to about 15 percent water (it may be less, depending on the degree of drying). This means that you get more nutrients (and calories) on a per-weight basis with a dried berry. If the berries are freeze-dried there will only be a slight loss of nutrients, with the loss of antioxidant substances being negligible. If heat is used during the drying process, such as when you pick your own and leave them out in the sun, the losses might be slightly greater, but nowhere near enough to dampen the flavors, healthfulness and nutritive value of the food.

Dried blueberries are a wonderful source of dietary fiber as well as the many bountiful nutrients usually found in edible berries. Use fresh or dried, whichever you prefer. I try to have dried fruits — blueberries, raisins, cranberries, raspberries or cherries — in the house at all times, using them in my breakfast cereal or mixing them with yogurt or various types of nuts for a trail mix. They also work well as a lunchbox snack or at the office, allowing convenient access to concentrated sources of flavorful, real food.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: You had responded to a reader about the loss of nutrients in bread during toasting, and you mentioned that some amino acids are sensitive to heat. Pressure-cooked chicken is a staple food for my husband and me. My husband likes me to pressure-cook it for at least 30 minutes instead of the recommended 10 minutes. That's because he has dental problems and finds the overcooked chicken easier to chew. But what is all that heat doing to the potential nutrition? Also, I hope you won't think I'm weird, but after the chicken is pressure-cooked for 30 minutes, I find that I can even eat the cartilage and bones. Since I have a little osteoporosis I figure I get some calcium and other good minerals from those bones. Am I right, or should we change our eating habits? — **D.S., San Diego, Calif.**

DEAR D.S.: The pressure-cooker was invented by French-born physicist Denis Papin and first appeared around 1679. In the cooker, water is heated in a securely sealed compartment, producing steam, high pressure and temperatures of up to 266 F (130 C); this is well above the boiling point of water. The heat and pressure penetrate the food, cooking it in less time with less water and lower losses of vitamins and minerals.

Pressure-cooking is particularly useful for less-tender cuts of meat and fibrous vegetables such as legumes. You are taking advantage of this unique process to over-tenderize your food, a function that pressure-cooking can handle nicely. The cooking times are extended, but this should not destroy the protein in the chicken to any appreciable degree. The minerals are also spared. What takes the biggest hit are the vitamins, with vitamin C, folate and thiamin among those suffering the most depletion. You do not need to worry, though, as cooked chicken does not have a significant source of any of these nutrients.

You need to use extreme caution when eating the chicken bones. Although they are a rich source of calcium, it is not easily absorbed from the bone, and any intact bone shards can be dangerous and cause choking on the way down. And, unfortunately, there is not much usable calcium in the cartilage.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.01	11.72	11.73	— .45
AT&T Corp	16.44	16.17	16.40	+ .18
Albertsons	24.00	23.64	23.96	+ .03
Alltel	50.74	50.27	50.35	— .42
AmEl Pw	31.51	31.21	31.34	— .23
AndarkPtr	56.96	56.09	56.64	+ .68
ATMOS Egy	24.79	24.55	24.69	
Avnall	17.70	17.45	17.69	+ .04
BP PLC	54.16	53.95	54.00	+ .14
BakerHughes	34.90	34.15	34.35	— .08
Bank of Amer	83.06	82.75	82.90	— .23
BellSouth	25.10	24.86	24.95	— .15
BurlNoSFe	33.45	33.02	33.02	— .45
Caterpillar	76.34	75.56	75.90	— .52
CenterPoint	10.68	10.52	10.52	— .26
ChevronTex	91.73	90.85	91.09	— .28
Citigroup	47.50	46.49	46.58	— .45
CocaCola	52.16	51.84	52.10	+ .16
ColgatePal	57.39	57.00	57.24	— .18
CmclMetals	30.74	30.25	30.30	+ .15
ConocoPhill	75.46	74.81	75.30	+ .62
Cooper Inds	57.46	57.00	57.32	— .08
DaimlrChry	44.94	44.51	44.93	+ .34
DeltaAirLines	5.94	5.75	5.78	— .30
Dillards Inc	20.70	19.00	19.15	—1.55
DowChem	40.14	39.32	39.35	— .96
DuPont	43.25	42.84	42.86	— .38
EastmanChem	46.34	45.70	45.74	— .54
EstKodak	25.70	25.28	25.50	— .08
EDS Corp	16.00	15.90	15.96	— .03
Entergy	54.70	54.26	54.42	— .27
ExxonMobil	43.95	43.71	43.84	+ .06
FootLocker	22.78	22.50	22.77	— .08
GenDynam	97.01	95.93	96.42	— .58
GenElec	31.17	30.94	31.00	— .10
GenMills	45.90	45.44	45.90	+ .11
GenMotors	45.12	44.67	44.92	— .46
GaPacific	36.10	35.52	35.53	— .55
Goodrich	28.36	27.90	27.96	— .36
Goodyear	8.69	8.53	8.56	— .20
GtAtlPac	7.00	6.91	6.99	
Halliburtn	29.28	28.79	28.94	+ .12
Hanson PLC	38.25	38.13	38.21	— .37
HarteHanks	23.14	22.92	22.95	— .34
HomeDepot	35.52	35.22	35.36	— .31
Honeywellntl	33.75	33.41	33.54	— .15
IBM	87.89	87.45	87.59	— .39
IntlPaper	42.20	41.52	41.60	— .70
JohnsonJn	56.72	55.97	56.14	— .06
KinderMorg	60.00	59.48	59.61	— .36
Kroger Co	16.96	16.71	16.92	+ .09
LockheedM	49.96	49.53	49.60	— .36
Lowes Cos	54.23	53.60	54.13	+ .13
Lubys	5.55	5.29	5.55	+ .26
LucentTech	3.42	3.35	3.39	— .02
MarathonOil	34.44	33.90	33.92	— .38
MayDeptStr	28.60	27.84	27.97	— .73
Medtronic	49.53	49.26	49.44	— .05
Motorola	19.99	19.80	19.84	— .19
NCR Corp	48.70	48.20	48.48	— .34
Navistar	38.75	38.10	38.75	+ .01
PNM Rescs	30.40	30.14	30.24	— .24
Penney JC	35.85	35.10	35.35	— .69
PepBoys	24.81	24.45	24.53	— .32
PepsiCo	54.33	54.05	54.24	— .02
PhelpDodge	67.95	66.39	66.55	— .38
PilgrimsPride	27.29	27.02	27.17	+ .23
Praxair s	37.25	36.70	36.89	— .39
ProctGamb	108.81	108.22	108.70	— .11
ProctGamb wi	54.45	54.30	54.30	— .15
RadioShack	30.54	30.23	30.36	— .17
RoyalDut	50.47	50.15	50.26	— .20
SBC Comm	23.89	23.71	23.87	
SaraLee	23.18	22.99	23.01	— .12
Scripps EW	107.08	106.70	106.73	— .35
SearsRoeb	37.76	35.75	36.85	— 1.28
SherwinW	39.30	38.96	39.06	— .22
SouthernCo	29.27	29.01	29.11	— .09
SwstAirl	15.68	15.37	15.41	— .32
SprintFON	17.24	17.00	17.19	— .08
Sunoco Inc	62.70	61.35	61.47	— .25
TXU Corp	36.90	36.52	36.76	— .42
TempleInlnd	65.62	64.72	64.74	— 1.20
TexInd	36.81	36.40	36.63	+ .02
TexasInst	24.97	24.45	24.52	— .66
Textron	56.00	55.36	55.46	— .69
TimeWarner	17.30	17.02	17.09	— .08
TrinityInds	28.60	28.07	28.41	— .25
TylerTech	8.98	8.90	8.94	— .06
UnionPacif	58.81	58.40	58.41	— .19
USSteel	30.27	29.40	29.51	— .29
UnitedTech	85.35	84.77	84.80	— .58
Unocal	35.97	35.41	35.55	+ .05
VerizonComm	35.10	34.86	35.01	— .17
WalMart	56.80	56.05	56.64	+ .29
WellsFargo	58.52	58.08	58.21	— .31
WstnGasRs	57.26	56.50	56.60	+ .16
WinnDixie	6.21	6.09	6.14	— .11
Xerox Cp	13.33	13.20	13.22	— .16
YumBrands	37.18	36.87	37.07	— .04

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SERVICE AWARDS — Hermleigh School presented service awards at the end-of-school assembly. From left are Kenneth and Charlene Dacus, who have driven school buses for 40 years; Debby Sandefur, school secretary for 25 years; and Mary Jean Quimby, school bus driver and teacher's assistant for 20 years. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Diet: Study suggests some obese children could develop diabetes

By The Associated Press

A study of very obese children suggests half may have a worrisome cluster of health conditions that increase their risk of developing diabetes and heart disease at an early age.

Researchers at Yale University School of Medicine said their findings suggest that this combination of health ills, a condition called metabolic syndrome, is more common among children and adolescents than previously thought and increases with the level of obesity.

"Obesity is not just a cosmetic issue. It's a big problem because you open the door for serious, chronic complications," said Dr. Sonia Caprio, who runs the pediatric obesity clinic at Yale.

Caprio said metabolic syndrome increases these youngsters' risk of early development of type 2 diabetes and heart disease — problems usually associated with middle age.

Within two years, eight of 34 children with metabolic syndrome developed type 2 diabetes, according to the study in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

"This is a yellow flag and a warning for public health officials and education systems to focus on reducing childhood obesity," said Dr. Sethu Reddy, an endocrinologist at The Cleveland Clinic.

The conditions generally used to define metabolic syndrome are obesity, high blood pressure, high blood sugar, high triglycerides and low HDL, the good form of cholesterol. Anyone with three of the five conditions is considered to have metabolic syndrome, and about a quarter of adults have it.

The researchers tested 439 children and adolescents — 244 who were moderately obese and 195 severely obese. Also tested were 51 of their siblings who were overweight or lean.

Metabolic syndrome was found in 50 percent of the severely obese and 39 percent of the moderately obese but not in any of their siblings. After obesity, high blood pressure was the most common condition.

An earlier study, based on a 1988-94 national health survey, found that 29 percent of obese adolescents had metabolic syndrome. Since then, the number of overweight children has increased from 11 percent to 15 percent of those 6 to 18 years old.

Seventy-seven of the Yale participants were checked again about two years later. Twenty-four of 34 still had metabolic syndrome, and eight had developed type 2 diabetes. The syndrome developed in 16 of the 43 children who did not initially have it.

"I've been in the field for 20 years. What I'm seeing now, I've never seen before," said Caprio, adding that it is not uncommon for a teen to weigh 200 or 300 pounds.

Judge warns jurors in Nichols' trial not to be swayed by tears

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — The judge in the state murder trial of Terry Nichols admonished jurors against allowing emotion to sway their decision whether to sentence the Oklahoma City bombing conspirator to life in prison or death.

Judge Steven Taylor issued the warning after the young daughter of a witness broke down in tears. Nichols' attorneys had sought a mistrial because of the emotional outburst, but the judge denied the request.

"In no way can you consider any emotional response," Taylor told the jurors. "Whatever occurs in the gallery of the courtroom is not evidence."

The display came after the testimony of Kathleen Treanor, whose daughter, Ashley Megan Eckles, 4, and in-laws Luther and LaRue Treanor were among the 160 victims of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Jurors and spectators cried softly as Treanor said she was "plunged into the depths of depression" by the loss.

"For weeks I prayed for death," Treanor testified, fighting back tears.

After testifying, Treanor joined her 5-year-old daughter and her daughter's aunt, Darlene Welch, on the front row of the gallery, a short distance from the jury box. They huddled in an emotional embrace, and the girl started crying.

Taylor ordered a recess and jurors left the courtroom.

Defense attorney Brian Hermanson said the emotional display was an attempt to sway Nichols' jury.

"To place that child on the front row while her mother is testifying in tears is completely improper," Hermanson said. He said prosecutors should "take appropriate measures to protect this jury."

Earlier in the day, Taylor excused juror Dorma Jean Carrion and jury foreman Wayne Gates for undisclosed reasons and replaced them with alternates.

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MR. AND MISS HHS — Joakim Lunkvik and Valerie West were named Mr. and Miss HHS at Hermleigh School's final awards assembly for the 2003-2004 school year. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP — Christy Garcia, a May graduate of Hermleigh High School, is the recipient of a $100 Hermleigh Masonic Lodge Scholarship. Garcia, the daughter of Ricky and Lucy Garcia, will attend Western Texas College. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Penny from heaven should be returned to rightful owner

DEAR ABBY: Your "Penny From Heaven" letter about the coin found by the employee of a car reconditioning business (the penny was given to his boss) missed one important fact. That penny belongs to the owner of the car and should not have been taken without the owner's permission. It is called stealing. Shame on you, Abby. — **HONEST TO A FAULT IN PHOENIX**

DEAR HONEST: Your letter was one of hundreds I've received from sticklers for honesty who also scolded me for not chastising her. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: That penny could well have been "from heaven" for the client who owned that vehicle. It could easily have fallen from the client's pocket or purse and have been presumed lost. That writer should have offered the penny back to the customer. And you, Abby, instead of taking pleasure at the taking of another's property, should have pointed that out. — **C.R. IN WALLER, TEXAS**

DEAR C.R.: Thanks for putting your helpful criticism so kindly. One reader from Studio City, Calif., asked me if I had a geranium in my cranium for overlooking the point.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Melanie," and her fiance, "Tom, expect their first child next month. Tom's mother, "Shirley," currently has no home of her own and is living with relatives. Shirley plans to attend Melanie's baby shower three weeks before the baby is due, and remain indefinitely with them in their apartment. The apartment is big enough for Tom, Melanie and the baby, but certainly no more.

Tom can't bring himself to say "No" to Shirley, and Melanie is distraught over this. She doesn't like having people around her 24/7, and she's physically sick to her stomach about it. Shirley was not invited. She simply informed my daughter when she would arrive and where she would be sleeping.

Should I get involved, or should I let the children work this out themselves? Please advise. — **ANXIOUS MOTHER IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR ANXIOUS: I advise you to stay out of the fray. Offer your daughter emotional support, but do not fight this battle for her. As much as you might like to help, it is time for your daughter to strengthen her backbone and learn to assert herself. It would be nice if her fiance had matured enough to tell his mother to back off at some point, but it appears he hasn't.

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DEAR ABBY: My son-in-law, "Donald," ransacks our desk and bureau drawers and looks at everything when he comes to visit. He doesn't take anything, but he goes through anything that arouses his interest.

Donald has a pleasant disposition, but his pawing through our things makes my other daughter furious. Neither of us knows what to do about it because we don't want to alienate my younger daughter.

Anything you suggest will be appreciated. Last week, he opened a small drawer where I keep my checkbook and monthly payment records. It's driving us batty. Help! — **GOING BATTY**

DEAR GOING BATTY: Relocate your financial and personal papers to a locked filing cabinet. Put a lock on your bedroom door and use it when Donald is in the house. Actions speak louder than words.

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Civilian killed in Iraq ambush

DENVER (AP) — A retired Denver police officer working with a private contractor to train a civilian police force in Iraq was killed in an ambush in Baghdad over the weekend, former colleagues said Tuesday.

D. Bruce Tow, 54, went overseas in February with DynCorp of Fort Worth. He was part of a convoy going from downtown Baghdad to the city's airport when it was ambushed at an overpass Sunday, said Mike Dickerson, spokesman for California-based Computer Sciences Corp., DynCorp's parent.

Details were sketchy, but Dickerson said the convoy was attacked by unknown assailants with small firearms. He said Tow was among those who returned fire.

Dickerson said he didn't know if there were other casualties. Tow was working under contract with DynCorp as part of a State Department program supporting the U.S.-run Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq.

Police Capt. Dave Abrams was Tow's former partner in Denver and served several years with him in a SWAT unit. He said Tow earned the Medal of Honor, the department's highest award, three times and the Medal of Valor during his 29 years on the force.

"He was a great guy," Abrams said. "He was a patriotic guy. He really felt the need to help his country."

Tow had been looking to do something for the nation after the Sept. 11 attacks and found that calling in training Iraqi police officers, said Terri Tow, his wife of 36 years.

Tow retired from the police department in 1999 and moved with his wife to Arizona, Abrams said. He then jumped at the chance to go to Iraq when he read about efforts to help the country rebuild its police force.

Rollover kills 2, injured 4

BENSON, Ariz. (AP) — Two people were killed and four others seriously injured when a pickup truck jammed with suspected illegal immigrants blew a tire and rolled off the side of Interstate 10 near here, authorities said.

Seven other occupants of the truck suffered minor injuries in Wednesday morning's accident and were taken into custody by U.S. Border Patrol agents.

Authorities said the people in the truck were from Mexico and El Salvador, although investigators weren't sure if anyone among the group was a people smuggler or if the people were traveling alone.

None of the victims' names were immediately released.

Correction

Elizabeth Davis, Snyder Junior High School seventh grader, was named to the A honor roll and she received the President's Award for academic excellence for the 2003-2004 school year. Her named was inadvertently left off the list that was published Wednesday in the SDN.

World Almanac

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Today is the 155th day of 2004 and the 76th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1937, the Duke of Windsor, having abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Simpson, an American divorcee.

In 1965, Maj. Edward White, an astronaut on Gemini IV, became the first American to walk in space.

In 1979, the Ixtoc oil well in the Gulf of Mexico blew out, spilling an estimated 140 million gallons of crude oil.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jefferson Davis (1808-1889), president of the Confederate States; Raoul Dufy (1877-1953), painter; Tony Curtis (1925-), actor, is 79; Allen Ginsberg (1926-1997), poet; Chuck Barris (1929-), TV host/producer, is 75; Curtis Mayfield (1942-1999), songwriter/musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1888, the comic baseball poem "Casey at the Bat" was published.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All we ask is to be let alone." — Jefferson Davis

TODAY'S FACT: Nearly nine times the amount of oil spilled from tankers and other transport vessels gets leaked into Earth's seas by do-it-yourself oil changes and other oil use.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 25 — Length, in feet, of the tether attaching Edward H. White II to the Gemini spacecraft.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (June 3)

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TOP AR READERS — Stanfield Elementary's top Accelerated Readers for 2003-2004 are back row from left, Chris Sands, Alina Hernandez and Michelle Martinez; middle row, Dakota Sawyer, Joel Torres and Kolby Burleson; bottom row, Morgan Gamble, Cameron Archuleta and Christian Nakamura. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, June 4, 2004

You could be particularly fortunate in the year ahead in joint partner involvements, provided each has something to contribute to the endeavor that is of equal parity and can fill in the gaps the others leave open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When it comes to your commercial dealings today, chances are you'd be better off if you are patient and wait for the other party to make the first offer. Don't tip your hand prematurely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Strive to be congenial and cordial with associates today, especially in any financial dealings. Trying to act like a big shot by throwing your weight around will have deleterious effects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Chances are your luck will be in good working order today when it comes to securing your material goals, but you might not be as fortunate in your dealings with co-workers. Be careful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Try to keep today's activities well-balanced. If you devote too much time to fun pursuits and neglect your duties and responsibilities, all hell could break loose and land on your head.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's commendable that your inclinations are to be helpful today, but do so only with those who are willing to help themselves when they can. Avoid those who are merely "takers."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Seek out cohorts today who are compatible to your thinking and ways of doing things, and steer clear of jealous or argumentative types. The latter could exhibit major hostilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Keep your nose glued to career or work-related involvements today that can be meaningful to you in material ways. If you start your weekend early, you'll miss out on Lady Luck's offerings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Even though your way of doing things might be met with critical challenges by others today, precede on course if you believe yourself to be right. Don't get derailed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Conditions today indicate that you could profit from situations begun by others, but only if you show a willingness to share with them those things you control that are out of their hands.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There is nothing wrong with having fun and enjoying yourself today. In fact, you should take some time for yourself, but late hours and too much of a good thing will prove detrimental.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Any career advantages you may have gained in the past few days can be lost or severely diluted today if your tact deserts you. Watch your step so that you don't step on anybody's toes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Momentum is on your side and important objectives can be achieved today, so long as you don't lose sight of proper decorum. If you get too pushy or impulsive, all can be lost again.

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Schroeder to attend burial of photographer

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder plans to attend this week's Berlin burial of acclaimed photographer Helmut Newton, who died in a Los Angeles car crash.

Newton, who fled Berlin in 1938 to escape persecution as a Jew, is being buried Wednesday in his native Schoeneberg district, near the grave of actress Marlene Dietrich.

Schroeder will attend the burial and a memorial event afterward at Berlin's City Hall with Newton's widow, June, and Mayor Klaus Wowereit, the Welt Am Sonntag newspaper reported.

Newton died Jan. 23 at age 83 after apparently losing control of his car and crashing into a wall. Wowereit offered to have him buried in Berlin.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Distressing news about HRT

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the current dogma about hormone replacement therapy in early menopause?

DEAR READER: The current position is not favorable for women who choose HRT.

This issue was addressed in the March 8, 2004, issue of the journal Archives of Internal Medicine. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) has become the leading cause of death in both women and men; it carries three times the risk of breast cancer, which women fear more. However, women tend to develop CVD at older ages than men. The cause of this phenomenon is not known, although it is probably related to the post-menopausal loss of estrogen and its protective effects; increase in cholesterol levels; smoking; and other factors that are, as yet, undefined.

In the study I mentioned, researchers found that HRT did not protect women from heart disease; in fact, there was a "50 percent excess in CVD morbidity and a twofold increased risk for stroke." This trend translated into increased rates of heart attack (especially in women who smoke).

The researchers concluded that "the potential drawbacks of post-menopausal (hormone) therapy should be considered carefully before recommending its widespread use."

Although I am not a gynecologist, it would be irresponsible for me to ignore these findings. Therefore, I recommend that average, healthy, menopausal women avoid hormone replacement therapy unless, under the guidance of their physicians, they should take it because of special circumstances.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife quit smoking for six months. During that interval, she developed painful blisters in her mouth and they became infected.

She subsequently quit again, and the blisters returned. She is very uncomfortable with this situation and two mouth specialists are confused.

DEAR READER: So am I.

I suppose that an ingredient in the tobacco smoke could, in some fashion, deactivate the viruses that commonly cause mouth ulcers, but this would be highly unusual, in my experience. Nonetheless, your wife's pattern is intriguing.

I suggest that she have a herpes virus culture taken when the mouth lesions are in their most active stage. If the test confirms the presence of viruses (which I suspect it will), your wife's physician may consider prescribing an antiviral drug, such as acyclovir; to kill the herpes and relieve her symptoms.

In the meantime, she should refrain from smoking because of the recognized hazards of cigarettes, including circulatory problems and cancers of the lungs and mouth.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've developed an aversion to drinking ice-cold beverages because someone once warned me that a senior citizen could die from this. Is this true?

DEAR READER: It's all right to drink ice-cold beverages, regardless of your age. Such a prohibition is an old wives' tale.

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

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Bush consults lawyers in CIA leak case

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has lined up an outside lawyer for legal advice if needed in the grand jury investigation of who leaked the name of a covert CIA operative last year.

The move suggests the president anticipates being questioned by prosecutors about whether he could shine any light on the case. But there is no indication that Bush is a target of the investigation.

"The president has made it very clear he wants everyone to cooperate fully with the investigation and that would include himself," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Wednesday night.

He confirmed that Bush had contacted Washington attorney Jim Sharp. "In the event the president needs his advice, I expect he probably would retain him," McClellan said. There is no indication Bush has been questioned yet.

A federal grand jury has questioned numerous White House and administration officials to learn who leaked the name of CIA operative Valerie Plame, wife of former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, to the news media. Wilson has charged that officials made the disclosure in an effort to discredit him.

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Tenet resigns as head of CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director George Tenet, who weathered storms over intelligence lapses about suspected weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, has resigned, President Bush said today.

"I will miss him," Bush said.

Tenet, 51, came to the White House to inform Bush about his decision Wednesday night. "He told me he was resigning for personal reasons," Bush said. "I told him I'm sorry he's leaving. He's done a superb job on behalf of the American people."

Tenet will serve until mid-July. Bush said that deputy, John McLaughlin, will temporarily lead America's premier spy agency until a successor is found. Among possible successors is House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla., a former CIA agent and McLaughlin.

"He's been a strong and able leader at the agency. and I will miss him," Bush said of Tenet as he got ready to board Marine One for a trip to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and on to Europe.

"George Tenet is the kind of public servant you like to work with," the president added. "He's strong, he's resolute. He's served his nation as the director for seven years. He has been a strong and able leader at the agency. He's been a strong leader in the war on terror."

"I send my blessings to George and his family and look forward to working with him until he leaves the agency," Bush said.

Tenet had been under fire for months in connection with intelligence failures related to the U.S.-led war against Iraq, specifically assertions the United States made about Saddam Hussein's purported possession of weapons of mass destruction, and with respect to the threat from the al-Qaida terrorist network.

In May, a panel investigating the Sept. 11 attacks released statements harshly criticizing the CIA for failing to fully appreciate the threat posed by al-Qaida before the terrorist hijackings. Tenet told the panel the intelligence-gathering flaws exposed by the attacks will take five years to correct.

On Capitol Hill, House Speaker Dennis Hastert said: "He served his country a long time. History will tell what the implications of his tenure were."

Democrats happy with S. Dakota win

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats celebrated Stephanie Herseth's capture of a Republican-held seat in South Dakota on Wednesday, their second takeaway of the year, and claimed it portends greater gains in the battle for control of Congress.

Republicans argued that local factors settled the race, but some conceded privately that a sour national mood and President Bush's slumping support contributed to the defeat of GOP contender Larry Diedrich.

"It's time to put partisan politics aside," said Herseth, who squeaked to a 2,981-vote triumph in an election that drew heavy investment from the two parties seeking momentum for the fall. Turnout was large, with more than 261,000 ballots cast.

Herseth, the 33-year-old daughter and granddaughter of prominent politicians, is expected to take her seat today to fill out the unexpired term of former GOP Rep. Bill Janklow. That would shave the Republican advantage in the House, and mean Democrats must win 11 more seats this fall if they are to gain control.

Democratic lawmakers were quick to trumpet Herseth's victory, three months after Rep. Ben Chandler was elected in Kentucky to a seat that had been in Republican hands.

"I don't think there's any question what the American public seeks, which is the wind of change. People are unhappy with the status quo," said Rep. Bob Matsui, D-Calif., chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, the House Democratic whip, said that "because of the energy for change, we are going to be able to put more seats in play" in November. The Maryland lawmaker argued that 35 to 40 seats are competitive at this stage, meaning that Democrats must win two-thirds if they are to mount a serious challenge to continued GOP control of the House.

Once Herseth is sworn in, Republicans will have 228 seats and Democrats 206 with one Democratic-leaning independent.

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Totals as reported by area residents for Wednesday night and this morning.

Peterson defense attacks case as flimsy, says fetus born alive

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Scott Peterson's defense began with a dramatic gambit — an assertion that Peterson could not have killed his pregnant wife because the fetus she carried was born alive.

Attorney Mark Geragos told jurors in a two-hour opening statement Wednesday that the boy whom the couple intended to name Conner didn't die in the womb, as prosecutors assert.

"If this baby was born alive, clearly Scott Peterson had nothing to do with this murder," Geragos said. "The evidence is going to show that (Laci) was alive on Dec. 24 when Scott went to the marina."

Geragos indicated he will call experts to testify that the fetus was older than it would have been if it died at the same time as Laci, and that the umbilical cord was cut in such a way that the child must have been removed from Laci Peterson while still living.

Prosecutors have said their experts will testify that the fetus was expelled well after Laci Peterson's corpse was dumped into San Francisco Bay.

Geragos' maneuver took some legal observers by surprise. Robert Talbot, a professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, called it "dramatic, but dangerous."

"But if he can do it, it will go a long way to reasonable doubt," Talbot said.

Prosecutors allege Peterson killed his 8-months pregnant wife on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then disposed of her body during what he tried to disguise as a fishing trip.

Geragos' opening statement was the first formal glimpse inside a strategy to clear Peterson by suggesting that somebody else was the killer. Peterson, 31, could face the death penalty or life without parole if convicted in the trial that's expected to last six months.

Two jailed on oustanding warrants

• ***Arrests***

Two persons were booked into Scurry County Jail Wednesday as outstanding warrants were served.

Deputies arrested Josephine Solana, 23, of 4100 Brick Plant Rd. on an outstanding Hockley County warrant for the delivery of a controlled substance. She was released from jail on a $20,000 bond.

Also taken into custody Wednesday was a 27-year-old female on an outstanding Scurry County warrant for theft by check.

• ***Criminal trespass warnings***

A female contacted officers at 9:44 a.m. in reference to having several criminal trespass warnings issued.

• ***Possible stolen items***

A female told officers Wednesday that she believed she had several items stolen that were pawned at a Snyder pawn shop. The investigation is continuing.

• ***Family violence***

Officers filed a report at 9:58 p.m. in reference to a man hitting a woman. A report for Class A assault and family violence was submitted.

Officers were contacted by a female about being assaulted by her boyfriend. Neither wanted to file charges but the officer did file a report for family violence.

• ***Found bicycle***

Deputies were called to the 4700 block of CR 473 Wednesday afternoon as a bicycle had been found. Deputies will try to locate the owner of the blue Mongoose bicycle.

• ***Vehicle vandalism***

A man reported his truck window had been broken while it had been parked in the 1300 block of 26th Street.

• ***Vandalism***

A report of damage to a tree was made around 8 p.m. Wednesday in reference to children damaging a tree in the 400 block of 29th Street. The mother of the children advised she would take care of the complaint.

• ***Unauthorized swimming***

The manager of the Best Western Motel contacted officers concerning persons swimming in their pool who were not guests.

• ***Suspicious person***

Officers were called to the 4400 block of Avenue U at 9:48 p.m. Wednesday in reference to a person climbing through a window at the apartment complex. Officers advised the man had locked himself out of his apartment.

• ***Fires***

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a grass fire at 3005 41st Street at 4:04 p.m. Wednesday. A lightning arrestor sparking started the fire. Damage was minor.

A detached garage fire was called in at 8:34 p.m. Wednesday one mile north of U.S. 84 on FM 1613. It belonged to Thomas May of Hermleigh and was a total loss. The cause is undetermined.

Firefighters went to 4256 CR 264 on a report of a fire in a woodpile near the house. High winds were present but the fire department contained the blaze before it spread.

Obituaries

Devin Villa

Infant

Devin Villa, son of Otaviano and Amanda Villa, was stillborn Sunday, May 30, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery with Deacon Robert Ramirez officiating. Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

His maternal grandmother, Aurelia Almanza, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his parents, Otaviano and Amanda Villa of Snyder; three brothers, Dilland Almanza, Tavy Villa and Zachary Villa, all of Snyder; his grandparents, Frank Almanza, Vicente and Joanne Villa and Carlos and Rosa Martinez, all of Snyder; seven aunts; eight uncles; and 16 cousins.

Mr. Armstrong

1922-2004

Graveside service for Garland Armstrong of Big Spring is set for 1 p.m. Friday in the Fluvanna Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Armstrong, 82, died Monday, May 31, in a Big Spring hospital.

Born April 22, 1922 in Big Lake. He married Elaine Cox and then was married to Francis Marie Jordan Hamilton who preceded him in death and was buried in the Fluvanna Cemetery. He married Jane Raettig on Nov. 22, 1991 in Big Spring.

A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was president of Armstrong's Oilfield Services. He was a Mason, a member of the American Legion, VFW and the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Armstrong of Big Spring; three daughters, Barbara Armstrong of Indianapolis, Sharon Armstrong of Ovieda, Fla., and Garlanda Pearson of Big Spring; a stepson, Gary Hamilton of West Monroe, La.; a half brother, Jimmy Payne of Dumas; two half sisters, Arlie McMinn of Lubbock and Mary Nixon of Carlsbad, N.M.; three stepsisters, Bonnie Buell of Fort Worth, Polly Ussery of Lubbock and Jane Sroufe of Houston; a stepbrother, Alb Payne of Arlington; and several grandchildren and stepgrandchildren.

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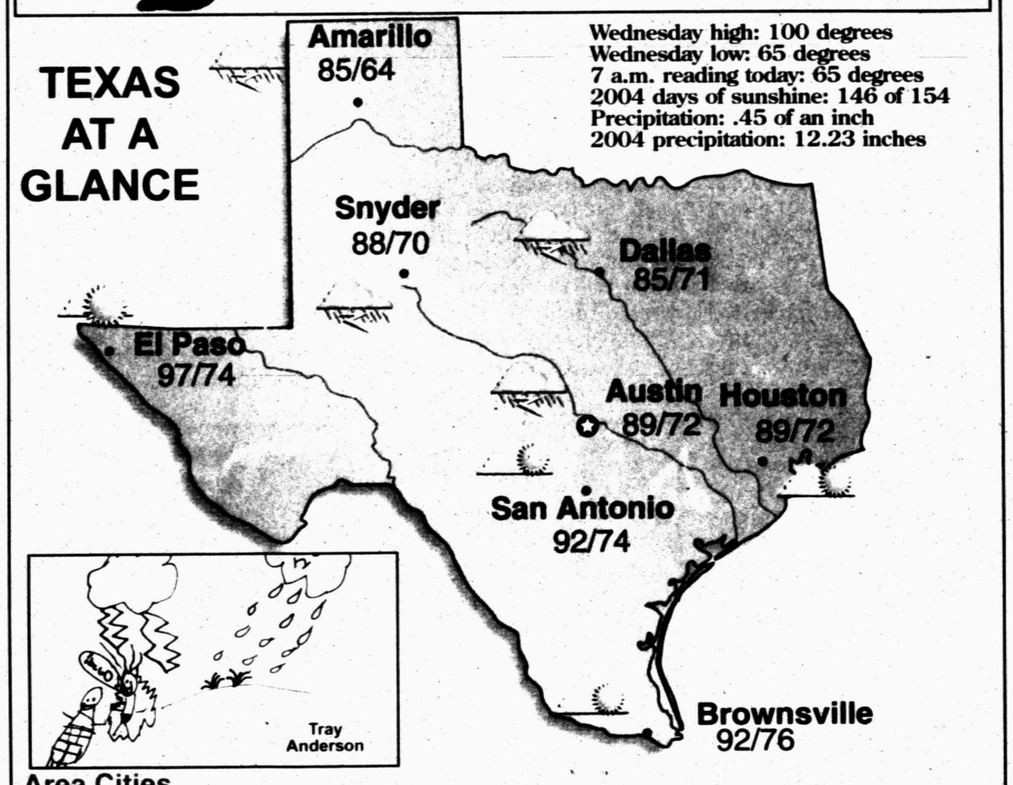
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 6/4	Sat 6/5	Sun 6/6
88/70	95/70	93/70
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High 88F.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:49 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:49 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:50 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 100 degrees
Wednesday low: 65 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 65 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 146 of 154
Precipitation: .45 of an inch
2004 precipitation: 12.23 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	86	70	t-storm	El Paso	97	74	mst sunny	Midland	95	72	mst sunny
Amarillo	85	64	t-storm	Fort Stockton	95	70	sunny	Raymondville	93	74	pt sunny
Austin	89	72	t-storm	Gainesville	82	67	t-storm	Rosenberg	89	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	71	pt sunny	Greenville	84	68	t-storm	San Antonio	92	74	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	76	pt sunny	Houston	89	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	70	t-storm	Kingsville	92	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	89	76	pt sunny	Livingston	88	68	pt sunny	Sweetwater	88	71	t-storm
Corsicana	84	70	t-storm	Longview	85	67	cloudy	Tyler	85	68	pt sunny
Dallas	85	71	t-storm	Lubbock	90	68	t-storm	Weatherford	83	68	t-storm
Del Rio	94	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	87	69	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	83	67	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	64	cloudy	Houston	89	72	pt sunny	Phoenix	111	80	sunny
Boston	68	52	mst sunny	Los Angeles	83	65	sunny	San Francisco	78	56	windy
Chicago	69	52	mst sunny	Miami	86	78	t-storm	Seattle	76	56	pt sunny
Dallas	85	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	78	60	mst sunny	St. Louis	78	61	mst sunny
Denver	87	60	t-storm	New York	72	57	sunny	Washington, DC	77	61	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 17	Jun 25

UV Index

Fri 6/4	Sat 6/5	Sun 6/6
Very High	Extreme	Extreme

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

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