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SHS students receive awards

Snyder High School announced its top 10 academic lists this week along with a number of departmental awards as the annual event signaled the school year is quickly winding down.

SHS will reveal this year's valedictorian and salutatorian in an assembly at 11 a.m. Friday in Worsham Auditorium. The annual Bacculaureate service is at 3 p.m. Sunday with Tony Wofford, minister of the Word of Life Deliverance Church, speaking.

In the departmental awards, the female athlete of the year is Erin Burleson while the top male athlete is Isaac Ramon. Winner of the Bill J. Hood Award is Josh Kemp.

The winner of the departmental award in agriculture is Emily Long and the band department's award winner is Stephanie Williams.

Several awards were presented in the computer department. In Computer Science II, Melissa Jerome was honored while Alexis Dupree and Amanda Whitson were honored as Web editors.

Josh Payne won the computer department's SWAT award and the digital media award winner is Tucker Early.

The top actor in the drama department is Cole Welch and Justin Cole was honored in the technician category.

The English department named Erin Burleson its top student and family and consumer sciences gave its honor to Hortensia Murillo. The foreign language department honored Paul Jackson, health called the name of Hortensia Murillo again and industrial technology gave kudos to Kenny Alcala.

The journalism department gave honors in four departments. Katie Haggard won for her work on Tiger's Lair, Gretchen Hollis for Tiger's Tale, while the most improved photojournalist is Laura Arellano. Mandy Burns was honored as journalist of the year.

Josh Payne received his second award of the night from the math department and social studies named two winners —Eric Guadarrama and Brock Tyrrell.

The science department handed out several awards. The IPC award went to Chase Ashworth while John Birks took top honors in chemistry. The top student in Biology I is Ricky Sanchez and in honors biology ,Brett Bowlin was the receipient. For physics overall Josh Kemp received the award, and for science overall, Clayton Floyd was honored.

The speech department named Paula Fritz and Fran Leighton as the top debaters, Amanda Blythe as the Lincoln-Douglas debater, Blake Robertson as best interpreter, and Kerissa Shipp as speaker. The vocational education department gave its award to Melissa Lugo.

Graduating seniors who made the "A" honor roll and top ten percent are Ashlye Amox, Laura Arellano, Erin Burleson, Sarah Crawford, Andra Dunham, Kristel Fitts, Anna Henson, Josh Kemp, Meagan Langham, Ashley Martinez, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Josh Payne, Chance Tatum, Tamara Taylor, Sara Thornhill, Cami Trout, Amanda Whitson and Stephanie Williams.

FAN OF THE YEAR — Retiring Ira ISD teacher Becky Hudgins is shown with a quilt she received at the school's recent sports banquet. Each quilt block represents a Bulldog T-shirt promoting various events over the years. (SDN Staff Photo by Shirley Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman

Becky Hudgins will be missed.

She is retiring from Ira school where she has taught business and computer classes for 23 years. This school year she also coached UIL contests, including spelling, vocabulary, accounting and computer applications.

And for the past 15 or more years she has served as the yearbook advisor, taking countless pictures preserving students' achievements in sports and academics.

That's how we know her best at the SDN. She is an honorary member of the news department because she has not only shared her school pictures over the years but she has taken pictures for us when we did not have anyone available.

At the recent Ira sports banquet, Becky was named fan of the year and presented with a special quilt featuring blocks of Bulldog spirit t-shirts, signed by teachers and high school students.

Favorite memories include taking students she coached to UIL contests. Suzie Pendergrass competed in the state accounting contest this month.

Becky said she will miss "the students and sharing the excitement and joy on their faces when they win championship games."

She noted that the "boys winning the district and area track meets will always be good memories. I was emotional because I was so proud for them."

Perhaps what she will miss the most, will be "not helping the school to preserve the memories of the kids' activities, being successful and achieving recognition.

"I will miss seeing the kids' pictures in the paper and knowing that I took them and helped them get recognition for their accomplishments."

She will also miss working with the annual staff. This school year she works with five students and, noting that "many days they made my day." (All seniors, the students are Suzie Pendergrass, Rusty Josey, Stephan Kirk, Vicky Rivera and Franki Briseno.)

In addition to the other hats she wears, Becky began keeping the records for the school activity account in 1998.

Becky has seen a lot of changes in technology, from manual to electric typewriters and computers and digital cameras.

She said digital cameras made it easier to take even more pictures of school activities and doing the layout on computer helps give the yearbooks a more "professional" look.

Becky grew up at Loraine and graduated from Loraine High School in 1971. She earned a bachelor of business administration and a master's in education from Texas Tech University.

Teaching 29 years in all, Becky began her career at Crowell where she also was cheerleader and yearbook sponsors.

After six years, she relocated to Ira to be near her parents who have now both passed away. She took the retiring Margaret Trulock's place as the business teacher. She also served as the cheerleader sponsor before taking over as advisor for the yearbook.

Becky enjoys her job and noted that 2003-2004 has been a "great year," but she chose to retire because she wants "more freedom to pursue other interests and to travel."

She enjoys reading and baking and plans to cultivate other hobbies.

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Maximum sentence given in soldier's court-martial

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits received the maximum penalty today — one year in prison, reduction in rank and a bad conduct discharge — in the first court-martial stemming from mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison.

Sivits, who pleaded guilty to four abuse charges, broke down in tears as he expressed remorse for taking pictures of naked Iraqi prisoners being humiliated.

"I'd like to apologize to the Iraqi people and those detainees," he said in his statement. "I should have protected those detainees, not taken the photos."

During the hearing, Sivits, 24, told the court he saw one U.S. soldier punch an Iraqi in the head and other guards stomp on the hands and feet of detainees. He also recounted that prisoners were stripped and forced to form a human pyramid.

Sivits agreed to testify in other cases in the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal, U.S. military officials said. Three others from Sivit's Reserve unit, the 372nd Military Police Company, based in Cresaptown, Md., appeared for arraignment today in the courtroom at the Baghdad Convention Center, located in the heavily guarded Green Zone.

Later, in Washington, the two top military commanders of U.S. forces in Iraq — Gen. John Abizaid and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez — appeared before a U.S. Senate committee to testify. Sanchez said the mistreatment will be investigated thoroughly up the chain of command, "and that includes me."

Sivits was found guilty of two counts of mistreating detainees; dereliction of duty for failing to protect them from abuse and cruelty, and forcing a prisoner "to be positioned in a pile on the floor to be assaulted by other soldiers," a military briefer said after the court-martial.

In drug manufacturing trial...

State, defense giving closing arguments

Closing arguments were being heard this morning in 132nd District Court in the drug manufacturing trial of a Nolan County man.

Both sides rested their case about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and the jury was dismissed as the court prepared its charge.

James Leroy Raney, 45, of Roscoe is charged with manufacturing methamphetamine. The offense is said to have occurred Jan. 28.

Hearing the case is an eight-woman, four-man jury.

Peter Lopez of Sweetwater is the defense attorney and District Attorney Dana Cooley and assistant DA Ben Smith, presented the state's case.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

County rodeo receives funds

Besides granting hotel-motel funds for an antique tractor pull, a business' 50th anniversary, and a permanent gallery display at the Scurry County Museum, the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Monday also agreed to fund the Scurry County Rodeo $3,000.

The rodeo is July 15-17 at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Road.

The chamber board Monday granted a total of $14,850 in hotel-motel tax funds.

Area sales tax rebates

City	May '04	May '03	+/-	Year '04	Year '03	+/-
Abilene	$2,625,900.01	$2,411,776.71	8.87%	$11,402,430.48	$10,913,459.72	4.48%
Big Spring	$404,345.52	$372,289.01	8.61%	$1,681,218.30	$1,503,840.86	11.79%
Colorado City	$46,972.08	$41,528.47	13.10%	$186,122.84	$169,773.83	9.62%
Lamesa	$96,141.74	$88,381.73	8.78%	$364,154.72	$367,549.20	-0.92%
Lubbock	$3,023,108.22	$2,714,870.33	11.35%	$12,906,616.88	$12,239,554.54	5.45%
Post	$48,025.29	$25,717.02	86.74%	$209,279.75	$109,594.78	90.95%
Roby	$2,620.08	$2,893.06	-9.43%	$9,264.14	$8,274.35	11.96%
Rotan	$15,388.44	$16,640.20	-7.52%	$60,525.29	$56,474.12	7.17%
Snyder	$181,230.33	$153,177.21	18.31%	$782,565.86	$711,717.82	9.95%
Sweetwater	$203,122.16	$202,706.46	0.20%	$823,912.37	$858,067.65	-3.98%

RISING SALES REFLECTED — Snyder's monthly sales tax rebate is up 18.31 percent over the same period last year. For the year, the city's rebate is just under 10 percent. May figures reflect March sales in the community.

Death of 19-year-old under investigation

A 19-year-old man is dead, but the cause of death remains under investigation, pending an ordered autopsy.

Police responded to a call from Apartment No. 121 at 700 E. 37th at 2:53 this morning. A man called to report that his roommate was unresponsive.

When police arrived they found Adam Richard Bradley Kemp, 19, of Big Spring with a rope around his neck.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd pronounced Kemp dead at 3:17 a.m.

While Boyd would not discuss details, she said cause of death is still under investigation. Foul play is not suspected.

ASK US

Q—We know about VJ Day and VE Day, but what does the "D" stand for in D-Day?

A—According to a representative of the National D-Day Museum, the "D" was strictly a code word and is not an abbreviation for anything in particular.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Katie Haggard...

...is a Snyder High School senior and has lived in Snyder about nine years. She is editor of the yearbook and was a boys' basketball manger and loves to hang out with her friends and watch a lot of movies. She also has worked at United for about three weeks. Katie's mom is Dixie Haggard, special education director at Humble Smith, and her dad is Charles Haggard of Mesquite. She has an older sister, Randi Haggard of Alpine.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree.

—James Madison

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tiger district shirts

District championship Snyder Tiger baseball shirts can be purchased at Classic Interiors, or by calling Jana Neal at 207-0873, or Terri Price at 207-0847. Wear your shirts to Lubbock Friday and Saturday as the Tigers play Canyon.

Boys and Girls Club temporarily closed

The Snyder Boys and Girls Club will be closed until Monday for maintenance repairs and staff training in San Antonio.

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will meet at 8:30 today in the community center.

Retirement reception

Northeast Elementary will host a retirement reception for Suzie Burgess and Sandy Baker from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

NHS fundraiser

The Snyder High School National Honor Society will car hop from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Sonic Drive In. Tips will benefit the Scurry County United Way.

Antique tractor club

The Scurry County antique tractor club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Jack's Roadboring on the Colorado City highway.

Workforce center open house

The Workforce Center, located at 1912 37th Street, will host an open house of its new office from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday. Refreshments and tours will be available.

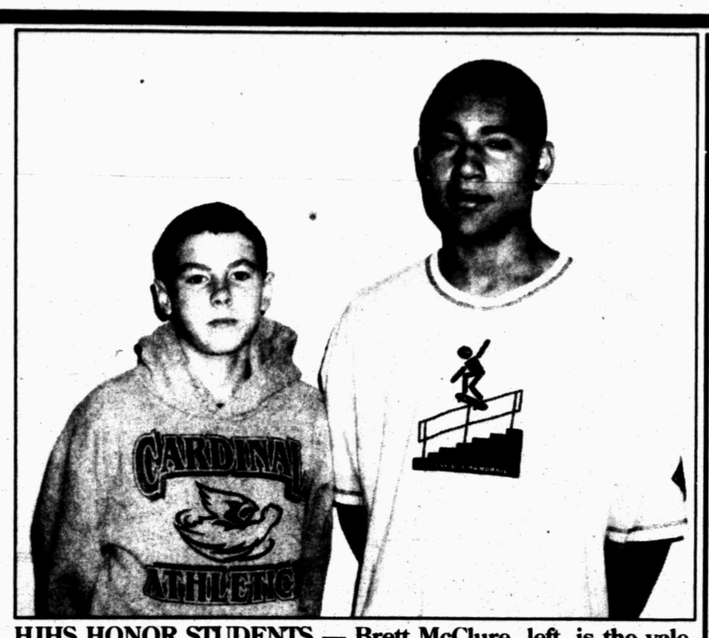
What's up guidelines

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.

Pipeline owner: Another spill not likely

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Another gas pipeline rupture and spill like the one in Tucson last year that spewed thousands of gallons of gasoline isn't likely to occur, according to the company that owns the pipeline.

Investigators hired by Kinder Morgan Energy Partners recommended the company continue to operate the fuel line at reduced pressure and test it for significant stress corrosion cracking, according to a report.



HJHS HONOR STUDENTS — Brett McClure, left, is the valedictorian of Hermleigh's eight grade class and Derek Anderson is the salutatorian. McClure, the son of Mark and Traci McClure, has a 3.8 GPA. Anderson's GPA is 3.4. His parents are Lawana and Glenn Rigney of Snyder and Tony and Misty Anderson of Utah. The eight graders will graduate May 28 along with the seniors. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Police say stolen Stradivarius almost made into CD holder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 320-year-old missing cello is now back with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, having possibly avoided becoming one of the most expensive CD racks ever.

A nurse found the $3.5 million instrument made by master craftsman Antonio Stradivari lying by a trash bin — and almost had her boyfriend convert it into a CD holder, police said Tuesday.

Melanie Stevens, 29, discovered the cello about a mile from where it was stolen, still inside its silver-coated plastic case. She put it in her car's trunk for two days.

Then Stevens asked her boyfriend, a cabinetmaker, to either repair the instrument or convert it into a unique CD holder, Detective Donald Hrycyk said. She said she didn't know its significance until she noticed a news report May 7.

"I had the idea to possibly put a hinge on the front. ... He would install little shelves inside," Stevens said. "It would be a very elaborate CD case. I know it sounds crazy."

The philharmonic's associate principal cellist, Daniel Rothmuller, who played the instrument for more than 25 years, called the instrument's recovery "an incredible miracle. ... Can you imagine it going into a garbage truck?"

Its return was a relief for philharmonic principal cellist Peter Stumpf, who accidentally left it outside his home. Nearby video surveillance cameras showed a bicyclist stole it April 25.

"It's been an enormous weight on me for the last three weeks," Stumpf said. "I'm just incredibly relieved that it's solved."

Detectives are still looking for the thief and have not ruled out any suspects. They plan an investigation before deciding whether to give Stevens the $50,000 reward offered by an anonymous donor, Hrycyk said.

Deal reached on judicial nominees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The agreement struck between Senate Democrats and President Bush that guarantees dozens of GOP judicial nominees a seat on the federal courts has all the signs of a victory for both sides, officials said.

Republicans get to swell the conservative ranks on the federal court in an election year, something that rarely happens, while Democrats get a guarantee that the most objectionable GOP nominees to them won't get a lifetime or even a temporary seat on the federal trial or appeals courts.

"It's, on balance, not a bad deal," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

After working behind closed doors for weeks, the White House and Senate Democrats announced Tuesday that Democrats will allow votes on 25 noncontroversial appointments to the district and appeals courts that they've been holding up for months.

In exchange, Bush agreed not to invoke his constitutional power to make recess appointments while Congress is away, as he has done twice in recent months with judicial nominees.

The deal lasts until a second Bush presidency begins or a new president takes office, officials said. The agreement was struck days before the Senate began its Memorial Day recess, in a meeting among top Senate Democrats and Republicans as well as Andrew Card, the White House chief of staff.

"The president believes it is important to fill judicial vacancies in a timely manner, and this agreement is an important step in meeting that objective," White House spokeswoman Erin Healy said.

Bush already trumped Senate Democrats by placing two Republicans on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals: Charles Pickering, a former chairman of the Mississippi Republican party and father of GOP Rep. Chip Pickering, and William Pryor, the former attorney general of Alabama.

Democrats were furious, and they've been holding up all judicial nominees since March to get this promise.

The White House made the right move, said Senate Minority leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "I think they feel that it's more important to make progress than to hold out some possibility of another recess appointment, and they made the right decision," he told reporters.

While not pleased, Republican senators agreed it made sense.

World Almanac

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Today is the 140th day of 2004 and the 61st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of Henry VIII of England, was beheaded for adultery.

In 1921, the United States Congress passed the "Emergency Quota Act," setting a national immigration quota system.

In 2001, Zhonghua Sun was put to death by the Chinese government for refusing to be sterilized.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ho Chi-Minh (1890-1969), North Vietnamese ruler; Malcolm X (Little) (1925-1965), civil rights activist; Grace Jones (1952-), singer/actress, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1991, Willy T. Ribbs became the first African-American driver to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." — Malcolm X (Little)

TODAY'S FACT: China is home to 56 different ethnic groups.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 11.5 — percent of United States population that was foreign-born in 2002.

TODAY'S MOON: New moon. (May 19).

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Today's chuckle

Dog survives 35 days in pit in desert

TEMECULA, Calif. (AP) — This Shadow knows. How to survive 35 days in a 30-foot-deep pit in the desert, that is.

Stephen Schwartz, 17, was hiking with his brother, father and two cousins on April 18 near the ghost town of Panamint City on the western edge of Death Valley National Park when their dog, Shadow, fell into the pit.

The Schwartzs heard 10-year-old Shadow whimpering and tried to use a ladder from a nearby ranger station to reach the dog. But the ladder fell out of reach and eventually, Shadow stopped responding to their calls.

Thinking the cocker spaniel-beagle mix was dead, the Schwartzs placed an improvised wooden cross over the pit, said a prayer and returned home to Trona, a tiny town in far northern San Bernardino County.

But Shadow was very much alive, surviving on water at the bottom of the hole.

On Sunday, brothers Scott and Darren Mertz were searching for the source of a spring near Panamint City when they stumbled on the 4-foot-wide pit.

Stopping to rest, the brothers tossed rocks into the pit and dared each other to climb inside. Then they heard barking.

"We looked at each other and my brother said, 'Is that coming from the hole?'" Scott Mertz, 36, said. "We were just horrified that there was a dog down there."

"We weren't going to leave without the dog," said Darren Mertz, 34.

Using an old hose from a nearby water storage tank, Darren Mertz lowered his brother into the hole until he could reach the ladder and climb down to the dog. Scott Mertz managed to grab a frightened and skinny Shadow and his brother hauled them back up.

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RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $26 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's $19 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

There were three second-prize winners from Tuesday night's drawing. Those tickets are each worth $175,000. Sixteen players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 2, 36, 44, 46, and 51. The Mega Ball number was 45.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 32-4-3-5. Bonus ball 23.

Estimated jackpot: $225,000

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 25-27-29-32-34.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $20,210.

Winning tickets sold in: HOUSTON, MCKINNEY.

Matching four of five: 106. Prize: $171.

Matching three of five: 3,577. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 36,699. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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CITY WIDE Garage Sale

June 12th

HEY SNYDER...

Plan now for your City Wide Garage Sale. Gather up those items taking up space in your garage, attic and basement and sell them for cash at your garage sale!

Ad must be placed by noon, Wednesday, June 9.

- Garage Sale Ads Published Friday, June 11th in the Snyder Daily News
- Use up to 30 words to describe your sale (additional words 20¢ each)
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First United Methodist Church

2700 College Avenue Snyder, Texas 573-5416

Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Strips

DATE: Sunday, May 23rd

Time 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

Adults - $7 Kids - $4 (under 10)

Tickets available at the church, from the members or at the door.

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FINAL SEMINAR — Janie Romine, (seated in front) and Linda Jones (not pictured), Scurry County Librarians, gave a presentation about the library's summer reading program at Central Elementary's final parenting seminar last Thursday. They also discussed ways to develop and maintain a child's reading skills through the summer months. Parents and children attending are from left clockwise, Marta Lopez and Jesus, Marisa Lopez, Yolanda Robles and Jason, Adrianna and her mother Luz Murillo, and Anna and Dora Davis. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Popular senators in three states face scant primaries' opposition

By The Associated Press

Setting up what promises to be an uphill struggle against two popular incumbents, little-known candidates won their parties' nominations to take on Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas in November.

In Oregon, Republicans chose a challenger to try to oust Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden.

In other races, Republicans in Kentucky chose a candidate to take on actor George Clooney's father for a seat in the U.S. House, while Oregon voters considered whether to re-elect two county commissioners who had decided in secret to allow gay marriages.

In the Kentucky Senate race, Democratic state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo was picked to challenge Bunning, winning 65 percent of the vote.

Bunning, a Hall of Fame pitcher looking to win a second term, has raised $4.6 million already. The Republican had only token opposition Tuesday.

Earlier this year, Bunning's campaign apologized after he said at a GOP dinner that Mongiardo, the son of Italian immigrants, looked like one of Saddam Hussein's sons. The campaign said the remark was a joke.

In Arkansas, Republican state Sen. Jim Holt beat out two other candidates for the chance to challenge Lincoln, a first-term Democratic senator who has raised more than $5 million for her re-election campaign.

Lincoln is seeking to keep a seat that has had only four occupants since 1932, including Dale Bumpers and J. William Fulbright.

Al King, a Republican rancher, won his party's nomination to face Wyden.

In other primaries:

— Geoff Davis, a manufacturing consultant, was picked by Republicans to take on Nick Clooney, a media personality in the Cincinnati area and the father of the former "ER" star. While the elder Clooney, a Democrat, opposes abortion and gun control, Republicans have threatened to use his son's more liberal views against him in the fall.

Elsewhere in Kentucky, Republicans chose state Sen. Tom Buford to challenge U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, a Democrat who won a special election in February to represent the Lexington area.

— In Oregon, Iranian-American Goli Ameri won the GOP nomination to challenge Rep. David Wu, who is running for a fourth term in Congress and remains the favorite in November.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Daughter can't bear the weight when mom unloads her burden

DEAR ABBY: My mother calls me every day to complain about my sister, with whom she has always fought. She goes on and on about her financial problems and lashes out at me when she's upset with other people.

I am only 20. I'm a full-time college student, have a full-time job, and I am deeply involved in a relationship.

I am trying to understand my mother's problems, but lately every time I hang up the phone after talking with her, I cry.

I am young and trying to learn how to handle my own problems. I don't think I can handle hers, too. I have tried explaining to her how I feel, but she refuses to listen.

My sister says I should hang up on Mother when she calls to complain, but I don't want to do that.

I've asked Mom to talk to Dad about her problems. They have been married 30 years. She says she doesn't want to stress him out. She doesn't realize the stress she puts on me.

I know my problem is small compared to most people, but in a few more years I'll be facing the harsh realities of life: mortgage, kids and bills. How can I ask Mom not to call me with her many complaints? — **STRESSED OUT BY MOM**

DEAR STRESSED OUT: Your mother is using you like the valve on a pressure cooker. When her frustrations build up, she calls you to vent. I agree it would be better if she talked to your father about her problems, but you appear to be her dumping ground of choice.

Since you can't change her, you're going to have to change the way you react to her. Tell your father that you've reached your limit and it's time for him to intercede — or tune her out when she starts dumping.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Mark," and I had dinner at our friends "Brian" and "Stephanie's" a few weeks ago. Several other couples joined us. Stephanie served the most delicious meal and everyone begged her for the recipes. She said every single one had come from your cookbooklet set. Stephanie said she'd had it for ages and wasn't sure if the ordering information was correct. Would you please tell me how I can get a set, because she also said the recipes were easy to follow and simple to make. I own a lot of cookbooks, Abby, but I can never get enough like that. — **LESLIE IN LOS ANGELES**

DEAR LESLIE: I'm pleased your friends' party was a success. Over the years, many of those recipes were family favorites of ours. To order the set, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

The booklets are full of delectable recipes from appetizers through desserts. All the ingredients are simple, and the directions are a cinch to follow. Bon appetit!

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NASA lab processes meteorites

HOUSTON (AP) — Big Lew is quite a hunk.

At 250 pounds, the largest meteorite found in Antarctica since the United States began collecting them in 1975 is just one of thousands processed, stored and allocated by NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Scientists say the chunks of space rock — which come from asteroids or more rarely from the moon or Mars — may hold the answers to questions about the solar system, the formation of Earth and how life began.

"It is kind of like the ultimate detective story," said Thomas Wagner, National Science Foundation program director for Antarctic Geology and Geophysics.

Meteorites found on the southernmost continent are especially valuable because snow and ice have kept them in pristine condition.

"If we dropped a rock in North America, it is going to get rained on, it is going to get sun on it, and it is going to break down," Wagner said. "In Antarctica, that doesn't happen."

One question Antarctic meteorites already have answered is whether chunks of other planets or moons fall to Earth. Wagner said scientists once thought it couldn't happen, but five Martian meteorites and 15 lunar meteorites found in Antarctica's tundra now are housed at the Houston lab.

"Meteorites represent the crust, mantel and core of planets that were completely smashed to bits, so they are an important piece of information in understanding other planets," Wagner said.

In the sterile lab, workers cover their clothes, shoes, heads and hands in one room before stepping into another for an air shower to remove any dust or other particles. Once the air cuts off, scientists open another door leading to a room where meteorites await processing. Nitrogen constantly flows over the meteorites to keep them dry and protected.

The latest 1,358 frozen Antarctic meteorites — most the size of baseballs, golf balls or smaller — arrived at the lab last month, bringing the collection to an impressive total of about 14,000.

Workers number and chip away a small piece of each new arrival to send to the Smithsonian, which catalogues the meteorites. The remainder of the sample remains at Johnson Space Center for at least five years. Photographs and a description of each meteorite are included in scientific catalogues. Scientists worldwide can then request to have a piece of the meteorite sent to them for further study.

"You can study a small sample in great detail and learn a lot," said Kevin Righter, the Space Center's Antarctic meteorite curator. "There is value in the small ones as well as the large. They all provide different information."

Big Lew's shape — which resembles a spacecraft nose cone — and large size makes the meteorite special, Righter said.

Big Lew was discovered in the 1980s in Antarctica's Lewis Cliffs ice field hundreds of thousands of years after it landed. It weighed so much, scientists had a hard time removing it from the frozen landscape.

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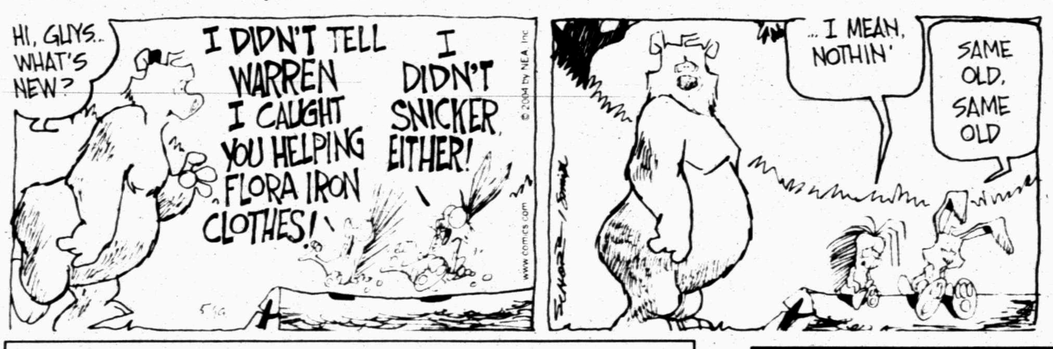

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15 Do business
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18 Crayola choice
19 Faulty
21 PC gadget
25 Maiden
29 Electrical unit
31 Storm refuge
33 Hold on to
34 Fine clay
35 Public official
37 Nurtures
38 Fills the camera
40 Dinner check
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50 Good to eat
52 Get there
53 Fool's attire
54 Michelangelo work
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10 Univ. degree
11 Pond cover
12 Look thoroughly
17 Disposed of
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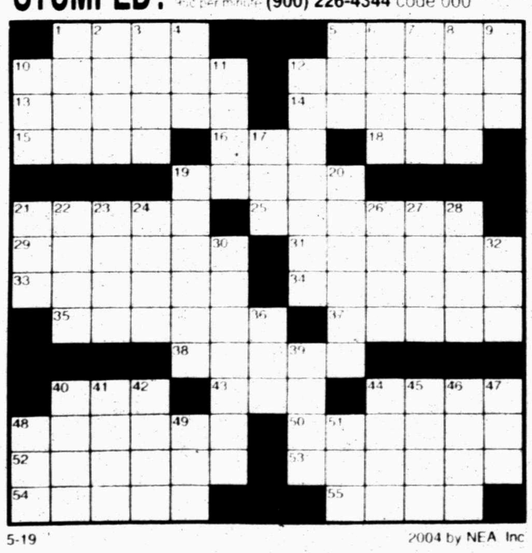

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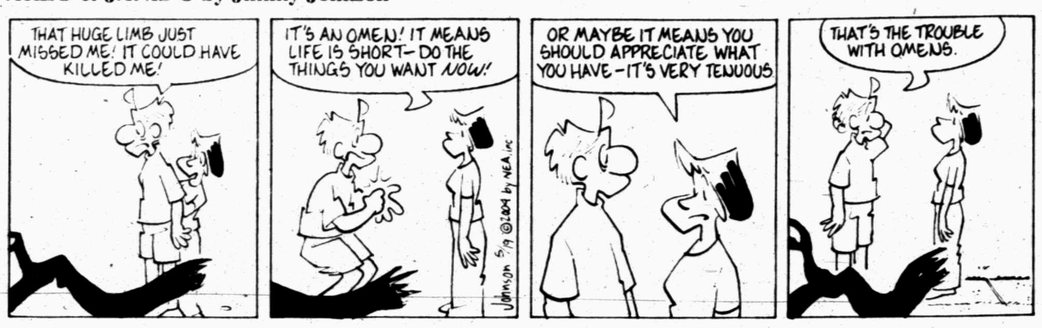

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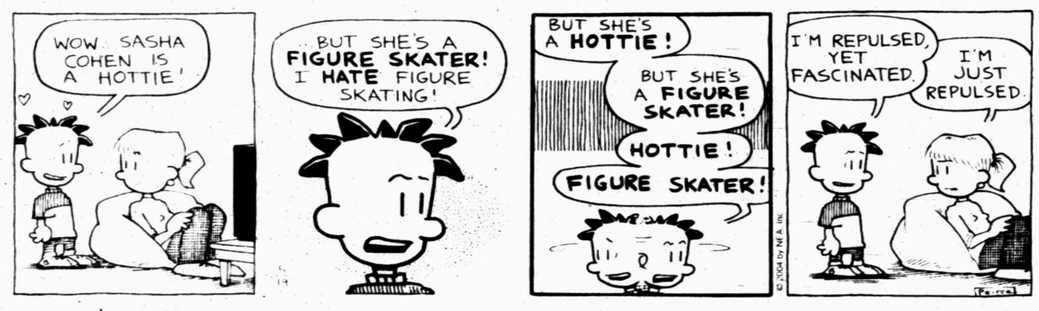

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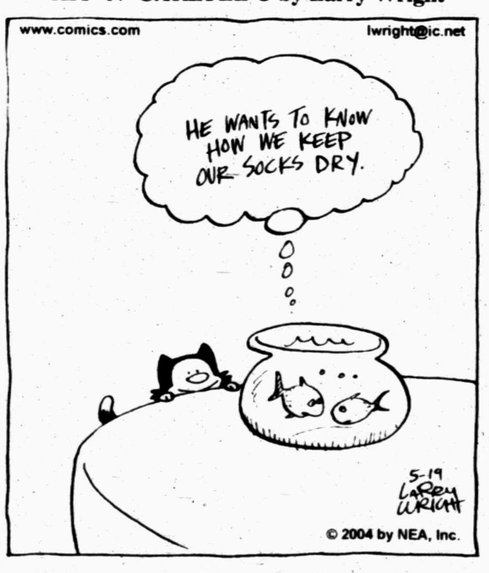

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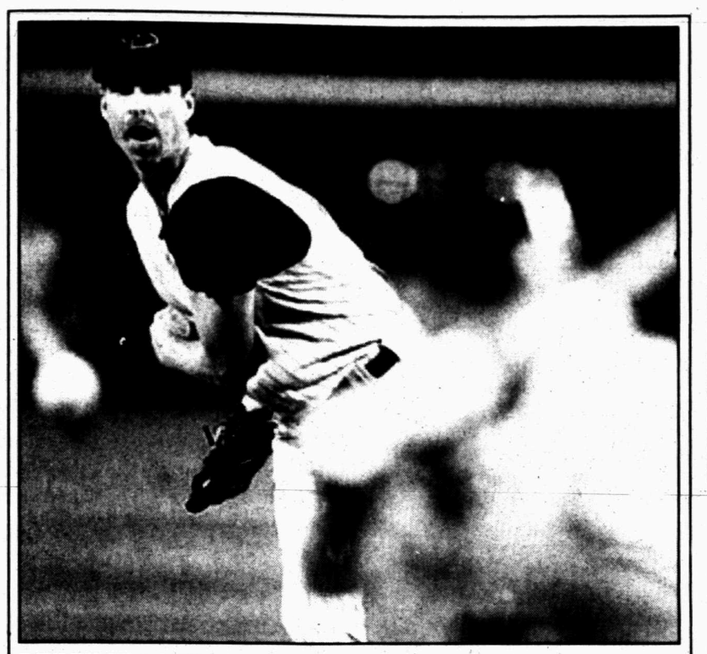


PERFECT UNIT — Arizona lefthander Randy Johnson became the oldest pitcher in major league history to throw a perfect game on Wednesday. (AP Photo)

Johnson fires perfect game against Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — Randy Johnson has come a long way since his first no-hitter.

Back then, the Big Unit was just as tough to hit — he just wasn't quite sure where the ball was headed once it left his hand.

Now, at the ripe old age of 40, he has reached perfection.

Johnson became the oldest pitcher in baseball history to throw a perfect game, retiring all 27 hitters he faced in the Arizona Diamondbacks' 2-0 victory over Atlanta on Tuesday night.

"I've still got a great deal of pride," he said. "I feel like I'm throwing as good as I've ever thrown."

No kidding.

Johnson threw the 17th perfect game in major league history, the 15th since the modern era began in 1900 and the first since the New York Yankees' David Cone against Montreal on July 18, 1999.

"Everything he's done up to this point pales in comparison," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said.

That's saying a lot. Johnson has won five Cy Young Awards, put up all sort of staggering strikeout numbers and helped Arizona win the World Series in 2001.

Now this, the rarest of pitching feats.

Johnson became the 27th pitcher to throw two no-hitters, and the nearly 14-year span between them was longer than anyone else. His first came for Seattle on June 2, 1990, when he no-hit Detroit but walked six.

"That was far from perfect," Johnson recalled. "I was a very young pitcher who didn't have any idea where the ball was going. I was far from being a polished pitcher. Fourteen years later, I've come a long way as far as knowing what I want to do."

Johnson struck out 13 and went to three balls on just one hitter — Johnny Estrada in the second inning. Estrada fouled off three straight 3-2 pitches before going down swinging.

Late in the game, Johnson sat stoically in the dugout, staring at the ground with his eyes closed, almost appearing to be asleep.

"It didn't faze me," the lefthander said. "Winning the game was the biggest, most important thing."

His manager was a lot more nervous. From the sixth inning on, Brenly remained frozen in the same spot — sitting on the bat rack, tapping Matt Kata's bat with his knuckles.

The other players were on edge, too.

"I tell you, man," outfielder Luis Gonzalez said, "you get nervous when they're coming your way."

Cy Young had been the oldest to throw a perfect game, doing it in 1904 at age 37.

Johnson sure didn't act his age, getting stronger as the game went along on a pleasantly warm night in Atlanta.

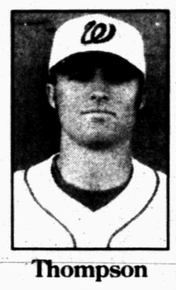
"Not bad for being 40 years old," he said. "Everything was locked in."

Curt Schilling, who teamed with Johnson to lead the Diamondbacks to the Series title three years ago, watched the final two innings on television in St. Petersburg, Fla. Schilling now pitches for Boston, which beat Tampa Bay 7-3.

"Guys that play the game at that level ... do things other people don't dream of doing," Schilling said.

Thompson earns all-conference honors; Hefflinger signs 14 players for next year

Western Texas College outfielder Landon Thompson was named to the Western Junior College Athletic All-Conference first team after batting .434 this season.

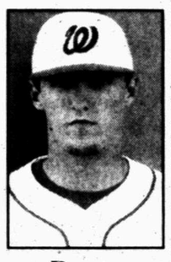


Thompson

Thompson, a sophomore from Odessa, had 63 hits, including four homers and five triples from the lead-off spot for the Westerners. He also stole 16 bases.

Catcher Tanyon Reeves and outfielders Eric Brown and Derek David received all-conference honorable mention honors.

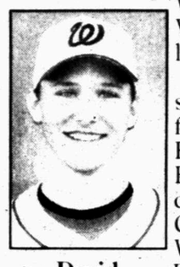
It's been a busy off-season for the baseball team, with head coach Billy Hefflinger spending the better part of the offseason on recruiting trips, getting commitments from 14 players, including three from Midland High School.



Brown

Hefflinger signed three starters from the 5A school, getting catcher Geraldo Rendon, shortstop Jerry Zachary and outfielder Matt Stovall.

Of the 14, seven are pitchers, including Ross Swisher of Vancouver, Wash.; Bobby Chilton of Princeton; Chris Baker and Anthony Huffman of Milwaukee, Ore.; Tyler Killhough of Weatherford and Andrew Anderson and Whitman Van Vesslar of Portland, Ore.

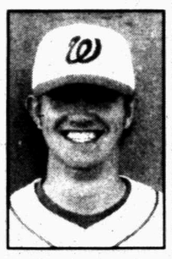


David

The other four signees are outfielder Jared Pitts, of Friendswood; catcher Michael Case Chattaway, Wash.; infielder Drew Trujillo, Colorado and second baseman Buck Britton, Weatherford.

The Westerners have 10 returning players. The three pitchers returning — Logan Hill, Tyler Trout and Shay Franks — are all Snyder High School graduates.

Hefflinger also will have a full-time coaching staff next year, as pitching coach James Karcher will be moving to Snyder rather than commuting.



Reeves

"It's going to make our staff better," Hefflinger said of Karcher's presence. "He gives me balance. We have the same philosophy, but he will disagree with me about certain things."

Mike Kaczowka, an infielder for Cal Lutheran also will join the staff as a graduate assistant. Hefflinger coached at Cal Lutheran for two seasons before taking the WTC job.

Pacers advance to conference finals

MIAMI (AP) — Ron Artest made the Heat's promise an empty one.

Insulted by Miami players guaranteeing a deciding seventh game, Artest scored 27 points, helping the Indiana Pacers beat the Heat 73-70 to win the Eastern Conference semifinals Tuesday night.

Indiana won the series 4-2, snapping the Heat's 18-game home winning streak and advancing to the conference finals for the first time since 2000 and the sixth time since 1994.

"You're talking about them playing the team with the best record," Artest said. "How can you say that? How can you guarantee a win when you're up against a team that has done what we've done?"

Indiana advanced to face the Detroit-New Jersey winner in the Eastern Conference finals. The Pistons beat the Nets on Sunday night to force a seventh game Thursday night in Auburn Hills.

In the Western Conference, Sacramento will be at Minnesota for Game 7 on Wednesday night, with the winner advancing to play the Los Angeles Lakers.

It didn't come easily for the Pacers, who shot only 32.4 percent, and turned the ball over 18 times — nine in the first quarter alone. They also only got seven points from Jermaine O'Neal, who had scored 88 points in the previous three games.

Yet Indiana's offensive ineptitude couldn't even be matched by the Heat, who shot 30.5 percent, the lowest in the franchise's postseason history. Rookie guard Dwyane Wade — who, along with reserve forward Malik Allen, guaranteed the Game 6 win — was 10-for-16 from the floor and scored a team-high 24 points.

But the rest of the Heat players combined to shoot only 22.7 percent, making a mere 15 of 66 shots.

"The challenge for our team tonight was to stare one of the great challenges in the face," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "And that is this building, their team, a very strong-willed Miami team, and find a way. And that's exactly what they did."

Reggie Miller had 15 points, and Jamaal Tinsley scored 10 for Indiana, which held a 53-42 rebounding edge and got to the foul line 11 more times than Miami — making seven more than the Heat, 26-19.

Lamar Odom had 22 points, and Eddie Jones added 16 for Miami, but the team's two leading scorers in the regular season combined to miss 27 of their 38 shots from the floor.

"I am not disappointed in my players or in my team," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said. "I am more disappointed for them."

Artest hit a pair of free throws with 2:13 left in the third quarter to give the Pacers a 57-47 lead, their biggest of the game. But the Heat responded with a 15-4 run over the next six minutes, taking a 62-61 lead when Wade — who scored Miami's last eight points in the burst — hit a short baseline jumper with 8:22 left.

The lead would change hands three more times following Wade's basket, the last coming with 3:39 left when Artest scored to put Indiana ahead 67-66.

Adams top pro at Snyder Pro-Am

Jay McHugh, Jon Musquiz, Reese Grimmett and Judy Moss combined for a 53 to win the team division at the 2004 Snyder Pro-Am Monday at Scurry County Golf Course.

Don Timm, Charlie Powell, Kyle Lawerence and Paula Timm were second with a 55.

Two teams shot a 56. Randall Strickland, Phil Young, Don Chandler and Mark Glass were awarded third after a scorecard playoff with the team of Jeremiah Luttrell, James Lazano, B.W. Harris and Anita Talbott.

Cory Adams fired a 65 to take first in the individual pro division, followed by Leon Vanrensburg, who shot a 67.

Larry Bryan was third with a 68, and Luttrell and Strickland tied for fourth with a 69.

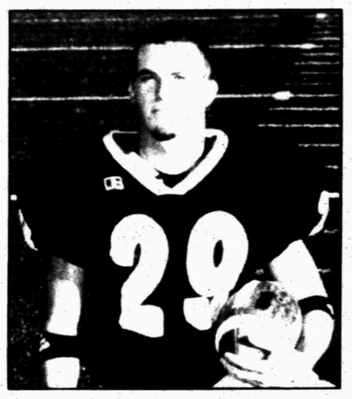
Adams and Jeff Hart tied with Bryan Word and Larry Bryan in the blind pro-pro division, while Jarrod Henley was the pro closest to the hole.

Mackey Greene and Charlie Longbotham were the closest amateurs to the pin.

Other individual pro scores were Bryan Word, 70; Lance McMillan, 72; Don Timm, 74; Ronnie Rosson, 74; Jarrod Henley, 75; Jay McHugh, 75; Rick Mammolite, 78 and Jeff Hart 82.

Collins selected as ASC scholar-athlete

Todd Collins of Howard Payne University has been named a recipient of the American Southwest Conference Scholar-Athlete Award, which is presented to one male and one female member of the graduating class of each institution who has compiled the most outstanding record academics, athletics and leadership over their college career.



Todd Collins

Collins, 21, played defensive back for Howard Payne and earned his undergraduate degree in biology/pre-dental in three years.

He was named to the national Dean's List, was an ASC All-Academic and was the treasurer for the Beta Beta Beta biology honor society.

Collins was honored as the Outstanding Student Athlete at HPU in 2003, and has been accepted to the Baylor College of Dentistry.

Collins is the son of Ronny and Terri Collins of Snyder.

Sports Briefs

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduating all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

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 set for June

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.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	21	17	.553	—
Philadelphia	20	17	.541	½
New York	19	20	.487	2½
Atlanta	17	20	.459	3½
Montreal	14	25	.359	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	23	15	.605	—
Chicago	22	16	.579	1
Cincinnati	20	18	.526	3
St. Louis	20	19	.513	3
Milwaukee	19	19	.500	4
Pittsburgh	17	18	.486	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	15	.595	—
San Diego	21	17	.553	1
Colorado	17	21	.447	5
San Francisco	16	23	.410	7
Arizona	15	23	.395	7½

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 3, Milwaukee 2
Houston 9, Florida 2
San Diego at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
Philadelphia 8, Los Angeles 7
N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 4
Colorado 8, Cincinnati 3
Arizona 2, Atlanta 0
San Francisco 1, Chicago Cubs 0

Today's Games

San Diego (Lawrence 5-2 and Peavy 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Benson 3-3 and Ol.Perez 3-1), 2-4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Santos 1-0) vs. Montreal (Kim 2-1) at San Juan, 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Webb 2-3) at Atlanta (Thomson 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Redding 1-3) at Florida (Pavano 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 1-4) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 3-4) at Philadelphia (Milton 4-0), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Suppan 3-4) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 4-3), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 2-5) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 2-3), 6:10 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	16	.590	—
New York	22	16	.579	½
Baltimore	19	16	.543	2
Toronto	17	23	.425	6½
Tampa Bay	10	27	.270	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	23	15	.605	—
Chicago	21	17	.553	2
Detroit	19	19	.500	4
Cleveland	18	20	.474	5
Kansas City	12	24	.333	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	26	13	.667	—
Texas	22	16	.579	3
Oakland	20	18	.526	5
Seattle	13	25	.342	12

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 5, Minnesota 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 2
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 7, Texas 6
Baltimore 7, Seattle 2
Anaheim 1, N.Y. Yankees 0, 11 innings
Detroit 5, Oakland 1

Today's Games

Minnesota (Lohse 1-3) at Toronto (J.Miller 1-0), 11:35 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Schoeneweis 3-1) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Schilling 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Bell 0-0), 6:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Gobble 1-2) at Texas (Park 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bedard 0-1) at Seattle (R.Franklin 2-3), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lieber 2-1) at Anaheim (Lackey 3-4), 9:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 4-1) at Oakland (Redman 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

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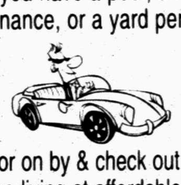

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GOP leaders want to push weakened limits on tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans hope weakened restrictions on tax cuts will end their gridlock over the federal budget, but they could be rolling the dice because they may be short of votes in the Senate.

After a two-month stalemate, top Republicans decided to try pushing a $2.4 trillion budget plan through Congress this week. House approval, which seemed virtually certain, could come as early as today.

Interviews with moderate GOP senators Tuesday, however, indicated that at least three of them oppose the weaker plan, which potentially leaves Senate leaders a vote shy of passage. Democrats and moderate Republicans say the limits are needed in an era of record budget deficits expected to soar past $400 billion this election year.

The plan would impose tax-cut curbs that would expire [illegible] year, rather than lasting five years like those the narrowly divided Senate approved in March. It probably also would exempt three popular middle-class tax reductions, probably the only cuts that will pass Congress this year anyway.

"That just seems to me is just paying lip service" to the need for reducing record federal deficits, said moderate Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he wanted the Senate to vote on the proposal before leaving at week's end for a Memorial Day recess. He and other Republicans were hoping moderates would feel pressured into voting "yes."

Yet Frist said he did not rule out putting off the showdown until next month.

"Everybody knows I don't have the votes coming into it," Frist conceded to reporters.

President Bush has opposed limiting the tax cuts, although he plays no formal role in Congress' budget because it takes effect without his signature.

With the restraints expiring next year, the battle almost certainly would be rejoined during debate on the 2006 budget.

"The moderates need to read the Republican philosophy," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, told a reporter when asked why moderate GOP senators should support the plan. "What we believe is you don't have paygo for tax cuts."

"Paygo" is Capitol Hill shorthand for the restrictions — a pay-as-you-go system that would require lawmakers to find budget savings to pay for tax cuts and for expanded benefits that worsen the deficit.

Four GOP moderates sided with Democrats in March to win Senate passage of tax-cut limits lasting five years.

Mentally ill inmate executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted killer diagnosed as mentally ill was put to death despite a highly unusual recommendation from the state parole board that he be spared.

Kelsey Patterson, a 50-year-old paranoid schizophrenic, jabbered about being innocent and demanded his rights just before receiving a lethal injection Tuesday evening. His last words were a plea: "Give me my life back."

Gov. Rick Perry rejected the parole board's recommendation moments after the Supreme Court also refused to stay the execution, punishment for a double slaying in East Texas almost 12 years ago.

Patterson's execution renewed the legal quandary of whether it is proper to execute an inmate who is mentally ill when the Supreme Court says it is unconstitutional to execute one who is mentally retarded. The high court, however, also has said an inmate may not be executed if he doesn't know why he's on death row and the punishment he faces.

At least three mentally ill prisoners have been executed in Texas since the mental retardation ruling two years ago.

In a statement, Perry cited the findings of no fewer than 10 state and federal judicial reviews examining Patterson's claims of mental illness and competency. "In each instance," he said, "the courts have determined there is no legal bar to his execution."

"This defendant is a very violent individual. Texas has no life without parole sentencing option, and no one can guarantee this defendant would never be freed to commit other crimes were his sentence commuted."

Patteron's lawyer, J. Gary Hart, criticized Perry's reasoning.

"He's basically saying that all we can do with someone like him is take him out back and shoot him," Hart said.

The parole board action, which came Monday in a 5-1 vote, marked the first time since Texas resumed executions in 1982 that a commutation was recommended at such a late stage.

Patterson was condemned for the 1992 shootings of Dorthy Harris, 41, a secretary at an oil company office in Palestine, about 100 miles southeast of Dallas, and her boss, Louis Oates, 63.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Update on shingles

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain shingles. My granddaughter had chicken pox and, I assume, I acquired the infection from her. Almost four weeks into it, I still have some ugly scabs and the remnants of a rash. The most troublesome sensation is profound numbness that still lingers. Is there a better treatment than hydrocortisone cream and Vicodin tablets? Most important, can I get the infection again?

DEAR READER: The varicella/zoster virus causes chicken pox in children; this is the initial manifestation of the infection. Once the pox blisters have dried up and disappeared, the viruses take up residence, dormant, in a state of suspended animation within certain nerves in the body's skin. This period of dormancy lasts for many years, even a lifetime.

However, in some people who are exposed to active chicken pox (or, in other individuals, for no known reason), the viruses reactivate, reproduce at an astronomical rate, and cause the skin to break out again with blisters — this time painfully and, usually, on one side of the body. People can experience a zoster breakout from injury (such as sunburn), stress or fatigue.

Because the infection is much more common in the elderly, many authorities believe that shingles results from a malfunction of the immune system, a ubiquitous consequence of aging. That is, the body loses its ability to contain the viruses in their dormant state. Furthermore, shingles may be the first sign of a hidden malignancy somewhere in the system, which may require further testing.

Ordinarily, antiviral drugs such as Zovirax and Famvir will halt the progression of shingles, if prescribed early in the disease. For advanced cases, oral steroids are beneficial but not curative. There is no place for steroid creams in the treatment of shingles; such products do absolutely no good. Vicodin and other powerful analgesics will, however, control the acute pain of the infection.

Unfortunately, about 10 percent of shingles sufferers will develop an uncomfortable pain syndrome, called post-herpetic neuralgia, that may last for months or be permanent. Treatment, under the jurisdiction of a neurologist, includes Neurontin and other prescription drugs. The numbness that you're experiencing may be secondary to a mild form of neuralgia.

A single attack of shingles usually leads to an immunity from subsequent infections, although in rare instances second and third eruptions may occur.

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

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AndarkPtr	54.66	54.00	54.21	— .02
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PepsiCo	53.33	53.01	53.11	— .14
PhelpDodge	66.80	64.55	66.61	+ 2.81
PilgrimsPride	26.44	26.10	26.30	+ .58
Praxair s	36.13	35.40	36.09	+ .83
ProctGamb	106.39	105.89	105.98	— .08
RadioShack	29.69	29.35	29.59	+ .40
RoyalDut	48.90	48.32	48.89	+ .73
SBC Comm	24.76	24.47	24.68	+ .09
SaraLee	23.05	22.81	22.83	— .02
Scripps EW	100.89	100.35	100.80	+ .56
SearsRoeb	38.88	37.87	38.75	+ .95
SherwinW	37.84	37.03	37.78	+ .78
SouthernCo	28.50	28.34	28.45	+ .19
SwstAirl	15.25	14.91	15.03	+ .14
SprintFON	18.14	17.68	18.10	+ .52
Sunoco Inc	61.00	59.83	60.73	+ .69
TXU Corp	38.74	38.30	38.38	+ .33
TempleInland	63.95	63.06	63.71	+ .85
TexInd	33.99	31.94	32.90	+ 1.10
TexasInst	26.11	25.62	26.05	+ .82
Textron	54.05	52.95	53.93	+ .93
TimeWarner	16.56	16.41	16.52	+ .18
TrinityInds	27.64	27.31	27.48	+ .18
TylerTech	9.26	9.02	9.20	+ .32
UnionPacif	56.96	56.36	56.65	+ .55
USSteel	29.99	28.65	29.74	+ 1.54
UnitedTech	83.35	82.16	83.18	+ 1.28
Unocal	34.92	34.48	34.74	+ .16
VerizonComm	36.67	36.15	36.56	+ .45
WalMart	56.08	55.38	55.92	+ .71
WellsFargo	58.80	57.88	58.44	+ .59
WstnGasRs	54.05	53.19	53.43	+ .08
WinnDixie	6.14	5.97	6.07	+ .07
Xerox Cp	13.30	13.13	13.28	+ .34
YumBrands	37.19	36.70	36.88	+ .26

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Bougainvillea: Growing Bougainvilleas

In 1768 when Admiral Louis de Bougainvillea began his long journey to the Pacific Ocean and discovered the vine that now bears his name, it was a botanical highlight of the voyage.

Through the ensuing years, this Brazilian beauty has assumed its rightful place as one of the most popular, spectacular and beautiful tropical plants. The modern day hybrids of Bougainvillea spectabilis (B. Brasiliensis) and B. glabra are among the most beautiful of flowering vines.

These tropical members of the Nyctaginaceae (FourO'Clock) family, are very vigorous, evergreen, woody vines with spines. Although normally climbers, they can be trained to stay bushy as pot plants, hanging baskets, or as standard 3 or 4 feet high. They will bloom beautifully on branches 18"20" long. Keep all long round each flower.

CULTURE

They grow readily from cuttings 4"6" long, and in 46 weeks will develop good root systems when given bottom heat and mist. When well rooted in perlite/peat moss mix, they can be potted in small containers in a soilless mix such as Fison's Sunshine Mix No. 1 with added pine bark to give more drainage.

Care should be exercised in transplanting since the fine roots often do not knit the soil together in a firm root ball. When repotting annually, slice off the outer 1"2" of the root ball, and repot in the same size container.

Bougainvillea need very bright light (2,500 fc) and do well under high shade or in full sun. These vines typically lose some leaves for a short time during the winter, but when light conditions are low, leaf loss may occur at any time. Under high light conditions, the colorful bracts will adorn the plant almost constantly and will persist for weeks.

FERTILIZATION

These vines are heavy feeders and respond best to almost constant feeding with 1/2 strength water soluble fertilizer, e.g., Peter's 202020, Excel 21520, Mir acle Grow or Rapid Grow. With high light and constant feeding, the plants will bloom at least 11 months of the year. Straight hibiscus food has also been a very successful fertilizer.

WATERING

These plants flower best under stress. Keep the plant slightly on the dry side, and allow the plant to become root bound.

INSECTS

Bougainvilleas are almost totally insect free. The occasional "cabbage looper" or aphid can be treated with the appropriate pesticide.

BEST VARIETIES

The blooms as we know them are not true flowers, but are 3 large papery bracts that encircle small, white, tubular inconspicuous flowers much like the poinsettia. Some of the best bougainvilleas to look for in your local garden centers are: golden yellow **'California Gold'**, and its gold and green leaved variegated from **'Vickie,'** the dark pink flowers of **'Juanita Hatten,'** and its new mutation with green leaves spatter painted with gold.

'Barbara Karst' Bright red to bluish crimson in shade, blooms very young, likes heat. **'Sundown'** apricot color, vigorous, good bloomer, heavy feeder. **'Jamaica White'** white, veined with green, bloom young, vigorous.

'Texas Dawn' smaller pink flowers, in huge clusters, vigorous, keep cut back. **'Double Pink'** clear pink, vigorous, keep trimmed back, spent flowers must be cut off since double flowering types will not shed flowers in the typical fashion. **'Surprise'** large, clear pinkwhite bicolor flowers, easy bloomer. Excellent!

GROWING IN CONTAINERS

Plants do best in large (510 gal containers) if grown outdoors (clay containers tend to stay drier, thus stressing the plants) or in large hanging baskets. The 10" basket is the commercial standard, but plants will do much better in 12" hanging baskets.

Place the containers in full sun, or in a place where they will receive at least 1/2 day of full sun. If your bougainvillea is not blooming, it probably is not receiving enough sun or fertilizer.

These plants thrive in the tropics in areas of low rainfall and intense sun and heat. Any well-drained potting soil mix is suitable for growing Bougainvillea. Hatten's Nursery in Mobile, Alabama, world famous bougainvillea growers use a mix consisting of 4 parts of well rotted pine bark, 3 parts peat moss and 2 parts of coarse perlite. To about 5 gallons of this mix add 1/2 cup of Osmocote and 2 tablespoons of 1959 slow release lawn fertilizer.

Study shows states jumping into biotech fray

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — State legislatures are increasingly debating issues surrounding biotechnology's use in agriculture, from promoting biotech research to protecting organic farmers from the infiltration of genetically modified crops, a new study found.

The number of bills and resolutions introduced by state legislators addressing biotechnology and farming rose 7 percent to 130 in 2003 from 121 in 2001, according to a study by the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology released this week.

The rise reflects growing public awareness of biotechnology as well as concerns over its use, legislative observers said.

Genetically altered crops were developed to be resistant to herbicides and insects, allowing farmers to increase production and cut pesticide use. But some environmental and consumer groups worry over the possible long-term health effects of biotech crops while organic farmers don't want their produce contaminated through cross-pollination.

"The list gets pretty lengthy in regard to concerns and benefits," said North Dakota State Rep. Phillip Mueller, who runs a 4,000-acre wheat farm. He introduced legislation four years ago to oversee the use of genetically modified wheat in his state, but the bill did not pass.

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Worst Weather Events

Q: What are some of the worst-ever weather events in the U.S.?

A: "This question gets asked a lot," says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University, "So much so that the NOAA (National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration) has issued a list of the some of the past century's worst weather events.

"The worst ever occurred in Texas — it's the Galveston Hurricane of 1900," Curtiss explains.

"It killed 8,000 people and leveled the city and is still the worst natural disaster in U.S. history."

"Number 2 on the list is the great Dust Bowl storm period of the 1930s when a large-scale drought wiped out thousands of farms in the Midwest, causing landowners to declare bankruptcy.

"The third," Curtiss says, "Of the list, is the tornado outbreak that occurred in 1974 when an incredible 148 tornadoes raved the U.S. from the Great Lakes to Mississippi, killing 315 people.

Q: What are some others?

A: "Hurricane Camille in 1969 killed 256 people and is still one of the strongest storms ever recorded," Curtiss adds. Others on the NOAA list include the Midwest flood of 1993, the costliest on record, which caused $18 billion in damage and killed 48 people.

Also, Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which caused $28 billion in damage and killed 23 people in Florida and Louisiana; the New England hurricane of 1938, which killed 600 people and caused millions of dollars of damage in the New York and Boston areas; the Tri-State Tornado of 1925, which killed 695 people in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana; and the Oklahoma-Kansas tornado outbreak in 1999, which killed 44 people."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Past and current topics can be viewed via the web at http://rev.tamu.edu/weathe whys/.

For more information, please contact Keith Randall at (979) 845-4644 or kr@univrel.tamu.edu. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to news@univrel.tamu.edu.

Scurrying Around Snyder

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Caregiving: Caregiver Burnout and Stress Management (Part 4 of 4)
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Caregivers invest so much time and effort into the lives of their care recipients that they often neglect themselves. Feelings of guilt and a sense of helplessness may cause significant stress in the life of a caregiver causing an inability to function properly. When caregiver burnout occurs, the caregiver is not the only person who suffers — the care recipient may also be affected. This article will provide some strategies to help identify and manage stress in an effort to prevent caregiver burnout.

You cannot begin to resolve the stress in your life until you realize that you are affected by it. The following questions may help you identify some warning signs of stress.

Do you feel lacking in energy?

Do you feel increasingly isolated?

Are you having increased health problems: high blood pressure or ulcers?

Are you having trouble sleeping?

Are you having trouble concentrating?

In order to address your stress and find a coping strategy, you must be able to identify its cause. What creates stress for you may not create stress for another person. Some questions to help you identify the cause of your stress are listed below.

Are there too many demands on your time, energy or money?

Do you have difficulty meeting your care recipient's needs?

Do you feel trapped?

Do you feel that other members of your care team are not doing their part?

Are your expectations for caregiving unrealistic?

As mentioned earlier, the coping strategy you choose may depend on what type stress is affecting your life. You may be able to find one coping strategy to manage your stress but more than likely it will take a combination of several ideas to help you. Whatever you do, do not get to the end of your rope. You owe it to yourself and to your care recipient to make an effort to provide the best care that you can.

Share Concerns – Within reason, involve your care recipient in making decisions that affect him or her.

Rest – Lack of rest may lead to decreased patience and tolerance. It also negatively impacts your health.

Solve Problems – Some needs simply cannot be addressed. Change the things that you are able to change and try not to worry about the rest.

Use Common Sense – Be flexible and adapt to different situations. In the end, you know what is best for you.

Ask For Help – Do not assume you have to do this alone. Rely on your care network to help you.

This list of coping strategies is certainly not exhaustive. Always remember that there are alternative solutions – they just have to be found. Sadly, caregiver burnout leads to many alternative housing placements, sometimes prematurely, simply because there are no other alternatives. Caregivers have quite an awesome responsibility to another person! Remember to keep realistic expectations about your abilities and about the condition of your care recipient. This will make large strides in helping you to cope with the stress that caregiving may bring.

Additional resources for care-giving may be found on the web, in print or in person.

Texas Cooperative Extension

http://fcs.tamu.edu/aging/caregiversupport.htm

???http://tcebookstore.org (Publication # B-6006)

Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
1.800.252.9240 (In Texas)
http://www.tdoa.state.tx.us/Services/AAALocatorMap.htm

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
http://www.aarp.org/life/caregiving

For more information on caregiver stress, burnout, coping strategies or caregiving information in general, contact your local County Extension Agent.

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	ONE YEAR AGO 5-16-03	LAST WEEK 5-9-04	THIS WEEK 5-16-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	15.66	18.59	18.34
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	15,272	20,956	20,425
PERCENT FULL	7.61	10.45	10.38
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5-16-03	LAST WEEK 5-9-04	THIS WEEK 5-16-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	33.30	39.98	39.68
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	25,040	41,663	40,781
PERCENT FULL	4.84	8.05	7.88
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5-16-03	LAST WEEK 5-9-04	THIS WEEK 5-16-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	25.52	25.67	25.54
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	192,379	193,750	192,562
PERCENT FULL	34.70	34.95	34.75
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY. AVERAGE 5-9-04 5-3-04	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 5-16-04 5-10-04	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 5-16-04 5-10-04
BIG SPRING	5,597,143	6,120,000	6,810,000
ODESSA	24,267,086	25,735,471	28,423,500
SNYDER	2,631,686	2,487,057	2,915,500
MIDLAND	28,208,600	29,676,229	30,295,000
SAN ANGELO	15,913,357	15,733,114	19,223,800
STANTON	315,000	353,571	464,000

Greenspan nominated for fifth term as Fed Reserve chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alan Greenspan is expected to have no trouble winning Senate approval for a fifth term as chairman of the Federal Reserve, although Democrats may use the confirmation process to attack President Bush's economic record.

Bush on Tuesday formally announced his decision to nominate Greenspan for another term, something he had said more than a year ago that he planned to do.

The announcement came little more than a month before Greenspan's current term was due to end on June 20, leaving many economists wondering why Bush waited so long.

However, most were predicting that Greenspan's nomination should quickly win Senate approval, especially since he enjoys widespread support among both Republicans and Democrats.

"I would be shocked if there was much debate on this," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

Nevertheless, Wyss and other analysts predicted that many Democrats would likely use the Greenspan confirmation hearing before the Senate Banking Committee to highlight what they see as the failings of Bush's economic program.

"Democrats will take the opportunity to criticize the administration and say that the prospect of the Fed raising rates is just one more problem for the economy to endure," said economist David Jones, author of four books on the Greenspan Fed.

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry decided not to wait for the hearings, expected next month, to start the criticism. In a statement released by his campaign Tuesday, Kerry praised Greenspan's overall record at the Fed as "one of distinction," but said Greenspan's handling of monetary policy had been undermined by soaring budget deficits under Bush.

"President Bush's complete abandonment of fiscal discipline has led to record deficits, destroying confidence and jeopardizing our economic future," Kerry said.

Bush had praised Greenspan for a "superb job" as Fed chairman and said he had "continuing confidence in his economic stewardship."

In his own statement, Greenspan said he was honored to be nominated again.

At 78, Greenspan is the oldest person to ever serve as Fed chairman. Tapped first for the Fed position by Ronald Reagan in 1987, Greenspan succeeded another legendary Fed chairman, Paul Volcker.

Greenspan, who was renominated by Bush's father and twice by Bill Clinton, has proven during his nearly two decades at the Fed to be very skillful in building consensus for an approach to monetary policy that has stressed small preemptive strikes to ensure that inflation does not get out of control.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-19-04
♠ A K 10 9 8
♥ A 9
♦ 7 6 2
♣ Q 10 3

West
♠ 7 6
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ A 10 8 5
♣ 6 4

East
♠ Q 4 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ 7 5 2

South
♠ J 5 3
♥ K 5
♦ K 4 3
♣ A K J 9 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Abandon the normal when danger lurks

By Phillip Alder

You have heard the saying "eight ever, nine never." The rhyme refers to a suit combination in which you have either eight or nine cards and the only missing key card is the queen. For example, you have A-K-10-9-8 opposite J-x-x or J-x-x-x. When you have eight cards, the percentage play is clear-cut: You should cash the ace, cross to the opposite hand, and take a finesse by running the jack. But when you have nine cards, cashing the ace and king is marginally the percentage play. (The rhyme ought to be "eight ever, nine nearly never.")

However, as with all percentage plays, you should take the full layout into account. On this deal, how would you plan the play in four spades after West leads the heart queen?

North's sequence, a transfer bid followed by three no-trump, shows game values with exactly five spades. Here, South would do best to pass, but it is normal to go with the eight-card fit. (Note that in traditional methods, North would respond three spades and South would raise to four spades. Then, East would lead the diamond queen, killing the contract.)

What is the danger? That East gets in with the spade queen and can shift with effect to diamonds. You must strive not to let East win an early trick. (If West has the spade queen, you are always safe.)

Take trick one on the board with the heart ace, then cash the ace and king of spades — do not finesse. When the queen doesn't drop, play on clubs. Here, you discard a diamond on the fourth club and lose only one spade and two diamonds.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 20, 2004

A secret desire you've harbored for a long time has an excellent chance of being fulfilled in the year ahead. It could come about through an unwelcome change in your life that turns out to be a blessing in disguise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It would behoove you today to stop and take some time to evaluate your financial position. If there are situations where you are getting in way over your head, start backing out immediately.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you are too protective of your own self-interests today, there isn't any way you can be objective about dealings you have with another. It'll be like shooting yourself in the foot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be careful about getting drawn into an arrangement today that has hidden strings attached. What you derive out of it will be disproportionate to what you'll have to give up front.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You know better than most that gentle tactics will achieve for you what flexing your muscles won't. Recognize this today when you're becoming too pushy and use praise instead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Do not kid yourself today into believing that the end justifies the means just because you want something badly. If your behavior isn't in accord with high standards, you'll regret it later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — For whatever reason, you might have a bit of a chip on your shoulder today. This could cause you to display displeasure at the remarks of companions where there was no ill intent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It'll put you at an extreme disadvantage if you select the wrong people to deal with today. Find out about someone's past before you get involved in any way, or you could get taken.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Valued relationships might require a bit of delicate handling today, but it'll be worth your effort. Don't overreact if you encounter opposition from a friend who is usually in your corner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Give plenty of credence today to your instincts when they warn you against a monetary affair. If your intuition is trying to tell you something is wrong, it is best to pay heed to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Steer clear of a social situation today where you know in advance that you could encounter an arrogant acquaintance you've recently crossed words with. The wounds haven't healed yet.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Divisive issues could disrupt harmony in the household today, so be careful not to be the culprit. Bringing up topics that cause family members to choose sides is a waste of everyone's time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Listening to the wrong person about how something should be done could get you jockeyed into an awkward position today where you'll find yourself defending a premise that can't work.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Ex-Nebraska mayor found safe after canoe adventure

EDNA (AP) — Former Aurora, Neb., Mayor Ken Harter surprised everyone when he emerged after 42 hours of fighting to keep alive on the Lavaca River over the weekend.

"Everybody thought I was dead already and had wrote me off," the 64-year-old Marine veteran said Tuesday from his home in Nebraska. He made it to safety Monday.

Jackson County Sheriff Kelly Janica echoed those sentiments in Edna. The mood at a local cafe where Harter often had coffee was somber Sunday. He likened it to a morgue and the mood didn't lift.

"It had been on everybody's mind that we were doing a recovery operation," Janica said of Monday's return to the river.

When Harter set off on his canoe trip Saturday, the waters were more than 23 feet above flood stage.

A friend was to meet Harter at U.S. 59 near Edna, but when he hadn't shown up by that evening, the sheriff's department launched a helicopter to search for him. The search continued by helicopter Sunday because waters hadn't receded enough to launch a boat, Janica said.

Rescuers recovered Harter's canoe on Sunday, but there was no sign of Harter.

On Monday, just as crews were preparing to hit the river again, Harter's son joined the search party after driving 16 hours from Iowa. A few minutes later, Harter showed up too, Janica said.

Janica said Harter's clothes were tattered and torn and he had been attacked by leeches and fire ants.

"Probably his Marine Corps training is what gave him the stamina to hang on," Janica said. "I'm in law enforcement 27 years, and this is the first time in 27 years we had something like that happen, that it turned out that we had the guy surviving."

Harter said flood waters overturned his canoe minutes into his trip and left him stranded and struggling to cling to logs and limbs in the swollen Lavaca River for two days.

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Giuliani testifies before 9-11 commission

NEW YORK (AP) — New York officials probably would not have changed security priorities even if they had knowledge of an August 2001 White House briefing paper that warned of terrorists casing city buildings, former mayor Rudolph Giuliani told the Sept. 11 commission today.

Giuliani's testimony was interrupted with angry outbursts by victims' families, including chants of "One-sided!" and "Put us on the panel!" One man, a longtime Giuliani adversary, was tossed out of the hearing after shouting at the panel to "ask some real questions!"

The heckling was a sharp contrast to some of the questioning from commission members, who gave Giuliani a warm welcome and praised his leadership following Sept. 11.

The Aug. 6, 2001, intelligence briefing for President Bush — titled "Bin Laden Determined To Strike in U.S." — referred to evidence of buildings in New York being looked by terrorists as possible targets. It mentioned New York or the World Trade Center three times.

"If that information had been given to us, or more warnings had been given in the summer of 2001, I can't honestly tell you we'd do anything differently," Giuliani testified.

"We were doing at the time everything we could think of ... to protect the city."

Giuliani said the briefings he received from federal officials indicated that New York's bridges, tunnels and subways were more likely targets.

"I do think the interpretation would have been more in the direction of suicide bombings than aerial attacks," Giuliani said one day after his top commissioners were grilled over their Sept. 11 response.

It was about 90 minutes into his testimony that Giuliani was shouted down by family members of the trade center victims.

"My son was murdered!" yelled Sally Regenhard, who lost her firefighter son in the attack. Others in the audience shouted about the failure of Fire Department radios, shouting, "Talk about the radios!"

"You're simply wasting time at this point," commission head Thomas Kean told the family members.

Two panels named to study school issues

AUSTIN (AP — House and Senate leaders today appointed two panels made up of members from each chamber to study education reform and revenue options in advance of an expected second special session on the issue.

House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, said the groups will build on work done during the first special session, which ended in failure Monday. He said the bill passed in the House "produced much-needed property tax relief."

"Its formulas prescribed more money per student and included visionary education reforms aimed both at educational excellence and at-risk students," Craddick said. "Those accomplishments were overlooked by the critics."

Craddick said the struggle will be finding enough new money to replace lowered property tax rates.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry called lawmakers to Austin last month to deliver property tax relief and replace the state's share-the-wealth school funding system, known to some as Robin Hood. The system relies heavily on property taxes and requires property wealthy districts to give money to property poor districts.

Three arrested; drugs found on student

• ***Arrests***

A 17-year-old male was arrested at 3:11 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County courthouse on charges of truancy.

At 8:58 p.m. Tuesday, a 21-year-old male was arrested on U.S. 84 on a Nolan County warrant for probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Police responded to a minor traffic accident in the 1900 block of 25th at 8:44 p.m. Tuesday where a 23-year-old female was arrested on charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

• ***Drugs found***

Police responded to Snyder High School in reference to possible drugs found on a student. A report for drugs in a drug-free zone will be submitted.

• ***Gas drive off***

Allsup's in Hermleigh reported a gas drive off at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday morning. The vehicle was an RV pulling a pickup. No amount was listed. Nolan County was notified.

Allsup's on College Ave. reported a $20 gas drive off at 5:25 Tuesday.

• ***Burglary***

Burglary of a residence was reported at the Kingswood Apartments at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Harassment***

Phone harassment was reported in the 3400 block of 44th at 10:49 p.m.

• ***Open Window***

An open window was found at Snyder High School at 2:41 a.m. today. Officers said everything appeared in order.

Births

Allen Dan and Helen Fox announce the birth of their son, Jackson Don Fox, on May 4 in Odessa Hospital. He weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by siblings Charles, Todd, Joseph and Julia. Grandparents are Forrest and Julia Fox of Dunn and Laredia Potts of Monahans and nephew of Ellis Don Fox.

Maria S. Martinez and David Lopez of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Brandon Lopez, at 2:31 p.m. on May 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Brandon weighed seven pounds, 13½ ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Catalina Lopez and Jose Jesus Lopez, both of Waco. Maternal grandparents are Teresa Reyes of Waco and Roberto Avila of Hereford.

Joe Eric and Crystal Hernandez of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Joe Eric Hernandez Jr., in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Joe Eric was born at 7:23 p.m. on May 14 weighing seven pounds, nine ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Joe Author and Lillie Ann Hernandez of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Robert Vasquez and Olivia Amador Griffith, also of Snyder.

Obituaries

Dan Griffis

1944-2004

POST — Dan Griffis, 59, died Sunday, May 16, in one-vehicle accident south of Fluvanna.

Graveside service for Mr. Griffis was set for 3 p.m. today in the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Dan Griffis

A memorial reception was set for 5 p.m. today at the CapRock Winery in Lubbock. A memorial service is set for 3 p.m. Thursday in the Stanton High School auditorium.

Born in Lubbock, Mr. Griffis was a graduate of Lubbock High School and Texas Tech University. He earned his master's of business administration degree from Trinity University. He married Donna Dozier on April 4, 1970 in Lubbock.

Mr. Griffis began working for Hemphill-Wells department store while in high school and was president of a group that purchased the store and operated it until it was sold to Dillard's in 1986.

Mr. Griffis had ties to Scurry County and was a vice president for St. Mary of the Plains Hospital and was involved in working on the affiliation agreement with Cogdell Memorial Hospital in 1987.

Mr. Griffis also had served as president and chief executive officer of Teysha Cellars winery in Lubbock. He was active in Lubbock civic affairs and for the past four years had served as administrator for the Martin County Hospital in Stanton.

He also was a rancher in the Justiceburg area.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Griffis of Garza County; and two daughters, Amy of Washington, D.C., and Kelly of Austin.

Robert Taylor

1927-2004

Robert George Taylor, a native of Snyder, died Sunday, May 16, in Carillon House in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Taylor, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral.

Born April 20, 1927 in Snyder, Mr. Taylor was a 1946 graduate of Snyder High School. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1950.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Louise Smith Taylor; and a sister, Mary Louise Taylor.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Jacqualine Taylor of Dallas; a nephew and his wife, Lee and Barbara Taylor of Muskogee, Okla.; two nieces and their spouses, Suzette and Dave Jones of Dallas and Monette and Doug Mulvihill of De Soto.

The family wishes to express their thanks to Bill and Mary Eiland, and Bobbie, Larry Anderson, Juanita Aguilar and other friends having shown kindness to Robert George down through the years.

Friends are invited to come by the Taylor home at 2701 Ave. V immediately following the service for a visitation.

Paid Obituary

James Manley

1921-2004

James C. Manley, a resident of Snyder since 1966, died Monday, May 17, at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Manley, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, and Scott Hudson, a nephew, will officiate. Interment is planned in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born June 7, 1921 in Loraine, he married Meta N. Hudson on Nov. 16, 1940 in Big Spring. She died 1987.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Nickie Adkins, in 1980; and a granddaughter, Sarah Coffey, in 2001.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Manley had worked for Chevron Oil Co. in Snyder for 37 years and was a motor pool supervisor.

Survivors include a daughter, Carla Coffey of Snyder; four sisters, Merle Cross of Brownwood, Lou Richardson of Baraboo, Wis., Ruth Barree of Dallas and Marie of San Angelo; six grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Box 1396 in Snyder, 79550; or to Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720.

Adam Grove

1981-2004

Adam Lyle Grove of Corpus Christi died Saturday, May 15, in Memorial Regional Hospital in Corpus Christi.

Graveside service for Mr. Grove, 23, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Rocky Alexander of the Ira Church of God officiating.

Born March 16, 1981 in Snyder, Mr. Grove was a Monahans High School graduate and had moved from Snyder to Corpus Christi about two months ago.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Alvis Leon and Debbie Grove of Lubbock; his mother and stepfather, June and John Stewart of Snyder; two brothers, Andy and Alvis Grove, both of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Sharon and Kimberly Grove, both of Snyder; and his grandmother, Nette Grove of Idalou.

Joe Hodges

1916-2004

BOWIE — Joe Hodges, the brother of Margie Norred of Snyder, died Monday, May 17, in Bowie.

Graveside service for Mr. Hodges, 87, was set for 1 p.m. today in the Elmwood Cemetery under the direction of Fry Funeral Home.

Mr. Hodges was a retired oilfield roustabout.

Survivors include three other sisters, Opal Bonner of Waxahachie, Estelle Erwin of Gorman and Vaudean Everheart of Bowie.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 5/20	Fri 5/21	Sat 5/22
88/65	**89/67**	**93/66**
A few clouds in the morning, but mainly sunny. High 88F.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise 6:42 AM, Sunset 8:39 PM	Sunrise 6:41 AM, Sunset 8:40 PM	Sunrise 6:41 AM, Sunset 8:41 PM

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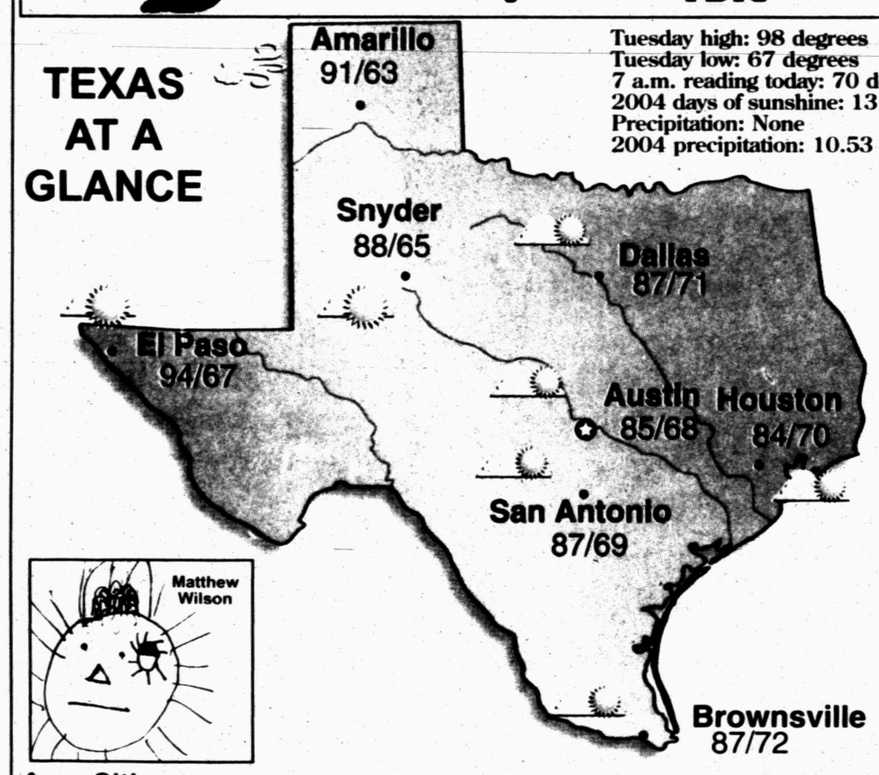
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday high: 98 degrees
Tuesday low: 67 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 70 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 131 of 139
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.53 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	66	mst sunny	El Paso	94	67	mst sunny	Midland	90	66	windy
Amarillo	91	63	windy	Fort Stockton	91	65	windy	Raymondville	88	70	pt sunny
Austin	85	68	pt sunny	Gainesville	87	67	pt sunny	Rosenberg	84	70	pt sunny
Beaumont	84	69	pt sunny	Greenville	86	67	pt sunny	San Antonio	87	69	pt sunny
Brownsville	87	72	pt sunny	Houston	84	70	pt sunny	San Marcos	86	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	66	mst sunny	Kingsville	87	70	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	72	pt sunny	Livingston	85	66	pt sunny	Sweetwater	89	65	mst sunny
Corsicana	86	68	pt sunny	Longview	86	67	pt sunny	Tyler	86	67	pt sunny
Dallas	87	71	pt sunny	Lubbock	90	65	windy	Weatherford	86	67	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	86	68	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	90	67	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	66	t-storm	Houston	84	70	pt sunny	Phoenix	96	70	mst sunny
Boston	67	57	pt sunny	Los Angeles	68	55	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	52	windy
Chicago	84	59	t-storm	Miami	83	76	pt sunny	Seattle	72	54	pt sunny
Dallas	87	71	pt sunny	Minneapolis	72	56	pt sunny	St. Louis	90	72	t-storm
Denver	72	53	pt sunny	New York	70	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	81	68	cloudy

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
May 19	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 9

UV Index

Thu 5/20	Fri 5/21	Sat 5/22
Extreme	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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