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Home of Don Snider

City, Ira ISD will have contested elections

It was almost to the wire, but two incumbent Hermleigh trustees filed for re-election Tuesday night following a lengthy meeting at the school.

Sherene Digby and David Higgins both signed up for another term.

Wednesday was the last day to file for a spot on the May 5 ballot for local school boards and the city council.

Two contested races have developed in Ira and another hopeful threw his hat in the ring Tuesday.

Dirk Dunn, a former board member, signed up, and he joins Doug White and Gilbert Sanchez seeking the Place 7 post.

Dunn ran last May and was elected, but he had to resign when his wife, Jodi, took a position at the school. He had to be off the board and his wife employed six months before he could run again.

Sanchez is a self-employed floor-covering contractor. He was defeated last year by Dennis Taylor in a race for Place 4.

Kirby Sterling has filed for the Place 2 position currently held by Bo Robinson, who is not seeking re-election.

In addition, Fran Farmer, First American Bank branch manager and local business owner, has filed for the Place 2 post as has Jeff Kellner, an Anadarko employee.

Farmer has worked for the bank for 25 years, and she also owns Farmer's Design Group, a manufacturing business located on F.M. 1606. A native of Snyder, she has two grandchildren — Haley and Dustin Farmer — attending Ira schools. Her son, Paul, lives in Ira, and her daughter, Tammy Stocker, lives in the Austin suburb of Dripping Springs.

Farmer said an interest in the education system and the community prompted her to file.

"We have a great school system. I like the small community school," she said.

Kellner has also lived in Scurry County most of his life, and he and his wife, Kathy, have two children in the Ira school system. Sarah is in kindergarten and Wesley is in eighth grade.

An Ira resident, he is a crew pusher for Anadarko and has worked for the company 11 years.

A 1983 graduate of Ira High School, Kellner says he has a desire for involvement in the community.

"I am trying to get my family and myself more involved in the school system," he said.

Three incumbents have also filed at Ira. Shane Smith is thus far unopposed in Place 5 and Keith Clements is unopposed in Place 6.

Two incumbents have also filed for the Snyder ISD board — Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples.

It is possible that both the Snyder and Hermleigh school boards may cancel their elections and declare the candidates as winners as they are unopposed.

The Snyder city council has attracted three candidates for two at-large positions. Carl L. Moon Jr., John Reed and Terry Martin.

Two candidates have filed for mayor — present councilman James Ashley and Francene Allen-Noah.

Dayton Robertson, who currently holds the mayor's post, has said he will not seek another term.

Early voting begins April 18 and ends May 1.

Going for the gold...



TUG-OF-WAR — Snyder High School's one-act play will compete in 4A South Zone competition this afternoon at Worsham Auditorium. *The Taming of the Shrew* will go on stage at 4 p.m. In this scene, Kelli Henderson, left, as Bianca and Hayli Henderson, right, as Kate are having a tug-of-war over Baptista, played by Bobby Sands. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Taming of the Shrew

Four schools, including Snyder High, were to take to the Worsham Auditorium stage today in 4A South Zone one-act play competition. Snyder competes second, at 4 p.m. Big Spring was to kick off the contests at 3 p.m. Andrews will go on at 5 p.m. and San Angelo Lake View at 6 p.m. Awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m. and critiques at 8 p.m.

Snyder's entry is William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew.* The comedy features two battling lovers played by Brandon McCraw and Hayli Henderson, and tells the story of a young Italian gentleman named Petruchio who first woos and then weds Kate, a beautiful woman with a bad temper. The two have many battles while Petruchio tries to cure Kate of her shrewish ways.

Other characters include Austin Haire as Tranio; Bobby Sands as Baptista; Caleb Durham as the Confused Pedant; Crissida Tyler as the widow; Emily Vinson as the dressmaker; Kelli Henderson as Bianca; Mark Haines as Grumio; Mat Coronado as Vincentio; Michael Compton as Hortensio; RJ Sanders as Lucentio; Valery Haines as Curtis; and Whitney Graham as a servant.

Five students comprise the production staff including Haley Elkins, manager. Others are Josh Heaton, stage manager/lights; Shahala Massingill, costumes; Kendall Brewster, house manager; and Casey Walker, props.

David Koonce is elected by members to head BCD

The Board of County Development met Wednesday, swearing in a new board member and electing new officers.

Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz swore in insurance agent Don West, the newest appointment to the board. He fills the spot held by Terry Hefner, whose term expired.

David Koonce was elected president, taking the position over from Tony Scott. Jerry Martin was named vice president and Bill Dryden was elected secretary-treasurer.

The board approved an annual sponsorship request from the Big Country Resource Conservation & Development Area for the amount of $25.

The funds, which the BCD has granted annually for several years, is used to assist in locating grant fund sources for projects in the area.

Thirty-two area projects were completed last year, including securing healthcare and educational products for the economically disadvantaged, water quality assessment and improvement programs, grant searches, environmental quality incentive programs and computer hardware and software technology upgrades.

The Big Country RC&D serves Borden, Fisher, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Sterling and Taylor counties.

The board also approved the minutes, with one change for clarification, and the financial statements.

Plant readying for production

Snyder Brick & Tile Co., will start readying their plant for production Monday.

The plant has been down two months, citing poor weather conditions across the state delaying demand for its products.

General Manager Mitchell Goodger said it would take 10 days to two weeks to get the plant back in full production.

Nine people are currently on the payroll, including crew and office personnel. Goodger said the crew is just doing maintenance and mechanical work at this point.

He said it hasn't been decided how many employees will be called back Monday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Don't bother to bury the hatchet if you plan to put a marker on the site."

Gross disappointment. That seems to be the prevailing feelings of folks who figured that a Texan was too dumb to be president.

George W.'s performance so far is getting good marks, causing dismay among those who had preconceived ideas and were lined up to be four-year critics.

The honeymoon likely won't last. It never has, but meanwhile, non-Texans are learning important things about the Lone Star State.

Since George W. (excuse me, Mr. President) will likely bring some out-of-state visitors to Texas, here's some help with their geography when touring Texas.

—Ana-wack (Anahuac) is located across the bay from Baytown.

—Bernie (Boerne) is about 20 miles west of San Antonio.

—Clayburn (Cleburne) is southwest of Dallas.

—Uless (Euless) is west of Dallas. Part of HEB – Hurst, Euless, Bedford, and not the grocery store.

—Gothwait (Goldwaithe) is on U.S. 84, between Brownwood and Waco.

—Green (Gruene) is southwest of New Braunfels.

—Hi (Hye) is west of Johnson City.

—Hilund (High Island) area is along the coast between the Bolivar peninsula and the Texas-Louisiana state line.

—Hello-tis (Helotoes) is near San Antonio.

—Iryann (Iraan) is located on U.S. 190, east of Bakersfield.

—Curns (Kerens) is east of Corsicana.

—Clean (Killeen) is home of Fort Hood, west of Temple.

—Manshack (Manchaca) is south of Austin.

—Maheya (Mexia) is east of Waco.

—Floogerville (Pflugerville) is between Austin and Round Rock.

—Far (Pharr)is in the Valley between McAllen and Harlingen.

—Refrio (Refugio) is on the way to Corpus Christi.

—Sprang (Spring) is north of Houston.

—Welder (Waelder) is on I-10, east of San Antonio.

—Waksahatchee (Waxahachie) is south of Dallas, once home of the proposed Super Collider.

—Whymer (Weimer) is between Houston and San Antonio.

—Aree (Ira) and Hermalee (Hermleigh) are about the same distance from Snyder, the place where you have your picture taken on the square with the white buffalo.

At Dawson High School...

Hermleigh's one-act play on stage at 5 p.m.

Hermleigh High School's one-act play students were to compete at 5 p.m. today in district competition at Dawson High School in Welch, north of Lamesa. Their play is Del Shores' *Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got The Will?)* .

The Hermleigh drama group advanced to district from zone competition Monday at Westbrook.

Hermleigh's cast includes Billy Lambaren as Daddy (Buford); Sheena Callaway as Mama Wheelis; Janet Eckert as Lurlene; Lori Eckert, Sara Lee; Sabrina Terry, Evalita; Justin Williamson, Orville; Chris Bilberry as Harmony; and Brittainy Jones as Marlene.

Crew members include Dustin Williamson, Terrel Clup and Juan Yruegas. Mary Spieker is the director.

In Monday's competition, Eckert was named best actress, while Bilberry and Lambaren were named to the all-star cast. Callaway and Williamson also received honorable mention honors.



SURPRISE SHS DRILL — Sgt. Brian Haggard with the Snyder Police Department and Dr. Missy Jones, SISD assistant superintendent, organized an emergency preparedness drill and set the scenario for the surprise drill at Snyder High School Wednesday. Afterwards, members of the police department and SISD officials discussed the activity. Similar drills are planned for all Snyder campuses at undisclosed times. From left are assistant principal Tom Fogleman, principal Larry Scott, Dr. Jones, Supt. Gayle Lomax, Sgt. Haggard, Sgt. David Holley, Officer Mike Ward, Sgt. Keith Ward, Officer Trey Wilson and Police Chief Steve Warren. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—Are there plans for another Community Coalition meeting to be sponsored by the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse?

A—One is being planned for mid-April.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 80 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Thursday, 53; no precipitation; total for 2001, 4.23 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing cloudiness, low 45-50, NE wind 10-20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy, cooler, slight rain chance, high 65-70, E wind 5-15 mph.



Kelly Martinez
Cloudy

Sunset:
6:57 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:44 a.m.
Of 80 days in 2001, the sun has shone 71 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the ordeal of meeting me is another matter.

—Winston Churchill

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NEW CHAMBER MEMBER — Oxy Permian was welcomed to the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday with a ribbon cutting at the plant 20 miles north of Snyder. Chamber executive director Donna Fowler presented the membership plaque to Leamon Hood of Houston, reservoir management leader for the Cogdell Field. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Product reduces hog stink

SLATER, Iowa (AP) — A hog farm that doesn't stink?

It isn't hogwash to Tom Uthe, a 46-year-old central Iowa farmer who has installed a spray manufactured by an Urbandale-based company to reduce the smell and dust in one of his hog buildings.

When asked if he notices a difference in his pigs, Uthe says, "Performance-wise, yeah, we do."

Uthe says hogs don't die as often in this barn.

"We've found on the mortality between Barn One, where there's treated air in there, and the other barn that has no spray, that the mortality rate is two to one," Uthe says.

Uthe's barns contain an estimated 1,200 pigs each — some eat and others nap on the floor as the amber-tinted solution sprays down from overhead sprinklers.

The Odor Control Company of Iowa makes the nearly odorless spray, Odorgon.

The company's technology manager, Jack Salzsieder, says the spray captures ammonia and hydrogen sulfide gases, which can be deadly for pigs — and farmers.

"This product is only cleared for odor-control," Salzsieder says.

Salzsieder says he won't say what is in Odorgon because he doesn't want to give away trade secrets. He says, however, that the mixture is diluted with water and is biodegradable.

The trapped ammonia and hydrogen sulfide molecules stay in the pit, the area that catches manure from underneath the slatted floor, Salzsieder says.

Salzsieder says unlike other products, scent hasn't been added to Odorgon.

"There's a lot of foo-foo dust out there, and perfume-type things that will mask the smell," Salzsieder says. "Well, you can mask the smell so you don't smell it, but the ammonia molecule's still hurting you 'cause it's still there."

Dwayne Bundy, a professor of agricultural systems at Iowa State University, was not familiar with Odorgon, but has tested similar products.

None of these products eliminate ammonia or hydrogen sulfide, but "some of these products ... may reduce ammonia," he said. If the spray is diluted with water by a factor of two or even up to five or beyond, it can bring dangerous ammonia levels down, he said.

Salzsieder says Odorgon should be sprayed regularly, otherwise the chemicals will go back into the air.

Boeing's departure will be like losing member of family

SEATTLE (AP) — Before there were lattes and microchips, protests and grunge rock, there was Boeing.

For 85 years, the aerospace giant has been more than a part of life in Seattle. It became synonymous with the city, even as other high-tech companies invaded the skyline and suburbs.

So Wednesday's news that Boeing, which has 78,400 workers in the region, plans to move its corporate headquarters from the city that fueled its growth astonished residents.

"Being born and raised in Seattle, this is quite a loss," said Richard Powell, 49, who works at a downtown hotel. "This is like losing a family member."

Phil Condit, Boeing chairman and chief executive, said the company hopes to save money and establish headquarters more centrally located to its operations, spread over 26 states. Boeing, the No. 1 maker of passenger jets, hopes to choose a new site by early summer and have it running by fall.

The company's huge jet manufacturing plants and office complexes will remain in the Seattle area but more than half the 1,000 employees working at the headquarters will be transferred or may be laid off.

"It's not good news," said Mark Blondin, president of the Machinists Lodge 751, Boeing's largest union. "It's disturbing news that they would move their headquarters out of the town that built Boeing."

Union and community leaders said they received no advance word and they'd do what they could to persuade Boeing to stay. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., talked to Condit, who told her the decision was final.

William E. Boeing Jr., son of the company's founder, said he was saddened to learn of the decision. "However, two certainties of life are taxes and change," he said.

Despite the loss of several hundred high-paying jobs, more people worried Boeing's departure would leave a bigger void in terms of prestige.

"It's a hometown, homegrown company moving their corporate headquarters," said Chuck Williams, a lobbyist for the surrounding county. "They've been a good employer, the backbone of the economy in this state for almost our entire economic history."

Some say that, following the World Trade Organization protests and terrorism fears in 1999 and this year's Mardi Gras riots and earthquake, Boeing's decision is another blight on the city's image and could send a message that Washington isn't good to businesses.

"It's sort of a second earthquake in a few weeks," Murray said. "I was born and raised in Seattle. I have lived through every Boeing upside and downside."

Peter Donnelly, president of the Corporate Council for the Arts in Seattle, said Boeing is its biggest contributor.

"I've had better days," Donnelly said Wednesday. "The surprise here is clearly very, very, very profound."

But Donnelly and Tina Ryker, a spokeswoman for Seattle Opera, said they expect Boeing to continue supporting the arts here because it's a quality-of-life issue for workers.

Both Gov. Gary Locke and Mayor Paul Schell said they learned of Boeing's decision only hours before Condit made it public Wednesday.

"While the bulk of the Boeing family remains with us, to lose the corporate leadership of this company leaves a void in our economic and cultural life," Locke said.

events

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

27-16-54-52-33-3

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $15 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-9-0

Date Book

Thursday, March 22, 2001

Today is the 81st day of 2001 and the third day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the School of Nursing of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia was chartered. It was the first nursing school in the United States to award diplomas.

On this day in 1958, Hank Williams Jr. made his stage debut at the age of 8.

On this day in 1963, "Please, Please Me," the Beatles first album, was released in Britain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Karl Malden (1913-), actor, is 88; Marcel Marceau (1923-), mime, is 78; Stephen Sondheim (1930-), composer-lyricist, is 71; Pat Robertson (1930-), evangelist, is 71; William Shatner (1931-), actor, is 70; Andrew Lloyd Webber (1948-), composer, is 53; Bob Costas (1952-), sportscaster, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1894, Montreal defeated Ottawa 3-1 in the first Stanley Cup playoff game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To live happily with other people, one should ask of them only what they can give." — Tristan Bernard

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 16) and new moon (March 24).

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WRITERS GUILD — Members of Mesquite Country Writers Guild met Feb. 10 in the home of Yvonne Nunn for their afternoon quarterly reading. New members, Jane Ramey, Betty Kellum, Mary Williams and Betty Boyd, from left, were welcomed as new members. The next meeting is in June. (Contributed Photo)

Chicken, rice make winning recipe



Chicken and rice and tongue-tingling spice. That's what winning recipes are made of.

Faced with 1,200 entries, the judges for Rice-A-Roni's 2000 National Rice and Chicken Month recipe contest found a favorite in Roxanne Chan's Chile Chicken Rice Casserole. The Albany, Calif., resident and passionate contest entrant won the $5,000 grand prize.

"My 12-year-old son loves Rice-A-Roni," Chan said. "I know that when I make a dish like this, it will please the whole family."

A mixture of creamy cheese, chicken-flavored Rice-A-Roni and sour cream is complemented by mild Mexican seasonings in this showstopper main-dish meal.

The second annual contest encouraged Rice-A-Roni lovers to showcase their favorite pairing of America's best-selling flavored rice and chicken. Entries showed that the family favorite is versatile enough to be used in casseroles, skillet meals, innovative soups, salads and ethnic dishes.

Eight winners received a total of $9,000 in prize money. All of the winning recipes can be found at www.ricearoni.com. Here is Chan's winning recipe:

Chile Chicken Rice Casserole

12 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
1 (6.9-oz.) package Chicken Flavor Rice-A-Roni
1 (4.5-oz.) can diced green chiles
3 green onions, sliced
1/2 cup sour cream
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 cup shredded jalapeno Jack cheese

Toppings: sour cream, tomatoes, avocado, cilantro

1. Preheat oven to 425F. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large skillet; saute. chicken over medium-high heat for 5 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Transfer to mixing bowl. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to same skillet; saut? rice-pasta mix until golden brown.

2. Add 2-1/2 cups water and seasoning packet to skillet; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 15-20 minutes until rice is tender.

3. To chicken in mixing bowl, add cooked rice, green chiles, green onions, and 1/2 cup sour cream; mix well.

4. In separate bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, flour and chili powder. Add cheese and mix well.

5. Spread chicken and rice mixture in a round, oiled 2-quart glass casserole dish. Pour cheese and egg mixture evenly over chicken and rice. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, uncovered, or until topping is puffed and lightly browned. To serve, cut into wedges. Top each wedge with sour cream and sprinkle with chopped tomato, avocado and cilantro.

Serves 6.

Tips to help you start a garden

Any time of the year can be the right time to get ready to add a garden to your home. Here are a few tips to get you started.

•There are two basic types of outdoor gardens: ornamental gardens and food gardens. The former includes flower, rock and water gardens. The latter includes herb gardens and vegetable gardens.

•When choosing a site for the garden select an area with good drainage. Also, remember a steep slope is difficult to plant and care for. Plus, water running down the slope can carry away nutrients.

•A successful vegetable garden needs a location that gets at least five hours of sunlight each day. Be sure to choose plants that are right for the climate of your region.

•Different kinds of plants need different amounts of room to grow well, so it's a good idea to sketch out your plan for the garden.

•To save space in a vegetable garden, you can grow spreading vine plants, such as tomatoes, on stakes or other supports.

•To get the most out of your available space, consider planting vegetables in succession. For example, after harvesting early onions, cabbages and peas, plant beans, eggplants and peppers in the same location.

•Make sure you have the basic equipment, such as a garden hose, watering can or sprinkler, a hoe, a rake, a shovel or spade, a spading fork, a trowel and gloves.

Home gardeners troubled by the symptoms of repetitive stress injury, or known as carpal tunnel syndrome as well as arthritis, tendinitis or poor circulation, may want to consider a special type of glove.

The glove, called Handeze, features a form-fitting design and is made of a stretch fabric treated by the Med-A-Likra process. The design of the glove traps natural body heat. This raises the temperature while keeping pressure on tissues and increasing blood flow to fingers, hands and wrists.

Handeze works so well for gardening that it has received the National Home Gardening Club Seal-Of-Approval.

To learn more, call Dome Industries, at 1-800-432-4352.

There are two basic types of home garden: ornamental and vegetable.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Winning lottery is not always luck

FENTON, Mo. (AP) — Investigators say luck had little to do with a convenience store employee winning the lottery.

Chastity Cromer, 28, was charged Wednesday with receiving stolen property after she allegedly stole a Missouri Lottery ticket, scratched it off and revealed a $100,000 prize.

Investigators said she had been stealing about 30 lottery tickets a day and scratching them off in her spare time — until she found the big winner.

After she found it, authorities said, she rolled back the store surveillance tape to cover up the deed.

Jefferson County prosecutor Bob Wilkins said Cromer made the mistake of showing the winning ticket to a co-worker, promising $2,000 of the prize to keep her quiet.

When the money wasn't forthcoming, Wilkins said, the co-worker told another employee who apparently told the store manager. Cromer was arrested Friday.

"We've all seen the stories about the world's dumbest criminals, and this certainly ranks right up there," Wilkins said.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	♥ A K 10 8 5 2		
	♦ Q 4		
	♣ J 7		
West		**East**	
♠ J 9		♠ 7 6 4	
♥ Q 6		♥ 7 4 3	
♦ 10 8 5		♦ J 7 3	
♣ A K 9 6 5 3		♣ Q 10 8 2	
	South		
	♠ K Q 10 8 5		
	♥ J 9		
	♦ A K 9 6 2		
	♣ 4		

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Thursday, March 22, 2001

From the coup to the island

By Phillip Alder

Did you know that bridge was played in Alcatraz? Apparently the players used dominoes that came in four different colors. The jack had 11 dots, and so on. They sat on hassocks, playing on low tables about 20 inches high. They were behind the first- and third-base lines, so occasionally a softball would land in the middle of a table. However, from a population of only 250 prisoners, it was common to see 80 of them playing five or six hours a day on weekends.

It is fun to find a winning deceptive play. Any Alcatraz inmate would have enjoyed pulling off this coup, which helped Zia Mahmood and Andy Robson to retain their title at the Cap Gemini World Top Pairs, held in The Hague, last January.

Looking at all 52 cards, do you see any way in which declarer could fail to make six spades?

In the auction by Piotr Tuszynski (South) and Krzysztof Jassem, I'm guessing that five clubs and five hearts were control-bids (cue-bids) showing first- or second-round controls in those suits.

West led out two top clubs. Tuszynski ruffed and cashed the spade king. Zia dropped a deceptive jack. Perhaps Tuszynski should have been skeptical, but assuming the jack to be a singleton, he played a diamond to dummy's queen, returned to his diamond ace, and ruffed a low diamond with dummy's spade ace. Next, declarer played a spade to his eight, expecting to claim immediately. However, Zia produced the nine out of his hand and the contract was one down.

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Fruit jar museum causes complaints

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — The sweet relationship between a local fruit jar museum and City Hall has apparently soured.

Phillip Robinson's quirky museum has drawn thousands of visitors over the years, and his contributions to local tourism were duly noted when the mayor declared a Philip Robinson Day.

But Robinson was not pleased when a building inspector told him the museum was violating a zoning law.

"I had to close down the museum and remove all the signs and not promote it as a business," said Robinson, who wasn't charging for admission.

The museum, a small, white building, stands next to Robinson's modest home. Inside, visitors find an extensive collection of fruit and canning jars.

The popular tourist stop is listed in the Muncie Visitor's Guide, and it saw plenty of traffic when antique fruit jar and bottle shows came to town.

Building Commissioner Glenn Scroggins said the March 6 visit by zoning inspector Bill Kirkman was in response to neighborhood complaints.

"There had been increased traffic and there was open advertising to buy, sell and trade fruit jars," Scroggins said Wednesday.

The zoning violation amounted to conducting business at a residentially zoned property, Scroggins said.

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Adults have three times as many teeth as children, the average person will develop 20 primary teeth by age 3 and 64 permanent teeth by adulthood.



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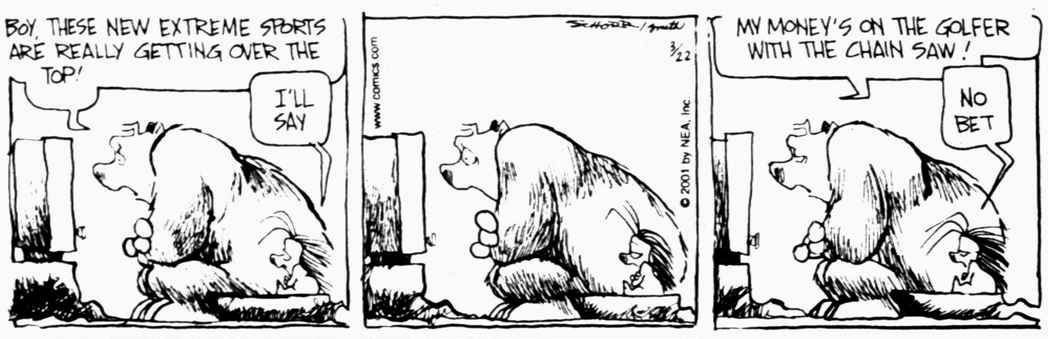
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 Style of type
7 Neuter pronoun
13 Twofold
14 "— Howser, MD"
15 Medicinal root
16 Realm
17 Aug. time
18 — Vegas
20 Occupied a bench
21 One who gives up
25 Defeat decisively
28 Fizzy drinks
32 Facilitates
33 Capital of Egypt
34 Passage between trees
35 Philodendron, e.g.
36 Sierra —
37 Relies (on)
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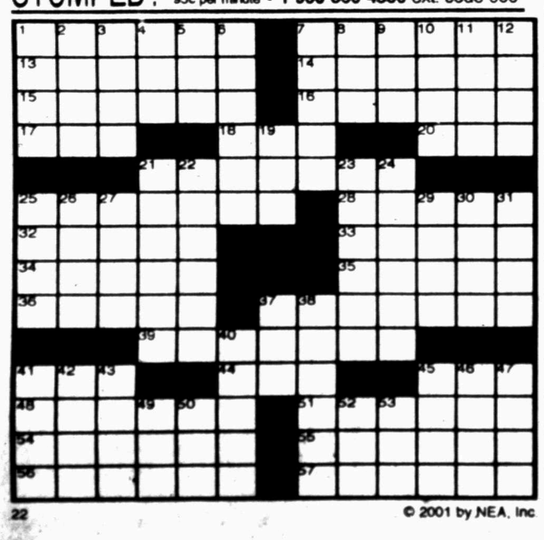
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8 Cruise or Stoppard
9 Saturate
10 Protection
11 Italian currency
12 Cold — (timidity)
19 Broke bread
21 Kings' wives
22 Invisible
23 Run off
24 Bellowed
25 Blue-green shade
26 Bad throat sound
27 City in Norway
29 Singer Celine —
30 Like the Gobi
31 Covers with turf
37 Actress Joanne —
38 Earliest born
40 Accumulate
41 Thread (of smoke)
42 Nonprofit org
43 Long heroic poem
45 Source of water
46 Art deco illustrator
47 Unplayed golf holes
49 Letters of the alphabet
50 Director Spike —
52 Bird (comb. form)
53 Southeast Asian holiday

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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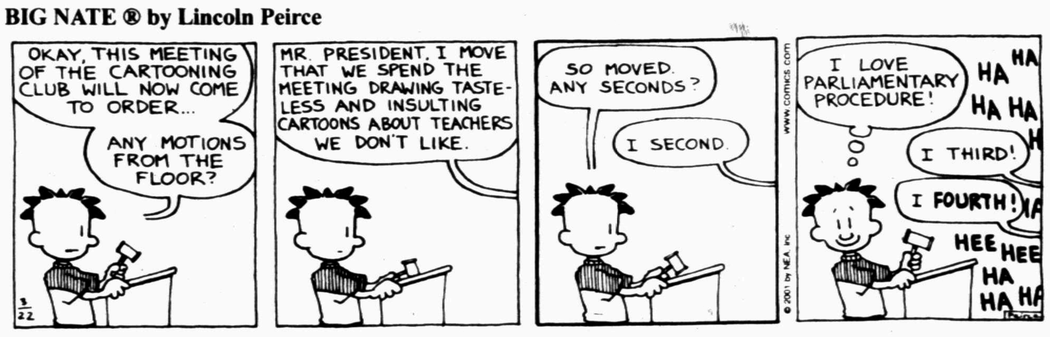
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SPORTS

Tiger tracksters set sights on meet title

For a few years, the Snyder High School boys' track team skipped the San Angelo Relays, because of its strong field.

Now the Tigers are not only competing, they're taking aim at the meet title.

Snyder hopes to carry the momentum from its Canyon Reef Relays crown into the San Angelo Relays, which get underway Thursday.

The 4A division hosts 11 other squads who have had their share of success on the track, but that doesn't scare the Tigers.

"We know who's going to be there, but we're going with the intention of winning the thing," said Snyder coach Chad Rogers. "Our goal is always to win. I don't think it should be any other way."

Snyder will compete against fellow district foes Lubbock Estacado, Frenship and Lake View, along with Amarillo Caprock, Brownwood, Dumas, Fredericksburg, Killeen Shoemaker, Marble Falls, Pecos and Mineral Wells.

Snyder should be bolstered by the return of junior Wade Pinson, who missed the Canyon Reef Relays due to injury.

"Wade is back this week, and that's a good sign," Rogers stated. "We're still experimenting with some people. I think this will be our third or fourth combination of guys on our relay teams. But no matter who we've put in there, they've done a great job."

This week's sprint relay will consist of Pinson, Matthew Grimmett, Josh Arizmendi and Jared Thornhill. The mile relay will be Pinson, Arizmendi, Corey Clay and Thornhill.

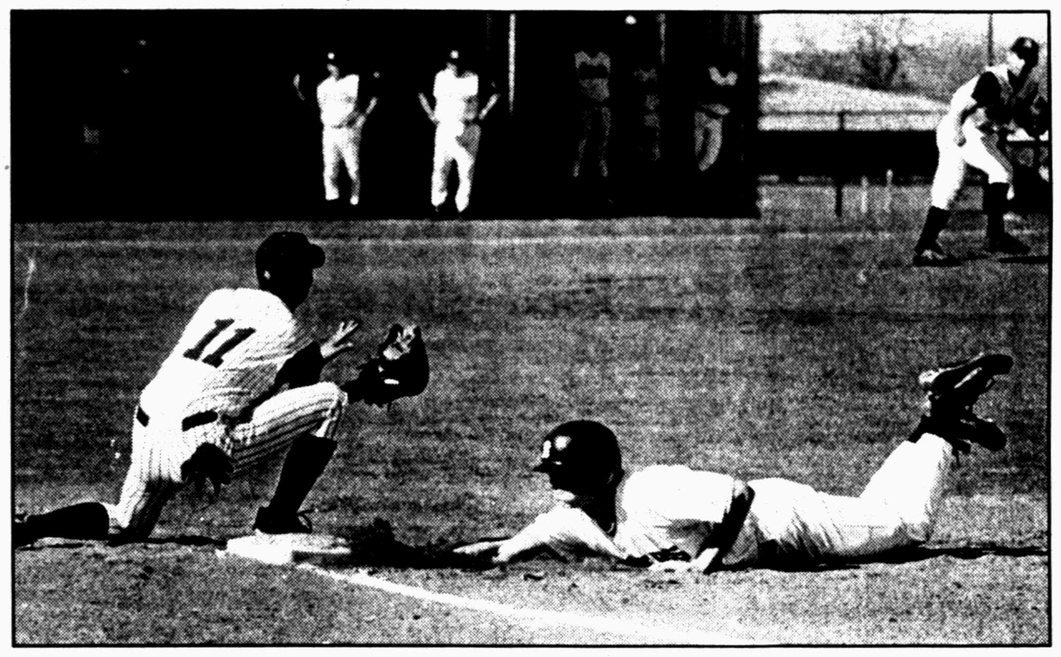
Senior Mark Medley will anchor Snyder in the throwing events. Medley leads the region in the shot put, and is ranked second in the discus. Shante Taylor will also compete in both events.

Thornhill and Jesse Haines will pole vault, with Clay handling the long jump and triple jump. Pinson will high jump.

Grimmett will run the 100 and 200, while Rudy Martinez, Charles Kerry and Anthony Vasquez will run the mile and two-mile.

Jay Scott and Colby Driggers are scheduled in the 800, and Pinson will compete in the 110 hurdles.

The preliminaries are Friday, with the finals slated to begin at 11 a.m. Saturday.



KEEP HIM CLOSE — Snyder first baseman Michael Pendleton (11) takes a throw from pitcher Ralph Ramon on an attempted pick-off play Tuesday during the Tigers' victory at Big Spring. Snyder hosts a first-place showdown with Frenshp at 7 p.m. Friday at Moffett Field.

Snyder rolls over Lamesa in first round

LEVELLAND — Snyder Junior had no problems in the opening round of the Little Dribblers Regional Tournament.

Snyder got points from 10 players Wednesday to roll over Lamesa II, 50-19.

The win earns Snyder a semifinal match-up with Levelland I at 4:45 this afternoon.

In the opening round, Jared Cave and Jake Crenwelge poured in eight points apiece to pace the locals.

Rey Juarez, Riley Davis and Brandon Ramirez drained six points each, while Kasey Young and Seth Sanchez added four apiece.

Rance Dunn and Bubba Perales dropped in three points, and LaShondrick Richardson tallied two.

In other tournament action, Snyder Major takes on Plainview II at 6 this evening in a first-round contest.

UCLA, Duke set for regional match-up

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — UCLA's motto for this season could well be "Go East, Young Men."

The Bruins have played six games this season after heading toward the Atlantic Ocean, and they have won all but one of them.

"It started with the split in the Coaches vs. Cancer at Madison Square Garden (losing to Kansas and beating Kentucky), then we won at Purdue, at DePaul and then the two in Greensboro," UCLA coach Steve Lavin said, referring to first- and second-round wins over Hofstra and Utah State in the NCAA tournament.

The fourth-seeded Bruins went home from North Carolina after their latest win on Saturday, and got to Philadelphia on Monday night to get ready for their regional semifinal with top-seeded and top-ranked Duke on Thursday night.

"We'll have had three days to adjust to the time zone and to adjust to the fatigue you may have from traveling across country," Lavin said. "We've done well when traveling east."

A much bigger problem for the Bruins (23-8) than time zones or travel fatigue will be Duke (31-4), which has won six straight since losing starting center Carlos Boozer to a broken bone in his foot. The 6-foot-9 sophomore will return against UCLA.

"It's good to have Carlos back," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "We've had three really good practices with him. I think he's running well. His conditioning is not at the level of the other guys, but it's been good. It's been a real up for our team."

UCLA lost two of its last three regular-season games, but was impressive in the opening rounds of the tournament.

Senior point guard Earl Watson said he wasn't concerned about Duke's status as a heavy favorite.

"I don't care, to be honest with you," he said. "We have to go out there and play the game. It's going to a fun game."

Duke is second in the nation at 91.6 points per game, 11.6 better than the Bruins, and its 3-point shooting has been at 39.5 percent, an even more impressive number because the Blue Devils take an average of 27 per game. Duke has taken 946 3s this season, while UCLA has taken 521.

"You have to get a hand on all shooters to make sure there are no uncontested 3-point shots," Lavin said of defending Duke's long-range attack. "You've got to get a hand up to contest shots and continue to rotate defensively to try and smother the ball and try to finish the defensive possession with a rebound."

Boozer, who averages 14 points and 6.5 rebounds while leading the team in shooting at 60 percent, isn't a 3-point threat, but he does provide bulk up front for the Blue Devils.

"He's going to be a presence for us, and that's all we're asking him to be," Duke All-American forward Shane Battier said.

Lavin isn't worried about Boozer as much as he is Duke.

"Boozer will give them a big body inside who can finish in the paint, but ultimately it's Duke's style of play that is a bigger concern than any one particular individual," he said. "It's having poise against their pressure defense, being able to execute against their pressure defense and not turn the ball over and finish with a high percentage look at the basket.

"Teams that turn it over or teams that shoot quick allow them to boat race the other way, 3-on-2, 2-on-1 breaks, and that's where they're deadly."

Timberwolves avenge earlier losses to Mavs

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After losing to Dallas by 20 points twice this season, the Minnesota Timberwolves were ready for the Mavericks this time.

Minnesota jumped to a 28-9 lead and never trailed Wednesday night, beating Dallas 109-97.

"The past two games, they came out very aggressive early," Minnesota's Wally Szczerbiak said. "We were determined to be aggressive no matter who was on the floor. This was big as far as playoff possibilities."

The Wolves (40-28) are percentage points behind Phoenix for seventh in the Western Conference and hold a two-game lead over Houston for the final playoff spot.

Minnesota's front line of Kevin Garnett, Szczerbiak, and Sam Mitchell — who made only his third start of the season — combined for 71 points on 34-of-52 shooting.

Garnett was 9-for-9 from the field in the first half, setting a franchise record for most field goals in a half without a miss. He made 14 of 17 shots in the game and finished with 28 points, 15 rebounds, six assists and five blocks.

"Unbelievable game for him," said Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki, who led all scorers with 30 points. "He showed why he is a superstar."

Nowitzki carried the Mavericks for three quarters, but was held scoreless in the fourth period.

Mitchell, normally a reserve forward, started at center and scored 10 points in the first quarter.

"One of the things Sam's always taught me is that when you're called upon, you have to be ready," Garnett said. "He's kind of like an older Wally — or should I say Wally's like a younger Sam."

Wolves coach Flip Saunders said the 36-year-old Mitchell makes his biggest contributions late in the season.

"When he starts smelling that popcorn of playoff basketball the last month of the season, it's kind of like he gets rejuvenated," Saunders said.

Local Sports Schedule

FRIDAY
Baseball
Frenship at Snyder 7 p.m.
Ira vs. Cross Plains, at McMurry, 5 p.m.
Softball
Snyder at Estacado, 5 p.m.
Track
Snyder varsity boys at San Angelo Relays
Tennis
Snyder at Odessa Invitational
SATURDAY
Track
Snyder varsity boys at San Angelo Relays
Snyder varsity girls and JV boys and girls at Post's Caprock Relays
Tennis
Snyder at Odessa Invitational
Golf
Snyder varsity girls at Big Spring

Sports Briefs

Horseshoe pitchers' meeting

The Snyder horseshoe pitching club will meet at 7 this evening at the chamber of commerce office to organize its schedule for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in joining the club is invited to attend.

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player, and includes green fee, golf cart and a hamburger lunch. Teams must have a combined handicap over 50.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes will be a $5,000 CD and a 2001 Ford Focus. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

Saunders to coach Goodwill team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Minnesota Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders will lead the U.S. basketball team at the 2001 Goodwill Games, USA Basketball said.

Younger NBA players will fill the roster for the Sept. 3-9 games in Brisbane, Australia.

USOC, NHL agree to drug tests

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — U.S. hockey players who want to compete in the 2002 Olympics will be subject to surprise drug-testing under an agreement reached between the USOC and the NHL.

The agreement was made by the NHL, its players' union and the U.S. Olympic Committee. The USOC last month voted to implement drug testing for pro players, responding to criticism that hockey and basketball players were not subjected to the same drug testing regulations as other Olympic hopefuls.

No players will be tested before the NHL playoffs are over, a victory for the league, which felt such testing might have a negative impact on players during the postseason.

Men's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At First Union Center
Philadelphia
Kentucky (24-9) vs. Southern California (23-9), 7:38 p.m.
Duke (31-4) vs. UCLA (23-8), 25 minutes after previous game
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Michigan State (26-4) vs. Gonzaga (26-6), 7:38 p.m.
Penn State (21-11) vs. Temple (23-12), 25 minutes after first game
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Illinois (26-7) vs. Kansas (26-6), 7:55 p.m.
Arizona (25-7) vs. Mississippi (27-7), 25 minutes after first game
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Georgetown (25-7) vs. Maryland (23-10), 7:55 p.m.
Stanford (30-2) vs. Cincinnati (25-9), 25 minutes after previous game
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
East champion vs. West champion
South champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Lanes	87.5	38.5
YZ Systems	73	53
Cutting Edge	69.5	56.5
Blue Sunco	68	58
Snyder Iron	67.5	58.5
The Shack	67	59
Larry's Trucks	55	71
Timely Finance	49.5	76.5
Tinder Storage	48.5	77.5
Tiger Mart	44.5	81.5

High series: Glen Coy, scratch, 573; Strick Posey, handicap, 651.
High game: Kevin Jones, scratch, 238; Brian Brunson, handicap, 272.
Splits and special mentions: Robert Palacios, 3-10; David Lyle, 5-6-10.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Countryplace	20.5	11.5
Snyder Iron	19	13
Renegades	16.5	15.5
Pool	15	17
BCEC	15	17
J.Shea Jewelers	10	22

High series: Scratch: Melvin Boatman, 585; Donna Jackson, 492. Handicap: Melvin Boatman, 702; Mary Eime, 673.
High game: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 268; Mary Eime, 221. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 292; Mary Eime, 282.

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Snyder Nat'l Bank	61	31
Snyder Machine	58	34
Martin Herefords	54.5	37.5
NAPA	53	39
Allen Compressor	41.5	50.5

High series: Donna Garvin, scratch, 507; Cara Lindsey, handicap, 589.
High game: Cara Lindsey, scratch, 200; Jackie Martinez, handicap, 229.
Splits and special mentions: Cara Lindsey, 2-7; Donna Garvin, 5-7-9; Terri Blocker, 3-10; Michelle Ewing, 5-7.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	48	20	.706	—
New York	41	26	.612	6½
Miami	41	27	.603	7
Orlando	37	31	.544	11
Boston	29	38	.433	18½
New Jersey	23	47	.329	26
Washington	17	51	.250	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	42	25	.627	—
Charlotte	40	28	.588	2½
Toronto	36	32	.529	6½
Indiana	30	37	.448	12
Detroit	25	43	.368	17½
Cleveland	24	43	.358	18
Atlanta	21	47	.309	21½
Chicago	11	56	.164	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	20	.706	—
Utah	46	20	.697	1
Dallas	43	25	.632	5
Minnesota	40	28	.588	8
Houston	38	30	.559	10
Denver	33	35	.485	15
Vancouver	20	49	.290	28½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	45	21	.682	—
L.A. Lakers	45	23	.662	1
Portland	44	24	.647	2
Phoenix	39	27	.591	6
Seattle	37	33	.529	10
L.A. Clippers	24	45	.348	22½
Golden State	16	52	.235	30

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games
San Antonio 97, Boston 77
Indiana 96, Orlando 95
Charlotte 111, Toronto 95
Miami 109, Chicago 81
Minnesota 109, Dallas 97
Milwaukee 107, L.A. Lakers 100
Washington 99, Golden State 94
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San Antonio at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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***1975** 1-ton Ford Dually.
***1986** Ford ¾ ton 4 wheel dr. 4x4
573-3832 after 6p.m.

***1994** Ford Ranger Splash $5,995
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Fraternity member indicted in crash that injured girl

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock County grand jury has indicted a Texas Tech University fraternity member after he crashed his pickup truck into a house after a party and injured a sleeping girl.

Travis William Gilpin, a member of Phi Delta Theta, was indicted Wednesday on charges of intoxicated assault and aggravated assault.

Siera Hanson, 10, was found by her stepfather beneath the truck's fender and a pile of bricks on Feb. 11 when the truck crashed into her room and struck her bed. She suffered broken ribs, a collapsed lung and a torn spleen.

Hanson left a hospital Feb. 21 but remains homebound.

Gilpin, 20, withdrew from his sophomore level classes at Texas Tech following the crash and returned to his hometown of Austin.

Returning home from a fraternity-sponsored party, Gilpin said another motorist cut him off, causing him to overcorrect his steering. Police said Gilpin hit a utility pole and veered across six lanes of traffic before crashing into the home shortly after 2:30 a.m.

Gilpin had a blood-alcohol level of 0.19, according to a police report. The legal limit is 0.08. The legal drinking age is 21.

After Gilpin failed field sobriety tests and could not recite the alphabet, he was arrested at the scene and later released from jail on $15,000 bond.

The fraternity and Gilpin were sued earlier this month by Siera's mother and stepfather, Julie and Michael McCarty, for housing repair costs, medical bills and the family's mental anguish.

Hanson's mother said she found Gilpin standing in her daughter's damaged room, wearing camouflage and face paint.

Meanwhile, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission was investigating how underage fraternity members obtained alcohol at the off-campus party.

"We're right in the middle of it," Capt. Dan Cullers told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in Thursday's online edition. "I'm hoping by maybe next week we'll have something to report."

He said legal adults who give alcohol to minors and retailers who sell alcohol to minors can face criminal charges.

University officials were waiting for the TABC report before deciding on any disciplinary action against the fraternity.

Chelation therapy useless against heart disease

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Treating the bloodstream with chelation therapy fails to relieve heart disease, according to the first careful test of this widely used form of alternative medicine.

Although precise numbers are scarce, doctors say millions of dollars are spent in the United States each year on this therapy, which is intended to relieve chest pain.

The treatment is administered by doctors but is generally not covered by insurance and has not been subjected to the kind of rigorous testing required of most drugs. Doctors from the University of Calgary, working with chelation advocates, set out to study the approach in a rigorously controlled six-month experiment.

"We saw no benefit from chelation therapy," said Dr. D. George Wyse, who presented the results Wednesday in Orlando at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

Chelation therapy involves administering the manmade amino acid EDTA — ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid — into the veins. It is ordinarily used to treat mercury or lead poisoning, because EDTA latches onto heavy metals so they can be excreted in the urine.

In heart disease, proponents say the treatment probably works by reducing the damaging effects of oxygen and perhaps by removing calcium from the buildups that clog the arteries. Supposedly this causes the buildups to break up and disappear.

A single treatment takes about two hours and typically costs $75 to $110. Often 25 to 40 treatments are given, and usually patients must pay the bills. Because advocates in Canada argued the treatment should be covered by insurance, the Alberta government sponsored Wyse's study to test its worth.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	34.09	33.82	34.02	—.10
AOL TimeWrn	38.15	35.75	36.10	—1.74
AT&T Corp	22.25	21.52	21.84	—.48
Albertsons	28.81	28.13	28.28	—.53
Alltel	50.97	50.27	50.44	—.43
AmEl Pw	44.10	43.13	43.17	—.74
AndarkPtr	63.45	60.20	60.72	—2.62
ATMOS Egy	21.85	20.85	21.20	—1.05
Aviall	6.20	6.00	6.06	—.24
BP Amoco	48.90	48.26	48.35	—.51
BakerHughes	39.94	38.02	38.25	—1.85
Bank of Amer	50.90	49.28	50.00	—.95
BellSouth	37.97	36.92	37.61	—.12
Beth Steel	2.40	2.23	2.30	—.02
BurlNoSFe	29.00	28.40	28.54	+ .12
Caterpillar	41.97	40.96	41.11	—1.07
Chevron	89.51	88.44	88.66	—1.02
Citigroup s	42.15	40.20	40.84	—1.41
CocaCola	46.20	45.45	45.70	+ .45
ColgatePal	50.80	49.45	49.60	—1.75
ComclMetals	25.74	24.90	24.90	—.85
CooperIn	35.20	34.02	34.36	—1.07
DaimlrChry	43.80	41.90	42.62	—2.33
DallSemicn	29.43	27.96	29.43	+ 1.27
DeltaAirl	38.95	38.60	38.88	—.03
Dillards Inc	19.50	17.50	19.40	+ 2.79
DowChem s	30.75	29.60	29.83	—.92
DuPont	42.21	40.60	40.93	—1.91
EastmanChem	48.70	47.45	47.56	—1.24
EstKodak	41.10	39.72	40.07	—.94
EDS Corp	54.00	52.70	53.15	+ .03
Entergy	36.37	35.27	35.30	—1.00
ExxonMobil	80.05	78.45	78.92	—.89
FstBksAm	21.40	21.40	21.40	
Flowers	16.90	16.79	16.81	—.13
GenDynam	67.35	66.00	66.20	+ .70
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GenMills	43.01	42.31	42.40	—.60
GenMotors	53.52	51.45	51.95	—1.57
GaPacGP	28.45	27.80	27.99	—.81
GlobalMar	26.98	25.21	25.82	—1.11
Goodrich	36.61	35.38	35.38	—1.72
Goodyear s	23.62	22.89	23.04	—.68
GtAtlPac	8.76	8.55	8.55	—.30
Halliburtn	38.25	35.90	36.49	—2.30
Hanson ADS	27.75	27.25	27.45	—2.00
HarteHanks	22.54	22.15	22.51	+ .32
HomeDepot	41.36	38.97	39.52	—1.98
Honeywellintl	37.25	35.53	36.05	—1.72
IBM	90.50	87.10	89.48	+ .40
IntlPaper	35.00	33.40	34.10	—1.43
JohnsonJn	86.11	83.68	85.15	—2.08
K mart	8.75	8.32	8.32	—.40
KinderMorg	50.95	47.25	47.79	—3.11
Kroger Co	23.25	22.85	22.99	—.39
Litton	79.49	79.40	79.40	—.10
LockheedM	33.90	32.48	32.59	—1.87
Lowes Cos	61.50	57.15	58.20	—3.85
Lubys	7.43	7.25	7.29	—.10
LucentTech	11.45	10.40	10.68	—.72
MayDeptStr	37.56	36.30	36.66	—1.34
Medtronic	45.10	41.96	42.27	—3.68
Motorola s	14.65	14.01	14.22	+ .06
NCR Corp	39.24	38.53	38.65	—.66
Navistar	22.88	22.40	22.55	—.38
Penney JC	15.25	14.90	15.03	—.96
PepBoys	5.80	4.97	5.11	—.68
PepsiCo	42.25	41.33	41.85	—.16
Pharmacia	46.10	42.50	43.25	—3.33
PhelpDodge	42.00	41.38	41.47	—1.29
PhilipPet	54.99	53.61	53.69	—1.32
PilgrmPrd B	11.50	11.21	11.21	—.23
Polaroid	4.80	4.64	4.65	—.09
Praxair	44.20	43.50	44.05	—.55
ProctGamb	62.80	61.25	61.56	—1.64
PubS NwMx	25.03	24.85	24.86	—.24
RadioShack	33.65	31.90	32.07	—.98
ReliantEngy	41.95	40.50	40.63	—.64
RoyalDut	56.00	54.90	55.15	—1.21
SBC Comm	40.80	39.84	40.01	—.11
SaraLee	21.15	20.74	20.76	—.56
Scripps EW	57.20	56.00	56.01	—1.49
SearsRoeb	35.00	33.50	33.90	—1.53
SherwinW	24.70	24.15	24.55	—.09
SouthernCo	32.87	32.13	32.19	—.46
SwstAirl s	17.12	16.88	16.95	+ .05
SprintFON	20.95	20.61	20.69	—.23
SprintPCS	17.75	15.72	16.06	—1.44
Sunoco Inc	32.30	30.94	30.96	—1.52
TXU Corp	39.95	38.77	39.00	—.71
TempleInland	43.10	41.60	41.61	—1.49
Texaco	67.30	66.26	66.50	—.90
TexInd	29.40	27.00	27.30	—2.60
TexasInst s	36.00	34.41	35.13	+ 1.11
Textron	54.45	51.95	52.65	—2.14
TriconGlbR	37.08	36.40	36.42	—.73
TrinityInds	19.48	18.90	18.92	—.56
TritonEngy	20.02	18.50	18.71	—1.39
TylerTech	1.22	1.15	1.16	—.08
USX-Marathn	26.95	26.17	26.50	—1.00
USX-USS	15.03	14.49	14.59	—.46
UnionPacif	53.20	52.31	52.81	+ .18
UnitedTech	69.50	68.10	68.60	—1.12
Unocal	35.50	34.27	34.45	—1.22
Venator Grp	13.09	12.70	12.80	—.50
VerizonComm	45.95	44.70	45.44	—.67
WalMart	47.40	46.08	46.33	—1.98
WellsFargo	45.50	43.70	44.42	—1.00
WstnGasRs	32.40	31.00	31.02	—1.11
WinnDixie	27.45	26.52	26.52	—.38
Xerox Cp	6.10	5.71	5.71	—.17

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Wednesday's highlights at state Capitol

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House tentatively approved a bill Wednesday that gives convicts greater access to DNA testing that could ultimately free them from prison.

The measure is expected to gain final House passage today.

Prosecutors would be required to preserve biological evidence that can be used for genetic testing. The bill also allows certain prisoners to seek state-paid DNA testing if it wasn't available at trial.

The Senate passed the bill last week. The House amended it to allow anyone who believes DNA evidence will exonerate them to request testing.

The House also included a provision to let any convict request DNA testing, even if he or she pleaded guilty.

If the changes are accepted by the Senate, the bill could be sent to Gov. Rick Perry in about two weeks for approval, said House sponsor Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen.

Perry has declared the DNA testing issue an emergency, urging lawmakers to approve the bill quickly.

BLEEDING BUDGET

The Department of Human Services told members of the House Appropriations Committee that the department needs another $154.9 million. The additional funding would cover cost increases that drove up the rate the state reimburses nursing home operators.

The House is still working on its version of the 2002-2003 state budget that is the tightest in a decade.

ILLEGAL DRINKING

Those who repeatedly sell alcohol to minors would be charged with a state jail felony under a bill by Rep. Frank Corte Jr., R-San Antonio.

Currently, the offense is a misdemeanor punishable by no more than one year in jail and a maximum $4,000 fine.

Corte's bill would increase those penalties to a minimum jail sentence of 180 days. Also, a judge would have the option of issuing a fine up to $10,000.

CLOSING CONTAINERS

Lawmakers inched closer to putting the cap on open containers of alcohol in vehicles.

The House gave final approval to an open container ban on Wednesday. Another version had already passed the Senate and the two sides must work out the differences before it can become law.

Under current law, drivers can't be charged with an open container offense unless they are seen drinking from it.

Supporters say the ban will curb drunken driving and help Texas meet federal highway spending regulations.

PERSONAL & PRIVATE

Texans would have greater control over their medical records under a bill approved Wednesday by the state Senate.

Under the Texas Medical Privacy Act, health entities would be banned from sharing patient data with marketers or advertisers without prior consent.

The bill allows consumers to inspect and make changes to their medical records; gives them the right to sue to stop the release of information; and the right to know how any information is used.

ADMISSIONS ANXIETY

A rule that guarantees Texas's best high school students admission to state public universities would get a lot tougher under a bill approved by a Senate committee.

Under the new plan, high school seniors who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class would have to take the middle- and upper-curriculum levels of high school work to qualify for automatic admission.

LITTLE LEWIS

Seven-year-old Alec Lewis nearly died as an infant when an allergic reaction to milk caused his airways to swell shut.

His father, Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, raced him to a nearby hospital where doctors gave Alec the drug epinephrine and saved his life.

Standing on a stool so he could reach the microphone, Alec told members of the House Public Health Committee that he wants lawmakers to change current law, which prohibits the drug from being in ambulances.

"I almost did not make it to the hospital in time. That is why I'm here today. To tell you how important it is for all ambulances to carry epinephrine," Alec said.

The bill by Rep. Jaime Capelo, D-Corpus Christi, was tentatively left pending in the committee.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We don't appropriate the money so we wondered why they sued us." — Human Services Commissioner Eric Bost to the House Appropriations Committee. Members were asking for an update on a federal lawsuit filed against the department alleging underpayment to nursing homes.



Power wholesalers may have overcharged California billions

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Electricity wholesalers overcharged California $5.5 billion over the past 10 months, according to a report by managers of the state's power grid.

The five companies, among other things, frequently offered electricity at prices double what it cost them to produce, concludes the California Independent System Operator study, which was published Thursday in the Los Angeles Times.

"All overcharged, but some excessively and some by moderate amounts," said Anjali Sheffrin, the ISO's director of market analysis.

The Times said the ISO planned to file the study with federal regulators Thursday and are demanding that the money be paid back.

The companies denied the allegations, adding they expect the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will determine their prices were justified.

The commission has recently stepped up its scrutiny of power companies' behavior during California's power crisis, asking suppliers to justify $124 million in sales during the first two months of the year or refund the money. Critics claim thousands of additional questionable sales are not being challenged.

The ISO study alleges the wholesalers manipulated the market by bidding at excessive prices, effectively withholding supplies, or by not bidding at all when they had generation capability available.

California has been spending about $45 million a day — $4.2 billion since January — to purchase power for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison. Both utilities, the state's largest, have been cut off by electricity wholesalers because their credit is almost worthless.

State Controller Kathleen Connell said Wednesday that the state's power-buying is gutting its budget surplus. Since the state started making emergency power buys, the surplus has fallen from $8.5 billion to about $3.2 billion, she said.

A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction Wednesday ordering a major electricity wholesaler, Reliant Energy Services, to continue selling to California despite its fear that it will not be paid.

U.S. District Judge Frank C. Damrell Jr. said Californians were at risk of irreparable harm if Reliant stopped selling power to the ISO, which buys it at the last minute on behalf of utilities to bolster supplies and try to fend off rolling blackouts.

Such blackouts hit the state twice this week. On Wednesday, cooling temperatures and the completion of repairs at several power plants allowed the state to avoid blackouts.

Standard & Poor's has put the state on a credit watch due to its power purchases and chastised Gov. Gray Davis, the Legislature and state regulators for not taking more aggressive steps to make sure the utilities can pay their bills.

Edison and PG&E say they are nearly $14 billion in debt due to soaring wholesale power costs. The state's deregulation law blocks them from recovering the costs from customers.

Connell ordered an audit of the state's power-buying, saying Davis is withholding key financial information from her office and the Legislature.

She said she would refuse to transfer $5.6 billion into a "rainy day fund" she said was set up to impress Wall Street as the state prepares to issue $10 billion in revenue bonds to cover its power buys. Transferring the money would leave the state general fund $2.4 billion in debt, Connell said.

She called the scope of the proposed transfer unprecedented and said it amounted to a "shell game" that disguises the power purchases' effect on the state budget.

Sandy Harrison, spokesman for the state Department of Finance, and Keely Bosler, of the Legislative Analyst's Office, said such transfers are routine and required by law. They put the state's budget surplus at $5.6 billion.

"The law says she has to do it. The law does not give her the power to demand that kind of audit information," Harrison said.

Harrison said the state's budget isn't in danger because it will be repaid with the revenue bonds.

Connell's criticism of Davis, a fellow Democrat, won support from Assembly Republicans and Secretary of State Bill Jones, a Republican who may challenge Davis next year.

Jones said he wants to announce his own plan to solve the state's energy woes, but can't unless Davis releases more financial details.

Davis spokesman Steve Maviglio dismissed the criticism.

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Baby dies in car

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas woman's 5-month-old baby died in his car seat Wednesday, with temperatures approaching the century mark, as his mother worked for several hours in a nearby building, police say.

An autopsy was pending on Ethan Fletcher at the Dallas County medical examiner's office to determine the exact cause of death.

Witnesses described hearing screams from the woman when she returned to the car. She told police she had recalled dropping the 5-month-old child off at day care before going to work at a shopping center across from NorthPark Center in North Dallas.

"It's a tragic example of how quickly these things can happen," police Deputy Chief Alfredo Saldana told The Dallas Morning-News in Thursday's editions. "It's a violation of the law to leave your child unattended for even five minutes."

The 24-year-old Plano woman was questioned and released by police Wednesday evening, but could later face charges of criminally negligent homicide.

Police believe that Ethan Fletcher died from the heat inside the closed automobile as he was strapped to his seat. Temperatures in Dallas reached 73 degrees on Wednesday.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Four was cozy company but now three's a crowd

DEAR ABBY: "Stan" and I have been married 45 years. He was always a loving and attentive husband. Two years ago, things began to change.

I had a best friend I'll call Clara who was like a sister to me. Stan, Clara and her husband and I would often go to dinner. We were a close foursome. Unfortunately, Clara's husband was diagnosed with advanced cancer. He had to be hospitalized many times. Clara and I would walk together in the mornings before she went to the hospital. It seemed to help her face the day. Stan asked to join us, and the three of us would walk and go to breakfast, sometimes at her house.

As time went on, Clara opened up to Stan, and he would tell her things to make her feel good about herself. Well, one thing led to another. They would communicate on the computer day and night, sharing their feelings.

Abby, they fell in love.

Clara's husband passed away a few months ago. Now Stan says he has two women to worry about. Clara has told people at work that Stan is her boyfriend. He has told her she is his girlfriend, and if she ever found someone else "it would break his heart."

He takes her to lunch and they often spend the day together. He says all they do is talk, but he finally admitted they hug and kiss each other.

I have begged Stan to end the situation. He refuses. He says it's going to be like this from now on. He tells me he loves both of us and can't give either one of us up.

He blames me and says I should have told him to stop before it got out of hand. He says it's the first time in our entire married life that he has fallen in love with another woman. He feels no guilt because he says nothing sexual is going on.

My stomach is in a constant knot, and I cry all the time. They both know how hurt I am and say they feel bad about it, but it hasn't stopped them from being together. Please advise me about what to do. — **DEVASTATED IN DELAWARE**

DEAR DEVASTATED: Whether anything sexual is going on between your husband and Clara is almost beside the point. What IS going on is a full-blown affair of the heart, and because of it your marriage will never be the same. The two people closest to you have betrayed your trust. Particularly outrageous is your husband's insistence that this is your fault because you should have told him to stop sooner. Talk about blaming the victim!

Consult an attorney to determine what your rights are as a wronged Delaware wife with 45 years of equity in her marriage. Then ask your doctor to refer you to a therapist who can give you the emotional support you need as you decide how to deal with this. Insist your husband join you. If you have adult children, talk to them about what is going on. Do not isolate yourself. You have a right to be angry. Decide nothing in haste. Give yourself one year to decide what is best for you.

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DEAR ABBY: Is it proper to send a thank-you note to an attorney and a county prosecutor for working out a deal that had charges against you dismissed? Please help. — **NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP, GRENADA, MISS.**

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP: Absolutely! One good turn deserves another.

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Campaign finance reform still debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bipartisan Senate coalition behind campaign finance legislation held firm into a fourth day of debate today, but Sen. John McCain said, "we are a long way" from victory in the struggle over a bill to curb the influence of money in politics.

"We just have got past the first couple of hurdles," the Arizona Republican conceded at a news conference where a bipartisan group of House members trumpeted their support for the bill.

McCain spoke shortly before the Senate scuttled a proposal that would have required unions to disclose their political activities to their members, and required corporations to do likewise to their stockholders. Critics said it was a thinly veiled attack on organized labor, and sent it down to defeat on a vote of 60-40.

The vote was the latest in a string of victories for McCain, Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and their allies on campaign finance legislation.

On Wednesday night, the Senate rejected a proposal that would have required unions to obtain permission from their members before using their dues money for politics and mandating that corporations do likewise from stockholders.

The vote was 69-31, and came after critics said that despite an appearance of evenhandedness, the principal effect would be to require organized labor to obtain permission from its members before using their dues for political activity.

The bill would ban so-called soft money, the loosely regulated, unlimited donations that unions, corporations and individuals make to political parties. It also would place restrictions on certain types of political advertising broadcast within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary.

Despite their successes thus far, aides to the bill's leading supporters concede tougher tests lie ahead. Still to be navigated is the issue of increased limits on campaign contributions that individuals may give directly to candidates. McCain has said the "only question" is how high to raise the $1,000 limit, in place since 1974, but some supporters of the measure say they will work to keep them in place.

51 Russian diplomats are to be ousted

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's national security adviser said today that 51 Russian diplomats are being ousted from the United States because their large presence here "is just not representative of the kind of relations we would want to have with Russia."

U.S. officials said the move was in retaliation for the planting of a suspected spy at the FBI. National security adviser Condoleeza Rice said Thursday that Russia's military presence here had "been on the agenda for several years," and that she does not think the move will hurt relations between the two countries.

Russian ambassador Yury V. Ushakov was summoned to the State Department for a meeting with John Byerly, who heads the office that deals with Russia and other former Soviet republics.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush signed off on the action and was "involved extensively" in the decision to oust the Russians.

"The president looks forward to having a productive relationship with Russia," Fleischer said. "The president also will have a policy that is marked by realism."

He said the United States, dating to the Clinton administration, has raised concerns about the "number and level of intelligence officers that Russia has in this country."

Fleischer said a "certain number" of Russians were expelled, providing the first official confirmation of the sweeping action that sources said will eventually involve 51 Russian diplomats.

The move was expected to draw a tit-for-tat response from Moscow, U.S. officials said.

"Assumedly, they are going to make a request for some of our most experienced to leave," said Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. "That is the expected way in which these counterintelligence incidents work when they go sour."

House Demos want tax cuts scaled back

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats insisted todaythat President Bush will have to scale back his $1.6 trillion tax plan, even as Republicans continued to expand it, including a $400 billion measure cutting income taxes for married couples and gradually doubling the $500 child tax credit.

Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, said the bill, combined with the $958 billion across-the-board income tax cut, leaves less than $250 billion for the rest of Bush's plan, which includes elimination of the estate tax, a new charitable deduction and a permanent business research tax credit.

"We would like to know which of the president's recommendation's he would like to drop," Rangel said at a Ways and Means Committee meeting to vote on the marriage-child credit bill. "We only have $250 billion left, since the president has figured this just right."

Mark Weinberger, the assistant Treasury secretary for tax policy, repeated the Bush administration's mantra that nothing is off the table and that the $1.6 trillion tax cut is the proper size.

"We would like to have all of the proposals in the president's budget," Weinberger said.

The House Ways and Means Committee was expected later today to approve the $399.2 billion marriage penalty-child credit bill.

Teens shooting .22 rifle reported

• ***Gun reports***

A deputy was requested across the street from the First Baptist Church in Ira at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday in reference to two juveniles shooting a .22 rifle. Deputy Patrick Coggins spoke with the father of one of the juveniles, and he said he was unaware that his son had the rifle. The father said he would take care of the problem.

At 5:33 p.m. Wednesday, an officer spoke with a group of juveniles in the 2900 block of Avenue O who were reportedly shooting towards people with a pellet gun. The juveniles denied shooting anyone with the pellet gun.

• ***Overdose***

A 43-year-old man was admitted to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for observation Wednesday evening after overdosing on prescription medication.

• ***Problems with son***

A mother called police at 8 a.m. Wednesday to report that she had had an argument with her 14-year-old son and he had left the residence. The juvenile was located and taken to school.

• ***Fence damaged***

At 8:21 a.m. Wednesday, Geraldine Scott contacted police in reference to someone knocking the blocks off of her cinderblock fence. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

• ***Sniffing nail polish***

A citizen contacted the police department at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday in reference to seeing four juveniles possibly sniffing fingernail polish in the basement of the Southwestern Bell office at 1801 27th Street. An officer spoke with a few subjects in the area but did not locate any juveniles abusing nail polish.

• ***Accidents***

An accident report was taken at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday at the Laser Wash parking lot in reference to a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe striking a money deposit machine. The Tahoe was driven by Nonnie Rodgers Wood, 56.

Michael Hildebrand notified officers at 10:02 p.m. Wednesday that an unknown vehicle had struck a 1992 Ford pickup and then left the scene.

Obituaries

Lula Metcalf

1913-2001

Funeral service for Lula Viola Boyd Metcalf of Big Spring is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry White, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Metcalf, 87, died Friday, March 16, in University Medical Center in Lubbock after a sudden illness.

Born May 31, 1913 in Rogers, Mrs. Metcalf was a homemaker and a Baptist. She married Jerry Metcalf in 1977 in China, Tex.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Boyd in 1968; three brothers, Milton, Bill and Leroy Strickland.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Metcalf of Big Spring; two sons, Billy Don Boyd of Beaumont and Ruel Lynn Metcalf of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Rena Beth Lee of Wichita Falls and Rhonda Mulholland of Portland, Ore.; two sisters, Elnora Clark of Snyder and Lorene Snyder of Odessa; one brother, David Strickland of Chandler; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Family visitation will be held from 6-8 this evening at the funeral home.

D. Hulslander

1971-1998

COLORADO CITY – A memorial service for Daytina Rhea Blair Hulslander, a former Snyder resident, is set for 6 p.m. Saturday in the Oak Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hulslander had been missing since April, 1998 and her remains were found southeast of Midland last Feb. 28.

Born Aug. 21, 1971, she was a resident of Colorado City when she was reported missing.

She was preceded in death by her father, Rodney "Rocky" Blair; her grandparents, Paul and Corienne "Janie" Makurin and Louis and Louise Blair; and her aunt, Paula Alberts.

Survivors include three sons, Dakota Cliff Blair, Kenneth Aaron Blair and Randall Todd Blair, all of Colorado City; two daughters, Corienna Deann Hulslander and Dreamer Cathlynn Hulslander, both of Midland; her mother, Elfie Ratliff of Colorado City; her brother, Todd White of Kermit; her aunts, Lunita Fryer of Big Spring and Louise Richardson of Austin; four nieces, Danni Lee and Samantha White, both of Colorado City, Summer White of Hermleigh and Catrina Rich of Kermit; two nephews, Buddy White and Terry Rich, both of Kermit.

Other special survivors are Dianne Nelson and Debbie Yandrich, both of Big Spring; Dorothy Loyd, Gabby Scott and Dianna Ballard, all of Snyder; Paula Alberts, Shirley Smith, Mary Riley and Tommy and Jane Cooper, all of Colorado City; Perry Keith Donnell and Ronnie Sumerald, both of Midland.

Eula Maupin

1923-2001

DEMING, N.M. — Eula Virginia Maupin, former Ira resident, died Tuesday, March 20, in Mimbrea Memorial Nursing Home in Deming.

Graveside service for Mrs. Maupin, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 17, 1923 in Ira to E.D. and Una Jones Holdren, she was a 1942 graduate of Ira High School. She married I.E. "Red" Maupin on April 14, 1955 in the Knapp Baptist Church and lived in Ira until 1980.

She resided in Ranger from 1980 to 1994 when she moved to Deming. Mrs. Maupin was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Red Maupin; two sisters, Ila Cox and Lola Huddleston; and by five brothers, Lewis, Delmer, Onice, Roy and J.W. Holdren.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Jay Yates of Deming; one sister, Ellie Brown of Midland; and three grandchildren, Amber, Ira and Zay Yates of Deming.

Family visitation is set from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

A pot-luck dinner will be held at the Ira Baptist Church following the service.

Pallbearers will be Bud House, Corky Kruse, Robert Irwin, Bobby Stokes, Tommy Sterling, Darryl Calley and Lance Autrey.

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Children's Health Insurance Program signup is being held from 2-6 today at Central Elementary. Another registration will be held from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Parents meeting

Parents of all Snyder 8th grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 tonight at the junior high auditorium. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs.

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will host family reading night starting at 6:30 today. Pizza and soft drinks will be served and childcare is provided.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday and Friday, March 30. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

United Way workday

United Way board members will have a workday from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday a the new office space in the 1700 Block of 25th Street. Involved will be moving furniture, cleaning and setting up the new office.

Revival services

The public is invited to revival services at Faith Baptist Church beginning Sunday. Services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Jerry Reed is the evangelist.

Calvary Baptist special services

Calvary Baptist Church will have evangelist Clark Bosher speaking at 9:45 and 10:50 a.m. Sunday. There will be a barbecue dinner served after the morning service. Rev. Bosher will also speak at 1:30 p.m. Special music will be provided by the adult choir and men's group in the morning, and the children's choir in the afternoon. For transportation to the church at 2405 35th St., call 573-2191.

Ave. D Baptist Church concert

The Robert Haynie Family from Lubbock will be in concert at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Everyone is invited. For additional information, call 573-0971.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Wisdom of Solomon"} followed by "Role of Miracles in New Testament."

Weigh Down Workshop

An orientation for a Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Word is Life Church. For more information, call Donna Nehring at 573-7471

Cancer Society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Alzheimer support group

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

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Rabies vaccination day

The yearly rabies vaccination day will be held from 1-7 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, at the Snyder Fire Department. The cost is $6 for the vaccination and city tags will be free. Patrons are asked to park behind Texas Savings Bank.

Gateway fundraiser

Gateway Family Services will present the Flying J Wrangers from Ruidoso at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $25 and include an evening of food and entertainment.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Senior citizens swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

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

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

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Inquiry helps sub victims' families come to terms with accident

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Their first day in the courtroom, relatives of the nine submarine crash victims stared angrily at the captain of the USS Greeneville.

They saw him as an enemy, a face from photos of those in charge when the Navy submarine rammed and sank a Japanese fisheries training boat off the coast of Oahu.

When the Navy court of inquiry ended Tuesday after nearly three weeks of testimony, the same families walked out with a different view of the 41-year-old captain. Along with pages of crash details filling their notebooks, they had a small "omiyage" — the unexpected testimony and apology of Cmdr. Scott Waddle.

"Our wounds in our hearts won't heal for a long time, but I realized Mr. Waddle and his family have suffered too," said Kazuo Nakata, whose son Jun, a teacher, was among the missing.

Perhaps the biggest breakthrough, though symbolic, was Waddle's personal apology Tuesday in court: "As commanding officer, I am solely responsible for this truly tragic accident, and for the rest of my life I will live with the horrible consequences of my decisions and actions that resulted in the loss of the Ehime Maru."

His attorney had indicated Waddle wouldn't testify without immunity to protect him against future charges based solely on what he said, but Waddle said he felt the court and the victims' families needed to hear from him.

Thirty-five people were aboard the Ehime Maru when it sank Feb. 9; the nine still missing are presumed dead.

Relatives of the missing said they originally were suspect of the Navy's ability to conduct an objective probe of its own men. But their concern faded as the witnesses faced tough questions from the three admirals leading the inquiry panel.

"Earlier, I suspected it would be a performance," said Ryosuke Terata, whose son Yusuke, 17, was never found. "I was rather impressed how well they did."

Terata urged the admirals to clearly state what and who exactly caused the crash in their report. The admirals will recommend to the head of the U.S. Pacific Fleet what punishment, if any, Waddle and two other Greeneville officers should face.

Many in Japan became enraged when reports surfaced that the submarine was demonstrating a surfacing drill for civilian guests when it hit the fishing boat, and that civilians were at some of the controls. The Navy waited four days before confirming it.

On Feb. 27, more than two weeks after the crash, the Navy's No. 2 officer, Adm. William J. Fallon, traveled to Japan with a letter of apology from President Bush to Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori in an attempt to soothe the anger.

Fallon also met with the families of the missing during his trip. Among their demands were a personal apology from Waddle and the raising of the Ehime Maru, where the remains of the nine missing are believed to be trapped. The Navy last week said the ship could be raised if it doesn't pose environmental threats.

Outside the courtroom were the inquiry was held, the family members were warmly received by local people. Citizens' delivered tens of thousands of dollars in donations collected from around the United States. Honolulu residents signed sympathy messages, and a children's choir performed songs for the families.

"I think we can move on," Terata said, adding that he now understands Waddle also had undergone difficult times. "Now I kind of feel sorry for him."

Baby boom in Chicago's suburbs

GRAYSLAKE, Ill. (AP) — The strollers start lining up outside the Grayslake Area Public Library a few minutes before it opens at 10 a.m.

Within an hour, the children's section is teeming with tots flipping pages as they sit on their mothers' laps, assembling puzzles or sitting in on story time.

The library's story session — one of the few children's activities in town that doesn't require registration — is a haven for parents in Grayslake, a village where the under-18 population more than tripled from 1990 to 2000.

Of the country's 281 million Americans, about one in every four — 72.3 million — are under 18. But the group grew by only 13 percent since 1990, slower than that of the over-30 crowd.

Chicago's fast-growing suburbs are bucking that trend and then some.

The number of children in Grayslake grew 228 percent, from 1,869 in 1990 to 6,127 in 2000. Children make up 26 percent of Illinois' overall population, but the under-18 set accounts for one-third of Grayslake.

"I just can't believe the number of strollers and what all I see around town," said Kurtis Anderson, superintendent of Community Consolidated School District 46 in Grayslake, 40 miles north of Chicago.

The district, which serves children from kindergarten through eighth grade, built a new elementary school five years ago and is breaking ground next month on another. The district just opened a building for fifth- and sixth-grade students and expects to need another school by 2005.

The story is similar throughout the city's teeming suburbs, where school districts have even set up classroom trailers while waiting for new schools to be built.

"To get into any park district programs, you have to get there right away because they fill up," said Amy Sarachman, a Grayslake mother with a 4-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter. "The schools are just way overcrowded."

Almost 300,000 more people under age 18 are living in Illinois today than were a decade ago. Chicago-area counties — Cook, McHenry, Lake, DuPage, Will and Kane — account for the bulk of that growth.

The population of children in Illinois as a whole grew by 10 percent between 1990 and 2000. That rate ranged from 17 percent to 47 percent in the five counties surrounding Cook County, which contains Chicago.

Sarachman said available jobs, good schools and comparatively low housing prices have drawn many families to her area. But communities such as Grayslake were unprepared for that growth, she said, and until recently had little for children to do.

The city just built a family aquatics center with a pool and water slide. Sarachman said she has to arrive a half-hour early for a chance at getting in before they cut off admissions.

Day care centers in the suburbs also have grown increasingly crowded, and many have started waiting lists, said Barbara Haley, executive director of the Child Care Coalition of Lake County.

"It is particularly difficult to find high-quality, affordable infant and toddler care," Haley said.

The number of licensed centers in Lake County grew from 113 in 1990 to 175 this year, she said. Those centers now serve about 15,000 children — 5,300 more than they did in 1990.

Young families or couples drawn by jobs also are having more babies in the suburbs. Joliet added 10,134 children to its population rolls from 1990 to 2000 — a 48 percent increase.

Peggy Gricus, director of maternal/child nursing at Joliet's Silver Cross Hospital, barely has time for a phone call between deliveries.

"We're just seeing a baby boom out here," Gricus said.

The hospital saw a 19.2 percent increase in deliveries last year and just opened a new labor, delivery and recovery unit.

Cathy Pitts, who brought her 4-month old daughter Shannon and 3-year-old daughter Ashley to the Grayslake Library on Wednesday, can think of one big benefit to the suburban baby boom. "We look out our front door and Ashley has 10 playmates," she said.

Tentative settlement OK'd in police torture lawsuit

NEW YORK (AP) — A tentative settlement has been reached in a civil lawsuit brought by a Haitian immigrant tortured in a police station in 1997, the Daily News reported Thursday.

Under terms of the proposal, Abner Louima would receive $9 million from the city and the Police Benevolent Association. In return, he would drop his demand for reform in the way the New York Police Department deals with officers accused of crimes.

The proposed settlement was distributed to the parties Tuesday. Both sides are scheduled to meet March 28 to sign the deal, barring any disagreement, the News reported.

If finalized, the settlement would close the ugliest chapter in the department's history. Louima's beating sparked protests and led to convictions of six officers.

When Louima filed the suit in federal court in 1998, he claimed that officers and the police union conspired to create a "blue wall of silence and lies to obstruct justice."

Louima testified that after his arrest in a street brawl outside a Brooklyn nightclub in 1997, he was sodomized with a broken broomstick and threatened if he reported it.

Officer Justin Volpe, who pleaded guilty, is serving 30 years. A jury found a second patrolman, Charles Schwarz, guilty of pinning Louima down during the assault; four other officers were convicted of lying to investigators.

Boeing developing several designs

SEATTLE (AP) — Boeing is developing designs for a high-speed aircraft that could nearly reach the speed of sound, reducing flying times by 15 percent to 20 percent, the president of the company's Commercial Airplanes division said.

The designs could lead to a new family of aircraft for Boeing, said Alan Mulally, whose promotion to president and chief executive for commercial airplanes was announced Wednesday as part of a restructuring.

Boeing confirmed in January that it was considering a high-speed airplane, but said Wednesday that high customer demand had moved plans another step forward.

"We've been talking to airlines and there's a great deal of interest," Boeing CEO Phil Condit said.

Condit said the company has identified technology that would make such an airplane possible, enabling it to move forward to considering designs.

Boeing gave few details of the new technology, other to say it would let planes fly faster, farther, higher and quieter.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, March 23, 2001

Your probabilities for developing needed access to material and data that can ensure success are excellent in the year ahead. The trick is to utilize it aggressively and productively.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't get off on the wrong foot today if you should have to deal with someone who made a bad impression on you during your last encounter. Use experience to deal with this person. **Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — No relationship can flourish if there are too many strings attached to it. Be careful today that you don't put too much pressure on a pal, making him or her feel unduly controlled.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's a good chance you could be confronted today by an individual who is openly hostile. Keep your wits about you, and don't be suckered into doing battle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's important you try to work with others today instead of against them, even when your ideas are better than theirs. Find ways to compromise if you hope to get anything done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A high-rolling friend of yours could take you on a ride about town today that proves to be far more than you can afford. Before getting involved, set the ground rules.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Openly discussing a disagreement between you and your mate with outsiders today not only makes each of you look bad, but encourages a gossip to spread the word.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A mishap is likely if you do things in haste today, even that which is routine. Unless your mind is on what you're doing, you risk making mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you fail to plug up the leaks in your budget today, before you know it, you could have a serious flood of bills that will need to be paid. Be diligent and attentive to your spending habits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A matter you're anxious to conclude may not get completed today as you thought. Keep cool concerning this complex situation so that you don't create additional problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Do not respond in kind to the thoughtless behavior of an associate. No matter how angry you might get, when you're feeling more tolerant later, you'll regret your retaliation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Yielding to the harassment of a friend to lend something near and dear to you would be a mistake. Additional use puts wear and tear on things and lessens their value.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even if you can't discern the difference between acting aggressively from being properly assertive, those with whom you'll have dealings will know the difference.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Another fad diet

DEAR DR. GOTT: What's the scoop on the newest fad, the peanut butter diet?

DEAR READER: Alas, the public's intermittent and irresistible need to lose weight has resulted in yet another short-term diet that was recently published in Prevention Magazine. I won't bore you with the details, but, like the grapefruit diet and other flashes-in-the pan, this diet is not suitable for chronic use. People can lose weight easily by adhering to any low-carbohydrate, low-fat diet — but studies have repeatedly shown that such pounds are almost always gained back in spades if the diet is not continued — a virtual impossibility for fad diets.

While most of us enjoy peanut butter, and the product is healthful, a diet based on it is difficult to follow for more then a few weeks or months. Therefore, I applaud the overweight person who commits to the peanut butter diet; nonetheless, I do not believe that it leads to an appropriate and permanent lifestyle change. In order to lose weight and — more importantly — to keep it off, a dieter must be able to stick to a food program that he or she feels comfortable with month after month, year after year. To that end, a low-carbohydrate diet — such as the one I endorse: no sugar, no flour — will, in the long run, achieve more satisfactory results.

Remember that there is no single, clear-cut answer to a weight problem, except to reduce caloric intake. Crash diets and fad diets can get people started, but to be successful, a weight-loss diet must be a life-long commitment.

I've studied the peanut butter diet and, in my view, its strength is its emphasis on a good nutritional balance, coupled with a prohibition against high-calorie junk foods and sweets. The peanut butter itself is used to flavor boring foods and to substitute for sugar (e.g., peanut butter and yogurt as a "pudding" for dessert). Moreover, the diet emphasizes high-fiber, low-calorie components, including vegetables, salads and fresh fruits.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 67 and have a really bothersome problem: expelling gas frequently, without warning or noise. Help!

DEAR READER: Intestinal gas is one of humankind's most troublesome conditions. It becomes much more common as we age and is believed due to swallowed air and certain edibles that pass through the intestine relatively undigested. When this food reaches the colon, it is metabolized by bowel bacteria that produce gas in the process. The most common edibles causing this are beans, legumes and sorbital, an inert sugar used as flavoring in many low-calorie products.

To help you with the common complaint of passing gas too frequently, I suggest the following:

Be especially careful not to swallow air when you eat; go easy on milk and other dairy products; avoid carbonated beverages and sorbital; and try Bean-O, a natural anti-gas compound, or purchase simethicone, another over-the-counter gas medication.

If these suggestions are ineffective, see you doctor for more specific advice.

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