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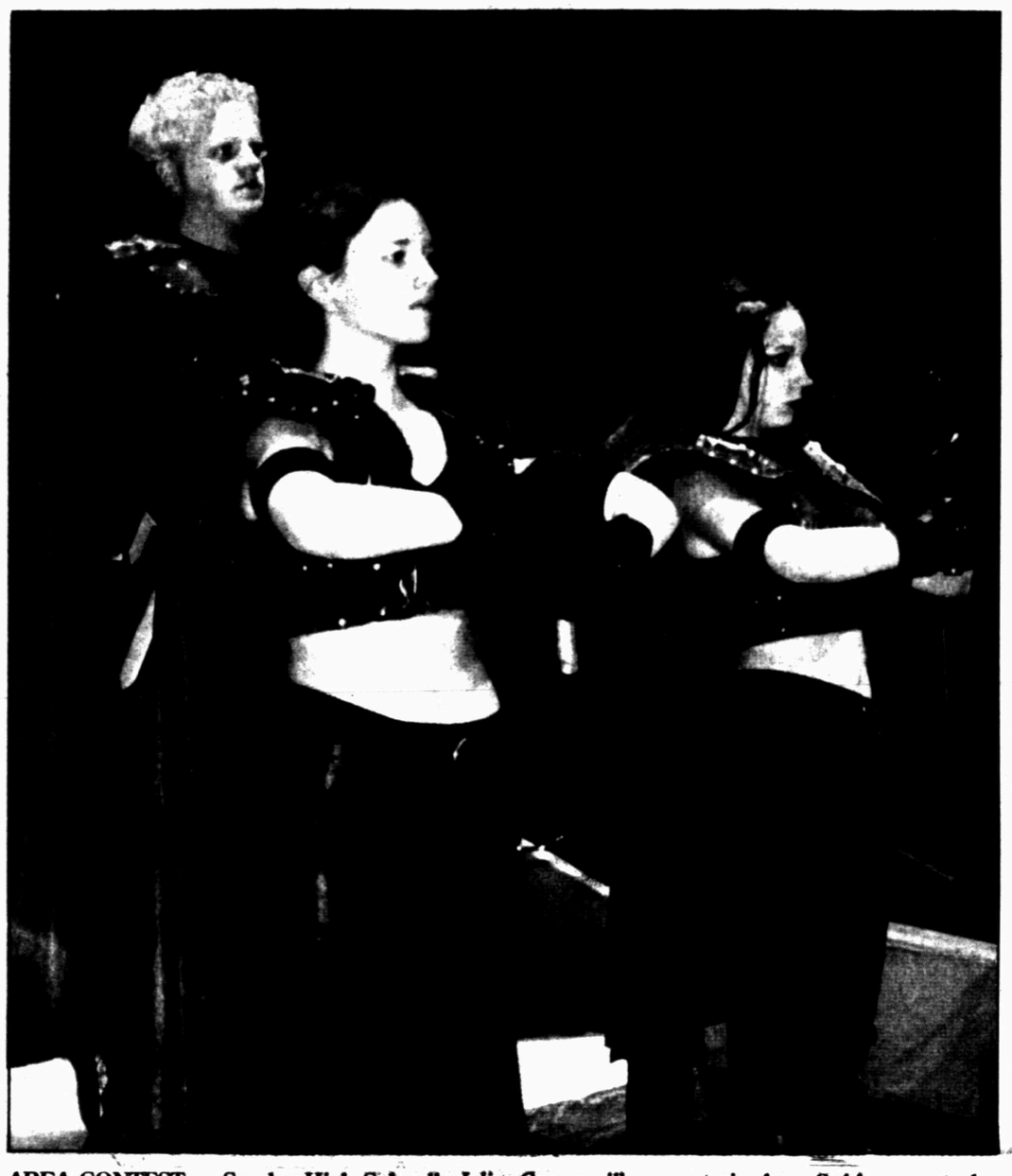

AREA CONTEST — Snyder High School's *Julius Caesar* will compete in Area 2-4A one-act play competition Friday at SHS. Drama students rehearsing from left are Clark Reed, Hayli Henderson and Haley Elkins. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

'Julius Caesar' to take stage Friday in contest

Snyder, Levelland, Pampa, Burkburnett, Canyon and Wichita Falls Rider in area competition

As Snyder High School drama students prepare for Friday's one-act play competition, drama coach Brad Vincent said Snyder thespians have one thing on their mind, "performing the best show we can do."

Five other high schools will also compete in the Area 2-4A one-act play contest hosted by SHS. Snyder will again have the home stage advantage as all plays will be performed at Worsham Auditorium.

Vincent noted that competition is "really tough. The northern schools are really strong and we have already received the word that they are particularly strong this year.

We want to do the best show we can for Snyder. Then we leave it up to the judge. I tell the students that "one opinion doesn't matter that much."Snyder will perform *Julius Caesar*. Levelland and Pampa will both perform *The Shadow Box*. Burkburnett's play will be *The Lights Are Warm and Coloured*. Wichita Falls Rider's entry is *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail* and Canyon High will perform *Our Country's Good*.

After a blind draw, it was determined that Canyon would take the stage first at 2 p.m. followed by Levelland at 3 p.m.; Burkburnett, 4 p.m.; Snyder, 5 p.m.; Wichita Falls Rider, 6 p.m.; and Pampa, 7 p.m.

Times are approximate because performances will run "back to back," said Beth Bowen, contest director.

The critic judge will be Karen Gossett of Strickland Middle School in Denton. Awards will be presented around 8:30 p.m. Friday and judge's critiques of each play will follow around 9 p.m.

All schools will rehearse Friday morning starting with Canyon at 7 a.m., Levelland at 8 a.m., Burkburnett at 9 a.m.; Snyder at 10 a.m.; Wichita Falls Rider at 11 a.m. and Pampa at noon.

Snyder will also host the 5A area contest on Saturday. Ron Hester serves as stage manager.

Snyder drama students and their roles include Tanner Beard as Antony; Kendall Brewster as Lucius; Joanna Burk as Pindarus; Sara Cantu as Portia; Caleb Durham as the soothsayer and Lucius; Haley Elkins as Casca; Hayli Henderson as Cassius; Malorye Miller as Calpurnia; Sterling Millhollon as Decius; Clark Reed as Brutus; RJ Sanders as Octavius; Bobby Sands as Julius Caesar; Jeff Scott as Metellus; Nicole Slaboda as Volumnius; and Bret McClendon as a soldier.

Members of the crew include Brandy Birkenfeld as the production manager; Justin Cox, technical director; Josh Proctor and Eric Courtney, production assistants; Amber Alexander, costumes and fabrics; Shawn Atkins, understudy and production assistant; and Bret McClendon, stage manager. Since McClendon has a role in the play, Birkenfeld will assume his duties on the crew.

By Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff...

School finance plan submitted

From wire and staff reports

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff on Wednesday proposed the creation of a statewide property tax to be used to fund public schools, an idea that intrigued some and angered others.

Fixing the school finance system, which many believe is unfair and inequitable, has emerged as a top issue that is expected to dominate the 2003 legislative session.

Some property owners would see their taxes go up. Others would see them stay the same or go down under Ratliff's plan.

The goal of the statewide tax is to ensure all Texans pay the same property tax rate and that all public schools are funded equally, said Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

"I don't know what the alternative is," Ratliff told the Senate-House Committee on School Finance. "There may be other ideas. And I hope so. I just haven't seen them."

Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax said he had not received a complete draft of Ratliff's proposal and because of that, did not know how it might impact the Snyder schools.

"We have not started crunching numbers because we have not received the complete plan," said Lomax.

"I do know that a state-wide finance plan will not please everyone," said Lomax. "This will require a constitutional amendment, but I think that it would pass."

"People are tired of Robin Hood," said Lomax.

"I think Ratliff would like to say that he started Robin Hood and that he also ended it," added Lomax.

Some members of the committee welcomed Ratliff's idea because it would ensure rich and poor school districts are funded at the same level. Others worried the plan would cause frequent tax increases for voters.

"It's a tax increase. It is a new tax. And it dilutes local control," said Peggy Venable, executive director of Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy, a conservative watchdog group. "The plan simply funnels more tax dollars into education without asking any questions regarding outcome."

Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, applauded Ratliff's "courage," and said new ideas are needed to find a solution.

The proposal would require a new law and voter approval because the Texas Constitution prohibits a statewide property tax.

Hospital receives share of lottery funds

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has awarded $16.4 million in unclaimed Texas Lottery winnings to 132 hospital in Texas, including Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The money is reimbursement for some of the costs of certain medical care to patients whose bill have not been paid.

Cogdell Hospital will receive $776. 71 to help offset costs of $12,776.55.

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater will receive $2,342.52 for costs totaling $39,036.05.

Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City submitted costs of $25,387.71 and will receive $1,523.49.

The reimbursement program was established by the Texas Legislature in 1999 and directs TDH to provide the money to the hospitals for providing tertiary, stabilization and extraordinary emergency care services to patients from outside the hospital's designated service areas whose bills have not been paid.

The 132 hospitals applying for the funds reported $556 million in unpaid billings. TDH applied a Medicare cost-to-charge ratio, or rate, to arrive at a cost figure for providing the services and then reimbursed the hospitals a pro rata share of funds available.

Local bank deposits are down slightly

Both deposits and loans in Snyder financial institutions were down slightly at the close of the first quarter of 2002.

The combined totals were reported by Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, Texas Savings Bank and American State Bank. First American Bank does not report individual branch numbers.

Total deposits at the four reporting institutions were $221.6 million compared to $225 million at the same time last year, a decrease of $3.4 million.

Combined loans were $98.2 million compared to $100.7 million at the close of March in 2001, a drop of $2.5 million.

American State Bank with total deposits of $25 million, showed a $1.5 million increase during the first quarter compared to $23.5 million at the end of last year's first period. Compared to the close of 2001, ASB deposits were up $900,000.

Snyder National Bank showed total deposits of $87.8 million, a decrease of $1.1 million compared to the first quarter of last year and a drop of $3.2 million when compared to the $91 million on deposit at year end.

West Texas State Bank's combined deposits were $75.8 million, a decline of $3.7 million when compared to the close of last year's first quarter, and a drop of $1.5 million when evaluated against 2001's year end.

Total deposits at Texas Savings Bank were $33 million on March 31, a drop of $100,000 compared to the same period last year and a decline of $1.1 million since year end.

Total loans at West Texas State Bank were $41.7 million on March 31, compared to $42.9 at the same time last year, a decrease of $1.2 million. Compared to year-end loan totals, loans at WTSB were down $1.9 million.

Loans at Snyder National were $24 million on March 31, compared to $26.5 million at the same time in 2001, a drop of $2.5 million. Compared to the end of last year, SNB's loan totals were down $900,000.

At Texas Savings Bank, loans at the end of this year's first quarter were $32.5 million, an increase of $1.2 million over the same reporting period in 2002 and an increase of $500,000 since Dec. 31.

Political meetings Saturday

Both local political parties will hold conventions Saturday in Snyder.

The Republican County Convention will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the 132nd District Courtroom, while the Democratic County Convention will be at 6:30 p.m. at The Spanish Inn.

Drew Bullard is the Republican county chairman, while Jerry Gannaway is the Democratic county chairman.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If money isn't everything, try explaining that to the banker when the note comes due."

When God appointed Moses to bring his people out of Egypt, the Bible reveals nothing about a salary negotiation.

But when the school board in Dallas appointed Moses to lead that district out of the wilderness, a compensation package is a big part of the program.

Mike Moses, former Lubbock ISD superintendent, former Texas commissioner of education and former deputy chancellor at Texas Tech, is now the highest-paid school chief in the nation.

The Dallas school board this week hiked the superintendent's pay from $294,000 to $310,00 per year, hoping that will entice Moses to stay in Dallas.

Moses has been mentioned as a finalist for the chancellor's job to replace John Montford at Texas Tech.

We figure Moses will earn his pay in Dallas, as the district and school board has a long dysfunctional history. And if Supt. Moses stays on the job for five years (some bookie is likely already figuring the odds) then he gets a half million dollar bonus, plus a few other perks.

Ain't bad.

The school chiefs in LA and Houston each earn $250,000 while the sup in New York City gets $244,000.

Snyder's chief educator earns $83,000, compared to $310,000 for the top job in Dallas.

Dallas by the numbers:
$44,285 per school trustee
$1.88 per student
$15.50 per employee

Snyder by the numbers:
$11,857 per school trustee.
$31.06 per student
$217.27 per employee

But in Texas, football is still king. While the chancellors at both Texas University and Texas A&M make just under $400,000 per year, the gridiron still shows the money.

UT Longhorn coach Mack Brown pulls in $1.7 million and the Aggies' R.C. Slocum is a tad over a million.

One can draw his own conclusions, but it seems that readin' and writin' still isn't as important as puntin' and passin'.

ASK US

Q—Are there any ag waste pesticide collections planned around Snyder?

A—The closest are at Seymour April 10 at the county precinct barn and Ballinger on April 15 at the city's recycling center.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 51 degrees; low, 38; 7 a.m. Thursday, 39; no precipitation; total for 2002, 5.37 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low upper 40s; SE winds 5-15 mph. Friday, cloudy, breezy, 20% rain chance; high mid 70s; SE winds 15-25 mph.

Sabrina Moss
Windy

Sunset: 7:05 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.
Of 93 days in 2002, the sun has shone 88 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One today is worth two tomorrows.
—Ben Franklin

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Software mixup causes problems in Florida election

MEDLEY, Fla. (AP) — A technician's error caused a miscalculation in the results of a town council race in this Miami-Dade County community, prompting bad memories of the disputed 2000 presidential vote.

Medley's new touchscreen voting and absentee ballot reading machines worked without a hitch Tuesday, but a technician made a mistake while programming the software that added up the absentee ballots, accidentally changing the order of the candidates' names.

When those results were combined with the touch-screen votes, the problem was compounded, town officials said.

The challengers for two town council positions were originally declared winners, but officials later announced that the two incumbents had won instead.

"It's unfortunate that we had this minor error in a simple program," County Elections Supervisor David Leahy said. "But I still have full confidence in our new systems."

The four-member council — including winning incumbents Carlos Benedetto and Mary Tanner — called an emergency meeting to announce the verified results.

The new high-tech machines replaced the punch-card ballot system that were banned by the state Legislature after the election fiasco in 2000 prompted court action and recounts.

By elections this fall, the county will have 7,200 touchscreen machines, costing $3,000 each. Updated tallying software will be used in those elections.

SECOND PLACE — Snyder High School garnered second place in the district UIL 4-4A academic meet held last Thursday in Andrews. (Complete list of winners ran in last Friday's SDN) From left are, back row, Mollie Haire, Tyler Kerr, Lilli Valdez, Dustin Whitson, Josh Kemp, Jeremee Lester, Ryan McAnally, Crystal Garcia, Cody Beaver, Will Davis, Austin McCormack; middle row, Nick Landes, Charlie Gorman, Molly Mason, Anna Williams, Clark Reed, Haley Elkins; bottom row, Josh Payne, Jaci Smith, Kate Wright, Laura Billingsley, Paula Fritz, Glenn Burns. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $26 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 50-46-17-35-5-4

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $34 million.

Pick 3

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

3-9-1

Blair, Bush planning weekend summit

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair is likely to tell President Bush at their weekend summit that he agrees Iraq poses a serious threat to the West, but now is not the time to launch an offensive against that country.

In fact, given Britain and Europe's widespread concern over the escalating violence in the West Bank, Blair may recommend that the Bush administration make that crisis, and the final phases of the war in Afghanistan, the top priorities of U.S. foreign policy for now.

"I think Prime Minister Blair is going to say, 'Let's weigh anchor for a moment on Iraq while we see what we can do about the Israeli-Palestinian crisis,'" said Steven Simon, assistant director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

Blair travels to Bush's home in Crawford, Texas, on Friday, for a summit on a wide range of topics, including Iraq and Afghanistan, where British forces have played a major role in the U.S.-led alliance. British officials are saying little about the summit, trying to play down expectations of any major announcement.

There is no doubt that Britain remains America's closest ally in the war against terrorism, and that Blair will continue his long-standing support for U.S. policy.

But growing skepticism about U.S. foreign policy in Britain and other European countries such as France and Russia recently prompted Blair to tone down calls for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to be toppled.

The most striking example of that hesitation involved Blair's decision to scrap his government's plans this week to publish an intelligence dossier on Iraq's secret arms program aimed at disclosing efforts by Saddam to develop biological, chemical and nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

Europe's concerns about the Middle East, and Washington's failure to negotiate a cease-fire in Israel, were evident today, when the European Union sent a high-level mission there, despite Israel's refusal to let it meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

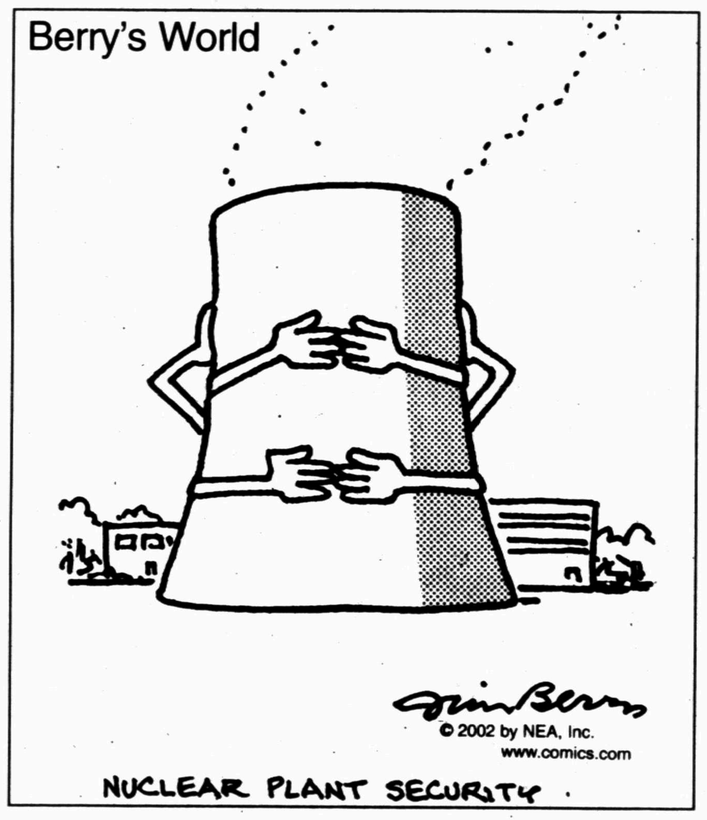
Blair also faces growing unease at home and within his Labor Party. More than 120 members of Parliament have signed a motion opposing suggestions by Blair and Bush that Saddam must be removed from power, either in a military attack or support for an inside insurrection.

After Blair indicated that British troops may be available to help overthrow Saddam, Clare Short, a member of Blair's own Cabinet, hinted she might resign if Britain joins such a U.S.-led campaign. Many in Britain fear a war against Saddam will only harm the Iraqi people or lead to a greater conflict dragging in all of the Middle East.

Opinion polls also have shown that much of the British public, which has strongly supported the war on terrorism, shares the concern.

"Blair has got an incipient backbench revolt on Iraq," said Simon. "This doesn't threaten Blair in any sort of fundamental way. But it will shape the way he reaches the conclusion on Iraq that he is groping for. It's causing him to be a bit more careful."

Berry's World



New York FD will begin campaign for more diversity

NEW YORK (AP) — Using television ads and billboards, the city will launch a multimillion-dollar effort to diversify its predominantly white, male fire department, officials said.

White men make up more than 93 percent of the Fire Department of New York's 11,112-member force, according to figures from December. The department has 300 blacks, 374 Hispanics and 30 women.

"Clearly, we have a long way to go," Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said during a City Council committee hearing on Fire and Criminal Justice this week.

The department has hired 620 firefighters since Sept. 11. Twelve of the 343 firefighters who died on Sept. 11 were black, another 12 were Hispanic and all were men.

Scoppetta said the department would spend several million dollars in government and private funds on the effort to hire more women and minorities as firefighters. The program will be launched as early as June.

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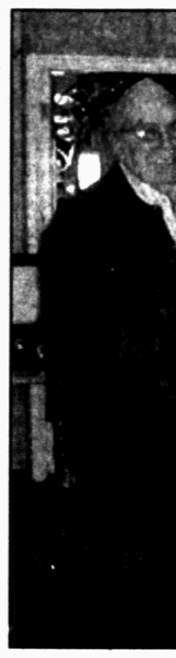

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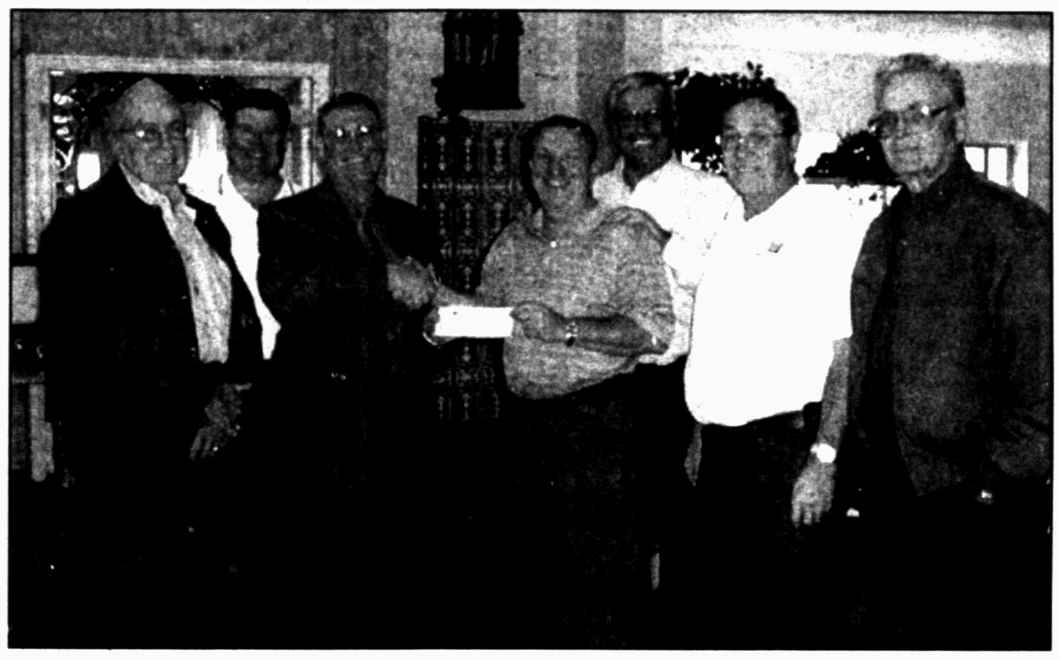
COVENANT WEEK — Employees of Covenant Family Healthcare Center celebrate "Crazy for Covenant Week" by wearing Hawaiian attire Wednesday. Tuesday they wore red, white and blue; Thursday they wore apparals of their favorite era; and Friday they plan to wear Covenant T-shirts and "crazy" hats. From left are, first row, Karie House, Frances DeLeon, Sha Rinehart; second row, Shirley Dunn, Sallie Robertson, Cheriann Derryberry, Stephanie Parham, Rachel Massingill, Christy Thompson, Omega Vargas, Sheila Kemp, Kim Hines; top row, Linda Longorio, Jackie Jackson, Laura Baze, Cissi Williams and Shelley Mobley. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



LIONS DONATE TO GATEWAY — Snyder Lions Club donated $250 to the Gateway Family Services during Tuesday's meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured from left are Olin Bunch; Jene Steakley; Police Chief Steve Warren, Lion and Gateway board member; Bob Moore; David Holt, president; Tommy Cotton, director; and Horace Bostick. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Foreign cuisine with American touch

In sauerbraten, Chinese pepper steak and more, Coca-Cola serves as a versatile ingredient.

A soft drink whose name and logo are known around the world is increasingly being incorporated into many other countries' cuisines.

Amusingly, when Coca-Cola first became available in China, there was a bit of apprehension; the name roughly translated to "bite the wax tadpole." Linguistics experts got right on the problem and came up with a sound-alike phrase which means, more appropriately, "may the mouth rejoice."

Here at home, family and friends may rejoice at the succulent flavor of this delicious dish-flavored with Coca-Cola-that brings a touch of the Orient to the dinner table:

CHINESE PEPPER STEAK
Makes 6 servings

1 to 1½ lbs. boneless top round or sirloin steak
2 Tbsp. oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. salt
1 cup canned, undiluted beef broth (bouillon)
1 cup thinly sliced green pepper strips
1 cup thinly sliced celery
¼ cup thinly sliced onions
¾ cup Coca-Cola, divided
2 medium, ripe tomatoes
2½ Tbsp. corn starch
1 Tbsp. soy sauce
Hot cooked rice

Trim all fat from meat and cut into pencil-thin strips. In deep skillet or Dutch oven, heat oil, garlic and salt. Add meat and brown over high heat about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally with a fork. Add beef broth, cover and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, or until meat is fork-tender. Stir in green pepper, celery, onions and ½ cup Coca-Cola. Cover; simmer 5 minutes. Do not overcook; vegetables should be tender-crisp. Peel tomatoes, cut into wedges and gently stir into meat. Blend cornstarch with the remaining Coca-Cola and soy sauce. Stir into meat and cook until thickened, about 1 minute, stirring lightly with fork. Serve over hot rice.

For more recipes, visit the Web site at www.coca-cola.com.

Robber trapped in restaurant chimney

PITTSBURGH (AP) — What police called a "classic burglary move" backfired for one man, who spent hours trapped inside a restaurant's chimney.

David Billings, 39, of Wilkinsburg, was in the Allegheny County Jail on Tuesday awaiting a hearing Friday on burglary charges.

Pittsburgh police, firefighters and paramedics freed Billings on Saturday morning from the chimney of the Super Bowl restaurant after an employee heard him yelling for help.

Billings probably removed a fan from an air shaft and climbed in, Pittsburgh police Cmdr. William Valenta said. But the move set off the burglar alarm and Billings couldn't get out of the chimney.

Billings told police he "just wanted to steal some liquor."

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 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 at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

You can listen to what everybody says, but the fact remains that you've got to get out there and do the thing yourself.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 04-04-02 ♠ J 6 3 ♥ A 4 2 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ K J 7 4	
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	South ♠ K Q 5 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ A K 4 ♣ Q 10 9 3	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

Thursday, April 4, 2002

The opponent has five cards

By Phillip Alder

Supposedly an accountant applying for a job was asked, "What is two and two?"

When he replied, "How much do you want it to be?" he was employed.

Perhaps Lord Byron had similar thoughts in mind when he wrote in a letter to his future wife, Anne Isabella Milbanke (who left him after only a year of marriage), "I know that two and two make four — and should be glad to prove it too if I could — though I must say if by any sort of process I could convert 2 & 2 into five it would give me much greater pleasure."

Bridge players may have difficulty in no-trump contracts when an opponent has five cards in a suit he is trying to establish — as in this deal.

West leads the heart six, East putting up the queen.

First, count your top tricks. There are five: two hearts and three diamonds. So, you must drive out both missing aces to get to nine tricks. Here, if you win the first trick and attack spades, you are safe. But it is natural to start on the clubs. Then, though, East can win with the ace and return his remaining heart, establishing West's suit while he, West, still has the spade ace as an entry.

As you have two stoppers but two cards to drive out, it is usually correct to duck the first trick. After doing that here, you win East's heart return and play a club. When East wins with his ace, he doesn't have another heart to lead. And if East does have a heart, the suit must be splitting 4-3, when you will lose only two heart tricks and are safe.

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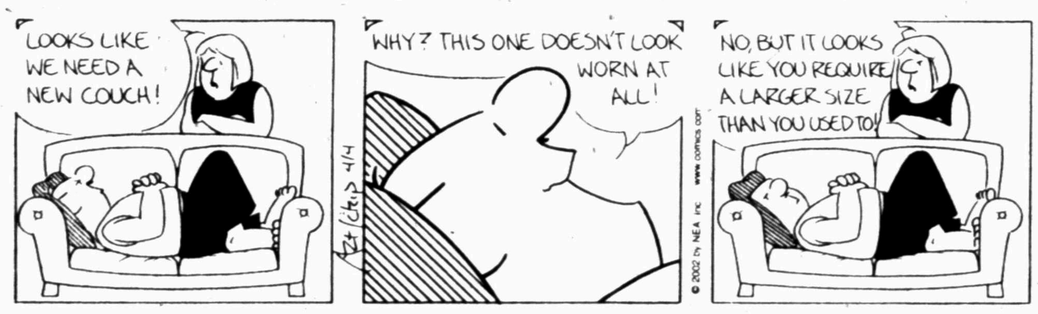

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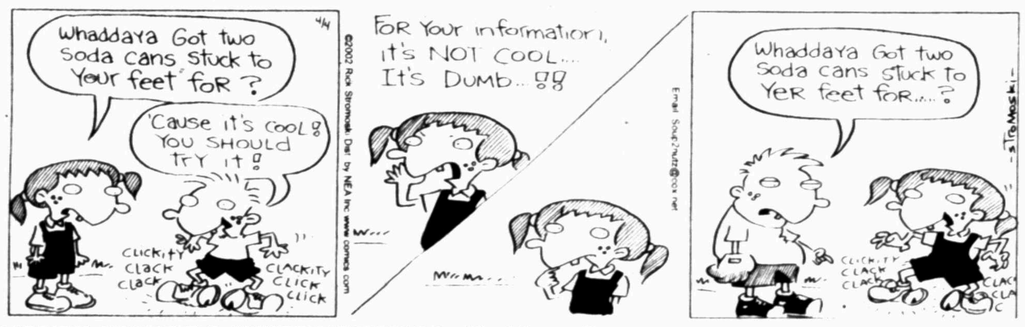

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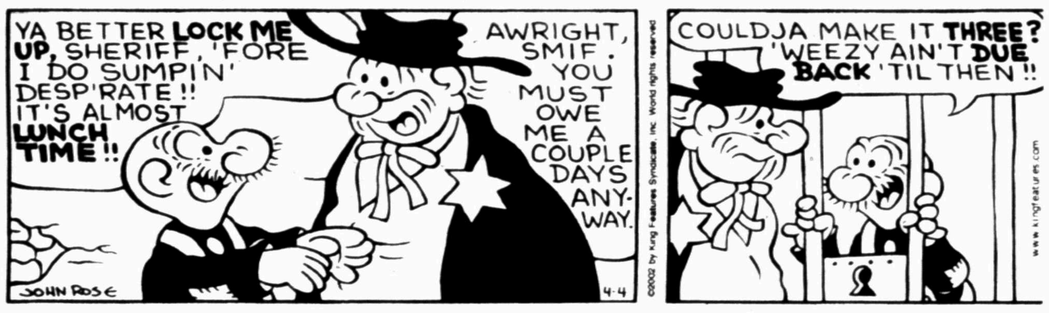

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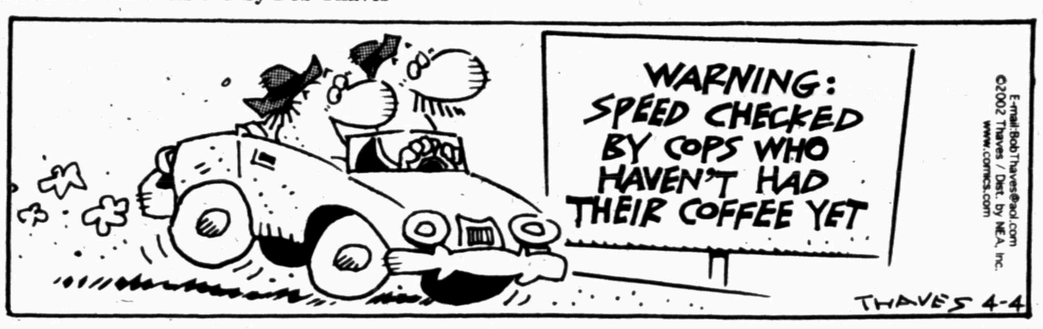

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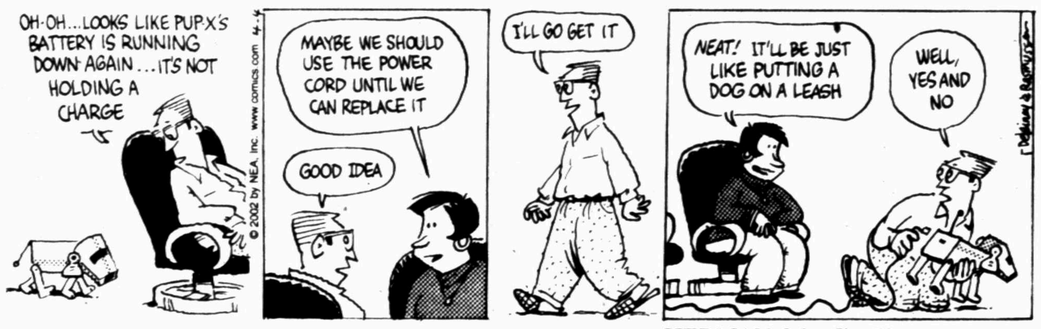

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1 Big family
5 Shade-loving plant
10 Ricochet
12 Rowdiness
13 Pedro's pals
14 Finally (2 wds.)
15 Beak
16 Fasten down a tent
18 Geol. formations
19 Destroying
23 Pep
26 Actress Tilly
27 By word of mouth
30 Peeps
32 Off-limits
34 Pie-chart lines
35 Flowering tree
36 Famous label
37 Boggy ground
38 NBA's Unseld
39 Supermarket buy (2 wds.)
42 Over and over
45 Polynesian plants
46 — spumante
50 Hold a grudge
53 Roman army
55 Defeated
56 Craves
57 Throw about
58 Trouser part

DOWN

1 Crooner Perry
2 Director Bunuel
3 Rile
4 Sgt.'s status
5 Fashion accessory
6 Popeye's Olive
7 Fake
8 Audition
9 Sums for CPAs
10 Prohibit
11 Glimpses
12 Yuletide trio
17 MIT grad
20 Strike caller
21 Observing
22 Lab weight
23 TV accessory
24 "If — — a Hammer"
25 Skirt length
28 Take — — (be recognized)
29 Forfeit
31 Very funny person
33 W. Hemisphere pact
35 Skimpy
37 G-man's org.
40 Envelope abbr.
41 Astronomer Carl
42 Poets' eyes
43 Paws
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47 Your Majesty
48 Hue
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52 Just bought
54 Cartoon shriek

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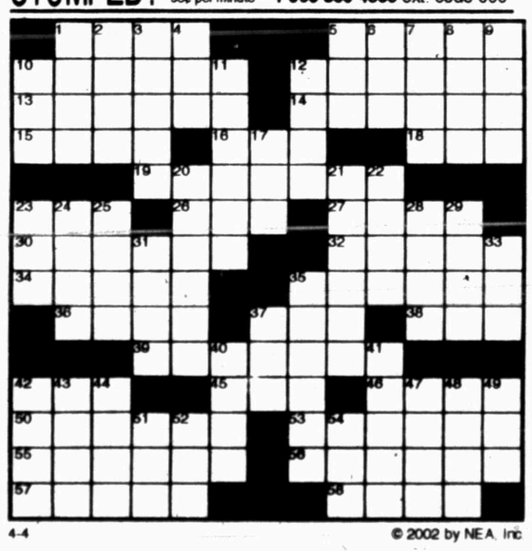

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SPORTS

Texans to take QB first in draft

HOUSTON (AP) — More than two weeks before the NFL draft, the Houston Texans have already decided they'll take Fresno State quarterback David Carr with the No. 1 pick.

The announcement Wednesday was made by owner Bob McNair, although the decision was made by general manager Charley Casserly and coach Dom Capers.

"To win, you have to have a good quarterback. Charley and his people have looked at this long and hard," McNair said. "We know enough about Carr that we feel like we know who he is."

The Texans had been expected to go for Carr all along, although Oregon's Joey Harrington is regarded as good a quarterback prospect by some NFL teams.

In 37 games at Fresno State, Carr completed 62.8 percent of his passes for 7,849 yards, 70 touchdowns and 23 interceptions. As a starter, he had an 18-8 record.

As a senior, Carr led the nation with 4,308 yards passing and 42 touchdown passes, becoming only the sixth quarterback in NCAA history to throw for more than 4,000 yards and more than 40 touchdown passes in the same season. He led the Bulldogs to an 11-2 record last season.

Carr finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting and won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as the nation's top senior quarterback.

Casserly had previously acknowledged that Carr was likely to be his choice over Harrington and others, like North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers.

"We felt he was the best player in the draft," Casserly said. "You got a real solid individual off the field and a real talented individual on the field."

"He's going to be a rookie. He's going to make a lot of mistakes. To learn, you have to make mistakes," McNair said.

While the Texans are impressed by Carr's accurate passing and strong work ethic, the team also likes that his personality is well grounded by his family life, Casserly said.

Carr and his wife, Melody, have been married about three years and have a son.

McNair said discussions with Carr's agent, Mike Sullivan, have been going well and the team believes a contract will be worked out soon.

Casserly said contract talks will resume the week of the draft.

Sullivan helped negotiate a $62 million, six-year deal for Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick, the No. 1 pick in last year's draft. Sullivan wouldn't comment on terms, although in general, NFL contracts follow a pattern when the same player is selected at the same position in the draft, meaning Carr's contract would be slightly higher than Vick's.

Houston is still looking for a veteran free agent quarterback to run the offense while Carr develops.

SHS grad shot twice in leg Tuesday at Portales party

Dustin Fish

Dustin Fish, a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, was treated and released at a Lubbock hospital after suffering two gunshot wounds to the leg at a party Tuesday night in Portales, N.M.

The 6-foot-6, 310-pound Fish, who wrapped up his senior season as an offensive lineman for Eastern New Mexico University, was in attendance at a large party when the shooting took place at about 11:25 p.m. Tuesday.

A suspect, described as a black male in his early 20s, is being sought.

Local police captain Lonnie Berry told the Portales News-Tribune that Fish was unable to give a possible motive for the shooting.

"He wasn't really sure what caused the conflict," said Berry. "He saw the guy come up to him with a gun, then they started struggling and he got shot."

According to Eastern New Mexico coaches, Fish is expected back on campus today.

Dustin is the son of David and Dawn Fish of Snyder.

Pair of Ira golfers earn district honors

Lacie Thompson

Jeff Fine

BIG SPRING — A pair of Ira golfers played their way near the top of the leader board at the district golf tournament.

Lacie Thompson fired a 98 and Jeff Fine carded an 89 to register a pair of top-five finishes at Comanche Trails Golf Course.

Thompson's 98 was good enough for runner-up honors, earning her a spot at the regional tournament April 22-23 at Abilene.

Fine finished in fifth place in the boys standings.

Also competing for the Lady Bulldogs were Michelle Nettles, Kali Clements and Celeigh Sterling.

Also competing on the boys side were Bubba Walker, Justin Taylor, Case Hardy and Jerry Jamison.

Astros rout Brewers, 15-2

HOUSTON (AP) — Roy Oswalt didn't get to stay in the game as long as he wanted because of the cool weather. His six innings of work was enough for Houston Astros manager Jimy Williams.

"He pitched extremely well," Williams said. "We had that long inning and the cool weather makes it hard for a pitcher to come back out."

Oswalt, especially chilled by the Astros' eight-run fourth inning, allowed only two runs on four hits and struck out six in a 15-2 rout of the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night.

He extended his scoreless streak against the Brewers to 19 innings before they scored in the fifth on pinch-hitter Lenny Harris' RBI single.

"Going longer in a game is the biggest issue with me," said Oswalt, who threw 90 pitches. "I want to eat up more innings and keep the bullpen out of the game. But tonight with those two long innings, I kind of got stiffened up and cold. You can only go so long in this kind of weather, but I hope to start going longer."

Oswalt impressed Milwaukee manager Davey Lopes.

"I've seen him better, but he was still good enough to beat us," Lopes said. "He's good enough that even when he doesn't have his good stuff he can win."

Milwaukee's Geoff Jenkins said Houston's early lead helped Oswalt.

"He's one of those guys that if you give them a lead they are going to be tough to come back on because they throw strikes," Jenkins said. "He made us put the ball in play. We just didn't have enough to come back from 15."

Daryle Ward homered in the marathon fourth and finished with four RBIs to lead the Houston.

Ward, who got a starting job in the outfield when Moises Alou became a free agent in the offseason and left, tied a career high with three hits. He had a three-run homer and later doubled home a run.

Brad Ausmus also homered and drove in four runs before a crowd of 23,381.

Rangers fall to Athletics again

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Scott Hatteberg's first hit for the Oakland Athletics finally put some order into a crazy game.

Hatteberg's bases-loaded single in the eighth inning drove home the go-ahead run Wednesday night as the A's remained unbeaten with a 9-6 victory over the Texas Rangers.

During the final three innings, Oakland's bullpen blew a three-run lead, but the A's hitters reclaimed it with five unanswered runs over two innings.

Texas' bullpen walked the bases loaded in the seventh and eighth innings before Hatteberg, hitless in his first 10 at-bats with the A's, lined a hit into right field off Rich Rodriguez (0-1), driving home Randy Velarde.

"I didn't want to make a bad play and swing at a bad pitch, because it had been a strange game," Hatteberg said. "You just don't want to cause the next crazy thing to happen."

Oakland added two more runs, and closer Billy Koch brought an orderly end to the A's third victory in three days over Texas.

"You want to get a hit as soon as possible when you're in a new situation," Hatteberg said. "But I haven't felt lost at the plate, so that's good. This isn't the first 0-for-10 I've been through. I've had worse. You just try not to let it get in your head."

It was a fairly quiet night until the seventh inning, when Oakland's bullpen blew a 4-1 lead and a strong performance by starter Barry Zito, who struck out six in six innings. Texas rallied for five runs in the seventh.

Sports Briefs

Junior rodeo here this weekend

The High Plains Junior Rodeo Association will hold a competition Saturday and Sunday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Events begin at 10 a.m. both days. Competitors from ages 5 to 19 are eligible. Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children.

WTC athletic fundraiser

The Harlem Entertainers basketball team will take on several local teams April 16 at 7 p.m. at the SHS gym. The event is a fundraiser sponsored by the WTC Athletic Committee.

Chances will be offered on a variety of items during the game. Tickets at the gate are $15 for adults and $10 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased for $10 and $7 at Barbee Medical Supply, Teachers' Credit Union, Purple Sage Motel, Snyder Daily News, KSNY and the WTC administrative offices.

For more information, call the college at 573-8511 or click on the activities link at the WTC Web site www.wtc.cc.tx.us.

Sunday couples tournament

A couples golf tournament will be held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 at the country club golf course.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for May 28-31 at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office. Players can pre-register through May 15.

Bonds blasts two more

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barry Bonds made it four homers in two games, hitting a pair of mammoth blasts into the right-field pavilion at Dodger Stadium.

Bonds became the second player to hit two homers in each of his team's first two games, joining Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews, who accomplished the feat in 1958.

Bonds hit a three-run homer off Hideo Nomo in the first inning and a solo shot off Terry Mulholland in the fourth for San Francisco against Los Angeles.

Piazza fined for 'aggressive conduct'

NEW YORK (AP) — Mets catcher Mike Piazza was fined $3,000 by the commissioner's office for confronting Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Guillermo Mota during a spring training game last week.

Bob Watson, baseball's new disciplinarian, cited Piazza for "aggressive conduct."

Baseball salaries top $2 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball salaries topped $2 billion for the first time this year, with Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez atop the list at $22 million.

The New York Yankees led all clubs with a record payroll of nearly $126 million — $92 million more than last-place Tampa Bay.

The figures are the result of a week-long study by The Associated Press of contracts for 849 players on opening-day rosters and disabled lists.

Jordan done for season

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after his worst scoring game ever, Michael Jordan woke up with a swollen right knee and decided enough was enough.

Jordan was placed on the injured list by the Washington Wizards, and he said he is done for the season.

Jordan ends his season with a 22.9-point scoring average, the second lowest of his career.

Northwestern braces for lawsuit

CHICAGO (AP) — Northwestern University, still disputing the cause of football player Rashidi Wheeler's death, filed papers to add manufacturers of a dietary supplement as defendants in a wrongful death lawsuit.

Crenshaw, Jacklin elected to Hall

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Crenshaw and Tony Jacklin were elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame, another common thread in careers that produced two major championships and special memories in the Ryder Cup.

Along with Marlene Hagge, who was elected through the LPGA Tour veteran's committee, the membership in golf's shrine increases to 93.

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	2	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	½
Baltimore	1	1	.500	1
New York	1	1	.500	1
Boston	0	1	.000	1½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	2	1	.667	½
Chicago	1	2	.333	1½
Detroit	0	2	.000	2
Kansas City	0	2	.000	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	3	0	1.000	—
Seattle	2	1	.667	1
Anaheim	1	2	.333	2
Texas	0	3	.000	3

Wednesday's Games

Toronto at Boston, ppd., rain
N.Y. Yankees 1, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 2, Detroit 1, 12 innings
Minnesota 1, Kansas City 0
Oakland 9, Texas 6
Cleveland 6, Anaheim 5
Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 6

Thursday's Games

Detroit (Lima 5-10) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-12), 2:15 p.m.
Texas (Davis 11-10) at Oakland (Lidle 13-6), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 17-13) at Toronto (Halladay 5-3), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 17-11) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-10), 7:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 15-10), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Baez 5-3) at Detroit (Redman 2-6), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 10-11) at Texas (Valdes 9-13), 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 4-6) at Toronto (Lyon 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 5-10) at Baltimore (Towers 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 6-7) at Kansas City (Byrd 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hillus 5-0) at Seattle (Baldwin 7-5), 10:05 p.m.

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	1	.500	—
Florida	1	1	.500	—
Montreal	1	1	.500	—
New York	1	1	.500	—
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	—

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	1	.500	—
Cincinnati	1	1	.500	—
Houston	1	1	.500	—
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	—
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	—
St. Louis	1	1	.500	—

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	2	0	1.000	—
Arizona	2	1	.667	½
Colorado	1	1	.500	1
San Diego	1	2	.333	1½
Los Angeles	0	2	.000	2

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Florida 6, Montreal 5
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1
Chicago Cubs 10, Cincinnati 3
Houston 15, Milwaukee 2
Colorado 6, St. Louis 3
San Diego 8, Arizona 7
San Francisco 12, Los Angeles 0

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh (Anderson 9-17) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 9-8), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 4-5) at St. Louis (Benes 7-7), 1:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (J.Wright 11-12) at Houston (Reynolds 14-11), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 10-10) at Montreal (Pavano 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Cruz 3-1) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Adams 12-8) at Atlanta (Marquis 5-6), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 1-2) at Los Angeles (O.Perez 7-8), 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Florida (Tavarez 10-9) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 3-2), 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 3-7) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 11-11), 3:20 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 0-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 14-12), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 1-4) at Cincinnati (Haynes 8-17), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 8-14) at Atlanta (Lopez 4-7), 7:35 p.m.
Arizona (Helling 12-11) at Milwaukee (Rusch 8-12), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 15-9) at Houston (Mlicki 7-3), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 6-10) at Los Angeles (Ishii 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New Jersey	48	27	.640	—
Boston	43	32	.573	5
Orlando	40	33	.548	7
Philadelphia	39	35	.527	8½
Washington	34	41	.453	14
Miami	32	42	.432	15½
New York	28	45	.384	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	45	30	.600	—
Charlotte	39	35	.527	5½
Milwaukee	39	35	.527	5½
Indiana	36	37	.493	8
Toronto	36	38	.486	8½
Atlanta	30	44	.405	14½
Cleveland	26	48	.351	18½
Chicago	17	57	.230	27½

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Dallas	51	22	.699	—
x-San Antonio	50	24	.676	1½
x-Minnesota	46	28	.622	5½
Utah	42	33	.560	10
Houston	27	46	.370	24
Denver	23	50	.315	28
Memphis	19	55	.257	32½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	55	19	.743	—
x-L.A. Lakers	53	22	.707	2½
Portland	44	30	.595	11
Seattle	43	33	.566	13
L.A. Clippers	37	38	.493	18½
Phoenix	34	41	.453	21½
Golden State	19	55	.257	36

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 117, Chicago 104
Charlotte 97, Miami 90
Philadelphia 89, Phoenix 83, OT
Sacramento 107, Detroit 86
Milwaukee 105, Washington 90
Minnesota 92, Memphis 81
New Jersey 94, L.A. Lakers 92
San Antonio 90, Seattle 88
Utah 99, L.A. Clippers 87

Thursday's Games

Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
New York at Portland, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Phoenix at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10 p.m.
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Firestone facing trial in rollover

BAY CITY (AP) — Tiremaker Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. is facing a multimillion-dollar lawsuit for a Ford Explorer rollover accident where its tires remained intact.

Jurors in Matagorda County, about 100 miles southwest of Houston, were to begin hearing evidence today in the case against Bridgestone/Firestone, which is countersuing two of the three women who were riding in the 1999 Ford Explorer when it crashed in west Texas.

As the three college students drove to Texas from California, where they attended school in June 1999, they were impaired by marijuana they smoked along the way, were fatigued from final exams and partying and ignored operation instructions and guidelines for towing the U-Haul trailer they rented, the tire manufacturer contends.

All contributed to the rollover, the tire company adds.

Two of the women riding in the Explorer have settled with Ford Motor Co.

Firestone and U-Haul want a jury to decide whether the companies are liable for injuries the women suffered during the accident.

One of the three, Erin Brunner, sustained a permanent brain injury. The second woman and owner of the Explorer, Lesley Milberger, suffered physical pain and mental anguish due to the accident, the lawsuit claims.

The pair are seeking more than $72 million in damages in the suit filed by Brunner's parents on her behalf and Milberger against Firestone, U-Haul and the vehicle's driver, the third student, Sally Kowalik.

Firestone contends it isn't liable because its tires remained intact. In its countersuit, the tire company asks no money be awarded to Kowalik or Milberger. Both were partially responsible for the crash, the tire company said.

Firestone noted neither Milberger nor Brunner wore a seat belt and following the wreck all three women tested positive for marijuana use.

"The cause of the accident that occurred during an almost 1,500-mile trip from San Bernardino, California, to Bay City, Texas was mixing marijuana, impaired and fatigued drivers, excessive speed under the circumstances, and faulty evasive action in a jam-packed Ford Explorer that was pulling a heavily loaded U-Haul trailer," Firestone lawyers wrote in their response to the suit.

Firestone claims the accident, which occurred near Kent in far West Texas, happened as Kowalik sped down a long hill, causing the trailer to "swerve and fishtail violently."

"In her state of impairment and fatigue, and in violation of the instructions contained in U-Haul's trailer use instructions, Kowalik slammed on the brakes, and according to the investigating officers, compounded her problems by overcorrecting with the steering wheel, all of which ultimately resulted in the loss of control and rollover of the Explorer," the tire company claims.

A Texas Department of Public Safety report detailing the June 17, 1999, accident cited speeding and faulty evasive action as contributing factors, the tire company says.

"The portion of the report devoted to the Firestone tires makes clear that the tires did not blow out, lose air, or sustain damage," Firestone said. "Neither the report nor the officers have blamed or criticized the Firestone tires for causing or contributing to the cause of the accident.

OPEC rules out oil production increase

LONDON (AP) — Oil prices stabilized today in a fresh sign that world markets were overcoming concerns that Iraq might halt its crude oil shipments to countries that support Israel.

However, fears that Israel's offensive against the Palestinians could further destabilize the Middle East are still keeping crude prices well above levels justified by demand for oil, analysts said.

OPEC Secretary-General Ali Rodriguez echoed that view, saying the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has no plans for now to increase crude oil output. Rodriguez told the British Broadcasting Corp. in Dubai that the recent spike in oil prices was the result of speculation and "political uncertainties" rather than any change in supply or demand.

"We (OPEC) can't increase supply if demand is as low as it is now," he said. "If we increase production, we could face a collapse in oil prices."

OPEC pumps about a third of the world's crude oil.

May contracts of light, sweet U.S. crude were 8 cents lower at $27.48 a barrel in electronic trading before the formal session began on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The NYMEX price for May contracts fell 15 cents on Wednesday to close at $27.56.

In London, contracts of North Sea Brent for May delivery rose 8 cents to $27.35 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange, after closing 39 cents lower on Wednesday.

Crude futures surged to six-month highs on Tuesday, after Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri declared in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, that Arab countries have the right to coordinate their policies to put pressure on Israel and its allies. The threat was clearly directed at the United States, Israel's main benefactor.

Iran's Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi added that such a boycott could work if it had backing from many oil producers.

Ali Tahghighi, an oil analyst at Barclays Capital, dismissed the idea that such an embargo could be effective.

"Anybody who is really serious about an embargo would have to have the Kuwaitis and the Saudis on board, and the indications from them are that they're not even thinking about such a thing," he said.

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest producer and exporter of oil.

Tahghighi said he expected prices to "consolidate" at around their current levels, barring a marked escalation in tensions in the Middle East — home to two-thirds of the world's proven oil reserves. He noted that Egypt's decision Wednesday to scale back its ties with Israel caused prices to rise somewhat from levels seen earlier in the day.

As of the close of business Wednesday, U.S. crude futures had surged by 35 percent since Feb. 1. Brent futures rose by 36 percent during the same period.

The increase in prices is even steeper if measured from Nov. 19, when crude futures bottomed out following the Sept. 11 terror attacks. U.S. front-month futures for light, sweet crude ballooned from an intraday low of $16.70 a barrel on Nov. 19 to a high on Wednesday of $27.68 — a blistering growth rate of 66 percent in less than five months.

Costlier crude is filtering through to prices at the pump. Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Center for Global Energy Studies, estimates that the U.S. retail price for unleaded gasoline was 20 percent higher on March 21 than it was on average in February.

Microsoft president Belluzzo resigns

SEATTLE (AP) — Rick Belluzzo, who has resigned as president and chief operating officer of Microsoft Corp., says the company's future growth hinges on a restructuring plan he helped create.

"We needed to really change the orientation of the business to where business owners could not only (control) product development but also how the product goes to market and so on," Belluzzo said in an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press.

Belluzzo announced Wednesday that he was resigning after a little more than a year on the job. He said he was a key decision-maker in the restructuring plan — also announced that day — which will let different parts of the company operate more autonomously.

Analysts said the restructuring could make it easier for Microsoft to split into multiple companies. A judge ordered the company to break up during its antitrust trial, but the ruling was later overturned. Microsoft said Wednesday the restructuring had nothing to do with the trial.

Some analysts have questioned Microsoft's long-term growth prospects in recent months, and many praised the restructuring announced Wednesday.

Rob Enderle, an analyst with Giga Information Group, said the company is likely also hoping to make its units more fiscally responsible at a time when all technology companies — including Microsoft — are struggling to make profit targets.

"They're having some difficult budgetary problems," Enderle said. "Revenue's off and clearly they're going to have to do some cost-cutting."

Belluzzo said he realized in January that the restructuring plans would make his job redundant, and saw that as an opportunity to pursue his long-term goal of being a chief executive at a company.

He said he plans to stay in his position until May, and to stay with the company until September to organize the transition.

Enderle said the resignation was a surprise because many assumed Belluzzo was being groomed to replace chief executive Steve Ballmer. But Belluzzo said he never thought he would replace either Ballmer or Chairman Bill Gates.

Ask Hollywood

by Holly Wood

Is it good 'Night' for Harry?

Q: My friend and I enjoy watching re-runs of "Night Court." We were wondering whatever became of Harry Anderson, the judge. Has he appeared in anything else lately? Is he still acting? — **Freeport, Texas**

A: Anderson appeared in a few movies and TV shows after "Night Court," most notably "Dave's World." Now he spends most of his time working in his magic shop, "Spade and Archer's Curiosities by Appointment," in the French Quarter of New Orleans, La. Anderson was a stage magician before he became an actor, and he appears to have gone back to his roots. The shop is named after the detective agency from "The Maltese Falcon."

Q: Some years back, I watched the movie "Hunchback of Notre Dame," starring Anthony Hopkins and, I believe, the woman who starred in "North and South." Please tell me where I can find the video. — **B.H., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: That woman is Lesley-Anne Down, and you can get a used copy of the 1982 TV movie from Amazon.com (http://www.amazon.com) for $49.99, if you're willing to spend that much.

Q: I was wondering if the movie "Wait Until Dark," with Audrey Hepburn, is available on video. Can you tell me? - **C.P., North Little Rock, Ark.**

A: "Wait Until Dark" is a classic that got Hepburn an Academy Award nomination. Any business that dares call itself a video store should be able to order it for you if they don't have it in stock. If not, you can get it at Movies Unlimited. Call them at (800) 668-4344, or check out their Web site at http://www.moviesunlimited.com.

Q: Could you tell me if Barbara Feldon died within the past two years? If so, could you give me the date and cause of death? My local newspaper prints a daily celebrity birthday list, and hers was not included for March 12. She would be 61 years old. - **K.M., Goshen, Ind.**

A: Feldon, who is best known as Agent 99 from the 1960s series "Get Smart," is very much alive, but some people believe she fudged on her birth year. She claims she was born in 1941, while other sources put her birth year at 1933. The ambiguity over her age is appropriate for someone whose character never had a name.

Q: Why isn't CMT's programming listed in any of the TV listings we get? We are always in the dark, never knowing what will be on from day to day. — D.W., Dubuque, Iowa

A: I can't say why your local listings don't have CMT, because that's a decision made by the people who edit the TV schedule, but I can offer a solution to your problem. If you have Internet access, go to the TV Guide Web site at http://www.tvguide.com. Click on "TV Listings" (it's on the top left side of the screen), and then click "Change Provider" on the top of the screen. Enter your zip code, and, when the screen asks what kind of service you have, click "Cable." You'll gets listings for broadcast and cable channels, and you can check the schedule for whatever day and time you want. The country music station also has a Web site - http://www.cmt.com — which carries detailed listings.

TRIVIA: Harry Anderson is left-handed.

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EstKodak	30.90	30.45	30.65	+ .04
EDS Corp	55.01	54.76	54.86	—.79
Entergy	44.45	43.55	44.06	+ .11
ExxonMobil s	44.10	43.53	43.54	—.15
FstBksAm	42.00	42.00	42.00	—.09
FootLocker	16.05	15.75	15.91	+ .40
GenDynam	94.96	94.01	94.41	+ .23
GenElec	37.15	36.64	36.92	+ .17
GenMills	49.22	48.24	49.17	+ 1.00
GenMotors	60.15	59.26	59.84	+ .49
GaPacific	28.03	27.60	27.82	—.07
Goodrich	32.30	31.90	31.92	—.33
Goodyear	21.98	21.31	21.51	—.60
GtAtlPac	27.70	26.90	27.47	+ .77
Halliburtn	16.77	16.50	16.51	—.13
Hanson ADS	37.35	36.80	36.94	—.93
HarteHanks	31.35	31.10	31.26	—.12
HomeDepot	48.28	47.15	47.67	+ .92
HoneywellIntl	38.10	37.75	37.96	+ .13
IBM	100.95	99.50	100.48	+ .52
IntlPaper	41.69	41.10	41.44	—.14
JohnsonJn s	64.00	63.11	63.69	—.33
vjK mart	1.42	1.37	1.40	—.03
KinderMorg	49.75	49.05	49.30	+ .25
Kroger Co	22.49	22.17	22.19	+ .18
LockheedM	59.00	58.40	58.88	+ .35
Lowes Cos s	42.84	42.40	42.68	+ .63
Lubys	6.78	6.70	6.75	+ .10
LucentTech	4.82	4.54	4.63	+ .03
MarathonOil	28.80	28.26	28.26	—.47
MayDeptStr	34.50	33.70	34.37	+ .47
Medtronic	44.05	43.56	43.90	—.22
Motorola	14.29	14.10	14.14	—.11
NCR Corp	43.40	42.80	43.05	+ .05
Navistar	44.10	43.02	43.96	+ .76
PNM Rescs	29.60	29.40	29.50	+ .05
Penney JC	19.95	19.19	19.65	+ .53
PepBoys	16.07	15.75	16.01	—.15
PepsiCo	50.55	50.15	50.36	+ .39
Pharmacia	43.45	42.26	43.43	—.31
PhelpDodge	39.89	39.37	39.43	—.70
PhillipPet	62.90	61.83	61.84	—1.06
PilgrmPrd B	13.70	13.51	13.60	—.10
Praxair	57.13	56.50	56.75	—.75
ProctGamb	90.00	89.10	89.72	+ .46
RadioShack	28.83	27.50	28.75	+ .29
ReliantEngy	25.40	24.90	25.21	+ .07
RoyalDut	53.97	53.43	53.44	—1.15
SBC Comm	38.31	37.70	37.86	+ .24
SaraLee	20.99	20.65	20.98	+ .29
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SherwinW	28.16	27.80	27.88	—.42
SouthernCo	27.24	26.90	26.99	+ .24
SwstAirl	18.55	18.36	18.50	+ .06
SprintFON	15.00	14.70	14.80	
SprintPCS	11.14	10.78	11.10	+ .17
Sunoco Inc	39.19	38.71	38.94	—.30
TXU Corp	55.30	54.61	55.06	+ .38
TempleInland	55.25	54.45	54.50	—.50
TexInd	41.87	41.70	41.85	+ .10
TexasInst	33.65	32.75	33.16	+ .17
Textron	49.90	49.30	49.32	—.24
TriconGlbR	58.34	57.58	58.10	—.11
TrinityInds	24.36	24.06	24.25	+ .06
TylerTech	5.25	5.12	5.24	+ .07
UnionPacif	58.23	57.52	57.81	+ .44
USSteel	18.59	18.26	18.31	+ .54
UnitedTech	73.40	72.60	73.04	+ .19
Unocal	38.87	38.00	38.01	—.86
VerizonComm	45.50	45.04	45.30	—.20
WalMart	59.60	58.72	59.27	+ .67
WellsFargo	49.04	48.60	48.95	+ .65
WstnGasRs	37.90	37.48	37.60	+ .02
WinnDixie	16.30	16.15	16.29	+ .05
Xerox Cp	10.80	10.72	10.73	+ .04

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom who flew off handle deserved plane ticket home

DEAR ABBY: I can't agree with your advice to "Poor Little Butterfly in Oklahoma," whose mother went on an eight-hour harangue after finding out her married daughter got a tattoo when she was 20.

I think the couple did the right thing to put Mom on a plane home. I do not agree with your advice to "mend fences" and take the "high road." This is 2002 — not 1940. Tell the mother to get over it. There is nothing she can do about it now. — **TATTOOED MOM IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR TATTOOED MOM: That's true. I may have been smoking the peace pipe for too long. Many readers agreed with you. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I feel strongly that MOM should apologize for making all of the fuss. An eight-hour attack from one's mother cannot be — and should not be — borne by an adult. Mom was out of line. "Poor" has a right to her life and beliefs. If her tattoo pleases her and her husband, that's good enough!

Abby, I, too, was a victim of attack by a relative — my daughter. She was so adamantly against my getting a tattoo that I decided it wasn't worth the hassle. (I had always wanted an anklet of roses and leaves.) Then, several summers ago, my daughter had an accident. Her truck was totaled, but fortunately she walked away unharmed. She came home and said, "Mom, if you want that tattoo — go get it. Life is too short. I'll even buy it for you." And she did! I got my tattoo at the ripe old age of 69 — and have not regretted it. — **HAPPY WITH ROSES IN KINGMAN, ARIZ.**

DEAR HAPPY: Thanks for the input.

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DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Poor Little Butterfly" was wrong, wrong, wrong. This is an issue of the daughter preserving her self-esteem, not an argument over a tattoo. This butterfly had every right to ask her mother to take off! — **YOUNG MOM IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR YOUNG MOM: I suspect you're right that the mother was reacting to more than the tattoo.

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DEAR Abby: That couple did the right thing sending her mother home. They stuck up for each other in the face of adversity. That marriage is going to endure.

Unfortunately, mine will not. Ten years ago, on the morning of my first daughter's christening, my mother-in-law looked over her newspaper and proceeded to lecture me about how they do things in "their" family. She made the mistake of giving me this lecture while an overnight guest in our home (which, by the way, my wife and I bought with no help from her mother).

Abby, I sent her packing the next day. My mother-in-law proceeded to bad-mouth me to the rest of the family, trying her best to turn them against me. My wife never once took a stand against her mother. She let her mom criticize me to everyone without ever setting the record straight.

My wife made a decision that day about where her allegiance stood. The events of that day were the single greatest indictor of how the rest of our marriage was to go. — **GETTING DIVORCED 10 YEARS LATER**

DEAR GETTING DIVORCED: How sad that a loving daughter was forced to choose between her husband and her mother — and made the wrong choice.

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Newest luggage screening machine detects explosives

BOSTON (AP) — Two companies announced a deal initially worth more than $250 million to provide hundreds of explosive-detecting luggage screening devices to the federal government for use at airports, but some experts question the technology's reliability.

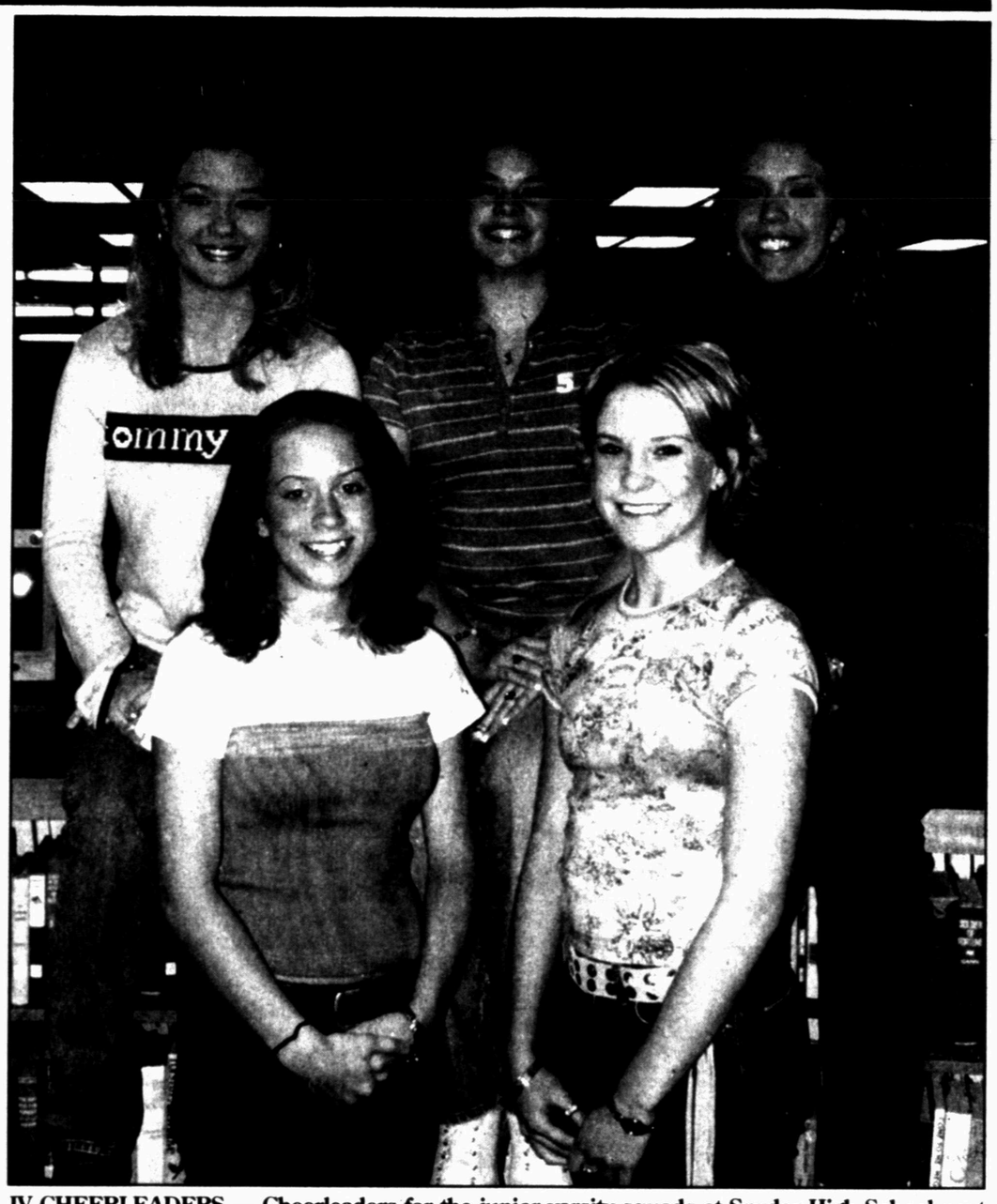
The machines take pictures of luggage, then create a three-dimensional image in much the same way a CAT scan produces images of the human body.

Peabody-based Analogic Corp., whose primary focus has been medical devices, announced its deal Wednesday, worth $100 million initially, to provide up to 1,000 of the central components of the devices for L-3 Communications of New York.

L-3 said it intended to sell 100 devices immediately, and eventually up to 500, to the U.S. Transportation Security Administration in a deal initially worth $162 million but more than $250 million when fully executed.

Analogic is one of two companies, along with InVision Technologies of Newark, Calif., licensed to sell the machines, 176 of which are already in use in 90 airports, according to the Transportation Security Administration. InVision announced a similar deal last week.

Experts said the deal represented a commitment by the administration to the technology at the expense of alternatives under development, like neutron beams. Some questioned whether the commitment is warranted.



JV CHEERLEADERS — Cheerleaders for the junior varsity squads at Snyder High School next year include from left, front row, Heather Holmes, Abby Foree; back row, Stacey Williamson, Marisa Munoz, Taren Knipe and not pictured, Courtney Stanley. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astronomers: Asteroid could strike the earth in 878 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new look at an asteroid orbiting the sun shows it could possibly smash into the Earth with the explosive force of millions of tons of TNT. But experts say the potential impact is still 878 years away, time enough for the speeding space rock to alter its course.

Named 1950 DA, the asteroid — six-tenths of a mile wide — is the most threatening to the Earth of all of the known large asteroids, but the odds are only about one in 300 that it would impact the planet, researchers said today in the journal Science.

"One in 300 is pretty long odds," said Jon D. Giorgini, a scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., and the first author of the study. "I'm not personally going to worry about. It is so far in the future that lots of things could change."

Tom Morgan, chief scientist of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's small planet program, said there are approximately 1,000 asteroids bigger than six-tenths of mile that can pass near the Earth in their orbit of the sun. About 580 have been found and their orbits plotted. Of these, only 1950 DA represents a possible threat, and that is centuries in the future. Morgan said NASA continues an effort to identify all the other large asteroids that pass near Earth.

"It is my great hope that we don't find any that are greater threats," Morgan said.

If 1950 DA did hit the Earth, said Giorgini, it would have planetwide effects, setting off fires, changing the weather and perhaps creating immense tidal waves. But it would not be a planet killer like the asteroid thought to have snuffed out the dinosaurs some 65 million years ago. That asteroid was about 16 times larger than 1950 DA, he said.

In any case, said Giorgini, if scientists determine in the coming centuries that 1950 DA does represent a threat, there'll be plenty of time to take action.

"This is not an urgent thing," said Giorgini. "We can spend a century thinking about it, another century deciding who is going to do something and then another century figuring out what to do. Three hundred years from now — we can't even imagine how they will handle the problem."

Asteroid 1950 DA was first discovered on Feb. 23, 1950, but then not noted in astronomy logs again for decades. It was rediscovered in 2000 and in March 2001 whizzed within about 77 million miles of Earth, giving astronomers a chance to gather visual and radar readings.

From that, the astronomers projected the orbital path 1950 DA would take on its next 15 near passes of the Earth — over a period covering nearly nine centuries.

For the 15th near pass, on March 16, 2880, the analysis showed it was mathematically possible, though unlikely, that the asteroid could hit the Earth.

"What we are predicting is like figuring out a 15-bank shot in a game of pool," said Giorgini. "We can predict the first 13 banks really well, but it is the last few that we need to know more about."

More observations and perhaps close-up views will improve the accuracy of the prediction.

"Once we know more about the physical properties of the asteroid — what it's made of and how it spins — then we can refine that 15th bounce. But it may take decades to get that kind of information," said Giorgini.

He said the highest probability is that the asteroid in the year 2880 will miss the Earth by about 180,000 miles — a distance closer than the 230,000-mile orbit of the Moon around the Earth.

But the range of mathematical probabilities also include a possible impact.

The asteroid's orbit carries it around the sun every 2.2 years.

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Lubbock High will not compete in rematch

LUBBOCK (AP) — The question of who won this year's Texas Academic Decathlon has stumped some of the finest minds in the state.

Is it Lubbock High, which was declared the winner? Or is it Pasadena's J. Frank Dobie High, which says there were scoring problems and wants a retest to determine who will represent Texas at next week's national competition?

The battle of the brains is now in court.

"It's blowing our minds, as you can imagine," said Shonna Distefano, coordinator of the Texas decathlon organization, a defendant in lawsuits filed by both schools. "This pains me because we're using this scholarship money that we normally give to students for litigation."

Officials at Dobie High say they won the competition, in which nine-member teams match wits in such subjects as language, literature, art and economics on written tests, essays and quiz show-like oral exams. The winners get $1,200 apiece for college; second place is worth $800 each.

After the meet ended last month, Dobie High's coach realized that one of student Kevin Ho's score sheets was misplaced and had been excluded from his school's final tally, which would have pushed his team into first place. Decathlon officials said the sheet was not turned in properly, meaning Lubbock High had won and Dobie High was second.

Dobie High took its case to court in Houston last week, with coach Richard Golenko arguing that Ho's test should have been counted and that at least one other test was not tallied correctly. Questions also were raised about whether a score was missing for a Lubbock student.

Meanwhile, Ho's score sheet was shredded as part of the decathlon association's standard procedure.

A state judge in Houston last week found "serious issues in the validity of the scores" of both schools and ordered a rematch.

Another state judge in Lubbock said Wednesday that the decathlon could not decertify the results declaring Lubbock the winner, and could not require Lubbock to participate in the rematch. Pasadena immediately appealed.

"We're not going to sit back and let someone take the championship from Lubbock because Lubbock's team did not feel they did one thing wrong," Lubbock Superintendent Jack Clemmons said. "We're going to fight to let the kids retain the championship."

The Pasadena school district wants to fight, too. At its request, a judge in Orange County, Calif., ordered the U.S. Academic Decathlon to send an alternate version of the test to Texas for the potential rematch.

Executive Director Les Martisko said the new test will arrive today.

Pasadena officials said their team would be in San Antonio for a rematch; Lubbock officials said theirs won't.

"Our students will continue to try to stay focused on the national competition next week in Phoenix," Clemmons said.

Kirk Lewis, spokesman for the Pasadena school district, was not surprised that Lubbock would be a no-show in San Antonio.

"I understand that Lubbock wants to protect their kids and are working for their kids, and we are trying to do the same thing," he said. "The decisions made by adults at the state level have brought us to this point."

Lewis added, "Obviously, we have two state judges that are totally opposite in their rulings so someone will have to settle that, I presume."

Martisko said the national organization takes no position on who should represent Texas at the national competition in Phoenix next week, whether the decision is made by the Texas organization or the courts.

"We'll take whatever team on the competition day is there. And that's as fair as we can get," he said.

The national group had told the Texas association there is not enough time to devise a new test for a rematch and that Lubbock has been certified as the winner.

Lubbock team members said they have many sympathizers.

Some team members said they see parallels with the indecision of the 2000 presidential election and the figure skating controversy at the 2002 Winter Olympics, in which gold medals were awarded first to a Russian couple and then, after an outcry, to a Canadian pair.

Man shoots himself in parish office in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — A man who shot himself in the head at the parish house of St. Patrick's Cathedral remained in critical condition early today with injuries so severe that police initially thought he had died.

The man, who was not identified, appeared in the reception area of the parish house Wednesday afternoon, waited for "a priest on duty" to be summoned, and then went with the priest into an adjoining room, said Joseph Zwilling, spokesman for the Archdiocese of New York.

Before the shooting, the man said he was depressed and talked to the priest about the quality of his life, and how he didn't want to live anymore, according to a police source who spoke on condition of anonymity. He also made statements that caused the priest to fear for his own life, the source said.

He asked for a pencil and paper and wrote a note which indicated that he "wanted to be buried in an Armenian cemetery," according to Police Commissioner Ray Kelly.

He then handed the note to the priest and then pulled a gun from his waistband, police said. The priest backed out of the room and, as he warned the others in the office area, the man shot himself, police said.

The gun, a .357 Ruger, had five live rounds when it was recovered, Kelly said.

The priest, identified only as Father Mike, did not appear to have any serious physical injuries but was taken to a hospital to be treated for trauma. He was released and police said they wanted to interview him.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg met Wednesday evening with Cardinal Edward Egan to discuss security measures at the cathedral, Bloomberg said every indication was that the gunman "came to take his own life."

A police officer is assigned to St. Patrick's Cathedral, but not to the parish house, which includes offices and the rectory for priests serving at the landmark Roman Catholic cathedral on Fifth Avenue and 50th Street in midtown Manhattan.

Bloomberg said any increase in security at St. Patrick's was up to the archdiocese and the police commissioner.

"Unfortunately you can't have metal detectors at every door in every building in New York," Bloomberg said as he left the parish house. "It's not a way to live."

Zwilling, the archdiocese spokesman, said Egan was "very concerned about what happened and is praying for the individual involved and any family that individual might have and obviously praying for the priest."

The shooting is the second on Roman Catholic property in the last month. On March 12, a man with a history of mental problems walked into Our Lady of Peace Church in Lynbrook and opened fire with a rifle, killing a priest on the altar and a parishioner.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

How much exercise is enough?

DEAR DR. GOTT: How much exercise is considered to be healthful?

DEAR READER: This is a very good, although disarmingly simple, question that is more complicated than it sounds. Healthful exercise can be defined in terms of specific goals.

First, in order for exercise to lower the incidence of coronary artery disease and heart attacks, the physical activity must be vigorous and ongoing. Dancing, golf and gardening are not strenuous enough to affect the cardiovascular system, even though such pursuits do have definite health benefits.

Furthermore, a history of athleticism (performed 25 to 50 years earlier) is not protective. Heart attack rates in elderly athletes who no longer exercise are similar to those in a group of age-matched, sedentary individuals. Therefore, frequent aerobic exercise — such as running, brisk walking, tennis, swimming, skiing and skating — is necessary for maximal cardiovascular effect.

Second, regular exercise stimulates the release of growth hormone that can significantly increase lean body mass (primarily muscle) and bone strength, as well as improve circulation and a feeling of well-being. For example, in the elderly, brisk walking produces health benefits that may extend beyond mere cardiovascular conditioning.

In answer to your question, regular exercise to the point of refreshing tiredness does have positive consequences, regardless of age. But you don't have to knock yourself out to the stage of exhaustion. Intermittent activity is not as effective because the body doesn't have a chance to adapt to a high activity level. It's better to plan a program of regular, vigorous endeavor several times a week. Such a program might include cycling (even on a stationary bike), walking (on a treadmill, if necessary), running, swimming or working-out in a fitness center. The crucial point is to vary your exercise routine and choose activities that you are comfortable with and are willing to continue.

One word of caution. If you are over 60 and sedentary, it's a good idea to get clearance from your physician before starting a strenuous exercise program. In some patients who are at high risk for coronary artery disease, a stress test would be useful in identifying the presence of unrecognized heart problems that should be addressed before the strenuous activity is undertaken.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: For years I've suffered from recurring ulcers in my mouth and on my lips. The condition was intolerable and resisted any treatment. Finally, I found something that really helps. I simply hold a wet Atomic Fireball (a hot, cinnamon-flavored, jaw-breaker candy) against the sore for 10 or 15 minutes. Not only is the pain instantly relieved, but the ulcers seem to heal quickly, within a couple of days. I hope you will pass this tip onto your readers.

DEAR READER: This novel approach is new to me but, because your experiences are so favorable, I am publishing it. I welcome readers' comments, both pro and con, about Atomic Fireball therapy for mouth and lip ulcers.

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Date Book

Thursday, April 4, 2002

Today is the 94th day of 2002 and the 16th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1841, John Tyler became the first vice president of the United States to succeed a president who had died in office. Tyler succeeded William Henry Harrison.

On this day in 1949, NATO came into existence when the representatives of 12 nations signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. A year later, James Earl Ray would plead guilty to King's murder.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dorothea Dix (1802 - 1887), social reformer; Muddy Waters (1915 - 1983), blues musician; Gil Hodges (1924 - 1972), baseball star; Maya Angelou (1928 -), writer, is 74; Anthony Perkins (1932 - 1992), actor; Craig T. Nelson (1946 -), actor, is 56; Robert Downey, Jr. (1965 -), actor, is 37; Heath Ledger (1979 -), actor, is 23.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky racked up three assists in a 9-3 loss to the Calgary Flames. The points took his total to 214, which was enough to break his own record from the prior year. He got one more in the last game of the season, and that record of 215 still stands.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise." - Maya Angelou, "Still I Rise."

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (April 4).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, April 5, 2002

It's likely that you'll be involved in more than one enterprise in the year ahead. They may not be interrelated, but each will yield the types of results that you desire.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A good idea may come from a source other than you. Some gems could be uncovered if you listen to your associates. 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) — The road to success lies in persistence, and you're just the one to follow its course. Once you establish your route, don't let outside influences deter you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't just talk about your bright ideas, make a concerted effort to execute them. Only action can bring them into being.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Implement changes that you feel would benefit not only yourself, but others as well. They will prove to be advantageous for all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)— You usually prefer to call your own shots, but combining with another could produce what neither of you could do on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Good things can happen at work when everyone looks out for each other. These developments won't emanate from persons in authority, but from fellow co-workers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even if you may not be fully aware of it, you are both popular and influential with your peers. Fortunately, it doesn't need your recognition to fulfill itself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Socializing with friends may be fun, but it won't be as gratifying as spending time with your family. If you have to make a choice, keep this in mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Timing is crucial, so if you attempt to promote something, wait for the right opening to launch your ideas. If you have a strong game plan, everything will fall into place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A noticeable shift in circumstances could prove to be materially advantageous for you. Keep your eye peeled for the indicators.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The ball is squarely in your court, so take the initiative, and make things happen to get a new endeavor off the ground.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Surprisingly, it may be the things which you have little control over that could turn out to be the most promising for you. Let the elements have their way.

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Crane falls; 3 hurt

DENVER (AP) — A construction crane tipped over onto Interstate 25 in southeast Denver, crushing two cars, injuring three people and closing the freeway's northbound lanes.

The victims were listed in fair condition late Wednesday at Denver Health Medical Center. Their names were not released.

Nursing supervisor Shelley Carlson said a 54-year-old man and his 56-year-old wife suffered fractures. A 44-year-old woman was under observation at the hospital, Carlson said.

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Bush sending Powell to Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new push for peace, President Bush today demanded that Israel pull back its troops from Palestinian cities it occupied in recent days and called on Arab nations to do more to crack down on terrorists. He ordered Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region to carry the message.

"The storms of violence cannot go on," Bush said. "Enough is enough."

In a Rose Garden speech with Powell at his side, Bush chastised Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — "The situation in which he finds himself today is largely of his own making" — and warned Syria and Iran against fomenting more violence.

"To those who would try to use the current crisis as an opportunity to widen the conflict: Stay out," Bush said. He did not mention Iraq, though senior advisers said Bush believes Saddam Hussein is supporting suicide bombers attacking Israel.

The president has faced mounting criticism with each new suicide bombing against Israelis and every military response from Israel. He has been accused of doing too much and, by other critics, too little.

Senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush decided Wednesday that last week's suicide bombings coupled with Israel's strong military response compelled him to restate his views on the region and add a couple of new wrinkles.

By stepping up pressure on Arab countries to help curb terrorism, Bush was tacitly acknowledging that Arafat had failed to stop terrorism and is unlikely to do so alone, senior officials said. With his call to Israel for an end to incursions, the president was giving Powell an achievable goal for his mission — one that the president hopes will be a small step toward a cease-fire and, perhaps ultimately, peace talks.

Aides said Bush believes the Israeli assaults into Palestinian areas could eventually undermine Israel's security by inciting more violence and even spread the conflict beyond the Israeli-Palestinian borders.

He also urged Israel to stop building settlements in Palestinian areas and "show a respect for — and concern about — the dignity of the Palestinian people." He said closed border crossings should be opened to allow for a freer flow of Palestinians.

"I speak as a committed friend of Israel, out of concern for its long-term security," Bush said.

To the Palestinians, Bush restated his warning that nations that help terrorists will be treated the same as terrorists.

NASA scrubs today's shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Leaking fuel at the pad forced NASA to call off today's planned launch of space shuttle Atlantis on a space station construction mission.

Officials said the leak occurred in a vent line outside the shuttle, at the base of the launch platform. The fuel could be seen, in a NASA videotape, streaming out in large, white clouds of gas and dissipating into the air.

The super-cold hydrogen fuel escaped from a pipe that appeared to have broken or come loose at a fitting.

No one was right at the pad because the fueling operation is hazardous, but sensors detected the escaping fuel, said Jack King, a spokesman for shuttle contractor United Space Alliance. NASA immediately halted the fueling, about an hour after it had begun.

"It's going to take some time to assess this," King said.

NASA could try again to launch Atlantis as early as Friday afternoon, if repairs can be made in time.

The leak was not in the plumbing that feeds liquid hydrogen into the shuttle's external tank, but rather in a line that vents excess fuel out into the atmosphere and thereby prevents a buildup of pressure in the tank. The fact that the leak occurred outside the shuttle makes the repairs much easier — and quicker.

Fuel leaks grounded the shuttle fleet for months in 1990, but those leaks happened inside the spaceships.

The seven astronauts were hours away from boarding Atlantis for the late-afternoon launch and had not even begun to suit up. The mission is to last 11 days and include four spacewalks.

Atlantis had been scheduled to lift off at 5:13 p.m. with the newest piece of the international space station, an elaborate 44-foot girder.

The launch time was not revealed by NASA until late Wednesday afternoon. Under a security policy adopted last month, the space agency will no longer announce shuttle launch times until 24 hours in advance, in hopes of thwarting terrorists.

On the Net:
NASA:
http://spaceflight.nasa.gov

Local officers respond to varying calls Wednesday

•Intruder

Darren Brooks requested an officer at 4317 CR 351 at 8 p.m. Wednesday in reference to two male subjects entering his residence and children being inside.

Brooks told the officers his wife was able to run the men off and they fled in a red, older model two-door convertible with a torn black top. The vehicle also had the word Turbo on the fender and a gold stripe down the side.

Officers were dispatched and were attempting to locate the vehicle.

•Arrest

DPS troopers arrested a 20-year-old man Wednesday evening for driving under the influence of alcohol.

•Burglary

Angel Gomez reported property missing from her residence on West 23rd Street Wednesday morning. Officers responded and submitted an offense report for burglary of a residence.

•Accident

A minor accident was reported in the 300 block of 35th Street Wednesday evening.

Involved was a 2000 Mitsubishi Montero driven by Branda Gutierrez, 28, of 3002 35th Street and a parked 1988 Honda Civic owned by Robert Greer of Spur.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at United Fuel reported a gas drive off at 4 p.m. Wednesday and provided officers with a description of the vehicle and the license plate information.

DWI nets Snyder woman probation

A 42-year-old Snyder woman will serve a one-year probated jail term following a guilty plea entered in 132nd District Court.

Connie Irene Gonzalez of 4012 Eastridge pleaded guilty to a Sept. 2, 2001 charge of felony driving while intoxicated.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Gonzalez to one year in the Scurry County Jail, probated for one year. The defendant also was sentenced to serve 240 hours in the county jail and fined $750.

Obituaries

Bill Hibbs

1926-2002

William Ray "Bill" Hibbs died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Hibbs, 75, is set for 9 a.m. Saturday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, officiating. Graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. in the Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Bill Hibbs

Born May 27, 1926 in Wichita Falls, he graduated from Wichita Falls Senior High School in 1943 and attended Hardin Jr. College in Wichita Falls before attending Texas A&M University and Western Texas College.

He entered the military on May 11, 1944, serving in the 96th Infantry Division in the South Pacific during World War II.

He married Johnnye Joyce Claer on Nov. 21, 1944 in Wichita Falls. He taught technical vocation school in Wichita Falls for 17 years and retired from The Texas Pipeline Company in 1987 after 21 years as an electrical supervisor.

He was a youth baseball coach in Wichita Falls for 15 years, had been a Mason since 1947 and was a member of the Faith Lodge No. 1158 in Wichita Falls, York Rite Bodies, Maskat Temple Shrine and Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce C. Hibbs of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Kristen and Garry Lake of San Angelo; a son and daughter-in-law, William R. Hibbs II and Vickie of Belton; a sister, Doris Perry of Fort Worth; and four grandchildren, Melissa Lake and Brian Lake of San Angelo, Brent Hibbs of Lubbock and Jeff Hibbs of Waco.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Hibbs.

Pallbearers will be Norris Lofton, Bud House, Van Conard, Cy Miller, Richard Hardin, James Lay, Jack Denman, Lloyd Knipe, Jim Palmer and Harry Krenek.

Louise Williamson

1924-2002

DALLAS – Emma Louise Williamson, the sister of Patsy Taylor of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 3, in the Hospice House in Odessa.

Services for Mrs. Williamson, 77, are pending at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Born June 2, 1924 in Bogota, she had lived in San Angelo since 1997, moving from Ft. Clark in Bracketville. A graduate of Snyder High School, Mrs. Williamson was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.W. Williamson, in 1998; and her parents, W.E. and Lula Mae McDowell.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Rayford and Joyce McDowell of Odessa; and another sister, Joann McCorkle of Odessa; a brother-in-law, Lawton Taylor of Snyder; numerous nieces and nephews, including Carrie Richardson of Snyder and Cynthia Davis of Columbia, S.C. and formerly of Snyder.

Laverne Everitt

1924-2002

VICTORIA — Laverne Hardin Everitt, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, March 13.

Service for Mrs. Everitt, 77, of Victoria was held Saturday in Colonial Funeral Home and interment followed in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Victoria.

Laverne Everitt

Born on June 8, 1924 in Quanah, she attended Snyder schools and graduated from Snyder High School in 1941. She married Karl D. Everitt in 1945. Mrs. Everitt owned Floral Arts by Laverne in Victoria and was a member of the College Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Ray F. and Martha Woody Hardin.

Survivors include her husband, Karl Everitt of Victoria; three sons, David Everitt of San Antonio, Danny Everitt and Randy Everitt, both of Houston; a sister, Louise Hardin Hamlin of Dallas; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Senior picture video

Pictures for the senior video must be turned in by Friday at the Snyder High School office.

Head Start fundraiser

Scurry County Head Start will have a community-wide garage sale and bake sale from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. The organization is accepting donated items and the funds will be used for end of school and graduation activities. Call 573-7403 and ask for Amy or Esther to donate items.

Spaghetti supper

A spaghetti supper will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Ira. Cost is $6 for adults, $3 for children under 12, under 5 is free. The money will go to help pay for summer camps for kids in the church.

Calvary Baptist revival

Clark Bosher of Arlington will be the evangelist for Calvary Baptist Church's revival Sunday through next Wednesday. Service times are 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship. Weeknight services are at 7. The church is located at 2405 35th St.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth's annual all-you-can-eat sausage festival will be from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door and adult tickets are $6.50, children 12 and under are $3.50, and all take-outs are $6.50. Sausage by the pound is $4 cooked and $3 uncooked.

Retired teachers

The Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. The program will be a book review by Jean Sealy.

Baptist Association Mission Fair

The Baptist Association Mission Fair will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Ira. Hot dogs, balloons and many activities will be a part of the fair, as well as meeting missionaries from different parts of the world.

Relay for Life

There will be a Relay for Life meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital's boardroom.

Alzheimer's meeting

A representative from the Alzheimer's Association of Midland will speak at a 6 p.m. meeting Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Please use the northeast entrance.

Relay for Life Mexican dinner

Hermleigh's Relay For Life team will have a Mexican pile-on dinner at 6:30 Tuesday in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 10.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located at 2603 Ave. M.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Assistance fund

A special Bouher Family Fund has been established at Spur Security Bank. Josh and Ashley Bouher were in an automobile accident March 22 that took the life of Ashley, and resulted in hospitalization for Josh. Mail donations to the bank at Box 549, Spur, 79370. Grandparents are Kenneth and Joyce Smith of Snyder.

Relay for Life fundraisers

There is a change in the date for the Relay for Life fundraisers. The garage sale has been moved to Saturday, April 13 at 9 a.m. in the Texas Savings Bank back parking lot. Also, Relay for Life team members will be selling kettle popcorn at Wal-Mart beginning at 9 a.m. on the same date. For advance orders, call Zelph Franklin, 573-2789 or Ann Everett, 573-3270 and leave a message.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., will hold a revival April 14-17. Jim Mosley is the evangelist and John Bullock will lead the music. Sunday services are Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and evening worship is at 6. Weekday services are at 7 p.m.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.