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Bush demands return of airmen from China

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today demanded China arrange the "prompt and safe return" of 24 U.S. crew members and their plane packed with spy technology, seeking to end a standoff reminiscent of the Cold War.

He said he was dismayed U.S. diplomats had not been given access to the crew after the plane made an emergency landing on the Chinese island of Hainan.

"I'm troubled by the lack of a timely Chinese response to this request for this access," he said on the White House lawn. Bush said failure to comply would be "inconsistent with standard diplomatic practice."

"Our priorities are the prompt and safe return of the crew and the return of the aircraft without further damaging or tampering," he said.

The U.S. plane collided with a Chinese jet fighter early Sunday.

U.S. officials sought to keep Chinese officials from boarding the Navy plane and ordered three Navy destroyers to stay near the island.

Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, protested the lack of access to the crew of the turboprop-driven EP-3, which is about the size of a Boeing 737 commercial jetliner.

"Under international law, that should've happened long ago, Shelton said in an interview. "We should have had access." He said it was "hard to imagine" the U.S. plane had initiated the collision.

China blames the U.S. plane for the crash, saying it suddenly veered into one of its F-8 fighters.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the crew had communicated after the collision to indicate no one was injured, but he said no one has spoken directly to them since they landed on Hainan.

Bush said U.S. officials had been in contact with the Chinese since the incident, which happened Saturday night U.S. time.

He offered assistance in finding the missing Chinese jet, one of two he said were shadowing the American plane when the collision happened. "Our military stands ready to help."

Chinese representatives have told U.S. officials the crew is safe, deputy White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

The U.S. destroyers happened to have stopped at Hong Kong en route home from the Persian Gulf when the EP-3 was forced to land, two officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The destroyers will remain in the area indefinitely instead of resuming their journey home, the officials said.

Bush discussed the incident today with his national security team, including Secretary of State Colin Powell, Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice, the national security adviser to the president.

A senior U.S. Navy admiral said today that Chinese officials have no right to board the U.S. plane.

Adm. Dennis Blair, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, said the plane, which contains sensitive cryptological and other electronic surveillance equipment, is considered sovereign territory, similar to an embassy.

"We physically cannot prevent the Chinese from boarding the plane," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"What protects the plane really is the concept of sovereign immunity."

Standard procedure under the circumstances would call for the EP-3 crew to destroy as much of the plane's highly sensitive surveillance equipment as possible once it landed on Chinese territory, said another U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

One official said that shortly after the collision the crew sent two messages — one to indicate no one aboard had been injured in the collision and another to indicate the plane had landed safely.

American officials say they don't know if Chinese officials have boarded the plane since it made the emergency landing.

"Our primary objective now is to get in touch with our people and ensure they are OK and get them back," Blair said. Fixing the plane and getting it back "is our second order of business here."



OUCH – Around 300 pets were vaccinated Saturday during the annual rabies vaccination day in Snyder. Dr. Jerry Early is shown vaccinating Cassie while the city's animal control warden Hope Carrillo assists. Dr. Charles Church also participated. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC board will discuss applicants

The search for a successor for Western Texas College President Dr. Harry Krenek continues with trustees scheduled to meet again this evening.

The board will convene at 5:45 p.m. in the boardroom. The meeting will then be moved to the cafeteria where trustees will meet in executive session over dinner, Dr. Krenek said.

Nine applications have been received.

"I feel like we have some very strong applicants among that number," Dr. Krenek said. "I am anticipating that the board will come up with a list of what they think are the finalists, and then they will proceed [with the interview phase.]"

The board has said it will reveal the candidates prior to the interviews, but it is known that two are local.

Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of instruction, is a candidate as is Dr. Missy Jones, assistant superintendent for the Snyder ISD.

Dr. Krenek has served as president for the past 14 years. His retirement is effective Aug. 31.

The board has no other business to consider this evening.

Ag conference Tuesday at Hermleigh

The Rolling Plains Agriculture Conference, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension offices in Scurry, Nolan and Mitchell counties, will be Tuesday at the Hermleigh Community Center with registration from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Scheduled morning speakers and their topics include Chad Hobbs, risk management alternatives; Dr. Calvin Trostle, grain sorghum and forage production; Dr. Chris Sansone, insect control in cotton; and Dr. Peter Dotray, weed control in cotton and grain sorghum.

Following a catered lunch by The Shed, the afternoon program resumes with Dr. Carl Anderson, cotton market update and forecast; Cleve Cleveland, boll weevil eradication update; and Dr. Billy Warrick, cotton production and management.

The program will conclude with laws and regulations and completion of CEU paperwork. Four continuing education units will be available for TDA Applicator License holders.

The cost of the conference is $5 and is payable at the door. For further information, contact County Agent Greg Gruben at the Scurry County Extension Office at 573-5423.

For Relay for Life...

Auction items on display

Items to be included in the Relay for Life Auction April 20 are on display at West Texas State Bank.

Among the items to be auctioned are five sculptures and two drawings by Lubbock artist Theresa Martin.

Martin became involved with the local Relay for Life following her meeting with Snyder resident Wanda Falls. Falls learned of Martin's battle with breast cancer over 18 years ago and invited her to attend the local event.

Martin's work is a reflection of her West Texas upbringing as the subjects range from wildlife, to Native Americans to cowboys.

The sculptures she has donated to the auction are a pewter cowboy, a pewter mare and colt, a wooden boy and a pewter frog.

Snyder residents Bill and Mary Eiland purchased a Theresa Martin sculpture at last year's auction because the piece mirrored their own family.

"It was three little girls and a little boy riding bareback on a horse on their way to school. We have three girls and a boy, so we couldn't pass that up," said Mrs. Eiland.

Much of Martin's work is housed in private and museum collections in the United States and abroad.

Her work was in the collection of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans and other collectors include Ken Curtis, Patsy Montana, Barry Corbin and Larry Gatlin.

Martin participates in only a few art shows each year, and her favorite charity work involves the local Relay for Life, and West Texas Rehabilitation Center charities in Lamesa and Stamford.

State Rep. David Counts and David and Donna Holt have contributed five Christmas ornaments from the Texas Capitol Gift Shop.

Local author and cancer survivor Charles Anderson is donating four books –*Buffalo to Oil, Deep Creek Merchant, Reflections* and *Confederate General.*

Painting being donated includes a rocking horse by Gary Landes, "Anticipation" from American State Bank, a watercolor from Billy Joe Jay and a poster of courthouses from Joe Falls.

Texas Savings Bank is donating a VCR, and Snyder National Bank is donating a $100 bill with hopes that auctioneer Sam Robertson can get more than face value for it. West Texas State Bank has donated a $100 savings bond in addition to displaying all the auction items.

Items of interest for children will include a toy bank from Snyder Lumber, and a tractor and trailer from John Deere Implements.

Beatrice Hargrove is donating a quilt-top. MD Laundry donated the pressing of the quilt and the Rock and Roll Quilting Club of Hermleigh actually did the quilting work.

John Reed of Southern Electric has donated a barbecue gas grill, and Larry Lee of Larry's Truck 'n Stuff has contributed an auto detail job.

Basketballs signed by the Texas Tech men's and women's teams will also be auctioned, as will a custom portrait package from Sears. Also on the auction block will be a teapot and pitcher from Shane Christensen.

During the relay, those interested in bidding on the items will be sitting in the west stands.

For additional information on the auction items, call chairperson Carole Haynes at 573-7874.



VOLUNTEERS — American Cancer Society volunteers Wanda Falls, left, and Sheila McCormack look at some the items that will be auctioned during the annual Relay For Life on April 20. The items will be on display at West Texas State Bank until the day of the auction. (Contributed Photo)



AUCTION DONOR — Dale Evans is pictured with artist Theresa Martin with a work Roy Rogers displayed before his death. (Contributed Photo)

ASK US

Q—When was the last time the Snyder Independent School District had to hold a trustee election?

A—In 1998, the last time there was a contested race for trustee.

FORECAST + ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 64 degrees; low, 47; high Sunday, 79; low, 47; 7 a.m. Monday 60; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.21 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low mid 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy, warm, high in 80s, W-SW wind, 10-20 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, low mid 50s.

Andrew Zapata
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:04 p.m.
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Of 91 days in 2001, the sun has shone 79 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I never criticize a player until they are first convinced of my unconditional confidence in their abilities.
—John Robinson

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Hispanic population surges in small towns

WASHINGTON (AP) — They came in droves to work in meatpacking plants in Minnesota and Nebraska, tend crops in Kentucky and manufacture carpets in Georgia mills.

Hispanics surged beyond the country's traditional immigrant gateways and into small Southern towns and Midwestern farm communities in the past decade, data from the 2000 census shows. They helped fill increasingly available low-wage jobs that opened up during the 1990s.

That growth also introduced new social dynamics and problems once thought strictly the province of big cities, from overcrowded schools and health centers to simple communication between English and non-English speakers.

"Variety is the spice of life," said Ilana Dubester, a Latino community liaison in Siler City, N.C. Hispanics made up 4 percent of the town's 4,808 people in 1990. By 2000, they constituted 39 percent of the Siler City's 6,966 residents, drawn by jobs at chicken-processing plants and textile mills.

The growth is "surprising to everybody," said Dubester, a native of Brazil who first arrived in Chicago but has lived in North Carolina the past 11 years. "But when you have industries here without labor, and labor across the border that needs work, it's a natural chain of events."

Nationally, the Hispanic population grew 58 percent, from 22.4 million in 1990 to 35.3 million in 2000. Hispanics drew virtually even with non-Hispanic blacks as the country's largest minority group.

New York, Los Angeles, San Diego and other cities remained urban cores for the Latino population. Leading states are New Mexico, Texas, Florida and Arizona.

The Hispanic population in New Mexico, for instance, grew 32 percent in the decade. In 2000, the state's 765,000 Hispanics were 42 percent of the total population, the highest percentage in the country.

In Los Angeles, about 47 percent of residents identified themselves as Hispanics, while 27 percent of New York City residents did so.

But the once-a-decade head count of America also provided evidence to support a projected trend: growth among Latinos across the South and Midwest in states that, until recently, were primarily made up of non-Hispanic whites and blacks.

Among the findings:

—North Carolina led the country in Hispanic growth, up 394 percent over the decade, followed by Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee and Nevada.

—While the actual number of Hispanics was far fewer than California, Midwestern states such as Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa had greater growth rates.

"This is no different than the settlement of the prairie a century ago," said Marcie McLaughlin, executive director of Minnesota Rural Partners, a Redwood Falls, Minn.-based economic development program.

"Some communities have made more of a conscious effort of welcoming (Hispanics) because they realize they are now a part of the economic fabric," McLaughlin said.

Much of the growth in those states resulted from a higher-than-expected influx of immigration during the prosperous 1990s, demographers said.

But many of those new residents also arrived from American urban centers as well in the search for work and a better quality of life, said Linda Barros, director of new programs for the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Latino civil rights organization.

Al Lopez is proof. He came to the mainland from Puerto Rico 13 years ago, living first in Oklahoma before settling in Rogers, Ark., in 1994.

Lopez is now a counselor at Rogers High School, a liaison to the fast-growing Hispanic student population. When he first came, there were 40 Hispanic students; now they account for about 20 percent of the school's 2,500 students.

"I saw it coming when I first started to work here. They were not migrant workers arriving, but people looking for a better style of life," Lopez said. "They're here to stay."

On the Net: Census Bureau: http://www.census.gov
National Council of La Raza: http://www.nclr.org/
Minnesota Rural Partners: http://www.minnesotaruralpartners.com/

Police seek videotape of alleged assault

GALVESTON (AP) — Gulf coast law officers trying to gather evidence in the reported rape of a teen-ager on Crystal Beach during spring break are seeking a videotape that was made by one witness to the attack.

Galveston County sheriff's officers planned today to seek a subpoena forcing a Houston television station to hand over a copy of the videotape.

Television station KHOU aired a portion of the 50-second tape during its 10 p.m. broadcast on Saturday.

Deputies planned to ask the district attorney for an order forcing the station to hand over the tape, Capt. B.J. Miller, an investigator for the Sheriff's Office, told The Galveston County Daily News in today's online edition.

"We're going to have to obtain a subpoena," he said.

Mike Devlin, news director of KHOU-Channel 11 in Houston, said the station would comply with any court order to hand over the tape.

Devlin told The Associated Press on Sunday that the station received the tape Friday night. He said the 18-year-old high school senior's parents confirmed Saturday that she was the victim on the 50-second tape.

But Galveston County Sgt. Randle Burrows told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions that he hadn't seen the tape, so he doesn't know if it is the same footage allegedly shot by a bystander when the teen was attacked in her car on March 13.

"We don't even know if that's the right video. They've told us to come up and view it, but we're not going to play that game with them," said Burrows.

As described by a station producer, the tape called into question the accuracy of some reports made to police about the attack. He said the tape showed the girl waving her bikini top out of a car window and several boys running up to the car to fondle her.

But Miller said investigators would continue to treat the event as a sexual assault. Even if the woman gave consent for the men to touch her, she retained the right to withdraw consent at any time, he said.

"Until we view the tape, we're going to remain objective," said Miller.

The station, which bought the rights to the videotape along with CNN, had asked police to view it to additionally confirm that it depicts the victim, said Devlin.

The video's maker, Justin Fletcher, told KHOU he disputed the teen-ager's claim that she was raped.

But the victim's mother contended her daughter was still assaulted.

"Even if she did tempt them, it doesn't give them a right ... to do that to anyone," the mother told the station.

More than two dozen people watched as the woman was cornered by a crowd along the beach. The victim told police that two men entered her car before she could lock the doors. She said that one raped her and the other forced her to perform oral sex. Witnesses saw her struggle and try to resist the attackers.

A witness alerted nearby deputies to the mob, but the crowd of 25 to 30 people scattered when authorities shined spotlights in the area. The victim was taken to a University of Texas Medical Branch hospital for treatment.

Hundreds of calls were received on the attack, but Burrows said authorities have no leads and no arrests have been made.

Immigrant marriages increase in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Tracking a nationwide boom, marriage licenses to undocumented immigrants are up by more than 20 percent this year in Dallas County, officials say.

Thousands of undocumented immigrants are trying to beat an April 30 deadline to apply for legal status under a provision of an immigration law that Congress passed late last year.

One way undocumented immigrants can qualify for the provision is to marry a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant.

"There really is a big increase here," said Donna Sherbet, recording manager at the county clerk's office, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

As of Friday morning, 1,258 licenses had been issued at the downtown office during March. That compares with 860 for all of March last year and 967 for March 1999.

The Legal Immigration and Family Equity Act of 2000 temporarily revives a section of U.S. immigration law, known as 245(i), that allows certain qualified immigrants to complete the process of becoming legal without having to leave the United States.

They can do so by having a qualified relative or employer apply for them. But they are required to pay a $1,000 penalty fee, prove they have been living in the United States since Dec. 21 and apply by April 30.

Spouses of U.S. citizens and legal immigrants are among those who apply. Officials say that's one of the reasons for the recent increase in marriages.

There was a similar rush in late 1997 and early 1998 when the original 245(i) provision expired.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service will try to ferret out any fraudulent marriages, Ligon said. Anyone who enters into a fraudulent marriage to gain an immigration benefit is subject to criminal prosecution, he said.

Fernando Dubove, a Dallas attorney who specializes in immigration law, said he has seen a substantial number of people asking if they could benefit from getting married before April 30.

"The first thing I tell them is, 'Don't get married just for your papers.' That is one sure way to get in trouble with the INS. I believe that in many cases, INS officials in Dallas start with the assumption that most marriages involving immigrants are fraudulent, and you really have to prove that it is a genuine marriage," Dubove said.

"For the most part, what I'm seeing are couples who have been together for a long time, often there are already children from the relationship, who are deciding that because of the law, it is a good time to get married," Dubove said.

Undocumented workers who return home after staying illegally in the United States for at least six months can be barred from re-entry for three years. If they stayed in the United States for up to a year, they can be prohibited from returning for up to 10 years.

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The ticket was sold in: Mission, Texas.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 13, 21, 24, 28, 40, 49.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

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Berry's World



Date Book

Today is the 92nd day of 2001 and the 14th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1792, Congress authorized the minting of gold coins in denominations of $2.50, $5 and $10.

On this day in 1879, commercial telephone service began between Springfield and Holyoke, Mass.

On this day in 1960, the USS Glacier began providing helicopter and boat transportation, and emergency supplies, to the inhabitants of flood-stricken Paramaribo, Brazil.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Giacomo Girolamo Casanova (1725-1798), writer-adventurer; Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875), writer; Emile Zola (1840-1902), writer; Buddy Ebsen (1908-), actor-dancer, is 93; Alec Guinness (1914-2000), actor; Marvin Gaye (1939-1984), singer-songwriter; Don Sutton (1945-), baseball player, is 56; Emmylou Harris (1947-), singer, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1935, Mary Hirsch became the first American woman to get a license to train thoroughbred horses.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every man's life is a fairy tale written by God's finger." — Hans Christian Anderson

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (April 1).

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Health care providers look for ways to attract nurses

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — While the economy experiences chills, dot-com companies are downright sick and high-tech jobs are flatlining, there is a healthy bright spot in a more traditional profession.

A shortage of registered nurses is forcing hospitals in some parts of the country to offer potential employees cash signing bonuses, child care and maid service.

At a recent career fair in Spokane, representatives of health care companies used plates of chocolate chip cookies and a bedpan filled with candy to entice graduating nurses to sign on the dotted line.

The Intercollegiate College of Nursing sponsors the twice-annual career fairs that are well attended by representatives of hospitals, long-term care centers and other health-related businesses.

For good reason.

In each of the past five years, an average of 3,000 fewer nurses graduated from baccalaureate programs, according to studies by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that by the year 2020, the nation will have 20 percent fewer registered nurses than it needs.

The shortage will be felt most acutely when baby boomers begin to retire around 2010, increasing the need for registered nurses, who will also start retiring.

"Market demand combined with workplace issues such as workload, staffing, career prospects and pay are the primary reasons for nursing turnover," said Mary Foley, president of the American Nurses Association, which represents 200,000 of the nation's registered nurses. "Unless these issues are addressed, strategies to increase the overall supply of nurses will not be successful."

Nursing school enrollments have declined for years for a number of complex reasons, said Bronwynne Evans, an Intercollegiate College of Nursing professor who organized this year's career fair.

Many potential students are finding less stressful jobs elsewhere that have better hours and better pay, she said. The numbers of postgraduate nursing students also are declining, meaning there are fewer candidates for nursing school teaching positions.

Deans of many nursing colleges complain that many students are dissuaded from nursing careers because of outdated reports of cost-cutting and layoffs that occurred when many hospitals and nursing homes reacted to the influx of managed health care, said Anne Hirsch, ICN associate dean for academic affairs.

That has changed, and many health care facilities now have trouble meeting their needs for registered nurses, she said.

Some hospitals offer as much as $5,000 signing bonuses, tuition and loan reimbursement programs, child care subsidies, flexible hours and other enticements.

Desperate for experienced nurses for its expanding cardiovascular unit, Community Hospitals of Indianapolis last year offered maid or lawn service for signing.

Evans said the career fair started four years ago in response to a critical shortage of nurses in long-term care facilities, but has since expanded to include hospitals and home-care agencies.

Among those recently prowling the fair's booths was Jason Montgomery, who will graduate in May. The 39-year-old spent 12 years in the Marine Corps before deciding to become a nurse.

Survey says students have access to guns, take them to school

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly half of the nation's high school students have easy access to guns, and more than one in five high school boys have taken a weapon to school in the last year, according to a survey released Sunday.

Forty-seven percent of high school students said they could obtain a gun if they wanted to, while 22 percent of middle school students said they could get a firearm, according to a nationwide survey conducted last year by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Josephson Institute of Ethics, based in Marina del Rey, Calif.

"The seeds of violence can be found in schools all over America," said Michael Josephson, the institute's president. "Today's teens, especially boys, have a high propensity to use violence when they are angry, they have easy access to guns, drugs and alcohol, and a disturbing number take weapons to school."

Students who use drugs and alcohol at school are even more likely to obtain and carry weapons, the survey of about 15,800 high school and middle school students revealed. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The study revealed that 19 percent of high school boys and 9 percent of middle school boys admitted to being drunk at school within the last year, compared to 12 percent of high school girls and 5 percent of middle school girls.

While 14 percent of high school students and 11 percent of middle school students reported bringing a weapon to school within the last twelve months, 48 percent of high school students and 57 percent of middle school students who admitted coming to school drunk said they brought a weapon to school during that period.

The prevalence of weapons in schools and a cavalier attitude toward violence has taken its toll on students' peace of mind, the survey showed. More than one in three high school students surveyed said they don't feel safe at school.

"To us, the key is to make kids better decision makers, and that is something we as parents have failed to do," said Institute spokesman Tom DeCair. "Parents are the first line of defense in building a kid's character."

On the Net: http://www.charactercounts.org/

Report says airline service continues to decrease in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite promises by the airline industry, more flights are late, more passengers are bumped and more baggage is mishandled, a new study finds.

The annual study by two university professors found airline service continuing to decline at a time when Congress is considering legislation intended to help consumers.

"It seems the airline industry is its own worst enemy," said the report issued Monday by Brent Bowen, director of the aviation institute at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Dean Headley, associate professor of marketing at Wichita State University. The study was funded by the universities.

Based on data collected by the Transportation Department, the report found that last year:

—Flights of the 10 major carriers were on time 72.6 percent of the time, down from 76.1 percent in 1999.

—The Transportation Department received 2.98 complaints for every 100,000 passengers, a 20 percent increase over the 2.48 in 1999.

—For every 1,000 bags checked, airlines mishandled or lost 5.29, up from 5.08 in 1999.

—The rate of passengers being bumped from airlines against their wishes rose from 0.88 per 10,000 in 1999 to 1.04.

"Generally, the consumer wants to be treated with more respect and receive more reliable service," the report said. "Many think it will take an act of Congress to exact this from the airlines."

With Congress considering legislation in 1999, the airlines and the Transportation Department instead agreed on a package of voluntary standards. The department's inspector general reported in February that customer service had improved but still had a long way to go.

The Senate Commerce Committee approved a bill this year to make the airlines' voluntary consumer guidelines a legal contract with passengers; require airlines to disclose on-time performance of flights when customers buy tickets or make reservations; and require the industry to establish a timetable for reducing the number of flights delayed at least 30 minutes.

The House is considering similar legislation. "I've got nothing to lose," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., whose Appropriations transportation subcommittee held two hearings on airline delays last month. "My service is so bad, it couldn't get any worse."

Michael Wascom, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, the trade group for the major airlines, noted that the inspector general in his February report cited substantial improvements in customer service.

"He applauded the progress that had been made," Wascom said. "To ignore the positive steps that have been taken is simply disingenuous and misleading to the public. No one can argue that we are not fulfilling our commitments."

In addition, the ATA has announced steps to tell airline passengers of the lowest available fares when they buy their tickets, notify passengers whether a flight is delayed before they leave for the airport and create a task force to ensure that the information on airport monitors is correct.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



♠ 4
♥ A 10 9 7 5
♦ K J 9
♣ J 8 6 2

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

East
♠ —
♥ K Q J 6 2
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ Q 10 7 4

South
♠ A K Q J 5 3
♥ 4
♦ A Q 6 5 2
♣ 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♣ K

Monday, April 2, 2001

A day late, but no foul

By Phillip Alder
English/Japanese
All speak the language of bridge
Let the world converse
— Joseph Tanne, Conshohocken, Pa.

As regular readers will know, I normally run a bizarre deal on April Fools' Day. Well, that was yesterday, and most papers do not publish my column on Sunday. So, a day late, have a look first only at the South hand. You are playing rubber bridge for good stakes. Your side has won the first game on the preceding deal. The auction starts with three passes to you. What would you do?

As a slam is possible, maybe you open with one spade, or with a strong two-bid (two clubs or two spades, according to partnership preference). However, at the table, South started with four spades, hoping to freeze the opponents out of the auction and win a speedy 700-point rubber.

Unexpectedly, West doubles. After two passes, would you pass, redouble, or run, presumably to five diamonds?

South passed.

West leads the club king. Now look at the dummy. What's your prognostication?

Finally, look at all 52 cards. How many tricks will you win? Which contract would you prefer to be in?

West continued clubs to keep one trump ahead of declarer. Amazingly, South won only six spades, one heart and one diamond: two down.

Well done if you chose three no-trump; that's the only makable game. Even five diamonds cannot succeed with best defense.

After writing plus 500 onto his scoresheet, West murmured, "Glad I didn't open three spades, partner!"

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ACROSS

1 Official proclamation
6 Opposite of all
10 Author Jean-Paul —
12 Exertion
14 Hemingway or Borgnine
15 Scamper off
16 Hot season, for Pierre
17 Likely
19 Author's encl.
20 General sense of unease
23 Kitchen tool
26 Roman 1,006
27 Dyeing containers
30 Former energy secretary Hazel —
32 Lacking pigment
34 Actor Estevez
35 Pantry
36 Hosiery shade
37 Cavity in a rock
39 Bearded animals
40 Threatens
42 De — (again)
45 Mail-center abbr.
46 D.C. lobbying org.
49 Director May
51 Primary cell
54 Thicker
55 Aviation hero Chuck —
56 Concerning (2 wds.)
57 Make reparations

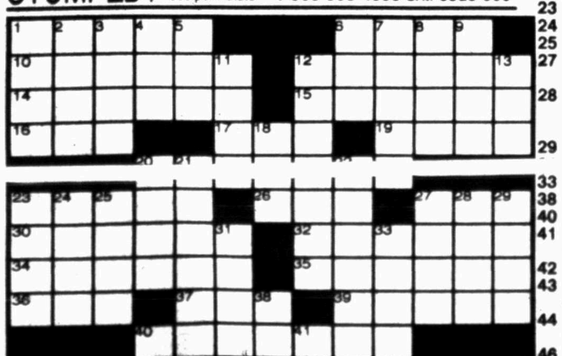
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2 Go- — (small wagon)
3 "Rule, Britannia" composer
4 Sault — Marie
5 Ums' kin
6 Gridder org.
7 Handy (2 wds.)
8 Ibsen character
9 Slips up
11 And others (2 wds.)
12 Of summer
13 Nautical rope
18 Tennis player Shriver
20 Supper, e.g.
21 Get there
22 Fodder
23 Yeats, e.g.
24 — mater
25 Harness part
27 Baseball player Blue
28 Work without — — (take risks)
29 Rocky hills
33 Some sibs
38 Breach
40 Damp
41 Snug and warm
42 Actor Sparks
43 Genus of olive trees
44 Moving vehicles
46 Type of stick
47 Solar disk
48 Wax
50 "Classical" start
52 Cry of affirmation
53 Hood's rod

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	O	S	T	A			B	O	R	A		
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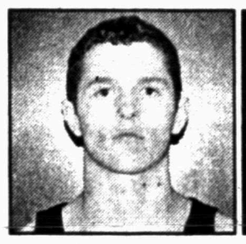
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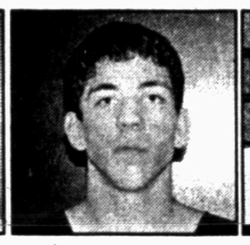
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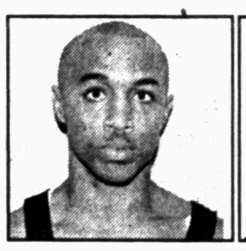
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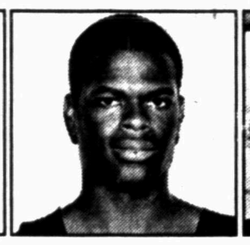
Hoopsters earn area recognition


Pinkerton


Thornhill


Delce


Wofford


Taylor


Eicke


Kallemeyn


Callaway


Clements

Several area high school players earned recognition on the *Abilene Reporter-News* All-Big Country basketball teams.

The list was headed by Snyder senior Heath Pinkerton who was named All-Big Country Super Team player of the year.

The 6-3 wing, who also earned player of the year honors on the Class 4A/5A squad, led the Tigers in scoring this past season.

Pinkerton was joined on the Super Team by fellow senior Jared Thornhill (6-3), while Ashley Delce (6-0) was selected for the girls' Super Team.

Thornhill was also a first-team selection on the 4A/5A team, while fellow Tigers Jamaal Wofford (5-9) and Shante Taylor (6-6) were second-team selections.

Delce was a first-team honoree for the 4A/5A girls' team, and Snyder's T'Leah Eicke (5-5) and Kameron Kallemeyn 5-11) earned second-team recognition.

On the Class A girls' squad, Hermleigh's Sheena Callaway (5-3) and Ira's Morgan Clements (5-11) earned first-team honors.

SHS netters grab title of Mason event

MASON — In its final tune-up before the District 4-4A tournament, Snyder High School captured the team title of the Mason Tennis Invitational.

Spurred by a first-place finish in boy's doubles, Snyder held off Fredericksburg, 40-37, in the team standings.

"This was a good win for us," said Snyder coach Brad Wikse. "I think this should give our kids a big boost of confidence for the district tournament."

Seniors Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith secured the top spot in boys' doubles. The Tiger duo cruised through the initial rounds with victories over teams from Eldorado, San Saba and Reagan County. Gibson and Smith knocked off a Fredericksburg tandem, 6-4, 6-3, in the finals.

Horacio DePaz was runner-up in boys' singles, while Andra Dunham took second in the girls' singles competition.

DePaz won back-to-back three-set decisions over players from Llano and Ozona, before falling to the eventual champion from Wall, 6-1, 6-1.

Dunham put together a string of victories before dropping a 6-3, 6-2 match to the champion from Midland Christian, who had toppled Snyder's Patricia Vargas in the semifinals.

"Pat and Andra are playing well right now," Wikse stated. "I think they have a chance to meet each other in the finals of the district tournament."

Top two squads set to meet for national title

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Somebody asked Lute Olson what Arizona's biggest challenge would be against a Duke team few opponents have stopped this season.

Five minutes later, Olson wrapped up his reply.

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski has a similar laundry list about Arizona's strong points.

Such is life when the two teams considered the best in the country in the preseason actually make it to the NCAA title game.

Sure, there have been good matchups in the past, but the Duke-Arizona final tonight has been almost universally regarded as one of the most exquisitely balanced championship games anyone can remember.

"I'm sure it's going to be a very interesting 40 minutes for everyone," Olson said.

Arizona was ranked first and Duke second in the preseason poll. The Wildcats had some well-documented problems along the way, while Duke made it through with only four defeats despite the temporary loss of starting center Carlos Boozer to a foot injury.

In the end, however, college basketball will get a true champion — not just a good team on a hot streak — a group good enough to cope with its opponents and great expectations.

"It's fitting that the two best teams are meeting to play for the national championship," Duke All-American Shane Battier said. "That's the way it should be. The true champions should have to beat the best teams."

Speaking of that, Arizona is trying to duplicate its 1997 achievement of beating three top-seeded teams on the way to its title. Those Wildcats are the only team to do that.

The differences between 1997 and this year's team are too numerous to list. Most notable among them are the difficulties this year's team has endured, especially the death of Olson's wife, Bobbi, like a mother to many of these players.

On the court, the 1997 team was a plucky underdog; this team has had visions of a title since the first practice.

"From the start of the year, their focus has been on getting to this game and having a chance to win the national championship," Olson said. "And there may have been some difficult times along the way."

Duke has taken the identical road to this point as it did in 1992 — Greensboro, N.C., Philadelphia, Minneapolis — when it won the second of its back-to-back titles.

Since the UCLA dynasty ended in the 1970s, Duke has established itself as one of the two or three most storied programs in the country. This is its ninth trip to the Final Four since 1986. Two years ago, the Blue Devils were 36-1 and heavy favorites to win the championship, but came up one win short.

They overcame a 22-point deficit in the semifinal against Maryland on Saturday night, and Battier felt it was more than just Xs and Os that got them through.

"It was just a matter of relaxing, looking each other in the eye and saying, 'Hey, let's do the things we've done all year long and do it because we're Duke,'" Battier said. "We expect to do it at a high level."

When it comes to stopping Duke, Olson's many concerns are justified.

The Blue Devils made the most 3-pointers (398) in NCAA history and lead the nation by making 10.6 a game. They're more relentless rebounders than most teams give them credit for, and they might have the best point guard in the country in Jason Williams.

Arizona presents its own problems.

All five starters average double-digits in points, and the Wildcats are versatile, able to run with teams who play that style and pound with Big Ten teams like Illinois and Michigan State who try to outmuscle them.

Both teams agree that beating the best would be the most satisfying way to win a championship.

"They are the best team on the East Coast and we're one of the better ones in the West," Arizona guard Richard Jefferson said. "This is basically everything it's meant to be."

Arizona is a 31/2-point underdog in a game in which injuries from Saturday's semifinals could play a factor.

Arizona guard Gilbert Arenas, the Wildcats' leading scorer, was being treated Sunday morning after taking a shot to the chest against Michigan State.

WTC wins Big Spring rodeo

BIG SPRING — Western Texas College picked up the momentum it needed, prior to hosting its own rodeo.

The Western Texas men captured the title of the Howard College rodeo, while the Lady Westerners finished third.

It was the first victory of the spring for the WTC men, and should be a momentum booster heading into this week's Western Texas College rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum.

"Over the last couple of weeks, we had our two rodeos where we didn't finish at the top in points," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "Now we're back to finishing like we're accustomed to. This is good for us heading into our rodeo, because it's going to be one of the most competitive rodeos we've had here in a long time."

Rawley McFarland led the Westerners' effort in Big Spring. McFarland's ride of 75 was tops in the short round of the saddle bronc competition, and put the WTC cowboy second in the average. J.W. Todd was fourth overall.

Bull rider Sean Willingham scored an 83 to finish second in the finals and second overall, while bareback rider Tyson Thompson was third.

Joseph Gernantz won the steer wrestling finals with a time of 4.3 seconds. Steven Turner took fourth.

On the women's side, Tibba Smith registered a time of 3.4 seconds to grab second place in the breakaway roping finals. Smith also finished second in the average, while Kassie Mowry was third in the barrel racing.

Western Texas will host its rodeo Thursday through Saturday at the coliseum. Performances begin nightly at 7 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults 13 and up, while children under 12 get in free.

Sports Briefs

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Lions Club tournament

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

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

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

Notre Dame wins women's title

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Notre Dame pulled off yet another comeback, this one for the biggest prize of all.

The Irish clawed and scratched their way back from deficits time after time and beat Purdue 68-66 on Ruth Riley's two free throws with 5.8 seconds left to win their first national championship.

Notre Dame trailed by 12 points in the first half and was down 66-64 with a little more than a minute to play when Riley came through, scoring the Irish's final four points.

Purdue's Katie Douglas missed an 18-foot shot at the buzzer, the ball hitting the front of the rim and bouncing off the backboard as the game ended.

Garciaparra placed on DL

BALTIMORE (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra, who didn't play in any spring training games, was placed on the 15-day disabled list by Boston.

Saturday's move is retroactive to March 22, meaning Garciaparra could be activated next Saturday, but the three-time All-Star is likely to have surgery and miss 21/2-4 months.

Garciaparra split a tendon in the wrist after he was hit by a pitch from Baltimore's Al Reyes in September 1999.

McCarron nabs BellSouth title

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Scott McCarron shot 1-over par during a two-round, 36-hole marathon, good enough for a three-stroke victory and his first triumph on the PGA Tour since 1997.

His last win also came in the BellSouth Classic, the tournament's first year at the TPC at Sugarloaf.

McCarron closed with rounds of 72 and 73 in the windy conditions for an 8-under 280 total.

Local Schedule

TODAY
Golf
Snyder boys at San Angelo
Snyder girls at Plainview
TUESDAY
Baseball
Andrews at Snyder, 7 p.m.
Softball
Snyder at Lake View, 6:30
THURSDAY
Rodeo
WTC rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Florida	0	0	.000	—
Montreal	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	—

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	—
St. Louis	0	0	.000	—

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	0	0	.000	—
Colorado	0	0	.000	—
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	—
San Diego	0	0	.000	—
San Francisco	0	0	.000	—

Monday's Games
Atlanta (Burkett 10-6) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 8-6), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 11-9) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 12-11), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 20-9) at Colorado (Hampton 15-10), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 4-19) at Florida (Dempster 14-10), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 10-8) at San Francisco (Hernandez 17-11), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 7-9) at Los Angeles (Park 18-10), 4:10 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.

American League
East Division

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

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Kansas City	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	0	0	.000	—
Oakland	0	0	.000	—
Seattle	0	0	.000	—
Texas	0	1	.000	½

Sunday's Games
Toronto 8, Texas 1
Monday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Wells 20-8) at Cleveland (Colon 15-8), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 10-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-8), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Martinez 18-6) at Baltimore (Hentgen 15-12), 3:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 20-6) at Seattle (Garcia 9-5), 10:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Minnesota at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	51	22	.699	—
x-Miami	43	29	.597	7½
x-New York	43	30	.589	8
Orlando	40	33	.548	11
Boston	33	40	.452	18
New Jersey	28	50	.359	28½
Washington	18	55	.247	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	46	27	.630	—
Charlotte	41	32	.562	5
Toronto	40	33	.548	6
Indiana	33	40	.452	13
Detroit	27	46	.370	19
Cleveland	26	47	.356	20
Atlanta	23	51	.311	23½
Chicago	12	60	.167	33½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	51	22	.699	—
x-Utah	49	24	.671	2
Dallas	47	26	.644	4
Minnesota	43	30	.589	8
Houston	40	34	.541	11½
Denver	35	39	.473	16½
Vancouver	21	53	.284	30½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	49	23	.681	—
L.A. Lakers	48	26	.649	2
Portland	47	26	.644	2½
Phoenix	45	27	.625	4
Seattle	41	34	.547	9½
L.A. Clippers	27	47	.365	23
Golden State	17	56	.233	32½

x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Houston 96, Washington 80
Atlanta 99, Denver 88
Miami 97, Chicago 90
Milwaukee 86, San Antonio 77
L.A. Clippers 104, Cleveland 97
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 104, Indiana 93
Utah 92, Vancouver 73
Charlotte 80, Boston 79
Minnesota 99, Portland 95
Orlando 104, Toronto 101
New York 79, L.A. Lakers 78
New Jersey 101, Houston 98
Detroit 104, Golden State 87
Dallas 119, Sacramento 107
Phoenix 106, Milwaukee 99
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Girls' Little Dribblers

8-YEAR-OLDS
Swifts 11, Hornets 4
Swifts: Deidra Foree, 8; Kelsi Williams, 2; Jacoree Brooks, 1. **Hornets:** Kailey Glenn and Savannah Valdez, 2.

Suns 20, Nikes 11
Suns: Ashton Burton, 10; Ayeshia Greathouse, 4; Anna Fortney, Kaylee Lord and Tiffany Stack, 2. **Nikes:** Madison Guzman and Meagan Robbins, 4; Jessica Ibarra, 3.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Wildcats 43, Sharpshooters 13
Wildcats: Shaquita Sneed, 24; Heather Newton, 9; Tosha McGlouthin, 6; Chassidy Sterling, 4. **Sharpshooters:** Brittany Mitchell, 5; Lindsey Urias, 4; Rainie Moore and Ashley Trotter, 2.

Swoopsters 17, Little Tigers 11
Swoopsters: Erma Rodriguez, 17. **Little Tigers:** Chelsea Castillo, 7; Jaclyn DeLeon, 3; Jordan Wright, 1.

Rockets 26, Sharp Shooters 10
Rockets: Samantha Medrano, 12; Teryn Sullenger, 10; Larissa Arellano and Casey Williamson, 2. **Sharp Shooters:** Brittany Mitchell, 10.

Mystics 20, Hot Shots 11
Mystics: Britney Webb, 9; K'Ana Garcia, 6; Ryanna Alexander, 4; Ashley Hagins, 1. **Hot Shots:** Briana Bryant, 5; Shandy McMullan, 4; Kayli Brewster, 2.

MAJOR LEAGUE
Panthers 29, Starzz 13
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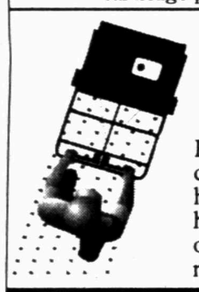
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LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair postponed local elections in Britain today because of the foot-and-mouth epidemic, a signal that national elections have also been put off until June.

Blair, who had been expected to call national elections on May 3, made no comment on the date for a national vote. But Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott said today that he had wanted a May national election, and had lost the argument.

With more than 900 cases confirmed since the outbreak was detected on Feb. 20, Britain is struggling to control the epidemic. Blair came under strong pressure from farmers, Church of England bishops and the opposition Conservative party to put off a national election.

"Our task ... now is to complete the putting in place of the short-, medium- and long-term strategies to insure the eventual eradication of the disease. Whilst this is going on, I believe it would not be appropriate to hold these elections on the 3rd of May," Blair said outside his office at No. 10 Downing St.

Prescott, in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. radio, said he "was rather an advocate for May but I knew it was a very difficult decision." Many Labor party lawmakers, eager to capitalized on their strong poll ratings, had been pressing for a

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Atrial fibrillation needs C

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have atrial fibrillation, for which I have been prescribed Coumadin to lessen the risk of blood clots that could cause stroke. Now my primary care physician wants to take me off Coumadin and substitute aspirin. My cardiologist opposes this move. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: Atrial fibrillation is a cardiac affliction marked by an irregular (and sometimes rapid) pulse. Although not a serious health condition, it can predispose patients to stroke if blood clots from within the fibrillating heart break off and are carried to the brain. Consequently, medical authorities have urged primary care doctors to treat such patients with Coumadin, an anticoagulant. In fact, many experts are dismayed that more doctors fail to prescribe Coumadin under these circumstances.

Therefore, I do not understand your physician's suggestion to substitute aspirin, a weak anticoagulant. This recommendation seems to go against sound medical principles and, in this instance, I side with your cardiologist.

Having said that, I must emphasize that I am not personally acquainted with your health problems. Perhaps your physician (who IS familiar with you) is the best judge of what therapy is appropriate. Rather then placing you in the middle of a medical disagreement, the doctor and the cardiologist should put their heads together and arrive at a consensus. Insist that they confer and, if necessary, obtain a third opinion from another cardiologist. However, I'd be surprised if the final vote were other than Coumadin: 2, aspirin: 0.

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

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like a child," said Puente, 42. "It livens up the place. What do I have in common with some East Texas representative from the timber country unless I lock him in the bathroom?"

Such a restroom, reserved for lawmakers and staff, is behind the Appropriations Committee meeting room.

In the last legislative session, Republican lawmaker Todd Staples of Palestine, then a House member and now a senator, was the East Texas target.

Secretary of State Henry Cuellar, described by one state representative as Puente's "partner in crime" when both were in the House, recently reminded Puente to take out his trash. The refuse, stuffed in a small, plastic grocery bag, included some rotten meat.

"The next morning when he was leaving, he said, 'Got my trash.' I said, 'Good.' And that was it — I thought that was it," said Cuellar.

But after he left for the Capitol, driving on Interstate 35, Cuellar got a few looks from fellow drivers.

The parking guard stopped him at the Capitol.

"He goes to the front of the car, and I noticed he was doing something to the grille. And all of a sudden, here comes the trash bag," he said.

Puente had looped the handles of the bag over the vehicle's front license plate.

"It fit very neatly," Puente said.

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In Sunday's SDN, Cole McLeod's name was inadvertently omitted from an article which listed the Snyder High School students who placed at District UIL events Friday in Big Spring. He received third in informative speaking.

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Bank records tell the story of freed slaves

WASHINGTON (AP) — A young boy is stolen away from Africa, sold into slavery, left to fend for himself after winning his freedom in the Civil War.

Buried in the 1870 bank record for 20-year-old George Thompson is much more than the dry stuff of deposits, withdrawals, dollars and cents.

His life story unfolds in a new collection of records from the Freedman's Bank that offers glimpses into a period in America's history when blacks moved from slavery to citizenship.

"Doesn't know father or mother's names or brothers and sisters. Was stolen away from Africa, thinks when he was about 15 years old," says the record for Thompson, who worked as a driver for a doctor and deposited his money in the bank's New York branch.

Created by President Lincoln in 1865, mostly to help freed slaves after the war, the Freedman's Bank folded within a decade, costing depositors some or all of their savings.

More than a century later, the surviving records are making it easier for many Americans to search out their pasts.

The bank records tell when and where an account was opened and, in most cases, list the depositor's age, address, occupation, military history — even height and complexion.

Names of former slave owners were sometimes listed, too.

"Has two moles under the right eye. Widow. Rents from Mrs. Crawley," reads part of the May 1869 notation on the bank card of Mary J. Green.

David Tavis, who opened an account in the Washington branch in September 1866 with $10, is described in precise terms. "5 ft. 4 in. Dark," his record says.

The files also note when a depositor "signed own name," suggesting some could read and write.

Unsure, perhaps, of how they'd fare on their own, some depositors left explicit instructions on how their savings should be handled. Sarah Nugent, born free in Charles County, Md., and the mother of William Henry, put $20 into a new account in Washington in March 1868.

"I desire that whatever money I may have in the bank in case of my death to be paid to my son above named," said Nugent, who lived near what is now Washington's Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

Not all the bank's depositors were black.

Whites, often immigrants from Germany, Ireland and Italy, trusted the Freedman's Bank with their savings, too. Other account holders were natives of Africa and the West Indies.

Irish native Isaac Williamson, 59, a tinsmith in New York City, was excited about opening an account in late 1871. "Is too nervous to write his name," his bank card noted.

A new CD-ROM arranges the nearly 480,000 names from the bank's 37 branches in 17 mostly Southern states to show relationships among depositors, including names of spouses, parents, children and grandchildren — all valuable leads for genealogists

Researchers say the disk is important because the records, which are housed at the National Archives, aren't well organized.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Mormons, spent 11 years, with help volunteered by Utah prison inmates, extracting and linking the names before releasing the disk for sale in February.

The church, which teaches that family ties continue beyond the grave and encourages members to trace their roots, collects genealogical data from around the world and maintains a database of more than 400 million names, which is available on the Internet.

The disk already is saving amateur genealogists like Hollis Gentry a lot of leg work.

Gentry, 37, began her research 25 years ago after the publication of "Roots," in which Alex Haley traced six generations of his family back to West Africa.

She found a great-great uncle — self-employed shoemaker and Civil War veteran Daniel Langley — after countless hours searching records at the Archives.

Comparing her library notes against the disk, Gentry unexpectedly found another great-great uncle with just a few computer-mouse clicks as she sat in her one-room apartment, surrounded by rows of reference books and binders stuffed with information about long-ago relatives.

Private gun sellers annoyed by strict new Colorado gun law

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Gun buyers and merchants alike are grumbling about a new state law requiring private sellers to conduct criminal background checks before they sell weapons at gun shows.

"I think it's totally against the Constitution," private seller Don McLemore said as the law took effect Saturday during Southern Colorado Sportsman and Arms Expo. "If I sell one or two guns ... it'll be outstanding."

In November, 70 percent of Colorado voters approved the measure to close the so-called gun show loophole by requiring background checks of prospective buyers in sales by unlicensed vendors. Only licensed sellers previously had to do the checks.

Gun-rights advocates have been dreading the change, which they say is an erosion of gun-ownership rights. But supporters say the law will help squelch the sale of guns to people with felony convictions.

It took 2 1/2 hours before the first customer of a private seller came to the front of the Arms Expo for his background check.

Lewis Bustos, of Denver, filled out the forms in 30 minutes. Ten minutes and a $10 fee later, he was cleared to buy a .22-caliber rifle.

"The biggest thing is the paperwork," said Bustos, 40. "Before you could just barter, pay and you were out the door."

The Colorado Bureau of Investigations spent $500,000 on staff, telephone lines and computer terminals to handle an expected crush of requests for background checks.

"We're beefing up to handle double what we're accustomed to," agent Susan Kitchen said.

The CBI said one of the background checks led to the arrest of a woman on a misdemeanor traffic violation warrant.

"I'm sure there are people who feel like their freedom is being infringed upon," gun seller Jim Washington said. "But if you're honest, it's not going to bother you one bit."

On the Net:

Colorado law: http://cdpsweb.state.co.us/cbi/ic/amend22.htm

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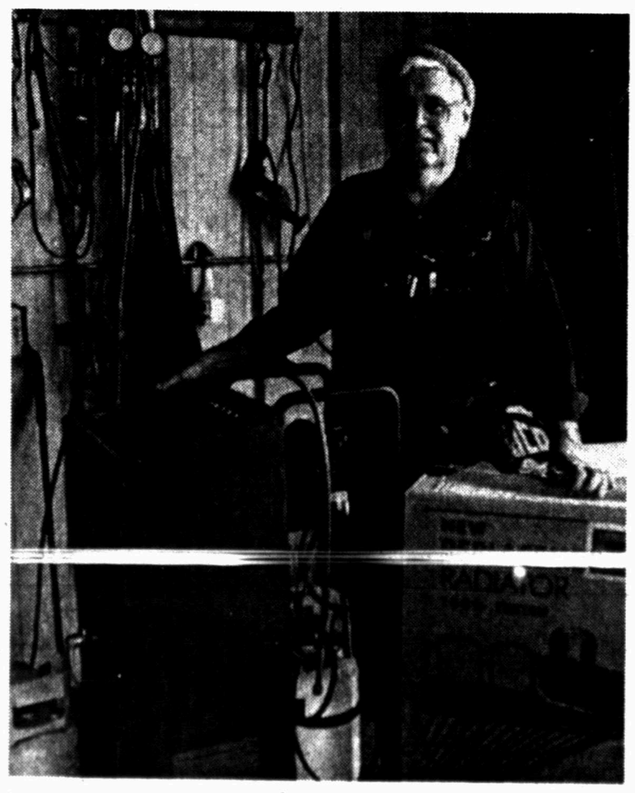
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Air traffic controllers did not receive FFA safety warning

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Just two days before a chartered plane slammed into a hillside short of Aspen's airport runway, the Federal Aviation Administration had issued a notice that planes should not be allowed to make instrument landings there at night.

But air traffic controllers apparently did not receive the warning and gave the pilot permission for an instrument landing at about 7 p.m. Thursday. Moments later, the twin-engine Gulfstream III crashed a few hundred yards short of the runway, killing all 15 passengers and three crew members.

Investigators have not yet determined how large a part the mistake played in the crash, the cause of which was still unknown.

The ban, which officials admit was confusing, was supposed to be distributed by facsimile by Denver's FAA office.

"The FAA says there is no record of a fax being sent or received from the Denver center to Aspen," Carol Carmody, acting chairwoman for the National Transportation and Safety Board, said Sunday.

The pilot had received the warning when the plane, which departed from Burbank, Calif., stopped in Los Angeles, Carmody said. But the warning, she said, was not written clearly and the pilot may not have understood it.

Investigators revealed Sunday that the flight was delayed by 45 minutes. That lead to speculation the pilot originally thought he would be landing before nightfall, but the NTSB said it would draw no conclusions from the late departure.

"We don't really know what was in his head and we have to find that out," NTSB investigator Al Dickinson said.

Today, investigators move to Oklahoma City to meet with the FAA pilots who issued the ban on nighttime instrument landings at Aspen.

The airport's single runway is surrounded by mountains that force approaching aircraft to make steep descents, making landings tricky even on clear days.

During an instrument landing, a pilot is constantly scanning instruments on his panel showing the airplane's speed and position until the runway is in sight.

Following the crash, the FAA issued a new notice explicitly banning nighttime instrument landings at the airport.

The airport had rules in place banning all nighttime landings by noncommercial jets until 1994, when several groups convinced the FAA to reverse the policy.

Some Aspen residents, including the late singer-songwriter John Denver, had said safety would be compromised at the airport if the restrictions were lifted. Denver was killed in a 1997 plane crash in California.

"Even in my great desire to hurry home after weeks on the road, I have no problem honoring the present curfew," Denver wrote in a 1994 letter to Pitkin County commissioners. "I am quite happy to land in Grand Junction or Denver and drive the extra distance for safety's sake."

Investigators planned to develop a minute-by-minute account of the weather at the airport at the time of the crash.

New technology looks promising

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Researchers at Vanderbilt University say they have developed a new cell imaging technology that may help in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

The technique, called imaging mass spectrometry, produces digital computer images showing the location of different proteins in tissues.

Researchers say in the April issue of the journal Nature Medicine that the technology could improve cancer surgery by pinpointing the exact location of tissue producing high levels of thymosin beta-4, the protein believed to cause tumors to grow.

"This information is being used to determine what new proteins are present in tumor cells and what normal proteins disappear," said Richard M. Caprioli, one of the researchers. "What proteins does the tumor need to grow? This information eventually may lead to new ways to stop the cancer from growing."

Researchers also say they may be able to develop a drug to block the protein once they better understand the function and location of proteins in specific tissue.

"It's truly an exciting opportunity," said Mike Gross, a professor of chemistry and medicine at Washington University in St. Louis who is familiar with the research. "What it offers is a chemical means of imaging, so you can look at the location of molecules and you can make a comparison between normal and disease states."

Traditional mass spectrometry can generate a spectrum of all the proteins found in tissue, based on their molecular weight or mass. But it has been hard to determine the location and possible function of individual proteins in tissue.

Imaging mass spectrometry aims to solve that problem. Using a laser and high-speed electronics and computers, the researchers modified standard spectrometers so they could generate digital pictures, showing the distribution of proteins within cells and tissues.

The study was supported by the National Institutes of Health.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Zachary, a 5,500-foot wildcat located four miles west of Ira. Drill site is in Section 129, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 1-677 Koonsman, a 5,200-foot wildcat located 14 miles northeast of Gail. Location is in Section 677, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 3-X East Lott in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,200 feet, drill site is in Section 6, Block 2, T&NC survey.

Kent County

Gaea Services Inc. will drill the No. 1 Wallace in the Clairemont field, nine miles southwest o Jayton. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, drill site is in Section 38, Block 98, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

First Permian will drill the No. 720 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,250 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1S, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 537 Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,250 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1858 Westbrook southeast field unit, 10 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,250 feet, and location is in Section 27, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Southwest Royalties Inc. will drill the No. 2-7 Hicks in the Signal Peak field, 14 miles southeast of Big Spring. Planned depth is 7,900 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Southwest Royalties will drill the No. 5-13 Powell in the Signal Peak field, three miles south of Coahoma. Planned depth is 7,900 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Southwest Royalties will drill the No. 4-12 Powell in the Signal Peak field, one mile south of Coahoma. Planned depth is 7,900 feet, and location is in Section 12, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 57 Clay in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 56 Clay in the Howard-Glasscock field, 14 miles southeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 55 Clay in the same field, 14 miles southeast of Big Spring. Also contracted for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Kids at petting zoo should take care what they wear

DEAR ABBY: Last summer, my husband and I visited a zoo. In the petting area, we saw a group of young children on a field trip. The teachers had made name tags out of construction paper and hung them around the children's necks. I remarked to my husband that the identification tags were not a good idea.

As he approached the teachers to express my concerns, I heard a "gasping" noise behind me. I turned and saw a goat chewing the cord that had twisted around a small boy's neck. The name tag was already eaten, and the goat was working its way up the cotton string. I frantically pried enough of the string out of the animal's mouth to free the strangling child.

By then, another goat was jerking a little girl around by the string on her name tag. My husband rescued her.

Abby, it's unwise to hang anything around a child's neck, especially when the child will encounter animals that may be attracted to dangling objects. Also, some animals routinely eat plant products. Cotton of any kind, paper and jute — which are made from plants — are considered "food" by goats.

Those unwitting teachers were sending the children into the animal pen dressed like a salad bar! I know they didn't realize the danger, but they should consider it in the future.

Thanks for helping me caution parents and teachers who take children to petting zoos. — **COUNTRY GAL FROM SACRAMENTO**

DEAR COUNTRY GAL: You're welcome. And now I'll add a thought of my own. A small child wearing a tag that reveals his or her name on an outing is all the more vulnerable to being approached by a stranger. All the person has to say is, "Hi, Suzie. I'm a friend of your mommy's." I think they're a bad idea entirely.

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DEAR ABBY: My niece married a few months ago. A month before her wedding, I gave her a wedding gift of eight Waterford goblets in her pattern. Because I had purchased them somewhere other than where she was registered, I asked her twice if they were what she wanted. She assured me that they were "perfect." I also gave her a gift of cash. Several weeks after the wedding, she sent me a gracious thank-you note.

She recently informed me that the goblets I had given her were shorter than she wanted. She told me the store where she had registered would take them back and give her credit toward taller goblets for half the price I had paid. Then she asked me to pay the difference.

Abby, I love her dearly. I do not want to upset our relationship. But I am hurt that she thinks the gift she assured me was perfect is no longer good enough for her. I could pay the difference to save face, but I would be unhappy with myself for allowing myself to be manipulated. Is it proper etiquette for her to ask me to come up with the difference for a more expensive set of goblets than those I gave her? — **EAST COAST AUNT**

DEAR EAST COAST AUNT: Your niece's greed is as crystal clear as the goblets you gave her. Stand your ground and refuse her attempt to flatten your pocketbook. Assure her that you love her and value your relationship, but breaking the bank for her to have taller goblets isn't in the cards. The responsibility of exchanging the goblets should be hers and hers alone.

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

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

The year ahead will offer more opportunities than usual to be rewarded handsomely for the skills and knowledge you possess. The greater your abilities, the bigger the potential rewards will be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Something you would like to do today has a lot more supporters than you may realize. See who is out there who may want in on the activity. Trying to patch up a [illegible] romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The genuine aptitude you possess for managing the material affairs of others may be called upon today. When asked, don't hesitate to offer your assistance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't waste your time with underlings today should you have an important matter to discuss. Go straight to the decision maker who has the power to enact things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Work hard, because a diligent effort will pay off today with a heftier paycheck. Even if you don't realize the returns today, they could be forthcoming by way of a promotion or raise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — With your lead today, friends for whom you'll direct activities will be very satisfied with the events of the day. An atmosphere of congeniality will prevail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Draw upon that great reserve you possess to realize your wishes today should you be challenged in any way. It's time to put the strengths you posses to work for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — **Your** creative juices are still flowing today, so use them. Coupled with your progressive thinking, you'll have the necessary grit it takes to fulfill your hopes and desires.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Take advantage of the influential currents that are running today to [illegible] your financial well being in a growing direction. The aspects are trending in your favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When you desire it, you can be a pied piper getting others to follow where you would like to take them, which you'll use with great skill today. You won't lead them astray.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you're a natural-born leader, today it might be wiser to let others influence the circumstances rather than devising them yourself. Take a back seat to success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The only people with whom you'll want to associate today will be producers who inspire progressive activity. This is because you will be revved up to go.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although you may be able to correct negative aspects tomorrow if they pop up, it'll be far easier to accomplish your aims today when everything is flowing in your favor. Get on things now.

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U.S. aid to Yugoslavisa to be announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is ready to announce that Yugoslavia, after arresting former President Slobodan Milosevic, qualifies for $50 million in U.S. assistance, a senior U.S. official said today

The certification, expected to be announced later in the day, will be qualified, the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press. The United States will withhold support for calling a conference this summer of donor nations to help the Balkan country's embattled economy, the official said.

The Serbian government arrested not only Milosevic but also two other officials accused of war crimes who face prosecution by an international tribunal in The Hague, the Netherlands.

And yet, the government of Vojislav Kostunica, which supplanted Milosevic's authoritarian rule, has indicated Milosevic will be tried in Yugoslavia on charges of corruption.

Congress has sought bringing the Serb leader, who led his country into disastrous wars in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo, with international crimes.

The official said the new government is being credited by the Bush administration with taking steps to improve human rights in Yugoslavia and collecting evidence of war crimes for the tribunal's use. This, he said, showed a "significant degree" of compliance with the legislation.

Demos hope tax cuts can be derailed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats are hoping a few last-minute Republican defections will derail President Bush's blueprint for tax cuts and curtailed spending.

Republicans have said they think the budget measure will squeak by in the evenly divided Senate with the 50 votes needed plus Vice President Dick Cheney's tiebreaker. GOP lawmakers succeeded last week in pushing the $1.94 trillion budget for 2002 through the House.

The vote for final passage is expected to follow party lines, with one senator on each side almost certain to defect. Democrats are hopeful that additional moderate Republicans will vote their way because of concerns over the spending plan's centerpiece — a 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax cut.

"We think there is a possibility we could defeat the budget resolution and go back to the negotiating table," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

He added: "We're very hopeful we can pick up one or two, maybe three Republicans."

But the Senate's second-ranking Republican expressed only confidence.

"We're going to be successful. By the end of this week we're going to pass the budget," Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said on ABC's "This Week."

Congress' budget, which does not need the president's signature, sets tax and spending goals that are carried out in later bills.

At least one Democrat, Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, is likely to vote for the GOP plan. Miller has been a consistent supporter of Bush's proposed tax cut.

Daschle dismissed the notion that Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska also might vote the other way.

"Senator Nelson told me this week that he would be with us, and so I'm very encouraged by that," Daschle said. "I know I have 49 Democrats today."

Democrats will need at least 51 votes to overcome the Republicans and the vice president's tiebreaking vote.

Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island seemed all but certain to vote against the GOP measure. Chafee has said Bush's tax cut is far too large and he prefers about $450 billion in cuts.

Republican James Jeffords of Vermont has been uncommitted but is considered likely to support the GOP plan. Jeffords' seemed likely to win extra funds for education for the mentally and physically disabled, a cause he has long championed.

The Republicans have rejected a Demo request to postpone the debate until late April, when Congress returns from a two-week recess. Democrats wanted the delay because they believe the April 9 release of Bush's full budget, including details of spending cuts he will propose, would have given them ammunition to use on the Senate floor.

Car reported stolen Friday said returned

• ***Vehicle returned***

Tim Mitchell contacted police at 8:46 a.m. Saturday and told them that the 1993 Saturn he had reported stolen Friday had been returned. The report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was cancelled.

• ***Stolen bicycles***

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dalinda Roberts reported the theft of a bicycle from 409 32nd Street.

An offense report was filed at 10:59 a.m. Saturday in reference to a bicycle being stolen from 4002 Avenue U. Mary Lou Saenz reported the theft.

• ***Vehicle burglary***

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Benny Benitez reported that someone had taken stereo equipment from his 1976 Chevrolet van while it was parked at 204 34th Street.

• ***Gasoline stolen***

Beatrice Cline notified police at 1:05 p.m. Sunday that someone had siphoned the gasoline from her 1996 Ford and stolen the gas cap. A report for Class C theft was filed.

• ***Loud music***

A complaint was made at 6:40 p.m. Saturday of loud music coming from the American Legion. An officer contacted the manager and advised her of the complaint.

At 3:24 p.m. Sunday, an officer spoke to a subject in the 300 block of 36th Street concerning a complaint of loud music.

• ***Gas drive-offs***

A clerk with Snyder One Stop notified officers at 8:40 p.m. Saturday that someone had driven off without paying for $38 in gasoline.

A gas drive-off in the amount of $8.45 was reported at Allsup's in Hermleigh at 2:18 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Home burglarized***

Joel Collier requested an officer at 3004 37th Street at 6:31 p.m. Sunday in reference to tools, camping equipment and miscellaneous other items being taken from the residence.

• ***Criminal mischief***

At 11:16 p.m. Sunday, Renae Hall reported that the back driver's side window had been broken out of her 1999 Pontiac Grand Am.

• ***Arrests***

A 39-year-old man was taken into custody at 2;46 p.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor Lubbock County warrant for theft.

Public intoxication landed a 42-year-old man in jail at 1:24 a.m. Sunday.

At 5:49 a.m. Sunday, a 42-year-old man was arrested for Class C assault and family violence.

Snyder city council to meet tonight

Snyder's city council will have one item of old business and several new issues to consider when it meets this evening at 6:30.

On the agenda is the adoption on second reading of an ordinance closing a portion of 45th Street in the Towle Park area.

The council passed the ordinance on first reading in January.

Items of new business include a resolution for the city to join with other communities in an organization related to the deregulation of electrical companies.

Also on the agreement is an agreement between the city, Snyder Independent School District and Western Texas College for the use of PEG (public, educational, and governmental) channels on cable television as well as the annual cost of service adjustment request from TXU Electric.

The council will also discuss the lease of the city-owned property at the corner of 37th Street and College Avenue, and hear the quarterly investment report.

Appointments to several city boards will also be considered.

The council is also expected to pass a resolution designating April 12 as David Baugh Day.

An executive session is also planned as the last order of business, as the council will continue the evaluation of City Manager John Gayle.

Commissioners approve waiver to no-camping ordinance in Towle Park

Scurry County Commissioners this morning unanimously approved a request to waive the no-camping ordinance in Towel Park for July 3-4.

Sheriff Darren Jackson, who is a Snyder Chamber of Commerce board member, approached the court with the request.

He said trash and vehicles parking on the grass had been the main reasons for prohibiting camping.

"There will be no vehicles allowed on the grass and no campers — just tents that can be pitched," Jackson said.

He said he would also have extra deputies assigned to patrol the area for alcohol and other violations. "We hope this will bring more people to the park and add to the festivities."

Attendance at the annual event has dropped in the past few years, spurring sponsors to brainstorm ways to increase participation. Allowing the camping and bringing music back to the park are two of the ideas that will be tried.

Higher attendance will hopefully keep vendors happy and keep them coming back. "If we lose the vendors, then the Fourth will follow suit," Jackson said.

In other action, the court approved another request from Sheriff Jackson for Internet connection in the sheriff's office for state reporting purposes.

Commissioners also agreed to seek bids on the sale of scrap metal. The bids will be opened and considered when commissioners meet April 16.

A budget amendment in the amount of $42,391 was approved for the county. The funds are for the upgrade of the county's hard drive and main frame [illegible] by The Software Group.

An amendment totaling $386.03 was also approved for the district attorney's office. The funds include $161.03 for the remaining costs on a computer and $225 for the purchase of a desk.

Judge Ricky Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey.

Local man involved in police standoff dies in East Texas

A 34-year-old Snyder man, serving a 45-year prison sentence after a four-hour standoff with Scurry County peace officers last year, died Sunday.

Michael David Redman, serving his sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for burglary and aggravated assault, was pronounced dead Sunday morning after being found unresponsive in his bed in the Eastham Unit in East Texas.

Judge James Williamson pronounced Redman dead at 5:20 a.m. Sunday after he was transported to a nearby medical facility.

A correctional officer had found Redman unresponsive around 3:05 a.m. He was then moved to the prison infirmary where CPR was performed.

Prison officials said no foul play is suspected and that an autopsy will be performed.

Redman was living in a dorm-style facility at the Eastham Unit in Lovelady in Houston County.

He was sentenced in August to 45 years in prison after pleading guilty to burglary of habitation to commit aggravated assault and also aggravated assault with a deadly weapon upon a peace officer.

Redman would not have been eligible for parole until October 2022.

The convictions stem from a March 8 incident in which Redman broke into the home of his ex-girlfriend, shot her boyfriend and then fled the scene.

The woman's boyfriend suffered gunshot wounds to both thighs.

Redman fled to his brother's home at 411 32nd Street where a four-hour standoff with law enforcement officers followed.

Redman shot himself in the abdomen with a .22 caliber rifle before surrendering.

Obituaries

David Redman

1966-2001

Michael David Redman, 34, died Sunday, April 1, in Weldon, Tex.

Services for Mr. Redman are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



David Redman

Born Sept. 3, 1966 in Lubbock. He had worked as a welder's helper. Mr. Redman was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Daisey Boone of Liberal, Kan.; one daughter, Sarah Michelle Redman-Boley of Snyder; a son, Michael Aaron Redman of Snyder; a brother, Clifford Redman Jr. of Snyder; one niece, Micayla Brooke Redman of Snyder; and two nephews, Tyler Shane Redman and Brennan Blake Redman, both of Snyder.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Spring revival services

North College Avenue Baptist Church is hosting a spring revival through Wednesday. Today is "blues night" with everyone encouraged to wear blue. Tuesday is music night with special choir music. Wednesday is children and youth night. There will be a dessert fellowship each evening, tonight as pie and Tuesday as cake night. A hot dog social will follow the Wednesday meeting.

First Assembly of God revival

The First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave., is hosting a revival at 7 p.m. nightly through Thursday. Jerry Wilkerson is the evangelist.

Choir concert

A choir concert is set for 7 this evening at Worsham Auditorium. Junior high choirs will perform selections that won three sweepstakes honors at the UIL contest last week. High school choirs will perform numbers to be performed at UIL competition on Wednesday and Thursday. No admission will be charged.

VFW, auxiliary to meet

VFW Post 8231 and the Ladies Auxiliary will have a joint meeting at the post home at 7 tonight to discuss the May convention. Nominations and elections for 2001-2002 start at 7:30.

Central book fair

Central Elementary School is having a Scholastic Book Fair today through Friday from 8-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4 p.m.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Salt of the Earth," followed by "Are You Listening?"

Band concert

A short band concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium. The high school and junior high bands will each play the three selections they will perform at UIL contests. Admission is free. The junior high band will perform Thursday in Sundown and the high school band will compete in Plainview next Tuesday.

Public safety career fair

Western Texas College and the West Central Texas Tech Prep will host a public safety career fair from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday in the WTC gym For more information, call the vocational division at 573-8511, ext. 250.

Income tax help

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

Joy School pre-registration

Joy School pre-registration starts Thursday at Eastside Church of Christ. Sign-up times are from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Call 573-3554 for more information.

West family reading night

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

Gateway fundraiser

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

Enchilada plate fundraiser

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will have enchilada plates for $5 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. For information call 573-1798.

Golden K fish fry

Golden K Kiwanis Club will serve catfish with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6, including carry-outs. Children under six eat free.

Benefit turkey dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th Street and Ave. K, is having a benefit dinner beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. For tickets, call Anita at 573-9670 or Irene at 573-3732.

Experiencing God, The Musical

The combined choirs of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church will present Experiencing God, The Musical, at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church Worship Center. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon next Monday at The Shack. Sammie Jarrell will present a program on the mission to Guatemala.

Country and gospel music

Country and Gospel music is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Alzheimer support group

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

SHS senior student pictures

Parents of SHS seniors are asked to bring student pictures for the May steak supper to the high school office. Pictures are needed for the video from baby years, elementary school and middle school. Deadline is Thursday, April 12. Videos may also be used.

Adult basic education classes

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

Senior citizens swimnastics

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