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Auxiliary members honored...

Lucille Joyce
18,039 volunteer hours

Ena Carroll
9,922 volunteer hours

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members were honored at the 45th annual awards banquet Tuesday evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Charter members Lucille Joyce and Ena Carroll were recognized. Joyce received her bar for serving 18,000 total hours. Carroll has served 9,922 volunteer hours.

Others receiving hour bars included Gradine Sterling, 10,500; Thadine Harless, 6,000; Texa Ball and Lynn Heard, 5,500; Kathryn Dodson, 5,000; Delwin Bane, 3,500; Joyce Cooper, Verna Foree, Alma Posey and Harold Yearwood, 2,500.

Jo Ann Peek, Juanita Raborn, 2,000; Betty Kellum, Una Orms, 1,500; Sandra Robinson, Mary Ward, 1,000; Margaret Glass, 500; and Margaret Birdwell, Tommy Horsley, Rona Sikes and Ola Mae Ward, 100 hours.

A total of 10,474 volunteer hours were reported by 51 members for the year.

Officers were installed by Barbara McGee. They include Carolyn Cox, president; Sandra Robinson, first vice president; Peggy Fowler, second vice president; Lynn Heard, recording secretary; and Una Orms, corresponding secretary.

Glenda Hollingsworth performed songs honoring the volunteers and dinner music was played by Betty Watts.

First rabies case of year is confirmed

Snyder animal control officer Hope Carrillo has confirmed the first positive rabies case this year.

The rabid animal was a skunk found April 29 in the 2500 block of 27th Street.

The property owner heard her dog barking, then found the dog chewing on the skunk.

The skunk was submitted for rabies testing and results, returned last week, were positive.

Carrillo said the case is an example of why all pets should be vaccinated. The dog, in this incident, didn't have current shots and had to be destroyed.

"First and foremost, all cats and dogs need to be vaccinated against rabies," she said. "Make sure they are current. State law requires the vaccination whether the pet stays indoors or outside."

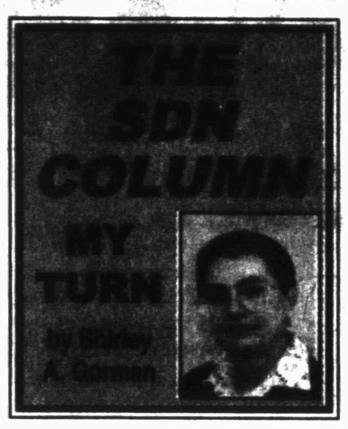
Carrillo said residents should report any wildlife exhibiting peculiar behavior, but stressed that one positive rabies case is no cause for alarm.

"A good rule of thumb is if you see a skunk out walking around in the heat of the day, it probably has rabies," she said. "Early in the morning or late in the evening is no big deal, but if you see it out at noon when it's hot, be careful and report it."

This is only the third positive rabies case since February 2000, when Carrillo took the animal control position.

She said if a person is bitten or scratched by an animal, to contact a doctor and the police department.

Rabies is transmitted through saliva.



Now that the time has changed and there are more daylight hours to enjoy, we are reminded of the pleasurable long walks before a knee injury sidelined us.

After we began walking for the first time, we discovered its many benefits, including weight control. We could eat peanut butter everyday and still fit into our clothes.

We started out walking a little and then gradually got carried away. Didn't matter how cold it was, we'd still get up before dawn and bundle up for our walk before going to work. No way would we let cold weather deter us.

One time we even tried to walk when the streets were glazed with ice but quit after a couple of blocks.

If it was raining we covered up with water repellant gear. If the clouds looked like they might bring rain we gambled we could walk before the deluge hit. A couple of times we got soaking wet for our audacity. Getting wet was so very cold, but the lightning and thunder were downright scary.

Looking back, we can see we were a little bit obsessive, perhaps a bit foolish. But when we missed our walk, we always felt like something was missing. And boy would our legs cramp.

We had a few close encounters with dogs but luckily were able to scare them away by charging and screaming at them.

We fell a couple of times — nothing too serious at first — but still kept walking.

For the most part we had the early-morning world to ourselves. Few people were out at that hour and those that were went about their own business. There was one pesky pickup though that honked every time the driver saw us. Policemen used to stop us until they became accustomed to seeing us out.

Those early years were great. We never associated our growing problem with bronchitis and asthma with our wintertime early morning walking regimen until a friend said that cold weather induced asthma in her son.

Bingo! But we had to be almost hospitalized before we were motivated to quit walking cold turkey and switch to stationary exercise equipment.

It was tough. But we adjusted and thought we would never walk again. That is until the car was in the shop one day and we were on foot. Then we got the walking fever all over again. But no early morning strolls in frigid temperatures. We walked before or after dinner and often until around 9 p.m. or so during Daylight Savings hours. But we quit when the time changed back to Standard and darkness descended in early evening.

We tried to walk at least four or five miles a day and never followed the same path two times in a row. We lost enough weight during our walking months that we could still wear our clothes during the winter even after some of the lost pounds returned.

That regimen worked until July, 1999 when we fell and really, really banged up our left knee. We weren't even exercise walking at the time. We still aren't sure how it happened.

Physical therapy, orthoscopic surgery and more physical therapy did not restore our knee to full-health. Will we try to walk again? We don't know. But we can already feel the call.

Brad Vincent...

Drama director moving to NYC

Brad Vincent, Snyder High School drama director, has accepted a position at New York University and will resign from SISD effective at the end of the school year.

The Snyder native and son of James and the late Lawanna Vincent, will serve as an instructor and assistant to the program director for Educational Theatre in the Steinhardt School of Education at the NYC campus. Vincent also will pursue his doctorate in educational theatre while at the university.

Vincent graduated from SHS in 1987 after winning numerous acting awards in the drama program headed by longtime director Jerry Worsham.

After earning degrees from Baylor University and the University of Texas at Austin, Vincent guided McKinney High School to the state one act play contest in 1998.

Brad Vincent

After Worsham's death in May of 2000, Vincent was selected to lead the winningest program in UIL history at SHS. During his three-year tenure, SHS advanced to the state contest three times, most recently this past weekend with *The Tempest*, by William Shakespeare.

Vincent begins work in New York on June 9 in preparation for NYU's study-abroad program in London where he will be part of the U.S. theatre group presenting events for international educators.

Postal carriers to hold annual food cupboard drive Saturday

Snyder postal carriers will accept food donations Saturday for the 11th annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive.

In conjunction with the Ministerial Alliance Food Cupboard, the local letter carriers will collect nonperishable food items, according to Snyder Postmaster Dale Lipsett.

"All of the food we collect stays in Snyder and helps Snyder people," Lipsett said.

Last year, the national drive — called the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive — collected more than 62 million pounds of food.

Locally, more than 3,000 pounds were collected and Lipsett said he hopes that amount is exceeded this year as the need is greater in the community.

Lipsett said donors should place food in bags next to their mailboxes and residents with mailboxes on their houses can leave the bags on the porch.

People with post office boxes or those who will be out of town Saturday may donate at the post office.

Lipsett asked that no perishables be donated and also stressed that canned foods are preferred.

On Hays Ranch...

Old mortar round found by archeologist

An archeologist made an unexpected find Friday on the Hays Ranch in northwest Scurry County, but it wasn't a fossil or important artifact — rather a relic of war.

Conducting an environmental assessment survey for the Cielo wind farm, the archeologist stumbled across an undetonated mortar round dating at least to World War II and possibly before.

Nobody knows how the shell, at least 60 years old, ended up just six feet from a county road, but the U.S. Army made sure it didn't stay long after the ordnance was discovered Friday afternoon.

Within 24 hours, two Blackhawk helicopters from Fort Hood swooped in, wrapped the decades-old shell with C-4 explosive and detonated it.

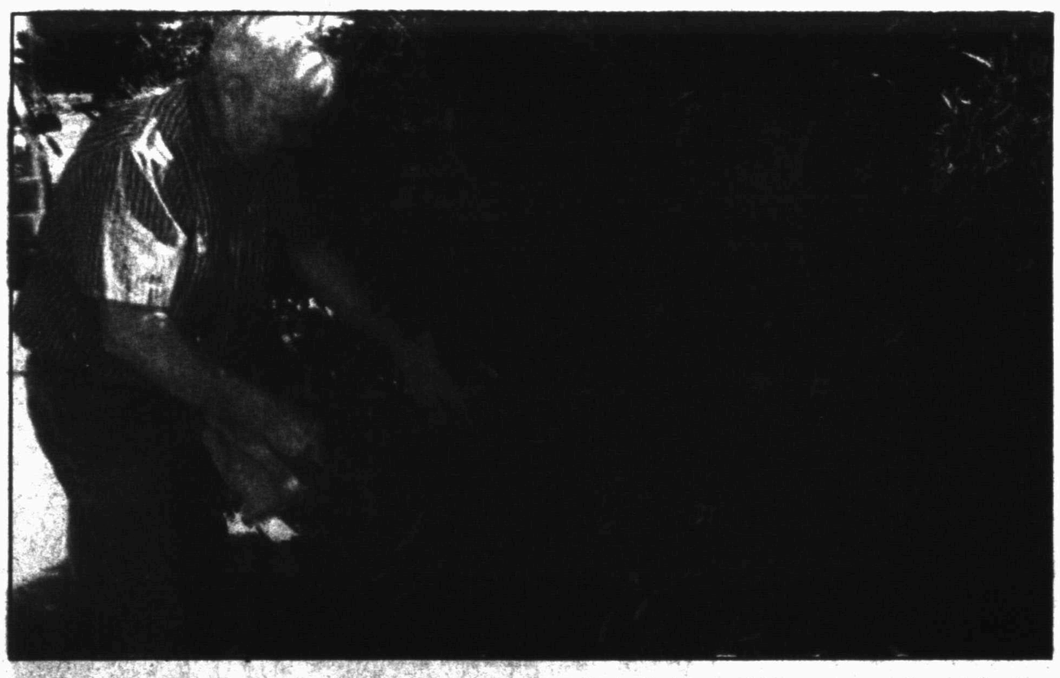
Sheriff Darren Jackson said it appeared the mortar shell had been at the location "for a very long time," but he doesn't know how it got there.

Randy Sowell of Cielo contacted County Judge Rod Waller as soon as he was notified of the object Friday.

"I was just curious if there used to be a training facility in the area or if there were overflights and it could have fallen from a plane or something," Sowell said. "As far as anyone can tell, it was the only one out there."

Sowell said the archaeologist provided the army with global positioning coordinates enabling the helicopters to fly right to the spot where the ordnance lay.

Any undetonated ordnance remains property of the government and it is procedural to dispose of it when found.



NICE DAY — Charlie Masters took advantage of good weather to tackle some pruning and other yard work this morning. Masters said this large oleander started 10 years ago as a seedling. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—What is the mailing address for Locks of Love?

A—The address is 2925 10th Ave. North, Suite 102, Lake Worth, Fla. 33461. Or find the organization online at www.locksoflove.org.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Elnora Curtis...

...is a homemaker and has lived in Snyder 40 years. She volunteers at the Senior Center each week and enjoys playing 88, baking desserts and traveling. She has three daughters, Pam Nitsch of Fort Worth, Becky Lofton of Midland and Marsha Orr of Denver, Colo.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The measure of life is not its duration, but its donation.

—Peter Marshall

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Special education parent's meeting

There will be a meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday for parents of special education children at the Region 14 Education Service Center in Snyder.

FBC support groups

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

CNA class

A CNA class will be held from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Orientation will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the center. No tuition will be charged and books can be purchased at the WTC Bookstore. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Boy Scouts Fish-a-Thon

Snyder Boy Scouts will hold the annual Fish-a-Thon from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday at Towle Park Pond. $5 per person to enter and prizes will be given hourly for the largest fish. No fishing license is required.

County, Gospel music

County and Gospel music will be played starting at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center.

Retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack and will install new officers.

DAR workshop

An application workshop for prospective members of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Scurry County Library. Membership eligibility is based on a woman descended from a sailor, soldier or civil officer in the cause of American independence. For more information call 573-0234 or 573-5983.

Support group

Gateway Family Services support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday to focus on the educational needs of adult victims of family violence and sexual assault. Help in the area of literacy, GED progress and computer skills will be offered in both group and individual settings. Children's support group will meet at the same time and childcare will be available. Call 573-1822 for more information.

Central seminars

Central Elementary will conclude its series of Thursday afternoon seminars at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 15. *Bully Proofing Your Child* will be the topic presented by school counselor Debbie Shaw. Child care will be provided.

End-of-school party

An end-of-school party for SJHS 8th graders only will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in the WTC Student Center. Admission is $5. Bring picture for the memorabilia table to the junior high office by May 14.

Ira kindergarten registration

Registration for kindergarten at Ira is underway from from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily until Friday, May 16. If these times are not convenient, call 573-2628 to make other arrangements. Shot records, birth certificate and child's social security card should be brought.

Memorial Day events

The VFW will conduct a flag ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday, May 26, then go to the Snyder Cemetery. A dinner featuring a brisket with all the trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. at the post home. Cost is by donation.

Red Cross fundraiser

The American Red Cross has opened an office at 1800 26th. As a fundraiser, "I love my troops" dog tags are available for a minimum donation of $5. Call 573-1419.

Joy School fall registration

Fall registration for Joy School, 201 31st St., is from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. weekdays for birth to pre-K children. For more information call 573-3554.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be 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 the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

GM settles nearly 300 lawsuits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — General Motors Corp. paid at least $495 million to settle nearly 300 lawsuits filed by families of victims who were killed in crashes involving a line of pickup trucks, a newspaper reported today.

News of the payouts, reported in the Los Angeles Times, emerged late Tuesday when a federal judge in Missoula, Mont., released an exhibit in a case brought by the estate of a family killed in a pickup accident.

The amounts disclosed in the document refer only to settlements reached before late 2000; it was unknown how much GM has paid out since then.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy unsealed the exhibit at the request of the Times.

The civil suits involve C/K pickups that had fuel tanks mounted outside the vehicles' protective frames; critics believe that left the tanks prone to explode in crashes. GM produced more than 9 million of the pickups from 1973 to 1987 with fuel tanks outside the frame.

DeLay, Demos square off over redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — A GOP-backed map redrawing Texas congressional districts passed a House committee early today as one lawmaker promised to file a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department and another announced his intent to file a minority report.

The tweaked map by Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, would increase the number of Republican districts in the state from 15 to 19, while decreasing the Democrat districts from 17 to 13.

"One of my objectives was for it to be more in line with the Republican voting patterns of Texas," King said as he introduced the map.

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has implored the Texas Legislature to redraw congressional lines with 20 Republicans to reflect the state's GOP majority. A federal court drew Texas' congressional districts after state lawmakers failed to do so in 2001, leaving open the possibility that the districts could be redrawn by the Texas Legislature.

"I'm the majority leader and we want more seats," DeLay said.

In the Texas Senate, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has said there was not enough support for the map to get to the floor for a vote.

Democrats argue that they are not required by the Constitution to redraw district lines, particularly in a non-redistricting year.

King's map drew harsh criticism at Tuesday night's proceedings for breaking up Harris, Travis, Hidalgo and Bell counties. Opponents said dividing those counties would dilute the strength of communities of interest.

"We as Hispanics, we as Mexicanos, the only thing we've done wrong is choose to live together as a community," said Rep. Kino Flores, a Democrat from Mission who sits on the committee. "We protect our own and we live as a family. That is who we are and the only thing I ask is that we have fair and equal representation in Congress."

Republicans have touted a redistricting plan as a gain to Texas minorities because it would add up to two Hispanic districts and one black district.

But Democrats argued that the loss of four Democrats, who historically vote in favor of minority interests, would counteract the addition of minority members.

Texas currently has six Hispanics in Congress and seven Hispanic districts. Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, who is white, represents one of those districts.

King said his plan would likely lead to the election of eight Hispanics in seven Hispanic districts.

But Rep. Richard Raymond, a Laredo Democrat who sits on the committee, argued that Hispanics would not make gains in representation because Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, also has a majority Hispanic district, but does not win a majority of that vote.

For that reason, Democrats say Bonilla, although Hispanic, is not the preferred candidate among Hispanics.

Texas currently has two black members, but King said his map provides for another predominantly black district in Harris County.

Raymond had spent days arguing against the Republicans' redistricting plan, sparring repeatedly with Committee Chairman Rep. Joe Crabb.

He said Tuesday that he would file a complaint with the Justice Department detailing "violations under the Minority Language Requirements of the Voting Rights Act as well as the provisions of the Civil Rights Act."

Raymond, who repeatedly requested that field hearings be conducted around the state as required in the Voting Rights Act, was angered by the committee's refusal to do so.

Last month, DeLay angered minority lawmakers who criticized his redistricting efforts when he said that by opposing his plan they were more Democrat than minority and were not representing "their people."

"That type of blatant hostility to Hispanic voters is a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act and is only one obvious example of the pervasive hostility to the rights and interest of minority citizens in Texas," Raymond said.

Mike Villarreal, vice chairman of the Texas House Committee on Redistricting, said he intends to file a House minority report, which would offer the full House membership an alternative to the legislation voted out of committee.

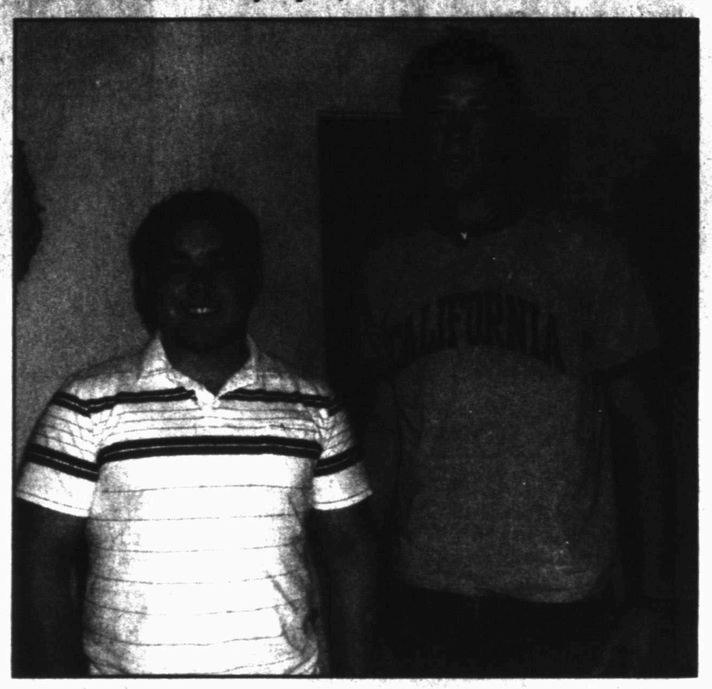
He acknowledged that the chances of the Republican-ruled House adopting the minority report were slim, but said it could be important for future litigation.

"This really has devolved into purely a political game," he said.

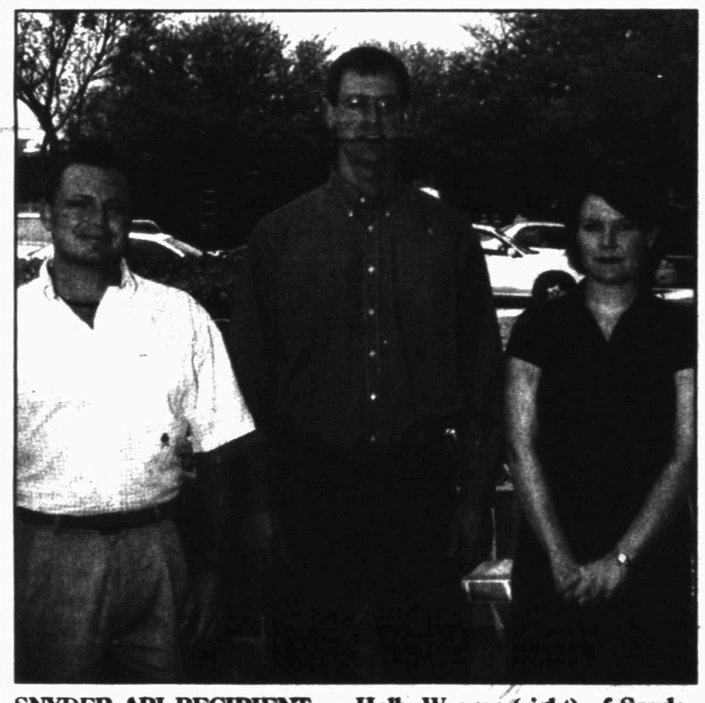
DeLay said Tuesday in Washington that he backs King's map, but expected a voting rights lawsuit.

U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, D-Arlington, criticized the map DeLay supports, saying it is bizarre and has strangely shaped districts that will not stand up to court scrutiny.

"This map represents an unprecedented partisan power grab by Tom DeLay — one that puts his power in Washington above the people of Texas," Frost said.



HONORABLE MENTION — Bobby Sands, left, and Tanner Beard received honorable mention all-star cast recognition for their roles in Snyder High School's *The Tempest*, which competed at the 3A state one-act play contest May 1. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



SNYDER API RECIPIENT — Holly Weaver (right) of Snyder was among South Plains College students who received scholarships this year from the South Plains chapter of the American Petroleum Institute. Students and API representatives were recently honored at a luncheon hosted by SPC. From left are Brad Slape, president elect of the API chapter, and Richard Ellis. (Contributed Photo)

Date Book

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Today is the 127th day of 2003 and the 49th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, the first Presidential Inaugural Ball, in honor of George Washington, was held in New York City.

On this day in 1824, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in D Minor was performed for the first time in Vienna, Austria.

On this day in 1915, a German submarine torpedoed the British passenger liner Lusitania, killing all but two of the 2,000 passengers on board.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Browning (1812-1889), poet; Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), composer; Frank James "Gary" Cooper (1901-1961), actor; Tim Russert (1950-), news talk-show moderator, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Winning Colors became the third filly to win the Kentucky Derby.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Ignorance is not innocence but sin." — Robert Browning

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 1) and first quarter (May 9).

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LOTTO TEXAS LOTTERY

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
7-14-29-30
Bonus number 23
Estimated jackpot: $1 million
Pick 3
(Day) 2-8-7
(Night) 1-0-6
Cash Five
1-7-9-11-20

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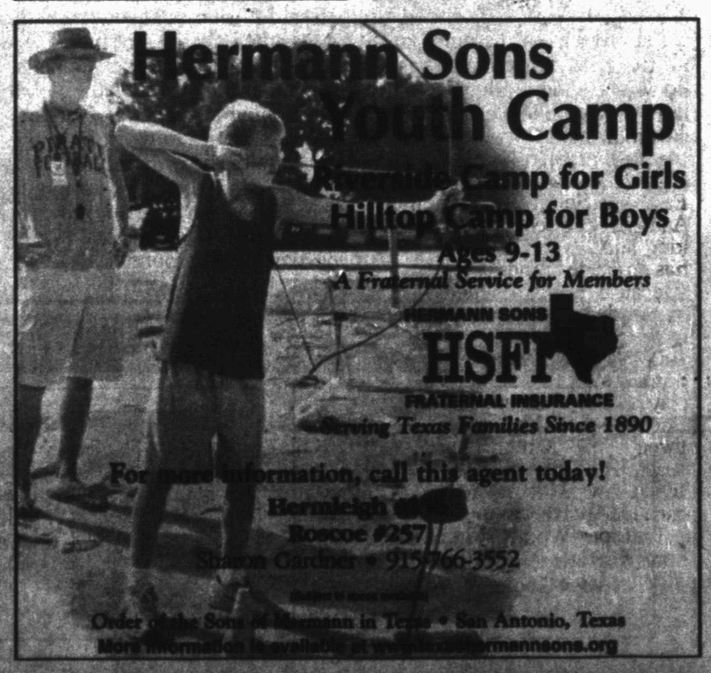

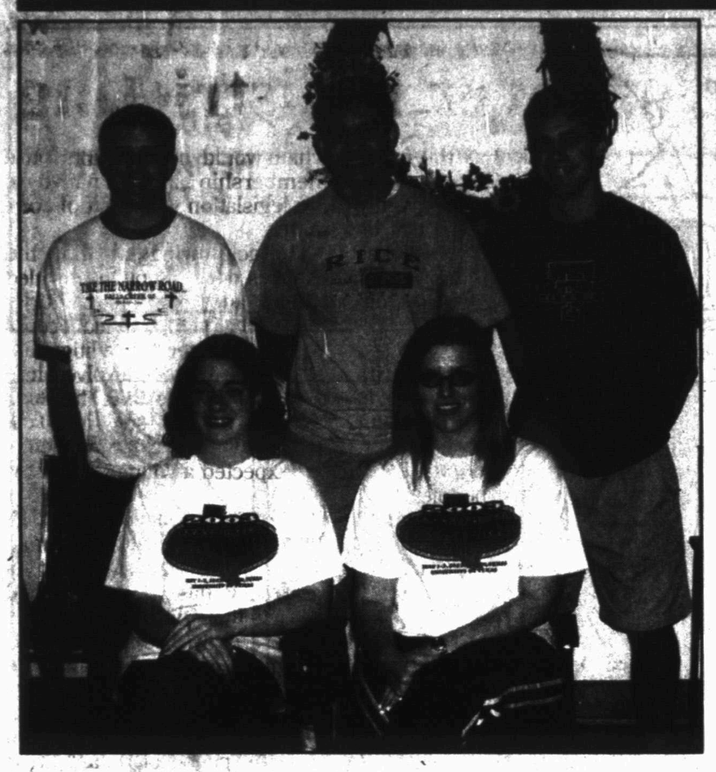

WIN AT STATE — Five Snyder High School students placed at the 3A state Academic UIL Contests held May 2-3 at the University of Texas at Austin. Back row from left, Will Davis, persuasive speaking; and Josh Kemp, fifth in accounting. The accounting team also placed second. Members are Kemp, Tyler Kerr, far right back row; and Jacinda Judah and Lilli Valdez, from left front row. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Columbia investigators study damaged tiles

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators have picked a leading theory to explain why the space shuttle Columbia broke apart on re-entry, proposing that superheated gases penetrated the spacecraft through damaged thermal tiles on its left wing.

Investigators were still hesitant to attribute a direct cause of the damage, even though evidence points to a collision with foam insulation from the shuttle's external fuel tank during launch as the likely culprit.

"We now know enough," retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., the board's chair, said during the group's weekly news conference Tuesday. "We're at the point where we should focus our efforts."

But Gehman was quick to point out the board still needs more evidence to prove what damaged the left wing. The board was careful in discussing its theory, calling it a "working scenario."

The board did say Tuesday that photos showed a large piece of foam insulation struck the leading edge of the left wing as Columbia streaked skyward on Jan. 16.

"We were careful not to say the foam caused a hole in the shuttle. But that's not to say we don't believe that," Gehman said. "The board is certainly suspicious the foam had something to do with it."

The shuttle came apart over Texas on Feb. 1 while streaking toward a planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Seven astronauts were killed and the shuttle fleet was grounded while investigators looked for the cause of the accident.

For weeks now, evidence had mounted supporting the theory that a piece of fuel tank foam broke off, hitting and dislodging a fragment of an insulating panel or seal along the vulnerable leading edge of the shuttle's left wing.

Under its theory, the board believes that an object that drifted free of Columbia during its second day in orbit could either be an insulating panel or a seal. It could have been broken by the foam during launch and then shaken free during a maneuver by the shuttle.

The board's theory also states that sensors inside the wing detected rising temperatures within five minutes after the craft began its descent. Within six minutes, the sensors stopped sending data, suggesting wires were melting. In 15 minutes, all communication with Columbia ceased.

"We are very careful in our work not to have a scenario-dependent investigation, unless we can prove it," Gehman said. He said the board will be able to make a broad range of recommendations this summer to make the shuttle program safer.

Gehman said the board might never prove the wing was damaged by the foam insulation, though technicians next month will test that idea by firing chunks of the material at thermal tiles. But Gehman said NASA already knows peeling insulation is a problem that must be fixed before the shuttle fleet flies again.

"The fact we (might not) have a single causal event doesn't bother me in the least," he said. "Our review of this program is so much wider than foam striking the leading edge. Therefore, we believe we will come up with recommendations that will make the shuttle safe to fly."

Board member Sheila Widnall, a former secretary of the Air Force, said the investigative group was in agreement about its working scenario. "This is obviously a first step," she said.

On the Net:
Columbia Accident Investigation Board:
http://www.caib.us

CINCO DE MAYO — Malcolm Crawford's fifth grade class at Northeast Elementary celebrated Cinco de Mayo by studying the holiday and eating a typical Mexican feast. Parents and students brought their favorite Mexican foods for lunch on Monday. Students pictured are back row from left, Jose Ferruzca, Jacie Everland, Janie Ornelas and Kylie Moreland; front row, Kystal Guerrero and David Sosa. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 8, 2003
A strong sense of self-awareness concerning your talents and skills will serve you well in the year ahead. You'll be imbued with elements of discovery about yourself that will fit surprisingly into advanced developments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Concentrate on doing a good job today instead of on trying to make an impression on associates. You'll only get applause for the results you produce and not on how you look or what you say.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You can dazzle people some of the time with flowery words and get away with it, but today, unless what you say holds substance, they could label you a phony and a charlatan.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It might be wise to let someone else call the shots today when it comes to handling financial affairs. You may not be at your best in this area, and could be responsible for causing a loss.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even if you sense someone is insincere in making a big promise to you today, for expeditious reasons you might feel inclined to depend on it. Your disappointment would be overwhelming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There are just some of those days when even though you do everything the same way, things don't seem to work out right. Today, strive to be productive, but don't leave anything up to chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Put a lid on your inclinations to take risks today and don't allow anyone else to do so on your behalf, either. Where control is lacking, matters will take their own direction and could go awry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Should you find yourself in a situation today where you feel a little embellishment of the facts wouldn't hurt, think again. You'll be called on them and placed in an embarrassing position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Regrets will be all that you're left with if you do more talking than listening today when attending an important discussion where critical information is being relayed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't allow yourself to get involved in a situation today where you would have to overextend yourself financially. Conditions are tricky and you could get caught up in them before you know it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Watch your pride today or else you could take a direction that would not serve your best interests just because you resent being told what you should do by another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you foolishly overestimate your own abilities today and agree to take on a job that's way over your head, disaster is in the making. Be honest with yourself and avoid any mishaps.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Opportunities could slip past you today because you might dismiss what associates are trying to tell you. You can't capitalize on what you don't know.

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

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♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ 8 3
♣ J 9 4

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

South
♠ 5 3
♥ A K Q 2
♦ Q J 7 2
♣ A 6 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

The fourth makes 11 a key number

By Phillip Alder

Who wrote the following? "The radio ... goes on early in the morning and is listened to at all hours of the day, until nine, 10 and often 11 o'clock in the evening. This is certainly a sign that the grown-ups have infinite patience, but it also means that the power of absorption of their brains is pretty limited, with exceptions, of course — I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. One or two news bulletins would be ample per day!"

In bridge, 11 is sometimes in cahoots with four, not nine or 10. How does that happen in the defense against this three-no-trump contract?

Although it works badly on this deal, I think it is automatic for South to open one no-trump. Beginning with one diamond leaves South with no rebid if North has a hand with which he would respond, say, one spade.

Since West has led a fourth-highest spade seven, East should apply the Rule of Eleven. Subtracting seven from 11 gives four. This means that there are four spades higher than the seven in the North, East and South hands combined. And East can see all four: dummy's king and his own A-J-9. So, South has no spade higher than the seven. (Because South opened one no-trump, denying a singleton, he must have exactly the five-three-doubleton.) When declarer calls for dummy's four, East should underplay his two — an encouraging two! Then West can lead a second spade through the dummy, allowing the defenders to take the first four tricks. And in a moment, the diamond king is the setting trick.

The opening piece was written by Anne Frank on March 27, 1944.

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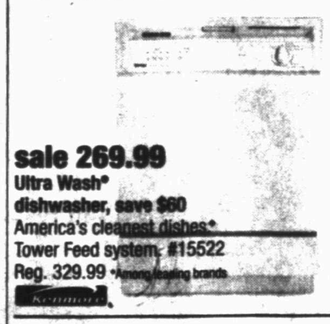

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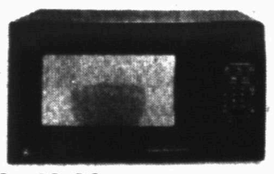

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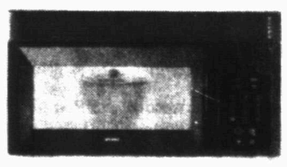

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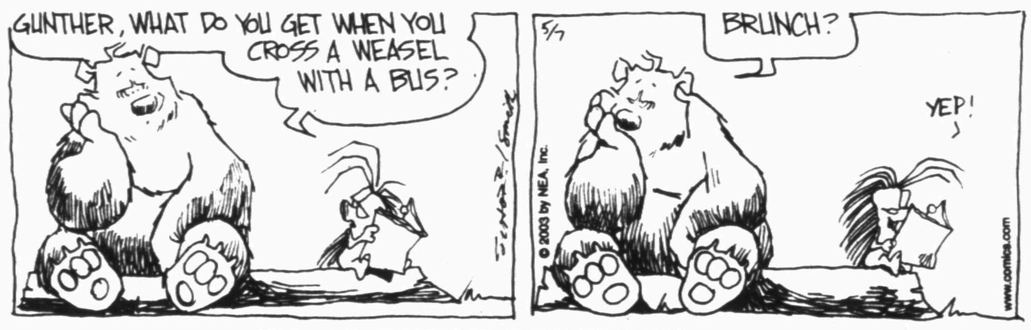

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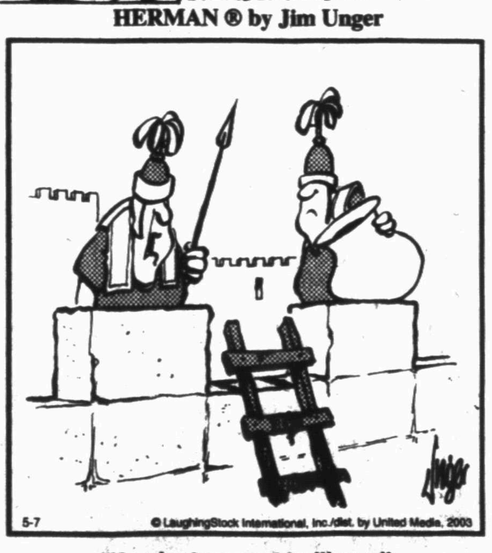

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5 Seaweeds
10 Leo's dozen
12 Garment part
13 Riddle
14 Lees distant
15 Party fabrics
16 Box-score stat
18 Last mo.
19 Stoles
21 Torah reciter
25 Vacillate
29 Shark domain
30 Fido's pal
32 Garden green
33 Burning
34 Make certain
37 Does road work
38 Not chic
40 Scrooge's word
43 1040 pro
44 Smart remark
48 Tell
50 — of July
52 Knacks
53 Wiped out data
54 Every morning
55 Waxed cheese

DOWN

1 Over
2 Revise
3 Sticky fruits
4 Orange root
5 Frothy brew
6 Soft metal
7 "Primal Fear" star
8 With, to Henri
9 Always, to Poe
10 Koan discipline
11 John Dickson —
12 Marsh bird
17 — -relief
19 Finale (hyph.)
20 Mariachi wear
21 Fabled bird
22 Liniment target
23 Coffee source
24 Saloons
26 Lobby furnishing
27 Tel —
28 Had been
31 Legal thing
35 Track events
36 Sixth sense
39 Umpire's shout
40 Mr. Lugosi
41 Jai —
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46 List detail
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49 Sample
51 Mine yield

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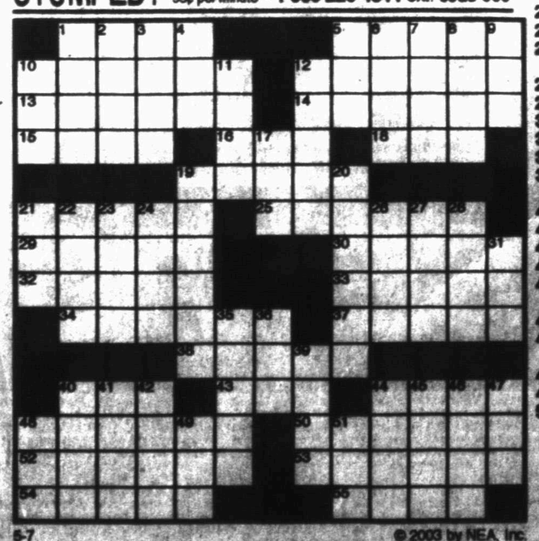

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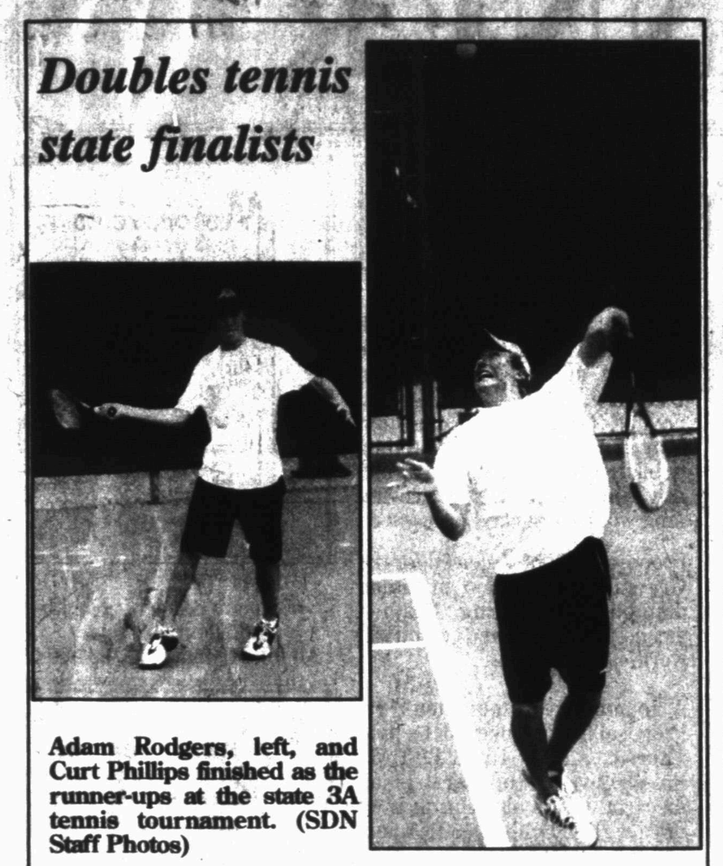
Doubles tennis state finalists



Adam Rodgers, left, and Curt Phillips finished as the runner-ups at the state 3A tennis tournament. (SDN Staff Photos)

State dream ends with silver medals

AUSTIN — A season of surprises wound its way to a familiar showdown for Snyder netters Adam Rodgers and Curt Phillips.

Phillips and Rodgers met up once again with Scott Burge and Landon Lewis of Canyon, who topped the Snyder duo at the regional tournament.

The boys team played through several rain delays — one over two hours — and their own miscues, only to fall short in their state bid, 6-3, 6-3.

Rodgers said he knew the match would be a battle, based on the team's previous tangles with the pair from Canyon.

"We expected them to play hard. When we played them before it was close," he said.

Rodgers said he and Phillips could not overcome their own mistakes.

"We beat ourselves. We didn't play nearly as good as we can," he said. "We had a lot of unforced errors."

"We would get leads in games and blow them, and get leads and sets and blow them," Phillips said. "We just couldn't recover."

Snyder and Canyon were knotted at 3-3 in the first set, but the Canyon duo swept the final three games to claim the set.

The Tiger tandem led 3-1 in the second set, only to have errant shots give the momentum to the Canyon team.

"We were never in control of the match," head coach Ted Phillips said. "We just didn't quite have it today."

Still, the senior netters were justifiably proud of their accomplishments this season, in particular the state quarterfinals match against Lindale, which boasted one-half (Isaac Anders) of last year's 3A doubles champions.

"The odds were not in our favor in that match," Rodgers said. "We are really proud of ourselves just making it past (Lindale)."

"We had a good year," his partner said. "I'm happy we made it as far as we did. We should have closed the deal, but we didn't."

Neither Phillips (WTC) nor Rodgers (Midland) has any plans to play on at the collegiate level.

"It's not in my plans yet," Rodgers said. "But if the opportunity presents itself, who knows?"

Tiger golfers ready for tough field, course at state tourney

The Snyder golf teams were waiting out a rainy day in Austin this morning, gearing up for a practice round at 3:20 today in anticipation of Thursday's opening round of the state golf tournament at Jimmy Clay Golf Course.

The team worked out at Horseshoe Bay Tuesday, and head coach Matt Glenn said the team is relaxed and focused heading into the tournament.

"There wasn't a whole lot of conversation," he said. "We are pretty well ready and in gear."

The teams will tackle the rolling hills of the par-72 Jimmy Clay Golf Course. The boys will play at 6,820 yards, and the girls must navigate the course at 5,485 yards.

Every golfer from both teams was named to the All-Region I team. The boys team consists of Stafford Gray, Matt McCormick, Brady Reed, Zach Starnes and Vaughn Wiggins.

Lady Tigers competing in state include Lauren Day, Kellie Dodspn, Katie Kerley, Hailey Putnam and Catherine Whitworth.

Glenn said that while Roy Kizer Golf Course — where the girls team finished as state runner-up last year — plays longer, Jimmy Clay leaves little margin for error from the tees. He said the fairways are more forgiving at Kizer, while an errant shot at Clay could leave a ball in the deep rough.

"Jimmy Clay is more demanding off the box," he said. "The par 3s are shorter and some of the par 5s you can reach in two."

The competition will be stiff at the state tournament, with the boys division featuring Monahans, Longview Spring Hill, Center, China Spring, Madisonville, Burnet and Llano.

The girls field may be even deeper, with both Yoakum squads, Waco Robinson, Columbus, Gladewater Sabine, Paris North Lamar and Pecos.

Although the competition will step up a notch in Austin, Glenn said the key for the Tigers is playing their game.

"I think anything can happen at state," he said. "I've seen kids shoot in the 80s all year and shoot even par here, and kids that shoot even par come here and shoot in the 80s. It's a magical place. You can say you are competing against other schools, but you have got to play the course and play your game the best you can, and hopefully you'll come out with a lower score than the other guy."

Webber, Kings blow by Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Chris Webber scored 13 of his 24 in the first quarter, helping Sacramento go up by 12 at halftime. The Kings led by 20 early in third and eventually 28 before settling for a 124-113 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in Game 1 of their second-round series Tuesday night.

"They put on a clinic," Dallas guard Steve Nash said. "They were extremely focused and got whatever they wanted."

Webber certainly did.

After backing down Eduardo Najera on Sacramento's first possession, Webber capped a 15-2 run by dunking over Shawn Bradley. That made the Kings 9-for-14 and they seemed to be only warming up. So much for the notion they'd be rusty after a six-day layoff.

Webber's early burst ended when he faked his way past Bradley near the foul line and made an uncontested dunk, putting Sacramento up 13. Webber and Stojakovic sat the first 5:08 of the second quarter, but the Kings still stretched their lead to 14.

In the other game Tuesday night, Detroit beat Philadelphia 98-87 in the opener of an Eastern Conference semifinal.

Bulldogs put perfect record on the line in playoff opener

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs look to continue their undefeated season at 5 p.m. today, when they open the 1A Region I bi-district playoff game with Paducah at Moffett Field.

Bulldog skipper Randy Jones said he would have preferred to play a best-of-three series against the Dragons, but 1A certifications are due Thursday, leaving no time for a three-game series, as both teams had district games last weekend.

The Bulldogs will be aided by the return of senior pitcher Eric Dickerhoff, who spent last week in the hospital with pneumonia. After a check-up today, Jones anticipates a clean bill of health for the right hander, but said he will keep a close eye on him.

"I'm not worried about his arm, I'm more concerned with his lungs and fatigue from just being out there in the heat," Jones said. "I'll have to stop him, though. Being a competitor, he'll go until he can't."

Ira will advance to face Miles, Jones said, if they play the way they have played for 14 straight games this season.

"If we show up and play the way we are capable of playing, we should be okay," he said. "Everybody knows pitching is the difference, but in the playoffs, it will come down to who has the best catchers, who has the most bloop base hits and who runs the bases better."

The Ira offense is led by its cleanup hitter, junior Jake Barnes, who leads the team in batting average (.467), runs batted in (23), and homers (4).

"He's had a good year at the plate," Jones stated. " He's doing exactly what you want your cleanup hitter to do. My top six have hit the ball well, and my bottom three have gotten on base."

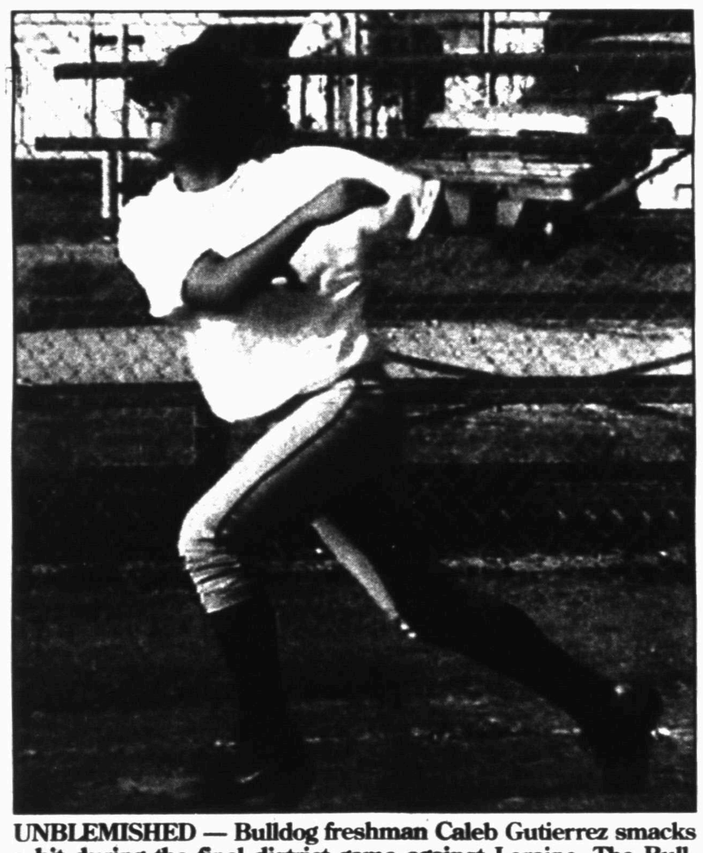
Jones said he also has confidence in his three-man rotation — Dickerhoff, and the Gutierrez brothers, Josh and Caleb.

"All three have thrown well," he said.

He said the contributions from his underclassmen have been a big reason for the team's perfect 14-0 record.

"Our freshmen stepped up big this year," he said. "Caleb is very versatile — he has played short, pitcher, and catcher and done a great job at all three spots. He replaces Eric and Josh in the field, and those are tough spots to fill. He is hitting .308 and is hitting better of late. He is not playing like a freshman."

Should Ira move on, its opponent will be 8-A champion Miles, which beat Comstock by a surreal score of 36-0.



UNBLEMISHED — Bulldog freshman Caleb Gutierrez smacks a hit during the final district game against Loraine. The Bulldogs, 14-0 on the year, battle Paducah at 5 today at Moffett Field in a bi-district playoff game. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Sports Briefs

Playoff games at Moffett

Moffett Field will be the site of two Class 2A area playoff series Friday and Saturday. The first game is Friday at 5:30 p.m. between Seymour and Lockney, followed by game one between Floydada and Eastland at 8 p.m., with game two of that series starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. Game two between Seymour and Lockney will start at 3 p.m. In both series, game three, if necessary, will be played 30 minutes after the conclusion of game two.

Giants' closer lost for the year

MIAMI (AP) — San Francisco closer Robb Nen will have season-ending shoulder surgery Wednesday to repair a partial tear to his right rotator cuff.

Nen's throwing shoulder has not responded to operations in November 2002 and on April 18, followed by an extensive rehabilitation program. He's expected to be ready for spring training in 2004.

Columnist Ryan suspended for comments

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Globe sports columnist Bob Ryan was suspended without pay for a month for saying on television that Jason Kidd's wife needed someone to "smack her."

Ryan also was barred from appearing on radio or television for one month.

SGSA board meeting

The Snyder Girls Softball Association will have a board meeting at 7:30 tonight at BP Pipeline.

Charity golf tournament

The Oxy Permian/Ondeo charity golf tournament to benefit the Snyder Boys and Girls Club will be held Saturday at WTC golf course.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. and will include a raffle and barbecue. For more information contact 573-7272 ext. 4001 or ext. 4007.

LGA spring tournament

The Ladies Golf Association will have its spring tournament at Scurry County golf course May 17-18.

Rangers bludgeoned by Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rookie Jayson Werth went 3-for-5, including a three-run homer in his first at-bat in the Blue Jays' 15-5 win over Texas on Tuesday.

In a game when so much focus was on Texas slugger Rafael Palmeiro's pursuit of his 500th homer, the Blue Jays were the ones playing home run derby.

Carlos Delgado hit two of Toronto's season-high five homers, leading off the second and third innings with long balls. Orlando Hudson added a three-run homer and Vernon Wells, who went to high school in Arlington and still lives there, led off the fourth with a home run.

The Blue Jays had 17 hits, nine of them for extra bases, and took over the major league lead with a .291 team batting average. Six Toronto players had at least two hits.

"It seems when people are going good, everybody is going good," Delgado said. "I don't know how to explain it. You don't try to fight it. You ride it, and hopefully it stays with you for a long time."

The Blue Jays, after going 9-18 in April, have won all five of their games in May. They swept defending World Series champ Anaheim in three games over the weekend.

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Tuesday, May 6
Detroit 98, Philadelphia 87, Detroit leads series 1-0
Sacramento 124, Dallas 113, Sacramento leads series 1-0
Wednesday, May 7
Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 8
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Friday, May 9
New Jersey at Boston, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 10
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Monday, May 5
Ottawa 5, Philadelphia 1, Ottawa wins series 4-2
Minnesota 7, Vancouver 2, Vancouver leads series 3-2
Anaheim 4, Dallas 3, Anaheim wins series 4-2
Wednesday, May 7
Vancouver at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 8
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m., if necessary

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The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive all formalities.

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Halliburton's contract said larger than previously known

WASHINGTON (AP) — Halliburton Co.'s emergency, no-bid contract to work on Iraq's oil wells must be fully disclosed, a Democratic lawmaker says, pointing to the Army's admission that the company has a far more lucrative role than originally believed.

Prior descriptions said Vice President Dick Cheney's former company would fight oil fires. The contract also lets the company operate the oil fields for a time and distribute the petroleum, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said Tuesday. Waxman cited information he received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which awarded the contract.

Cheney's office has said repeatedly that the vice president has no role in Halliburton's operations or its government contracts.

A spokeswoman for Halliburton said the company's initial announcement of the contract on March 24 disclosed the larger role for its KBR subsidiary.

The Corps wrote Waxman last Friday that the contract included not only extinguishing fires but "operation of facilities and distribution of products."

"I do not mean to suggest that the Corps has intentionally misled anyone about the contract," Waxman wrote Tuesday to Corps commander Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers. "I am, however, concerned that the administration's reluctance to provide complete information about this and other Iraqi contracts has denied Congress and the public important information."

The lawmaker also said the Corps' proposal to replace the Halliburton contract with another long-term deal was at odds with administration statements that Iraq's oil belongs to the Iraqi people.

KBR was given the right to extinguish the oil fires under an existing, contingency contract. Carol Sanders, a spokeswoman for the Corps of Engineers, said officials were reviewing Waxman's letter but had no immediate response.

Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall pointed to the company's announcement of the contract in March, which she said revealed the extent of the work.

The release said: "KBR's initial task involves hazard and operational assessment, extinguishing oil well fires, capping oil well blowouts, as well as responding to any oil spills. Following this task, KBR will perform emergency repair, as directed, to provide for the continuity of operations of the Iraqi oil infrastructure."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

An unusual result of trauma

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was 32, I fell from a 10-foot ladder. This caused me to develop avascular necrosis in both hips. Subsequently, I underwent a left hip replacement. Should I be concerned about spreading of the necrosis? Recently, I've begun experiencing a grinding pain in my right shoulder and increasing discomfort in my right hip. What is the possibility of other joints in my body being affected?

DEAR READER: Avascular (absent circulation) necrosis (death of tissue) is a serious affliction in which bones and joint cartilage become deprived of a blood supply and wither. This results from damage to the microcirculation, the tiny blood vessels supplying oxygen and nutrients to bone and cartilage.

Avascular necrosis is a common consequence of certain blood disorders, such as sickle cell disease, when blood cells lose their normal round shape and become wedged in capillaries, blocking circulation. Injury, such as falling from a ladder, is an unusual cause of avascular necrosis, but certainly can occur when fat cells from the bone marrow are released into the bloodstream and interrupt blood flow in capillaries.

I believe that whatever damage you experienced took place at the time of your accident; you needn't worry about further avascular necrosis, which does not spread. Nonetheless, if both hips were originally involved, you may eventually need a right-hip replacement, too.

This condition is not likely to have affected your shoulders, because they are not weight-bearing joints. Check with your doctor to discover the basis for your "grinding pain," which could be due to bursitis (inflammation of the joint coverings), tendonitis (irritation of the shoulder tendons), arthritis or other orthopedic afflictions that are not necessarily related to avascular necrosis.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take atenolol for high blood pressure and am scheduled for prostate surgery. Should I discontinue the medicine prior to surgery in order to prevent a dangerous reaction with the anesthesia?

DEAR READER: As you imply, certain medications increase the risk of complications from surgery. For instance, atenolol (a beta-blocker used to treat hypertension and cardiac disorders) can cause a patient to have an unacceptably slow heart rate (or a dangerous fall in blood pressure) during general anesthesia. Therefore, the prudent patient should ALWAYS inform the physician, the surgeon or the anesthesiologist about the medicines (both prescription and over-the-counter) he or she is taking.

In addition, a patient should never stop prescription drugs on his own, before surgery. This could be dangerous. For example, were you to discontinue atenolol without your doctor prescribing an appropriate substitute, your blood pressure could shoot up to unacceptable levels; putting you at risk for stroke or cardiovascular complications. If patients need to forego their medicines for several days, this decision - and the subsequent monitoring - should be made by a physician.

In your case, you probably don't need to discontinue atenolol because most prostate surgery is performed under spinal anesthesia, during which the lower portion of your body is temporarily numbed while you remain fully awake. Because heart function and respiration are not affected by spinal anesthesia - as they are by general anesthesia - the effects of atenolol should pose no threat. Nonetheless, you should discuss this with the anesthesiologist before surgery because your situation may have unique features.

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

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Today's chuckle

Frowns still OK at city council meetings

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Palo Alto City Council members won't have to turn their frowns upside down.

The council had tried to do away with frowning as part of a proposed code of conduct during public meetings. But on Monday, council members voted unanimously to adopt the code but remove language discouraging elected officials from using facial expressions that show "disagreement or disgust" at public meetings.

"It could have been so much simpler than we made it," council member Jim Burch said after the vote. "We complicated it beyond good civil behavior."

The broad proposal on body language, which critics said could be interpreted as infringing on the First Amendment's guarantee of free expression, made the council the butt of many jokes.

The intent, said council member Judy Kleinberg, was to eliminate intimidation that arises when colleagues act aggressively or rudely.

Council member Nancy Lytle wrote a memo suggesting the code be reworded to ask for "respectful silence and decorum, paying and showing signs of attention while colleagues, staff or public have the floor."

But council member Jack Morton said that wording won't work either.

"I don't think it's appropriate for a city council to limit any form of expression — or require a positive form of expression," he said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	7.59	7.00	7.21	+.11
AOL TimeWrn	13.38	13.10	13.37	+.08
AT&T Corp rs	16.51	16.23	16.43	—.12
Albertsons	20.61	20.16	20.37	—.34
Alltel	47.95	47.25	47.67	—.22
AmEl Pw	25.60	25.08	25.23	—.17
AndarkPtr	45.17	44.57	45.04	+.18
ATMOS Egy	23.10	22.96	23.03	—.03
Aviall	9.62	9.50	9.57	+.10
BP PLC	40.23	39.83	39.95	+.08
BakerHughes	28.90	28.33	28.75	+.04
Bank of Amer	74.47	73.71	74.33	—.08
BellSouth	26.03	25.67	25.95	—.07
BurlNoSFe	28.28	27.95	28.21	+.10
Caterpillar	53.68	53.10	53.60	—.30
CenterPoint	8.15	8.00	8.10	+.08
ChevronTex	67.17	66.35	66.66	—.52
Citigroup	40.01	39.43	39.89	—.06
CocaCola	45.62	42.00	42.84	+1.82
ColgatePal	57.90	57.30	57.90	+.35
CmclMetals s	16.30	16.24	16.29	—.07
ConocoPhill	51.78	51.23	51.69	+.09
Cooper Inds	37.00	36.06	36.56	—.89
DaimlrChry	33.34	30.12	32.73	—.61
DeltaAirl	15.35	14.86	15.10	—.11
Dillards Inc	14.20	13.88	14.13	+.09
DowChem	32.00	31.41	31.60	—.50
DuPont	42.95	42.30	42.74	—.32
EastmanChem	30.91	30.45	30.62	—.29
EstKodak	30.99	30.43	30.83	—.26
EDS Corp	18.13	17.59	17.85	—.67
Entergy	48.62	48.30	48.46	+.16
ExxonMobil	35.40	35.11	35.37	+.17
FootLocker	10.64	10.50	10.64	—.01
GenDynam	61.92	61.30	61.88	+.12
GenElec	29.22	28.88	29.03	—.09
GenMills	44.80	44.39	44.64	+.06
GenMotors	36.18	35.85	36.03	—.20
GaPacific	16.57	15.42	16.52	+.68
Goodrich	16.00	15.21	15.89	+.76
Goodyear	7.06	6.80	7.01	—.06
GtAtlPac	6.58	6.30	6.55	—.03
Halliburtn	23.18	22.63	23.16	+.50
Hanson ADS	29.15	27.91	27.96	—1.54
HartfdHanks s	19.15	18.89	19.14	+.14
HomeDepot	29.60	29.17	29.55	+.07
Honeywellnt	24.40	24.00	24.35	—.06
IBM	87.66	86.63	87.51	+.16
IntlPaper	36.36	35.83	36.31	—.24
JohnsonJn	57.25	56.45	57.19	+.67
KinderMorg	47.00	45.89	46.19	—.61
Kroger Co	14.38	14.07	14.18	—.20
LockheedM	50.00	49.29	49.71	—.10
Lowes Cos	44.73	44.20	44.62	+.13
Lubys	2.60	2.40	2.43	—.12
LucentTech	2.35	2.19	2.32	+.12
MarathonOil	23.81	23.45	23.81	+.39
MayDeptStr	22.10	21.62	22.02	+.12
Medtronic	47.66	47.16	47.49	—.21
Motorola	8.19	8.03	8.13	—.02
NCR Corp	22.97	22.45	22.59	—.40
Navistar	28.10	27.62	28.09	
PNM Rescs	22.93	22.70	22.81	—.05
Penney JC	17.85	17.51	17.80	+.16
PepBoys	9.10	9.00	9.07	—.05
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PhelpDodge	31.96	31.25	31.72	—.24
PilgrmPrd B	8.80	8.45	8.78	+.33
Praxair	58.37	57.70	58.02	—.56
ProctGamb	90.19	89.53	89.99	+.29
RadioShack	24.01	23.47	23.96	+.13
RoyalDut	43.84	43.65	43.75	+.07
SBC Comm	23.45	22.30	23.34	—.41
SaraLee	17.47	17.00	17.45	+.45
Scripps EW	81.88	80.81	81.85	+.69
SearsRoeb	28.80	28.26	28.35	—.57
SherwinW	27.87	27.50	27.71	—.08
SouthernCo	28.69	28.51	28.62	+.05
SwstAirl	16.40	16.03	16.20	—.17
SprintFON	11.85	11.66	11.85	+.09
SprintPCS	3.93	3.82	3.90	+.06
Sunoco Inc	37.78	37.26	37.46	—.05
TXU Corp	37.66	18.80	18.93	+.10
TempleInland	45.50	44.66	45.43	+.35
Texind	20.43	20.25	20.35	—.09
TexasInst	20.15	19.67	19.79	—.41
Textron	31.78	31.25	31.76	+.29
TrinityInds	17.77	17.51	17.66	—.04
TylerTech	3.98	3.92	3.96	+.03
UnionPacif	60.31	59.60	59.90	—.41
USSteel	14.29	14.06	14.27	—.03
UnitedTech	63.50	62.45	63.37	+.42
Unocal	28.06	27.75	28.05	—.01
VerizonComm	37.80	37.22	37.76	—.03
Wallmart	55.91	55.10	55.77	—.14
WellsFargo	48.34	47.81	48.25	+.16
WstnGasRs	37.52	37.26	37.52	+.19
WhrlPoole	12.61	12.35	12.49	—.11
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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

HESSIAN FLY HITS RUNNELS COUNTY WHEAT

ROWENA — Rick Minzenmayer has something new to worry about. Last week, Minzenmayer, Texas Cooperative Extension's entomologist for Runnels and Tom Green counties, was asked to check a wheat field just north of here that wasn't doing well.

"It looked bad, and the farmers couldn't figure out what was wrong with it," said Minzenmayer. "I went out there and after looking closely determined the damage was the result of Hessian fly. They were everywhere. Plants are lodging (falling over) in the field and many plants were actually dying. It looked terrible."

The entomologist said the outbreak marks the first time the pest has been found in Runnels County. He said once a field has been hit hard, the crop is lost, adding the outbreak was likely caused by an introduction of wheat straw or harvest equipment that harbored the insects.

"The flies kind of jumped over into our area, so apparently they were brought in last year," said Minzenmayer. "They established last fall and we're finding them now. "This means this area will now have to start planting resistant wheat varieties.

Producers will also have to plant later in the affected area, probably no sooner than November. Traditional September planting of wheat for early grazing is out in the affected area unless producers plant resistant varieties. There's only a few wheat varieties that are actually resistant. Unfortunately, they are not as good for grazing as the beardless wheats most of our producers plant for grazing. Beardless wheats are very susceptible to the Hessian fly. TAM400 and some of the Pioeer wheat varieties are resistant. Coronado has some resistance. Other than these few, most of the wheat planted in our region is susceptible.

Minzenmayer is not sure how much wheat has been hit by the tiny insects yet. He said six fields in close proximity to the affected field were all infested. The pocket of trouble probably totals 250 to 300 acres.

Currently, the crop insurance adjusters are looking at the damage and releasing those fields so they can be plowed under. The stubble must be buried four to six inches deep to reduce the fly' s survivability.

Burying the stubble prevents the adult from emerging. The fields must be destroyed as quickly as possible, so grazing them out is not an option.

"We want to alert producers, especially those hiring custom harvesters, to make sure those combines and other equipment are clean prior to coming into their fields, " he continued. "If that machinery has been working south and east of here, local producers need to insist that the equipment be thoroughly cleaned before it is even brought to our area.

"These flies are very small and have difficulty traveling on their own more than one mile. They only live about three days in the adult stage, so their natural movement is extremely slow," he said. "They are obviously getting some unintentional help somewhere because there is no practical way they could make it here so fast on their own."

Cuban migrants wade two miles to shore

KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) — Three Cuban migrants swam and waded about two miles to shore Tuesday after jumping from their rickety wooden boat and refusing help from the U.S. Coast Guard. A fourth migrant was taken aboard a state vessel.

Upon reaching land, the three migrants raised their arms in victory and walked gingerly into the mangroves on North Key Largo.

Weather to reduce wheat yields

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Even though Texas has not experienced one single disaster to wipe out its wheat, many localized events have reduced potentially high yields this year, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Wheat in North and Central Texas was, on average, planted behind schedule this fall due to wet conditions," said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, extension specialist in College Station.

"However, some farmers were able to plant their wheat prior to the fall rains and obtained good fall crop growth."

Some producers planted wheat as late as December because of wet fields, Morgan said.

After planting, a cool, wet fall caused slow development of the wheat. This, combined with late planting led to reduced yields for those producers opting to graze livestock on wheat, Morgan said.

South and Central Texas were hit by two late freezes, and many producers were forced to graze or bale their wheat, Morgan said. The most common problem is the lack of rain, which will reduce average yields across the state, Morgan said.

"Only last week did some areas get rainfall and the rain showers were very sporadic," he said. Soil moisture conditions are very dry. Even areas that have received a few thunderstorms are now in need of rain again, he said.

In the Panhandle, Dr. Brent Bean, extension agronomist in Amarillo, said most wheat was planted a little early this year due to excellent early season moisture.

"Expectations were very high early on because of the excellent planting conditions. Around 2.4 million acres were planted, which is more than in the past," Bean said.

However, little rainfall since planting has left the crop in poor to fair condition, he said. More than half of the wheat fields in that area are grown under dryland conditions, with the rest being irrigated. Both dryland and irrigated wheat are showing signs of drought stress, he said.

"Yields are probably going to be below average this year. Some of the dryland wheat will not be harvested due to the drought," Bean said.

Because of this, producer there are choosing to use their wheat crop as hay, said Dr. Bob Robinson, extension director in Amarillo.

Dr. Travis Miller, extension agronomist in College Station, said the majority of wheat in South Central Texas area was planted on time with good moisture.

"Most of the Blacklands are in pretty good shape. There has been a dry spell this last month that hasn't helped, but most wheat in that area is in pretty good condition," he said.

A disease called stripe rust — caused by a cool and wet spring — is reducing yields in Central and South Texas. Even though yields may be down, planted wheat acreage is up slightly this year throughout most of the state, Morgan said.

This year's state total is 6.6 million acres; 6.4 million acres were planted last year, he said. The harvest in South Texas will begin soon and in about three to four weeks in Central Texas, Morgan said.

"Yields will most likely be between 20 to 40 bushels per acre depending on the location and time of planting," Morgan said.

The average yield of wheat statewide is 28 to 32 bushels per acre. Miller estimates wheat prices will be $3.05 per bushel — not a high price.

"Whenever there are conditions that look like it may bring poor wheat yields, there are going to be people who do not take their wheat to grain," Miller said.

In the Brady area, wheat was injured by freezing weather, so producers also cut their grain for hay, he said.

Jett Major, extension director in Lubbock, said many dryland fields in the South Plains are showing signs of drought stress. Freeze damage in wheat is higher than expected, causing many wheat fields to be cut for hay instead of sold as grain, Major said.

Scott Durham, extension director in San Angelo, said wheat crop yields have also suffered in West Central Texas because of late freezes and dry conditions.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture short to adequate. Temperatures were above normal throughout the week. Thunderstorms early in week brought small hail and very little rain. Almost all corn is planted, and looking fair to good. Some cotton has been planted. Range conditions are very dry and slow to green up. Rangeland is fair to very poor. Cattle condition is fair to good. Supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to very short. High winds and above normal temperatures continue to deplete available topsoil moisture needed for spring crops. Some scattered showers early last week with totals ranging from a trace to 1-1/2 inches. Almost all corn is planted and growing well. Peanut and sunflower seed production is in full swing. Cotton planting is under way, although some producers are waiting because of dry conditions. Cattle are in fair condition; supplemental feeding continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Golf-ball sized hail was reported in Stonewall County with an inch of rainfall. Cotton producers continue to prepare fields for planting. Range and pastures need rainfall. Spring weeds are coming on strong with pasture herbicides being applied in many counties. Warm season grasses are increasing in those pastures receiving rainfall. Cattle producers continue to work spring calves and are shipping cattle to feedlots. Livestock in good condition and grazing spring growth of warm season grasses.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. All corn and most of soybeans and grain sorghum have been planted and are looking good. Some cotton, peanuts and rice have been planted and are progressing well. Corn and wheat will need rainfall this week to continue progress. Meadows and pastures are beginning to grow. Hay baling and fertilizing pastures has begun. Livestock is in good condition. Watermelons are being set out.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 514 head of cattle for the Wednesday, April 30, sale.

Market was active and demand good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers were steady compared to last week.

Packer cows were steady to $1 lower. Bred cows were steady on light test. Pairs wre fully steady, mostly middle-aged with very few young cows coming to market at this time.

Feeder steers:
400-500: 81-94
500-600: 73-87.50
600-750: 71-79.50
Feeder heifers:
400-500: [illegible]
500-600: 75-83
600-750: 68-75.50
Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 550-670
Pairs: 650-795
Packer cows: 36-42.75
Old and Shelly: 31-35
Packer bulls: 48-53.10

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,296 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 1, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 38-44
Canner and low cutters: 32-38
Slaughter bulls: 44-52
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-127
400-500: 90-107
500-600: 80-95
600-700: 75-85
700-800: 75-83
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-112
400-500: 80-92
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 72-78
700-800: 65-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-85
700-800: 70-76
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-840
Grade: 525-650
Springers: 350-600
Baby calves: 50-175
Doodlers: 150-300

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FIRST CALENDER QUARTER, 2003

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:
THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in REGULAR Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, May 5, 2003 and, the entire membership of said court, viz., Rod Waller, Ralph Trevey, Jerry House, Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey, Commissioner's for Precincts, 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of Nelda Colvin, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003, came to the attention of said Court and the said Court compared and examined the same and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of time and demand deposits, and other assets on the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: **NOW, THEREFORE,** the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County Depository, except the following, viz., Texpool; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003, the beginning and ending balance for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statues of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the REGULAR Session of said Court of Scurry County.

Nelda Colvin,
County Treasurer
Rod Waller,
County Judge
Ralph W. Tevey,
Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Jerry House,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Howard L. Limmer,
Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Chloanne Lindsey,
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Nelda Colvin, Rod Waller, Ralph Trevey, Jerry House, Jr, Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey before me, the undersigned Scurry County Clerk for Scurry County, Texas:

ATTEST:
(s) Joan Bunch
County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(SEAL)

SCURRY COUNTY TREASURER
FIRST QUARTERLY SUMMARY

FUNDS	CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES 12/31/2002	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 03-31-03
GENERAL						
Departmental				[illegible]		
Jury				1,136.10		
Permanent Improvement				0.00		
Airport				21,713.21		
Health Unit				[illegible]		
Park & Coliseum				[illegible]		
Library				47,763.47		
TOTALS						
GENERAL FUND	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	315.00	1,196.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,191.04	320.00
TEXPOOL FUND	[illegible]	20,643.11	[illegible]	0.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
ABANDONED VEHICLE FUND	3,043.04	1,317.07	0.00	102.30	0.00	4,258.01
SCURRY CO. 2001 CONST FUND	523.02	234.78	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	109.00
HEALTH UNIT FUND	980.00	[illegible]	0.00	[illegible]	3,400.00	1,041.01
JUVENILE PROBATION FEES FUND	[illegible]	400.04	0.00	30.00	0.00	[illegible]
LIBRARY DONATIONS FUND	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.00	207.70	0.00	[illegible]
COGDELL DEPRECIATION FUND	[illegible]	243.02	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.00	[illegible]
COGDELL REFUND FUND	918.79	63.62	[illegible]	19,027.00	0.00	[illegible]
COGDELL PAYROLL FUND	546.12	304.12	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.00	207.00
COGDELL OPERATING FUND	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
COGDELL HEALTHCARE BENEFITS	61,331.70	168,499.01	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.00	[illegible]
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Airport Revenue 1st Quarter	[illegible]					
Interest 1st Quarter	[illegible]					
Interest Earned to Date	[illegible]					

Nelda Colvin
Nelda Colvin, Scurry County Treasurer

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5-5-02	LAST WEEK 4-28-03	THIS WEEK 5-5-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	17.62	15.92	15.97
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	18,941	15,731	15,820
PERCENT FULL	9.44	7.84	7.89
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 5-5-02	LAST WEEK 4-28-03	THIS WEEK 5-5-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	41.24	33.93	33.78
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	45,487	26,355	26,037
PERCENT FULL	8.79	5.09	5.03
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.20	0.30

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 5-5-02	LAST WEEK 4-28-03	THIS WEEK 5-5-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	30.28	25.99	25.96
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	239,800	196,676	196,402
PERCENT FULL	43.26	35.48	35.43
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.20

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 4-26-03	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 5-5-03	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 5-5-03
	4-22-03	4-29-03	4-29-03
BIG SPRING	5,147,143	5,137,143	6,050,000
ODESSA	24,839,000	28,881,714	29,048,000
SNYDER	2,345,143	2,437,143	2,858,000
MIDLAND	29,367,143	29,167,571	30,367,000
SAN ANGELO	17,849,714	19,453,143	21,985,000
STANTON	168,714	168,571	204,000

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Tornado warnings return to Midwest

PIERCE CITY, Mo. (AP) — Another round of volatile spring weather spread rain and a threat of storms across the region early today as residents tried to recover from the weekend tornadoes that killed 40 people.

The National Weather Service posted tornado warnings this morning for southeastern Missouri, northwestern Mississippi, northeast Louisiana and sections of Tennessee.

Pierce City's streets were wet from rains Tuesday and also from overnight, and there was more of the same this morning.

"Oh, man. Oh, man. Not this again!" Bill Shepherd shouted Tuesday as he lashed blue plastic over his furniture in the rain. "I swear, this weather has put the coffin nail in this little town, and nature just won't let us go in peace."

The death toll from Sunday's violent weather reached 18 in Missouri with the discovery of a child's body outside Pierce City on Tuesday, and rose to 15 in Tennessee after a man was found dead in a field near Jackson. The storms also were blamed for at least seven deaths in Kansas.

One person was still listed as missing in this southwestern Missouri town.

More showers and thunderstorms were likely in southwest Missouri during the afternoon today and again statewide on Thursday, the weather service said.

East of Pierce City and the other Ozarks towns struck by Sunday's twisters, a powerful storm that included a tornado hit the community of De Soto, south of St. Louis, causing widespread damage Tuesday.

The De Soto junior high school track team had just returned from an out-of-town meet when the storm reached its peak. About 25 team members and coaches went first to a teacher's lounge underneath the gym.

WHO sends team to Chinese province hit hard by SARS

BEIJING (AP) — World Health Organization experts were being sent to a crowded province in China where SARS is spreading fast, while new research published today suggests the illness is much more deadly than other respiratory diseases.

As the global death toll from SARS approached 500, Russia considered imposing harsh restrictions along its border with China, where experts say the disease has yet to peak. Chinese officials arrested alleged Internet rumor mongers and revoked the licenses of doctors who refused to treat the infection.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson said China and the United States would work closer on SARS, although a senior Chinese official was noncommittal about providing U.S. scientists with specimens from patients.

The U.S. government has authorized immigration and customs inspectors at U.S. airports to use force to detain passengers who appear to have SARS symptoms, The New York Times reported. None had been detained so far, it said.

New findings in The Lancet medical journal show that SARS is killing one in five of patients hospitalized with the virus in hard-hit Hong Kong, including 55 percent of infected patients aged over 60.

In younger patients, the death rate could be as low as 6.8 percent, the study found.

"That's sadly still very high for a respiratory infection," said Roy Anderson, the epidemiologist at London's Imperial College who headed the study. "In other common respiratory infections it is much less than 1 percent in the vulnerable elderly."

Officers search for man yelling and firing a gun

•Disturbance

Dispatchers received several calls at 9:50 p.m. Tuesday reporting a male subject in the street on Ave. Y, between 26th and 27th Streets yelling and firing a gun.

Two Snyder officers and a deputy responded, but the subject was gone upon their arrival. The officers contacted one subject possibly involved, but a search of the area yielded no firearm.

A close patrol of the area was initiated for the remainder of the night.

•Criminal mischief

An individual requested a deputy on county roads 3115 and 394 Tuesday morning to report that electric meters at the locations had been shot. Offense reports for felony criminal mischief was submitted.

At 10:20 a.m., a woman in the 2700 block of Ave. T reported a window on her vehicle was shot out. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A woman in the 3600 block of Ave. U reported that a vacant house appeared to have been broken into. Officers advised they would submit a report for criminal mischief.

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, a woman in the 4000 block of Ave. U reported a car window shot out. A criminal mischief report was filed.

A man in the 2400 block of 40th Street reported a broken window on his pickup and a report was submitted.

•Criminal trespass

Officers served a subject with a criminal trespass warning to stay away from his brother's residence in the 200 block of 33rd Street.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported two gas drive offs Tuesday morning in the amounts of $20.50 and $10.43.

USS Lincoln finally arrives in homeport

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — After nearly 10 months at sea, the USS Abraham Lincoln finally returned to its home port amid cheers and tearful reunions, although some 400 sailors still aboard will have to delay their parties.

While more than 2,000 sailors got off the ship Tuesday, about 400 sailors had to stay onboard, including Seaman David Montoya, who was in for another 48 hours of work.

"After 10 months, what's another 48 hours?" asked Montoya, 19, of Walnut, Calif. "I'm just happy to be here."

First off the ship were 87 new dads, whose babies were born while they were at sea.

"What up?" Fire Controlman Antonio Myers, 25, asked his wide-eyed, 4-month-old son, Amiri, who blinked at this strange new fellow in the crush of happy families at Naval Station Everett.

Another new dad, Martin Finnegan, 27, an electronics technician 3rd class, basked in the company of his fiancee, 22-year-old Jessica Fitzhugh, and their baby girl, Rylee, just 3 weeks old.

Finnegan said he got to shake President Bush's hand when the commander in chief visited the Lincoln last week. That was a thrill, he said, "but it doesn't hold a lamp to Jessica and Rylee."

Across the country at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, about 250 soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division returned from Iraq today and were greeted by cheering loved ones.

"It was rough going. I'm not going to lie. We found a lot of pockets of resistance here and there," said Spc. Anton Feist, 30, of Sioux Falls, S.D.

His wife, Jody, and three sons met the exhausted soldier at this Air Force base next to the division's home post of Fort Bragg after a trip that offered only three hours of sleep. Their youngest son, Isaiah, was born just three days before his unit left in February.

The soldiers, who landed in a chartered jet, will be joined in the next few days by about 1,000 more 82nd Airborne troops.

The 1,100-foot Lincoln left Everett on July 20 for a six-month deployment in the Persian Gulf to support the war on terrorism. It was headed home when it received orders to turn around and head back to the Gulf for the war in Iraq.

It ended up being one the longest deployments of a nuclear-powered carrier since Vietnam. No aircraft or Navy personnel from the ship were lost.

The Lincoln docked last week in San Diego, where about 1,500 sailors got off, and began the final leg of its journey home Saturday.

The Lincoln was just seven days out of Everett last July when 22-year-old Christina Mann, a cook on board, learned she was pregnant. She was flown home to have the baby, and her fiance, 27-year-old Machinist Mate Erich Cress, remained on board.

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Obituaries

Leona Snider

1904-2003

Leona Mae Snider, 99, died at 4:35 a.m. today in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Snider is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Miller Robinson, Dr. Ted Spear and Dr. Tommy Culwell. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Leona Snider

Born May 6, 1904 in a half dugout at Ennis Creek in Scurry County, she attended school at Ennis Creek and married W.C. "Bill" Snider on Dec. 25, 1929 in Scurry County. They were the first husband and wife to be baptized into Northside Baptist Church where Mr. Snider was one of the three original deacons.

Mr. Snider organized Snider Plumbing and Floor Covering in 1948 and she worked alongside him until his death on Feb. 27, 1975.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, A.J. and John Williams.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Joann Snider of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Carson Clayton of Colorado City; a sister-in-law, Jewell Williams of Snyder; three grandchildren, Max Snider and wife Gail of Snyder, Steve Snider of Dallas and Belinda Blassingame of Colorado City; four step grandchildren and their spouses, Jerrell and Judy Pylant of Carlsbad, N.M., Jeff and Teresa Pylant of Amarillo; Jacqueline and Layton Freeman of Coppell and Janetta and Darrell Kruse of Weatherford; four great-grandchildren, Josh Snider, Emily Snider, Bethany Blassingame and Jonathan Blassingame; and seven step great-grandchildren, Ashley Pylant, Taylor Freeman, Brittany Pylant, Bailey Kruse, Brooke Pylant, Trent Freeman and Kourtney Kruse.

The family suggests memorials to the Odyssey Hospice, 1510 South Gregg in Big Spring, 79720; or to a favorite charity.

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Chester Dorman

1922-2003

AUSTIN — Chester Horlice Dorman, brother of Nancy Smith of Snyder, died Saturday, May 3, in St. David's Hospital Austin.

Mr. Dorman

Service for Mr. Dorman, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Baptist Church with the Rev. Barry Chinn officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Oaks Memorial Park under the auspices of the Hill City Masonic Lodge 456. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrell Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 16, 1922 in Tahoka, he married his high school sweetheart in 1944 while he was a traffic controller in the U.S. Army. After he was discharged, they moved to Austin where he was employed with the U.S. Postal Service. He also located sites for post offices and was overseer of the construction of the office buildings. Following his retirement in 1980, he operated a farm and raised Hereford cattle, built houses and developed a small subdivision in Bastrop County.

He is a charter member of the Woodlawn Baptist Church, a 32nd Degree Mason and belonged to the Hill City Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Oma Dorman; and four brothers, Owen, Garland, C.W. and Marvin Dorman.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Dorman of Austin; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Kathy Dorman of Austin; a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Charles Turner of Dripping Springs; another sister, Sue Lowrance of Colorado City; a brother, Arnold Ray Dorman of Sweetwater; and four grandchildren, Cheston and Derek Dorman and Lauren and Drew Turner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodlawn Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 4600 Manchaca Road in Austin, 78745.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 5/8	Fri 5/9	Sat 5/10
91/60	96/65	90/55
Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 91F.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise 6:50 AM, Sunset 8:30 PM	Sunrise 6:50 AM, Sunset 8:31 PM	Sunrise 6:49 AM, Sunset 8:32 PM

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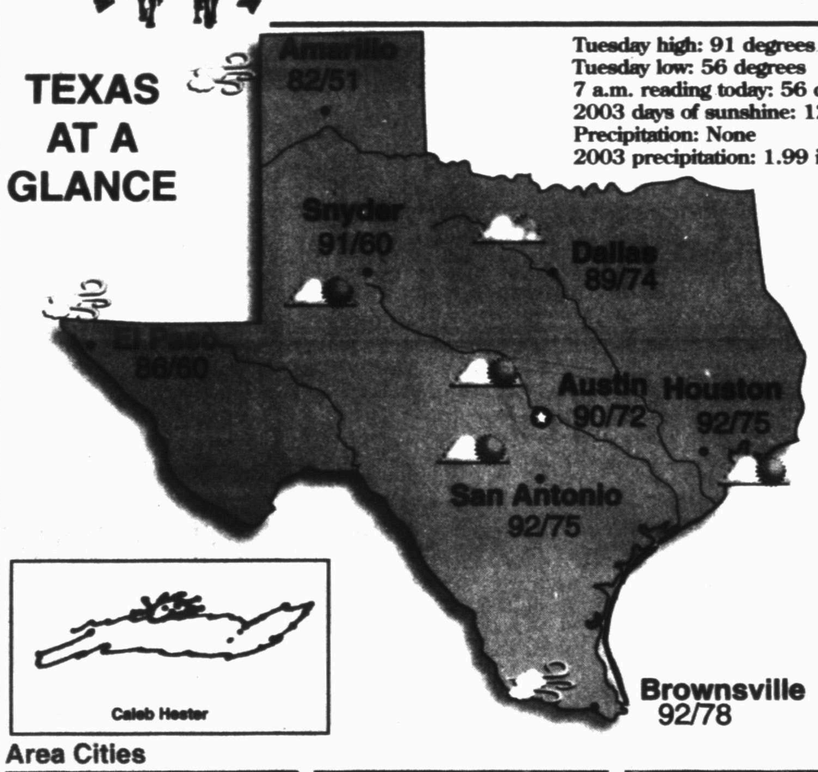
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday high: 91 degrees
Tuesday low: 56 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 56 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 123 of 126
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.99 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	66	pt sunny	El Paso	86	60	windy	Midland	93	62	windy
Amarillo	82	51	windy	Fort Stockton	94	62	sunny	Raymondville	93	75	windy
Austin	90	72	pt sunny	Gainesville	88	68	pt sunny	Rosenberg	88	74	pt sunny
Beaumont	91	74	pt sunny	Greenville	87	69	pt sunny	San Antonio	92	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	78	windy	Houston	92	75	pt sunny	San Marcos	91	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	94	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	92	75	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	89	77	pt sunny	Livingston	92	71	pt sunny	Sweetwater	94	63	pt sunny
Corsicana	87	71	windy	Longview	92	70	pt sunny	Tyler	92	72	pt sunny
Dallas	89	74	cloudy	Lubbock	88	56	windy	Weatherford	89	68	pt sunny
Del Rio	97	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	73	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	93	65	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	62	pt sunny	Houston	92	75	pt sunny	Phoenix	84	62	mst sunny
Boston	54	46	rain	Los Angeles	62	49	pt sunny	San Francisco	55	47	rain
Chicago	63	51	cloudy	Miami	85	75	pt sunny	Seattle	59	43	rain
Dallas	89	74	cloudy	Minneapolis	67	53	cloudy	St. Louis	71	66	t-storm
Denver	61	40	t-storm	New York	65	50	rain	Washington, DC	76	57	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
May 1	May 9	May 16	May 23

UV Index

Thu 5/8	Fri 5/9	Sat 5/10
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Finding steady job is hard for Navy wife on the move

DEAR ABBY: I am a Navy wife. My husband is deployed to the Persian Gulf. Since his departure, I find myself worrying most of the time, and I would like to do something constructive. I'd like to get a job, because frankly, I could use the extra income, but I don't know where to start.

We recently moved to Norfolk, Va., but will probably have to relocate again when my husband returns to the States, so I can't commit to a long-term position. Since you do such a wonderful job assisting families with all kinds of issues, have you any suggestions for me?

Thank you in advance. — **ELIZABETH GUIDRY, NORFOLK, VA.**

DEAR ELIZABETH: I admire your "take action" approach to coping with the stress and separation, and I agree that a job would be a terrific outlet. I consulted a friend at the Department of the Navy, who suggests that you look into a program called Adecco Career Accelerator. It's a partnership between the Department of the Navy and a worldwide staffing company called Adecco, specifically designed for military spouses — active and reserve — who have difficulty finding work because of frequent relocations.

Adecco recruiters provide military spouses with career counseling, training and job placement — at no cost to the military or the spouses. The company then places people in a wide range of positions, from administrative to technical, financial and light industrial, which provides a variety of options. Another advantage of this program is that vacation and other benefits transfer with you when you move. The program isn't hard to find. It operates on or near almost every Navy and Marine Corps base in the country.

Military spouses are a valuable untapped reservoir of talent and resources. We should all recognize the important contributions of military spouses not only in the lives of their families, but also to our nation. I salute each and every one of you, and support your efforts.

To locate the nearest Adecco office, visit www.usadecco.com/careeraccelerator/.

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DEAR ABBY: "Humiliated in the Rocky Mountains" said she had found evidence on their computer that her husband was cheating. She did not mention what the "evidence" was, but if it's e-mails, she should be very cautious about accusing her husband because things aren't always as they seem.

I set up an e-mail address for my dog, Chester. I give out his address whenever a Web site requires an e-mail address and I do not wish to receive e-mails from them.

Just last night, Chester received an e-mail from "Ginger." The subject was, "Thanks for the great time last night, Tiger!" While Chester is a fun-loving dog, he is not THAT friendly. I had him "fixed" when he was a year old.

It turned out to be an unsolicited e-mail ("spam") advertising a pornographic Web site. Had I received that e-mail and my wife had seen it, goodness knows what she'd think. — **KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON CHESTER, NORTHBROOK, ILL.**

DEAR KEEPING: Thank you for pointing this out. Your letter may save someone's marriage from going to the dogs.

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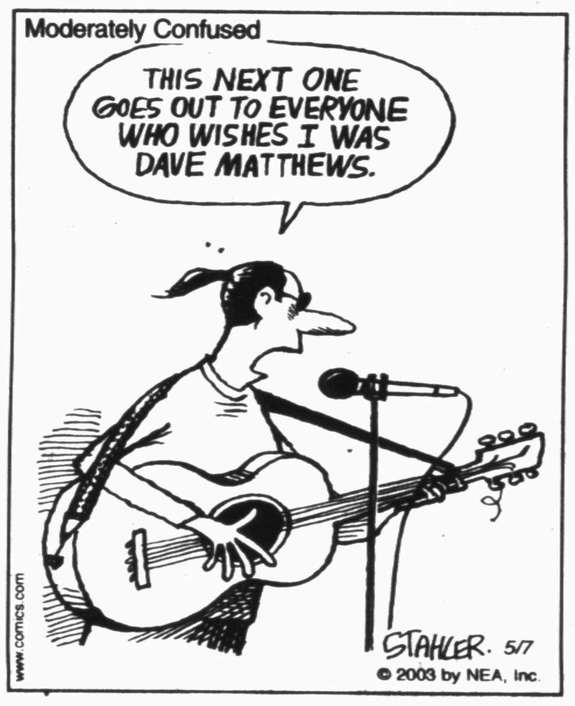


Lynch's brother returns to duty

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Jessica Lynch and her brother Gregory Lynch Jr. joined the Army together and took an oath to defend the United States on the same day.

She was 16 months younger, right out of high school and aiming for money to attend college and become a kindergarten teacher near their hometown of Palestine, W.Va. He had attended West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

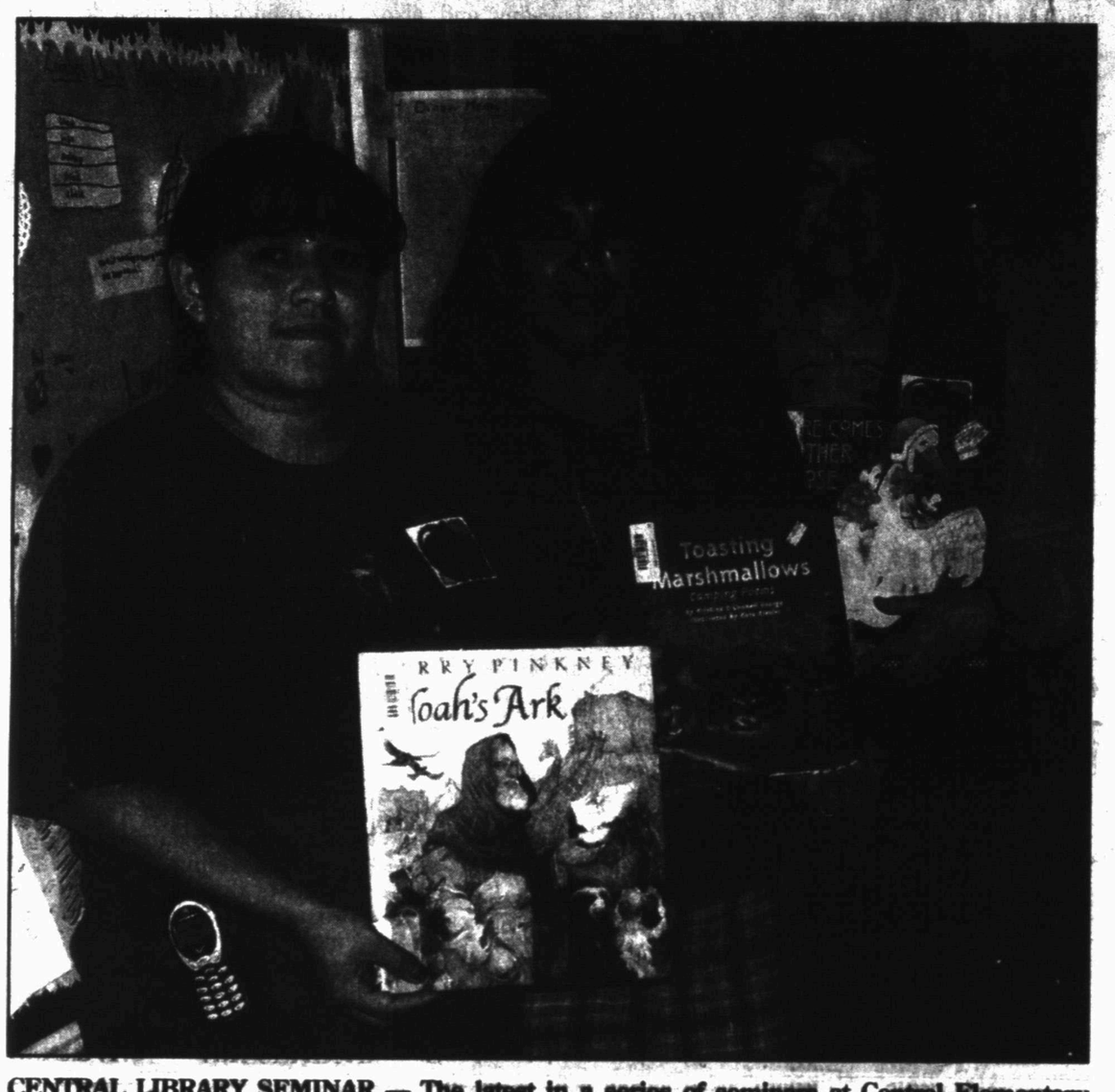
But it was the then-19-year-old Army supply clerk who saw combat in Iraq when her convoy was ambushed near the southern city of Nasiriyah on March 23. Pfc. Jessica Lynch was badly wounded in the battle, then rescued from her bed in an Iraqi hospital during a commando raid on April 1.

Lynch's final memory of the attack is of a rocket-propelled grenade hitting the vehicle she was riding in, she has told debriefers in Washington, where she is in satisfactory condition at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

That's good enough for her family, who aren't asking Jessica what happened, her brother said Tuesday after returning to his duties as an Apache helicopter ammunition technician based at Fort Bragg.

"I'm just up there to support her and show her that we care about her. That's the same that Mom and Dad are doing. As far as questions about what had happened, we're not asking that," said Gregory Lynch Jr., 21. Jessica Lynch turned 20 on April 26.

The birthday was celebrated at the hospital, where she is undergoing physical therapy as she recovers from a head wound, a spinal injury and fractures to her right arm, both legs, her right foot and ankle. Her parents visit her daily at the hospital.



CENTRAL LIBRARY SEMINAR — The latest in a series of seminars at Central Elementary focused on parents reading to their children. From left are Judy Cabrera, Celia Barrera and Janie Romine, Scurry County librarian who presented the program. The next seminar is set for May 15. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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