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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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Home of Jordan Hardin

Standoff ends with man sent for evaluation

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

A standoff between local law officers and a man threatening suicide that lasted over two hours ended without serious injury Monday night.

According to Snyder Police Sgt. Brian Haggard, police were dispatched to 1007 21st Street at 5:26 Monday afternoon concerning a dispute between Alfred Hermosillo and his mother.

When Haggard arrived along with Cpl. Trey Wilson, the two found Hermosillo in a back bedroom holding a kitchen knife to his own throat and threatening to kill himself. The two officers started negotiating with the man. Haggard said the man kept asking the officers to shoot him but was told they only wanted to get him some help.

Officers Lee Ortiz and Travis Griffith soon arrived to help secure the scene and Police Chief Steve Warren and Sheriff Darren Jackson helped with the negotiations.

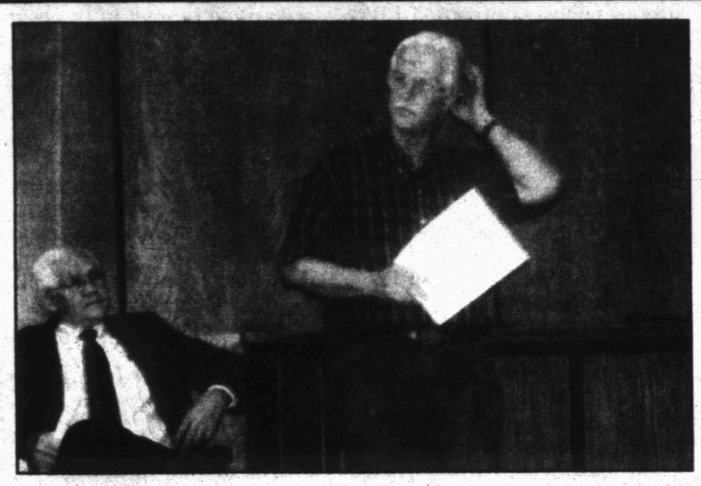
At one point in the negotiations Warren offered Hermosillo a cigarette and he put down the knife and eventually threw the weapon outside a door.

According to Warren, Hermosillo had smoked about half a cigarette when he again became agitated and said he had another knife. The suspect then reached for a drawer in a nightstand. Not giving Hermosillo a chance to obtain another weapon, Haggard sprayed the man with pepper spray. Hermosillo immediately fell to the ground where he was handcuffed without further incident. Hermosillo was taken outside where officers used a water hose to wash the pepper spray off the man and then he was placed in a squad car.

Hermosillo again became agitated while in the car and managed to kick the left side glass out of the police unit.

At that point law enforcement officials, with help from Snyder EMS personnel, secured Hermosillo to a stretcher and took him to the hospital to make sure he suffered no serious injuries. He was later taken to Big Spring State Hospital by state Mental Health and Mental Retardation officials.

The incident is still under investigation and potential charges against the suspect are pending.



AIRPORT UPDATE — County Judge Rod Waller (left) listens to an update on airport improvements from John Rogotzke during Monday's town hall meeting. (SDN Staff Photo)

Six-year-old injured in scooter accident

A six-year-old Snyder youth is in serious condition in Covenant Medical Center's pediatric intensive care unit following an accident Monday evening between the scooter he was driving and a 1997 Chevy Blazer.

Amos Garcia of 512 32nd Street was first transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital's emergency room and later transported by EMS to the Lubbock hospital.

The accident occurred in the intersection of 33rd Street and Avenue G as Garcia was driving his 2003 Freedom scooter northbound in the southbound lane of traffic. Garcia, son of Lisa Garcia of Snyder, reportedly failed to yield right of way and struck the auto in the right side passenger door.

The Blazer was driven by Anissa Tatum, 32, of 35 Helms Heights. No charges were filed.

Citizens told clean-up in town will continue

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

Clean-up in Snyder continue with efforts from volunteers and city officials alike, but work in the county could be more complicated.

"Counties don't have powers to pass statutes like cities can," said Scurry County Judge Rod Waller. "We can only do what the state tells us we can do, and we can't go on private property."

The statement came at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce's town-hall meeting to discuss clean up efforts and crime prevention.

Judge Waller did say that the county is working to clean up the Boys Club and coliseum. County Commissioner Howard Limmer said he and his crew had recently removed a number of items from county right-of-ways — including chairs, appliances, mattresses and more.

"We have a pile of trash about six feet high," he said.

Chamber executive director Vicki Shroyer handed audience members a schedule from the city of which area dump trucks will be available during the city-wide clean up campaign scheduled for April19-22. She also praised city officials for their participation.

City Manager John Gayle was asked about dilapidated houses that the audience member believed should be torn down.

He said that in order to demolish a house down the city must determine who owns the property, which is often someone out of town. After the owner is found, certified letters must be sent, time allowed for response, then legal proceedings are begun and finally city crews have to be scheduled for demolition.

"There are 25 cases in some part of the process," he said.

Gayle said the city did not like to do demolition and clean-up if it is possible to get it done some other way.

"When we cleaned up the Colortyme (in June 2003 after a fire) and property next door (the Boy's Club) we had to do an (asbestos) abatement first and then the clean up and the final cost was about $48,000," he said.

Asked if the city couldn't seize the property, Gayle said the property could be seized and it would belong to all four taxing entities unless the city paid then other entities their share.

"But the city really doesn't want to be in the property ownership business," he said.

Gayle also told the audience that the Snyder city council will consider the idea of allowing city residents to call in and request a dump truck or trailer to be parked in front of their house one night so they can fill it with trash, abandoned appliances and other debris from their own clean-up. The truck or trailer would then be picked up the next morning.

"I can't speak for the council, but I haven't heard any negative comments about the idea," he said.

Sheriff Darren Jackson also attended to address questions about neighborhood watches. He said that both the sheriff's department and police department would help establish a watch for any group interested, but said that past efforts had not worked.

"You have an informational meeting and the turnout is huge. Then there are organizational meetings and the turnout drops off. When it comes time to organize volunteers and set schedules the turnout really drops. Usually all the work falls to a few volunteers," he said.

Jackson also warned anyone interested to be careful in selecting people who will do the patrolling.

"For one thing there is a thin line between being vigilant and being a vigilante. You also have to be careful of people who want to patrol the streets just to see who has what and when they are there."

John Rogotzke spoke about the clean-up efforts at the airport — including one hanger that is having major renovation done, mostly with volunteer labor.

Shroyer urged citizens to get the word out about the clean-up and the city's offer to let city residents schedule a dump truck during those times. The truck will be west of College Ave. and south of 30th on April 19, east of College and south of 30th on April 20, west of College and north of 30th on April 21 and east of College and north of 30th

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Push buttons have taken the place of all kinds of cranks, except the human ones."

Sometimes just a single letter or word can make a big difference.

Roger Enlow, editor of the Hood County News in Granbury, fortunately caught this mistake before it got into print.

"The officer said the city will have officers working overtime during the crackdown period to detect and arrest impaired officers."

Uh, make that *drivers*.

A long time ago, there was a typo in the Seminole paper that we didn't catch before printing.

A pollution lawsuit had been filed against the carbon black plant in Gaines County.

The article made some reference to the *suit*, however an ***h*** got substituted for the ***u***.

The plant manager called the next day and noted that the article was close to accurate. At least he had a sense of humor.

Willis Webb, publisher of the Jasper Newsboy and current president of the Texas Press Association, wrote a column for the association's monthly publication that noted some of his own miscues over the years.

After the paper was published one evening, Webb got a call at home from his minister, the Rev. Gary Dudder, pastor of the First Christian Church.

"You'll be hearing from my lawyer," the minister said.

"What do you want, Dudder?"

"Have you read my column?"

"I was just about to."

"Look at the second bank of type, third paragraph, beginning with the second line," the minister continued.

It was supposed to say, "You never know what the impact of your sermon is going to be."

Except they had left the 'r' out of sermon.

"You know the sad part," the preacher panned, "is I haven't had a single phone call on it."

The editor, too, was appreciative of a minister with a sense of humor.

We worked at the Andrews County News in our high school days, and our only involvement in this typo was in fielding crank calls after the paper was delivered.

Grocery ads were put together with wood and lead type. The 4-inch wood type was used for Piggly Wiggly's loss leader items.

A featured item that particular week was Frozen Cherry Pies for 10 cents each.

Pies in big, bold type had no 'e' and an extra 's.'

The grocery manager also was a good sport, and learned that his weekly ad indeed was well read.

National Security Advisor to testify before commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a reversal, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice will testify in public under oath before the commission investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In addition, President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney have agreed to speak with the panel privately.

Condoleezza Rice

The administration said it had won agreement from the commission that it would seek no further public testimony from White House officials and that Rice's appearance would not be viewed as a precedent.

The commission welcomed the decision in a statement which said, "We will work with the White House to schedule both sessions promptly."

Bush and Cheney have agreed to a single joint private session with all 10 commissioners, with one commission staff member present to take notes of the session, White House counsel Alberto Gonzales said in a letter to the panel.

Commissioner Slade Gorton, a former Republican senator from Washington, said the Sept. 11 panel accepted the proposal in a meeting this morning, including the stipulation that it not call other White House officials because "we hadn't planned to."

"I think the White House would have been better off if it had made the agreements sooner, but I'm delighted," said Gorton. "I have felt all along that her public testimony would be good for the country."

Gonzales' letter conditioned the White House's decision on written assurances from the commission that such a step does not set a precedent and that the commission does not request "additional public testimony from any White House official, including Dr. Rice."

CAN YOU DO THIS? — Cooper Hatley shows off his skills on the parallel bar with Cameron Johnson waiting his turn. Both are in Brooke Mackey's kindergarten class at East Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rep. Campbell to visit teachers on Wednesday

State Rep. Scott Campbell, R-San Angelo, will address the Snyder Classroom Teachers Association (CTA) at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday in the high school library.

Charlotte Clifton, president of the local CTA, also has extended an invitation to members of other teacher organizations to attend.

"I would like this meeting to be very professional and productive in which we voice concerns, ask questions and get answers," said Clifton.

ASK US

Q—How long will the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial be on display in Big Spring?

A—Through noon Friday at that community's Vietnam Memorial location, 2800 Swords Ave. This is off FM 700 in the southwest part of Big Spring.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Karen Burke...

...was reared in Florida and has lived in Snyder five years and works at University Medical Center in Lubbock as an RN. She is married to Ron and they have two sons — Allen, 12, and Christopher, 6.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, however, awakens your own expectations.
—Patricia Neal

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Genealogy Society

The Genealogy Society will meet at 7 tonight at the Scurry County Library. Millie Sentell will review the 2003 Texas Folklore edition, *The Family Saga: A Collection.*

Relay for Life meeting

American Cancer Society will hold a directors and Relay for Life meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the Desperado classroom at First Baptist Church.

Book sale

Scurry County Library will have a book sale starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday and continuing until 4 p.m. Saturday.

Free income tax help

There is free help with income taxes every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center at 2603 Ave. M.

Parents seminar

How parents can help their children prepare for the TAKS math test will be the topic of a seminar at 1:30 p.m. Thursday hosted by Central Elementary. All parents of elementary age children are invited. The hour-long seminar will be presented by Leslie Koske from the Regional Education Service Center in Abilene. Door prizes, refreshments and child care will be provided. For more information call 573-8592.

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

Limit set on withdrawing consent

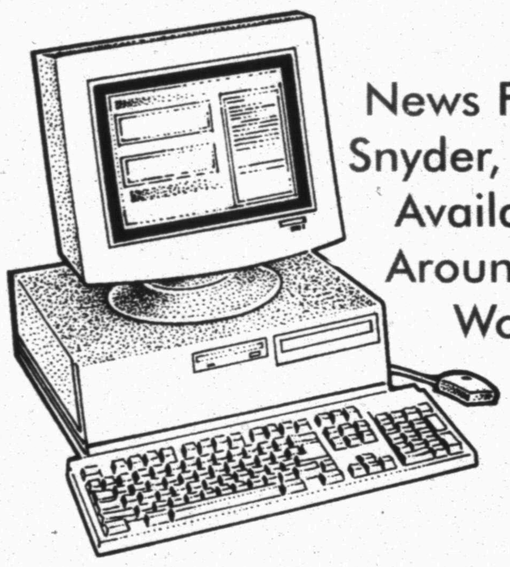
HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Richard and Donna Liberto's wait to find out whether they had really expanded their family with the adoption of a 3-month-old girl was, in their words, "a long three months."

That's because they worried her birth mother would change her mind — an agonizing reality they faced the last time they tried to adopt.

But the waiting game is changing in Pennsylvania, where Gov. Ed Rendell on Wednesday signed a measure giving birth parents 30 days to withdraw their consent to an adoption. It will take effect near the end of May and apply to all adoptions initiated on or after the effective day.

Pennsylvania does not currently impose a uniform deadline for revoking a birth parent's consent. State law allows birth parents to change their minds at any time before a court either terminates their parental rights or issues an adoption decree.

Either process can take several weeks or months, depending on the county.



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Tougher air quality standards needed

ARLINGTON (AP) — Air quality in North Texas won't improve by the Clean Air Act's 2010 deadline unless tougher standards are imposed sooner for power plants, an advocacy group leader said Monday.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of Public Citizen's Texas office, said he and environmental groups oppose a proposed EPA rule that would not require Texas electric plants to reduce more emissions until 2015 or 2018.

"The question is: Why are the deadlines so late ... and why shouldn't we attain?" Smith told the North Texas Clean Air Steering Committee during a meeting in Arlington.

The committee said it would voice its concerns in a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency by today, the comment period deadline on the proposed rules.

But some committee members said the electric industry in Texas already has made great strides.

Since 1999, TXU Energy has reduced nitrogen oxide emissions by more than 65 percent in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and is on track to meet a 2005 state deadline of an 88 percent reduction, according to TXU officials.

"We have more than done our share in protecting air quality," Rand LaVonn, TXU Energy spokesman, said after the meeting. "We live here too. We love Texas, and we're doing our part."

Electric companies also have reduced such emissions by 44 percent in East Texas. But Smith said reductions of another 27 percent are needed in rural parts of the state in order for the clean air standards to be met in the next six years.

Smith said another threat to cleaning North Texas air is a proposed coal-fired electric plant in Riesel, a community of about 975 residents southeast of Waco.

LS Power Development of St. Louis has filed for a Texas permit to build a plant near TXU's natural gas-operated Lake Creek Power Plant. Some 140 people have filed formal protests with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

"Y'all are sitting ducks if this plant is built" because summer winds blow from the south, Smith said.

Coal is among the dirtiest of fuels but also the source for more than half the nation's electricity.

Despite criticism from environmental groups and some lawmakers, EPA officials say the Clean Air Act will be improved by President Bush's Clear Skies initiative.

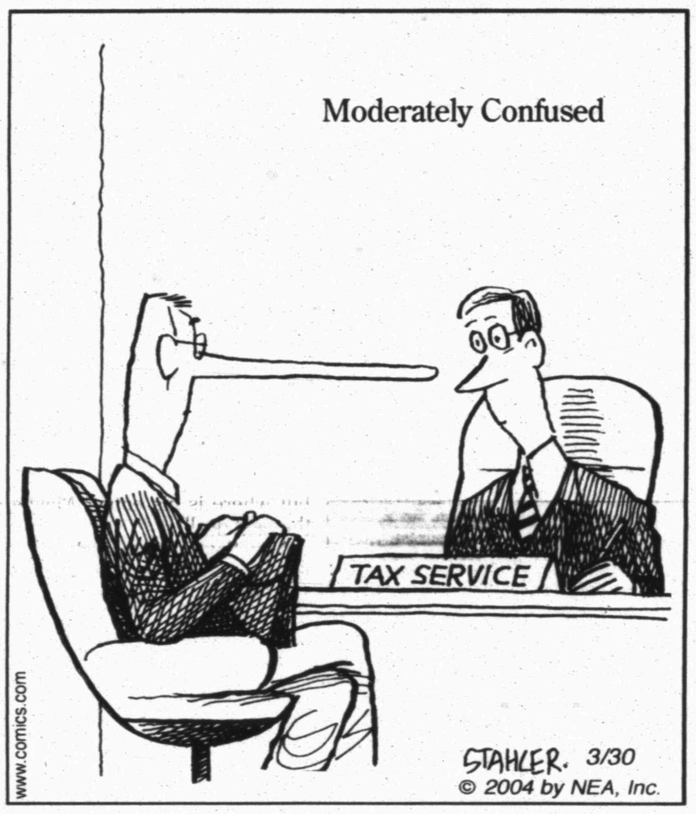
It would set annual nationwide caps to be met by 2018 on three major power plants' pollutants — sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and mercury — at well below current levels. Plants unable to reduce pollution enough could buy allowances from other plants that cut more than the required amount.

Environmental groups say other bills, including the Clean Smokestacks Act, would require deeper reductions sooner.

In Texas, the Houston area and several northern counties — Dallas, Collin, Tarrant and Denton — have been classified as the worst smog-violation areas since Congress rewrote the Clean Air Act in 1990.

Under a new, tougher national ozone standard taking effect this year, Texas officials told the EPA that Ellis, Johnson and Parker counties should be added to the list. Ellis County, south of Dallas, accounts for about 40 percent of the region's industrial emissions.

But U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, is trying to remove Ellis from the list, saying Midlothian cement kilns contribute to only a fraction of the region's pollution. The EPA is to decide on the matter April 15.



Research center to get $40M from Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The state is putting $40 million into the launch of a center to investigate new semiconductor technologies, a move aimed at keeping the high-tech research consortium Sematech in Texas.

Another $160 million will be sought through federal, state and local sources over five years for the Advanced Materials Research Center. The University of Texas System and other Texas universities will partner in the project, announced Monday at Sematech.

Gov. Rick Perry said the $40 million grant will come from the Texas Enterprise Fund, formed by the Legislature last year to allow the governor to seal business deals that will create jobs in Texas.

"This is a wise investment for the taxpayers of Texas," Perry said. "Sematech has been a real economic engine driving technology growth for two decades in Texas. We just simply couldn't let it slip through our hands."

Austin-based Sematech, a global consortium of computer chip makers, was being courted aggressively by a number of other states, Perry said. Last year, Sematech announced it had signed a $400 million research pact with the State University of New York at Albany.

Austin competed against dozens of cities to land Sematech in 1988. The consortium has about 500 employees.

"There's no question that Texas has been good to us," said Sematech president and chief executive officer Michael Polcari. But, he said, in today's competitive business environment Sematech would have had to consider the option of doing business in other states without the creation of the new research center.

Sematech's members include AMD, Hewlett-Packard, Infineon Technologies, IBM, Intel, Motorola, Philips, TSMC and Texas Instruments.

The new Texas research center will be created immediately and will investigate advanced semiconductor and emerging technologies, including nanotechnology and biotechnology. The center is expected to produce more than 4,000 high-skilled jobs over the coming decade. It will be managed by the UT System and Sematech.

UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst joined Perry in making Monday's announcement.

TXU to retire, idle 12 units

DALLAS (AP) — Electric utility TXU Energy will shut down 12 power plant units that provide about one-eighth of its gas-fired generation because the older facilities are expensive to operate.

The company said eight of the units, which date to the 1950s, would be retired and four would be idled "with the possibility of restarting them at a later date" or retiring them.

TXU said Texas has an adequate supply of electricity without the units and closing them would not affect reliability of service.

The decision highlights the pressure that electric providers in Texas now feel to cut costs as they compete for customers by offering lower-priced service.

Richard Wistrand, a TXU Energy senior vice president, said closing the power plant units was a prudent business decision because TXU could buy cheaper power from independent producers.

TXU Energy, a subsidiary of Dallas-based TXU Corp., said about 55 employees could lose their jobs.

TXU said it would discuss the decision with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which runs the state's main power grid. The council could ask TXU to keep the units running.

The 12 units produce 1,471 megawatts, or more than 13 percent of TXU Energy's gas-fired generation capacity in Texas and a smaller percentage of the utility's total generation capacity, which includes a nuclear reactor and coal-fired power plants.

TXU said most of the units were built in the 1950s and had operated only during summer, when demand for electricity rises with use of air conditioning systems, in recent years.

The units to be retired are in Red River, Tarrant, Dallas and Mitchell counties. The four to be idled are in Tarrant and Collin counties.

Today's chuckle

Woman finds small green frog in spinach

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — A busy mom was making a green salad when she unexpectedly came across some protein — live protein.

Laurie Kollman was tearing up triple-washed spinach Sunday night when her 11-year-old daughter Ashley saw something moving. It was a small tree frog.

"All last week I'd been pulling out handfuls of spinach," said Kollman, who said she'd used the spinach in three earlier salads. "Then last night I was making salad for today's lunch and found it."

Kollman uncovered the tiny, lethargic frog and made it a home in a plastic tub, with spinach to eat.

"Mom, it's 'Fear Factor,'" Ashley said in reference to the TV show where people earn prize money by eating all manner of things.

Kollman said the frog perked up after it was freed from the fridge and she took it to school Monday to show to her 20 third-grade students at St. Matthew's School.

The students quickly named it Popeye.

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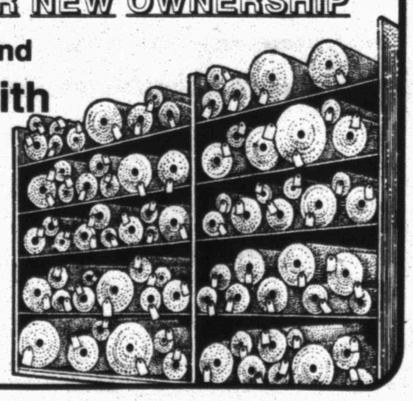

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RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 36-21-37-8-17.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $21,577.

Matching four of five: 126. Prize: $154.

Matching three of five: 4,469. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 46,743. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 8-8-1
(Night) 9-0-6

World Almanac

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Today is the 90th day of 2004 and the 11th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1842, anesthesia was used for the first time during surgery.

In 1867, the United States purchased Alaska for $7 million.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and wounded in an assassination attempt by John Hinckley Jr.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890), painter; Warren Beatty (1937-), actor/director, is 67; Eric Clapton (1945-), musician/songwriter, is 59; Paul Reiser (1957-), actor/comedian, is 47; Celine Dion (1968-), singer, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1987, Indiana won the national basketball championship in front of a record 64,959 fans.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What makes people the world over stand in line for Van Gogh is not that they will see beautiful pictures [but] that in an indefinable way they will come away feeling better human beings." — John Russell

TODAY'S FACT: Eight U.S. presidents have died in office — of these, four were assassinated.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1.1 — Alaska's population density per square mile.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 28) and full moon (April 5)

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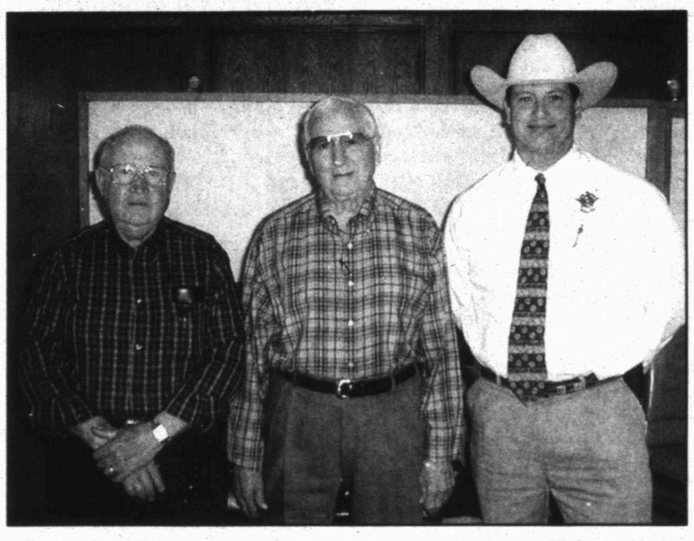

CHAMBER GOLDCOATS RECEIVE PINS — Silver and gold service pins were given to Chamber of Commerce Goldcoat members at a recent meeting at The Shack. Earning gold pins, pictured in the top photo from left, include Ann Smartt, Elois Pruitt, Donna Gray and Jeffrey Martin. Also receiving a gold pin but not pictured were Kent Wright and Nancy Smith. In the bottom photo, receiving silver pins were Bill Dryden, Mel Gilbert and Darren Jackson. Not pictured are Joan Bunch and Rod Waller. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Jarrell receives Rotary Humanitarian Award

Sammie Jarrell, retired after teaching elementary grades for 33 years, received the Rotary Club's "Humanitarian of the Year Award." Jarrell wears many hats in the "helping others department."

She has gone to Guatemala for the past nine years with Volunteers in Missions Medical Team (VIM). Also through VIM she has gone with construction teams in Juarez, Mexico, six times.

Jarrell has been Sunday school superintendent and missions chairperson at Trinity United Methodist Church for many years.

In her spirit of serving others she coordinates drivers for the American Cancer Society's cancer patient transportation program. She also drives patients.

Jarrell is a "hopper" for Meals on Wheels program at the Senior Center and volunteers, through the Ministerial Alliance, for the Food Cupboard and the community garden.

She has participated through the years with Snyder Neighbors Sharing and the West Texas Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. She also serves on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and the board of directors for the Ritz Community Theatre.

She has a son, a daughter, four grandsons and two granddaughters. Her son Lee Jarrell resides in Flower Mound and her daughter Melanie Clements lives in Montgomery.

Frank Miller presented Jarrell the award.

Rotary Club has used "World Rotaract Month" as a theme for its March programs, under the direction of Roy Baze. Thursday begins April's programs geared toward "Magazine Month," headed by Kent Wright.

JARRELL RECEIVES AWARD — Frank Miller presented Sammie Jarrell the Rotary Humanitarian Award. Jarrell, retired teacher, spends many hours serving others. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: East-West

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Opening lead: ♠ 4

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Not one clever play, but two

By Phillip Alder

Philip Guedalla, a British author who died in 1944, wrote, "History repeats itself. Historians repeat each other."

This deal is a variation on yesterday's theme — if "yesterday" is allowed to be called "history." Has another "historian" written up these themes in the same deal before? Probably.

How must the defense go to defeat three no-trump?

Here is another example of responder's having a long minor and reasonable values opposite a big balanced hand. As usual, he shuts his eyes and shoots out three no-trump. (Five clubs should fail, losing one spade, one heart and one club.)

West leads fourth-highest from his longest and strongest (when he doesn't have a selection of touching honors). East wins with the spade ace and returns the seven, the higher card from a remaining doubleton. When South puts in the 10, West must make his first good play, ducking this trick. If instead West wins with his spade jack, cashes the spade king, and leads another round to dislodge declarer's queen, he establishes the six as a winner, but where is his entry? Maybe on the next deal!

Now South has to work on clubs, first cashing the ace. West is in the spotlight for the second consecutive trick: He must unblock his queen. Then, East will win a club trick and return his last spade to defeat the contract. But if West retains his club queen, when declarer plays a second round, he will duck West's queen. Then, West would have to cash his spade king to stop South from collecting 11 tricks via one spade, two hearts, three diamonds and five clubs.

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Births

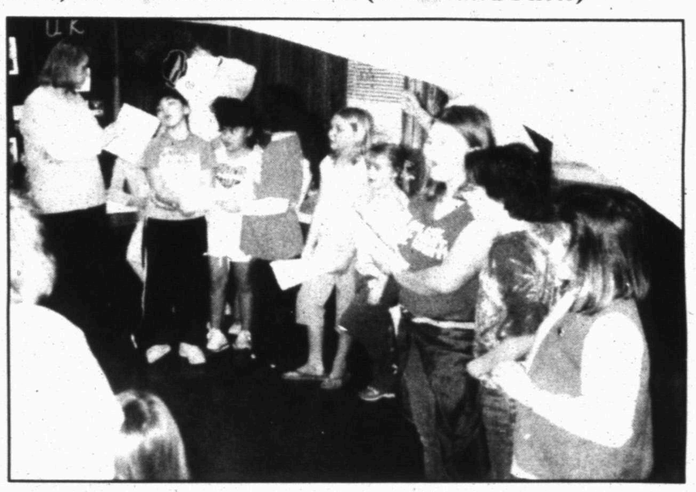
Melissa Burney and Dusty Ashby announce the birth of their son, James Wayne Ashby, at 7:51 a.m. on March 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. James Wayne weighed six pounds, six ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Barbara and Mac Ashby of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Vicki Young of Hermleigh, and the late Ron Young.

Angie Glover announces the birth of her six-pound, 13½-ounce son, Malachi Christian Glover. He was born at 2:07 p.m. on March 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Paul and Glenna Glover of Hermleigh.

WEDDING SHOWER HELD — Mrs. Cody Groves, nee Kendra Danelle Dacus, was honoree at a wedding shower on Feb. 8 in the 37th Street Church of Christ. The couple married at 7 p.m., Feb. 27 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. From left are Effie Elliott, aunt of the bride; Joretta Elliott, her grandmother; Rhonda Dacus, her mother; the honoree; Shirley Groves the groom's mother from Midland; Sara Groves, his sister from Midland; Betty Hartman, his aunt of Midland; and Beckie and Taya Gonzales, his cousins from Midland. (Contributed Photo)



GS THINKING DAY — Girl Scouts held a Passport to Adventure event celebrating GS Thinking Day on Feb. 21. Each troop picked a country that had Girl Scouts or Girl Guides to learned about it. They made presentations for the other girls that also included food from the country they chose. From left are leader Lynn Price, Sabrina Salinas, Victoria Salinas, Keirsten Price, Cherie Northcutt, Avery Wirsching, Annie Ezell, Sara Cearley and Lieren Tindel. (Contributed Photo)

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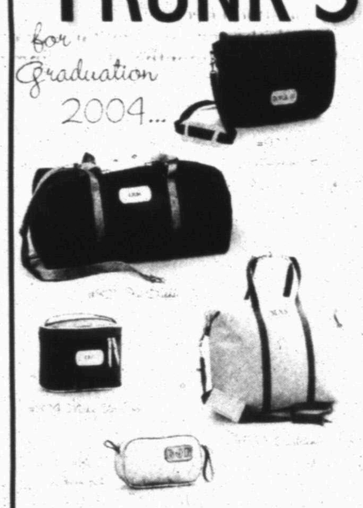

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Longing For Righteousness

Jesus seeks unique attitudes in his disciples. He taught those who would listen to him that God is seeking something different in the heart and attitudes of those who would serve Him. First of all, Jesus said, God seeks humility, Matthew 5: 3. The humble man will be honored, blessed and exalted by God. This is the testimony of Scripture. The humble man will mourn over sins, Matthew 5:4, and he will be gentle in his dealings with others, Matthew 5: 5. Gentleness is not often thought of as a key component of a successful life, but Jesus taught it was absolutely essential. The gentle would inherit the earth. In other words, they would win! They get the land! They get the prize! It does not always work that way in relationships in business and jobs, but Jesus said, God will take care of it. The meek (or gentle) will be the ones truly blessed.

The next attitude that Jesus singles out is also unique in today's world Jesus said:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
For they will be filled. *Matthew 5:6*

What is Jesus talking about? He is describing a person who longs intensely to be right, do right and to live right before God and with others. Jesus does not speak of a person who has always done right, but of one who hungers and thirsts for righteousness. It is not a description of one who has always been good in the eyes of others. It is a description of one who truly longs to be good in the eyes of God. That one will find his hunger fulfilled. The blood of Christ will give righteousness to those who come to Christ seeking that righteousness, Romans 3:21-25. To those made right by the blood of Christ, the Spirit is given to help them become truly righteous in their manner of life, Romans 8: 13. Are we hungry yet?

Dale Huff

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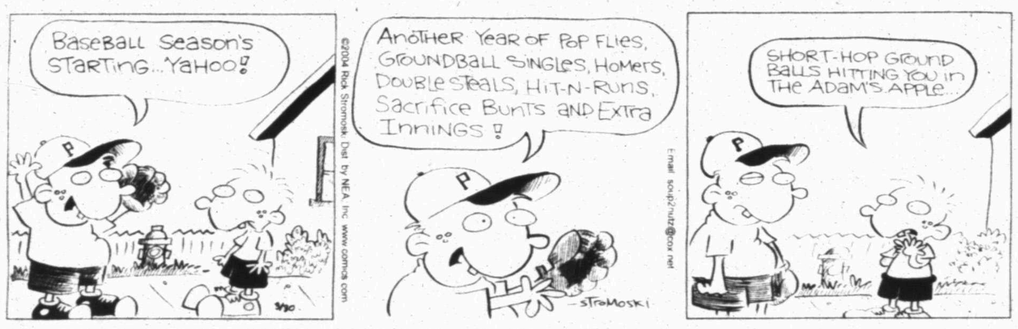

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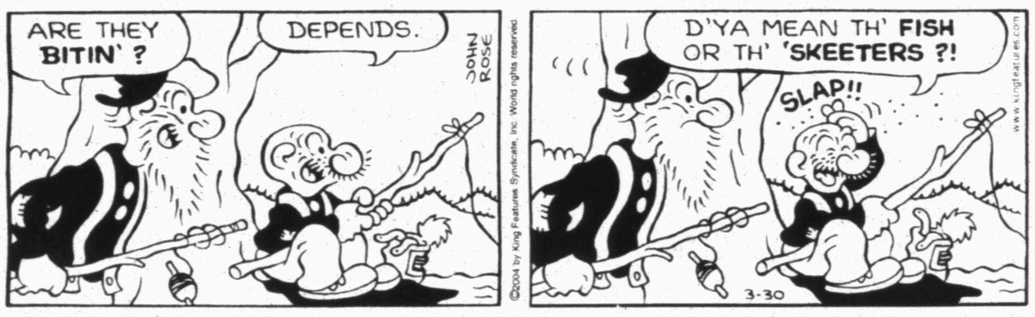

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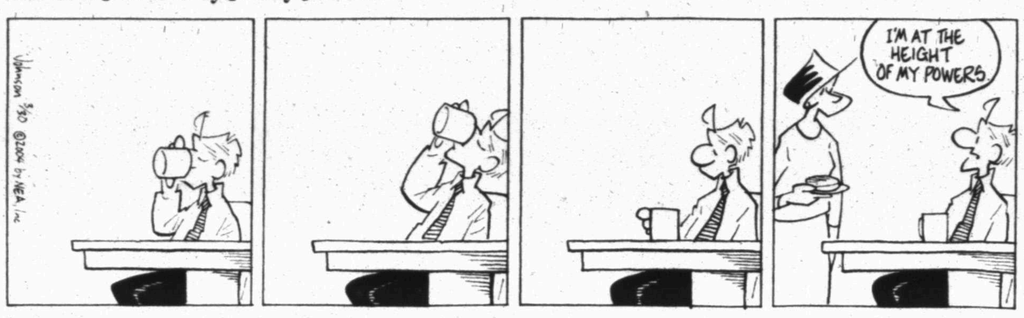

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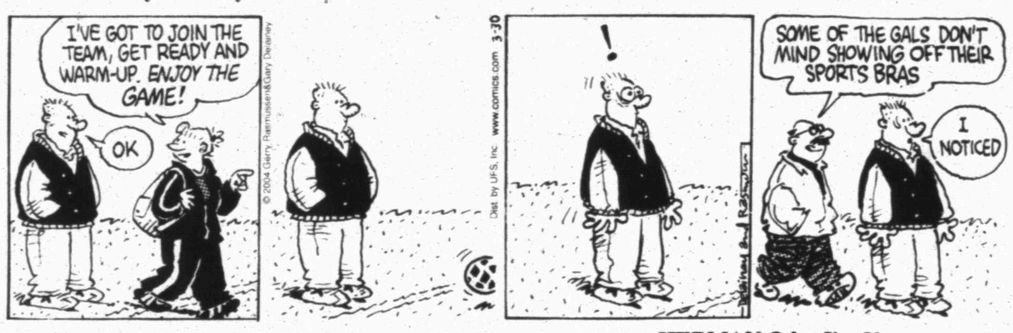

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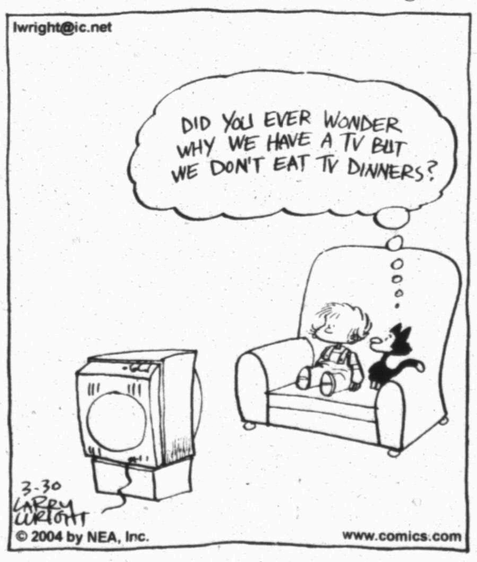

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1 — for the course
4 Hunter's wear
8 Half a bray
11 Movie channel
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59 Chicken piece
60 Pipe fitting
61 Rock back and forth
62 Snake shape

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3 Oar puller
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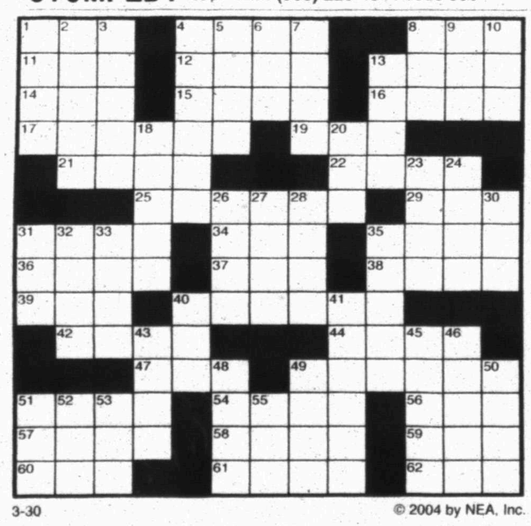

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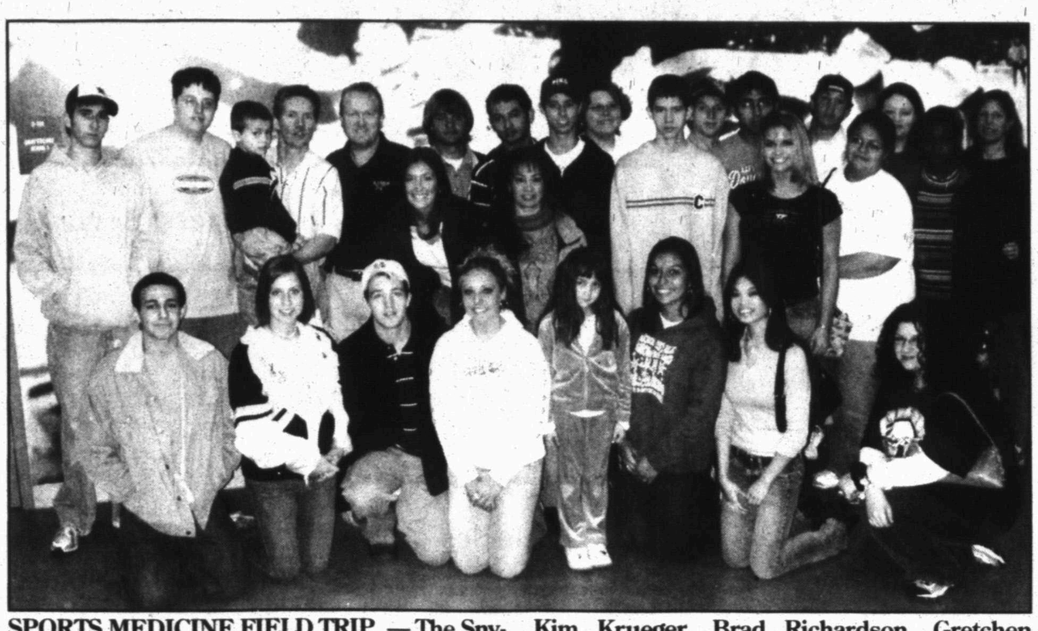

SPORTS MEDICINE FIELD TRIP — The Snyder High School sports medicine class took a trip to Dallas Feb. 29-March 2, and toured the Dr Pepper Star Center and attended a Dallas Stars game. Those making the trip were front, from left, Jarrod Fletcher, Heather Holmes, Rankin Hardin, Kelsi Johnson, Kristin Krueger, Ashley Martinez, Ashlye Amox, Whitney Stewart, middle from left, Jacy Beccue, Kim Krueger, Brad Richardson, Gretchen Hollis, Adrienne Garcia, Temeka Wells, Beth Bowen, back from left, Lee Scott, Matthew Morris, Luke Krueger, Steve Krueger, Stars head trainer Dave Suprenant, Wyl Wiggins, Arthur Hernandez, Tanner Reed, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Sterling Millhollon, Joseph Ynguanzo, Tanner Bloom and Mandy Burns. (Contributed Photo by Darrin Duzan)

Dusters split with Odessa

The Lady Dusters split with Odessa College in a four-game series over the weekend, riding the arm of ace Patricia Gonzales, who did not allow an earned run in 22 innings.

"We're playing as well as we have been since the program began," head coach Rodney McNeill said.

McNeill, who bemoaned the lack of intensity from the club at the tail end of a six-game losing streak, said he saw more energy from his team against Odessa.

"I felt like we played with more heart and fight," he said.

The Dusters dropped the opener Saturday, 2-1, in eight innings after Odessa scored on a hit and an error.

WTC bounced back to take the next two, winning 5-1 in the nightcap Saturday before blowing out the Lady Wranglers, 8-0, in a five-inning run-rule game in the opening tilt Sunday.

Down 5-0 in the finale Sunday, WTC roared back to tie the game at 5. The game went into extra innings, with Odessa ultimately prevailing, 6-5.

Gonzales went the distance in games one and three and pitched the last four in game two and the last six in the fourth contest.

McNeill said the team also showed signs of getting back into a rhythm offensively, scoring 20 runs in the series.

"We're getting back to swinging the bats," he said. "We were swinging well before spring break, and it's taken us about 10 games to get caught back up."

McNeill praised the stickwork of Tori Picazo, Theresa Culver and Jessica Prewitt.

"We're playing good ball," McNeill said. "It's still in our hands. If we take care of business against Howard and El Paso, we're still in the hunt for the third playoff spot."

The Dusters start a four-game set with El Paso Wednesday and Thursday, with doubleheaders beginning at 2 p.m. both days.

The team will then take on Howard College in a four-game set starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Baseball, softball host district contests tonight

The Snyder Tigers host the Denver City Mustangs at 7 tonight, looking to get back into a rhythm offensively after a tough win over Lamesa Friday.

Denver City is coming off an embarrassing, 24-0, shelling at the hands of Sweetwater. Only five of Sweetwater's 24 runs were earned, as Denver City committed eight errors and struck out 10 times against Kendall Carrillo.

Sweetwater batted around twice in the fourth inning.

For the Tigers, Friday night served as a wake-up call to the rest of 3-3A that Lamesa will not be an easy mark this year. Despite a complete-game four-hitter from Ty Collier, Lamesa hung around until Bradley Price broke a 2-2 in the bottom of the sixth on a two-out RBI single to secure the 4-2 win. Ryan Mitchell will get the start tonight.

The Lady Tigers try to stay undefeated in district play today when they open the second half of the district schedule at 5 today against the Merkel Lady Badgers at Cates Field.

Snyder is a game up on Lubbock Cooper with five remaining.

3-3A Softball

	Season		District	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	12	8	5	0
Cooper	9	3	5	1
Merkel	11	7	3	2
Lamesa	6	8	2	2
Denver City	9	9	2	4
Seminole	4	12	0	4
Sweetwater	2	10	0	5

3-3A Baseball

	Season		District	
Team	W	L	W	L
Sweetwater	11	3	1	0
Snyder	10	3	1	0
Seminole	6	5	1	0
Merkel	5	5	0	1
Denver City	7	10	0	1
Lamesa	2	11	0	1

Junior varsity Tigers avenge Frenship loss, sweep Merkel

The JV Tiger got revenge against Frenship in the last game of Sweetwater tournament, and rode that momentum to a doubleheader sweep Monday against Merkel.

Both contests against Merkel were five innings.

The JV Tigers (9-4) topped the junior Badgers, 8-4, in the first game. Barrett Bowlin got the victory after pitching threee innings. Zach Garcia threw 1 1-3 and Cade Simpson retired the final two batters.

Chris Smith pitched a complete game in the JV's 8-3 win in the finale.

Chris Smith went the distance, and Garcia helped out with a three-run homer.

After falling to Frenship, 19-2, earlier in the Sweetwater tournament last weekend, the junior Tigers responded by beating the 4A Tigers, 17-5.

Cale Lancaster pitched four innings for the win and Ryan Mitchell closed out the contest.

Lancaster, Simpson, Orlando Vasquez and Bowlin all had multiple-hit games.

The Junior Tigers will host Wylie at 1 p.m. Saturday in a doubleheader.

Snyder Girls Softball Association

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Little Dribblers All-Stars...

Seniors advance to national tournament

The Snyder Little Dribblers senior all-stars advanced to the national tournament with a 53-42 victory over Levelland last weekend.

Lance Day scored 14 points, snatched five steals, dished out five assists and grabbed nine boards to lead the way for the all-stars, who will play in the national pool April 14-17 in Levelland.

Blane Knipe and Brent Bollinger each canned nine in the contest, with Knipe hauling in six rebounds.

Brooks Gafford collected 10 boards and scored six points, and Travis Hatfield knocked in seven.

Brendon Jones and Jared Cave put in three points each, and Dustin Murdock added 2.

Despite 34 points and 15 rebounds from Day, the all-stars were stopped by Plainview I, 52-48.

Gafford had 10 boards in the contest and Murdock hauled in five. Both players scored two points.

Knipe had four and Bollinger and Brandon Jones added three each.

In the first game Saturday, Snyder edged Andrews, 31-24, in overtime.

Day had 12 points, 11 rebounds and five steals, and Gafford grabbed 10 boards and added seven points.

Knipe recorded six points and collected seven rebounds, Bollinger put in four and Jared Cave rounded out the scoring for the senior all-stars with a two-point field goal.

The Little Dribblers major all-stars took two of three in their tournament.

The majors opened with a 35-24 loss to Plainview. Jake Crenwelge led the team with nine points, and Rey Juarez and Anthony Taylor knocked in six each. Alex Hernandez added three.

The team got scoring contributions from nine players in the second game, a 34-26 win over Andrews.

Kenyon Gafford led the way with eight points, as well as securing four boards.

Crenwelge added six and four rebounds, and Rey Juarez contributed five points, five assists and nine rebounds.

Taylor canned four, Shade Roemisch hit for three, and Justin Gaines, Kylor Fine, Jonathon Kerr and Hernandez scored two points apiece.

The all-stars won their third game, 34-25, over Plainview II.

Juarez had a game-high 13 points and nine rebounds, while Roemisch hit for three points and grabbed four boards.

Gafford and Kerr secured seven and six rebounds, respectively, and Taylor posted five points.

Ty Burton and Gaines contributed two points each.

D-Rays rout NY in opener

TOKYO (AP) — Jose Cruz Jr. hit a tying home run that sparked a comeback, Tino Martinez helped beat his former team with his 300th career homer and the lowly Tampa Bay Devil Rays roughed up Mike Mussina in defeating the New York Yankees 8-3 Tuesday night.

The team that dominates the AL East couldn't do much in the Far East, giving up 15 hits and playing sluggishly in the field.

Alex Rodriguez's first game in pinstripes won't be remembered fondly back in the Bronx. A-Rod took called third strikes his first two times up before doubling and popping out. But he did make three sparkling defensive plays at third base, the position he switched to when Texas traded him to New York lost month.

Jason Giambi hit a two-run homer, Gary Sheffield doubled and Hideki Matsui was 1-for-4.

SHS golfers open district

The Snyder varsity boys opened the district tournament this morning in Sweetwater.

Tanner Bloom, Jake Cottrell, Jay Weaver, Blake Seale, Alan Gray, Wyl Wiggins and Cole Robertson will attempt to win the second-straight District 3-3A crown this year.

The varsity girls — Cami Trout, Brooke Jackson, Shannon Mangis, Kendra Martinez, Christi Williams and Ashley Luecke — open the defense of their district title at the first round of the district tourney Thursday at Lamesa.

Last year's team of seniors won the state championship in both the boys and girls divisions.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity vs. Denver City, 7 p.m.
Softball:	SHS varsity vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Golf:	SHS boys at Sweetwater, district
Tennis:	SHS JV at Big Spring Tournament

WEDNESDAY

Baseball:	WTC vs. Hardin-Simmons, 3 p.m.
Softball:	WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

Golf:	SHS girls at Lamesa, district
Softball:	WTC vs. EPCC, DH, 2 p.m.
Rodeo:	Western Texas College Rodeo

FRIDAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity at Merkel, 5 p.m.
	WTC vs. Howard JC, DH, noon
Track:	SHS varsity at Brownwood
	SJHS at Lamesa, district
Rodeo:	Western Texas College Rodeo

SATURDAY

Baseball:	WTC vs. Howard JC, DH, noon
	SHS JV vs. Wylie, DH, 1 p.m.
Softball:	WTC vs. Howard College, DH, 1 p.m.
	SHS varsity at Lubbock Cooper, 1 p.m.
	SHS JV at Lubbock Cooper, 3 p.m.
Track:	SHS varsity at Brownwood
Tennis:	SJHS at Sweetwater Tournament
Rodeo:	Western Texas College Rodeo

Sports Briefs

Softball schedule changes

There will be no JV softball game between Snyder and Lamesa tonight, as Lamesa did not field a JV team this season.

The girls softball games at Lubbock Cooper have been moved from Friday to Saturday. The varsity will play at 1 p.m. and the JV will get underway at 3 p.m.

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball program will kick off the second annual Baseball Buddies program this Saturday.

High school players will provide instruction for kids between 11 a.m. and noon free of chargr at Lewis Field for the next two Saturdays.

Martelli, Summitt named top coaches

ATLANTA (AP) — Saint Joseph's Phil Martelli and Tennessee's Pat Summitt were honored as the Naismith College Basketball Coaches of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

Last week, Saint Joseph's point guard Jameer Nelson was selected the Naismith College Player of the Year, along with Diana Taurasi of Connecticut, who won for the second year in a row.

Girls Little Dribblers

Majors

Jazz 29, Magic 14

Jazz: M. Clanton 12; S. Medrano 11; A. Hand 4; S. Morriss 2. **Magic:** I. Floyd 4; A. Swigert 4; J. Hamilton 4; B. Perry 2.

Fast Break 18, Panthers 17

Fast Break: A. Burton 9; M. Gutierrez 6; V. Guzman 3. **Panthers:** X. Northcutt 6; M. Redman 6; M. Robbins 3; C. Harken.

Lady Raiders 19, Shock 18

Lady Raiders: L. Richardson 8; K. Scott 3; K. Fulford 2; B. Lewis 2; T. Stack 2; L. Sullivan 2.

Shock: K. Anderson 8; T. Wesson 4; S. Arizmendi 2; K. Brewster 2; B. Toombs 2.

Nikes 32, Sting 28

Nikes: T. McGlouthin 14; L. Espinosa 13; B. Bollinger 3; B. Mynor 2. **Sting:** M. Thompson 20; K. Peterson 6; R. Jones 2.

Liberty 46, Sonics 9

Liberty: A. Valdez 14; H. Newton 14; K. Medina 6; K. Moreland 6; T. Rodriguez 2; G. Armando 2; E. Chaidez 2. **Sonics:** J. Ibarra 5; K. Henderson 2; L. Arellano 2.

Magic 21, Lady Raiders 11

Magic: A. Swigert 12; B. Perry 3; J. Hamilton 3; J. Floyd 2; E. Nunley. **Lady Raiders:** L. Richardson 7; K. Fulford 2; L. Sullivan.

Juniors

Mercury 27, Hot Shots 13

Mercury: B. Davis 12; J. Driggers 9; S. Edwards 2; S. Edwards 2; A. Wright 2. **Hot Shots:** D. Davis 8; J. Terrazas 5.

Sharpshooters 21, Comets 2

Sharpshooters: L. Richardosn 11; K. Freeman 8; L. Perry 2. **Comets:** A. Hernandez 2.

Wildcats 20, Swoopsters 19

Wildcats: M. Jones 7; T. Reed 6; Z. Malone 4; J. Payner 2; C. Trout 1. **Swoopsters:** R. Martinez 13; A. Luecke 4; A. Tate 2.

Eight-year-olds

Red Hots 17, Little Tigers 9

Red Hots: A. Hernandez 8, K. Pierce 9. **Little Tigers:** V. Jaramillo 4; K. Rankin 2; K. Brock 2; V. Quiris.

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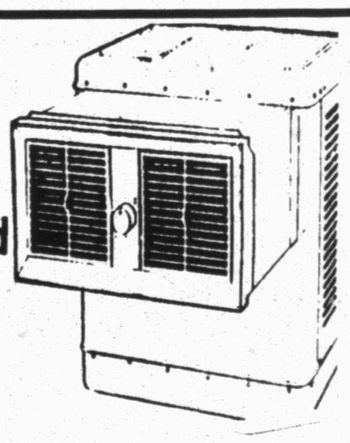

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Ex-Houston Rockets star charged with aggravated sexual assault, indecency

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Houston Rockets star Calvin Murphy was charged Monday with three counts of aggravated sexual assault and three counts of indecency with a child, all allegations that involve his children, prosecutors said.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal said his office has notified other jurisdictions about the charges as an investigation into Murphy continues.

"He has a number of families around the country, according to our research," Rosenthal said.

Murphy surrendered at the Harris County Sheriff's Department annex, next to the county jail, shortly after 6 p.m. He left around 7:30 p.m. after posting a $90,000 bond. Murphy had no comment as he left the jail.

Murphy's attorney, Rusty Hardin, said his client insists the charges are "absolutely not true."

"We believe (the alleged incidents of abuse) did not happen and Calvin is absolutely insistent they did not happen," Hardin said. "Once these allegations are made, no one ever fully recovers. No matter what a jury says, he will always be branded with this."

Murphy, a television analyst for the Houston Rockets, was a star guard for the franchise from 1970 to 1983. The Hall of Fame sharpshooter, who at 5-foot-9 was known as the "Pocket Rocket," shot 89 percent on his free throws during his career and averaged 18 points a game.

The Rockets said in a statement that Murphy asked for and received a leave of absence from his broadcasting duties.

The alleged indecency occurred in Harris County over a period of several years, Rosenthal said. The charges involved five girls under 17 and the alleged conduct occurred between May 1988 and April 1991, according to the Harris County district clerk's office.

According to an affidavit by Drew Carter of the Texas Rangers, the five daughters said Murphy either fondled them, performed oral sex or both.

Hardin would not discuss specific details about the charges against Murphy, only saying that he and prosecutors disagree on the facts of the case.

Murphy has been aware of the investigation for two weeks after one of the daughters told him that authorities had contacted her about the allegations of abuse, Hardin said. Hardin said he didn't know how the investigation began.

Hardin said the daughter has insisted to Murphy's attorneys that nothing happened, but apparently is telling the state something different.

Murphy was not interviewed by investigators, but Hardin said he provided to authorities witnesses, both children and adults, who insisted the alleged actions never happened.

Murphy was a high school star at Norwalk, Conn., before moving on to little Niagara University, where he was a two-time consensus All-America and led the school to a 22-7 record and an NCAA tournament berth in 1970.

He was drafted in the second round that year by the San Diego Rockets, who moved to Houston the following year, and quickly became a fan favorite despite playing on several bad teams. His 17,949 points were a franchise high until Hakeem Olajuwon passed him.

'Alamo' star arrested in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Actor Jason Patric, star of the upcoming film "The Alamo," was arrested on misdemeanor charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest Monday

According to police, Patric, 37, was with a group of people standing in a downtown street about 3 a.m. when they were asked by officers to move.

Police tried to arrest Patric after they said he took an aggressive stance after first moving slowly toward the sidewalk. Police said he resisted and shoved an officer. When he tried to pull away, the officer then used his arm to grab Patric by the neck and both men fell down.

According to the police arrest warrant, Patric insisted he was not drunk and that officers should test him. Police spokesman Kevin Buchman said there is no test administered for public intoxication.

"All you have to have is suspicion," Buchman said. "The officer used his judgment on that."

Patric was booked into the Travis County Jail at 3:32 a.m. and released five hours later, jail officials said.

A statement released by Patric's publicist, Michelle Bega, said Patric "believes he has done nothing wrong. He hopes for a rapid resolution to clear his name. Mr. Patric has great regard for the city of Austin and the state of Texas, where he has made several motion pictures."

"The Alamo" — set for release April 9 — will have its worldwide debut Saturday in San Antonio. Patric stars as Texas hero James Bowie along with Billy Bob Thornton as Davy Crockett and Dennis Quaid as Sam Houston.

Patric's other films include "The Lost Boys," "Sleepers" and "Speed 2: Cruise Control."

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.42	11.49	12.36	—.08
AT&T Corp	19.89	19.60	19.87	+.03
Albertsons	21.90	21.64	21.83	+.12
Alltel	50.08	49.70	49.71	—.43
AmEl Pw	32.91	32.70	32.81	—.08
AndarkPtr	51.20	50.40	51.18	+.53
ATMOS Egy	25.50	25.23	25.49	+.06
Aviall	15.25	15.08	15.16	—.06
BP PLC	50.93	49.94	50.87	+1.42
BakerHughes	36.10	34.97	36.03	+1.05
Bank of Amer	81.95	80.98	81.82	+.78
BellSouth	27.08	26.90	26.93	—.27
BurlNoSFe	31.11	30.92	30.98	—.48
Caterpillar	79.28	78.22	78.32	—1.16
CenterPoint	11.33	11.23	11.29	—.01
ChevronTex	86.40	85.40	86.40	+1.02
Citigroup	51.78	51.01	51.70	+.38
CocaCola	49.93	49.46	49.89	+.49
ColgatePal	55.88	55.27	55.71	+.36
CmclMetals	31.43	30.83	31.15	+.16
ConocoPhill	69.02	67.72	68.80	+1.37
Cooper Inds	56.93	56.55	56.70	—.15
DaimlrChry	41.97	41.52	41.96	—.16
DeltaAirLines	8.00	7.65	7.82	—.08
Dillards Inc	19.20	18.68	19.17	+.30
DowChem	40.60	40.21	40.47	—.19
DuPont	42.48	42.10	42.37	+.01
EastmanChem	42.75	42.50	42.74	+.14
EstKodak	25.68	24.25	25.57	—.12
EDS Corp	19.30	19.12	19.19	—.13
Entergy	59.06	58.72	58.92	+.07
ExxonMobil	41.64	41.26	41.50	+.41
FootLocker	25.43	25.00	25.38	—.02
GenDynam	88.65	87.05	87.23	—.07
GenElec	30.65	30.31	30.45	—.03
GenMills	46.55	46.26	46.46	—.04
GenMotors	47.33	46.75	47.23	+.63
GaPacific	33.34	32.35	33.26	+.54
Goodrich	28.38	28.01	28.11	—.15
Goodyear	8.01	7.86	7.94	+.05
GtAtlPac	7.48	7.37	7.43	+.08
Halliburtn	30.15	29.00	30.08	+.89
Hanson PLC	38.49	38.30	38.38	—.20
HarteHanks	22.80	22.67	22.78	
HomeDepot	37.37	37.21	37.35	+.05
HoneywellIntl	34.02	33.31	33.67	+.22
IBM	92.67	91.80	91.92	—.76
IntlPaper	42.46	42.00	42.30	+.09
JohnsonJn	50.85	50.50	50.52	—.05
KinderMorg	62.60	62.13	62.44	+.32
Kroger Co	16.35	16.22	16.35	+.02
LockheedM	45.84	45.30	45.55	+.01
Lowes Cos	56.31	55.85	56.18	—.38
Lubys	5.87	5.72	5.80	+.08
LucentTech	4.12	4.02	4.10	+.05
MarathonOil	32.39	31.66	32.32	+.82
MayDeptStr	34.21	33.62	34.12	+.22
Medtronic	47.70	47.25	47.45	—.20
Motorola	17.69	14.41	17.44	—.14
NCR Corp	43.21	42.80	43.18	—.11
Navistar	45.10	44.66	44.99	—.06
PNM Rescs	29.64	29.50	29.64	
Penney JC	34.94	34.35	34.85	+.40
PepBoys	27.54	26.90	27.44	+.42
PepsiCo	54.00	53.00	53.46	+1.25
PhelpDodge	81.80	80.68	81.69	+.06
PilgrimsPride	21.48	21.00	21.27	+.17
Praxair s	37.24	36.85	36.95	—.28
ProctGamb	105.20	104.61	105.10	+.22
RadioShack	33.05	32.67	32.99	+.04
RoyalDut	47.56	47.06	47.54	+.40
SBC Comm	24.31	24.05	24.19	—.04
SaraLee	21.77	21.60	21.68	
Scripps EW	99.84	99.06	99.84	+.94
SearsRoeb	42.75	41.50	42.61	—.50
SherwinW	37.10	36.90	37.06	—.08
SouthernCo	30.45	30.26	30.44	—.04
SwstAirl	14.17	13.96	14.01	—.10
SprintFON	18.50	17.95	18.17	+.21
SprintPCS	9.25	8.98	9.08	+.14
Sunoco Inc	61.61	60.85	61.17	—.43
TXU Corp	28.50	28.14	28.27	+.09
TempleInland	63.32	62.46	63.24	+.44
TexInd	35.30	34.00	34.88	+1.88
TexasInst	29.50	28.65	28.82	—.27
Textron	53.68	53.17	53.48	—.18
TimeWarner	17.06	16.84	16.99	+.06
TrinityInds	27.82	27.57	27.74	—.06
TylerTech	9.68	9.53	9.56	—.12
UnionPacif	61.10	60.55	60.55	—.58
USSteel	37.28	36.69	37.09	+.16
UnitedTech	86.10	85.10	85.12	—.73
Unocal	36.87	36.36	36.83	+.29
VerizonComm	36.35	36.11	36.14	—.14
WalMart	60.24	59.83	60.22	+.09
WellsFargo	57.19	56.75	56.98	—.19
WstnGasRs	50.00	49.35	49.91	+.56
WinnDixie	7.94	7.40	7.48	—.02
Xerox Cp	14.45	14.28	14.32	—.13
YumBrands	38.35	37.76	38.27	+.28

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More snowmobilers killed in avalanches

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Justin Frederickson was gunning his snowmobile up a 50-degree slope in the Sawtooth National Forest in Idaho last month, part of a competition with fellow riders to see who could ride his machine highest.

It was a competition that would cost him his life.

Frederickson was midway up the slope on Feb. 28 when the snow beneath broke loose. The resulting 450-foot wide avalanche tore down the mountain with such force that pieces of the snowmobile were stuck into trees.

His companions located Frederickson, 29, in about 10 minutes under 6 feet of debris. But it took 25 minutes to dig his battered body out, and he did not respond to CPR.

Frederickson was a victim of a relatively new sport called high-marking that is largely responsible for a spike in snowmobiler deaths since the 1990s, according to experts.

Only 36 snowmobilers died in avalanches from the winter of 1985 through the winter of 1997, largely because the lumbering machines were too heavy to travel up steep slopes. Back-country skiers and climbers were the most common avalanche victims.

But at least 84 snowmobilers have died in avalanches in the past seven winters, many while high-marking on lighter, more powerful machines that are capable of climbing 50-degree grades. Snowmobiling is now the No. 1 cause of death among avalanche victims, according to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

"There is a direct correlation between this technological advance and the number of fatalities among snowmobile riders," said Doug Abromeit of the U.S. Forest Service Avalanche Center in Ketchum, Idaho. "It's a huge issue."

In high-marking, riders gun their snowmobiles up a slope until they lose momentum. Then they jerk their machines over, leaving a line at their highest point, and race back down the slope.

The problem is that the weight of a machine and rider can instantly trigger an avalanche.

Five snowmobilers have died in avalanches so far this year. Last year it was 14, and in 2001-2002 it was 18.

Ed Klim of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association said the industry does not agree that the more powerful snowmobiles are dangerous. But more education programs are needed to teach riders how to avoid avalanches and spot dangerous areas, Klim said.

Abromeit agreed that education, not regulation, is the answer.

"A person has to recognize avalanche terrain and recognize when the snowpack is unstable," he said, and that should be as much a part of a snowmobiling day as fueling the machine.

Particularly dangerous are slopes greater than 35 degrees, on rainy or windy days. Only one person should be on a slope at a time, to keep the weight down.

Google Inc. touches up its look; highlights shopping

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google Inc. has fine-tuned its popular online search engine with a new look designed to boost its Froogle shopping service and alert users to previously unheralded tools for getting sharper results.

The changes unveiled Monday are the latest in a series of moves Google has made since Yahoo! Inc. broke off their longtime partnership six weeks ago to spotlight its own search engine.

Microsoft executives also have been promising to introduce a search engine on their MSN site later this year.

"Google very much wants to let everyone know that it's still doing some exciting things in search, and it's too soon to start making the (company's) tombstone yet," said Danny Sullivan, editor of Search Engine Watch, an industry newsletter.

Before Monday's adjustments, Google recently had expanded its index by about 30 percent to span nearly 4.3 billion Web pages and introduced technology to make it easier for users to find things in their own neighborhoods based upon zip codes or cities.

The company said Monday it also is experimenting with a system that enables Google users to enter personal information about themselves so the search engine might deliver more relevant results. For instance, users that let Google know they're interested in music are less likely to get results related to fishing when they enter the term "bass."

With its latest revisions, Mountain View-based Google appears to be grooming Froogle for a much bigger role in its business. Froogle has been operating as a separate site since Google launched the shopping service in December 2002.

Google's redesign gives Froogle one of the coveted links located just above its search box. To make room, Google dropped a tab formerly reserved for its list of directories.

Breast cancer survival rate will improve if women stay active

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A life-saving prescription for breast cancer patients might be a simple: Get moving!

A new study released Monday says women who pick up the pace during their recovery — mostly by just walking — appear to substantially reduce their risk of dying from the disease.

"We know that physical activity has been shown to improve the quality of life for women with breast cancer," said Dr. Michelle Holmes of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "We conclude it may also help them live longer as well as better."

Staying active has long been thought to lower the risk of getting cancer, but her study found those who exercised after a diagnosis of breast cancer reduced their chance of dying by one-quarter to one-half, depending on how active they were.

Just how exercise might do this is still unclear, though experts have several theories. Whatever the biological explanation, the researchers say moderate exercise is an undeniably safe recommendation that can improve cancer survivors' health in many ways.

Holmes presented her findings at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, a gathering of 13,500 researchers in Orlando.

People who walk and get other kinds of exercise are less likely to develop many common health problems, including heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoporosis and diabetes. Several studies also suggest exercise can prevent breast and colon cancer, and it may also help stop endometrial, kidney and esophageal cancer.

Generally, doctors recommend at least 45 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise five times a week. This might prevent colon cancer by speeding the movement of food through the intestines. Exercise might also reduce breast cancer by burning up stored fat that produces estrogen, which in turn can fuel breast cancer growth.

"Even modest exercise can have major benefits," said John Groopman, head of environmental health sciences at Johns Hopkins school of public health.

Holmes' results were based on the Nurses Health Study, which has followed the health of almost 122,000 female nurses since 1976. The researchers looked at physical activity in 2,167 women who were diagnosed with breast cancer after the study began.

During up to 16 years of follow-up, it turned out that those who got lots of exercise were most likely to survive their disease, although even a little bit clearly helped.

Most of the women walked for exercise. Those who put in one to three hours a week at a leisurely 3 mph lowered their risk of dying from breast cancer by one-quarter, compared with the most sedentary women. Those who walked between three and eight hours a week cut their risk in half.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Bright women prefer husbands with hearts bigger than brains

DEAR ABBY: My father actually cut out the letter you printed from "Second Thoughts in Texas" and mailed it to me. It was the one from the woman asking if she should break up with "Dale," a romantic, nurturing and supportive man who isn't as bright as she would prefer him to be.

I have been dealing with the same issue for the last eight years. I'm 32; my husband, "Jay," is 28. I divorced him two years ago for the same reasons "Second Thoughts" related.

While Jay and I were apart, I dated other men — generally older. And I did find someone, "Bill," who fit the ideal I was looking for. My problem was, I could never get the "feeling" for Bill that I had for my husband, even though I tried. The breakup with Bill was terrible.

Jay and I are back together now and happier than ever.

I am still in college and I took a personality test. I gave the same test to Jay. We couldn't believe the results. It put a lot of things in perspective about the two of us. I can get intellectual stimulation at school or at work. It is much harder to find someone who is always there for me than it is to find a witty conversationalist.

She should never let him go. — **WARM HEART IN CHICAGO**

DEAR WARM HEART: That letter generated a stack of mail. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: This is for the woman who has "Second Thoughts in Texas." Lady, you will soon realize that the man you have is the one you wished for, despite his lack of intellect. My husband is all you mentioned. I help him with his intellectual skills because he is worth every effort.

We have been married eight years, and I take pride in the fact that my husband makes the effort to impress me with his conversation and etiquette. We discussed it when we were first married, and things have been fine ever since. But I would never have considered giving him up because there were so many great reasons to stay with him.

Tell "Second Thoughts" that not every marriage starts out 100 percent. There is always an area that needs a little help, but you can work on it together. — **WORTH EVERY EFFORT IN NEW YORK**

DEAR WARM HEART AND WORTH EVERY EFFORT: As I said in my reply to "Second Thoughts," for many women, Dale's positive qualities would be enough and he would be considered a prize. Your experiences prove the truth of that statement. But for someone to enter a marriage feeling that he or she is making a sacrifice because his or her partner is somehow lacking is unfair to the partner, and I would not recommend it.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Gertie," lived with us for the last two years since she was no longer able to care for herself. We let her have the master bedroom. I moved into the computer room and slept on a cot while my husband, "Duane," slept on a hide-a-bed in the living room.

Gertie died two months ago, and now Duane refuses to move her belongings out of that room. He says that everything in there is sacred. My husband even turns her favorite nightlight on at night. What am I to do? I can't compete with a ghost! — **HELPLESS**

DEAR HELPLESS: Your husband is grieving for his mother and is not behaving rationally. He needs grief counseling and possibly a support group. Consult his doctor and see that he gets it. Meanwhile, join him on the hide-a-bed.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Treatment of hemorroids

DEAR DR. GOTT: For years I've tried everything my doctor recommended — plus everything advertised on television — for hemorrhoids. Nothing works.

Sunday evening I had dinner with friends. One of the women is a nut about Jell-O, believing that it is good for everything that ails you. In desperation I gave it a try the following morning. I cooked it according to the directions on the package and applied it to the inflamed area.

It did nothing except make a horrible stain on my new white linen slacks.

Perhaps I shouldn't have used strawberry.

Do you think lemon Jell-O, or perhaps plain gelatin, would have been better? Someone else at the table suggested roasted garlic, but I don't think he was serious. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Boy, that must have been some fascinating dinner party, with hemorrhoids the thrust of the discussion. Couldn't you have spent just a little time on George W.?

Now to business.

Lemon Jell-O won't help your problem, either. Troublesome hemorrhoids that don't respond to suppositories (either prescription or over-the-counter) should be examined by a doctor, because surgical intervention may be necessary if the hemorrhoids are bleeding or have become thrombosed (clotted). This is the standard answer to your question. Now, here's another option with which many readers have had success.

Apply Vicks VapoRub to the affected area twice a day. I've been assured that relief of symptoms may occur immediately after the first application. But, in any case, this is something you can try while you're awaiting your doctor's appointment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, 66, has lost his sex drive. I'm 50 and love him deeply. I miss the intimacy and, while I am very attentive, nothing seems to turn him on. We were recently married and he doesn't even try — he just attributes it to old age.

DEAR READER: He is not "old" at 66. Loss of libido (sex drive) has many causes, some physical, others emotional. For example, your husband's interest in sex could be substantially reduced by alcohol, particular prescription drugs, ill health or an age-related deficiency of male hormone (testosterone). In addition, he may have lost interest in sex because of stress, depression and other psychological factors.

To discover the root of the problem, he should be examined by his family physician, who can subsequently enlist the aid of specialists — such as urologists or counselors — if appropriate. Your husband's lack of libido is probably treatable once the diagnosis is established.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Allergy season spells trouble for asthma

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pollen starting to blanket the country means more than stuffy noses and runny eyes for millions of Americans: Allergies actually are the most common cause of asthma.

Yet many sufferers don't know that pollen or other allergens are triggering their asthma attacks, knowledge that could help them breathe easier. For people with particularly severe allergic asthma, a new drug that works differently from any other asthma medicine — though it is expensive and somewhat difficult to use — may help.

"It's amazing how many people do not think allergies" despite clear patterns of wheezing, says Dr. Stanley Goldstein of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

More than 17 million Americans have asthma, a chronic respiratory disease that causes recurring episodes of wheezing, chest tightness, coughing and difficulty breathing. Every year, asthma kills 5,000 people and is responsible for nearly 2 million emergency-room visits and half a million hospitalizations.

Rates of asthma have more than doubled since 1980. Doctors aren't sure why, but allergies are on the rise, too. While asthma attacks can be triggered by numerous things — exercise, cold air, stress, viruses — roughly 60 percent are triggered by allergens.

Indoor allergens, such as pet dander, dust mites or cockroach debris, put these people at risk year-round. But outdoor-allergy season brings an increase in asthma attacks, prompting the AAAAI and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America to try to raise awareness of the connection.

"The symptoms are the same — you cannot tell the difference" by symptoms alone, cautions Goldstein, who directs Allergy and Asthma Care of Long Island in New York. "The distinguishing factor is, if you know you have allergies, you can definitely do more to prevent the asthma."

Everyone's airways can react to irritants, like lots of smoke. But an asthma patient's airways are supersensitive, drastically narrowing in response to minor irritants that wouldn't affect normal lungs.

It's a dangerous chain reaction: Someone with allergic asthma inhales an allergen. The immune system immediately sends out antibodies called IgE to hunt it down. IgE links the allergen to mast cells that line the nose, bronchial tubes and certain other spots, which in turn spurs the release of inflammation-causing chemicals such as histamine and leukotrienes. When those agents hit the bloodstream, they can cause not just allergy symptoms but, in someone with allergic asthma, airway swelling, too.

All asthma patients require drugs that can widen airways during an attack, and other medicines, such an anti-leukotrienes, that can help prevent attacks.

People with allergic asthma also are tested to learn just which allergens trigger their airway attacks so they can avoid them, or try allergy shots to reduce their sensitivity.

The antihistamines that clear allergy-driven stuffy noses won't help asthma.

But there is a new option for the estimated half a million people with severe allergic asthma not controlled by today's medicines: Called Xolair, it's the first anti-IgE treatment, able to cut asthma attacks by about a third by blocking the IgE-caused inflammation chain reaction.

It's expensive, between $5,000 and $10,000 a year. However, specialists say insurance companies are covering it without complaint for those who qualify, partly because of evidence that Xolair reduces hospitalizations and cuts patients' use of other medicines.

It requires shots administered in a doctor's office every two to four weeks. And so far it's just for those over age 12, although a study aiming to enroll 570 6- to 11-year-olds around the country has just begun.

While it's not a cure, Xolair provides the first opportunity to block the root cause of a breathing attack, instead of battling inflammation far downstream. With its success, now "there's a lot of heavy research focusing on the immunologic cause for that asthma," Goldstein says.

Studies by the National Institutes of Health are under way to find other treatments, such as drugs that block cytokines, another chemical involved in airway inflammation.

Injured motorist spends 36 hours on freeway before being rescued

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) — A motorist injured in a crash lay paralyzed in the middle of a freeway with a broken neck for 36 hours before he was rescued.

Ed Theisen's body was blocked from view by Gulf Freeway traffic barricades in this Houston suburb. The 46-year-old survived a night alone on the concrete, unable to move or summon help.

"Someone riding in the back of a pickup truck spotted him and called police," Debora Rodeffer-Theisen, his wife, said Monday after her husband emerged from surgery. "The officer poked him with a nightstick thinking he was a dead body, but he was there and he was very much alive."

Worried that he had been carjacked, Theisen's wife drove past the area twice. He was on his side, staring at a concrete wall, his shouts inaudible to passing traffic.

Doctors later determined that Theisen had broken his neck and suffered a spinal cord injury.

Theisen had been rear-ended March 22 and was exchanging insurance information with the other driver. To avoid walking in heavy oncoming traffic, Theisen had stepped between concrete barriers when he felt weak.

"He thought he was having a heart attack or a stroke," said Rodeffer-Theisen. "He grabbed the concrete barrier and just went down."

Police wrote an accident report after Theisen disappeared, saying he had walked away from the scene, his wife said. She said the tow truck driver who hauled off Theisen's car did not see him.

Dewhurst wants jump start on nanotechnology

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Nanotechnology could create Texas' next economic revolution if science, business and government officials collaborate to carry the technology from the laboratory to the retail customer, participants at a Monday conference said.

"Not only do nano and biotechnology have the ability to radically change our way of life, but they've got the potential for being the new largest economic driver in our world economy," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said.

Participants in the Corridor NanoBioTech Summit sought to bridge the gap between profitable businesses and cutting-edge scientific research into nanotechnology, or the manipulation of matter at the molecular and atomic levels.

The summit, now in its second year, was organized partly by the Greater Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council, a nonprofit corporation composed of public and private representatives from the region.

"To reap the full economic benefits of nano and biotechnology, obviously the whole process of commercialization is critical," Dewhurst said.

He said he will form this week a Senate select committee on economic development and technology with a charge to study building public-private consortiums to finance emerging technologies.

Supporters of nanotechnology said it could be used to improve everything from medicine — such as a nano drug particle delivering cancer treatment to precise molecules in the body — to clothing made from fibers that don't wrinkle or wear out.

A human hair is about 80,000 nanometers wide, according to the federal government's National Nanotechnology Initiative.

"It was really about two-and-a-half years ago that we said, 'Wait a minute, nanotechnology is really going to be a big deal," said Kelly Kordzic, a lawyer with Austin's Winstead law firm, a founding sponsor of the event. "Nanotechnology basically goes across every single industry that you could possibly think of."

Biotechnology, which can include elements of nanotechnology, is also useful in medicine, and in developing ways to detect and fight bioterrorism, Kordzic said.

Zvi Yaniv, president and chief executive of Applied Nanotech, Inc., in Austin, said research findings must be processed and developed quickly.

"It's basically a compression of time — to take a concept, very, very quickly to maturity and then put it in the right place to create wealth," he said.

Minnesota woman helps in return of kidnapped boy

OAK PARK HEIGHTS, Minn. (AP) — A 4-year-old Texas boy who apparently was abducted by his father eight months ago is back home with his mother thanks to a Minnesota woman who met the father and son while vacationing in Belize.

Barb Quinlan was vacationing with her fiance, Murray Kadel, in January when they met David Clenney and his son, Jake. She said the boy seemed happy and in good health, even though he was the only child hanging around at the Coconut Caribbean Hotel in Belize's Ambergris Caye.

Clenney was friendly, but Quinlan, of Oak Park Heights, had a feeling something was wrong.

"It was kind of bizarre," she said. "Maybe it's motherly instinct; you just kind of know these things."

"I told my fiance that I thought something was funny," Quinlan said. "He said I was crazy."

Quinlan became more convinced as the days passed. When Kadel saw Jake up late with his dad in the hotel lounge, he got suspicious, too.

So Quinlan decided to have Kadel take a picture. She stood near Clenney and told Kadel to pretend to focus on her, but to actually focus on the man behind her in the Hawaiian shirt and baseball cap.

After the couple returned home in early February, a flyer arrived in the mail with pictures of missing kids on it and a Web address for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

"He said they were from Texas, so I looked for missing kids from Texas in the last year," Quinlan said. "There were only seven."

One was Jacob Clenney. There was also a picture of his father that perfectly matched her photograph of the man in the Hawaiian shirt.

Quinlan called the center, and also the Ballinger County Sheriff's Department in Texas and sent them the picture. Authorities took Quinlan's photo to Heather Clenney in mid-February and began planning the trip to Belize. They had to go through the U.S. State Department and be approved with Belize officials.

Heather Clenney accompanied Special Agent Bill Endorf and another FBI agent as they arrested David Clenney and returned Jacob to his mother on Thursday.

Mother and son returned home to San Angelo on Friday.

David Clenney made his first appearance Monday in Tom Green District Court in San Angelo on charges of international parental kidnapping. And Heather Clenney called Quinlan to thank her for finding the boy.

Arlington jailers arrested in inmate's assault

ARLINGTON (AP) — Two Arlington jailers were arrested Monday in connection with the sexual assault of an inmate.

Jailer Israel Mouton, 28, told Arlington police Monday morning that Aaron Mechell, 28, entered a woman's cell and sexually assaulted her about 10 p.m. Sunday, said Sgt. Will Johnson, a police spokesman.

Mechell was arrested and was jailed in Arlington, with bond set at $20,000, facing a charge of sexual assault. The second-degree felony carries a penalty of two to 20 years in prison and/or a fine up to $10,000.

Mouton first told investigators that he was reluctant to step forward because Mechell threatened him.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

Make it a point to get out and socialize more than usual in the year ahead, because many valuable contacts can be established that can greatly help you in several important areas of your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Instead of being up front and straightforward in your conversations with friends today, you're apt to express your remarks in ways that camouflage their true meanings. It'll catch up with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's smart to be cautious and practical in your financial affairs today, but if you become unreasonably suspicious of the motives of others, they will begin to question yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Adopt a cooperative attitude today, but don't let others do all your thinking for you. Where important decisions are concerned, make certain you use your own judgment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — People who have been helpful to you in the past are entitled to special consideration today, but don't extend your generosity to rewarding the undeserving. Be discriminating about who you aid.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It always proves unwise to expect too much from others, and today will be no different. Even those who are exceptionally fond of you may be limited as to what they can do for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You are asking for trouble if you discuss your plans today with an individual who is jealous of you and would welcome an opportunity to trip you up. Talk things over only with loyal pals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't be a contributor to a conversation today where friends are speaking unkindly of another pal who isn't present. The gossipmongers will eventually be identified and look bad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Timidity can have no role in your actions today if you have any hope of accomplishing what you set out to do. You can be bold and assertive without being reckless or foolhardy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're the type of person who doesn't like to disappoint your friends, but in an attempt to make one feel better today, you could promise to do something that you know you won't be able to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you're lackadaisical or indifferent in your business dealings today, you can expect to be outwitted by a shrewd opponent. Keep yourself together and don't let your guard down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — When it comes to important involvements today, you must make sure that you are your own person. Make others measure up to your standards instead of lowering yours to appease them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Much of value can be accomplished today if you are ambitious and tenacious in your aims. But if you expect things to fall into your lap without expending any effort, it'll be another story.

Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Kerry, Cheney spar over economy, taxes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — John Kerry lashed out at Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday, accusing Cheney of distorting his Senate record on taxes as the Democrat sought to shift the debate to President Bush's stewardship of the economy and spiking gas prices.

With gas averaging a record high of $1.80 per gallon, Kerry was calling for the government to stop pumping oil into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until prices return to normal levels. The White House has said there would be no halt to filling the government stockpile.

"This administration has one economic policy for America — 3 million jobs lost and driving gas prices towards $3 a gallon," the presumptive Democratic nominee told students at a jobs training center in Sacramento.

Hours after Cheney called him "one of the most reliable pro-tax votes in the Senate," Kerry delivered a sharp rebuke, faulting the Bush administration for waging a campaign of "half-truths."

"They found Dick Cheney in an undisclosed location and brought him out to attack me," Kerry said at the start of a town hall meeting at the Charles A. Jones Skills & Business Education Center. "That seems to be his designated role, not to create jobs, but to attack John Kerry.

Palestinian militants threaten U.S. diplomats, later back down

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A Palestinian militant group warned an American delegation today not to visit the Palestinian territories, accusing the United States of bias in favor of Israel. Hours later, some group members backed down from the veiled threats.

Israel prepared to take down an unauthorized outpost in the West Bank. Israeli security sources said Hazon David is one of several such outposts to be dismantled ahead of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's trip to the United States next month.

The move appeared to be aimed at building U.S. support for Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and small parts of the West Bank. Sharon is scheduled to discuss the plan with President Bush in Washington on April 14.

The United States has demanded for months that Israel remove dozens of unauthorized outposts, saying they prejudice negotiations on the future of disputed territory. Sharon has taken little action, and those outposts occasionally removed are rebuilt quickly.

The American diplomatic delegation is scheduled to arrive in the region Wednesday to hear more about the withdrawal plan. U.S. officials said Monday they refuse to support the plan for now but would consider changing their minds after more talks with Israeli and Arab officials.

The team consists of Assistant Secretary of State William J. Burns, National Security Council Deputy Director Stephen J. Hadley and the council's Mideast specialist, Elliott Abrams. It is their third trip to the area since February.

In Gaza, the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades — a violent group linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction — issued a statement saying the delegation was banned from Palestinian areas. It also accused America of unfairly preventing the U.N. Security Council from condemning Israel's assassination of Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin last week.

"This visit is rejected completely, and the American administration will not like the circumstances of such a visit," it said.

Hours later, Al Aqsa leaders softened the statement, saying there were no plans to harm the diplomats.

"We will not use force against the Americans because we don't want one more enemy. We have one enemy and that's enough," said Abu Qusay, an Al Aqsa leader in Gaza.

Crews recover final two victims from helicopter crash

HOUSTON (AP) — The bodies of the final two missing passengers aboard a helicopter that vanished into the Gulf of Mexico with 10 people aboard have been recovered, the company that chartered the flight said today.

Jason Petitjean, 34, of Rayne, La., and Jeff Langley, 42, of Kountze, Texas, were recovered late Monday night from the Gulf's floor. Both were contractors for Unocal, an El Segundo, Calif.-based oil exploration and production company, when the helicopter disappeared on its way to a drilling ship in the Gulf.

"It's a sad relief would be the way to put it," said Unocal spokeswoman Christine LeLaurin. "The families have a chance to reach some closure. Everyone worked very hard to do their best in this recovery operation. We wished it would have had some different results."

The question now turns to what brought down the Sikorsky S-76A owned by Alaska-based Era Aviation Inc.

National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman Lorenda Ward said the agency expects to have retrieved most of the wreckage needed to complete its investigation by today.

"We have 90 percent of the helicopter recovered and it should be heading back to Lake Charles this afternoon," Ward said. "The examination will start on Wednesday."

It could take up to 18 months for a final report on the crash, which is being investigated by the NTSB and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The helicopter took off from an airfield in Galveston and was headed to a ship working near South Padre Island. The aircraft was 90 miles south of Galveston when the pilot made his last radio contact.

Remains of four people and a life vest were found a day later floating in the Gulf. Another four bodies were located Friday on the sea's floor among the wreckage but couldn't be recovered until Saturday morning. Most wreckage was found about 70 miles south of Galveston.

The other eight victims were identified as pilot Tim B. O'Neal, 50, of El Lago, Texas; co-pilot Donald J. Janning, 46, of Monument, Colo.; Trampas Terwillegar, 27, from Rayne, La.; Tyler Breaux, 23, of Houma, La.; David Kamolsiri, 24, of Houston; Andre Lake, 36, of Trinidad, Texas; Thomas Jackson, 37, of Houma, La.; and Craig Bailey, 43, of St. Martinville, La.

Jerrell J. Wiggins, a spokesman for Offshore Energy Services, where Petitjean worked, said the families were grateful for the search efforts.

"They are glad and they appreciate nobody gave up," he said.

Six arrests top police blotter

• ***Arrests***

At 3 p.m. Monday, deputies arrested a 57-year-old male on outstanding city warrants for failure to pay fines on an original charge of public intoxication. The man was taken into custody in the 2600 block of Avenue A.

A 21-year-old male was arrested at 4:33 p.m. in the 1100 block of 40th St. on an outstanding city warrant for failure to have liability insurance.

Three persons were arrested shortly after 6 p.m. near the intersection of U.S. 84 and FM 1606. Taken into custody were a 36-year-old male charged with driving with license suspended, making alcohol available to a minor and having an open container in the vehicle. Also arrested was a 26-year-old man for public intoxication, having an open container and making alcohol available to a minor.

A 17-year-old female was arrested for minor consuming alcohol.

At 3 a.m. today, DPS troopers arrested a 32-year-old man on U.S. 84 near the Polar exit for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

• ***Criminal trespass warnings***

One criminal trespass warning was issued Monday morning.

• ***Citizen complaint***

Officers were called to the area of 37th St. and College Avenue around 9 a.m. Monday in reference to a local citizen reporting a man in that area asking for employment. Officers said the man had permission to be in the White Buffalo Café parking lot. A local resident later purchased gas for the individual and he left the area.

• ***Theft***

A report for theft was filed at 4:41 p.m. Monday in reference to a billfold stolen from a student at Snyder High School.

• Officers were called to the 3700 block of Rose Circle at 6 p.m. as a citizen reported a motorist making obscene gestures.

• ***Gas drive off***

A gas drive off at Allsup's was made at 9 p.m. in the amount of $41.27. The man's wife was located and she paid for the fuel.

Obituaries

Mr. Armstrong

1919-2004

Emerson Lee Armstrong of Snyder died Sunday, March 21, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

A memorial service for Mr. Armstrong, 84, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was held in the Stewartsville Cemetery in Stewartsville, Mo.

Mr. Armstrong

Born Nov. 23, 1919 in Stewartsville, he entered the Air Force in 1942 and retired in 1963 as a Lt. Colonel. He flew B-25s. Mr. Armstrong taught in El Paso, retiring in 1988. Mr. Armstrong served as presiding elder of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, now known as Community of Christ, in El Paso and served as district president of the New Mexico district.

He married Marie Belcher on July 3, 1942 in Las Vegas, Nev. In 1988 they moved from El Paso to Lamoni, Iowa and volunteered their services to the church as guides to a historical home site. He was called to the office of patriarch evangelist.

After moving to Snyder in 1996, Mr. Armstrong had been active in the Senior Citizen Center and the Food Cupboard, singing for many activities.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mona Capparel.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Armstrong of Snyder; one daughter and son-in-law, Joan and George Weber of Denver, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Linda Armstrong of Lamoni, Iowa; four grandchildren, Joshua, Margaret, Richard and Jenni Armstrong; and one great-grandson, Ethen Armstrong.

The family suggests memorials to the Senior Citizen Center or the Food Cupboard.

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Leota Newton

1944-2004

SWEETWATER — Leota Jean Newton, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, March 28, in Rolling Plains Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Newton, 59, was set for 2 p.m. today in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was to follow in the Lone Wolf Cemetery.

Born Aug. 25, 1944 in Reeves County, she attended Snyder schools and Western Texas College. She had also lived in Bangs before moving to Sweetwater 12 years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Rebecca Huddlen of Roscoe; her mother, Pearl Claxton of Roscoe; three grandsons, Kashawn Newton, Coby Newton and Richard Huddlen Jr.

Pallbearers will be Leonard Nickerson, Jerry Wemken and Evaristo Granado.

Margy Leyerly

1925-2004

MIDLAND — Margy Lou Leyerly, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, March 28, in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Leyerly, 78, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 15, 1925 in Neosho, Mo., she graduated from high school in Caldwell, Kan., and married Dean Leyerly in 1942.

She lived in Austin, Midland, Snyder; San Angelo Farmington, N.M., and Evansville, Ind., before retiring in Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dick and Ethel Dean Crumbliss.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Leyerly of Midland; two daughters, Dana Copeland of Midland and Jo Adams of Moody; a brother, Richard Crumbliss; a sister, Bess Ginn; and two grandchildren.

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A mainly sunny sky. High 77F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms.
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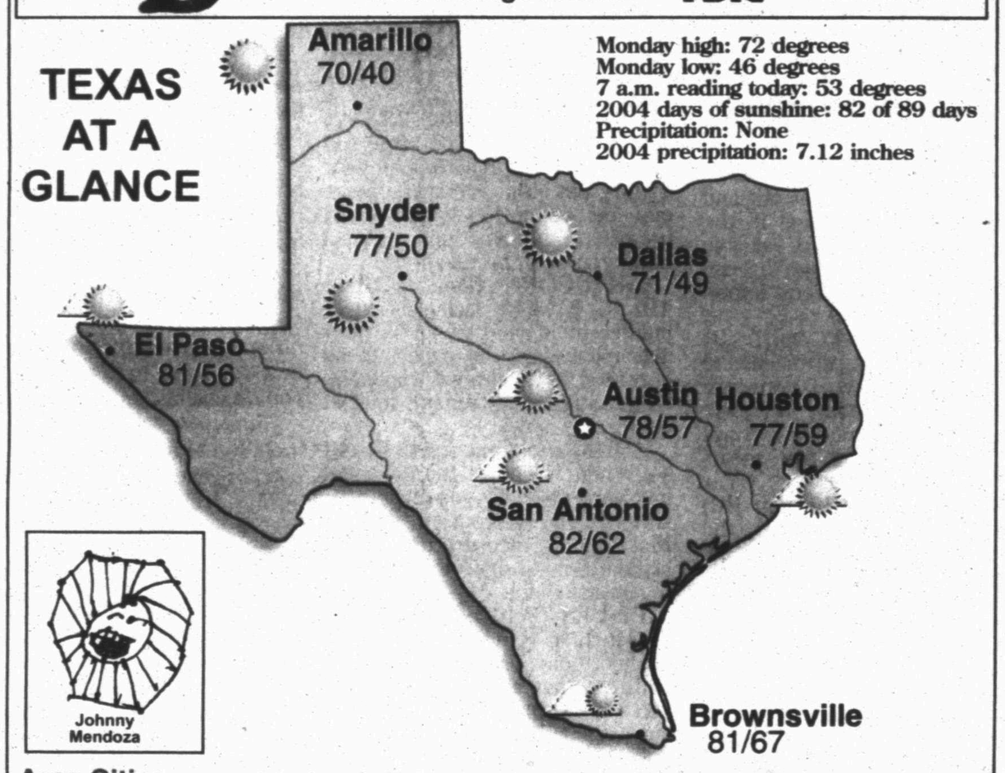

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Amarillo	70	40	sunny	Fort Stockton	82	57	sunny	Raymondville	82	64	pt sunny
Austin	78	57	mst sunny	Gainesville	67	43	sunny	Rosenberg	78	58	mst sunny
Beaumont	75	56	sunny	Greenville	69	44	sunny	San Antonio	82	62	mst sunny
Brownsville	81	67	pt sunny	Houston	77	59	mst sunny	San Marcos	80	57	mst sunny
Brownwood	78	52	sunny	Kingsville	83	64	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	68	44	sunny
Corpus Christi	80	65	pt sunny	Livingston	75	51	sunny	Sweetwater	78	52	sunny
Corsicana	71	48	sunny	Longview	68	46	sunny	Tyler	69	46	sunny
Dallas	71	49	sunny	Lubbock	77	47	sunny	Weatherford	70	45	sunny
Del Rio	82	63	pt sunny	Lufkin	74	51	sunny	Wichita Falls	68	42	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	39	pt sunny	Houston	77	59	mst sunny	Phoenix	88	63	pt sunny
Boston	48	41	rain	Los Angeles	66	51	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	49	windy
Chicago	44	35	rain	Miami	82	63	pt sunny	Seattle	52	39	rain
Dallas	71	49	sunny	Minneapolis	47	28	mst sunny	St. Louis	50	36	rain
Denver	76	41	sunny	New York	51	45	rain	Washington, DC	58	44	rain

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 28	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19

UV Index

Wed 3/31	Thu 4/1	Fri 4/2
9	8	7
High	High	High

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