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After interim judge Wanda Rushing resigns...

Republican nominee appointed Precinct 1 JP

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners' Court this morning appointed Deborah Boyd to the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace post after accepting the resignation of interim peace justice Wanda Rushing.



Boyd

Boyd won her bid for the JP office in Tuesday's Republican runoff election, defeating Ben Smith by 65 votes. Boyd has no opposition in the general election.

Rushing was appointed to the interim position Jan. 31 following the resignation of Charlie Reynolds.

A swearing in ceremony was also held this morning for several officials - including Boyd and newly-appointed hospital board member Nan Swanson.

Pat Alexander was sworn in as Precinct 1 constable and Jeff Duck as Precinct 2 constable.

In other business, the court declared April as Child Abuse Awareness month.

Charlie Bell, county treasurer, presented the first quarter financial report.

Bell noted that the county's cash balance as of March 31 was $7.3 million. Interest earned the first quarter of 2000, $115,222 was up some $8,600 from the last quarter in 1999 when interest earned was $106,612.

Total interest year-to-date also was up compared to year-to-date totals at the same time in 1999 — $115,222 compared to $112,159, an increase of $3,063.

Commissioners also amended the county's travel policy to allow employees to stay in a host hotel while attending a county-approved training or seminar even if the cost exceeds the $80 a day allowance.

In a unanimous vote, the court agreed not to renew a contract with AT&T for long distance service after the county's contract expires in June. Commissioners agreed to go through the General Services Commission to get a TEX-AN 2000 contract for long distance service.

The county contracts with General Services and that company bids out the long distance carrier.

The court also gave the go ahead to seek bids for a motor grader for Precinct 1.

Three line-item transfers and two budget amendments were also approved.

A transfer in the amount of $101 was granted for the Scurry County Airport, moving the funds from the resales line to general liability insurance.

Approved for the juvenile probation department was a transfer in the amount of $3,500. The funds were moved from the appointed-officials line to equipment and are the county's portion for purchasing a vehicle for the S.T.A.R. program.

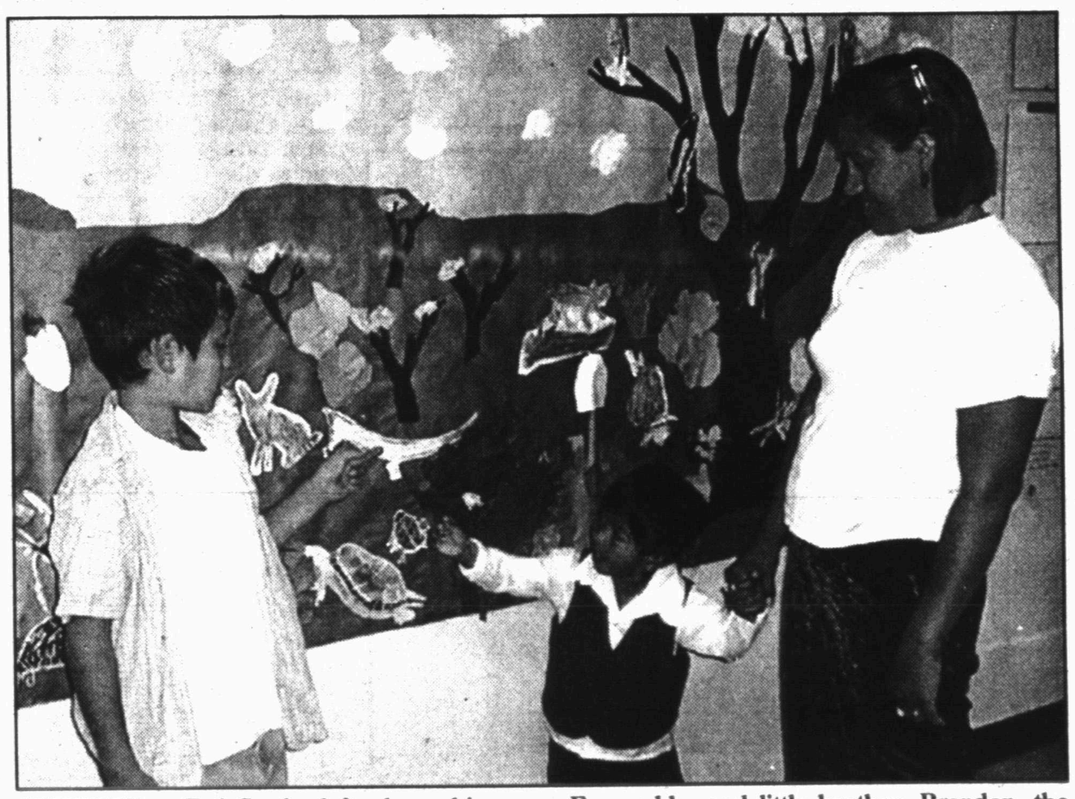
A line-item transfer also was granted for the district clerk's office, moving $1,250 from other equipment into equipment to purchase a computer.

Two budget amendments were approved in relation to the appointments of the Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 constables.

The amendment for the Precinct 1 position included adding $1,993 to elected-officials salary, $153 to social security tax and $141 to retirement.

For the salary of Precinct 2 constable, $474 was added to elected officials, $36 for social security tax and $33 for retirement.

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



ARTWORK — Ted Cerda, left, shows his mom, Esmeralda, and little brother, Brandon, the lizard he drew and colored for a mural on display at the Scurry County Museum. Ted is a student in Mrs. June Holcomb's class. The artwork is on display at the museum in connection with wildflower tours that are being conducted by WTC botany students through May 4. (SDN Staff Photo)

Holy Week Services continuing

The Scurry County Ministerial Alliance will conduct Holy Week services at noon this week at the First Presbyterian Church.

Lunch will be provided daily following the services in the church's fellowship hall.

On Good Friday, the service will be at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast. There is no charge for the meals, but donations will be accepted to benefit the work of the ministerial alliance.

The Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was to have led today's service, while Rev. Ken Martin of the First Baptist Church in Ira will speak at Tuesday's service.

The Rev. Leon Chan, pastor of the Allen Chapel, AME, will lead Wednesday service, while The Rev. Larry McAden of the Calvary Baptist Church will lead the Thursday service.

Friday morning's service will be lead by Dr. Craig Curry, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

The meal today was provided by the First Presbyterian Church, while Tuesday's meal will be provided by Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Five SHS students to state after UIL meet

Snyder High School students fared very well over the weekend in various academic and agriculture contests.

Five students qualified for state at the regional UIL academic meet held Saturday at San Angelo State University.

In FFA state judging events held Friday and Saturday at Texas Tech University, the crops team won its sixth state championship in seven years. The entomology team placed third at state and the cotton team was 19th.

At the regional UIL academic contest, Trey Gorman placed second overall high individual in science. He also tied for first place in chemistry and finished first in physics, and he was second in biology.

The science team of Gorman, Trevor Kerr and Wade Ashby captured second and was named alternate team to state.

Kaycee Marricle placed fourth in computer applications.

All of the these students advance to state competition May 13 in Austin.

Placing, but not advancing, were Cara Best, fifth in accounting. Jennifer Bell was sixth in computer applications. Alesha Miller was sixth in literary criticism and Liz Brown was sixth in poetry.

Members of Snyder FFA's crops team are Mary Wesson, second high individual; Shannon Chambers, fifth high individual; Dana Stribling, seventh high individual; Cliff Beights, 10th high individual.

David Frazier, ag instructor and FFA sponsor, praised the crops team. "When you want something bad enough, you are willing to spend countless hours perfecting the skills needed to succeed. This is the basic motto that this team has adopted during the past few months and what a finish they had to this year."

Previously, the team also placed first in both district and area contests.

Members of the entomology team are Valerie Lara, 13th high individual; Vanessa Lara, 18th high individual; and Jennifer Lara.

The entomology team had already placed first in district and second in area prior to Friday's competition.

"This team did a wonderful job throughout the year and ended their quest on Friday with an outstanding state finish," Frazier said.

Members of the cotton team are Kasey Wemken, Casey Blackard, Brandon Gonzales and Anna Gryshchenko.

Frazier said, "During the contest, all of the students did a wonderful job of representing Snyder High School. When the results were finally announced, Snyder had once again proven to be among the elite programs in Texas. It should be noted that during our FFA contest, we compete against all schools, not just 4A schools."

Garden club to start contests for yard and business of the month

Snyder Garden Club judges for the "Yard of the Month" will be observing residential yards and business locations during the last two weeks of this month.

The area winners, which will be announced the first week in May, includes areas bounded by the south side of 21st Street, the north side of 37th Street, and the west side of College Avenue from 21st to 37th Street.

The residential winner and the "Most Improved Business" will be recognized with a sign in the yard.

Coin toss determines name

BAYTOWN (AP) — It happens at the Super Bowl every year: a coin toss to see who gets the ball first. But what about a corporate boardroom coin toss to decide a new joint venture's name?

Two companies — Chevron Corp. and Phillips Petroleum Co., which agreed to a 50-50 joint venture of their chemical businesses in early February — tried other methods but in the end decided that an old-fashioned coin toss was the best way to arrive at the new name: Chevron-Phillips.

"Lots of names were suggested," Chevron spokesman Mickey Driver told the Baytown Sun in Sunday's editions. "Our employees suggested names. We even thought about hiring a consultant to help select a name."

Some of the other names that were suggested included Arochem, Bastion, Chemobie, Dyaro, Earthlink and Polar.

According to Driver, the California-based oil giant preferred Chevron-Phillips while Phillips wanted the name to be Phillips-Chevron. To solve the dilemma, a gold coin was struck with each version of the name imprinted.

Meeting Fridat at Phillips' suburban Houston offices in Clear Lake, the coin was tossed by Jim Gallogly, president of the new joint venture. It landed face up with the Chevron-Phillips side showing.

Chevron employs 31,000 people worldwide and has about $40 billion in assets. Phillips, based in Bartlesville, Okla., had 15,900 employees and $15 billion of assets at the end of 1999.

Chevron-Phillips is expected to be one of the world's top five producers of the olefins and polyolefins used to manufacture basic chemicals and plastics.

"Currently, both companies have been working to finalize the paperwork to meet all legal requirements, including approval by the Federal Trade Commission," Driver told the Sun. "That is all on track. We are projecting the approval and merger to be completed in the next couple of months."

Dump trucks ready for trash

Snyder's citywide clean-up campaign started today and it will continue through Thursday with dump trucks to be in selected areas of the city each day.

Today, dump trucks were to be in the area west of College Avenue and south of 30th Street.

Dump trucks on Tuesday will be in the area east of College Avenue and South of 30th Street and on Wednesday in the area west of College Avenue and north of 30th Street.

On Thursday, trucks will be east of College Avenue and north of 30th Street.

These services are for individuals and are not to be used by persons in the business of demolition or clean-up.

The service will be limited to one load per residence or business inside the city limits.

The campaign is sponsored by the City of Snyder, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Snyder Beautification Committee.

Local accident victim still listed as serious

Snyder resident Cory Trujillo, 20, who was injured in a two-vehicle accident Thursday morning on Highway 350 south of Ira, continues to be listed in serious condition in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Trujillo was air-lifted to UMC following the accident which killed former Snyder resident Eddie Glenn Rollins.

DPS trooper Terry Snyder said today that the accident remains under investigation.

"We have not been able to talk to Trujillo because of his injuries," said Snyder.

Trooper Snyder refused to speculate on whether other vehicles might have contributed to the accident.

The accident occurred in the east-bound lane, which was Rollins' lane of traffic. Investigating troopers at the accident scene did question the drivers of two trucks pulling double-wide mobile homes who were travelling in the same lane as Trujillo.

The accident occurred on a stretch of Highway 350 in Mitchell County.

Ira trustees in called meeting for applicants

Ira ISD's board of trustees will meet at 7 this evening in a called meeting to consider applicants for the vacant principal's position at the school.

The post has been vacant since mid-term when Rodney Schneider resigned the post to accept the position school superintendent at Whitharral.

ASK US

Q-Is there a source where I can get a listing of all bed and breakfast locations in Texas?

A-Contact the group known as the Historic & Hospitality Accommodations of Texas (HAT) at 1-800-HAT-0368.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 87 degrees; low, 44; high Sunday, 89; low, 44; 7 a.m. Monday, 52; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.64 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 55-60. SE wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, windy. High near 90. S wind 20-30 mph.



Brittney Hendricks
Sunny

Sunset:
8:14 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:13 a.m.
Of 107 days in 2000, the sun has shone 104 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Always keep a widow open in your mind for new ideas.

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Lower soot levels are sought in cities

HOUSTON (AP) — In the nation's smoggiest city, business and government leaders are listing cleaner fuel and stricter pollution controls at construction sites among recommendations they say will save lives.

Mayor Lee Brown was scheduled to discuss the list today at a news conference with other government, business and environmental leaders.

A city study blames high soot levels for 435 early deaths and 1,196 cases of chronic bronchitis each year. Brown appointed a task force which is expected to announce an "unprecedented coalition" to combat air pollution across the Houston region.

Members of the task force appointed by the mayor also recommend increasing use of cleaner vehicles in the city's own fleet and including pollution checks in safety inspections for private trucks. Recommendations were sent to Brown last week.

Houston in October 1999 edged past Los Angeles to become the nation's smoggiest metropolis. The Environmental Protection Agency has ordered regulators to control air pollution by 2007.

Pollution in Texas has become a presidential campaign topic, with Gov. George W. Bush defending his environmental record against accusations that he has been too cozy with big business and hasn't protected the state's water and air.

Last May, Brown unveiled the health findings and said they warranted expanding the attack on air pollution to target tiny soot particles along with ozone smog, which is Houston's best-known air quality problem.

State building damage studied

FORT WORTH (AP) — Extensive damage to a state building in last month's killer tornadoes in North Texas is prompting a lawmaker to review construction codes and the competitive bidding process used by agencies.

The Health and Human Services Center in Arlington was the only commercial structure in the immediate area that could not be occupied the day after the twisters.

State Sen. Mike Moncrief questioned why the building received greater damage than nearby commercial buildings.

"Clearly, the nature and extent of the damage after the storms of March 28 raises serious questions as to its fitness to house state employees or clients," Moncrief wrote in a letter last week to the General Services Commission, which leases buildings for state agencies.

The tornadoes also hit Fort Worth and Grand Prairie on March 28, killing five people and causing an estimated $450 million in damage. An engineer who studied the Arlington service building's damage told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that it may have failed to meet local construction codes.

The owner, however, contended that the building met all state and city requirements. Municipal officials say the building would never have been occupied after its construction in 1995 if it had not passed all building inspections.

Four days after the storm, Moncrief toured southeast Arlington and said he was shocked at the extent of the damage. He said documents released last week from the General Services Commission reflecting a series of construction problems throughout the building's short life prompted further concern.

After the two-story, 435-office building was struck by the F3 tornado, with winds estimated at 158 to 206 mph that also hit the nearby post office and Lear Corp. buildings, only the state facility could not be occupied the next day.

Office workers since 1996, when four state agencies moved into the 111,000-square-foot building, have complained about widespread water leaks around windows and mold in the air. Additional roof braces had to be installed and a suspended ceiling collapsed, workers said.

"The difference in construction was obvious," said Moncrief. "This was clear when you saw the post office next door. "But the records show early warning signs that were ignored, and the paper trail is a mile long."

Moncrief's letter asked the General Services Commission to forward him copies of all written documentation regarding the bid process and the building's construction.

Jack F. Paul of Tyler, who rented the building, said it was approved by city inspectors and that the structural plans were stamped by a state-certified engineer.

John Dewar, the Freese and Nichols Inc. engineer commissioned by the state to examine the building's structure after the tornado, said he does not believe steel bracing was installed on some of the building's walls.

Lipscomb depressed

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb is depressed that he's been transferred to a federal prison while he awaits sentencing on bribery and conspiracy charges, one of his attorneys said.

Moments after U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall revoked Lipscomb's pre-sentencing bond Wednesday, U.S. marshals went to his room at St. Paul's Medical Center in Dallas, where the 74-year-old Lipscomb was being treated for pneumonia and congestive heart failure, attorney Scottie Allen said Saturday.

In a meeting with journalists from black news outlets, Allen said marshals asked family members to leave his side.

"For some 48 hours, Mr. Lipscomb had absolutely no contact with any person from the outside world other than those people who were assisting him in their capacity as prison officials," Allen said.

He said only when he visited Lipscomb Saturday did Lipscomb became aware of the judge's decision.

"His emotional state was that of someone who was obviously frustrated by being kept in the dark. He was somewhat depressed by the upcoming events and the uncertainty as to what is going to transpire," Allen said.

Kendall ordered Lipscomb to the federal prison Wednesday after Lipscomb failed to appear at a scheduled sentencing hearing. A hearing originally scheduled for two days earlier was pushed back because of his hospitalization.

The Dallas Weekly, quoting a source at the federal prison in Fort Worth, said Lipscomb was taken to the short-term care unit of the Federal Medical Center. If his condition were considered terminal, he would have been placed in the hospital's long-term care unit, the source said.

Date Book

Monday, April 17, 2000

Today is the 108th day of 2000 and the 29th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1894, the Lowell observatory, in Arizona, was officially opened.

On this day in 1961, the United States government provided covert support to a group of Cuban exiles in their attempt to invade Cuba.

On this day in 1964, Geraldine Mock became the first woman to fly around the world solo when she touched down in Columbus, Ohio. It took her 29 days.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: J.P. Morgan (1837-1913), financier; Walter Camp (1859-1925), football player-coach; Isak Dinesen (1885-1962), writer; Thornton Wilder (1897-1975), writer; William Holden (1918-1981), actor; Cynthia Ozick (1928-), author, is 72; Norman "Boomer" Esiason (1961-), football player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, the Philadelphia Phillies recovered from an 11-run deficit to defeat the Chicago Cubs 18-16.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road." — Isak Dinesen

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (April 18).

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On top of Mount Techstock

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

In situations where you might have had to depend upon others for your resources, you may be able to operate independently in the year ahead due to improved material circumstances.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Being allowed to make your own decisions today might be of utmost importance to you, yet this is likely to be a mistake. You could be too singular in your thinking. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Left to your own timetable and devises today, you're quite productive in your work. However, this isn't likely to be the case. Don't get so annoyed that you allow your work to suffer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Should you encounter someone today who has a very dominating personality, don't get involved in a one-upsmanship game, no matter how challenged you feel. Stay cool.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be guilty of the same offense you so abhor in others — throwing your weight around while being surrounded by those who lack any authority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you do not allow your ego to dominate your thoughts today, you won't run the risk of feeling you must use anger to cover up this unnecessary facade.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Both you and someone with whom you're associated might be of the same mind today, but it's one neither will like. Each could feel they are the giver and the other is the taker.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Should you have to lock horns again today with an individual with whom you have an adversarial relationship, don't let things get out of hand. Be the bigger person and back off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Looking for a scapegoat will be easily recognized by your peers today if the brush is still in your hand when you paint yourself into a corner. 'Fess up to your mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In a competitive involvement with friends today, the activity mustn't be permitted to take precedence over the relationships. It'll be better to lose the game than a pal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Drive and ambition when selfishly applied won't be worth what they could cost you in esteem, reputation and honor. Make certain your aims are not done at the expense of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It could be a humbling experience today should you run into someone who challenges your smarts, so don't be a know-it-all. You might have to back up what you say you know.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although you might believe it to be so, your image will not be enhanced today by having more possessions or a fatter wallet. People will like you only for who and what you are.

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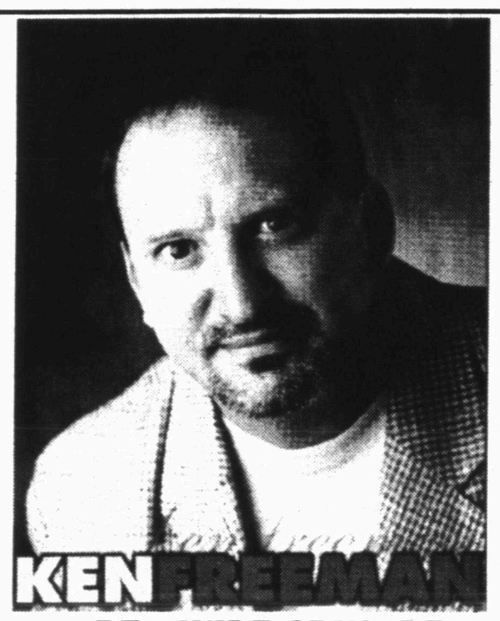
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NO CHARGE

ANYONE SIGNING UP FOR THE CITY DUMP TRUCKS WILL NEED TO CALL:
The City Utility Department: 573-4960 or 573-4969

Participation by all citizens and businesses within city limits:

Citizens:
- Clean up own property
- Mow
- Pick up trash
- Clean alley at back of their property
- Remove weeds
- Remove old appliances

Businesses:
- Clean up own property
- Mow
- Pick up trash
- Remove weeds from parking areas, around utility poles and landscaped areas.
- Clean alley at back of property

Dump trucks and drivers will be available from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on April 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th to pick up tree limbs, lumber, appliances; items that can be lifted manually and placed over the sides of a dump truck. NO TIRES!!

The dump truck will be available in these areas of town on these dates and limited to 1 (one) load per residence or business:
April 17th - West of College Ave. and South of 30th Street
April 18th - East of College Ave. and South of 30th Street
April 19th - West of College Ave. and North of 30th Street
April 20th - East of College Ave. and North of 30th Street

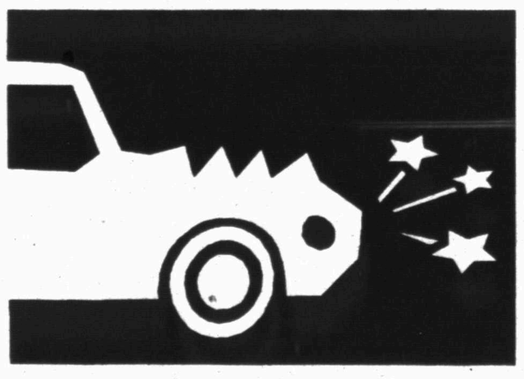
Please indicate the type of items you are wanting picked up and schedule it for the day the dump trucks will be in your area. Have the items placed next to the curb, driveway, alley, leaving access for traffic. Small items must be placed in bags and stacked near the curb, driveway or alley. City personnel will not be allowed to go onto the property and into any structure to retrieve objects. Please keep brush in a separate pile from other items. Please keep appliances and metals in a pile separate from other items. Any appliance that uses freon/coolant, must have the freon removed and tagged by a licensed recoverer.

Please be available to assist in loading the items. If you can't be available, indicate so when scheduling the dump truck. Tree limbs, lumber, etc. will need to be cut into pieces that can be easily handled by one person.

THESE SERVICES ARE FOR INDIVIDUALS, NOT TO BE USED BY PERSONS IN THE BUSINESS OF DEMOLITION OR CLEAN-UP AND WILL BE LIMITED TO 1 (ONE) LOAD PER RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS INSIDE CITY LIMITS ONLY.

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Christie's to auction hollywood treasures

NEW YORK (AP) — If you want to own a pair of ruby red slippers from the "The Wizard of Oz," don't bother clicking your heels together — just plunk down a lot of cash.

A pristine pair of size 6B ruby slippers made for Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" is set to be auctioned off at a Christie's East sale of Hollywood and television memorabilia, auction house officials said. Collectors estimate the pair could sell for $750,000.

Also included in the May 24 auction are the Cowardly Lion's "Oz" costume, a Rolls-Royce from the James Bond classic "Goldfinger" and Christopher Reeve's Superman capes and body stockings.

The Lion getup, worn by Bert Lahr in the 1939 family classic, could fetch $600,000, collectors said. The Roll-Royce, a 12-cylinder, dual-ignition 1937 Phantom 111, probably could be driven home for about $200,000.

Costumes worn by Reeve in 1978's "Superman" and the 1980 follow-up, "Superman II," are expected to sell for about $40,000 each.

Television memorabilia up for sale include the black wool yachting cap worn by Alan Hale, as the Skipper, in "Gilligan's Island" (estimate $10,000) and a cigarette lighter inscribed with a love note that Lucille Ball gave to Desi Arnaz ($1,000).

Flag issue looms in Georgia

ATLANTA (AP) — When Zell Miller tried to remove the Confederate battle emblem from within Georgia's flag, it nearly cost him re-election as governor.

Seven years later, a new attempt is gaining steam. This time, though, supporters seem intent on helping Democratic Gov. Roy Barnes avoid the political misery that befell Miller.

"Roy is a good governor, and I do not want to make any attempt to sacrifice Roy Barnes over this flag debate," said Democratic Sen. Charles Walker, one of the Legislature's most influential blacks.

If Democrats are trying to help Barnes find political cover, there are good reasons. Few issues have proven to be so divisive as Miller's 1993 attempt to change the flag.

It came one year before his re-election campaign, which he won by a scant 33,000 votes out of the 1.5 million cast. If lawmakers push the change again next year, as they have vowed to do, it will come one year before Barnes must seek re-election.

Unlike Miller, who personally initiated the last attempt, Barnes has not publicly associated himself with the push to change the flag, even though his 1998 election was aided by a record black turnout. He has said it is an important issue, but he doubts it can pass the Legislature.

Even so, many lawmakers expect the flag to be a key issue next year, at least in part because of the national attention that has been focused on neighboring South Carolina.

Attempts to remove the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina Statehouse, where it flies along with the state flag, have included a boycott that has cost the state millions of tourism dollars. A similar boycott has been threatened for Georgia.

Georgia and Mississippi are the only states that include the Confederate emblem on their official state flags.

The political dilemma for Barnes and for legislative Democrats is whether to risk alienating black voters by failing to change the flag, or risk offending white voters by changing it.

Emory University political science professor Merle Black noted, however, that many conservative whites have been voting Republican for some time. "I don't know how many hard-core flag supporters are still Democrats," he said.

Even so, many Democrats consider the issue to be loaded with political risk, fearing that a vote to change the flag would set off howls of protest among their constituents and make them easy prey at the next election.

The only way to allay the fears of Democrats and pass a flag bill in the Legislature is through a bipartisan effort, said Rep. Tyrone Brooks, a Democrat.

On the Net:
Barnes' site:
http://www.ganet.state.ga.us/governor/index.html
State Legislature:
http://www.ganet.state.ga.us/services/leg

Cyber athlete from Missouri wins $40,000 first place prize

DALLAS (AP) — Competition between the world's elite computer gamers came to a head Sunday, when players brandished cyber guns and other virtual weapons in a three-dimensional arena.

It wasn't just for fun and games, either.

Just ask Jonathan Wendel, who won $40,000 Sunday in a head-to-head match against "Makaveli," whose name is Victor Cuadra in the real world.

"It's a lot of money," said Wendel, who uses the name "Fatality" while gaming.

He finished first out of more than 300 professional gamers who came from South Korea, Sweden and elsewhere to compete in the Razer/Cyberathlete Professional League $100,000 Tournament.

The rules of the game are simple: In 15 minutes, kill your opponent as many times as possible. Hand-eye coordination and fast reflexes are key, and the person with the most kills when time runs out is the victor.

Wendel used accurate shots from a rocket launcher to sweep Cuadra 13 kills to none in a finals round before several hundred cheering spectators. The action was projected on two overhead movie screens in a large convention room of a Dallas hotel.

Wendel said the reason for his victory was simple: "I just did what I had to do."

Cuadra agrees.

"He was on top of his game," he said. "I wasn't getting nervous or anything. I knew he had the game under control. I still had fun."

Cuadra, 20, from Livermore, Calif., isn't that much of a loser, however. His second-place finish earned him $20,000.

"This is five times more money than any other prize I've got. Wow," he said. He plans on buying a Mercedes and "spending about two weeks in the mall" with his newfound fortune.

John Blake, current Oklahoma football coach and a two-time Super Bowl winner as a former Dallas Cowboys assistant coach, gave the crowd a pep talk before the finals began.

"This is going to be a worldwide event. It reminds me of the Olympics," Blake said. "It's the best in the world competing in these games. That always makes it exciting."

And the post-game ceremony had all the trappings of a big-time sporting event, as event founder Angel Munoz posed with scantily clad models and the winners around oversized checks that were awarded to the Wendel and Cuadra.

"This is the best part of my job," said Munoz.,

On the Net: CPL Tournament:
http://www.razercpl.com
Official CPL Web site:
http://www.cyberathlete.com

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Couple's special wedding gift has value to others as well

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are being married next year, and we have decided to start a new wedding tradition. Along with registering for housewares, china and place settings, we are requesting something straight from the heart of each of our guests.

We are asking our friends and families to donate blood in honor of our marriage! We want our guests to have the opportunity to give a gift that will truly last forever in someone's life. We have been donating blood together for several years, and it makes us feel great.

Our local blood center will set up a group number especially for our guests to use when they come in to give blood. They'll also keep track of the donations so we'll be able to personally thank each donor for his or her special gift.

Knowing that we have helped to save lives will add to the joy we will experience on our wedding day. — **BLEEDING HEARTS IN DENVER**

DEAR BLEEDING HEARTS: I commend you and your fiance for your ingenuity and generosity. You've come up with a bloody good idea, and I hope it inspires others.

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DEAR ABBY: I hope that 27-year-old married woman who told you she fantasized about kissing her "friend" will listen to what I have to say on the subject. I was the same age she is when I headed down that path, and I have a few tips I'd like to pass on:

Not only is that man not her friend, he's her enemy, her husband's enemy, and an enemy to her marriage. Long before she has ceased obsessing over that scoundrel, he will have forgotten her and moved on to his next victim. He will pull her down to his level until she has rationalized away her illicit behavior and no longer cares what it does to her marriage.

That little "adventure" will create in her a wandering spirit that no number of liaisons with him — or the next suitor — will satisfy. Her acquaintances will consider her loose and easy whether she consummates the flirtation or just plays around.

Full-blown affairs always begin with "harmless" little flirtations — which are neither harmless nor little. While she's enjoying her trysts, she is robbing her husband of the mental, emotional and physical affection that is due him alone. The affair will leave permanent scars on her and her marriage that time will not erase.

How I wish someone had taken me aside and shared these facts with me. I was selfish and foolish, and have nothing to show for it but a divided and sorrowful heart. Abby, I hope she realizes before it's too late that it's up to her to direct her energies toward keeping her marriage alive and well, and that her husband needs her full attention. — **VOICE OF EXPERIENCE, PORTSMOUTH, N.H.**

DEAR VOICE: I agree. The young woman who was tempted to act on her strong attraction to her "friend" is playing with fire. I hope she'll listen to you, if she wasn't inclined to listen to me.

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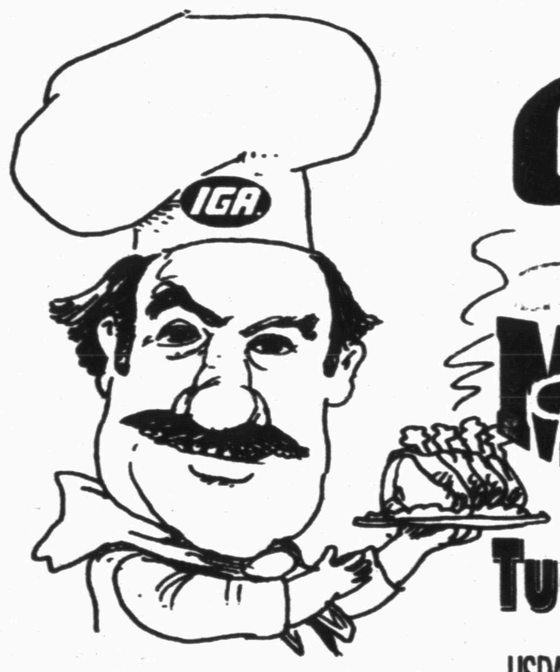


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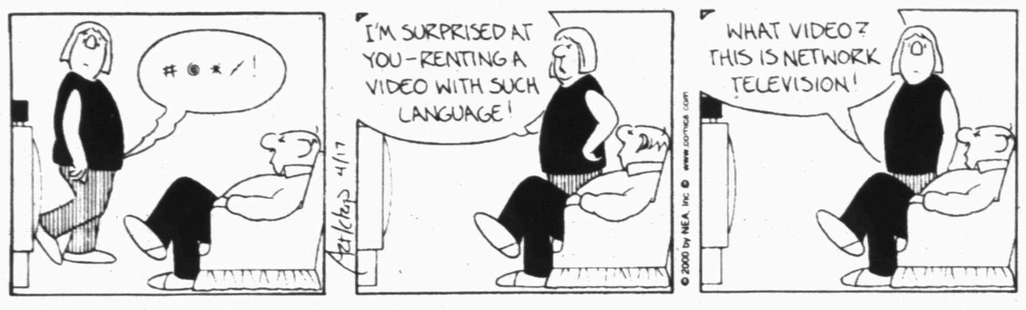
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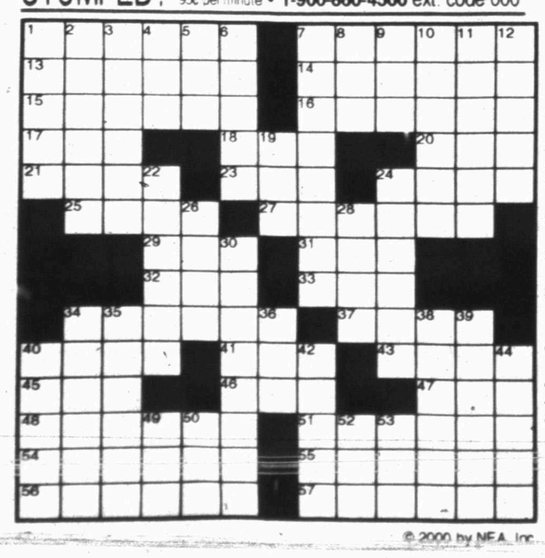
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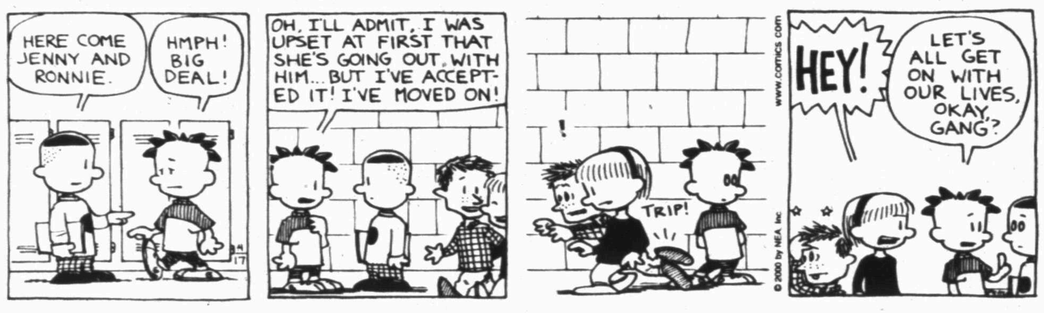
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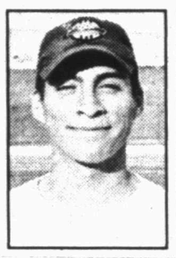
SHS prepares for regionals


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After strong performances in their district outings, Snyder's golf and tennis squads now face a week of preparation for the regional events.

Snyder's boys' and girls' golf teams, along with five SHS netters, will compete in regional tournaments next Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo.

Snyder will have its share of momentum heading into the events, after strong finishes in district action.

Randi Reed and Lacey Kidd took first team all-district honors with a third-place tie in the overall girls' golf standings. Andra Lancaster garnered second-team honors for her sixth-place finish, with Sally Barham taking 12th to receive honorable mention.

While the Lady Tigers captured the district title, Snyder's boys rallied to capture the runner-up spot, thanks to some strong individual performances.

The Tigers landed two linksters on the first team. Landon Day led Snyder with a third-place finish in the individual standings, while freshman Zach Starnes grabbed fourth.

Levi Mandrell came in seventh to grab a second-team selection, while Stafford Gray received honorable mention for his 11th place showing.

"We have a lot of work to do this week to get ready for regionals," said Snyder golf coach Matt Glenn. "The girls' tournament is going to be a four-horse race, but the boys will be a little more spread out. There's quite a few boys teams that have a chance to advance, including us. I like our chances in both tournaments."

The girls' tournament, to be played at Riverside Golf Club, should come down to Snyder, Andrews, Pampa and Granbury, while seven boys' teams will battle for the top two spots at Bentwood Country Club.

Defending state champion Andrews, Snyder, Wichita Falls Rider, Justin Northwest, Frenship and Canyon Randall are considered the top boys' teams.


Smith


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Hardin

Also bidding for spots at the state tournament from Snyder will be two doubles duos and a singles player in the regional tennis event at Bentwood.

Adrian Gonzales and Ryan Gibson could garner one of the top-four seeds in boys' doubles action. The Tiger tandem won the district crown and will be looking for a first or second place finish to advance to Austin.

Also competing for the Tigers will be Allen Smith, who was district runner-up in singles play.

For the Lady Tigers, it will be the doubles team of Claire Cotton and Jordan Hardin representing Snyder. Cotton and Hardin earned a spot at regionals with a second-place finish in the district meet.

"Our kids are playing their best tennis right now, so we'll try to carry that over to regionals," said SHS tennis coach Chad Redwine. "A lot of it depends on how you draw, so we'll just have to wait and see, but our kids are excited about the opportunity."

Tigers take care of Fort Stockton, 8-4

FORT STOCKTON — The Fort Stockton Panthers tried another heroic rally, but this time the Snyder Tigers cut it short.

Snyder opened up a 6-0 lead, before putting away Fort Stockton, 8-4, Saturday in District 5-4A action at Panther Field.

The victory keeps the Tigers (4-2, 11-12) in a second-place tie with Big Spring, while the Panthers remain in sixth place at 0-6 in league play and 6-10 overall.

The first time these two teams met, the Panthers erased a large deficit to knot the tally at 6-6 in the sixth inning, before Snyder answered in the final frame for an 11-6 victory.

On Saturday, the Tigers turned away any threat of a Fort Stockton rally.

Snyder hurler Sonny Cumbie surrendered only four hits on the day, and the Tigers ended the Panthers' comeback hopes in the seventh.

Fort Stockton plated a pair of runs in its final at-bat on three walks and an error, before the third out was registered on a fly ball.

The Tigers had their bats working early, scratching out two runs in the opening frame and three more in the second.

Matthew Grimmett paced Snyder at the plate with a triple and a double. Ralph Ramon and Josh Ward also tripled for the Tigers, with Colin Jones and John Ortegon belting doubles.

Snyder finished with 11 hits, and committed five errors in the field.

In Saturday's other action around the district, Lake View retained the top spot with a 23-11 thrashing of Sweetwater, while Big Spring knocked off Andrews, 11-6.

Snyder will be back on the diamond Tuesday when it hosts Sweetwater at 7 p.m. at Moffett Field.

With pair of first-place finishes...

WTC closes in on regional rodeo titles

CANYON — With two more solid efforts in Canyon, the Western Texas rodeo squads have all but clinched the regional titles.

The Western Texas men and women swept the team titles Saturday at the West Texas A&M rodeo to extend their leads in the regional standings.

With only one regional rodeo remaining, WTC will be hard to catch, according to head coach Greg Rhodes.

"It's pretty much a done deal," Rhodes said. "Anything can happen in two weeks at the last rodeo at Tarleton, but we've got a pretty good lead."

With their regional titles in hand, both squads will advance to the national finals June 12-17 in Casper, Wyo. It will be the third consecutive trip to nationals for the Lady Westerners, while the WTC men will be returning after a one-year absence.

"We want to get Tarleton out of the way, before we start thinking about the national finals," said Rhodes. "But I will say that I like our teams' chances of doing well."

In Canyon over the weekend, the WTC men posted a trio of top-three finishes.

Wes Stevenson rode his way to the top spot in the bareback competition, while Jeff Cavey was second in the saddle bronc riding, and Luke Richards was runner-up in the steer wrestling.

On the women's side, Jill Childers won the long and short rounds in the breakaway roping to finish first in the average, with Jamie Standifer doing the same in barrel racing.

Snyder native Terra Bynum took second in the short round of the goat tying to propel her into third place overall, while Erin Kelly was fourth in the breakaway roping.

WTC will be back in the arena April 27-29 at Tarleton University.

Five qualify for nationals

DALLAS — Five Snyder competitors qualified for the Junior Olympic Taekwondo Championships, thanks to their strong showings at the state tournament on Saturday.

Ryan Beall, Ronnie Martinez, Alex Jaramillo, DaNorris Smith and Jordan Gafford will compete in the national event to be held July 10-15 in San Antonio. As many as 10,000 competitors are expected.

In the 14-17 age group of the black belt division, Martinez took second in sparring, with Beall nabbing third in forms and sparring.

Jaramillo grabbed second place in sparring and third in forms in the 6-7 age group of the blue belt division. Steven Jaramillo, also in the 6-7 age group, competed well but fell short of advancing.

Smith and Gafford are blue belts in the 8-9 age group. Smith was third in sparring in the 105 pounds and over class, with Gafford securing third in forms in the 75-85 pound division.

In addition to their national berths, Beall and Martinez also qualified to attend a sparring seminar April 29 in Houston.

Abilene Cooper vs. Midland...

Snyder hosts softball playoff game today

Cates Field will host a District 4-5A playoff softball game today at 4 o'clock.

Abilene Cooper and Midland High will square off, with the winner to face Midland Lee on Tuesday. The teams finished in a three-way tie for second place.

Should Cooper win today, Tuesday's game between the Lady Cougars and Lee will likely be held at Cates Field.

Ticket prices are $3 for adults and $1 for students.

The Snyder Lady Tigers are also in the playoffs, after finishing as the District 5-4A runner-up.

The Lady Tigers will take on Brownwood in the bi-district round either Friday or Saturday. Date and site for the game have not been set. Possible venues are San Angelo Central Field and Abilene Christian University.

Jr. high linksters swing to top spots at tourney

Snyder's girls ran away with the title, while its boys' squad was up against a stacked team from San Angelo.

Snyder won the girls' crown of the Snyder Junior High Golf Invitational by 42 strokes Saturday, while the Tigers took third in the boys' division, behind a pair of squads from Angelo.

The Lady Tigers finished ahead of Trinity, which edged out Snyder II by nine strokes for second place.

Paige Smith paced the Lady Tigers with a nine-hole round of 54, while Shanna Blackard carded a 55. Devin Chandler and Jessica Davis came in at 69 to lead Snyder II.

In the boys' 18-hole competition, San Angelo I fired a 350 to win the event, followed by San Angelo II at 371.

Snyder I tallied a 391 to take third, with Snyder II in sixth and Snyder III in ninth.

Marcus Villarreal fired an 89 to lead the Tigers' effort. Wyl Wiggins' 105 paced Snyder II, while Leon Tippen-Triggs tallied a 130 to lead Snyder III.

Snyder Junior High Invitational
GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Snyder I 239; 2. Trinity 281; 3. Snyder II 290.

Snyder I: Paige Smith, 54; Shana Blackard, 55; Katie Chandler, 60; Brooke Jackson, 70; Kendra Martinez, 76.

Snyder II: Devin Chandler, 69; Jessica Davis, 69; Meggan Minor, 74; Traci Jordan, 78; Lacey Kincaid, 78.

Snyder medalist: Paige Anderson, 81.

BOYS

Team standings: 1. San Angelo I 350; 2. San Angelo II 371; 3. Snyder I 391; 4. Lubbock 407; 5. Colorado City 454; 6. Snyder II 455; 7. Trinity I 458; 8. Trinity II 505; 9. Snyder III 546.

Snyder I: Ty Collier, 95; Austin McCormack, 96; Marcus Villarreal, 89; Lee Scott, 117; Alan Gray, 111.

Snyder II: Kameron Harrison, 114; Max Cormack, 123; Wyl Wiggins, 105; Jadon Guynes, 113; Brandon Bragg, 140.

Snyder III: Cole Robertson, 133; Chris Smauley, 135; Jeff Stanfield, 148; Leon Tippen-Triggs, 130.

Snyder medalist: Eric Carranza, 130.

Frosh sweep doubleheader

Snyder freshmen overcame deficits in two games Saturday afternoon to sweep Frenship in doubleheader action at Moffett Field.

In the opener, Snyder trailed, 6-0, before rallying for an 8-7 victory. The Tigers erased a 3-0 deficit in the nightcap to win, 9-4.

Logan Hill went the distance in the opener, surrendering six hits and four walks, while registering eight strikeouts.

Snyder managed only three hits in the game, with Chance Greenwood, Billy Pena and Adrian Perez slapping singles.

Snyder picked up its production at the plate in the second game, belting out nine hits.

Greenwood busted a triple, with Patrick Alderete blasting a double and a single. Pena and Hoyle also had doubles, while Perez and Logan Hill slapped a pair of singles.

Chris McLeod struck out seven Frenship batters, and walked only one.

Snyder will be in action again this evening when it visits Abilene High at 5 o'clock.

National Basketball Association

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
y-Miami	51	29	.638	—
x-New York	49	31	.613	2
x-Philadelphia	48	32	.600	3
Orlando	40	40	.500	11
Boston	33	47	.413	18
New Jersey	31	49	.388	20
Washington	29	51	.363	22
Central Division				
y-Indiana	54	26	.675	—
x-Charlotte	47	33	.588	7
x-Toronto	45	35	.563	9
Detroit	41	39	.513	13
Milwaukee	40	40	.500	14
Cleveland	31	49	.388	23
Atlanta	27	53	.338	27
Chicago	17	63	.213	37
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Midwest Division				
y-Utah	54	26	.675	—
x-San Antonio	51	29	.638	3
x-Minnesota	49	31	.613	5
Dallas	38	42	.475	16
Denver	33	47	.413	21
Houston	33	47	.413	21
Vancouver	21	59	.263	33
Pacific Division				
y-L.A. Lakers	67	13	.838	—
x-Portland	58	22	.725	9
x-Phoenix	52	28	.650	15
x-Sacramento	44	36	.550	23
x-Seattle	44	36	.550	23
Golden State	19	61	.238	48
L.A. Clippers	14	66	.175	53

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Sunday's Games
Charlotte 105, Boston 102
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Indiana 112, Detroit 101
Dallas 114, Vancouver 106
Seattle 121, Houston 112
Utah 96, Phoenix 82

Monday's Games
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Montreal	6	6	.500	½
New York	6	7	.462	1
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	1
Central Division				
St. Louis	8	5	.615	—
Cincinnati	6	6	.500	1½
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	1½
Chicago	6	8	.429	2½
Houston	5	7	.417	2½
Pittsburgh	5	7	.417	2½
West Division				
Arizona	9	3	.750	—
Los Angeles	7	5	.583	2
Colorado	7	6	.538	2½
San Diego	7	6	.538	2½
San Francisco	3	9	.250	6

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Milwaukee 6, Atlanta 3
Chicago Cubs 4, Florida 2
St. Louis at Colorado, ppd., snow
Arizona 7, San Francisco 4
Montreal at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Cincinnati 5, Los Angeles 4
San Diego 5, Houston 3

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 5, Montreal 4
Atlanta 2, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Mets 12, Pittsburgh 9
Florida 6, Chicago Cubs 5, 10 innings
St. Louis 9, Colorado 3, 1st game
Colorado 14, St. Louis 13, 2nd game
Arizona at San Francisco, ppd., rain
San Diego 13, Houston 3
Cincinnati 5, Los Angeles 3

Monday's Games
Florida (Sanchez 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Farnsworth 1-1), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 1-0) Philadelphia (Byrd 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshii 0-1) at Arizona (Daal 0-0), 9:35 p.m.
Houston (Dotel 0-1) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 0-1), 10:10 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Chicago Cubs at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 9:35 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
New York	8	3	.727	—
Baltimore	7	5	.583	1½
Boston	7	5	.583	1½
Tampa Bay	5	8	.385	4
Toronto	4	9	.308	5
Central Division				
Cleveland	8	4	.667	—
Kansas City	8	6	.571	1
Chicago	7	6	.538	1½
Detroit	4	8	.333	4
Minnesota	4	10	.286	5
West Division				
Seattle	8	4	.667	—
Anaheim	7	5	.583	1
Texas	6	6	.500	2
Oakland	4	8	.333	4

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 7, Kansas City 1
Boston 14, Oakland 2
Texas 6, Cleveland 4
Anaheim 3, Chicago White Sox 1
Seattle 17, Toronto 6
Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 0
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 4

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 6
Cleveland 2, Texas 1
Seattle 19, Toronto 7
Yankees 8, Kansas City 4
Boston 5, Oakland 4
Baltimore 5, Minnesota 0
Anaheim 3, Chicago White Sox 1

Monday's Games
Oakland (Heredia 0-1) at Boston (Fassero 1-0), 11:05 a.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 1-0) at Toronto (Escobar 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Eiland 0-0) at Baltimore (Rapp 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-1) at Texas (Oliver 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 1-0) Chicago White Sox (Balwin 2-0), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Boston at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
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(date)
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By Peter Gott, M.D.



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DEAR READER: In the first place, don't consent to any surgery — even a simply biopsy — without first knowing what the doctors are looking for. All surgery carries certain risks. The hazards of liver biopsy include hemorrhage, peritonitis and infection.

I believe that you would be better served by insisting on more non-invasive testing. For example, blood tests of liver function and the possibility of hepatitis would be helpful in delineating the cause of your fatty liver.

You might be interested to learn that alcohol — even in moderate quantities — is a major cause of fat deposits in the liver of adult Americans. Therefore, try an experiment. If you drink, give up booze — including wine and beer — for a few weeks. Then have another exam. If your liver shrinks, a biopsy may not be necessary. However, if biopsy is a serious consideration, you are entitled to more information and full disclosure. As a final option, your doctor might refer you to a liver specialist for a second opinion.

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Relatives can't believe boy grew up to be serial killer

DETROIT (AP) — Relatives of John Eric Armstrong wonder how a quiet child who earned decent grades, played Nintendo and enjoyed fishing and baseball could emerge as a suspected serial killer.

"The Eric we raised could not have done these things," his mother, Linda Pringle, said in Sunday's Detroit News. "This is just not the person we know. ... We just did the best we could."

Armstrong, 26, was charged last week with five murders in the Detroit area and authorities worldwide are trying to match his account of at least 11 other slayings while he was serving on the Navy aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.

"It's a long, tedious process," Detroit police Assistant Chief Marvin Winkler told the News in today's editions. "Some of these cases go back 10 years so it's a matter of going to each location and looking through records."

Even though authorities suspected Armstrong in one slaying, at least one woman was killed and three people were attacked before Wayne County prosecutors authorized an arrest warrant, the Detroit Free Press reported today.

In mid-February, Dearborn Heights police had found clothing fibers on Armstrong's car that were similar to those of a slaying victim, and said they believed his alibi was suspicious.

Prosecutors told police it was impossible to prove the fibers were an exact match, and couldn't issue a warrant, said Robert Agacinski, deputy chief of the prosecutor's office repeat-offenders bureau.

On March 28, preliminary lab results confirmed that Armstrong's DNA matched evidence from one slaying scene. The prosecutor's office still denied a warrant.

But Agacinski said a final written DNA report would have been essential to persuading a judge to bind Armstrong over for trial.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Back to the keyboard

By Phillip Alder

Though you haven't noticed the hiatus, now that my teaching schedule has eased off, it is time to return to the newspaper column computer keyboard. And those classes supply useful deals for these vignettes. This week, let's look at how the responder should describe his hand-strength to partner. Often, the first round — for both the opener and the responder — gives primarily distribution information; more-accurate strength definition has to wait until round two. Still, if the responder has a minimum hand with 6-9 points, he should try to tell partner that as quickly as possible.

In this deal, North was right to bid two hearts, adding three points for his singleton as he knew of a nine-card fit. North should not respond one spade, which is an unlimited response. Instead, he should key partner to his limited strength.

How would you play in four hearts after West leads the club queen?

The careless declarer wins trick one and plays a trump. However, if East returns a club, suddenly South has four unavoidable losers, one in each suit.

The more thoughtful declarer realizes he must do something about his third-round club loser immediately. So, he leads a diamond (preferably a sneaky jack) from hand at trick two. West takes the trick with his ace and returns another club, but declarer discards dummy's remaining club on a top diamond. The loser count is down to three, so it is time to draw trumps.

When the responder knows of a nine-card fit in a major, it is no longer a question of what the trump suit will be, it is only a problem of how high he should bid.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	33 13-16	32 11-16	32⅞	+ ⅜
AT&T Corp	58¾	48⅛	48 13-16	—1 5-16
Albertsons	32 9-16	31⅜	32¼	+ 3-16
Alltel	62 13-16	62	62⅛	— ⅞
AmerOnline s	55⅞	52 13-16	55¾	
AndarkPtr	35 15-16	35 3-16	35⅜	— 7-16
AtlRichfld	82 3-16	80 13-16	81⅞	+ ⅜
ATMOS Egy	15⅜	15⅛	15 3-16	— 3-16
Aviall	6⅛	5 13-16	5⅞	— ⅛
BP Amoco s	50⅛	49 5-16	50	+ 5-16
BakerHughes	28⅝	27	27⅛	— 1¼
Bank of Amer	51	49½	50 1-16	+ ⅛
BellAtl	61½	60½	60 11-16	— 7-16
BellSouth	47½	46⅝	47 7-16	— 1¾
Beth Steel	5 9-16	5⅜	5 7-16	+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe	23⅜	22 9-16	23⅜	+ ½
CBS Corp	52⅞	50¾	51⅛	— 1⅞
Caterpillar	42 1-16	40⅝	41¾	+ 1¼
CenSoWst	19 11-16	19 3-16	19⅜	— 1-16
Chevron	85 11-16	83¾	84½	—1 3-16
Citigroup s	59	57 1-16	58½	— ½
Coastal	47 9-16	46 11-16	46¾	—1 1-16
CocaCola	47 9-16	46¼	47 5-16	+ 5-16
ColgatePal s	56	54 9-16	55 15-16	+ ¾
ComclMetals	29 5-16	28 15-16	28 15-16	+ 1-16
CooperIn	35⅞	35 3-16	35⅞	+ 5-16
DaimlrChry	65	64 1-16	64 13-16	+ 1 9-16
DallSemicn s	35 15-16	34	35 13-16	+ 1 15-16
DeltaAirl	51¼	49⅞	49⅞	— ⅛
Dillards Inc	14 1-16	13⅝	13 15-16	— 3-16
DowChem	108½	106	107 9-16	+ 7-16
DuPont	56	54¼	55¼	— ⅜
EastmanChem	46⅜	45 1-16	45⅞	— 1-16
EstKodak	60 9-16	59⅝	60⅜	— 1⅛
EDS Corp	66	59 9-16	66	+ 7 3-16
Entergy	23	22 9-16	22⅝	— 5-16
ExxonMobil	79⅜	77 7-16	77⅞	— ⅞
FstBksAm	17¼	17¼	17¼	— 1-16
Flowers	15	14 5-16	14⅜	— ⅜
FordMotor	57	52	56 5-16	+ 3⅛
GTE Cp	72 1-16	70 9-16	71 3-16	—1 5-16
GenDynam	50 9-16	48 13-16	49⅝	—1 5-16
GenElec	147 15-16	143⅞	147⅞	— ⅝
GenMills s	36⅜	35 15-16	36 5-16	+ 3-16
GenMotors	83⅞	81	83 1-16	+ 1
GaPacGP s	38½	37 3-16	37 5-16	— ⅜
GlobalMar	21½	20⅝	20¾	— ⅝
Goodrich	30 11-16	30¼	30½	+ 7-16
Goodyear s	29½	28 1-16	29 5-16	+ 1¾
GtAtlPac	18¾	18 5-16	18⅝	— ⅛
Halliburtn	38⅞	37½	37¾	— 1⅛
Hanson ADS	35⅝	35½	35⅝	— ⅛
HarteHanks	22¼	21⅞	21⅞	— 9-16
HomeDepot s	57⅝	56 5-16	57 3-16	— ⅜
HoneywellIntl	54 9-16	52¾	53¾	— ⅜
IBM s	110½	103 5-16	109⅞	+ 4⅞
IntlPaper	41¼	40	40	— ⅛
JohnsonJn	77 5-16	75½	76⅞	+ 3 9-16
K mart	8⅞	8⅝	8 11-16	— ¼
Kroger Co s	18⅞	18⅛	18 7-16	— 7-16
Lifton	39½	38⅛	39	+ 3-16
LockheedM	20 11-16	19 13-16	20⅛	— 9-16
Lowes Cos	55	53¾	54¼	—2 123-256
Lubys	8 15-16	8¾	8¾	— 3-16
LucentTech	54	51 9-16	53 5-16	+ 5-16
MayDeptStr	28⅝	27⅞	28 1-16	— 9-16
MediaOne	77⅛	75 9-16	75 13-16	—1 11-16
Medtronic s	48 3-16	45¼	46½	—2 1-16
MorganJP	126½	121¾	126½	+ 3 15-16
Motorola	113⅝	109¾	112⅝	+ 1⅝
NCR Corp	39 9-16	38¾	39 7-16	+ 13-16
Navistar	35 15-16	35 5-16	35 7-16	
Penney JC	13¾	13½	13 11-16	+ ⅛
PepBoys	6 3-16	5 15-16	6	— ⅛
PepsiCo	36 1-16	35 1-16	35 3-16	— 1¼
Pharmacia	53	52	52 9-16	— 9-16
PhelpDodge	45 9-16	44½	44½	— ½
PhilipPet	48¾	48	48	—15-16
PilgrmPrd B	6¾	6 11-16	6 11-16	— ⅛
Polaroid	20 15-16	19⅞	20 13-16	+ ¼
Praxair	40¼	38⅞	39 7-16	— 7-16
ProctGamb	66⅛	62¾	65 15-16	+ 3 1-16
PubS NwMx	16⅜	16 1-16	16 1-16	— ⅜
ReliantEngy	26	25½	25½	— ⅝
RoyalDut	56⅞	56¼	56⅞	+ ½
SBC Comm	43 9-16	42⅜	42¾	+ 3-16
SaraLee	16 13-16	16 5-16	16¾	+ 5-16
Scripps EW	45½	44 13-16	45 1-16	— ½
SearsRoeb	38⅜	36¾	38	+ 1 7-16
SherwinW	25 11-16	25	25 9-16	+ ¼
SmithklBchm	65 7-16	63¾	65¼	+ 1⅛
SouthernCo	23⅜	23 5-16	23 7-16	—1 1-16
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Sunoco Inc	26 7-16	25⅞	26	— ¼
Tandy s	50⅝	48⅛	48 7-16	—2 11-16
TempleInland	49	47 5-16	47 5-16	+ ½
Texaco	50⅞	49⅝	50	—11-16
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TexasInst s	144 7-16	130¾	144	+ 5
Tex Util	32½	31½	31 11-16	— 5-16
Textron	60½	59 1-16	60 1-16	+ 11-16
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TrinityInds	22 9-16	22 3-16	22⅜	+ ¼
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TylerTech	6 3-16	5 7-16	6	+ ½
US West Inc	67⅛	64 7-16	66	
USX-Marathn	25 3-16	23 11-16	24	— 5-16
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UnCarbde	55 9-16	53 9-16	54⅝	+ ½
UnionFacif	41⅝	40 9-16	40 13-16	— ¼
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GTE	70 13/16	-2 11/16
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Redesign of Boeing 737 rudder considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Changes in the design of the rudder of the Boeing 737, the most widely used passenger jet in the world, are being recommended by a special engineering panel convened by the government.

The 22-member Federal Aviation Administration board is also preparing recommendations calling for improved crew training in dealing with rudder problems and increased rudder inspections, top FAA officials said Sunday.

But while the changes are included in preliminary recommendations scheduled to be made final in June, FAA assistant administrator Thomas McSweeny stressed that the board considers the chance of problems with the 737 rudder so small that it is not calling for any immediate corrective action.

The 737 rudder system, which controls left-right movement of the plane, came under close suspicion after the crash of USAir flight 427 near Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1994 that killed all 132 people aboard. A similar disaster had occurred in 1991, when United flight 585 crashed in Colorado Springs, Colo., killing 25.

After those accidents, the FAA issued airworthiness directives requiring changes in the rudder controls of 737s, and those changes have been made, said Elizabeth Erickson, the FAA's director of aircraft certification.

In addition, the FAA formed the panel of aviation experts who were not involved previously with the 737 design and asked them to study the rudder design and report on possible ways it could fail, Erickson said.

The important finding is that "we have not found any safety issues requiring immediate action," said McSweeny, who is in charge of aircraft regulation and certification.

He said the group did uncover ways that a jam in control linkages could cause the rudder to jam to one side in a "hardover" — a sudden jerk of the rudder that can steal control from the pilot.

And they found that spraying water onto the controls inside the tail in extreme cold could cause ice to form and cause problems, he said. But, McSweeny said, it is not clear if that could happen in flight conditions, so more tests are being done.

He said the committee recommendations will be final in June, and engineers then will consider how to correct problem areas they found. In the meantime, he said, Boeing is also looking into possible rudder design changes.

The committee's preliminary recommendations, he said, are:

—"In the long term, they do believe that the failures that can result in hardovers need to be addressed by design changes."

—"In the short term, they believe operations and maintenance procedures should be enhanced."

He said the second recommendation means changing inspections to detect latent rudder problems and finding ways for air crews to respond to rudder problems better if they occur.

He would not speculate on what changes might be made in crew procedures.

Erickson stressed that the 737 "maintains an excellent safety record. It has half the accident rate of the industry."

One of the more than 3,600 737s in service takes off every five to seven seconds somewhere in the world, she said.

Boeing officials added that they are cooperating with the FAA and have supplied a plane for testing.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Jim Hall issued a statement Sunday saying he was pleased that the engineering board, which was formed last year in response to safety board recommendations following its investigation of the crash of USAir flight 427, is nearing completion of its assignments.

"The safety board has been monitoring the progress of the board," Hall said. "We look forward to publication of its full report."

Shrimpers seek to protect their market

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — In a shrimping industry challenged by declining catches and increasing regulation, there's a new perceived threat.

A seafood market along the Corpus Christi bayfront, backed by the marina and others as a better way to sell shrimp to the public, is criticized by fishermen as another layer of bureaucracy.

A shrimpers' group plans to form a boat line at 3 p.m. today in Corpus Christi Bay in protest of the market's construction — a plan they contend will drive them out of business and destroy the bayfront's scenic quality.

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday will consider an ordinance that allows the market's construction and prohibits shrimpers from selling seafood off their boats.

"This is very deceptive to the public," Jane Stubbs, a shrimp boat owner, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in today's editions. "It makes it look like what we are selling is fresh if we have our boats behind kiosks that sell frozen seafood. It will also ruin the beauty of the bayfront.

"I don't think the public wants this on our bay," she said. "It will look like a tacky flea market."

But Peter Davidson, marina superintendent who proposed the market, said shrimpers are deceiving the public now by selling frozen shrimp as though it were fresh.

Marina personnel have no way of testing to see if the shrimp is fresh, he said, adding that selling seafood from the boats is dangerous to the public.

"We don't want them to sell off the back of their boats," said Davidson. "The customers have to stand on narrow finger piers, and that gets dangerous."

Shrimp boat owner Mike Evans said the seafood market will destroy competition for shrimpers and endanger their way of life.

"It will just be a matter of who has the most money and the biggest pickup to haul frozen seafood," he said. "We won't even have to take our boats out."

Stubbs expressed concern that kiosks to be required for sales from shrimp boats will look shabby.

"It will create a shantytown on the bayfront," she said, adding that shrimpers will probably leave the marina to sell their catch elsewhere.

Davidson said that the kiosks will be uniform in design and aesthetically pleasing.

"If they choose to leave, that is fine," said Davidson.

A shrimp boat captain said people don't come to the marina T-heads to purchase frozen seafood.

"People all over are looking for a unique experience," said Jerry Tungate. "People go to Antarctica and the Great Barrier Reef to see something different. We have something unique here, and we are about to destroy it."

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Coin flip decides new name of firm

BAYTOWN (AP) — It happens at the Super Bowl every year: a coin toss to see who gets the ball first. But what about a corporate boardroom coin toss to decide a new joint venture's name?

Two companies — Chevron Corp. and Phillips Petroleum Co., which agreed to a 50/50 joint venture of their chemical businesses in early February — tried other methods but in the end decided that an old-fashioned coin toss was the best way to arrive at the new name: Chevron-Phillips.

"Lots of names were suggested," Chevron spokesman Mickey Driver told the Baytown Sun in Sunday's editions. "Our employees suggested names. We even thought about hiring a consultant to help select a name."

According to Driver, the California-based oil giant preferred Chevron-Phillips while Phillips wanted the name to be Phillips-Chevron. To solve the dilemma, a gold coin was struck with each version of the name imprinted.

Meeting at Phillips' offices in Clear Lake, Texas, the coin was tossed and landed face up with the Chevron-Phillips side showing.

Chevron employs 31,000 people worldwide and has about $40 billion in assets. Phillips, based in Bartlesville, Okla., had 15,900 employees and $15 billion of assets at the end of 1999.

HMO fights suspension of med director

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas health maintenance organization is challenging the state's suspension of its medical director for denying nursing care to a 13-year-old boy.

The lawsuit, filed last month in a Dallas federal court, has put Texas in the center of a national debate into HMO accountability.

The case focuses on whether UnitedHealthcare's main doctor made the proper ruling in 1998 when he denied nursing care to David Wiser, 13, who suffered from respiratory and other problems.

The child died on Sept. 2, 1998, but the cause of death was a brain aneurysm, not his respiratory problem, said his father, Mark Wiser, 41.

In 1997, the state of Texas became the first to adopt a law allowing consumers to sue their HMOs for damages if they believe that an insurer failed to exercise proper care in its decision-making.

According to doctors and insurers, the Texas Board of Medical Examiners' Feb. 22 suspension of UnitedHealthcare's main doctor is the first in the United States against an HMO medical director, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

Neither United nor its attorney would identify the medical director, but Mark Wiser and a Dec. 23 letter from the state board named Dr. David William Ellis of Dallas. Ellis' job as medical director is to set treatment standards, promote preventive care among physicians, and make final decisions about treatments and procedures for members.

David Wiser had been hospitalized for five weeks beginning in March 1998 because of difficulty breathing.

Before he was discharged from Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, his doctor recommended that he be placed on a home ventilator and provided with home nursing care "from providers trained in both cardiopulmonary resuscitation and ventilator care."

Ellis denied the recommendation based upon a telephone call with the boy's attending physician and a consultation of two to three hours with United's medical staff, according to the Feb. 22 report from the board of medical examiners.

Ellis determined that the nursing care was custodial in nature, which would not be covered by the insurance plan that the boy's mother had through her employer.

David's nursing care ultimately was provided by his family's secondary insurance carrier, which coincidentally is United-Healthcare of California, a sister company of the primary carrier, Mark Wiser said.

Wiser said he filed a complaint with the medical examiners board in August 1998 because Ellis' decision could have jeopardized his son's life if his family didn't have a second insurance carrier on which to fall back.

"I do not hold him responsible for my son's death. I do hold him responsible for the fact that during the last two months of my son's life, I had to deal with insurance issues instead of spending quality time with him. That's time I can never get back," Wiser said.

Ellis filed an affidavit saying the nursing care requested by the boy's doctor was custodial in nature and specifically excluded from the insurance coverage.

"The goal was not to train caretakers or to work toward resolution of a specific health problem. Rather the purpose of these services appeared to be to provide respite to the parents," Ellis' affidavit said.

Wayne B. Mason, United's lawyer, said the state's action is prohibited by the Employee Income Retirement Security Act of 1974, known as ERISA, which creates a uniform standard for regulating health plans.

Lobbyists for the Texas Medical Association, the physicians' trade group, said the case should send a clear signal that HMO medical directors are responsible for their decision. They also said it puts pressure on Congress to adopt legislation now under consideration that would allow patients to sue HMOs for medical malpractice damages.

"I can't believe they (HMOs) are so brazen as to believe that they're without any oversight of the state in terms of what they do," TMA lobbyist Connie Barron said.

State trooper attacked after DWI stop

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three assailants attacked a state trooper during a weekend traffic stop and authorities are still seeking two of the suspects.

Sharleigh Shaw, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, was hospitalized after receiving severe injuries to her face.

Shaw had tried to arrest a drunken driving suspect in LaSalle County, about 100 miles southwest of San Antonio.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 8-G Northwest Ira, a 6,900-foot wildc ' ated five miles southwes Snyder. Location is in Section 9, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Borden County

Ricks Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 Porterfield, a 7,800-foot wildcat located eight miles west of Gail. Location is in Section 3, Block 32, T5N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 24 John unit Waterflood, 13 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,200 feet, drill site is in Section 19, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 2758 Susie Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 43 barrels of oil and 57 barrels of water. Drilled to 3,000 feet, location was in Section 27, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Prize Operating Co. will drill the No. 22 H.R. Clay in the Howard-Glasscock field, four miles east of Forsan. The recompletion project is planned for a depth of 5,200 feet, and location is in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 19 H.R. Clay in the same field, four miles east of Forsan. Also planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, the recompletion is located in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

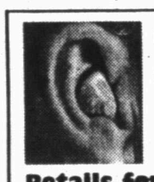
Fisher County

Bettis, Boyle and Stovall has completed the No. 1 Cochran Que field unit, 16 miles west of Roby. The well was finaled to produce 89 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 4, 194-207 feet, and location is in Section 43, Block 3, H&TC survey.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Prices mixed on Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Prices were mixed on Wall Street today as a battered stock market sought a direction after Friday's devastating selloff.

The Nasdaq composite index was up 130.62 at 3,451.91 in late morning trading, having recovered from an early loss of 94 points. The Dow Jones industrial average rebounded from a loss of about 20 points and was up 123.63 at 10,429.40.

The overall market was lower, with declining issues outnumbering advancers on both the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Stock Market. Prices also fell on overseas markets as traders reacted to the selling in New York that slashed nearly $2 trillion from the stock market's value last week.

Investors were focusing on big-name stocks, those believed to be the most stable and likely to withstand rising interest rates. Investors were generally wary, waiting to see if the market had reached a bottom and was ready to recover in earnest.

The Dow fell 617.78 points, or by 5.7 percent, Friday, its biggest one-day point drop ever. It closed at 10,305.77.

The Nasdaq, home to technology stocks whose popularity has evaporated, tumbled 355.49 Friday, or by 9.7 percent, to 3,321.29. The point drop was its worst ever, surpassing a fall of 349.15 on March 3, and it was the second worst in percentage terms. Its 25 percent plunge for all of last week also was a record.

Today in London, Europe's largest stock market, the FTSE 100 index of Britain's largest companies was down 3.7 percent in late trading on the London Stock Exchange.

Protestors fail to shut down meetings

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dwindling band of protesters confronted a steady rain and police reinforcements today, seeking in vain to paralyze the business district and shut down international finance meetings. There were sporadic clashes with officers in riot gear and dozens of arrests were made.

By daybreak, authorities already had spirited most of the conference delegates by bus to the meeting site in the heart of downtown. And a feared massive traffic jam didn't immediately materialize as many federal workers followed the advice of superiors and took the day off.

The morning wasn't problem-free for District of Columbia police, who brought in some National Guard troops to assist in handling the crowds of protesters. At one intersection, helmeted police fired pepper spray to disperse demonstrators who were trying to storm barricades.

Some protesters donned gas masks and one policeman mistakenly threw a tear gas canister, thinking it was a smoke device, officials said.

"There was a convoy of delegates that got trapped by the crowds and the officers were trying to get them out," said Police Chief Charles Ramsey.

Police said at least 60 people were arrested and loaded onto a school bus, but the charges against them weren't immediately known. Several hundred were arrested Saturday and a few dozen on Sunday.

Others attempted to throw themselves at police vehicles today, and their mood remained defiant.

"We sent a message that business as usual will not happen at these neocolonial, neoliberal institutions any more," said Dorothee Benz, 35, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The protests were much smaller than those over the weekend intended to disrupt the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings. Several hundred demonstrators were gathering at the Ellipse on the National Mall, within sight of the White House, for a planned noon rally. President Clinton was out of town.

Railroads shielded from some lawsuits over warning devices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today shielded railroads from being sued over allegedly inadequate warning devices at rail crossings if the equipment installed was federally funded.

The 7-2 decision in a Tennessee case is a potentially far-ranging victory for the nation's railroads. There are some 260,000 grade-level rail crossings nationwide.

Also today, the court:

—Ruled 7-2 that police are conducting a search, and therefore must comply with constitutional requirements, when they squeeze someone's luggage to determine if drugs might be inside. The decision in a Texas case said a U.S. Border Patrol agent who felt a bus passenger's bag violated the Constitution's Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches. The bag later was found to contain drugs.

—Agreed to decide whether state employees are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The justices said they will use the case of two Alabama state employees to decide whether Congress exceeded its power by giving state employees the right to sue in federal court under the ADA. The court's decision, expected sometime in 2001, could sweep broadly enough to affect all ADA lawsuits against state governments, not just those filed by public employees.

—Without comment, turned away advertisers' arguments that a federal law pre-empts cities from imposing their own restrictions on cigarette ads.

—Let a Southern California school district ban the Ten Commandments from a fence at a high school baseball field. The court, without comment, left intact the school district's rejection of an advertisement that included the commandments.

— Agreed to decide whether states can require congressional candidates to support term limits for members of Congress or be labeled an opponent on the election ballot.

In the railroad crossing decision, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court: "Nothing prevents a state from revisiting the adequacy of devices installed using federal funds. States are free to install more protective devices at such crossings with their own funds or with additional (federal) funding.

"What states cannot do — once they have installed federally funded devices at a particular crossing — is hold the railroad responsible for the adequacy of those devices," she said.

The court's two dissenters said the decision "defies common sense and sound policy."

The ruling stripped Dedra Shanklin of the legal victory she had won against Norfolk Southern Railway Co.

Lower courts had ordered the railroad to pay her $430,765 for the Oct. 3, 1993, death of her husband, Eddie Shanklin, who was killed when his car was struck by a train at a crossing in Gibson County, Tenn.

The crossing had a reflectorized sign but no gates or flashing lights to signal a train's approach. Shanklin was driving 20 mph, and he apparently did not hear the train whistle because his windows were rolled up and the radio was playing.

Mrs. Shanklin's lawsuit invoked a Tennessee law and accused the railroad of negligently having failed to install adequate warning devices.

Top secret laptop stolen from state department office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal law enforcers are investigating whether a laptop computer loaded with highly secret information and missing from the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence was stolen, The Washington Post reported today.

Officials not identified by the newspaper said the laptop disappeared from a supposedly secure conference room more than a week ago. The FBI has launched an intensive search for the computer and agents are questioning construction workers who have been renovating the area.

A senior State Department official said it was unclear if the computer was mislaid or stolen. If it was stolen, the official said, the thief may have made off with it for the hardware without realizing the sensitivity of the data it contained.

A person familiar with the incident told the Post the missing laptop contains "code word" information.

Obituaries

Wes Chamness

1912-2000

John Wesley "Wes" Chamness, 87, died Sunday, April 16, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Chamness is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Loraine Cemetery. The Rev. Larry McAden, minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 29, 1912 in Myrtle Spring, Tex., he married Opal Mae Tillison on March 17, 1933 in Ranger. Mr. Chamness was a self-employed auto mechanic and a Baptist.

A daughter, Barbara Chamness, died on Dec. 7, 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Mae Chamness of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Linda Chamness of Garland, Mickey and Sharon Chamness of Memphis, Tenn.; a daughter, Bonnie Tigrett of Las Cruces, N.M.; a sister, Faye Miller of Robert Lee; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Nine arrested this weekend

Nine individuals were taken into custody during the weekend.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at 6:05 p.m. Saturday in the 3900 block of Avenue O for driving while license suspended.

Officers took a 24-year-old female into custody at 7:45 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of 27th Street on outstanding warrants for no seat belt and failure to appear. A 21-year-old male was also taken into custody at that location for public intoxication.

Public intoxication also sent a 57-year-old man to jail at 11:32 p.m. Saturday. Officers arrested him in the 2600 block of Avenue F.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 19-year-old male at 12:18 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The subject also had warrants for motion to revoke probation, speeding and for failure to appear.

A 19-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 12:47 a.m. Sunday in the 2900 block of Avenue N for public intoxication.

Officers took a male juvenile into custody at 12:48 a.m. Sunday in the 2500 block of Avenue U for possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid Texas driver's license. The subject was released to his mother.

Two subjects were taken into custody at 5:04 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of 34th Street. Officers arrested a 23-year-old male on warrants for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. A 39-year-old woman was taken into custody for public intoxication.

In other weekend activity, Ernesto Arellano contacted officers at 1:01 a.m. Sunday to report that someone had broken into his home at 708 26th Street. Reported missing were jewelry, CD's and VHS movies. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Deputies were contacted at 8:08 a.m. Sunday in reference to a subject assaulting two others and damaging a vehicle. Two offense reports for assault and one for criminal mischief were filed.

Mildred Rios notified officers at 8:12 p.m. Sunday that all four tires on her vehicle were flat when she returned home. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was taken.

Births

Michael and Melissa Burton of Snyder announce the birth of their six-pound, 13-ounce daughter. She was born at 6:30 p.m. on April 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 15 — Rosetta Brandon, Juanita Cadena, Harold Kelley, Treva Abercrombie, Tommy Campbell of Hermleigh; April 16 — Bobbie Marchel, J.B. Patterson, Mary Cervantez, Joe Devers and Lee Jones.

DISMISSALS: April 15 — Rebecca Capetillo, Alfred Kohl, William Mapes, Leona Snider, Sara Spykes, Pete Thompson; April 16 -- Beverly Ainsworth, Rosetta Brandon, Beulah Starnes and Melissa Burton.

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Area-wide crusade

Colonial Hill Baptist Church is hosting an area-wide crusade through Wednesday, featuring Ken Freeman. Doug Pierce is the worship leader. Services begin at 7 p.m. A senior adult pot-luck luncheon with Freeman is planned Wednesday.

Ladies Auxiliary election

Ladies Auxiliary election for VFW Post 8231 will be held today. All members are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "I Have a Feeling Something Bad is About to Happen," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 9."

Lions Club meeting

The Lions Club will not meet Tuesday at the Woman's Club, but instead members will attend the noon Holy Week service at the First Presbyterian Church.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. Tuesday's topic is "Expanding Your Child's Math Ability." Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Family night out

Northeast Elementary will hold Family Night Out starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Spanish Inn.

Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will work in the master degree starting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are invited.

8th grade orientation

Parents of Snyder 8th graders are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Worsham Auditorium at SHS. Debbie Phillips, counselor, will provide information about high school registration, course selections and graduation requirements. Incoming freshmen will be given registration materials, and they are encouraged to bring them to the meeting.

Tree dedication

A dedication ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Northeast Elementary for the planting of a tree in memory of Kelton Clayton. Everyone is invited.

Ira award assemblies

Ira School will hold its fifth six-weeks awards assemblies Wednesday in the school cafeteria. Grades 6-12 will be at 12:05 p.m. and the elementary at 3:05 p.m.

Kids College instructors

Instructors and assistant instructors have until April 24 to apply for a teaching position with Western Texas College's Kids College. The applications are to be turned in to Human Resources office. Catalogs listing classes to be offered will be available on May 5. Kids College registration is set for 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. May 15 at the Scurry County Museum.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Combined choirs musical

The combined choirs of First Baptist and Colonial Hill Baptist churches will present "God For Us" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

Easter service

First Baptist Church will conduct its Easter service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

Cancer society board

Board of directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Avenue D Baptist anniversary

Avenue D Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 30. A noon meal will be served following the morning service, and an afternoon service will also be held. Former pastors Calvin Brown and Jack Riley will speak, as will Darold Baldwin, Mitchell-Scurry director of missions, as will former interim pastor John Shugart. Charles Day is the pastor of the church.

King's Kids pre-registration

Pre-registration for King's Kids and Mother's Day Out for next school year is underway. King's Kids is offered Mondays and Wednesdays for ages 1-5, and Mother's Day Out is Friday for ages three months to five years. Call the First Baptist Church for more information at 573-7401.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Pick 3

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

2-2-1

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1-18-32-38-43-46.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.