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Cogdell financials report steady growth

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

The March financial report dominated this morning's Cogdell Memorial Hospital board meeting and indicators reflect steady growth in most areas.

Joe Wright, chief financial officer, told the board that the average daily census for March was 22 patients, up from 18 a year ago.

Wright said cash receipts were $1,561,806 – an increase over a year ago of more than $500,000. Last year in March, the cash receipts stood at $1,009,155.

Emergency room visits increased by 88 – from 567 to 655, while in-patient surgeries increased slightly – from 29 to 35.

The board gave its unanimous approval to the financial reports, as well as certifying the accounts payable.

In one other action item, the board approved a resolution documenting that the home health agency is actually part of the hospital's network.

"This is just something we found we had to do following the mock Medicare survey," said George Parsley, hospital CEO.

"This was probably done years ago, but we couldn't put our fingers on it during the survey," said Parsley.

Parsley also led the board in a power point pictorial tour of the emergency department renovations, and reported the day surgery renovations were being well-received by patients.

Parsley said equipment for the renovation of the surgical suite is now being selected, and that the plans for the assisted living complex are complete.

"That's all I have to report on the assisted living project," said Parsley.

County Judge Ricky Fritz and Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey were present at the meeting, but did not comment on the assisted living project.

Plans call for use of 2.1 acres on the southeast corner of the hospital grounds to construct the 24-unit facility. To date, the commissioners' court has not indicated whether it will deed the land to the non-profit corporation. Ownership of the land is required to obtain financing from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

During the informational item discussions, Parsley said he has plans to make the hospital grounds a smoke-free environment.

"We're in the healthcare business and we know the dangers of second-hand smoke," said Parsley.

Board chairman Nan Swanson asked director of nurses Cheryl Chance what the nurses thought of that plan, and Chance replied, "This is probably the first time they've heard of it."

Swanson presided at the meeting and board members in attendance were E.D. Walton, Terry Williams and Dink Foree. Absent were Carl Williams and Bill Voss.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST — Snyder Junior High School's Theatre II students will present two one-act plays, *Aladdin* and *Beauty and the Beast*, for elementary students beginning today and continuing Thursday, Friday and Monday. *Beauty and the Beast* features Cristal Bernal as beauty and Will Banks as the beast. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SJHS play set to open

Snyder Junior High School Theatre II students will present one-act plays for elementary students beginning today and continuing Thursday, Friday and Monday.

Aladdin, as well as *Beauty and the Beast* will take the stage all four days.

Students from Stanfield, Central, East, Northeast, and West will get to see the plays.

Students from all five elementary schools will be bused to the Junior High for performances scheduled at various times.

Janeen Patterson is the drama instructor.

The cast of *Beauty and the Beast* includes Veronica Aguilar, Maurice Arizmendi, Atasha Arrendale, Ashley Bailey, William Banks, Kolter Bartels, Cristal Bernal, Hector Campos, T'Shambra Day, Merissa Dekeyser, Daniela Garcia, Jose Garza, Traci Gutierrez, Kayla Hartzog, Megan McCormick, Raymond McClain, Calvin Nobles, Jessica Robbins, Tonya Robles, Dulce Silva, Tina Speedon, Nita Swan, Toni Townsend, Caliber Vigneau, Ofelia Zamora.

The cast of *Aladdin* includes Omar Alcala, Monica Capetillo, Bianca Carrisalez, Vanessa Chavez, Megan Crisp, Stephanie Grant, Camry Hill, Tara Kubena, Ginelda Lopez, Valerie Lopez, Juan Martinez, Malory Martinez, Wanda Martinez, Tyler Price, Troy Reigh, Paul Romero, Jessica Taylor, Anya Terrazas, Heather Thomas, Temi Thompson, Jonathan Vasquez, Crystal Villasana, Jay Weaver, Mitchell Williams.

Day of Prayer event is Thursday

"America United Under God" is the theme for the National Day of Prayer and a prayer breakfast Thursday morning at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

The event gets underway at 7 o'clock in the church's fellowship hall. A light breakfast will be served and the public is invited.

Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will lead the prayer session.

This is the 51st observance of the National Day of Prayer as it was officially designated in 1952.

It was specifically designated as the first Thursday in May in 1988.

Inmates to graduate

Eighteen inmates from three area prisons will graduate from Western Texas College Thursday with associate of applied arts degrees, the completion of the college's two-year program.

The commencement this year will take place at the John Wallace Unit in Colorado City and begins at 10 a.m., according to Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education.

"We began this program with the opening of the Price Daniel Unit here in Snyder in 1989," he said. "Our first graduation ceremony was in 1990, so we have been doing this for 12 years now."

Graduates include 14 inmates from the Wallace Unit, while three are from the Preston Smith Unit in Lamesa and one is from Snyder's Price Daniel Unit.

Thornton said 14 graduates will participate in the ceremony but because of security restrictions, the ceremony is not open to the public.

WTC President Dr. Gregory Williams will be the commencement speaker.

DONATION — Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland, right, accepted a $1,000 donation from Elliot Cox, center, Tuesday as Wilson Motors employee and volunteer firefighter Darrell Reston looked on. The donation — $500 each from Wilson Motors and Big Country Autoland — will cover the balance of the cost of two automatic external defibulators purchased with grants obtained by the fire department. (Contributed Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The man who says he is willing to meet you halfway is often a poor judge of distance."

We think math is adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying. We'd rather not think about fractions, much less higher math or new math.

We've always had difficulty with the old stuff.

However, these equations are easy to understand – even if we did go to school where the sand blew most of the time.

—Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter equals Eskimo Pi.

—2,000 pounds of Chinese soup equal Won ton.

—One millionth of a mouthwash amount equals one microscope.

—Time between slipping on a peel and smacking onto the pavement equals one bananosecond.

—Weight an evangelist carries with God equals one billigram.

—Time it takes to sail 220 yards at one nautical mile per hour equals knot-furlong.

—16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone equals Rod Sterling.

—Half of a large intestine equals one semi-colon.

—1,000 aches equals one kilohurtz.

—Basic unit of laryngitis is equals one hoarsepower.

—454.6 graham crackers equal one pound cake.

—One million microphones equal one megaphone.

—Two million bicycles equal two megacycles.

—2,000 mockingbirds equal two kilomockingbirds.

—10 cards equal one decacards.

—One kilogram of falling figs equals one Fig Newton.

—1,000 cubic centimeters of wet socks equal one literhosen.

—One millionth of a fish equals one microfiche.

—One trillion pins equal one terrapin.

—10 rations equal one decorations.

—100 rations equal one C-ration.

—Two monograms equal one diagram.

—Eight nickels equals two paradigms.

—Two dimes equal a paradigms.

—Three statue miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital equal one I.V. League.

And our favorite:

—Shortest distance between two jokes equals a straight line.

ASK US

Q—How many weather alert sirens are there in Snyder?
A—Nine.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 99 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 61; no precipitation; total for 2002, 6.32 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low near 55; NW winds 10-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, high 75-80; NE winds 10-20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low near 50.

Anna Rivera
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:23 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.
Of 120 days in 2002, the sun has shone 114 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Make the work interesting, and discipline will take care of itself.

—E.B. White

Father who killed daughters gets the death penalty

DALLAS (AP) — Mary Jean Pearle unleashed a year's worth of rage at her ex-husband, calling him "one of the most heinous murderers of modern times," after a jury sentenced him to death for killing their young daughters.

The jury took six and a half hours Tuesday to sentence John Battaglia to lethal injection for gunning down 6-year-old Liberty and 9-year-old Faith last May as Pearle listened helplessly on the telephone.

"I would like to say the next time you see me is when they put the needle in your arm, but I'm not going to waste the time to be there," Pearle told a stone-faced Battaglia, addressing him in her victim's impact statement.

Battaglia's attorney, Paul Johnson, filed an appeal immediately after the verdict. The grounds may include the fact that most evidence from the crime scene, including the girls' bodies, was obtained without a warrant, Johnson said.

In sentencing Battaglia to death, the jury determined he posed a future danger to society and there were no mitigating circumstances to warrant a life sentence. The same jury took only 19 minutes to convict Battaglia last week.

Battaglia's attorneys acknowledged their client's guilt and history of domestic abuse, but tried to save his life by presenting witnesses who called him a loving father and psychiatrists who said he suffered from a bipolar disorder characterized by extremely manic and depressive behavior.

QUILTERS — Longtime quilters at the Senior Center, Thadine Harless, Viola Stone and Cary Patrick (from left) display some of the quilts that will be sold at an auction during's Saturday's MayDay celebration at the coliseum. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Wife did not know husband had died

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An elderly Utopia man died at his home and his wife, who suffers from Alzheimer's, lived with the corpse for a week, seemingly oblivious to his death.

The decomposed body of Bill Cornelius was found Monday night behind the home he shared with his 74-year-old wife Doris, said Bandera County Chief Deputy Matt King.

"It's a pretty sad situation," King told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions.

An autopsy performed Tuesday by the Travis County Medical Examiner's office concluded that Cornelius, 83, died of undetermined natural causes.

King said Doris Cornelius appeared to have eaten little since the death of her husband, who was last seen alive two weeks ago. She was taken to Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville, where she was treated and released.

"Around evening, her medicine would start wearing off and she would want to go visit relatives, but they don't have any relatives around here," said Acenith Cherry, who stayed with Doris Cornelius when her husband needed to run errands.

"I don't think Doris really comprehended that Bill was dead," she said.

The couple's son, who lives out of state, requested that police check on his parents. The deputy who followed up said Doris Cornelius told him that her husband was sleeping.

"Upon looking into the bedroom, it was obvious that a body had decomposed there, but the body was not in the bedroom," King said.

The corpse was soon located in the back yard, where it had been disturbed by animals, King said. Officers suspect that Doris Cornelius dragged the remains there, but she did not remember doing so.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
3-14-17-18
Bonus number 3
Estimated jackpot: $550,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
3-12-28-33-39

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-5-7

Founder's departure may be necessary to help WorldCom

CLINTON, Miss. (AP) — WorldCom Inc.'s attempt to regain investor confidence likely will take more than replacing the man most closely associated with the telecom's recent financial troubles, an industry analyst says.

Drake Johnstone of Davenport & Co. in Richmond, Va., said John Sidgmore, WorldCom's new president and chief executive, needs to make clear quickly how he'll restore dwindling revenue.

Sidgmore on Tuesday replaced WorldCom founder Bernard J. Ebbers, who resigned a day earlier amid pressure from the board of directors. Sidgmore had been vice chairman since 1996.

WorldCom stock has traded at 10-year lows in recent weeks because of worries about its ability to pay back $28 billion in debt and an ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into lending and accounting practices.

"In my view, to support the stock price and placate bondholders, I think one of the first things he'll do as soon as possible is cut capital expenditures," Johnstone said. "That will help generate cash flow."

While reporting first-quarter earnings last week, WorldCom said capital expenditures are expected to be $4.5 billion this year for WorldCom Group, the sector of the company that provides Internet and data services to large customers.

On the long distance and consumer services side, known as MCI Group, the company said it was cutting capital expenditures by $100 million to $400 million in 2002.

In light of the SEC investigation, Johnstone said Sidgmore might opt to make changes in senior management "to show he's serious about turning over a new leaf for the company."

Sidgmore told analysts Tuesday that creating a new perception for the Mississippi-based company was important. He criticized himself and other managers for not "communicating our strengths to either Wall Street or the press."

Sidgmore said he'd spend the next several months evaluating assets and trying to determine how to reduce debt, but his focus will be on growth.

WorldCom, riding high on Wall Street a few years ago, has seen investors back away in recent months.

Eight equity analysts downgraded WorldCom shares last week, days after the company slashed its revenue and profit forecasts for 2002.

At the same time, bond ratings agencies Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's and Fitch all cut their long-term credit ratings on WorldCom's debt.

Date Book

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Today is the 122nd day of 2002 and the 44th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1807, Congress abolished the slave trade as of Jan. 1, 1808.

On this day in 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico. The United States chose not to recognize the Republic of Texas, however.

On this day in 1877, Congress rewarded all 20 disputed electoral votes in the previous December's presidential election to Republican Rutherford B. Hayes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Catherine the Great (1729 - 1796), Russian empress; Vernon Castle (1887 - 1918), dancer; Manfred von Richthofen, "The Red Baron" (1892 - 1918), German World War I ace; Bing Crosby (1903 - 1977), actor/singer; Benjamin M. Spock (1903 - 1998), pediatrician; Theodore Bikel (1924 -), singer/actor, is 78; Christine Baranski (1952 -), actress, is 50; Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (1972 -), professional wrestler/actor, is 30; David Beckham (1975 -), soccer star, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, Lou Gehrig's streak of consecutive games played ended when he took himself out of the lineup against Detroit. Gehrig - who was suffering from the disease that would be named after him - never played again.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You philosophers are lucky men. You write on paper, and paper is patient. Unfortunate empress that I am, I write on the susceptible skins of living beings." — Catherine the Great

TODAY'S MOON: Between the full moon (April 26) and the last quarter (May 4)

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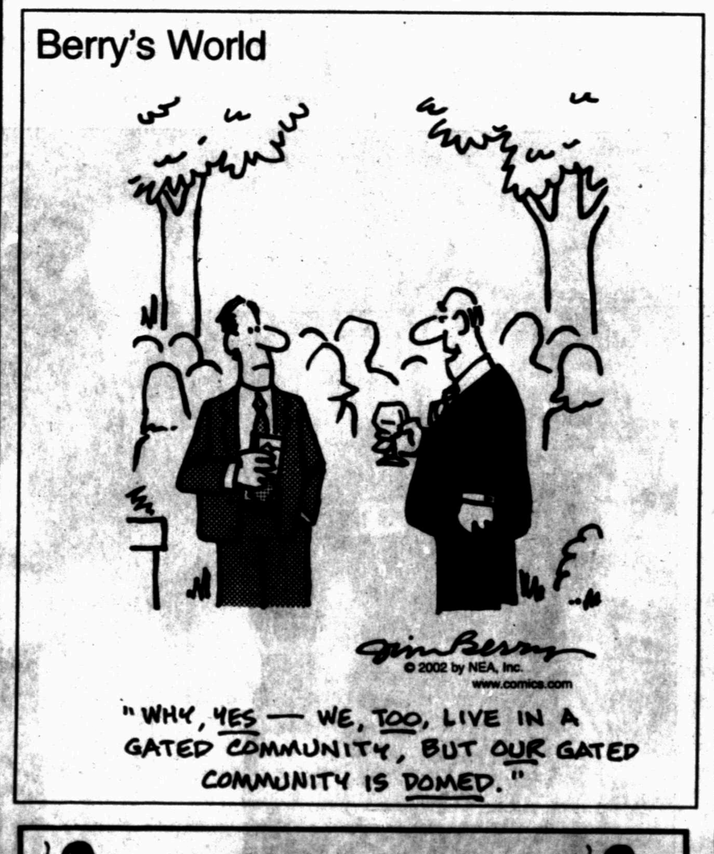

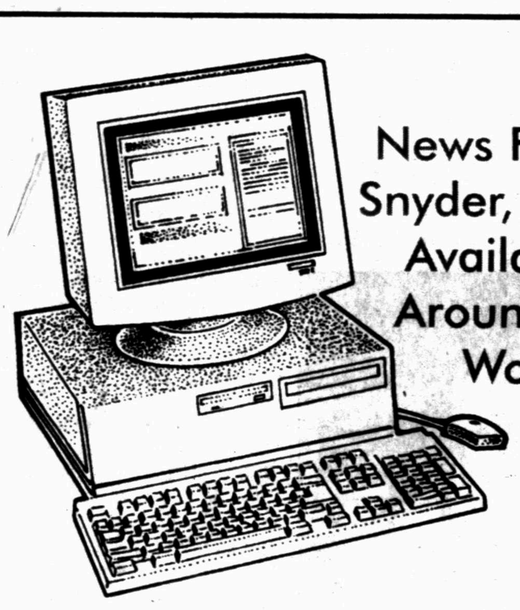

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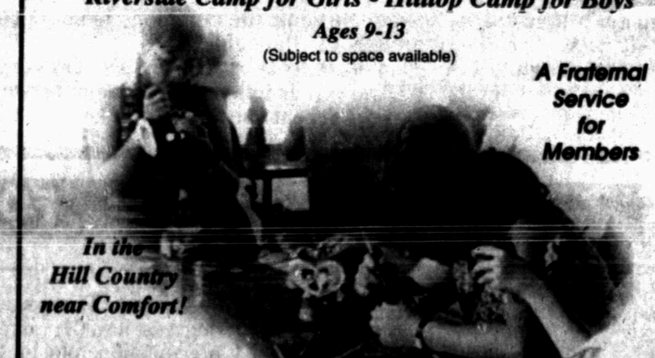

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-01-02
♠ 2
♥ A K Q
♦ K J 9 8 6 5 3
♣ 6 5

West
♠ 8 7 5 4 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 2

East
♠ 6
♥ 10 6 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ A Q J 10 9 7

South
♠ A K Q J 10 9
♥ 7 5 4
♦ —
♣ K 8 4 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	2 ♣
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 2

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Failure to think leads to failure

By Phillip Alder

Francis Picabia, a French painter and poet, claimed, "The world is divided into two categories: failures and unknowns." So much for everyone!

Declarers fail in makable contracts for a variety of reasons. Here is a short list: not counting winners and losers, not winning the first trick in the right hand, winning a trick instead of ducking it, losing a trick instead of winning it, and not unblocking. No doubt you can think of some more. One of those is relevant in this deal. How would you plan the play in four spades?

North makes a limit raise, showing 10-12 support points with at least four trumps.

First, when in a suit contract, count losers. You are faced with one in each suit. Now check winners. There are only nine: four spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

If you win trick one and play a trump, East will win with the ace and return a heart, condemning you to those four losers. Instead, you must immediately attack clubs, which establishes a discard for one of dummy's hearts. Then you can ruff your heart loser in the dummy, simultaneously removing one loser and generating an extra winner.

However, a clever West will duck the first round of clubs. If so, you had better win the first trick in the dummy — no second hand low. Then you drive out the club ace. And when West plays a second heart, you can win in hand, discard dummy's heart loser on the third club, and take the vital ruff in the shorter trump hand. At last you can broach trumps and will eventually cruise home.

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Assignments for jail trustees eyed

BEAUMONT (AP) — The sight of unsupervised jail inmates ambling around downtown Newton has angered some business owners and residents concerned about security.

The Newton County Jail trusties have been assigned to run errands downtown and work around the courthouse square.

Sheriff Wayne Powell says the trusties also handle basic landscaping, wash cars and make trips to the local hardware store. He denies that they are a security risk to nearby residents and workers.

Francine Coker, owner of Fran's Package Store on Kaufman, said several groups are trying to revitalize the city with tourism and business.

"But how does it look having all these prisoners all over the place?" Coker, whose store is near the courthouse, told the Beaumont Enterprise in today's editions.

Prosecutors: Islamic charity lied about ties to Osama bin Laden

CHICAGO (AP) — In a sweeping complaint that alleges Osama bin Laden's influence reached into middle America, officials accused a charity of lying about its ties to the al-Qaida leader and terrorists who tried to get nuclear weapons and plotted to bomb U.S. airliners.

The charge came in a complaint Tuesday that made Benevolence International Foundation, based in suburban Palos Hills, the first charitable organization to be charged criminally in the war on terrorism.

Benevolence and executive director Enaam M. Arnaout were charged with perjury for claiming in a civil lawsuit that they had no involvement in military or terrorist activities and gave only to charitable causes.

An FBI affidavit accompanying the complaint did not accuse Arnaout or the foundation of involvement in terrorist plots. Authorities said only that they lied about their ties to terrorists who were involved.

The affidavit cited alleged links between Benevolence and terrorists involved in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, a plot to bomb U.S. airlines and a plan to assassinate Pope John Paul II during his 1995 visit to the Philippines.

The FBI also said that members of al-Qaida have held positions within the charity, and that a man who tried to obtain uranium for bin Laden even listed the charity's Illinois address as his home.

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said the charity was aiding such activities secretly. "The donors have done nothing wrong," he said. "This prosecution alleges that the donors were victims."

Arnaout was arrested at his home Tuesday. The 39-year-old Syrian-born naturalized American, described by authorities as a trusted acquaintance of bin Laden, was ordered held for a hearing May 7.

"I am confident that Mr. Arnaout is not engaged in terrorist activities, nor has he supported such activities knowingly or directly," said his attorney, Stephen Levy.

An attorney for the charity, Matthew Piers, did not return a call.

The foundation is one of two Chicago-area Islamic charities whose assets were frozen Dec. 14 on suspicion of supporting terrorism. The co-founder of Global Relief Foundation, the other organization, is being held on an immigration charge.

Both groups sued the government, denying they had anything to do with terrorism and asking that their assets be released. The latest charges stem from Benevolence International's insistence in that case that it didn't fund terrorism or military activity.

Brochures for Benevolence International describe it as a humanitarian organization "dedicated to helping those afflicted by wars and natural disasters" in Afghanistan and other countries. IRS reports show that it received $3.3 million in contributions for the year ending April 2000.

According to the FBI, Benevolence was founded in the 1980s by Saudi sheik Adil Abdul Galil Batargy, another bin Laden associate. It said control of the foundation was later turned over to Arnaout.

Several unnamed cooperating witnesses have said that al-Qaida members have held positions within Benevolence. The FBI's affidavit said one of bin Laden's wives was allowed in 1989 to stay in a home that Arnaout maintained in Pakistan.

The FBI said the group also moved money on behalf of bin Laden in the 1990s and as recently as April 2000 gave $685,550 to Islamic guerrillas trained by bin Laden's group and now fighting the Russians in Chechnya.

According to authorities, raids on Benevolence offices in Bosnia in March turned up firearms, a ski mask, military manuals and a fake passport as well as separate photos of bin Laden and of Arnaout "handling rifles, a shoulder-fired rocket and an anti-aircraft gun."

Federal investigators have been watching Benevolence for years. The affidavit said a search of the group's trash in 1999 turned up a clipping from a Seattle newspaper focusing on the danger of a smallpox epidemic with a section underlined about local officials being ill prepared.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teen-ager's pleas for help go unheeded by parents, friends

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you as a last resort. Please print my letter so I can get help. I am a young teen who feels like committing suicide.

My parents work long hours and provide a roof over our heads and food on the table, but we spend hardly any time together. While I have suffered no physical abuse, I've been hurt by my mother's verbal abuse. I think I'm depressed because in a survey I took at school, I matched the profile of a person suffering from depression.

I can't tell my parents, although I have tried numerous times. When I told Mom I wanted to see a psychiatrist, she said "no." I've tried talking to teachers but nothing works. Is there something I can do without involving other people? No matter what I say, no one takes me seriously. My friends think I'm joking when I tell them how I feel.

I want help — I want to live — but if there's no help, there's no point. I've thought about suicide a lot and put a knife to my wrist. I've hurt myself by hitting a wall and injuring my hand. Sometimes I cut my fingers, but people always believe me when I say it was an "accident." I'm tired of living a lie, Abby. Please help. — **DESPERATE IN THE U.S.A.**

DEAR DESPERATE: Since you did not provide me with your location or telephone number, I am limited in what I can offer. Pick up the telephone and ask the operator to connect you with the local suicide hotline. Tell them EXACTLY what you have told me, and that I suggested you call. They will respond to your cry for help.

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DEAR ABBY: Three years ago my beloved wife was diagnosed with breast cancer. The shock, numbness and despair set in for both of us while she pursued aggressive and exhausting treatment.

The constant worry and trips to and from medical appointments took their toll on both of us. Our three young daughters and family members rallied to help us in every way possible, but it all became too much.

We were barely holding our own, when a newfound friend approached us about allowing a group of soccer moms to prepare some meals for us. At first, we were reluctant to accept this kindness, but we finally relented.

Soon the word got out. The soccer moms were joined by grammar school moms and others who wanted to help. Many wonderful people pitched in.

Each evening at exactly 5 p.m., our back doorbell would ring and a complete fully cooked meal would be there! Most of the time, these thoughtful people would leave before we could answer the door, because they didn't want to intrude. We were amazed at what these folks did for us, considering they were busy with their own families.

This unbelievable display of kindness continued uninterrupted for more than four months. Those meals — and the overwhelming generosity of the volunteers — meant the world to my family.

A surprising lesson from this experience was shared at a thank-you tea party that was held after my wife's recovery. One of the guests profusely thanked ME for allowing her to be of service! She said it taught her that true happiness and fulfillment comes only from helping others, and that her life was better for it.

There are so many nice people in this world, Abby. I know because I've met them! — **JOHN IN MELROSE, MASS.**

DEAR JOHN: Thank you for an upper of a letter. It's important to accept help when offered. People WANT to assist in a patient's recovery. Providing meals or offering transportation are practical ways to help.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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6 Champagne glass
11 Cowboy's strings
13 Played loudly
14 Electrical unit
15 Lots and lots
16 Chart
17 Towel's place
18 Resinous deposit
21 Heap
23 Parson's topic
26 "— Man Flint"
27 Mind reading
28 Pinnacle
29 Soothsayers
31 Cookout
32 Loving
33 Borders
36 Clumsy boats
37 Pothole filler
38 Want-ad abbr.
39 Make bales
40 Nightclub
42 Tax-form ID
43 It gives a hoot
44 Pilfer
46 Descend a cliff
49 Go too far
53 Is of benefit
54 Tidy up
55 Banister post
56 Shorthand pro

DOWN

1 Turkish VIP
2 Grand total
3 Apple seed
4 Entry
5 Chewy treat
6 Rain hard
7 Alan or Cheryl
8 Web site, for short
9 Golf peg
10 Sullivan and Murrow
12 State of tranquillity
13 Nee
18 Vegetable sponge
19 Northern lights
20 Grouchy
22 Topples
23 Vistas
24 Portraits
25 Singer Eddy
28 "How — — doing?"
30 PC media
34 Polyester
35 LP features
40 Reside
41 Troubles, to Hamlet
43 Aunt Bee's nephew
45 Cop's rounds
46 Kept in shape
47 Wide st.
48 Cat's foot
50 Roadmap abbr.
51 Cozy room
52 Sean Lennon's mom

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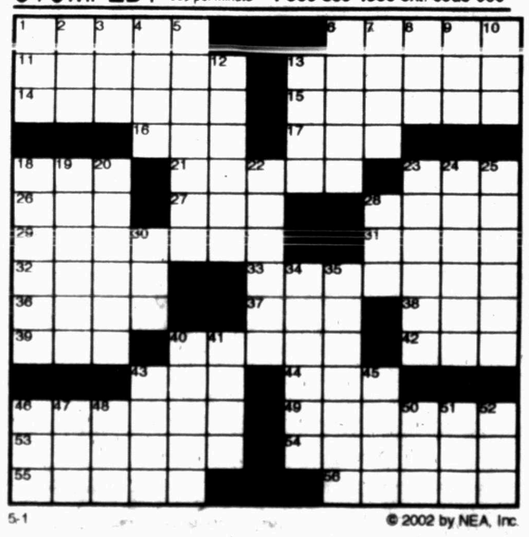

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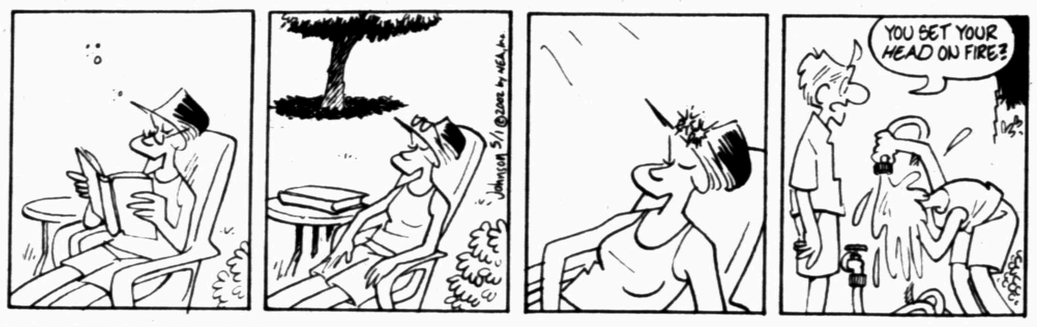

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SPORTS

Ranger duo reaches milestones

TORONTO (AP) — One is a young superstar, as dynamic a player as there is in the game. The other is an aging star who says he still has a lot left.

Rafael Palmeiro cracked the top 25 among career home run hitters Tuesday night. An inning later Texas Rangers teammate Alex Rodriguez became the second-youngest player to reach 250 homers.

Rodriguez and Palmeiro reached their milestones in a 10-3 win over the Toronto Blue Jays before the smallest crowd in SkyDome history, 12,571 fans.

Rodriguez hit his mark at 26 years, 277 days. Only Jimmie Foxx, by eight days, was younger.

"It's something you don't think about, but it's nice to obtain it at such a young age," said Rodriguez, who got the ball back and is considered the best bet for a crack at Hank Aaron's record of 755.

"It's flattering when anyone says that, but that bridge is so long and I just feel I'm just two or three steps across that bridge and there's a thousand steps."

Rodriguez's two-run shot came on a 3-2 pitch from Luke Prokopec (1-3) in the third inning. It was hit so hard right fielder Raul Mondesi didn't bother running after it.

"There's no doubt in my mind that I think he has a shot at it," Texas manager Jerry Narron said of the home run record.

"It's all going to come down to health, and as good as he is I think he's going to get even better. Say he needs to get about 40 homers over the next 12-to-13 years, that's asking a lot. But I know the passion he has for the game and I don't ever see that leaving."

Palmeiro passed Carl Yastrzemski for 25th on the career list with his 453rd and sixth of the season.

"I'm passing guys already in the Hall of Fame but I still feel I have a lot do in this game," Palmeiro said. "So I'm not going to worry about whether I make the Hall of Fame or not. I still feel I have a lot more to do to get there."

Palmeiro is 4-for-7 with four homers in his career against Prokopec.

"It's not that big a deal for me right now," Palmeiro said. "But I guess when you have the other two guys do it in the same day, then it's a bit more meaningful."

The other guy was rookie Hank Blalock, who hit his first career homer in the ninth.

Overshadowed by the home run milestones was another strong outing by Kenny Rogers (3-0), who gave up two runs on four hits in seven innings to raise his ERA to 2.02.

He has not given up more than two runs in any of his six starts this season.

The Blue Jays, who opened a six-game homestand after a 2-7 road trip that dropped them into last place in the AL East, lost their sixth game in a row.

Palmeiro's home run opened the scoring in the second inning as the Rangers hit homers in three straight innings.

Prokopec continued to get hit hard as Bill Haselman made it 4-0 in the fourth with his second homer of the season.

Haselman was 3-for-4 also with a double and three RBIs. Michael Young went 3-for-5 with two runs scored as the Rangers won their third straight and fifth in six games.

Prokopec gave up five runs on eight hits, including three home runs. Felipe Lopez hit his fourth home run of the season and had two RBIs.

Astros struggle at plate in 5-1 setback

HOUSTON (AP) — Javier Vazquez got his first victory and his first hit of the season, and both made Montreal manager Frank Robinson happy.

Vazquez (1-1), who had pitched well this season without a victory, threw a five-hitter and Peter Bergeron drove in two runs as the Expos beat the Houston Astros 5-1 Tuesday night.

"That's just what this team needed," Robinson said. "He's the leader of this pitching staff. It just shows what I've been preaching that it takes a team effort, good starter, the bullpen. We've been winning and our No. 1 guy didn't have a victory."

Vazquez (1-1) struck out nine, two below his career high, and didn't walk a batter for his third straight strong performance.

"All my pitches were working pretty good," Vazquez said. "My fastball was good, my curve was good and my change was good and I was mixing them up. I don't like to walk hitters. I'd rather give up a hit than a walk."

It was Vazquez's 11th career complete game.

"Javy did a good job of getting ahead of hitters," catcher Michael Barrett said. "He was locating his fastball and established his fastball. When we got some runs, that allowed him to go out and pitch his game."

Vazquez lined an RBI single into right field in the second when Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell was expecting a bunt.

"Hopefully, that will keep them honest, and that couldn't have come at a better time," Robinson said.

Roy Oswalt (3-1) hadn't allowed more than three earned runs in five previous starts this season and he surpassed that by the fourth inning when the Expos took a 4-0 lead.

Oswalt walked Bergeron to start the game. After a single by Jose Vidro and double play ball by Vladimir Guerrero, Lee Stevens hit an RBI single.

"Scoring runs early always helps," Vazquez said. "Every pitcher wants to pitch with the lead. That way, you know if you make an error, you still have the lead."

An RBI single by Vazquez and safety squeeze by Bergeron gave Montreal two more runs in the third. Bergeron's RBI single in the fourth made it 4-0. Vidro's RBI triple in the seventh made it 5-0.

The Astros avoided their second shutout in four games when Morgan Ensberg doubled with two outs in the seventh and scored on Julio Lugo's single.

Oswalt allowed five runs and eight hits in seven innings. He's given up five or more runs only twice last season.

"I just couldn't get the ball by them," Oswalt said. "They're a

Ira clinches playoff berth with 12-4 win

IRA — For the fourth consecutive year, the Ira Bulldogs will be around for the baseball postseason.

Ira clinched a Class A playoff berth Tuesday with a 12-4 victory over Roby. The win pushed the Bulldogs' record to 14-5 and guaranteed them of at least a second-place finish in district play.

"It feels good to officially clinch a playoff spot," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "But we still haven't accomplished our goal. We want to go undefeated and win the district title outright."

Ira trailed early, 2-0, but knotted the tally in the fourth on a two-run homer by Jase Olvera, then took the lead for good with nine runs in the fifth.

Jess Wall singled to start things off in the fifth. Four consecutive walks plated a pair of runs, and an error scored two more.

Josh Wilson was hit by a pitch to load the bases again before two more errors allowed in two more runs. Josh Gutierrez capped the inning with a two-RBI double.

Roby answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame but could get no closer.

Eric Dickerhoff threw the first five innings for Ira before giving way to Olvera. The two hurlers combined for 15 strikeouts and three walks.

Jess Wall, who slapped two singles, was the only Bulldog with multiple hits. Olvera homered, and Gutierrez and Jake Barnes doubled. Nathan Smith and Todd Wall also had hits.

Ira is in action again at 5 p.m. Friday when it hosts the Rotan Yellowhammers. The Bulldogs close out the regular season at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Loraine.

Mavs happy to find out who they'll face

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks were glad that Sacramento went ahead and wrapped up its first-round playoff series.

That meant the Mavericks, after their first series sweep in franchise history, wouldn't have to wait another couple of days to find out who they will play in the second round.

"It's great for us to be able to get rid of the first round and be able to move on," Mavs guard Steve Nash said Tuesday. "Mentally and physically, we can put that to rest and prepare ourselves for something new and not have it lingering and consuming our thoughts and energies."

Sacramento beat Utah 91-86 late Monday night in Game 4 of their first-round series. That kept the series from dragging to a deciding game Thursday, and set up the Kings' second-round matchup against the Mavericks.

The best-of-seven series between the Kings and Mavericks begins Saturday in Sacramento. There will be another game there Monday before the series switches to Dallas for Games 3 and 4 later next week.

"It's good to know who we're playing and where we're going," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said.

The Mavs completed their opening series Sunday with a 115-102 win at Minnesota. They won the first two games at home, 101-94 and 122-110.

Dallas and Sacramento were the NBA's highest-scoring teams during the regular season. The Mavs expect a high-scoring and up-tempo series.

In their four regular season meetings, the Mavericks averaged 110.5 points.

Sports Briefs

Playoff series at Moffett Field

Colorado City and Post square off this weekend in a Class 2A bi-district series at Moffett Field.

The series opens at 6 p.m. Friday, with play resuming at 11 a.m. Saturday. Tickets are $3 for adults and students.

SHS sports banquet

The Snyder High School sports banquet is set for 6 p.m. Thursday at Jack Greene's place off of Hwy. 208.

A hamburger supper will be served and award recipients for all sports will be announced. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the high school office.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association will hold a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and perspective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

Golf send-off

A send-off for the SHS girls golf team is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday in the sophomore parking lot of the high school. The Lady Tigers compete in the state tournament Monday and Tuesday in Austin.

Ladies' match play tournament

A ladies' match play tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the country club golf course. Format is two-person, low ball, low total.

Cost is $25 per player. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

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

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

Little Dribblers

Swifts 13, Hornets 3

Swifts: Taylor Autry and Bridget Davis, 4; Kyla Freeman and Kayla Scott, 2; Jentri Driggers, 1. **Swifts:** Sadee Bernal, 3.

Liberty 35, Fast Break 18

Liberty: Cayelea Rhodes, 17; Shandy McMullen and Destinee Naegle, 6; Ryanna Alexander and Megan Villegas, 3. **Fast Break:** Rebecca Juarez and Teryn Sullenger, 6; Kelby Seale, Chelsea Young and Martia Murillo, 2.

Lady Raiders 32, Jazz 20

Lady Raiders: Shaquita Sneed, 20; Kelly Holdren, 6; K'Ana Garcia, 4; Kirstie Davis, 2. **Jazz:** Allison Sharrock, 8; Nallie Foreman, 6; Chassidy Pittman, 4; Tanya Adams, 2.

Mystics 36, Panthers 14

Mystics: Alex Urias, 20; Erin Hogan and Brittany Mitchell, 6; Jessica DeLeon and Jordan Wright, 2. **Panthers:** Jordan Derryberry, 7, Nicole Means, 6; Roxann Renteria, 1.

Sharpshooters 18, Swoopsters 14

Sharpshooters: Akura Thomas, 8; Bailey Nickerson, 6; Abria Thomas, 4. **Swoopsters:** Madison Guzman, 6; Tayla Wesson, 4; Abby Arredondo and Micayla Redman, 2.

Rockets 30, Hot Shots 17

Rockets: Larrisa Arellano, 22; Deidre Foree, 4; Tai Dean and Baylee Lewis, 2. **Hot Shots:** Kali Brewster, 12; Savanah Valdez, 4; Cassie Chochran, 1.

Nikes 30, Red Hots 27

Nikes: Karissa Medina, 20; Jessica Floyd, 8; Jody Hamilton, 2. **Red Hots:** Kelsi Fulford and Brianne Perry, 6; Allsion Swigert, 5; Bailey Minor, 4; Marcie Phillips and Taylor Tyrrell, 3.

Sparks 37, Liberty 21

Sparks: Audrey Jones, 17; Briana Bryant and Lesa Jones, 6; Amanda Martinez, 5; Kailea Shaw, 2. **Liberty:** Destinee Naegle, 8; Shandy McMullen, 7; Cayelea Rhodes, 4; Ryanna Alexander, 2.

Sonics 31, Comets 11

Sonics: Britney Webb, 18; Jessica Sandoval, 9; Ashley Hagins and A'Lex Koonce, 2. **Comets:** Devin Davidson, 6; Brandy Stansell, 5.

Hornets 11, Suns 7

Hornets: Alisha Guzman, 7; Sadee Bernal and Sadye Naizer, 2. **Suns:** Ryanna Martinez, 7.

Rockets 24, Wildcats 8

Rockets: Larissa Arellano, 15; Chelcea Roemisch, 5; Baylee Lewis, 4. **Wildcats:** Blaire Toombs, 4; Autumn Castillo and Xalee Northcutt, 2.

Fever 40, Starzz 14

Fever: Keonna Ward, 18; Tosha McGlouthin, 10; Nakita Davis and Monique Torres, 4; Brooke Bollinger and Kelsi Williams, 2. **Starzz:** Lindsey Urias, 9; Lindsey Daniell, 3; Cheyann Taylor, 2.

Little Tigers 46, Red Hots 13

Little Tigers: Samantha Medrano, 24; Avery Ware, 7; Lucero Espinosa, 5; Monica Clanton, 4; Amber Baker, Jessica Ibarra and Jenee Payne, 2. **Red Hots:** Taylor Tyrrell, 5; Brianne Perry, 4; Kelsi Fulford and Marcie Phillips, 2.

Sharpshooters 37, Hoopsters 1

Sharpshooters: Abria Thomas, 15; Akura Thomas, 14; Evian Olvera, 4; Laramie Gilbert and Bailey Nickerson, 2. **Hoopsters:** Amanda Midwell, 1.

Magic 22, Nikes 14

Magic: Jacoree Brooks, 8; Kelly Martinez and Megan Thompson, 6; Lea Holmes, 2. **Nikes:** Karissa Medina, 12; Ashton Burton, 2.

College Rodeo Standings

Final Southwest Regional Standings
MEN

Team: 1. Vernon Regional JC, 2,020.00; 2. Western Texas, 2,002.49; 3. Howard County JC, 1,604.16; 4. Tarleton State, 1,470.00; 5. Texas Tech, 905.00; 6. Odessa, 808.33; 7. New Mexico JC, 689.16; 8. West Texas A&M, 645.00; 9. Sul Ross State, 583.33; 10. Eastern New Mexico, 472.50; 11. Frank Phillips, 460.83 12. South Plains, 205.00; 13. Mesalands CC, 160.83; 14. Weatherford, 30.00.

Saddle bronc: 1. Sam Spreadborough, WTC, 595.00; 2. J.W. Todd, WTC, 331.66; 3. Jesse Williams, Sul Ross, 310.00; 4. John Jones, Odessa, 305.00; 4. Jesse Kirby, Vernon, 295.00; Also: 12. Sean Prater, WTC, 98.33.

Bareback riding: 1. William Lowe, Vernon, 700.00; 2. Tyson Thompson, WTC, 515.00; 3. Wes Stevenson, Texas Tech, 385.00; 4. Cimmaron Gerke, Odessa, 358.33; 5. Shannon Miller, New Mexico JC, 173.33. Also: 7. Justin Foltyn, WTC, 95.00.

Bull riding: 1. Dustin Higgins, New Mexico, 438.33; 2. Douglas White, Vernon, 270.00; 3. Chad Castillo, Tarleton, 250.00; 4. Jeremy Hughes, Tarleton, 140.00; 5. Lee Herring, Howard, 115.00.

Calf roping: 1. Monty Lewis, West Texas A&M, 285.00; 2. Jake DeGreer, Howard, 250.00; 3. Brady Brock, Vernon, 245.00; 4. Joshua Swor, Vernon, 180.00; 5. (split) Joseph Gernentz, WTC and Kyle Dutton, Eastern New Mexico, 150.00. Also: 13. Cimarron Boardman, WTC, 60.00.

Steer wrestling: 1. Bray Armes, Howard, 520.00; 2. Jake DeGreer, Howard, 265.00; 3. (split) Chris Irwin, Tarleton and Tony Sauter, Howard, 255.00; 5. Patrick Maas, Tarleton, 220.00. Also: 6. J.W. Todd, WTC, 185.00.

Team roping (header): 1. Colby Schneeman, Howard, 167.50; 2. Marshall Atwood, Eastern New Mexico, 147.50; 3. Edward Hale, Howard, 127.50; 4. Shandon Stalls, Texas Tech, 110.00; 5. Trent Cornelius, Howard, 105.00. Also: 12. Reg Cully, WTC, 47.50.

Team roping (heeler): 1. Tommy Gililland, Eastern New Mexico, 240.00; 2. Chris Irwin, Tarleton, 190.00; 3. Jed Middleton, Texas Tech, 165.00; 4. Paul Gutierrez, NMJC, 95.00; 5. Kyle Logsdon, Odessa, 92.50.

WOMEN

Team: 1. Tarleton State, 1,795.00; 2. Western Texas, 1,150.00; 3. Texas Tech, 785.00; 4. Eastern New Mexico, 570.00; 5. Vernon Regional JC, 523.33; 6. Odessa, 465.00; 7. West Texas A&M, 280.00; 8. New Mexico JC, 240.00; 9. Frank Phillips, 228.33; 10. Weatherford College, 130.00; 11. Angelo State, 30.00; 12. Howard County JC, 5.00.

Barrel racing: 1. Talina Bird, Texas Tech, 515.00; 2. Kassie Mowry, WTC, 385.00; 3. Jamie Standifer, Tarleton, 335.00; 4. Kristin Gendron, Eastern New Mexico, 180.00; 5. Kerbi Thiel, West Texas A&M, 135.00.

Breakaway roping: 1. Jill Childers, Tarleton, 330.00; 2. Randus London, WTC, 270.00; 3. Tibba Smith, Tarleton, 245.00; 4. Keli Smith, New Mexico JC, 230.00; Michelle Alley, Tarleton, 145.00.

Goat tying: 1. Tibba Smith, Tarleton, 385.00; 2. Michelle Alley, Tarleton, 330.00; 3. Jennifer Freeland, WTC, 280.00; 4. Elisha Watt, West Texas A&M, 220.00; 5. Jaclyn Hobbs, Vernon, 205.00. Also: 12. Tasha Stevenson, WTC, 125.00.

Major League Baseball

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	16	10	.615	—
New York	16	10	.615	—
Florida	13	13	.500	3
Atlanta	12	15	.444	4½
Philadelphia	9	18	.333	7½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	16	9	.640	—
Pittsburgh	14	10	.583	1½
St. Louis	12	11	.522	3½
Houston	11	14	.440	5
Chicago	8	16	.333	7½
Milwaukee	8	18	.308	8½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	16	10	.615	—
Los Angeles	16	10	.615	—
San Francisco	15	11	.577	1
San Diego	14	12	.538	2
Colorado	10	16	.385	6

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 5, Houston 1
Milwaukee 4, Atlanta 3
Florida 7, St. Louis 2
Colorado 10, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Mets 10, Arizona 1
San Diego 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 1
Philadelphia 8, San Francisco 2

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia (Adams 0-3) at San Francisco (Ortiz 2-1), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 4-1) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 3-2) at Houston (Reynolds 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 0-2) at St. Louis (Stephenson 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 3-0) at Colorado (Neagle 2-1), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-3) at Arizona (Stottlemyre 0-1), 9:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-0) at San Diego (Jones 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Hamilton 1-1) at Los Angeles (Nomo 2-3), 10:10 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	16	7	.696	—
New York	17	10	.630	1
Baltimore	12	14	.462	5½
Tampa Bay	9	15	.375	7½
Toronto	8	16	.333	8½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	10	.615	—
Minnesota	16	11	.593	½
Cleveland	13	13	.500	3
Kansas City	8	16	.333	7
Detroit	8	17	.320	7½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	18	8	.692	—
Oakland	15	11	.577	3
Anaheim	11	14	.440	6½
Texas	10	15	.400	7½

Tuesday's Games

Boston 4, Baltimore 0
Texas 10, Toronto 3
Anaheim 21, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 8, Oakland 2
Detroit 9, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 3
Chicago White Sox 8, Seattle 4

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Reichert 0-3) at Detroit (Greisinger 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Douglass 0-0) at Boston (P Martinez 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Burba 1-0) at Toronto (Halladay 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 2-2) at Cleveland (Drese 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hiljus 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-2) at Minnesota (Reed 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Franklin 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 3-1), 8:05 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 30

Charlotte 102, Orlando 85, Charlotte wins series 3-1
Indiana 97, New Jersey 74, series tied 2-2

Wednesday, May 1

Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Indiana at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3

Philadelphia at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Seattle at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary

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House GOP readies legislation for full drug subsidies for low-income elderly

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are drafting election-year Medicare prescription drug legislation to include a full federal subsidy for the low-income elderly as well as protection against catastrophic costs for all seniors, officials said Tuesday.

The legislation envisions a voluntary system of insurance in which older Americans would receive coverage from private companies in a market overseen by Medicare, the officials said. The bill carries a 10-year price tag of $350 billion.

The measure also will incorporate President Bush's proposal for government-issued prescription drug discount cards designed to reduce the cost of medicine for Medicare beneficiaries. Officials who disclosed the details spoke on condition of anonymity.

GOP leaders hope to have the measure on the House floor by Memorial Day, part of an effort to blunt anticipated campaign-season attacks from Democrats. Polls taken for both political parties in recent months show that older people, expected to be an important portion of the electorate this fall, favor Democrats over Republicans by double-digit margins for their handling of the prescription drug issue.

The $350 billion that House Republicans have set aside over the next decade for prescription drug coverage contrasts with the $190 billion that President Bush proposed, and is well in excess of the $160 billion earmarked for a prescription drug bill that the GOP pushed through the House two years ago. The result is a more robust federal benefit than Republicans endorsed in 2000.

Several sources said outlines of the legislation were discussed Tuesday at a private meeting of party leaders in the House. They stressed the final details remain to be worked out, and costs could vary.

For all but low income people, officials said seniors would pay a monthly premium, likely in the range of $37 a month. Additionally, they would pay a deductible, possibly the first $250 of drug costs annually. After that, the federal government would pick up approximately 75 or 80 percent of the cost of drugs up to $1,000, and perhaps 50 percent of the next $1,000 in costs.

Over $2,000, individuals could be required to pay the full cost of additional drugs out of pocket, to an amount to be determined, likely $5,000. After that, insurance would pay the rest.

Older people with incomes up to 135 percent of the poverty level would have all their costs paid, with partial subsidies for seniors with incomes of up to 150 percent.

While details of the bill remained to be worked out, Republicans have long conceded a political concern.

GOP candidates, attacked ferociously two years ago on prescription drugs, countered that the House had passed legislation to address the problem. Even though the measure died in the GOP-controlled Senate, party strategists concluded that response helped Republicans hold control of the House.

Democrats have made it clear they intend to launch similar attacks this year, and the GOP long ago concluded it would have a similar response. Expressions of support for prescription drug coverage in television commercials have "a positive impact on party and candidate confidence on this issue and health care in general," strategists told rank and file Republicans in a presentation last week.

While GOP leaders discussed the finer points of the legislation in private, Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., arranged a public declaration today of a set of Republican prescription drug principles.

These include support for lower-cost drugs; a guarantee that all seniors would have prescription drug coverage; and improvements in the broader Medicare program that provides health care for more than 39 million Americans.

"A fair and responsible plan must strengthen Medicare by ensuring the program can deliver necessary health care services, including the addition of prescription drug benefit."

Preservation drugs could produce more new organs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without recruiting a single new organ donor, more than 2,300 additional transplants could be performed every year, researchers say. The trick is to get more organs from each existing donor.

The strategy: a trio of drugs administered to brain-dead patients that help preserve organs.

"There's a lot of effort being placed at getting more donors. Another way to get more organs is to see if you could get better utilization out of the existing donors," said Dr. Myron Kauffman, a medical consultant to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

Last year, 6,083 patients died awaiting transplants, network officials said Tuesday. Theoretically, one-third could have received transplants had the drugs been universally used, according to a review of 18 months of data comparing donors who were given the drugs and those who were not.

"That's a phenomenal number of organs nationally," said Ed Kraus, director of organ recovery for the Upstate New York Transplant Services in Buffalo. His organ bank uses the drugs, but typically only for trauma victims.

"I suspect this paper will have very far-reaching effects," he said. "Will it change and become the national standard? I wouldn't be surprised if it did."

The research was presented Tuesday at the American Transplant Congress.

At issue is the use of hormonal resuscitation drugs, first recommended in the late 1990s by a British heart surgeon who found they helped preserve hearts.

The drugs are administered after patients have been declared brain dead, and their families have agreed to donation. When someone is brain dead, brain activity has ceased with no chance of recovery, and the person is legally dead. Machines can keep the heart beating and blood circulating to preserve the organs until they can be removed.

Researchers examined all brain-dead donors between January 2000 and June 2001 and found 584 had received the drug trio and 8,185 had not.

Transplant programs will use any organs that are medically suitable. Those who had received the drugs donated an average of 3.8 organs; for those who didn't, the average was 3.1.

Researchers extrapolated the difference in donation rates for each organ to all 5,921 brain-dead donors in 2001, adjusting for differences including age, sex, race and cause of death. They found that applying the higher donation rates to the entire group yielded an additional 2,362 organs.

Specifically, it produced 924 more kidneys, 278 hearts, 290 livers, 414 lungs and 456 pancreases.

"There's no reason why it couldn't be used theoretically on every donor," Kauffman said. "We hope by getting the message out with this presentation that it will be used more widely."

The only downside is money: The drugs cost $2,000 to $3,000 per donor. The costs are added to other expenses involved with procuring organs and charged to the transplant recipients and their insurers.

"When you consider the costs saved by transplantation, that's just a drop in the bucket," said John Rosendale, a lead researcher and biostatistician at the transplant network.

He said the study makes it clear that the drugs have not been widely used, with just 6 percent of donors getting them in 2000 and the first half of 2001.

The drug combination, known as the Papworth Cocktail, includes a hydrocortisone bolus and infusions of vasopressin and tri-iodothyronine. Together, they prevent cell linings from inflaming, improve cardiac function and stabilize blood pressure.

The decision to use the drugs typically is made by the organ transplant coordinators who arrange for donations. All organ banks use the drugs at least on occasion, but it may be difficult to persuade them that they need to use them more often.

Spokeswoman Anne Paschke of the United Network for Organ Sharing said the network plans to publicize the results in publications and mailings aimed at transplant coordinators and others.

Lynn Driver, executive director of the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, isn't convinced that his organ bank should use the drugs more often.

"I think we're doing a fairly good job in knowing when to use it and when not to," he said. "Sometimes it works, and sometimes it just doesn't work."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

How much calcium for osteoporosis therapy?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a woman, 70, with osteoporosis. What is the customary dosage of calcium supplements and vitamin D? How often should I see my doctor for my condition, and how long should I continue therapy?

DEAR READER: Before answering your questions, let me give you a short primer on vitamin D. This vitamin is essential for normal bone growth and integrity. The Recommended Dietary Allowance is 400 International Units a day for the average young adult, an amount that is easily obtained in a well-balanced diet.

Supplemental vitamin D is recommended for post-menopausal women. However, excess consumption of D can be harmful, leading to weakness, fatigue, anemia, depression, kidney damage, high blood pressure, and elevated blood cholesterol levels. Therefore, people who take such supplements must be careful not to overdose; an amount exceeding 2000IU is sure to cause toxicity.

The current recommendation for calcium intake depends on a person's age. Usually, about 1000 milligrams a day is appropriate for most of us. Pregnant women require slightly more and post-menopausal females (and those with osteoporosis) need significantly more, about 1500 mg a day.

Most calcium/vitamin D pills, such as Os-Cal+D, contain 500 mg of calcium and 125 IU of the vitamin. I suggest that you take 1500 mg of calcium plus 375 IU of D. This is supplied by three Os-Cal 500+D tablets, or the equivalent in similar products, per day.

If you have significant osteoporosis, however, you need more than just calcium and vitamin D. You ought to consider prescription options, such as once-a-week Fosomax, that will not only arrest the bone disorder but will also drive more calcium into your bones, thereby improving the osteoporosis profile.

In order for the mineral/vitamin supplement to be effective, it must be continued indefinitely.

I don't know how often you should visit your doctor. This depends on your general health and the severity of your osteoporosis. Ask your physician to advise you. Most authorities believe that a bone density test, repeated at regular intervals every year or two, is a satisfactory way of monitoring the situation - particularly in women with severe disease who are taking Fosomax or other drugs, such as Actonel.

Remember that along with mineral/vitamin supplements and prescription medicine, there are additional strategies you can use - such as regular exercise and discontinuation of smoking - that will have beneficial effects on bone-health.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly "Winning the Battle of the Bulge") that includes my No Flour, No Sugar diet send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My grandson, age 19, just had his tongue pierced (ugh!) What, if any, are the complications of this procedure?

DEAR READER: The mouth is the second most contaminated orifice in the body. Therefore, people who pierce their tongues are at risk of infection, which, in some cases, may be severe and require removal of the post and treatment with antibiotics. However, in all fairness, I should reassure people that significant infection is the exception, not the rule. Most tongue-piercers do very well. Eventually they may remove the stud when they no longer feel they have to be oppositional, but don't get me started on that subject.

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AT&T Corp s	13.27	12.93	13.25	+.13
Albertsons	33.44	32.90	32.94	—.60
Alltel	49.95	48.72	48.80	—.70
AmEl Pw	45.84	45.50	45.66	—.14
AndarkPtr	53.90	53.01	53.53	—.29
ATMOS Egy	24.00	23.81	23.89	—.04
Aviall	8.88	8.70	8.70	—.15
BP PLC	50.89	50.41	50.73	—.07
BakerHughes	38.13	37.13	38.02	+.34
Bank of Amer	72.47	71.71	71.92	—.56
BellSouth	30.55	30.15	30.50	+.15
vjBeth Steel	.41	.39	.39	—.01
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PNM Rescs	28.76	28.08	28.35	—.65
Penney JC	21.81	21.36	21.45	—.29
PepBoys	19.20	18.76	18.84	—.31
PepsiCo	52.19	51.70	51.97	+.07
Pharmacia	41.90	41.05	41.75	+.52
PhelpDodge	36.20	35.01	35.13	—.67
PhilipPet	59.96	59.36	59.74	—.07
PilgrmPrd B	13.53	13.33	13.35	—.25
Praxair	57.24	56.51	56.83	—.27
ProctGamb	91.48	90.55	91.32	+1.06
RadioShack	31.60	30.63	31.00	—.20
ReliantEngy	25.52	25.20	25.30	—.08
RoyalDut	52.12	51.76	52.05	—.21
SBC Comm	31.50	30.80	31.35	+.29
SaraLee	21.28	21.05	21.14	—.04
Scripps EW	80.21	79.75	80.16	+.47
SearsRoeb	52.86	51.80	51.98	—.77
SherwinW	30.95	30.25	30.28	—.45
SouthernCo	28.28	28.02	28.03	—.32
SwstAirl	18.20	17.95	17.97	—.24
SprintFrn	16.00	15.43	15.43	—.42
SprintPCS	11.33	11.01	11.24	+.03
Sunoco Inc	34.63	34.11	34.53	+.15
TXU Corp	54.41	54.10	54.20	—.22
TempleInland	53.18	52.25	52.46	—.48
TexInd	39.05	38.59	38.61	—.17
TexasInst	31.00	29.84	30.05	—.88
Textron	49.46	48.20	48.42	—.76
TriconGlbR	62.16	61.25	62.06	—1.00
TrinityInds	23.50	22.84	23.02	—.48
TylerTech	5.45	5.35	5.35	—.08
UnionPacif	57.30	56.60	56.85	+.05
USSteel	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—.51
UnitedTech	70.06	68.53	68.53	—1.64
Unocal	37.03	36.55	37.03	—.16
VerizonComm	40.30	39.31	40.00	—.11
WalMart	55.76	55.12	55.20	—.66
WellsFargo	51.35	50.55	50.98	—.17
WstnGasRs	38.60	37.93	37.93	—.63
WinnDixie	17.33	16.93	17.01	—.34
Xerox Cp	8.98	8.62	8.64	—.21

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Scurry County Country

Spring onion harvest ready for Texans

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas spring onion harvest is in full swing and ready for the season's picnics and barbecues, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Spring (sweet) onions, although available for only a few months of the year, are much more sweet and juicy than summer onions, which are abundant year-round," said Joe Pena, professor and Extension economist.

"The sweet onions are great when eaten fresh with foods such as salads and hamburgers. They may be eaten without much fear of aftertaste or odor," he said.

"Summer onions are more compact, contain less water and have what is considered to be more salt soluble solids, which makes them more pungent and gives them a longer shelf life," Pena said. "They are better used in recipes where the food will be cooked; this blends some of the tart flavor and odor associated with the vegetable."

Although Texas produces both varieties of onion, it leads the nation for spring onion production, followed by Georgia and California. Onions are Texas' leading vegetable crop, having an overall impact of about $350 million per year on the Texas economy.

"Currently, there are absolutely outstanding spring onions on the market for reasonable prices. The harvest is in high gear in the Valley, and they are producing excellent quality spring onions," Pena said.

"Summer storage and non-storage onions are mainly produced in states with cooler springs and summers such as California, Colorado, Idaho, etc. Texas gets too hot in the summer to be a main producer of summer storage onions," Pena said. "In the Panhandle, counties do not get hit by the hot weather until much later, and they are able to produce summer non-storage onions."

The Rio Grande Valley and Winter Garden area are prime regions of spring onion production. "Spring onions are planted between October and November, and do well in cool, dry weather. When the days get longer and warmer, they will begin to bulb, and they can be harvested as late as May or June," Pena said.

"Summer non-storage onions are being planted now in the panhandle, using transplants grown in South Texas, and they will be harvested into late summer," Pena said. "The weather has been ideal for planting in the Panhandle. Planting was on time and it is making good progress. Yields are expected to be positive for the summer onions up there."

"In terms of the spring onions we have in South Texas, the yields have been good, despite a bit of a cold weather problem in March," Pena said. "There were two record-breaking cold days in the Winter Garden, which is about 4,000 acres. We expect a little bit of residual damage from these freezes, although yields should still be excellent.

"The spring onions are in season right now, so take advantage of them in your cookouts. Come June and July, you won't be able to find them. Ask for the 1015 Texas Super Sweet or the Legend."

The planting and harvesting of Texas' other crops are also progressing well throughout the state.

In the Panhandle and South Plains region, corn planting is nearly halfway finished and progressing rapidly, said Jett Major, district Extension director.

In Central Texas, range and pastures are improving with rains and warmer nights, and small grain silage harvest continues with good yields, said Ronald Woolley, district Extension director.

District Extension Director Dale Fritz said hay harvest began in some of the counties of Southeast Texas, and ranchers are harvesting oats, ryegrass and coastal hay.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

If you or a member of your family are among the millions of Americans who suffer from plant allergies, but still love gardening, there are ways to lessen the amounts of pollen, fungus spores and other plant-based allergens in your home/garden environment. Take steps to create low-allergen plantings.

Allergies to pollen

Pollen spores are one of the main sources of allergies, and are shed from male trees, weeds, ornamentals and grasses in your garden or neighborhood by the billions. There are two basic types of pollen: one is lightweight and depends on wind dispersal to travel to a receptive female plant of the same species, and the other is heavier, generally stickier, and relies on the visits of insects to the flowers for fertilization. These flowers are usually colorful and attractive to insects. Examples of trees depending on bees are ornamental anu fruiting pears and peaches, red buds, and many flowers found in the garden. Still other plants are self-fertile and not much pollen transmission or exchange occurs at all.

Clouds of pollen can swirl upwards on wind currents and drift for miles. Ragweed samples have been collected 400 miles out to sea and two miles high in the air. Chemical makeup differs among plants, causing stronger or weaker allergic reactions, and heavier pollen such as that of pines may fall straight down to the ground rather than drift extensively.

Although gardeners cannot stop all movement of pollen, it is possible to study the trees and ornamentals in the home landscape ad select those with less potential to cause problems. Bermuda and Johnson grass are high on the list of offenders, as well as nearby unmowed pigweeds and ragweeds and their relatives. Thomas Ogren, in his recent book Allergy-free Gardening: The Revolutionary Guide to Health Landscaping, comments on the overuse of male trees and shrubs in the modern American landscape. These have been promoted as an improvement over the messiness of female trees which shed too many fruits or seeds and are more "litter-free." Some municipalities have even passed ordinances prohibiting the planting of female varieties, so that there may actually be more pollen than before in our neighborhoods. Good examples of female plants suitable for Texas would be yaupon or Burford hollies and the Chinese pistache, which have clusters of beautiful berries in the fall. Ogren's book has detailed lists of suitable plants for low-allergen gardening.

Allergies to fungus

Take care to rake up and compost dead leaves lying under shrubs and use less bark mulch or chips which may harbor fungus. During wet springs clouds of spores can actually be seen rising like smoke from moldy twigs or fruit. Cut back or thin out hedges and trim lawns closely to reduce pollen and mold spores.

To lessen chances of allergic reactions, garden in the morning or late afternoon when pollen is higher in the sky, or on cloudy or cool days when it is not as prevalent. Use a mask when mowing, and change clothing and bathe after working outside. Use caution when sweeping or raking up oak catkins. At times when willows, cottonwoods or sycamores are noticeable shedding, stay inside out of the garden.

C.R.M.W.D. Lake Level and Water Usage Report

LAKE J. B. THOMAS
204,000 Acre-Feet at elevation 2258.00 ft.

	ONE YEAR AGO 4/29/01	LAST WEEK 4/22/02	THIS WEEK 4/29/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	2218.21	2217.46	2217.30
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	22,745	21,204	20,879
PERCENT FULL	11.15	10.39	10.23
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.40
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0.00	0.00
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0.00	0.00

**RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.*

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR
488,760 Acre-Feet at elevation 1898.00 ft.

	ONE YEAR AGO 4/29/01	LAST WEEK 4/22/02	THIS WEEK 4/29/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	1849.20	1841.61	1841.39
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	79,700	53,110	52,440
PERCENT FULL	16.31	10.87	10.73
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.20

**RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.*

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR
554,340 Acre-Feet at elevation 1551.00 ft.

	ONE YEAR AGO 4/29/01	LAST WEEK 4/22/02	THIS WEEK 4/29/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	1536.50	1530.59	1530.40
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	313,707	243,981	242,301
PERCENT FULL	56.59	44.01	43.71
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

** RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.*

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	DAILY AVG FOR WEEK ENDING 4/22/02	DAILY AVG FOR WEEK ENDING 4/29/02	PEAK DAY FOR WEEK ENDING 4/29/02
BIG SPRING	5,210,857	4,906,286	6,100,000
ODESSA	21,085,000	19,910,429	22,863,000
SNYDER	2,297,429	2,170,286	2,806,000
MIDLAND	23,052,714	23,204,857	26,883,000
SAN ANGELO	11,833,000	14,629,286	17,500,000
STANTON	169,000	151,143	194,000

Scurrying Around Snyder

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(Editor's Note: This is the seventh and last in a series of articles on "Child Abuse.")

Give your baby the best start in life

When you are pregnant, you can give your baby the best start in life by refusing to use tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, including over-the-counter medications, unless ordered by your doctor. Eat the right foods, get a lot of rest, exercise, take care of yourself, see your doctor regularly and find help if you need it.

If you use tobacco, alcohol or other drugs, including over-the-counter drugs such as aspirin or cold tablets, your baby can be harmed permanently. Your baby can have greater problems with learning, behavior and sickness. Remember, if you are presently using drugs, alcohol, or other drugs, quitting now increases your baby's chances of being healthy.

Consuming alcohol during pregnancy can cause birth defects, limb abnormalities, low birth weight, small head size, fetal alcohol syndrome-deformed face, behavior problems, retardation.

Smoking tobacco products can cause premature birth, low birth weight, more vulnerability to illness and disease.

Cocaine can cause stillbirths, miscarriages, drug withdrawal symptoms, sudden infant death, more crying than normal,

Less growth than normal, trouble eating and sleeping, and developmental problems.

Heroin can cause low birth weight, more crying than normal, trouble eating and sleeping, and drug withdrawal symptoms.

Marijuana can cause premature birth, shaking and irritability, sudden infant death, and low birth weight.

Crack can cause small head size, shaking, stiffness, muscles, trouble eating and sleeping, less growth than normal, more crying than normal, learning problems.

PCP and LSD can cause behavior problems, violent temper tantrums, poor motor skills, sight and hearing problems.

Help children Avoid Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

Children who are close to their parents are least likely to use tobacco, alcohol or drugs.

Get Involved

I will establish "together time," and make it part of my regular weekly routine for doing something special with my children.

I will know where my children are going, whom they'll be with and what they'll be doing. I will get to know their friends and their friends' parents.

I will be there after school when my children get home or arrange for an adult to look in on them.

We will spend time together as often as we can. Mealtimes are good times for families.

Learn to Communicate

I will be absolutely clear with my children that I don't want them using drugs, and will talk often about the dangers and results of drug and alcohol abuse.

I will be a better listener, ask questions, encourage them, ask for their input, and not react in a way that will cut off further discussion.

I will give honest answers, not make up answers if I don't know, and will offer to find out for them.

Walk the Walk

I will be a role model, the person I want my child to be. I will show compassion, honesty, generosity and openness.

I know that there is no such thing as "do as I say, not as I do." If I take drugs, I can't expect my child not to.

Lay Down the Law

Kids between the ages of 11 and 13 are at high risk for drug experimentation. Despite their protest, they still crave structure and guidance. They want you to show them you care enough to set limits.

I will crate rules and discuss in advance the consequences of breaking them. I will avoid making empty threats or letting the rule-breaker off the hook. I will avoid harsh or unexpected new punishments.

I will set a curfew when necessary and enforce it.

I will have kids check in at regular times.

I will call parents whose home is being used for a party, and stop in to say hello to make sure that adults are supervising.

I will let my children know they can leave a party where drugs are being used by calling me or another adult to pick them up.

I will listen to my instincts.

Praise and Reward

I will reward good behavior consistently and immediately, as well as express my love, appreciation and thanks.

I will accentuate the positive, emphasize the things my children do right, and resist the urge to be critical.

IT'S UP TO YOU TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. TAKE IT PERSONALLY!

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 674 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 25, sale. Cows were steady. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows

(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-46

Canner and low cutters: 34-40

Slaughter bulls: 50-59.50

Feeder steers — choice:

300-400: 90-112

400-500: 85-100

500-600: 75-85

600-700: 70-80

700-800: 65-72.50

Feeder heifers:

300-400: 85-100

400-500: 75-90

500-600: 70-77.50

600-700: 65-75

700-800: 60-70

Feeder Bulls — good and choice:

500-600: 70-80

700-800: 60-70

Cow and calf pairs:

Good: 750-900

Grade: 600-725

Springers: 400-675

Baby calves: 100-185

Doodlers: 200-285

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 410 head of cattle for the Saturday, April 27, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher, , bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:

200-300: 117-127

500-600: 90

Feeder heifers:

200-300: 103-111

500-600: 75-80

Replacement cows:

Bred cows (3-6 years old): 560-670

Bred cows (2-7 months): 445-560

Cow & calf pairs: 710-810

Aged pairs: 565-735

Slaughter cows:

Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 36-42.50

Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 40-44

1100-1500: 44.50-45.50

Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 37-40.75

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Under 750 Lb.: 26-33.50

Slaughter bulls:

Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 52-54

High Dressing: 1500-2200: 59.50

Low dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs.: 47.50-50

Federal study recommends changes for some buildings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fireproofing that sticks to steel beams and emergency stairwells "hardened" to withstand the catastrophic impact of a plane should be included in high-risk buildings in the wake of the World Trade Center collapse, a federal study says.

The report from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Society of Civil Engineers also said the trade center's unique steel support structure needed more study before a final conclusion could be drawn.

The report said investigators detected no substandard structural problems at the trade center. In fact, the towers exceeded building code requirements in some areas, the report noted.

The report, which was obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, confirmed the consensus that barring a windstorm or an earthquake the twin towers could have withstood the impact of the two hijacked Boeing 767 airliners that plowed into the trade center on Sept. 11. The towers succumbed to the ensuing fire — fed by thousands of gallons of aviation fuel — that softened the buildings' steel framework.

"The fact that the structures were able to sustain this level of damage and remain standing for an extended period of time is remarkable and is the reason that most building occupants were able to evacuate safely," according to the report, which was to be released today by the House Science Committee.

Still, the report said it was unclear whether engineering ever could protect buildings from fast-moving aircraft. "Reliably designing a building to survive the impact of the largest aircraft available now or in the future may not be possible," the report said.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Professor Jonathan Barnett, one of the study's investigators, said the study proved overall the trade center performed well on Sept. 11.

"We didn't find a glaring blunder," Barnett said.

Still he conceded that the overall findings "could have a chilling effect on construction" of tall buildings.

The National Institutes of Standards and Technology is poised to take over the trade center collapse investigation, which it expects to take two years and cost $16 million. NIST could eventually make broad recommendations to the building and fire codes using the trade center findings.

One key question will revolve around the trusses, the bracket-like steel supports which held up each of the 110 floors and provided lateral support to the skyscrapers' vertical columns.

Another will be whether fireproofing and stairwell safety recommendations for buildings "evaluated or designed for extreme events" should apply to structures generally.

The impact of the jets is believed to have blown off the fluffy fireproofing material on the trade center's steel columns, making them susceptible to the intense heat from ensuing fire. Fireproofing able to withstand such impact is used in U.S. Navy destroyers but the cost could be prohibitive, Barnett said.

In theory, the team found, occupants in the floors above the impact could have escaped had the stairwells been strengthened to withstand the attack and had the emergency escape routes not been placed so close together.

The first Boeing 767 jetliner punched a hole in the trade center's north tower between the 94th and 99th floors shortly before 9 a.m.

BEST CAMPSITE — Hermleigh's Relay for Life Team received a trophy for having the best campsite. Back row from left are Misty McClure, David Duck, Robby Anderson, Karl Smith, Billy Duck; third row, Georgeanna Smith, Samantha Berry, Alana Culp, Alicia Culp, Megan Kariainen; second row, Cassie Harbin, Brittainy Jones, Brittany Kelley, Courtney Ethridge, JP Smith, Melanie Kariainen; front row, Johnathon McClure, Frank Smith, Valarie West. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Study on economic dangers to farmers are inconclusive

HARLINGEN (AP) — A study aimed at quantifying economic losses to Rio Grande Valley farmers hurt by Mexico's Rio Grande water debt turned up inconclusive, angering one of the congressmen who sought it.

In November, U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz pushed for the study as part as the Agricultural Appropriations bill for the 2002 fiscal year. He said he hoped it would be the first step in winning federal aid for South Texas farmers who say they have lost millions of dollars because they are unable to adequately irrigate their crops.

The study was released Tuesday, days before Ortiz is host to a congressional field hearing on the issue at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Ortiz had hoped to use the study during the hearing.

Tuesday, he called it "useless."

"It doesn't say anything. It says that they did not have enough information," Ortiz said. "I think that they need to come to the Valley to talk to the farmers, to talk to the business people, to talk to the people who have lost land."

According to today's Freedom Newspapers, The Assessment of Drought and Water Availability for Crop Production in the Rio Grande Basin states that there is insufficient data to quantify losses suffered by Valley farmers.

"First, the water deficit in Mexican deliveries could not be related to the annual surface water withdrawals by agricultural data due to lack of data," the report states. "Second, data on acreage planted to all crops, irrigated and dryland, is incomplete. Third, there are numerous confounding factors that have affected planted area in the region during the period of the deficit deliveries."

Authors of the study could not be reached by telephone for comment late Tuesday.

The Rio Grande Valley depends on river water for irrigation as well as drinking water. The ditches have largely remained dry in recent years and some farmers have been forced to burn their orange and grapefruit groves.

While Mexico is obligated by a 1944 treaty to release water from northern dams so it reaches deep South Texas, Mexico leaders say drought conditions mean there's no water to spare.

U.S. farmers and some politicians dispute this, saying Mexico is hoarding water in inland reservoirs to quench Mexican crops.

According to the International Boundary and Water Commission, Mexico owes some 1.5 million-acre feet of water, with each acre feet being about 326,000 gallons of water.

A Texas A&M study due to be released this week says South Texas farmers have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in the past decade due to insufficient water.

Hawaii mulls setting ceiling on gas prices

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii is on the verge of becoming the first state to cap gasoline prices — a move critics described as an election-year tactic that will simply drive gas stations out of business.

Both the House and Senate are to take up a bill Thursday that would allow the state to set a maximum price on gasoline based on an average of prices in West Coast markets. Narrow approval is expected.

A vote scheduled for Tuesday was deferred after the bill was amended to push back the cap's start date by a year to July 1, 2004.

Supporters of the price cap proposal say the law is needed to protect Hawaii's consumers, who have traditionally paid among the highest prices in the country.

The average price for gas in the state was $1.63 a gallon on Tuesday — second only to California's $1.65 and 23 cents higher than the national average, according to AAA.

Opponents of the price-cap proposal call the measure anticompetitive, saying it will prevent others from trying to enter the Hawaii market and will force small, independent gas stations out of business. They also say supporters are pandering to consumers during an election year.

"This is political gamesmanship at its worst," said Republican Sen. Fred Hemmings.

Oil companies say high taxes, few suppliers at the wholesale level and barriers to entry for competitors all contribute to Hawaii's high gasoline costs.

The so-called "price of paradise" — the notion that goods are bound to cost more simply due to Hawaii's location — also has been blamed for the high cost of gasoline.

The bill's supporters, who include Gov. Ben Cayetano and Attorney General Earl Anzai, say evidence shows there is no economic reason why Hawaii's gas prices have traditionally been so high.

"There is no real competition in the gasoline industry in Hawaii," Cayetano has said. "When you have industries with such a captive market, it is appropriate for government to step in."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Common sense — coupled with the knowledge you've acquired over time — makes you a force to be reckoned with in the year ahead. It can be one of your better years for material acquisition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What makes you so effective is that you take involvements seriously, yet you can be philosophical concerning their outcome. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be "we" minded, because your greatest potential for success comes through situations where you share an interest with another who is equally responsible as yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This is not going to be one of those days where you take comfort in being a loner, so it might be wise to take the initiative and make plans that include an enjoyable companion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Get your "must do" list out, because you're going to be in a more industrious mood than a social one. Take advantage of this and accomplish something worthwhile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Handled skillfully, business can be blended nicely with pleasure. Arrange something social with persons with whom you share a common commercial objective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's fine to have outside interests, but when duty calls, put your kith and kin first. Make them the most important people in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your restless nature makes this an excellent day to take care of errands or touch bases with all those you've neglected lately. The more you're on the go, the better you'll like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This is a good day for you to involve yourself in financial or material issues, because you possess a great deal of common sense whether you're buying or selling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take total control of how you spend your time, because being able to do what you want when you want will be of utmost importance to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If left to your own devices, there are a number of private concerns that can be dealt with. You'll utilize your time well if you keep outsiders at bay.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You're a hopeful realist who will be able to deal with things as you find them. Today you'll have a better than usual chance to realize your wishes and desires.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — One of your innovations may garner you unexpected recognition from a notable person. The appreciation will mean a lot.

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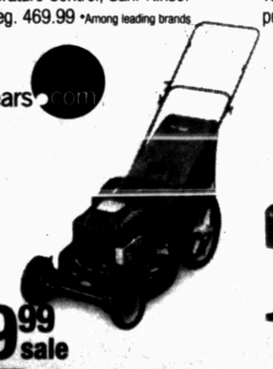

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More troops enter hunt for al-Qaida

WASHINGTON (AP) — A buildup of multinational forces along the Afghan border raised expectations today that coalition troops might make new gains in the hunt for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.

And reports of a rocket attack on a building in Pakistan used by Americans raised fresh fears of coalition casualties. The rocket apparently missed and no injuries were reported.

Several hundred troops, including Afghans, Australians, British and soldiers from America's 101st Airborne Division, were going to sites in Afghanistan along the Pakistani border, in several separate missions aimed at finding hiding enemy fighters and disrupting their operations, Pentagon officials said.

Coalition patrols and raids have focused such missions on the rugged, mountainous region for at least two months with the number of troops on the search rising and falling over time. But activities have been stepped up in recent days with a couple hundred more American troops moved into the area early this week, bringing the number to several hundred, one defense official said on condition of anonymity.

U.S., Saudi Arabia to work together to pursue peace in the Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has reached an informal agreement with Saudi Arabia to jointly step up pressure for a negotiated peace accord in the Middle East, senior U.S. and Saudi officials said today.

The accord, honed during Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah's talks with President Bush last week in Texas, accelerates the emergence of the once quiet oil monarchy into an assertive and highly public Arab diplomatic force.

The joint venture began with Saudi criticism that the United States was not putting enough pressure on Israel, a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press. The administration's response was that the Saudis had to do more with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and "they have been very active," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Abdullah and the Saudi foreign minister, Saud al-Faisal, are keeping in touch with Arafat and other Arab leaders. "They are keeping their part of the bargain," the official said.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke to Saud by telephone on Tuesday and also to Arafat "to keep the process moving forward," the official said.

The United States traditionally has sought to keep even allies like France and other would-be European mediators at a distance. But it is wlecoming the Saudis' intervention.

And the kingdom has responded. "This is one of the rare moments in history where there is virtually universal consensus on the outlines of a deal and the proper approach," a senior Saudi official said. "We msut seize the moment."

In conversations with Arab leaders, he said, the Saudis are trying to promote an international peace conference — one that focuses on an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

U.N. fact-finding mission to Jenin may be cancelled

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is considering canceling a U.N. fact-finding mission to the Jenin refugee camp because of Israeli complaints and was looking for advice from the Security Council today before deciding the fate of the investigation.

The three-member team, which has been waiting in Geneva for four days, was appointed by Annan on April 19 to look into Israel's eight-day military operation in the refugee camp. The Palestinians say the Israeli army massacred civilians, while Israel says its army fought against entrenched Palestinian gunmen.

The mission has met strong objections from Israel, which opposes the mandate and composition of the inquiry team, saying it is biased against Israel.

Israel's security Cabinet decided Tuesday not to cooperate until six Israeli demands are met, including a promise that activities by Palestinian militants in the camp will also be scrutinized and that Israeli soldiers will be protected from prosecution.

"Given the team's inability to proceed and the difficulties we have had, I was inclined to disband it," Annan said Tuesday.

The secretary-general said he will listen to the Security Council, which will meet late today, before deciding whether to call the team and its advisers back from Geneva.

"I have indicated to them my inclination and I will discuss it further with them," Annan told reporters as he arrived at U.N. headquarters on today. "It is also possible that I may get some news from the Israeli side ... so I will have to see how the council discussions go."

The mission is headed by former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari, along with Cornelio Sommaruga, former president of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Missing girl not noticed for months

MIAMI (AP) — Child welfare officials acknowledge that a 5-year-old girl remained missing for more than a year before anyone noticed because of a bureaucratic blunder.

Rilya Wilson, who should have been monitored monthly by child welfare agents, was reported missing only last Thursday. Her grandmother, who was caring for the girl and two siblings, said someone who claimed to be a Department of Children and Families representative took the girl in late 2000 or early 2001, saying she needed to be evaluated.

The girl was never returned. The grandmother, whom police say is not a suspect, thought Rilya was still with DCF.

"We're hoping it's just a slip-up in the system and the kid is OK," said Miami-Dade police Detective Joey Giordano.

Meanwhile, Kansas City police were investigating if an unidentified girl found beheaded in Missouri last April is the missing child.

Palm prints of the missing girl were sent from Miami to determine if they match those of the girl known only as Precious Doe, whose decapitated body was found April 28, 2001, in east Kansas City.

Obituaries

Jack Tyree

1925-2002

Jack W. Tyree of Sweetwater, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, April 30, in Luman-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Tyree, 77, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 1, 1925 in Bagdad, Fla., he married Clara Silvia Cole in 1967 in Casper, Wyo. She died March 9, 1993. He also was preceded in death by a brother, James Moody Tyree, in 1952.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Tyree had worked in highway construction.

Survivors include a brother, Horace Tyree of Lubbock; a sister-in-law, Lorance Wilburn of Abilene; a niece, Carolyn Hale of Sweetwater; a nephew, James William Tyree of Clyde; four great-nieces and nephews; and three great-great-nieces and nephews.

Homes evacuated after chemical plant explodes

PEARLAND (AP) — A series of explosions rocked a chemical plant and sent flames hundreds of feet into the sky early today, prompting authorities to evacuate about 100 people from their homes. No injuries were reported but one house was destroyed.

Residents near Third Coast Packaging were awakened when their windows were rattled by the blasts at the plant, which packages and labels chemicals and includes a tank farm for storage.

"It was chaos — fire trucks, officers, balls of fire and loud explosions," said Carlie Bankston, 21, who lives about three houses down from the plant. "It was very frightening."

The explosions were heard up to five miles from the plant and flames were seen more than 10 miles away, witnesses said. Pearland is about 20 miles southeast of Houston.

"We had flames 800 feet in the air at the plant," said Houston District Fire Chief Jack Williams. "At one point, about 15 tanks were on fire."

He said it would take two to three days for the burning petroleum products to be extinguished. But the fire was contained after several hours and flames began to subside.

Authorities used a foam-based substance to battle the blaze, rather than water that could spread the fire.

Williams said two warehouses and one house were destroyed. Occupants of the house had been evacuated but firefighters were unable to get close enough to save the building.

A check for toxic chemicals showed no such substances were involved.

"All of the product is petroleum based," said Houston fire spokesman Jay Evans. "There are numerous tanks that have caved in and ripped open. There's an extreme amount of damage out there."

Residents who weren't evacuated were urged to stay inside their homes.

Two arrested on warrants

Arrests

Officers arrested a 37-year-old man Tuesday morning on a municipal court warrant for driving without a seat belt.

A 17-year-old man was taken into custody by deputies Tuesday evening on warrants for speeding, failure to appear before a judge, failure to maintain liability insurance and expired license plates.

At 4 a.m. today officers arrested an 18-year-old man in the 1200 block of 26th Street for driving while intoxicated.

Criminal mischief

A woman reported damage to her mailbox Tuesday morning. She did not wish to file a report, but did request a close patrol.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence on Ave. M Tuesday after finding a nunchakus in her backyard and also advised someone possibly injuring her dogs.

A man reported prowlers in his alley Tuesday night and requested a close patrol of the area.

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ONGOINGS

Apostolic Faith Church revival

Apostolic Faith Church is having a revival at 7 p.m. today through Friday. Vernon Groce is the speaker and the public is invited.

Ira kindergarten registration

Ira Independent School District is holding kindergarten registration today through Friday from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration is for students who will turn five before Sept. 1. At the time of registration, a birth certificate, social security card and updated immunization record is required.

FBC services televised

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

Prayer breakfast

Everyone is invited to Colonial Hill Baptist Church from 7 to 7:45 a.m. Thursday to observe the National Day of Prayer. The church is located at 37th St. and El Paso.

Car show, cruise

Classic cars will be on display from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the American State Bank parking lot as the weekend's car show gets underway. The show will feature live music from the 1950s, '60s and '70s. The Snyder Wheels Sonic Drive In cruise will be held Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. following the swap meet and car show from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the square.

BSA Big Bass Classic

The Boy Scouts of America will hold its Big Bass Classic Saturday at Lake Alan Henry. Call 574-2223 for more information.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

A Pyron Cemetery meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Hermleigh community center, followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira sports banquet is set for 7 p.m. Monday. Reservations can be made at the Ira school office.

Gateway Family Services

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

Reception

A reception to honor State Rep. David Counts and out-going school trustee Janet Stribling will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

FBC support groups

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

Fish-a-Thon

The Boy Scouts of America will hold its annual fish-a-thon from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 11 at Towle Park Pond. There will be hourly prizes.

End of school dance

An Snyder 8th grade end of school dance with a Hawaiian theme will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club. There will also be games and cost is $5.

American Legion officers

The American Legion will elect officers Monday, May 13, in a 7 p.m. meeting at the legion hall. All members are urged to attend.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts who register for the 2002-2003 membership during May will receive a patch. Cost is $7. See your Girl Scout leader to register.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552-7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool hours

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

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

ESL, GED classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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