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City's fire pact doesn't pass muster

By Roy McQueen
SDN Publisher

The Snyder city council can't go back to square one — it's already there.

A 10-year-old city-county shared-services agreement that expired in 1996 has been a topic of council discussion for months.

While still anticipating a pact on shared services, the city council last month agreed to remove fire suppression and place it in a stand-alone agreement.

Approval of the agreement was on Monday night's council agenda, but the council — after citizen and legal input — unanimously sent the proposed document back to committee.

Roy Baze, the citizen who helped then-mayor Paul Zeck and then-County Judge Bob Doolittle craft the inter-local agreement in 1996, urged the council to "hang the fire suppression contract on the hook."

Baze suggested that all shared services be looked at in a total package with equitable terms under which neither party profits.

"In my opinion, it is not prudent to peel out one shared service and open negotiations on a splintered basis."

City Attorney Dana Cooley agreed with Baze that the proposed fire suppression contract on the agenda needed work, especially a formula used to arrive at costs and reimbursements.

Cooley submitted a revised copy of the proposal with "clarification and definitions." Terry Martin, chair of the council committee, concurred that more "scrubbing" is needed before adoption. After council approval, the proposal would then go to the commissioners' court for consideration.

Also in attendance were county commissioners Chloanne Lindsey and Howard Limmer, but neither county official spoke.

Although expired, the current interlocal agreement contains not only fire fighting, but also EMS services, dispatching, jail operations and sanitation.

Also tabled Monday evening was approval of a mutual-aid agreement with surrounding fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies.

Council member Stephanie Ducheneaux expressed concerns that the pact would become "complicated" with numerous amendments anticipated.

The city attorney concurred that the agreement could complicate matters in light of the proposed fire suppression agreement.

Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland and Police Chief Steve Warren said a tentative agreement is now in place and it permitted the emergency management team to submit a grant application.

Warren said the city has until Dec. 31 to work out details of the final contract.

Cooley noted that a key issue in one entity assisting another entity is liability, specifically workman's compensation, and cited a case in the metroplex where a fireman was injured responding to an emergency in another jurisdiction.

The council, anticipating higher employee health insurance premiums, instructed staff to get options on various deductibles. The current city plan carries a $500 deductible.

Councilman Ron Shaw suggested that the city look at adding retirees to the insurance program as an added benefit. Although fearful that the addition would raise costs substantially, the council agreed to seek proposals with that option. The city hopes to have bids returned by July when the city will be in budget talks.

Probation officer Cy Tabor gave the council an annual update on the STAR boot camp program and said 54 juveniles were referred in 2002 compared to 62 the previous year.

Tabor described the program as an "effective and efficient tool" in dealing with juvenile behavior.

Reappointments to four boards were unanimously approved:

—Mickey Nunley and Jack Gorman Jr. to the Colorado River Municipal Water District board.

—John Stewart III and Albert DeLoera to the zoning board of adjustment.

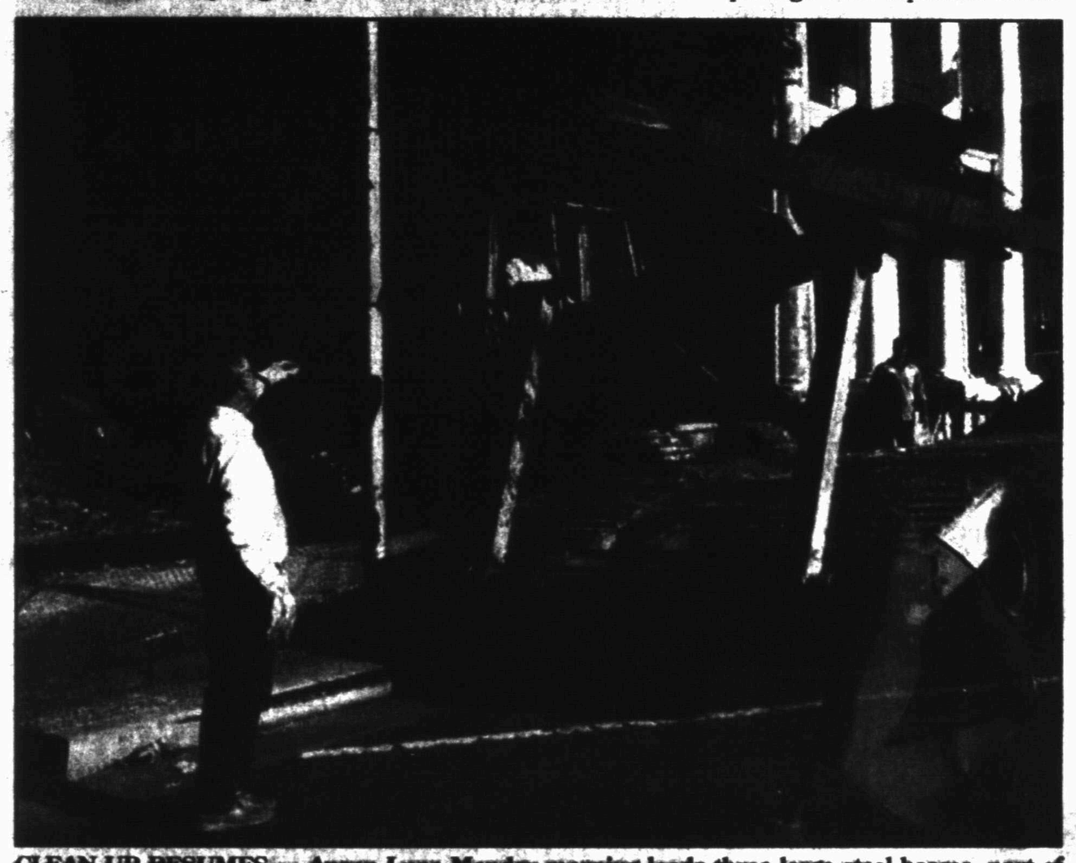
—Mike Rodriquez and Millard Grantham to the builders board of appeal.

—Don West and Bobby Beard to the planning and zoning commission.

Vick Chambers reported that Lee Maddox also had agreed to serve on the planning and zoning commission and that appointment will be on the June 2 council agenda.

At the start of the meeting, oaths of office were administered to Mayor Francene Noah and at-large council members Terry Martin and David Harrell. All three were declared elected as they drew no opponents in the May 3 election.

Mayor Noah presided and council members attending were Martin, Shaw, Ducheneaux, Harrell, Vernest Tippens and James Ashley.



CLEAN UP RESUMES — Anson Luna Monday morning loads three large steel beams, part of debris from the Feb. 27 fire that destroyed Colortyme and caused extensive damage to Mape's Appliance, the adjacent building on the south side. City sanitation superintendent Bobby Kenner oversees the job and Curtis Sharp is shown far right. Clean up was delayed due to necessary testing for hazardous chemicals. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

TEA review team here next week

The Snyder Independent School District will have a District Effectiveness and Compliance (DEC) on-site peer review beginning next Tuesday.

The review will be by the Texas Education Agency's Department of Quality, Compliance and Accountability.

The purpose of the visit is to evaluate the district's efforts to improve student performance in special programs.

The review will focus on the decision-making and planning process relating to the quality of services provided.

The visit also will include a review compliance with state and federal requirements for special programs.

Special programs to be reviewed are bilingual education/English as a second language, career and technology education, federal title programs, gifted and talented, optional extended-year programs and special education.

In addition, requirements for dyslexia services, pre-kindergarten notification procedures and state compensatory education expenditures will be reviewed.

"Parental and community input is an important aspect of the DEC visit," said SISD Supt. Dr. Ronny Collins.

"To ensure the opportunity for parents and community members to communicate directly regarding SISD's service to the public, three roundtable discussions are scheduled."

Those discussions are set next Tuesday in the Snyder Junior High Library.

The discussion for school employees is at 4 p.m., followed by parents of special education children at 5:30. For parents of any SISD student, the meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Interpreters will be available.

Grand jury has light work

The Scurry County grand jury convened Monday in 132nd District court, but for the first time in courthouse memory, no indictments were returned.

Two cases were reportedly on the docket for review, one case was passed and one was not presented.

Assistant District Attorney Ben Smith said both cases are still under investigation.

Theft charges dismissed

A theft case against a Sweetwater businessman was dismissed without prejudice in 132nd District Court last Wednesday.

Johnathan Bergstrom was indicted last November for the theft of a cultivator from Snyder resident Eddie Don Floyd.

Court documents revealed that shortly before the case was scheduled for trial, the state learned from the defendant's attorney of evidence not previously known to the state.

The defense refused to agree to a prosecutor's request for a continuance.

The order of dismissal with prejudice read, "Justice demands that the state investigate fully the additional evidence and there was not sufficient time to investigate the additional evidence prior to trial."

Without prejudice means that the case may again be filed.

Assistant District Attorney Ben Smith said that the case remains under investigation and that he would not be surprised if it were not again presented to a grand jury.

Bergstrom, who is an Edward Jones representative in Sweetwater, had been free on a $5,000 bond.



NOT A DRAG — Snyder youngsters Nick Zajicek, left, and Kolby Kubena check out a drag racer on display Saturday at the Snyder Wheels car show on the square. Dozens of classic and specialty cars were on display. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—When will Abilene start taking water from the CRMWD?

A—The pipeline from Ivie Reservoir to Abilene is expected to be finished in 60 to 90 days.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Dana Durst...

...has lived in Snyder 21 years and has been employed with Movie Gallery 2½ years. She lives with her mom, Marie Durst. Her dad is Don Durst and she has one sister and one brother who live out of town, and two nieces and two nephews, all of whom she enjoys spending time with. She also enjoys watching movies.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We must not only give what we have; we must also give what we are.
—Cardinal Mercier

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Real education begins when what is called education ends."

We're always encouraged when readers tell us something they like about the newspaper.

Our long-time friend and fan, Flo Joyce, reads her newspaper daily on the fourth floor of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Early this year, she called to gig us about having 2002 on the front page of the newspaper. In fact it happened twice in the first eight days of the New Year.

We told her it was right 75 percent of the time, and if we had been in the major leagues, we'd have a pretty darn good batting average.

It might interest you to know who reads other newspapers in this country.

—The Wall Street Journal is read by the people who run the country.

—The New York Times is read by folks who think they should be running the country.

—USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand the Washington Post. However, they do like their statistics in pie chart form.

—The LA Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could spare the time and if they didn't have to leave the West Coast to do it.

—The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run the country and think they did a far superior job of it, thank you very much.

—The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country, and don't really care as long as they can get a seat on the train.

—The New York Post is read by people who don't care who's running the country as long as they do something really scandalous.

—The San Francisco Chronicle is ready by people who aren't sure there is a country or that anyone is running it. But whoever it is, they oppose all they stand for.

—The Miami Herald is read by people who are running another country but need the baseball scores.

—The Austin American Statesman is read by people who aren't interested in running anything for which they have to put on a coat and tie.

—The National Enquirer is ready by people trapped in line at the grocery store.

—The Snyder Daily News is read by the nicest, friendliest, smartest people on earth and who are far better qualified to run anything — like Flo Joyce.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Lodge No. 706 will have its stated meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Masonic Lodge.

Stanfield parent council

The Stanfield parent council will meet at 7 this evening in the teachers' lounge in the front hallway of the school.

Ira NHS induction

National Honor Society induction ceremony will be held at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday in the Roy Sallee Gym.

FBC services televised

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

FBC support groups

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

CNA class

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

Boy Scouts Fish-a-Thon

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

County, Gospel music

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

Retired teachers

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

DAR workshop

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

Support group

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Case for Christianity," followed by "The Purpose of Miracles in the New Testament."

Central seminars

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

End-of-school party

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

Ira kindergarten registration

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

Memorial Day events

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

Red Cross fundraiser

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

Joy School fall registration

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

Senior water aerobics

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Comprehensive school funding favored

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry sided with Texas House leaders Monday in the showdown between the Senate and the House over how and when to change the state's share-the-wealth public school finance system.

Commenting on a plan put forth by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and given initial approval Friday in the Senate, Perry suggested it would take much more time to come up with a "comprehensive" system to replace the existing one known as Robin Hood.

The Senate plan mainly addresses shifting the tax load from property taxes to sales taxes and doesn't deal with other education issues, he said.

"I'll be real honest with you, I don't know whether the citizens of the state of Texas are all that excited about that particular plan or not," Perry said. "I think what Texans want to see is a comprehensive look at public schools, not just about shifting taxes."

That viewpoint is almost exactly the one presented by House Speaker Tom Craddick, who issued a statement Friday stating: "We're not going to do anything with a gun to our heads, especially on something so crucial to the future of Texas."

Craddick, Dewhurst and Perry all are Republicans.

Craddick and Perry questioned the quickness with which the Senate is moving.

"This is a bill that no one saw before last Thursday," Perry said. "I do agree that the House needs to take their time to look at public school financing and public schools more than seventy-two hours."

Dewhurst and 29 senators, meeting as a "committee of the whole," unanimously approved their legislation Friday. The measure is expected to be taken up on the Senate floor today.

The proposed new system would cut property taxes by half, while increasing the 6.25 percent state sales tax to 7.25 percent and expanding it to include such services as car washes, advertising and child care. Medical and dental services would be excluded.

The proposal also calls for the 6.25 percent sales tax on vehicles to increase, likely to 7.5 percent.

The plan also would establish a statewide property tax that would be capped at 75 cents per $100 property valuation. Voters would have to approve the statewide property tax, which is prohibited by the Texas Constitution.

Locally, voters also could approve another 10 cents on property to fund programs beyond the basic program funded by the state.

Some educator groups have praised Dewhurst's proposal. But Perry said whatever replaces the current system needs to answer other questions.

"How do you raise teacher salaries? How do you deal with benefits for teachers? How do you make our schools even better? Those are the bigger questions that I think that must be addressed. We can't just leave here on June 2nd with a tax shift that hasn't done anything to make our schools better," Perry said.

The regular legislative session ends June 2. Perry and Craddick have been saying they expect to hold a special session later this year or in early 2004 to tackle school finance. Dewhurst and the senators insist there's enough time now to address it.

Dewhurst said senators are getting a positive reception to their plan all over the state in talking with superintendents, school board members and the Texas Association of School Administrators.

"I think whether we are talking about Plano or different districts, people want to see property tax relief and not wait two years, and that's what the Senate's plan offers," he said.

In the House, legislators have passed a bill that would repeal the Robin Hood system in 2004 and give schools an additional $1.2 billion while lawmakers draft a new financing system. That bill offers no alternative funding plan.

Many school districts complain that the current system, which forces property-rich districts to give money to property-poor districts, is outdated and that districts are reaching their property taxation limits.

Meanwhile, the House has begun to take up the divisive and potentially time-consuming issue of congressional redistricting. Perry said the House is better prepared to consider redistricting because the subject has been debated since the last legislative session.

Redistricting isn't as complex as school finance, the governor added.

The Senate school finance bill is SB 2.

The House school finance bill is HB 5.

DNA retesting done in 5 more cases

HOUSTON (AP) — DNA retesting of evidence in five criminal cases matches results made previously by the Houston Police Department's crime laboratory, which has been under fire since an audit last year found serious deficiencies at the facility.

The retests announced Monday were for Roberto Lopez, Lance Dobbins, Javier Luna and Michael Johnson. The name and case details of the fifth person weren't released.

Lopez was convicted of capital murder, Dobbins of burglary, Luna of aggravated sexual assault of a child, and Johnson of aggravated robbery.

Four of the retests were done by Identigene, a private laboratory in Houston. The fifth was handled by the Harris County medical examiner's crime lab.

About 1,300 cases the Houston police lab handled are being reviewed after a December audit showed there was a lack of training for analysts, insufficient documentation by workers and possible contamination of DNA samples.

Johnson's attorney, Tony Aninao, said he wasn't sure what the retesting meant for his client.

"I'm going to have to re-evaluate everything, check with my client and see what the appropriate course of action will be," Aninao said.

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Today's chuckle

Man takes four horses to car wash

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — Washing his horses at a car wash didn't seem like a bad idea to Jess Yager until it turned out to be illegal.



Yager took his four horses to the car wash Monday afternoon to clean them, saying it's hard to clip and trim horses when their hair is caked with mud.

Animal control officer John Pettit was ready to ticket Yager. Pettit told Yager it was against the law to wash his animals at the car wash and let him off with a warning.

Yager said that's news to him since he's been doing it for years. He said the horses love it and prefer the hot water of the car wash over the cold hose at home.

Yager took his animals home, after only two got the soapy treatment.

Date Book

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Today is the 126th day of 2003 and the 48th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1527, the Sack of Rome began. This led to the end of the Renaissance.

On this day in 1937, the Hindenburg exploded as it approached its destination, killing 36 of its 97 passengers and crew.

On this day in 1954, Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile with a time of 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Penn (1740-1788), signer of the Declaration of Independence; Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), founder of psychoanalysis; Rudolph Valentino (1895-1926), actor; Orson Welles (1915-1985), actor and director.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1915, Babe Ruth hit his first major-league home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Before the problem of the creative writer, analysis must lay down its arms." — Sigmund Freud

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

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BRIDAL SHOWER — Terrie Moore, bride-elect of Damon Dickson, was honoree at a bridal shower April 27 in the home of Keitha Brown. The couple will marry June 7 in Roby. From left are Randi Haggard, friend of the future bride; Kim Moore, bride-elect's sister from Abilene; Zoe Moore, the honoree's niece; Lesa Moore, her mother; the honoree from Abilene; Debbie Spradlin, prospective groom's mother from Roby; and Wilma Moore, grandmother of the bride-elect from Liberal, Kan. (Contributed Photo)



VOLUNTEERS HONORED — Scurry County Library volunteers were honored at a brunch April 28 at the library. From left are Hattie Kinder, Alta Bavousett, Nettie Faye Gardner, librarian Janie Romine, Elizabeth McCloskey and Wanda Botsford. The women help the library staff weekly. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Kinney Robinson joins Odyssey HealthCare Inc.

Kinney Robinson of Snyder recently began his duties as social worker for Odyssey HealthCare Inc. in Scurry and Dawson counties.



K. Robinson

Robinson left Snyder Oaks Care Center as social worker and is now serving Odyssey patients in Snyder and Lamesa.

His responsibilities include meeting the needs of life-limiting patients, their families and their caregivers. He sees patients in their homes, nursing homes or in the hospital on an as needed basis.

Robinson provides emotional and spiritual support and assists with Medicare, Medicaid, social security, funeral planning, living wills and other advance directives. The Odyssey concept focuses on enhancing a patient's comfort and improving that person's quality of life.

"Odyssey is a great company to work for. It is a ministry driven organization and takes pride and care in working with the patients and their families."

Robinson's wife, Ronda, is employed at West Texas State Bank. They have a five-year-old son, John Miller.

To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

—Anatole France

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North		
	♠ K 7 4		
	♥ A K J 10 8 5		
	♦ 10 8		
	♣ 7 2		
West		**East**	
♠ 6 3		♠ 9 2	
♥ 9 7		♥ 6 4 3	
♦ A K 7 5 4		♦ Q J 2	
♣ A 10 6 4		♣ Q J 9 8 3	
	South		
	♠ A Q J 10 8 5		
	♥ Q 2		
	♦ 9 6 3		
	♣ K 5		

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

The play changes when one cannot win

By Phillip Alder

George Eliot wrote, "Life is measured by the rapidity of change, the succession of influences that modify the being."

That is true in bridge, too. Yesterday, I mentioned that if you are playing third hand high, trying to make it as hard as possible for the fourth hand to win the trick, you play the bottom of equally high cards. However, when you cannot win the trick — because either you are discarding, or the first or second hand played a higher card than your best — you may tell partner about a sequence headed by two or more honors by playing the highest of your sequence. Thus, from, say, K-Q-J, drop the king.

This rule is vital for the defense in deals like this. How should East-West card to defeat four spades?

West's two diamonds isn't a thing of beauty, but these days, everyone overcalls with the flimsiest of excuses. Although the contract might not make, North's jump to game is justified.

At trick one, East should play the diamond queen. This shows either a singleton, or the queen and the jack. It tells West that, if he wishes, he may underlead his king at trick two.

Next, West should ask himself which four tricks the defense might win. Based on that dummy, it is logical to go for two diamonds and two clubs. And it must be better for East to push a club through South, rather than for West to lead away from his ace around to South.

So, at trick two, West continues with a low diamond. East wins with the jack and shifts to the club queen, giving the defenders those four tricks.

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Dear Parent(s):

This summer, Snyder Independent School District will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2003-2004 school year.

Classes will be held for 6 weeks at the Jr. High campus and will begin on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 and end on Thursday, July 10, 2003. A bus will pick up students at their home each day and bring them back home after the classes are dismissed. If less than 10 eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it will not be offered.

Student Schedule:	Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays	Wednesdays
	7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
	No Meals	Lunch Provided

Please fill in the section below and return it to any elementary campus principal by Monday, May 12. Late enrollment will not be accepted.

_____ Yes, my child is eligible and will attend summer school. I understand that my child will be dropped from the roll if attendance falls below 90%. If you agree to allow your child to attend summer school, you must be committed to seeing that the child attends every day unless he/she is ill. There will be no tuition charge for the courses, but parents will be responsible for supervising the efforts of their children.

_____ No, my child will not attend.

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Social Security No. _____ Age _____

Home Address _____ Home Telephone _____

Mailing Address _____ Work Telephone _____

Parent's Signature _____

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Las clases serán por 6 semanas en la escuela Jr. High y empezerán por el martes 3 de junio y se terminarán el jueves 10 de julio 2003. Un bos llevará a los niños en su casa cada día por la manaña, y los llevará a la casa cada día cuando se despiden las clases.

Horario estudiantíl	Lunes, Martes y Jueves	Miércoles
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Por favor complete la forma que sigue esta pájina y devuélvela a la escuela de su niño(a) para el lunes 12 de mayo. Matriculación tarde no será aceptado.

12 de mayo

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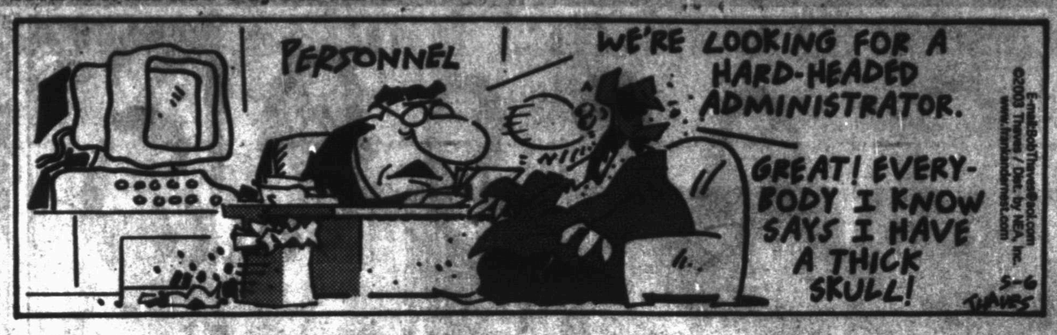
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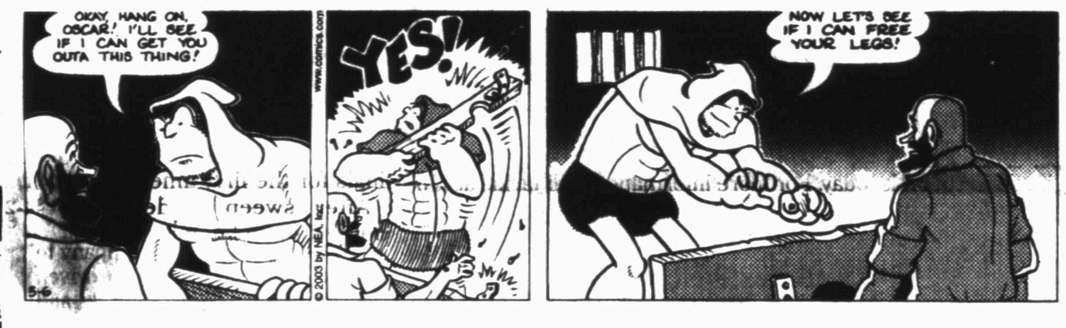
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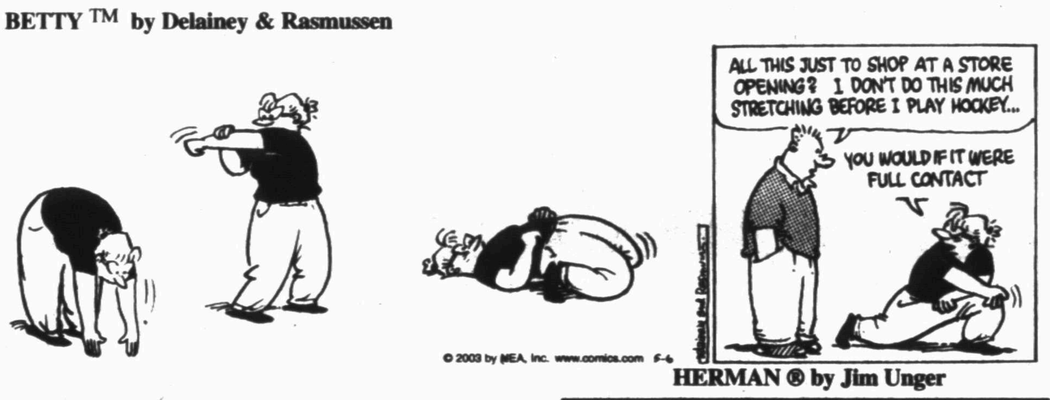
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8 Hot tub
11 Weary exhale
12 Mork's planet
13 Dismounted
15 Fasten
16 Osaka "yes"
17 Deep sleep
18 Sci-fi craft
20 Reddish stone
22 Pass
25 Ewer
26 Briny expanse
27 Gold, in Madrid
28 Sped
31 Breezy
33 Apple seed
34 Century fraction
38 Funny Martha —
39 Flight dir.
40 Lamb's pen name
41 Kitchen tools
44 Model Carol —
45 Baseball stat
48 German article
49 Wash off
51 Wine glass
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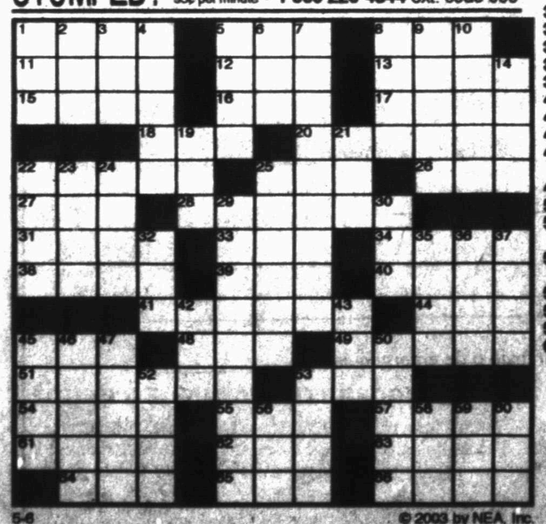
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3 Past
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5 London district
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7 Olympic contender (2 wds.)
8 Pouches
9 Falls softly
10 "Justine" star
14 O'Hara estate
19 Tarboosh
21 Stone or ice —
22 Wild pig
23 Diva's solo
24 Open boat
25 Social type
29 Light musicals
30 Pigment
32 Uh-huh
35 Verve
36 Has a cold
37 Loan figure
42 Fruit drink
43 — Lanka
45 "Yikes!"
46 Thesaurus name
47 Mistreat
50 Wall climbers
52 Darth's daughter
53 Comics heroes (hyph.)
56 Lawyers' org.
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59 Want-ad abbr.
60 Baste

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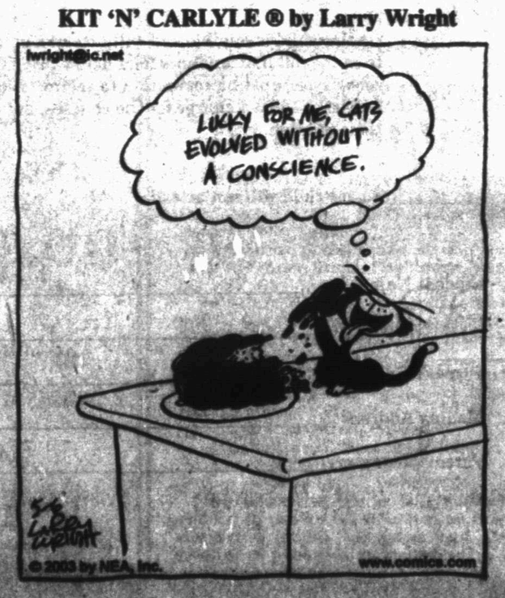
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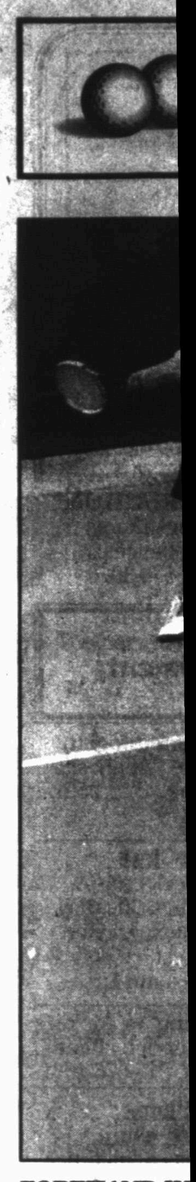
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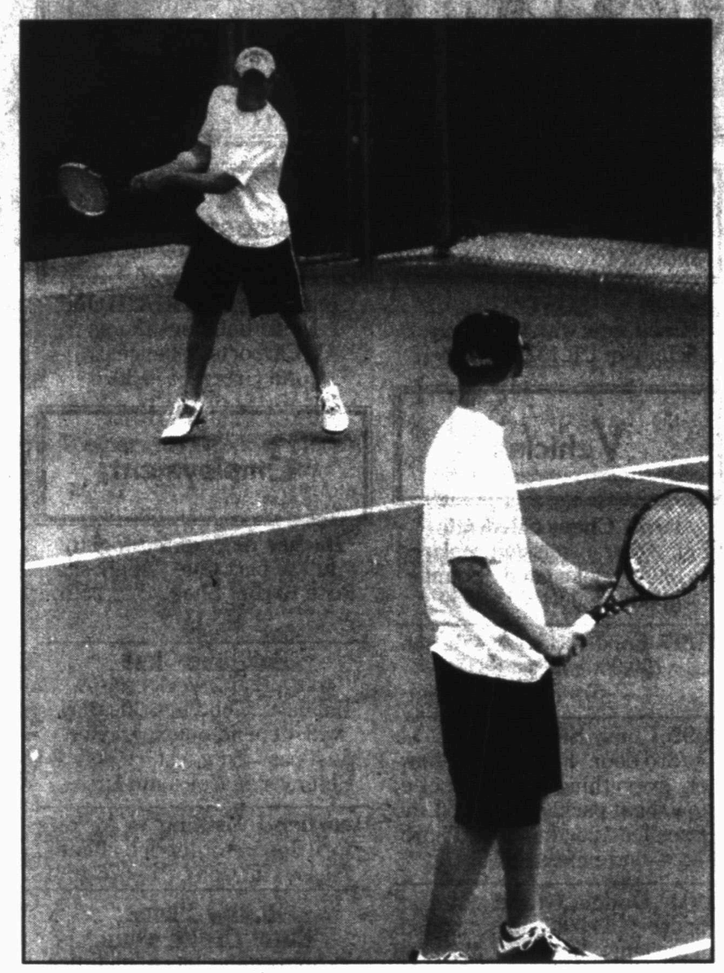
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SPORTS



FOREHAND WINNER — Curt Phillips returns serve as partner Adam Rodgers watches during the boys doubles quarterfinal match against Lindale. Phillips and Rodgers advanced to the state finals match after topping the duo from Falfurrias in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. (SDN Staff Photo)

Netters Phillips and Rodgers play for state championship

AUSTIN — Curt Phillips and Adam Rodgers have just one more obstacle to clear — one they haven't yet been able to get over.

The two were scheduled to square off at 10:15 this morning against Scott Burge and Landon Lewis of Canyon in the state 3A boys doubles final, after breezing through the semifinal match against Ernesto Williams and Daniel Saenz of Falfurrias, 6-2, 6-2 for a shot at the Texas state crown.

"We haven't beaten (Burge and Lewis) yet. We lost in split sets both times, and it will be a hard split set match," head tennis coach Ted Phillips said. "Neither of their kids are great, but we know they are two solid doubles players."

Coach Phillips said he expects today's match to last as long as the two previous matches — some 2½ hours.

Phillips and Rodgers had perhaps the toughest road to the semifinals in the entire boys doubles bracket.

Facing Lindale's Seth Bridges and Isaac Anders — the latter being one-half of last year's 3A state doubles champion — and a 2-6 deficit after one set, Phillips and Rodgers captured a grueling 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory to move into the semifinals.

Besides Ander's powerful left-handed serve, the Tigers' duo was playing in some unaccustomed conditions — very high humidity.

And the temperature was around 90 degrees when the duo finally was called to court 4 at Lakeway World of Tennis around noon, prompting the contingent of loyal Snyder fans to wish for a West Texas breeze.

"The Lindale kid played us two on one," Phillips said. "It took us a while to get adjusted to his style."

Phillips also said Anders is as good as anyone they played against the entire year.

While Phillips and Rodgers were struggling against one duo from Lindale, the girls had their own troubles with the Lindale girls team.

Pat Vargas and Andra Dunham were bounced in the quarterfinals by Tabitha Jackson and Lauren Carter in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.

"The Lindale girls were a lot better than I thought they were," Phillips said. "They are pretty aggressive. Our style is to keep the ball in play and wear them down, but we could just never wear them down. Pat and Andra played well, but they jumped on us and took the net away."

Spurs overcome Lakers, 87-82

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio made the most of its size advantage after Shaqille O'Neal fouled out with 3:26 left in posting an 87-82 victory Monday night in Game 1 of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night in San Antonio.

"It was good to get this one, but we still have a mountain to climb," said Spurs center David Robinson, who had 14 points and 11 rebounds. "They're the defending champs and they're not going to give up that easy."

Robinson scored San Antonio's only basket after O'Neal left the game on a layup with 2:56 remaining to put the Spurs up, 81-73. After that, it was only foul shots — three by Tim Duncan, two by Robinson and one by Tony Parker.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the court, Kobe Bryant was hot.

Bryant scored 13 of his game-high 37 points in the fourth, including back-to-back 3-pointers to trim the Spurs' lead to 85-82 with 1:08 left. But after that, he stepped out of bounds on a drive and then he missed a 3-point attempt with 11.8 seconds on the clock.

In the other NBA playoff game Monday night, New Jersey beat Boston 97-93 to take a 1-0 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal.

WTC baseball signs two from Houston

The Western Texas College baseball team signed two players this week from 5A Houston Terry High School.

Added to the roster are shortstop Ricky Watkins and third baseman Derek David. Both players were Texas All-Stars, and Watkins played in the Sun Belt Classic, competing against all-stars from Oklahoma, California and several other western states.

The recruits signed their commitment letters in Houston, and sent them to the athletic department.

WTC also re-signed left-handed pitcher Cody Guzman to return for a second season.

The Westerners have lost one player, Jeremy Cross, who will transfer to Ohio Northern University.

Three more players — Scott Peden, Tyrrell Henley and Trey Roberson — are being recruited by Eastern New Mexico, and have visits planned to that campus in the coming weeks.

Ducks shoot down Stars

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Mighty Ducks are flying into the Western Conference finals for the first time.

After sweeping defending Stanley Cup champion Dallas in the first round, Anaheim beat the top-seeded Dallas Stars 4-3 Monday night to move within four wins of the Stanley Cup finals.

Defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh knocked a rebound past Marty Turco with 1:06 remaining to lift the Ducks to the win over Dallas that clinched Anaheim's 4-2 series win over the Stars.

Ozolinsh scored his first goal of the playoffs after Turco blocked Mike Leclerc's shot from the right circle and the puck bounced out in front of the crease. The sellout crowed of 17,174 erupted.

Clubhouse fire deemed arson

DALLAS (AP) — A fire that destroyed a clubhouse under construction at the Dallas National Golf Club, causing an estimated $1.5 million in damage, was intentionally set, investigators said.

Officials would not say how the fire started, but Tom Crowley, a spokesman with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said they were sure it wasn't an accident.

Crowley told The Dallas Morning News today that the ATF usually helps investigate a fire when it causes more than $1 million in damage.

Last week's fire at the 25,000-square-foot clubhouse took about 60 firefighters more than an hour to extinguish. There were no injuries.

Club officials said they will rebuild. The clubhouse had been scheduled to open in September, but now probably won't open until January.



TALKING IT OVER — Andra Dunham, left, and Pat Vargas discuss strategy between points in the girls doubles quarterfinals Monday. The girls were knocked from the tournament by the pair from Lindale, 6-3, 6-2. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

Lifeguard course

A lifeguard training class is scheduled Friday through Sunday at Western Texas College.

Students will be certified as lifeguards and also have CPR, first aid and automated external defibrillation (AED) certifications.

The cost is $100 per person, and there must be 10 students to hold the class. The cost to re-certify lifeguards for three years is $30 per challenge, and to re-certify for CPR, first aid and AED for one year is $30 per challenge.

Registration cut-off is today. For more information, call Jackie at 573-9811.

Playoff games at Moffett.

The Ira Bulldogs will take on Paducah at 5 p.m. Wednesday in a bi-district tilt. Moffett Field also will be the site of the Class 2A area playoff series between Eastland and Floydada. The first game is Friday at 8 p.m., with game two following Saturday morning at 10. Game three, if necessary, will be played 30 minutes after the conclusion of game two.

SGSA board meeting

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

NBA Playoffs

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(Best-of-7)

Monday, May 5

New Jersey 97, Boston 93, New Jersey leads series 1-0

San Antonio 87, L.A. Lakers 82, San Antonio leads series 1-0

Tuesday, May 6

Philadelphia at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Sacramento at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7

Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Sacramento at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9

New Jersey at Boston, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL PLayoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Monday, May 5

Ottawa 5, Philadelphia 1, Ottawa wins series 4-2

Minnesota 7, Vancouver 2, Vancouver leads series 3-2

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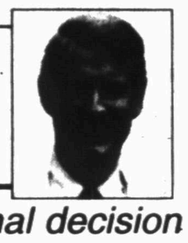
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Breast augmentation a personal decision

DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago, my wife dieted and lost 30 pounds. Although she used to have medium-sized breasts, she now has virtually none. Is there any way to enlarge them?

DEAR READER: Much of the bulk of breast tissue in non-pregnant, non-lactating women is made up of fat. Therefore, a significant weight loss often reduces the size of the breasts. While some women may welcome such a reduction, others object to having smaller breasts. In such cases, augmentation using plastic surgery will provide a solution.

I think it's important to consider that your wife may be content with her slim, new figure. To a large degree, the attractiveness and desirability of a certain full-breast size is governed by unique cultural criteria that are not health related and appear to be defined by males in our society.

Consequently, before recommending breast augmentation surgery, I'd want to make sure that your wife wishes to enlarge her breasts because of her own sense of well-being, rather than simply to please others by meeting non-medical, cultural expectations.

I suggest she discuss her preferences with her physician and, if appropriate, accept a referral to a plastic surgeon.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with a disease that reduces lubrication to the joints, for which I have been prescribed prednisone. I've heard that this drug can produce tremendous side effects, yet my condition is painful. Are the side effects worth being pain-free?

DEAR READER: This is a decision only you can make.

Some autoimmune diseases - when the body reacts unfavorably to its own normal tissues - are marked by joint inflammation and poor lubrication. In these instances, steroid drugs, such as prednisone, will help "turn off" the body's immune response and relieve discomfort. However, as you are aware, this benefit has its price; prednisone and other steroid drugs do have troublesome, even dangerous, side effects that include: diabetes, susceptibility to infection, osteoporosis, cataracts and alterations in facial characteristics. Therefore, before taking the drug, you should carefully weigh the benefits vs. the risks.

If you are in constant pain, your life is governed by discomfort and the prednisone relieves your symptoms, the side effects may simply be the price you have to pay for being symptom-free. On the other hand, if your pain is tolerable, you may choose a less potent drug with fewer side effects. Your doctor can help you by explaining your options, but, in the final analysis, the decision must be yours.

I have a suggestion that may enable you to straddle the fence. Try prednisone for a couple of weeks and see how much you improve. Short courses of steroids do not cause significant side effects, as is the case with long-duration therapy. If you experience profound relief, you can decide about continued prednisone therapy, which can be administered in the lowest effective dose possible, thereby reducing the risk of side effects. Or it could be administered with other, non-steroid drugs, making a still lower dosage possible.

Share your concerns with your doctor and ask him or her to consider a trial of prednisone, followed by a tailor-made, minimal-dose program, with or without additional medication. Let me know how this situation resolves.

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

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Station suspends DJs for playing 'Chicks'

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Country station KKCS has suspended two disk jockeys for playing the Dixie Chicks, violating a ban imposed after the group criticized President Bush.

Natalie Maines told a London concert audience just before the war in Iraq that, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

"We pulled their music two months ago, and it's been a difficult decision because how can you ignore the hottest group in country music," said station manager Jerry Grant.

He said there has been discussion about whether to reinstate the music, but the DJs, Dave Moore and Jeff Singer became impatient.

"They made it very clear that they support wholeheartedly the president of the United States. They support wholeheartedly the troops, the military. But they also support the right of free speech," said Grant.

The station has received a couple of hundred calls and 75 percent favored playing the music.

Grand said Moore and Singer will be out for a couple of days.

"I gave them an alternative: stop it now and they'll be on suspension, or they can continue playing them and when they come out of the studio they won't have a job."

The station plans to play the group's music again eventually.

"Most stations are starting to play them again anyhow a song here, a song there. I just have a problem with the way this was done. We would have put them in anyhow. But wed like to do it on our terms," he said.

Markets

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NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	7.02	6.45	6.92	+ .68
AOL TimeWrn	13.25	13.02	13.11	—.27
AT&T Corp rs	17.00	16.62	16.69	—.05
Albertsons	20.55	20.42	20.50	+ .02
Alltel	48.08	47.29	47.98	+ .79
AmEl Pw	25.88	25.67	25.77	—.02
AndarkPtr	45.23	44.84	44.90	—.37
ATMOS Egy	23.10	23.01	23.03	+ .08
Aviall	9.27	9.00	9.26	+ .30
BP PLC	40.34	39.90	39.99	+ .59
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BellSouth	26.09	25.54	25.90	+ .32
BurlNoSFe	28.00	27.76	27.89	+ .14
Caterpillar	53.50	52.62	53.24	+ .56
CenterPoint	8.15	8.00	8.05	—.04
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Citigroup	39.88	39.30	39.64	+ .11
CocaCola	40.97	40.62	40.95	+ .42
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SprintPCS	4.00	3.80	3.81	—.03
Sunoco Inc	38.25	37.85	38.17	+ .19
TXU Corp	18.81	18.45	18.62	—.39
TempleInland	44.71	44.30	44.61	+ .26
Textnd	20.70	20.20	20.35	+ .25
TexasInst	19.77	19.50	19.73	+ .24
Textron	31.20	30.97	31.08	+ .21
TrinityInds	17.67	17.52	17.55	—.11
TylerTech	4.02	3.92	4.00	
UnionPacif	60.40	59.90	60.10	+ .02
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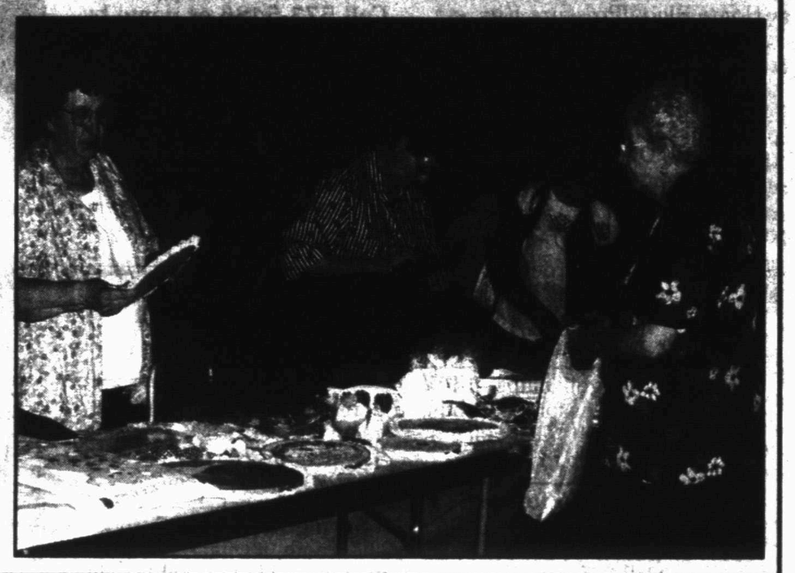
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For mothers, mother's day is often a day of reflection. For mothers whose children are grown and gone it is a day of phone calls, memories and a little sentimentality. That is good and as it should be. For young mothers who are in the middle of the battle of raising children, it is sometimes a day of rest from normal labors. Maybe her family pampers her a little. But there is little rest. The schedule begins quickly, often with the cleaning up of the "dinner" or "breakfast" prepared for the mother. There are ball games, practices and schedules to manage. There is a house to clean and often a job to manage. In the middle of that, many mothers ask themselves, "What kind of job am I really doing?" "Am I doing the things that are really important for a mother to do?"

Of the many things that a mother can do for her children, passing along a genuine faith is surely the most important. II Timothy 1: 5 talks about a sincere faith that first lived in a grandmother, then a mother and then a son, Timothy. Sincere faith is contagious. It is not just what we teach our children that is important. It is the sincere faith that we have in Jesus Christ that makes a difference. Children see and know. One of the most important things we can do is to build up and strengthen our own faith. It will not go unnoticed by our children.

Dale Huff

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Chorus of encouragement backs teen's dream of studying art

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "High on Talent/Low on Self-Esteem" touched my heart. My son also knew at an early age that he wanted to be an artist. He is now at one of the most prestigious art schools in New York City.

My advice to "High/Low" is to request support and advice from his school counselors and art teachers. There are weekend and summer studios at museums and colleges for students of all ages. It's important to keep his grades up. Scholarships are available for good students with talent. The teen should draw, draw, draw — keep his sketchbooks and start a portfolio. Observational drawing is a must. He should familiarize himself not only with pencil and pen, but also with charcoal and pastels.

Above all, that young man should not give up. True artists draw not because they can, but because they must. There are many career options in the field. Artschools.com is a good Web site for information. — **MOTHER OF AN ARTIST, MERRIMACK, N.H.**

DEAR M.O.A.: Whistler's mother had nothing on you. Bless you for wanting to help.

That letter brought an enormous response from readers. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old artist, and I want to tell "High on Talent" and his parents to follow his dream. Animation is a respectable career. It can pay very well, besides being fun.

Some tips I got from a Disney animator who visited our school:

Carry a sketchbook everywhere, and use it. Copy the great masters or any artist you admire. Museums are great for this purpose. Practice design and composition. All artists are designers. Photography is a good way to practice composition. Observe differences in how people and animals move — no two are alike. Animate a bouncing ball. Every principle of animation can be found in this exercise. Watch TV with the sound muted. You will see how animation is mostly about timing.

Most important: As artists we constantly need visual "food" to sustain us. Consume as much high-quality "art food" as you can and keep drawing! Who knows? Maybe you and I will be famous artists one day! — **SUZY IN COLORADO**

DEAR SUZY: How nice of you to share those tips from a professional!

DEAR ABBY: While one should not push a child into college to become an artist, neither should one close the door on a child who might turn out to be the next Picasso (who lived the life of a millionaire and was famous for much of his lifetime). It was the highly visible Vincent Van Gogh who got us all thinking that artists live in poverty and die in obscurity. — **MR. V., ART TEACHER, NEW JERSEY**

DEAR MR. V.: Now that's an art lesson in a nutshell.

DEAR ABBY: There are lots of jobs for animators. Technical colleges and universities offer programs for this high-demand field every year, and have problems staffing them. The popularity of movies such as "Monsters Inc." and "Ice Age" have created a demand for computer artists, and so has the video game industry. How do I know? I'm an instructor at a community college in the Northwest, and we can't find enough teachers for our program in art animation. — **MICHELE S. IN SEATTLE**

DEAR MICHELE: Thank you, and all of those who wrote to encourage that young man and reassure his parents.

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Death toll from nightclub fire rises to 100 after patient dies

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — In the hours after The Station nightclub fire, Anna Gruttadauria believed her daughter had died. She searched hospitals and eventually found Pamela alive, but she was so severely burned her mother could only identify her by her feet.

First listed as a Jane Doe at Massachusetts General Hospital, the 33-year-old remained there in critical condition for 21/2 months. She finally succumbed to her injuries Sunday night.

"I got her back and this time I knew I wasn't going to get her back because she was suffering too much," Anna Gruttadauria said.

Pamela Gruttadauria, of Johnston, was the 100th person to die as a result of the Feb. 20 blaze that tore through the West Warwick nightclub.

"She was a very energetic person, very goodhearted and everyone who met her loved her," said her mother.

The younger Gruttadauria also was strong-willed, her mother said. "She was just a fighter," Anna Gruttadauria said. "She fought for 21/2 months to stay alive."

One of Gruttadauria's primary doctors said her injuries were severe, but he thought she had a chance.

"She was very, very ill for a long time, and her youth and kind of her overall physiological strength are what kept her going," said Dr. John Schulz, a burn and trauma surgeon at Mass General.

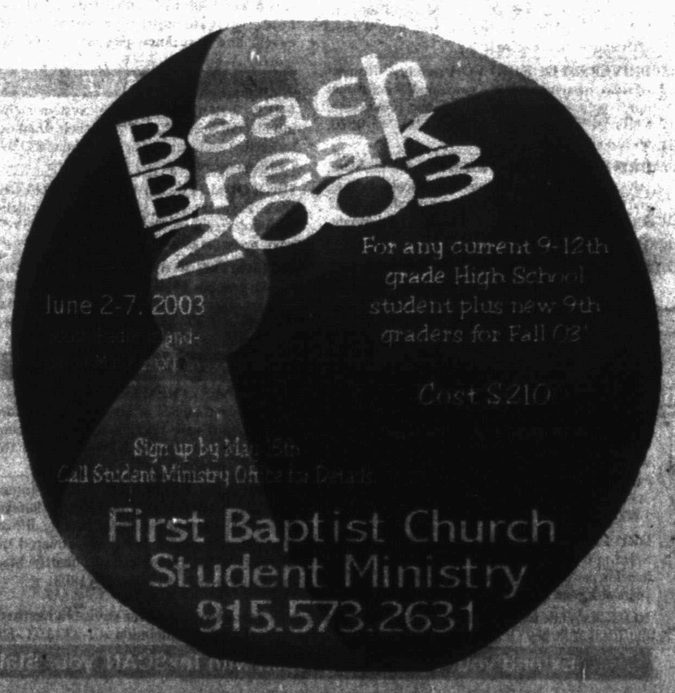
An infection that began the 25th day of Pamela's hospitalization damaged her kidneys and liver, eventually making her too ill to hang on, her mother said.

Pamela Gruttadauria lived with her parents and was her mother's partner for shopping trips and eating out. She adored her niece and nephew, and excelled at her job at the Holiday Inn in Warwick, her mother said Monday.

"They used to call her 'the Breakfast Queen. She was the breakfast supervisor. That was her domain," Anna Gruttadauria said.

Holiday Inn general manager Jim Petrone called her a "consummate hotel professional."

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Most of Malvo's confession can be used

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Nearly all of a confession that sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo gave to police can be used by prosecutors at trial, a judge ruled today.

The decision by Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush allows prosecutors to use Malvo's own words against him at his trial, set to begin Nov. 10. Authorities said he confessed to two of the fatal shootings, including the Oct. 14 killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store that he is to be tried for first.

"Having considered the totality of the circumstances surrounding the police interrogation ... I conclude that his statement was made voluntarily," Roush wrote.

At issue was whether Malvo, now 18, offered the confession willingly or was coerced by police. Roush's ruling came a week after she heard two days of testimony and arguments and then pored over voluminous case law dealing with a suspect's right to remain silent and to have legal counsel.

Defense attorneys had challenged the confession, arguing that it violated Malvo's right to remain silent. They said a series of improprieties by police and prosecutors kept Malvo from his lawyers and that Malvo's request to speak to his attorneys was ignored.

Prosecutors argued that Malvo's mention of an attorney fell well short of the clear, unambiguous demand required by law to halt an interrogation. They cited the testimony of Fairfax homicide detective June Boyle, who said she advised Malvo of his rights numerous times.

Federal interest rates may remain stable

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fragile postwar economy is expected to gradually grow stronger this year as uncertainties weighing on American businesses and consumers lift.

With that hope, Federal Reserve policy-makers probably will keep short-term interest rates at decades-low levels in the months ahead, many economists believe.

While they are predicting the country will see better economic growth in the second half of this year, economists say it will still take a while for the economy to get back to full speed.

"We are in this painfully slow economic recovery. For the past six months, the economy has been bedeviled by many uncertainties but the economy still managed to grow," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "I think we've passed the greatest risk."

By leaving borrowing costs low, businesses and consumers might be motivated to invest and spend more, helping to energize the listless economy.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan last week expressed cautious optimism about the economy's prospects now that the war is over. He said the economy is "positioned to expand at a noticeably better pace," but the timing and the extent of that improvement remain uncertain.

There have been some encouraging signs. Energy prices, which had risen sharply on war tensions, have recently retreated; the rollercoaster stock market has stabilized; and consumers' confidence in the economy rebounded in April.

There's still reason for concern. Businesses remain wary of big commitments in capital spending and hiring, major forces restraining the economy's recovery. And, the job climate is worsening, which could make consumers more cautious.

The nation's unemployment rate jumped to 6 percent in April as businesses cut jobs for the third straight month. The economy has lost one-half million jobs in the last three months, a decline usually associated with recessions.

President Bush wants Congress to approve another round of tax cuts which he says would boost the economy.

Planned prisoner release is too little, too late, rights group says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The planned release of more than a dozen terrorist suspects out of 660 held at the Pentagon's prison in Cuba is too little and too late, a prison rights group says.

"All of the prisoners held at Guantanamo should be charged or released," said Vienna Colucci, international justice specialist with Amnesty International USA.

Colucci was responding to news the Defense Department will transfer prisoners out of its high-security Guantanamo Bay jail, where some have been held a year and a half and all are held without charges or lawyers.

It was unclear whether the prisoners would go free or merely be returned to their countries for continued detention or charges.

"Those no longer detained by the United States should under no circumstances be forcibly returned to countries where they would be at risk of unfair trial, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment," Colucci said in a statement.

Some 660 prisoners from 42 countries are held, many captured during the war against in Afghanistan the al-Qaida terror network.

High-profile terror cell case yielding several guilty pleas

LACKAWANNA, N.Y. (AP) — Days after the first anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, federal officials trumpeted the arrest of a group of suspected al-Qaida operatives from this gritty steel town as evidence of the broad reach of terrorism.

"One by one, we're hunting the killers down," declared President Bush.

Eight months later, the case that dazed this largely Muslim Yemeni community of 20,000 is quietly ending with a series of guilty pleas — but no clear answer as to how big a blow was struck against terrorism.

Defense lawyers say the six Yemeni-American suspects were themselves victims of al-Qaida's aggressive recruiting tactics, and that although four have agreed to cooperate with the government, they have little to offer in terms of concrete intelligence.

Even FBI Director Robert Mueller has struggled to characterize the significance of the catch.

"Suffice to say, four persons have pleaded guilty to providing support to terrorists," Mueller said April 29 when asked about the potential long-term effects of the plea deals.

While publicity surrounding the case has faded, this Buffalo suburb is still in shock that some of its native sons — high school soccer stars, homeowners and fathers — could be mixed up in terrorism.

"We couldn't believe it," said Dr. Khalid Qazi, who knew most of the men and is president of the American Muslim Council of Western New York. "I still get so mad."

Since January, Faysal Galab, 27; Shafal Mosed, 24; Sahim Alwan, 30, and Yahya Goba, 26, have pleaded guilty to charges of supporting al-Qaida by training at its al-Farooq camp in Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, months before the Sept. 11 attacks.

Committe OKs homeowners' insurance bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Insurance Committee late Monday approved its version of legislation designed to reduce homeowners insurance rates and bring the insurance rates under the oversight of state regulators.

The bill, by Committee Chairman John Smithee, R-Amarillo, would require homeowners and auto insurers to file new rates and begin using them within 35 days after the governor signs the bill into law. The insurance commissioner could then come in and order rate reductions.

Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, said hopefully 35 days after the bill is signed Texans should see rates decreasing.

Insurers would not be allowed, except in extreme situations, to raise rates for one year, but they could lower them.

After that, insurers would file their new rates with the department and immediately be allowed to change them.

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•*Accident*

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There were no injuries.

•*Theft*

A woman reported that her son's wallet was stolen at Snyder Junior High Monday afternoon and officers submitted an offense report for theft.

•*Assault*

A woman requested an officer at 4:20 p.m. Monday to report that her 12-year-old daughter was involved in a fight at West Elementary.

A report for Class A assault was submitted.

•*Criminal mischief*

Several residents reported car windows broken Monday morning.

A woman at the boll weevil eradication office in the 700 block of 25th Street reported windows on a vehicle there were broken.

At 8:30 a.m., a man in the 2400 block of Ave. H reported his vehicle's window shot out.

Officers filed Class A criminal mischief reports for both cases.

More windows were reported broken late Monday night.

At 10:43 p.m., a man in the 2800 block of 32nd Street reported a window was broken on his vehicle and at 11:23 a man in the next block also reported criminal mischief. Two reports for Class A criminal mischief were submitted.

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Midwest and South confront aftermath of deadly tornadoes

PIERCE CITY, Mo. (AP) — Crews labored to restore services and remove heaps of rubble in towns smashed by tornadoes that roared through Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee, while others began mourning the 38 people killed by the violent weather.

Storms lingered today over the Ozarks and the Tennessee Valley and the National Weather Service posted tornado warnings for parts of southwest Missouri, southern Tennessee, and northern Alabama, which had scattered wind damage and flooding but no injuries.

Six people were listed as missing today, including five in this southwestern Missouri town and one in hard-hit Madison County, Tenn.

Officials in Pierce City cautioned that the list of missing was hardly an authoritative accounting. "It doesn't mean they are trapped in the debris," said spokeswoman Jaci McReynolds. "They just haven't necessarily checked in with someone who is looking for them."

Curfews were imposed in several communities and police were on guard against looting. Pierce City business owners were given identification wristbands allowing them and their helpers into the downtown area.

Missouri Gov. Bob Holden asked the White House to declare a federal disaster in 39 counties. Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius declared disasters or emergencies in several counties.

"We'll do everything possible in these very tight budget times to make sure we meet the needs of the people," Holden said today on NBC's "Today."

Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael D. Brown arrived in Kansas on today before heading to Missouri.

Brown said he expected federal authorities to declare several counties in both states disaster areas. "Other people in the country don't recognize the power of a tornado," said Brown, who grew up in Oklahoma.

In Pierce City, the storm ravaged the four-block-long business district. The town of nearly 1,400 residents had been working to refurbish the downtown area to attract tourists to its many antique stores, thrift shops and cafes.

"How can we save this?" business owner Cindy Gitchel asked the governor during a tour, gesturing to a once-quaint building that was now just rubble. "This town is 130 years old and you just don't find this anymore."

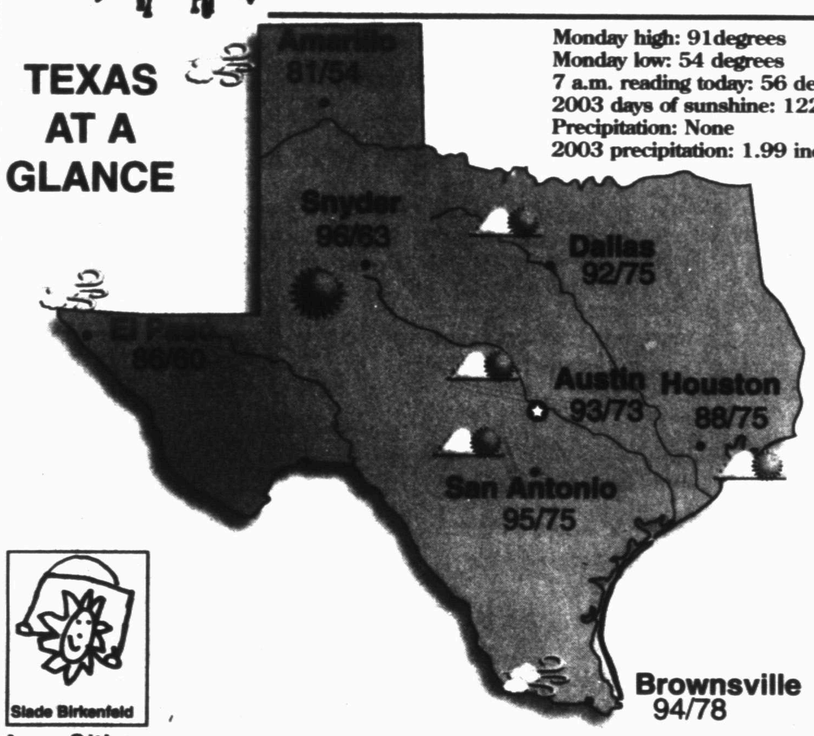
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Local 3-Day Forecast

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Amarillo	81	54	windy
Austin	93	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	88	74	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	78	windy
Brownwood	97	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	92	77	pt sunny
Corsicana	92	71	pt sunny
Dallas	92	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	98	76	pt sunny
El Paso	86	60	windy
Fort Stockton	98	64	sunny
Gainesville	91	71	pt sunny
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Houston	88	75	pt sunny
Kingsville	95	76	pt sunny
Livingston	88	71	pt sunny
Longview	89	70	pt sunny
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Lufkin	89	73	pt sunny
Midland	98	64	sunny
Raymondville	96	76	windy
Rosenberg	89	75	pt sunny
San Antonio	95	75	pt sunny
San Marcos	95	74	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	88	70	pt sunny
Sweetwater	98	66	sunny
Tyler	89	73	pt sunny
Weatherford	92	70	pt sunny
Wichita Falls	94	69	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	62	t-storm
Boston	69	53	cloudy
Chicago	64	47	rain
Dallas	92	75	pt sunny
Denver	57	41	t-storm
Houston	88	75	pt sunny
Los Angeles	63	50	pt sunny
Miami	84	75	pt sunny
Minneapolis	70	51	pt sunny
New York	73	55	pt sunny
Phoenix	83	61	mst sunny
San Francisco	60	48	windy
Seattle	54	41	rain
St. Louis	75	61	cloudy
Washington, DC	76	62	t-storm

Moon Phases

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UV Index

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Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Convicted killer to be executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Roger Dale Vaughn blamed his own stupidity for winding up on death row.

Prosecutors looked at Vaughn's criminal past, his escape from the Lubbock County Jail and the carnage he left behind at the home of a 66-year-old strangled woman in Vernon and convinced a jury that's where he belonged.

"He's just a mean fellow," says Dan Mike Bird, the Wilbarger County district attorney who prosecuted Vaughn for the rape-slaying of Dora Wilkins more than 11 years ago.

The former electrician with a record of burglary, assault, forgery and robbery was set for lethal injection today.

Vaughn, 48, would be the 14th Texas inmate executed this year.

"I've never murdered anybody," Vaughn insisted last week in an interview on death row. "I just fit the bill."

Vaughn was being held on forgery and robbery charges in Lubbock when he fled the county jail Oct. 14, 1991. At the time he was a trusty.

"I got stupid and walked off," he said.

He tracked down a friend, convinced him he had been paroled, then got the friend drunk, knocked him out and stole his truck and money. He drove the 175 miles east to Electra, midway between Wichita Falls and Vernon, and tried to call Watkins' son, an acquaintance, to get some money. Instead, he reached Dora Watkins and made arrangements to stop by the next day.

Vaughn said he visited the victim, then left.

"I didn't know the woman died," he said from prison, contending he later picked up a hitchhiker who left a package in his car. Inside the package, he said, were jewelry, credit cards and a checkbook belonging to Watkins.

"I hocked the rings," he said. "I needed money. I wrote a couple of checks."

Watkins, badly beaten about the head, strangled with a cloth and raped, was found dead in her kitchen by people showing up for a church meeting that had been scheduled for her house. She had worked at a secretary at the Catholic church in Vernon, about 150 miles northwest of Fort Worth and just south of the Oklahoma border.

"Anybody who saw what I saw when I went into that kitchen would have made the same decision I made," Bird said, explaining why he sought the death penalty in the case. "It was a war scene in there in the kitchen."

Evidence showed Vaughn pawned the jewelry, including Watkins' wedding ring, in Wichita Falls and cashed several checks. One pawnbroker who refused to lend him money wrote down his license plate number, which was tracked to the stolen car.

"I was smoking crack, I wasn't in full control," Vaughn said of his arrest Oct. 17, 1991, a day after the slaying. "I was a sitting duck.

"There were some stupid moves I made ... stupid blunders, no reason why. Just stupidity," he said.

Bird disputed Vaughn's contention someone else was responsible for the slaying, saying evidence pointed to Vaughn.

"The most damning evidence is she had a bite on her face and that bite absolutely matched with his teeth impression," the prosecutor said. "I didn't know at the time, but learned through this case that bite marks are a lot like fingerprints."

Vaughn was court martialed from the Army for being AWOL and discharged for character and behavior disorders. In 1977, he received 10 years probation for burglary in Gray County, in the Texas Panhandle.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

The word "failure" will not be in the cards for you in the year ahead. Your determination to succeed will be so powerful that you'll do whatever it takes to realize your goals. The world can slow you down, but can't stop you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you take the time today to re-examine in your own mind an arrangement you have with another that you find lacking, you should be able to now see advantages you've overlooked.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't keep things bottled up if you have a problem in making an important decision. Brainstorm the situation with a trusted friend and it will give you a fresh perspective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Try not to let an immobile individual who has little ambition lower your level of performance today. Don't let him or her talk you out of doing the productive activities you had planned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — All will go quite well for you today, because your optimism encourages you to see humor and hope in matters others may be treating negatively. Too bad they lack your perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Doing nice things for others today actually gives you much more pleasure than it does the recipients. This is especially true when you are doing things for those you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You might have to be a bit careful with your words today, because what you say may carry a lot more weight than it usually does. You wouldn't want to inadvertently steer somebody off course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although you must always be careful when handling funds so that you don't get careless or wasteful, some powerful trends favor you today in matters that affect your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You could be rather successful today in ventures that might possess some speculative elements, but only if you follow your own hunches. Don't let others make decisions for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Chances are your productivity will accelerate as the day wears on. The more you do, the better you'll get. By evening, when you put your tools away, you'll be proud of your accomplishments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Touch bases with as many good contacts as you can, because substantial benefits could develop for you today through your affiliations with others. Someone will do something nice for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — An opportunity that may have been denied you careerwise or financially could break through for you today. It'll prove that it was wise to not let your faith waver.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A situation similar to one you have experienced in the past is shaping up once again. The replay will produce the same fortunate results you previously enjoyed.

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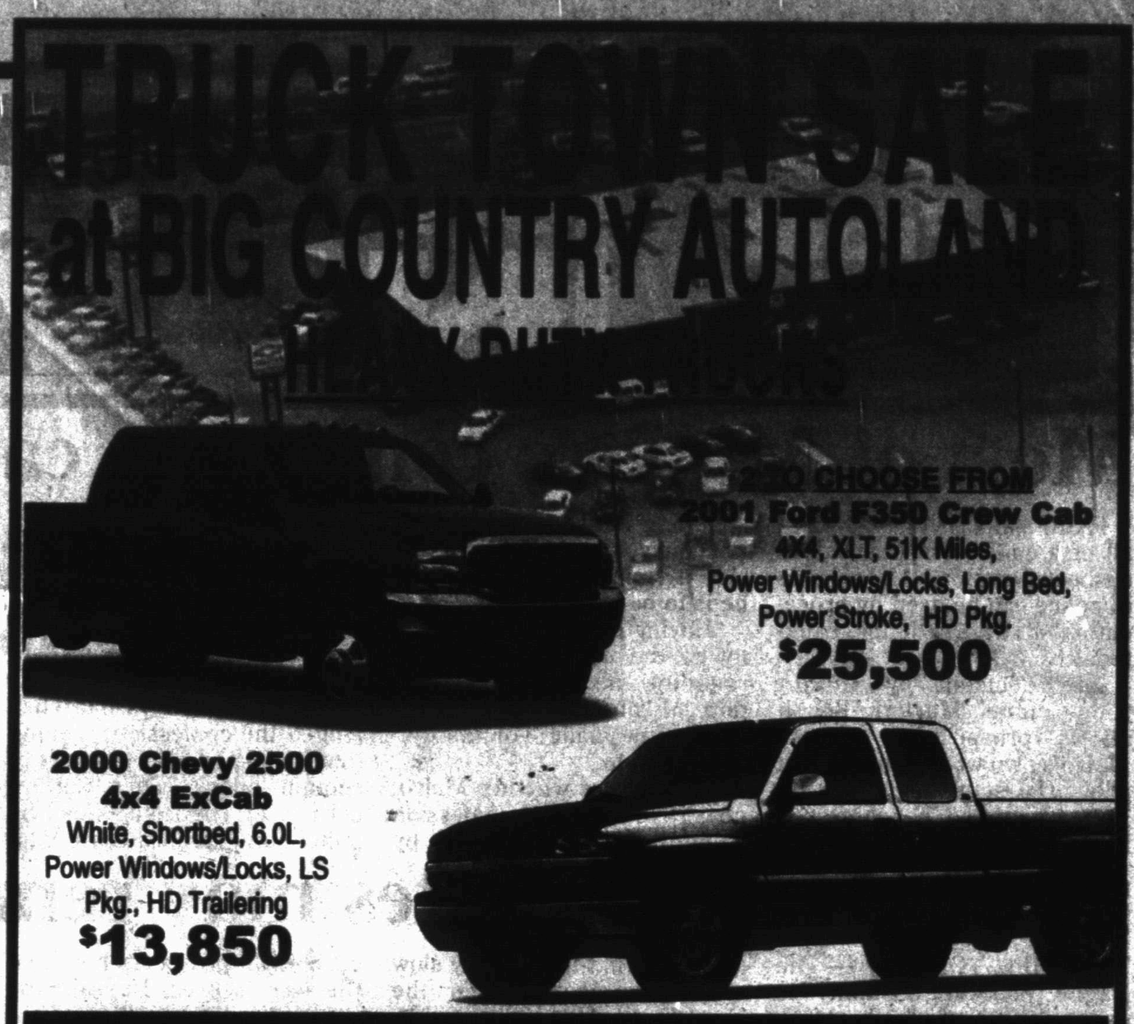
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