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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A person who can smile and laugh when nobody's around must really mean it."

Snyder's Helen Roberts, retired banker and retired federal farm agency employee, can still smile and tell a joke.

Helen told us about two people – one a minister and one a taxi driver – who arrived at the Pearly Gates about the same time.

St. Peter questioned the cabbie and learned that he had driven many miles in horrible traffic, getting people to and from their destinations.

St. Peter advised the cab driver to enter where he was given a bright, silk robe.

The minister was next and explained that he had preached the Gospel for more than 50 years.

The preacher was allowed to enter, but the robe he was issued was dingy and torn.

The minister was surprised and asked for an explanation. "I did the Lord's work all my life, and just look at my reward."

St. Peter explained. "All you did was preach and put people to sleep. That cab driver caused thousands to pray."

Thought for the day, seen on a portable sign while driving through Brownwood.

"The person who sneezes without tissue takes matter into his own hands."

Again, thanks from a reader, here are some actual samples of unclear writing sent to the welfare department.

—I am forwarding my marriage certificate and 6 children. I have seven, but one died which was baptized on a half sheet of paper.

—I am writing to say that my baby was born two years old. When do I get my money?

—Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited regularly by the clergy.

—I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell me why?

—I am glad to report that my husband who is missing is dead.

—This is my 8th child. What are you going to do about it?

—Please find for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am now living with can't eat or do anything 'til he knows.

—I am very annoyed to find you have branded my son illiterate. This a dirty lie as I was married a week before he was born.

—In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a boy weighing 10 pounds. I hope this is satisfactory.

—I am forwarding my marriage certificate and three children, one of which is a mistake as you can see.

—You have changed my little boy to a girl. Will this make a difference?

—In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in enclosed envelope.

Denver, Dallas courting Boeing

From wire, local reports

DENVER (AP) — Politicians are using public appeals to step up efforts to promote the city as the best place for the new world headquarters of Boeing Co.

Mayor Wellington Webb was scheduled to appear today on an internationally televised CNBC program to make a pitch to Boeing chairman Phil Condit on why he should choose Denver as its new headquarters.

Leaders in Chicago and Dallas, which are also courting the company, were slated to be given the same opportunity.

Boeing announced last week that it was moving its corporate headquarters to one of the three cities from Seattle. The jet manufacturer plans to cut its corporate staff of 1,000 to 500 in the new city.

A decision is expected in May.

CNBC provides business news to 166 million homes worldwide, 79 million of them in the U.S. and Canada.

Meanwhile, Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., sent a letter to Condit encouraging him to choose Denver.

"I applaud your commitment to 'open new frontiers' for Boeing," Campbell wrote. "It takes courage, vision and a pioneering spirit to make such a hard decision, especially the decision to so dramatically shake things up in order to prepare for a better future by relocating the headquarters of such an esteemed company as Boeing."

He noted that space-oriented firms such as Martin Marietta Space Systems and Ball Aerospace are already in Colorado.

At last week's Development Corporation of Snyder meeting, executive John DeLille distributed an e-mail from the Texas Department of Economic Development.

Director Gene Richards noted that the state office was working with Boeing representatives regarding their possible relocation to the Metroplex.

"Be assured that we will work closely with Boeing, the office of the governor and all communities participating in the site-selection process," said Richards.

DeLille formerly worked as a project manager with the Washington State Department of Trade and Economic Development and is very familiar with the way Boeing operates.

"The company is the largest employer in Washington and I worked with them quite a bit," said DeLille.

DeLille said if Boeing did locate in Dallas, the entire state would benefit from the trickle-down effect of the company.

Murder trial is postponed

The trial of a man accused of the April 2, 2000 slaying of a Snyder resident in the parking lot of K-mart in Sweetwater has been rescheduled for May.

Torivio Zapata, 40, who is accused of shooting George Larralde twice with a 9-mm semi-automatic pistol, was scheduled to go on trial for first-degree murder today in 32nd District Court in Sweetwater.

Nolan County assistant district attorney Ann Reed said Monday that the trial has been rescheduled because of a "technicality" in the indictment.

"We had a technicality with our indictment, so we are going to re-indict. It will be on the next trial docket, which is May 22," Reed said.

Zapata has been free on bond since shortly after the killing. His attorney is Kenny Maxwell of Sweetwater. Reed is the prosecuting attorney.

Blood drive is underway

United Blood Services and the Scurry County Blood Drive Advisory Council is holding a community-wide blood drive today at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church.

The drive got underway at 10 this morning and it will continue until 7 p.m.

The facility is located at 1618 26th St.

On Wednesday, the drive will be held at Cogdell Memorial Hospital where employees and family can donate blood from noon until 5 p.m.

Western Texas College will be the site of the drive on Friday, with donors being able to donate blood from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the college's student center.

The drive will continue next Tuesday as it will be held in the Snyder High School gym from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Blood drive participants will receive a T-shirt, plus a mini-physical including checks on temperature, blood pressure and iron levels.

SHS play on stage today

Snyder High School performers will be on stage today at 5 o'clock in the District 4A one-act play competition at Worsham Auditorium.

In addition to competing, SHS is hosting the district contest.

SHS is presenting William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*.

Big Spring will take to the stage at 3 p.m., followed by Plainview at 4 p.m. and Levelland at 6 p.m.

The winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder also picked up five acting awards including best actor for Brandon McCraw. Hayli Henderson was named to the all-star cast, and Bobby Sands, Kelli Henderson, and Mark Haines received honorable mention all-star recognition.

The next step in the one-act play competition will be area. This is also set for Snyder and will be held on April 6.

CRANKING BACK UP — Crews at Snyder Brick & Tile Co. do mechanical and maintenance work to prepare the plant for production. General Manager Mitchell Goodger said it would take 10 days to two weeks to get the plant back in full production. It has been down two months, citing poor weather conditions across the state delaying demand for its products. Pictured top left is Ben Northcutt preparing to weld. Jeff Pierce, manufacturing foreman, is right mounting lube pumps for the brick machine. Bottom left is Jason Hernandez painting a cabinet. (SDN Staff Photos)

Ag secretary says public confused by cow disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are confusing foot-and-mouth disease, which is harmless to people, with rarer mad cow disease, which has been linked to a fatal human illness, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said Tuesday.

However, she said there is no evidence that the confusion has caused U.S. consumers to shun meat.

"They're hearing animal disease and they don't know the difference," Veneman said. "We're trying to make sure that people understand that there is a difference.

Foot-and-mouth is primarily an economic issue. An outbreak virtually shuts down a country's meat exports, and the virus spreads so quickly that the only sure way to contain it is to destroy all exposed livestock.

On Monday, Texas Gov. Rick Perry sent a letter to Veneman asking for tighter controls to help ensure that foot-and-mouth disease does not penetrate American livestock herds.

In order to protect Texas' nearly 14 million head of cattle, Perry also urged increased inspections and questioning of people who have traveled abroad.

Mad-cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is less well understood by scientists and is linked to a brain-wasting illness in humans called variant Creutzfeld Jacob disease. BSE is believed to be transmitted through feeding animal parts to cattle. So far, the illness has been limited to Europe.

Assault trial continues

The defendant in the aggravated sexual assault trial being heard in 132nd District Court took the stand on his own behalf this morning.

Joe Louis Hernandez III, 45, of 413 North Ave. U told the court that he had been inpotent since suffering a stroke in 1998.

Hernandez is accused of sexually assaulting a nine-year-old girl July 23.

District Attorney Dana Cooley rested the state's case at 10:30 this morning after calling five witnesses over the past two days, including the brother of the alleged victim.

Attorney John Wilks called the defendant to the stand mid-morning. He admitted to being at the victim's father's house, drinking beer and playing cards.

A seven-man, five-woman jury is hearing the trial.

Hernandez was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury in August and has been free on a $20,000 bond.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

SISD's awards banquet tonight

Snyder Independent School District will host its sixth annual Golden Apple Awards Banquet this evening at 7 o'clock at Snyder Country Club.

Receiving honors will be volunteers and Adopt-A-School partners who have given of their time and effort to the district during the 2000-2001 school year.

The district has honored more that 1,000 volunteers since the inception of the first annual Golden Apple Awards.

Rosa Guerrero will be the guest speaker at the banquet.

Guerrero taught for 20 years in the El Paso public school system and taught multicultural education at the University of Texas at El Paso.

She was recently named to the Women's Hall of Fame and is the first living educator, artist and Hispanic woman in El Paso history to have a school named in her honor.

Rain cause of postponements

Rain and cold temperatures have temporarily halted District 4-4A baseball and softball action.

The Snyder Lady Tigers' softball contest scheduled for this evening at Cates Field has been postponed. Snyder was to have faced Andrews.

The Lady Tigers and Lady Mustangs will square off at 6 p.m. Thursday at Cates Field.

Tonight's Snyder Tigers' district baseball game at Plainview has also been put on hold.

The meeting between the Tigers and Bulldogs is now slated for 6 p.m. Thursday in Plainview.

ASK US

Q—What companies are members of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas?

A—American Electric Power, El Paso Electric Company, Entergy, Reliant Energy, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, TXU and Xcel Energy.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 35 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 34; .10 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 4.95 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, 40% rain chance, low upper 30s. Wednesday, cloudy, 50% rain chance, high near 50. Wednesday night, 30% rain chance, high near 50.

Jessica West
Rain chance

Sunset:
7:01 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:38 a.m.
Of 85 days in 2001, the sun has shone 75 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Sometimes we stare so long at a door that is closing that we see too late the one that is open.
—Alexander Graham Bell

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Some people feel more than normal nerves over tornadoes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Cindy Crosslin still has flashbacks about the day she and her husband piled their two small children in the car to outrun a half-mile wide tornado rampaging through their town. Her 7-year-old daughter worries whenever it starts to rain.

"She's terrified," Crosslin said. "She asks if it's spring yet. She asks if there's going to be a tornado tonight."

Many in tornado alley used to believe they could protect themselves from twisters by covering themselves with mattresses and lying in their bathtubs or hiding in a closet full of blankets and pillows. That was before May 3, 1999, the day a tornado with winds in the range of 300 mph killed 44 people and blew apart homes as if they were made of glass. Some 8,000 homes were damaged.

Crosslin has dealt with her fears partly by getting a storm shelter installed. But others need more help: Therapists say they've seen more cases of "tornado anxiety" in the past two years, with patients suffering symptoms such as sleeplessness, hot flashes, shortness of breath, high blood pressure, trouble concentrating and depression.

"When spring comes, the phone starts ringing," said Angie Cunningham, a licensed professional therapist in Oklahoma City. "The minute the weather gets bad they start to get weird."

Tornado season is generally March through June in tornado alley — Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska and Kansas — and the rest of the southern United States. In the northern part of the country, it's May through mid-July. The National Weather Service says Oklahoma averages 54 tornadoes a year.

Cunningham said she counsels two types of patients who have extreme fears of tornadoes — those who have survived traumatic weather experiences and those who are prone to panic attacks.

"A lot of people came in last year when the weather started getting bad, saying 'I'm just really having a hard time,'" she said.

"The panic seems to set in when they're in the workplace and they see the clouds changing," Cunningham said. "They will catastrophize in their mind that there's going to be another big one. They will be of no use at work."

Near Camilla, Ga., where a tornado killed 18 people a little more than a year ago, community support groups still are counseling people who lost houses and loved ones. Shirley Chandler, a psychologist in the nearby town of Thomasville, said many of the victims are suffering from post traumatic stress.

"They talked about nightmares, flashbacks, the unhappiness," Chandler said. "I think that a lot of pastoral counseling has been going on."

In Tupelo, Miss., counselors are working overtime to help people affected by tornadoes that killed 15 people last month in nearby Pontotoc.

Slain atheist's remains buried

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — True to Madalyn Murray O'Hair's wishes, no one prayed as the slain atheist leader's remains were buried at a secret Central Texas site.

O'Hair's remains were interred along with those of a son and her granddaughter, closing a six-year saga involving the trio's abduction, robbery and brutal killing.

The burials Friday at an Austin area site were arranged by William Murray, O'Hair's estranged son, who said he honored his mother's instructions about disposition of her remains.

"Her wishes were carried out," Murray told the San Antonio Express-News in Tuesday's editions. "She was cremated. No one prayed over her."

The burials averted a confrontation with American Atheists, the organization O'Hair founded three decades ago. The group's leaders had denounced Murray, a fundamentalist minister, as an inappropriate person to bury America's most famous atheist.

But Murray said it was time for his family to have peace.

"This has been a circus for the past five years and I just wanted to take down the tent," he said. "I didn't want my mother's remains paraded around somewhere."

With the 76-year-old O'Hair were buried her son Jon Garth Murray, 40, and her 30-year-old granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair. All three disappeared in 1995.

Law officers were led to the mass grave near Camp Wood in January by David Waters.

White supremacist gets life for 1999 shooting rampage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a courtroom filled with sobbing victims, White supremacist Buford O. Furrow apologized and blamed mental illness for the 1999 shooting spree in which he killed a postal worker and wounded five people.

"I want to try, although it is impossible, to convey my deep sorrow," Furrow said Monday, reading a statement before he was sentenced. "I think about what happened every day and I will grieve for it every day for the rest of my life."

U.S. District Judge Nora Manella imposed two life sentences without possibility of parole, plus 110 years in prison and payment of $690,294 in restitution.

"Your actions were a reminder that bigotry is alive," the judge told him. "If you've sent a message, it is that even the most violent crimes can strengthen a community."

On Aug. 10, 1999, Furrow stormed into the North Valley Jewish Community Center, which was packed with children attending day programs, and fired more 70 bullets. Three boys, a teen-age girl and a woman were injured.

He then headed into the San Fernando Valley neighborhood and killed Filipino-American mailman Joseph Ileto, who was shot nine times.

Furrow surrendered in Las Vegas the next day, declaring he had intended to send a "wake-up call to America to kill Jews."

Furrow, of Olympia, Wash., had a history of involvement with anti-Semitic groups in the Pacific Northwest, among them the Aryan Nations.

He also had a history of mental problems and had tried to get help without success, his lawyers said when they argued to spare his life.

In court Monday, Furrow insisted he did not harbor hatred for his victims because of race or religion. He said he wished he had been confined to a mental hospital to which he tried to commit himself before the shootings.

"I'm sorry for how I traumatized your lives," he told families in the courtroom. "I would give anything for this not to have happened."

In a plea bargain, Furrow pleaded guilty in January to 16 federal charges. The slaying of Ileto was a federal offense because he was a government employee.

Furrow's remarks Monday were followed by emotional speeches from survivors and victims' families. The most anguished was Mindy Finkelstein, who was a 16-year-old camp counselor at the center.

"I've been to hell and back," she told the judge. "Buford Furrow tried to kill me and he failed. But in a way he succeeded."

The mother, brother and sisters of Ileto described the devastating loss to their loved-one.

"Sometimes I hope this was just a nightmare and my son will come to the front door," Lillian Santos Ileto said. "But I'm afraid it's not so. I will never get over the loss of my son."

California executes man who spent 28 years on death row

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — Double-murderer Robert Lee Massie was executed by injection early Tuesday after spending 28 years as a condemned man, longer than any inmate now on death row in California.

Massie, who had spent 21 years seeking to overturn his convictions, formally dropped his appeals last year to protest what he called the snail's pace of the California death penalty system.

Massie, 59, pumped his fist to help his executioners find a vein, and told the warden he was ready to die. "Forgiveness: giving up all hope for a better past," were his last words.

Massie was sentenced to death for the 1979 murder of a San Francisco liquor store owner. He had been paroled a year earlier after serving 13 years in prison for the shooting death of a woman during a robbery in the Los Angeles area.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday night affirmed that Massie was competent to drop his appeals. It also let stand a federal judge's order requiring the state to allow witnesses to see more of the execution, resolving a case brought by The Associated Press and other media organizations that asserted the public's right to know such details.

Prison officials wanted to open the death chamber's curtain only after Massie had been strapped to a gurney and had the needles inserted into his arms. Warden Jeanne Woodford said protecting the executioners' identity was a security measure. A federal judge ruled otherwise, saying the state must show the entire process.

The five prison staffers who strapped Massie down and inserted the needles removed their identification badges, but made no other efforts to conceal themselves.

Massie's death was the first fully viewed execution at San Quentin since 1996. He was only the ninth inmate to be executed since California voters overwhelmingly voted to reinstate the death penalty in 1978.

Hundreds of others still haven't been provided an attorney for their mandatory first appeal to the California Supreme Court, the initial stop in a maze of state and federal appeals.

"I don't see any use in continuing this charade," Massie had said in a recent interview.

Michael Kroll, a freelance journalist who befriended Massie while interviewing him, said he believes the killer wasn't mentally fit to give up his appeals. Kroll hired lawyers to pursue a last-ditch appeal.

Massie killed Mildred Weiss on Jan. 7, 1965, during a Los Angeles-area crime spree. He was paroled in 1978, and on Jan. 3, 1979, killed liquor store owner Bob Naumoff during a robbery.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

8-9-15-34-36

Pick 3

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

5-0-7

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Date Book

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Today is the 86th day of 2001 and the eighth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1855, Dr. Abraham Gesner patented a process for extracting kerosene from bituminous shale.

On this day in 1880, the USS Constellation left New York with a cargo of food for famine victims in Ireland.

On this day in 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became the premier of the Soviet Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen (1845-1923), physicist; Edward Steichen (1879-1973), photographer; Dashiell Hammett (1894-1961), writer; Louis Simpson (1923-), poet, is 78; Sarah Vaughan (1924-1990), singer; Anthony Lewis (1927-), journalist, is 74; Cale Yarborough (1940-), auto racer, is 61; Michael York (1942-), actor, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, one-armed boxer Tommy Rodgers defeated Somersby Dowst at a bout in Cambridge, Mass.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A short saying oft contains much wisdom" — Sophocles

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 24) and first quarter (April 1).

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BALDWIN STUDENTS PERFORM — Pupils from Lynn Baldwin's Studio of Music honored their mothers and grandmothers with "An Afternoon of Irish Songs and Laughter" on Mar. 4 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. In the top photo are, from left, first row, Jessie Hibbitt, Meagen Robbins, Jacob Kemp, Karissa Medina, Jordan Wright, Brooke Hall of Jayton; back row, Kailea Shaw, Nicole Presley, Kelsey Shaw, Brandon Robbins, Glyn Wright, Sydney Wright; Nathan McCright of Colorado City; middle photo, Madison Feaster of Roscoe, Laura Lyn Landa, Beth Parsley, Brett Bowlin, Austin Owens and not pictured Laren McCall and Zach Greenlee, both of Rotan; bottom photo, bottom row, Emily Jones, Jami Nell Thackerson of Colorado City; Scott Bankhead of Roscoe; Austin Calley, Brodie Calley, Laura Bankhead of Roscoe; back row, Annette Richardson of Big Spring, Aryn Calley, Claire Pollard, Heather Zajicek and Ashley Hyer. (Contributed Photo)

Music pupils entertain guests

Lynn Baldwin's Studio of Music pupils entertained 120 guests with a program that honored their mothers and grandmothers. "An Afternoon of Irish Songs and Laughter" was the theme for the event where Irish tea and coffee and shamrock cupcakes were served.

The program, held at Martha Ann Woman's Club, included Irish skits presented by students from four theory classes and several mothers and grandmothers. Irish songs and some vocal solos were also included.

Students participated in the Pastorale Music Festival March 24 at Texas Tech University. Those receiving an excellent rating on piano solos were Aryn Calley, Kelsey Shaw and Sydney Wright.

Receiving superior ratings that enable pupils to enter the All-State finals at Texas Christian University on May 19, are Brett Bowlin, Austin Calley, Brodie Calley, Zach Greenlee, Brooke Hall, Jessie Hibbitt, Ashley Hyer, Emily Jones and Jacob Kemp.

Others include Laura Lyn Landa, Nathan McCright, Austin Owens, Beth Parsley, Claire Pollard, Nicole Presley, Annette Richardson, Kailea Shaw, Jami Nell Thackerson, Glyn Wright and Jordan Wright.

Receiving excellent ratings in hymn playing were Megan Muscatell and Glyn Wright.

Sydney Wright will enter the All-State finals for superior rating in Piano Concerto.

Piano duet teams receiving superior ratings who will also attend state finals are Kailea Shaw and Jordan Wright, and Kelsey Shaw and Heather Zajicek.

Monks sell hand-crafted caskets

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP) — Some monks sell fruitcake or fudge as a source of income. But the Trappist monks in northeast Iowa recently offered a new product for sale: handcrafted caskets.

The monks at the New Malleray Abbey began selling the wooden caskets to funeral homes and distributors 14 months ago, and they announced Monday plans to sell them directly to the public.

"There's clearly a demand out there for our caskets, so we're going to broaden our reach," spokesman Sam Mulgrew said.

The monks began selling the wooden caskets to offset lagging farm profits. They have been making the caskets for their own members since the abbey was founded in 1849.

For every tree that's chopped down to make the caskets, 100 trees are planted, Mulgrew said.

The upholstered caskets range in price from $550 to $1385.

Snake charmer bitten

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A snake charmer wasn't quite charming enough to keep a poisonous cobra from biting him.

The charmer was bitten at the Allentown Fairgrounds on Sunday less than a minute after he began his act to "hypnotize" the snake.

At first, some in the crowd of about 500 people thought the bite was part of the act. But the tattooed snake charmer, John Walker, abruptly ended his performance and said, "I've been bitten. Call 911."

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♠ J 8 7 6
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♠ K Q 10 4
♥ Q 3
♦ A K 8
♣ A K Q J

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

More on the magic formula

By Phillip Alder

As readers of yesterday's column will remember, I have given you a formula for working out the percentage play for any suit combination in which you are missing only one honor. Divide the number of cards the opponents hold by two, rounding up if the answer includes a half. That is their number. Then add up your top tricks. If your number is less, finesse. But if your top-trick total is equal to or greater than their number, play for the drop.

However, you must always take the full deal into account, and allow for a bad break if you can.

In this deal, for example, how does the rule tell you to play the spade suit? Then, what would be your plan in four spades? East wins the first two tricks with his top hearts, then switches to the diamond queen.

South's sequence, an artificial two clubs followed by two no-trump, showed a balanced 23-24 points. North did well to wheel out Stayman, because three no-trump was going to be down before declarer had won a trick.

Since you have three red-suit losers, you must avoid a trump loser. What does the formula recommend? Well, the opponents have five cards, so their number is three. And you have three top tricks. So, you plan to go for the drop. However, do not overlook the power of your 10. After winning trick three, cash the spade king, then play a spade to dummy's ace. If both opponents follow suit, draw the last trump and claim. Here, though, West discards. You know to finesse through East on the third round.

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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 26-Jana Amezquita, William Chauncy, Dorothy Ham, Randal Loveall, Bertha McQueen, Billy Reeves of Bracketville, Odie Wall, Jeremy Williams, Kimberly May of Sweetwater and Charles Taylor.

DISMISSALS: Myrthal Callaway, Colton Hunter of Hermleigh, Stella Jones, Maribel Rees of Colorado City, Odie Wall, Barbara Allen, Zachery Blakey, Mycah Hilburn, Randal Loveall and Richard Sumruld.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; boardroom of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?"

by Bill Looney

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ***(1 Thess. 5:17, 18).*** To "pray without ceasing" means to engage regularly in prayer. The words "without ceasing," in the Greek means, "constantly," unceasingly."

Paul uses the word "constantly" in 1 Thess. 2:13, in a sentence that will help us define "pray without ceasing," *"And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe."*

Paul was not saying that he was at every moment engaged in prayer, in which he was constantly giving thanks. If so, when did he have time to preach the gospel?

What is meant is that the Christian should pray regularly. We should have an attitude toward prayer. Do not go long periods without prayer. Don't give up on prayer. **Don't stop praying.**

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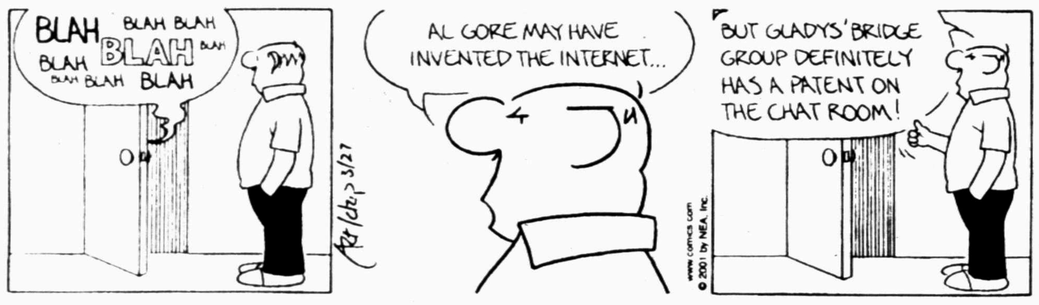

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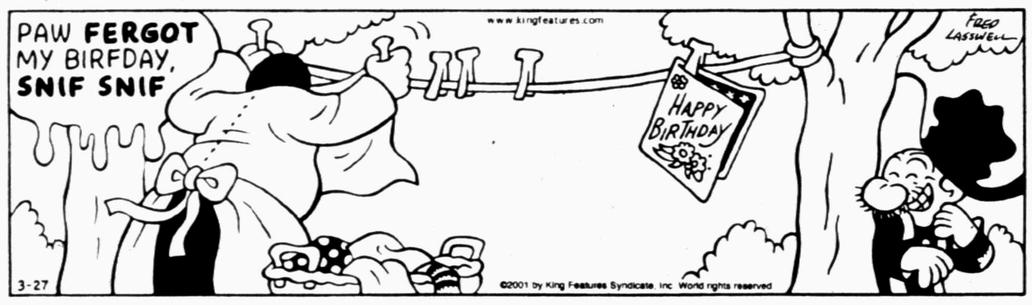

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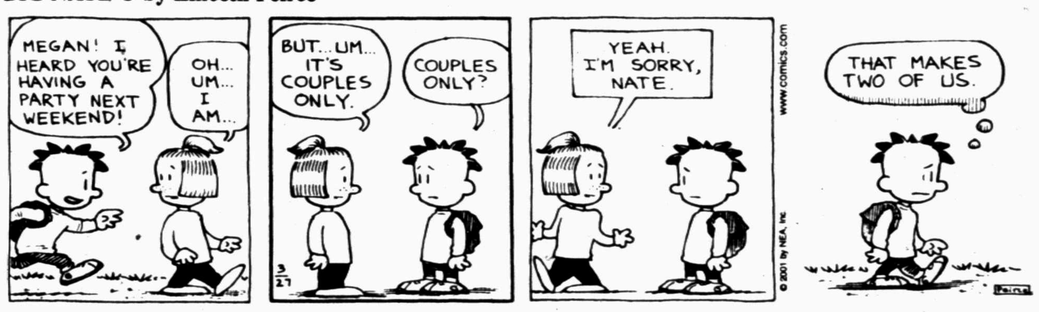

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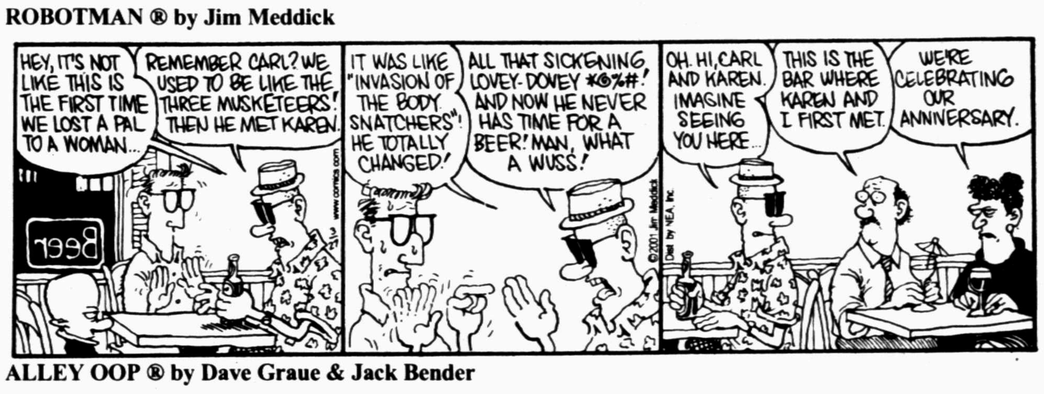

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ACROSS

1 Advantageous
7 Loan shark
13 Zebra feature
14 Species groups
15 Like Abraham Lincoln
16 Tilted
17 12/31, e.g.
18 Geisha's sash
20 "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds.)
21 Relax
23 A Bobbsey twin
24 Cupid
25 Cook slowly
27 Israeli's language
29 Attention
31 Actor Mineo
32 Opposite of SSW
33 Fr. holy woman
34 Move energetically
37 Like a bug in a rug?
40 Like a swamp
41 MD's chart
43 Fencing sword
45 Printer's measures
46 — Lingus (airline)
47 Detective Spade
48 Grownups
51 Referee's kin
54 Nervous —
55 Hem
56 Swapped
57 Rapid

DOWN

1 Groom's attendant
2 Chefs' needs
3 Author Hemingway
4 "Shame!"
5 FedEx rival
6 Pretend (2 wds.)
7 Unattractiveness
8 View
9 Actress Merkel
10 Give a new title to
11 Before this time
12 State trooper's device
19 Sound of contempt
22 Itty-bitty
24 Actress Dahl
26 Desire
28 Baseball players' needs
30 Unpenned
34 Impede
35 Actress Andress
36 — out (stretch)
38 — down (inverted)
39 Equipped
40 Intended
42 Digs up by the roots
44 Manicurist's board
49 Atty.'s deg.
50 Even score
52 Cleaning tool
53 Opposite of "post"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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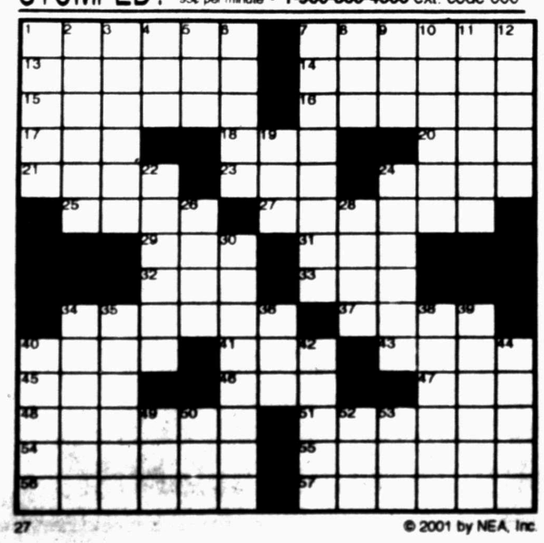

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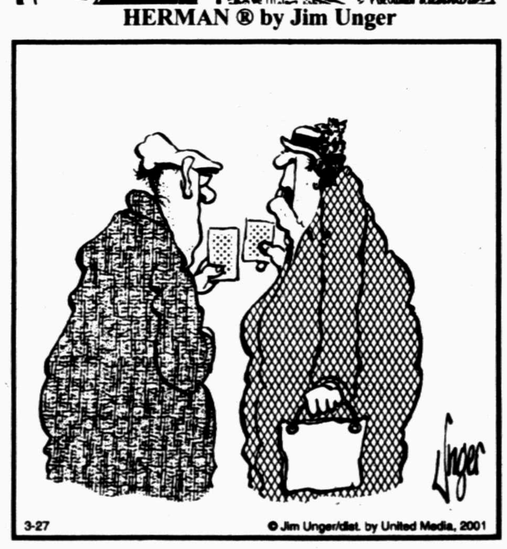

"We've got the same grandchildren! You must be my first husband!"

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SPORTS

SHS powerlifters finish 7th at state

FORT WORTH — In what turned out to be the most competitive state meet in recent years, Snyder's Edwin James and Tremaine Johnson turned in strong performances at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Championships.

The Snyder High School seniors captured seventh place in their respective weight divisions, and set personal records.

"This year's field was the strongest it's been in a long time," said Snyder coach Joe Granato. "There were a bunch of state records set. It was just a really competitive meet, and I'm really proud of how our kids performed."

James recorded a total lift of 1,240 pounds in the 165-pound weight class. His total included a personal best effort of 490 pounds in the dead lift.

Johnson, who competed in the 275-pound division, posted a total lift of 1,465. Johnson's 610-pound effort in the squat, and 320-pound effort in the bench press, were both personal records.

Competitors qualified for the state meet by finishing first or second in their region. James was the Region I champion, while Johnson was runner-up in his weight division.

Sports Briefs

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player, and includes green fee, golf cart and a hamburger lunch. Teams must have a combined handicap over 50.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes will be a $5,000 CD and a 2001 Ford Focus. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

WTC MGA meeting

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold an organizational meeting at 7 this evening at Snyder Lanes to prepare for the upcoming golf season.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club begins its spring golf season at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Players should meet at pro shop before teeing off. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Baseball sign-ups

Tee-ball and baseball sign-ups will be held March 29 through April 1 at Caprock Securities. Girls ages 5 and 6, and boys ages 7 through 16 are eligible to register.

Registration times are 4:30 to 8 p.m. on March 29 and 30, and from 9:30 a.m. to noon on April 1. For more information, call 573-3344.

Women's Final Four set

(AP) — Connecticut rolled into the women's Final Four again with a 67-48 victory over Louisiana Tech.

Connecticut, winners of 15 straight even while losing stars Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph, will play Big East rival Notre Dame on Friday night in St. Louis. The Irish beat Vanderbilt 72-64 in the Midwest final in Denver.

In the other semifinal, Purdue will play Southwest Missouri State. Purdue beat Xavier 88-78 in the Mideast final in Birmingham, Ala., and Southwest Missouri State defeated Washington 104-87 in the West Final in Spokane, Wash.

Memphis courts NBA squads

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Faster than you can say barbecue and Elvis, Memphis has gone from no NBA teams to having two franchises that have applied to move there.

After three decades of searching for big-time pro sports, the city learned it could be the new home of the Vancouver Grizzlies or Charlotte Hornets.

Each team said it would play in The Pyramid, a $65 million arena opened in 1991, until a new stadium costing up to $250 million could be built. The Pyramid seats 19,000 for basketball.

Grizzlies owner Michael Heisley passed on Louisville, Ky., Anaheim, Calif., and New Orleans in choosing Memphis, which would be the NBA's smallest market.

The Hornets, meanwhile, want the option to move in case Charlotte voters reject a new $215 million downtown arena in a referendum in June, co-owner Ray Wooldridge said.

Hofstra coach accepts Villanova job

(AP) — Jay Wright, who led Hofstra into the last two NCAA tournaments, has accepted the job as coach at Villanova, a university source told The Associated Press.

Wright, who led the Pride to a 26-5 record and a second straight America East Conference title, replaces Steve Lappas, who unexpectedly resigned Saturday after nine years at Villanova and was hired as coach at Massachusetts.

Lappas hired at UMass

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Steve Lappas was hired as basketball coach at Massachusetts two days after he unexpectedly resigned at Villanova.

He replaces James "Bruiser" Flint, who in five years restored the program's integrity but did not produce a winner. The hiring was announced by the school before a campus news conference.

UMass posted a 15-15 (11-5 Atlantic 10) record this year but failed to earn an invitation to the NCAA or NIT tournaments.

Villanova earned its last NCAA bid in 1999 but lost in the first round to Mississippi. The Wildcats were 2-4 in the NCAA tournament under Lappas, losing three straight years in the first or second round despite be seeded Nos. 3, 3 and 4 seeds.

In all, Lappas was 174-110 in nine seasons at Villanova, with four NCAA tournament berths and three in the NIT.

Snyder Girls Softball Association
Signups

Girls 4 yrs. - 18 yrs.
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Sat., March 31, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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SHS golf squads in good shape

Although recent weather conditions have not been conducive to low scores, Snyder High School's golf teams kept themselves in the hunt for district titles.

The Snyder boys' and girls' teams are second in their district races, while Andrews leads both divisions.

The Lady Tigers followed up their first-round 339 with a 340 Monday at Western Texas College. Snyder had cut 11 strokes off Andrews' lead at the turn on Monday, before the Lady Mustangs picked it up on the back nine.

Andrews went on to card a second-round 338 and lead the Lady Tigers by 15 strokes, with two rounds to go.

"I'm pleased with both of our teams," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "Our girls and boys both struggled some late in their rounds, but we're still in good shape."

Snyder's boys were on pace to break 310 with about four holes to play Monday in Levelland, before finishing the first round with a 317. Andrews fired a 312 to lead by five shots.

The boys, who only play three rounds, also have two events remaining to decide the district title.

"If we could have closed out our round, it would've made it a lot easier on ourselves for the last two rounds," Glenn stated. "But the weather was so bad, I think we were just mentally drained by the time we came to the end."

In the girls' individual standings, Snyder's Andra Lancaster jumped all the way into a first-place tie after turning in a 78 Monday. Lancaster is tied for the top spot with Andrews' Megan Hall and Jessica Thurston. Snyder's Kellie Dodson is only one stroke back.

In the boys' medalist race, Snyder's Landon Day is tied for fourth place with four other players at 78.

Both Snyder squads will be in competition again Monday. The Lady Tigers compete at Plainview Country Club, while the SHS boys play at Riverside Golf Club in San Angelo.

Lady Tigers' Second-Round Scores

Snyder A (340): Andra Lancaster, 78; Kara Harrison, 97; Kellie Dodson, 82; Katie Kerley, 86; Christan Curry, 94.

Snyder B (379): Lauren Day, 94; Hailey Putnam, 92; Paige Smith, 90; Catherine Whitworth, 103; Cami Trout, 118.

Tigers' First-Round Scores

Snyder A (317): Zach Starnes, 80; Clinton Calmes, 81; Landon Day, 78; Brady Reed, 80; Levi Mandrell, 79.

Snyder B (322): Stafford Gray, 79; Vaughn Wiggins, 81; Tanner Beard, 80; Matt McCormick, 91; Jason Williams, 82.

SJHS captures top two spots at golf tourney

Snyder's girls claimed the top two spots, while the Snyder boys grabbed third, fifth and sixth places Saturday at the Snyder Junior High Invitational golf tournament.

The Lady Tigers A squad fired a 242 at Western Texas College to win the girls' division, followed by Snyder B.

Snyder's Brooke Jackson carded a 57 to take top medalist honors. Traci Jordan, Meggan Minor and Christi Williams also finished in the top-five of the individual standings.

In the boys' competition at Snyder Country Club, the Tigers A squad posted a 202 to finish third behind San Angelo and Colorado City. Snyder B was fifth, and Snyder C took sixth.

Blake Seale paced the Tigers with a round of 49, with Jay Weaver and Alan Gray turning in a pair of 50s.

Snyder Jr. Invitational
(nine-hole scores)
GIRLS
at Western Texas College

Team standings: 1. Snyder A, 242; 2. Snyder B, 253; 3. Lubbock Christian A, 300; 4. Lubbock Christian B, 320.

Medalist standings: 1. Brooke Jackson, Snyder A, 57; 2. Traci Jordan, Snyder A, 60; 3. Meggan Minor, Snyder A, 61; 4. Christi Williams B, 61; 5. Kelsey Bryant, Lubbock Christian A, 63.

Other Snyder A scores: Devin Chandler, 64; Jessica Davis, 65.

Other Snyder B scores: Katie Curry, 63; Bianca Gonzales, 64; Kendra Martinez, 65; Megan McCormick, 79.

Snyder individuals: Kiki Wofford, 75; Jana Lewis, 75; Amber Luecke, 76.

BOYS
at Snyder Country Club

Team standings: 1. San Angelo, 173; 2. Colorado City, 199; 3. Snyder A, 202; 4. Abilene Wylie, 205; 5. Snyder B, 229; 6. Snyder C, 271.

Medalist standings: 1. Troy Jenike, San Angelo, 39; 2. Will Kinnard, Abilene Wylie, 42; 3. A.J. Pursley, San Angelo, 43; 4. Bryan Proctor, Colorado City, 44; 5. Justin Taylor, San Angelo, 45.

Snyder A: Blake Seale, 49; Jay Weaver, 50; Alan Gray, 50; Zach Hopkins, 53; Wes Chandler, 56.

Snyder B: Cole Robertson, 55; Tanner Bloom, 56; Michael Parsley, 58; Tyler Hogan, 60; Cale Lancaster, 61.

Snyder C: Brad Richardson, 62; Jason Hook, 65; Chris Smauley, 65; Justin Burns, 65.

Snyder individuals: Curtis Mason, 68; Danny Ortegon, 70; Seth Cooper, 78.

Women's NCAA Tourney

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Connecticut 67, Louisiana Tech 48

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Purdue 88, Xavier 78

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Notre Dame 72, Vanderbilt 64

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Southwest Missouri State 104, Washington 87

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Savvis Center
St. Louis
National Semifinals
Friday, March 30
Purdue (30-6) vs. Southwest Missouri State (29-5), 7 p.m.
Connecticut (32-2) vs. Notre Dame (32-2), 9:30 p.m.
National Championship
Sunday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

Men's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At First Union Center
Philadelphia
Southern California 80, Kentucky 76
Duke 76, UCLA 63
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Duke 79, Southern California 69
SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Michigan State 77, Gonzaga 62
Temple 84, Penn State 72
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Michigan State 69, Temple 62
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Illinois 80, Kansas 64
Arizona 66, Mississippi 56
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Arizona 87, Illinois 81
WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Maryland 76, Georgetown 66
Stanford 78, Cincinnati 65
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Maryland 87, Stanford 73

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
Michigan State (28-4) vs. Arizona (27-7), 5:42 p.m.
Duke (33-4) vs. Maryland (25-10), following first game
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Due to weather...

SHS reschedules today's baseball, softball games

Two key District 4-4A games have been postponed due to inclement weather.

The Snyder Tigers' baseball game and the Lady Tigers' softball contest scheduled for this evening have been cancelled.

The Tigers were to have taken on the Plainview Bulldogs tonight. The game has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday in Plainview.

The Tigers are 10-5 on the year and 3-1 in the district standings, only one game behind Frenship and Andrews. Plainview (6-8) is 2-2 in league action.

The Lady Tigers were slated to face Andrews today in a battle for second place. Snyder will square off with the Lady Mustangs at 6 p.m. Thursday at Cates Field.

The Lady Tigers (12-10) are tied with Andrews for second place at 5-1.

The Snyder boys are also in action at 4:30 Friday at Lubbock Estacado, while the Lady Tigers host Levelland at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY
Baseball
Snyder at Plainview, rescheduled
Softball
Andrews at Snyder, rescheduled

THURSDAY
Rodeo
Western Texas at Odessa College rodeo
Baseball
Snyder at Plainview, 6 p.m.
Softball
Andrews at Snyder, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY
Rodeo
Western Texas at Odessa College rodeo
Baseball
Snyder at Estacado, 4:30
Tennis
Snyder at Mason Invitational

SATURDAY
Rodeo
Western Texas at Odessa College rodeo
Softball
Levelland at Snyder, 3 p.m.
Track
Snyder boys and girls at Levelland Relays
Tennis
Snyder at Mason Invitational
Baseball
Big Spring at Snyder JV Black, doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Snyder JV Gold at Sweetwater, noon

National Basketball Association

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	49	21	.700	—
Miami	42	27	.609	6½
New York	42	27	.609	6½
Orlando	38	32	.543	11
Boston	31	38	.449	17½
New Jersey	24	49	.329	26½
Washington	17	53	.243	32

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	44	26	.629	—
Charlotte	40	30	.571	4
Toronto	38	32	.543	6
Indiana	31	38	.449	12½
Cleveland	26	44	.371	18
Detroit	25	45	.357	19
Atlanta	21	50	.296	23½
Chicago	12	58	.171	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	21	.700	—
Utah	47	22	.681	1½
Dallas	45	25	.643	4
Minnesota	42	28	.600	7
Houston	38	32	.543	11
Denver	34	37	.479	15½
Vancouver	20	52	.278	30

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	46	22	.676	—
L.A. Lakers	47	24	.662	½
Portland	46	24	.657	1
Phoenix	42	27	.609	4½
Seattle	39	34	.534	9½
L.A. Clippers	25	46	.352	22½
Golden State	17	53	.243	30

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games
Orlando 84, Indiana 82
Miami 88, San Antonio 83
Toronto 102, Vancouver 92
Milwaukee 105, Atlanta 98
Boston 102, Chicago 98
Minnesota 105, New Jersey 91
L.A. Lakers 84, Sacramento 72

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 90, Milwaukee 78
Denver 109, Chicago 104, OT
Dallas 98, Utah 90
Phoenix 104, L.A. Lakers 83
Seattle 104, Cleveland 86
Portland 104, L.A. Clippers 96
New York 89, Golden State 87, OT

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 8 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Denver at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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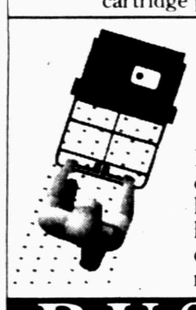

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Tennis stars will testify in trial

MIAMI (AP) — Lindsay Davenport and Venus and Serena Williams have been subpoenaed to testify at the trial of a man accused of stalking tennis star Martina Hingis at a tournament last year.

Dubravko Rajcevic, a Croatian-born engineer who is now an Australian citizen, is charged with one count of stalking and three counts of trespassing, all misdemeanors.

Jury selection begins Wednesday and is expected to run about five days. Hingis is expected to testify April 2, one day after this year's Ericsson Open ends.

Rajcevic's lawyer, Frank A. Abrams, said Monday he issued subpoenas for Davenport and the Williams sisters but didn't know whether they had been served. The players are in South Florida to compete in the Ericsson on Key Biscayne.

Rajcevic, 45, was arrested at last year's Ericsson after security asked him to leave the tournament following a complaint by Hingis' mother.

He returned the next day, was arrested on stalking charges and released on $1,000 bond. Two days later, he was arrested again after showing up at the tournament. His bail increased to $2 million and he has been in custody ever since, refusing offers of release in exchange for promising to stay away from Hingis.

Abrams argues Rajcevic made no threats against the 20-year-old athlete.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	35.90	35.10	35.89	+ .62
AOL TimeWrn	42.27	40.28	42.07	+ 1.18
AT&T Corp	23.39	22.19	23.18	+ .66
Albertsons	29.50	29.25	29.48	+ .29
Alltel	54.15	52.47	53.98	+ 1.77
AmEl Pw	45.15	44.25	45.07	+ .84
AndarkPtr	65.20	62.56	62.56	—1.84
ATMOS Egy	22.23	22.06	22.10	—.13
Avail	6.46	6.41	6.46	—.03
BP Amoco	49.29	48.82	49.20	+ 1.26
BakerHughes	41.21	39.50	39.73	— .71
Bank of Amer	52.14	51.19	51.88	— .62
BellSouth	41.85	39.92	41.45	+ .87
Beth Steel	2.36	2.25	2.34	+ .09
BurlNoSFe	30.40	29.60	30.40	+ .80
Caterpillar	43.22	42.47	43.13	+ .19
Chevron	87.74	87.00	87.50	+ 1.06
Citigroup s	44.49	43.15	44.13	— .07
CocaCola	45.65	44.95	45.20	+ .30
ColgatePal	54.01	52.85	53.81	+ .71
ComclMetals	24.65	24.45	24.59	+ .02
Cooperin	36.00	35.10	35.14	—1.26
DaimlrChry	45.40	44.48	45.25	— .17
DallSemicn	30.55	28.78	30.37	+ .37
DeltaAirl	39.94	39.48	39.85	+ .15
Dillards Inc	20.50	20.00	20.50	— .07
DowChem s	31.98	31.50	31.90	+ .35
DuPont	42.31	41.56	42.05	+ .08
EastmanChem	49.50	48.74	49.36	+ .06
EstKodak	40.72	39.70	40.37	— .35
EDS Corp	54.23	53.40	54.16	+ .14
Entergy	36.65	36.00	36.41	+ .41
ExxonMobil	80.35	79.07	80.14	+ 1.89
GenDynam	64.37	63.65	63.95	— .05
GenElec s	41.75	40.55	41.51	+ .28
GenMills	42.90	42.06	42.68	+ .92
GenMotors	53.00	52.17	52.90	— .84
GaPacGP	29.98	29.10	29.73	+ .21
GlobalMar	27.71	26.57	26.73	— .27
Goodrich	37.30	36.38	36.80	— .30
Goodyear s	24.20	23.72	23.98	— .21
GtAtlPac	8.95	8.79	8.85	— .05
Halliburtn	39.72	38.03	38.03	— .94
Hanson ADS	28.50	27.92	28.45	— .40
HarteHanks	23.25	22.80	23.25	+ .35
HomeDepot	43.00	41.60	42.90	+ 1.55
Honeywellntl	40.95	39.41	40.75	+ 1.45
IBM	98.25	93.97	97.95	+ 2.55
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Oregon lawmakers rethinking term limits

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Term limit laws, once hailed as a way to purge deadwood from legislatures and bring in people with fresh ideas, are being rethought in some states where critics say the limits have drained statehouses of veteran leadership and institutional memory.

Measures to repeal or loosen term limits are pending this year in 10 of the 19 states that have adopted the restrictions in the past decade.

Term limit advocates say the effort appears most serious in Oregon, where 23 of the 60 representatives are freshmen this year and 13 veteran senators are to be forced from office next year because of term limits.

That has critics worried that legislative rookies — the people's elected representatives — will increasingly be outmaneuvered by lobbyists and bureaucrats with far more experience.

"It changes the dynamics. The lobbyists, bureaucrats and the news media are the institutional memory in this building," said Oregon House Speaker Mark Simmons, a Republican who will be forced out of office after December 2002.

Simmons supported term limits when Oregon voters overwhelmingly approved them in 1992, but now has misgivings after seeing much of the Legislature going to beginners. Plus, he said, it can be difficult recruiting candidates to run for a seat they can keep for no more than six years.

Freshman Democratic state Rep. Mark Hass says he is convinced that term limits leave newcomers and their constituents at a disadvantage in dealing with complex issues.

"And when you need advice, it would be nice to be able to turn to a legislator with 20 years experience rather than a lobbyist. But there aren't many legislative elders anymore," he said.

In California, term limits have left an inexperienced Legislature trying to untangle the electricity crisis: Almost a quarter of the legislators are new, and three-quarters weren't in office when deregulation was hatched in 1996.

"I really believe that this energy debacle illustrates the complete flaw in term limits, which is that nobody has enough time up there to really have a handle on important issues of public policy," said Harvey Rosenfield of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights.

A third of the Oregon House was forced out by term limits in 1998, and a similar number were barred from running last year.

Some Oregon lawmakers are drafting a proposed constitutional amendment that would go to the voters. It would retain Oregon's overall 12-year limit for service in the Legislature but abolish the law's restrictions limiting lawmakers to six of those years in the House and eight years in the Senate.

"What kind of corporation would have a rule where you can't keep the CEO for more than a few years?" said state Sen. Steve Harper, a Republican who once supported term limits but now is the leading advocate for sending the issue back to voters.

But political analyst Jim Moore said he's seen no evidence that Oregon voters have had a change of heart.

"Opponents will say the Legislature is trying to overturn the will of the people," said Moore, who teaches political science at the University of Portland.

Still, the Washington-based advocacy group U.S. Term Limits is prepared to use TV and radio commercials, direct mail and other campaigning to defeat the Oregon effort, said Paul Jacob, the group's national director.

Jacob says the repeal effort will lose momentum as the last legislative veterans are swept from office and replaced with people who are comfortable with term limits.

"The opponents keep saying that the sun won't rise in the morning unless we have the same old people in office," he said. "But around the country, we have seen that that's just not true."

Jacob noted that thousands of local jurisdictions also limit terms of officeholders. He pointed to a failed effort earlier this month to repeal term limits for New York City Council members.

"The politicians were playing chicken with the voters, and they decided it wasn't such a good idea" to pursue a repeal of term limits and risk incurring the voters' wrath, he said.

Besides Oregon, states with legislation pending this year to repeal or loosen term limits are Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan and Missouri. Legislation to repeal term limits was introduced in six states last year but none was successful, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Still, there is a growing sense that term limits, if left unchanged, will degrade the legislative process, said Jennie Drage, a policy specialist with the Denver-based conference.

"In the past, you had long-serving lawmakers who had a lot of knowledge and experience, and that formed the backbone of the Legislature," Drage said. "With term limits, you lose that backbone."

Families in Seattle try going without their extra vehicle

SEATTLE (AP) — When his wife proposed giving up their second car, even temporarily, David Martin was doubtful the family could manage.

How would their 7-year-old twins get ferried to soccer and school? How would the parents get to work? What about grocery runs?

They eventually overcame their skepticism and sold their second car.

The Martins were among 22 Seattle families who volunteered to park one of their vehicles this winter for six weeks as part of a city program encouraging people to be less reliant on their autos.

"It worked," Martin said. "My wife went and got a bus pass, and we just didn't need our second car anymore."

The families were paid $85 per week — roughly the cost of driving, maintaining and insuring an extra car in the city. The mileage was recorded on their extra vehicle to make sure it wasn't being used. Most of the families saved about $70 a week and got some exercise in the process.

Driving less means less traffic, less pollution, less land devoted to parking lots, and less wear and tear on streets, city officials say.

Mayor Paul Schell created the program as part of his transportation plan.

Project manager Jemae Pope said that while not all families found it so easy to do without one of their vehicles, most agreed they drive too much.

"We want to use these case studies to highlight for people the cost of driving," Pope said. "It might be that people would hear this and say, 'You know what, I'm like one of those families.'"

To cope with their limited transportation options, families simply had to plan ahead. They carpooled. They stopped for groceries on the way home from work, rather than making an extra trip. They posted calendars and wrote down who needed a car when.

In doing so, the families pumped 6,500 fewer pounds of carbon dioxide and 400 pounds fewer of carbon monoxide into the air, the city said. They made 300 fewer car trips per week.

"It's so simple, but makes so much sense," participant Bill Bramwell said. "Mostly, you just hear about solutions proposed that involve spending more money or building more roads."

The $18,000 program was successful enough that the city plans to hold a second trial in late spring or early summer. Already more than 200 families have applied, Pope said.

Pope hopes people will change the way they think about driving the way many have about recycling or conserving water.

"It's the same thought process: Before I hop in the car, do I really need to make this trip," she said.

On the Net:
http://www.cityofseattle.net/carsmart/waytogo.htm

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Medication may cause impotence

DEAR DR. GOTT: For 10 years, I have been taking hydrochlorothiazide for hypertension — and I have been impotent. Could this medication be causing my problem? I don't want to live this way.

DEAR READER: Many medicines, especially those used to treat hypertension and heart disorders, can cause male sexual dysfunction.

Hydrochlorothiazide, a mild diuretic, is such a medication. Although it ordinarily does not cause erectile dysfunction, some men are affected, although the reasons are a mystery. Ask your doctor to prescribe a substitute, such as a beta-blocker or an ACE-inhibitor, which should not affect your sexual functioning.

Let me add the obvious: Any drug can affect sexual interest and performance. Because of this unpleasant trade-off, many of my hypertensive patients choose a more natural, cheaper method to control their blood pressures. This approach includes shedding excess pounds with a reasonable diet, reducing salt intake and exercising regularly. I've found that by losing even as few as 10 pounds, avoiding salt (including MSG in Asian food, dill pickles and anchovies) and walking briskly for 30 to 60 minutes a day, many of my overweight, sedentary hypertensives can dramatically affect their blood pressure readings. What's more, they feel better in the bargain. Your doctor can advise you if this option advisable.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Impotence" and "Hypertension." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 per report in a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently discovered to have a mild elevation of my PSA blood test. What, in addition to cancer, might have caused this elevation?

DEAR READER: The prostate specific antigen blood test can be influenced by a variety of non-cancerous factors. A mild elevation of PSA can result from orgasm within two days of the test, for example, as well as a preceding digital rectal examination, recent prostate surgery, prostate infection, urinary retention, prostatic needle biopsies and old age. (Conversely, the PSA level may be artificially low in patients taking Proscar and saw palmetto for benign prostatic enlargement.)

Most authorities urge patients and physicians to be aware of these "confounding variables" before coming to any conclusions about the accuracy and validity of the PSA test.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a retired physician who would like to broaden your education about the stuff children used to wear around their necks to ward off disease.

As a child growing up in Arkansas, I remember being forced to wear a pouch of asafetida (not asifity) around my neck. It was also the practice in that bygone era to sew children up in their suits of long underwear in the fall, and not release them until spring. As you can imagine, these two customs were virtually guaranteed to prevent anyone from invading your private space!

I would also like to compliment you on the real service your column provides; what you have to say is no-nonsense and straight forward.

DEAR READER: I have received several letters about the use of asafetida, a foul-smelling plant (hence, the reference to "fetid"). The custom was apparently accepted in many communities, as was the long-john tradition. Thank you for shedding light on these practices — and for your kind comments about my column.

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Edmonds has son

NEW YORK (AP) — Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds' newest production is close to his heart.

The Grammy-winning singer, songwriter and producer and his wife have a new son, Dylan Michael Edmonds. Tracey Edmonds, a film producer, gave birth to the 7-pound, 1-ounce boy Monday in Los Angeles. They already have a 4-year-old son.

Coincidentally, Babyface's longtime partner, Arista President Antonio "L.A." Reid, also welcomed a new baby Monday.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Girls carry sister's burden all the way to her grave

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter about women pallbearers, I had to write.

We are a family of six girls. In September 1993, my sister Ethel was diagnosed with cancer. Together, we girls saw Ethel through surgeries, chemo and radiation, and then we took her home to help her through her final months on Earth. During my last visit (I live away), Ethel was planning her funeral. When the subject of pallbearers came up, I told her I intended to act as a pallbearer. Her face lit up. "What if all of you could do that?" she asked. She turned to the funeral director and asked, "Can they?"

Ethel died at home on Oct. 24, 1994, and all her sisters and brothers-in-law wheeled her coffin into the church for her service. As my mother said, "You were all there to help her when she needed it; why shouldn't you help her now?"

It's a memory I'll always treasure. It was the last time all six of us could do something together. — **ETHEL'S SISTER, BANGOR, MAINE**

DEAR SISTER: Thank you for sharing such a heartwarming memory. The feedback about that letter has been overwhelmingly positive. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman, and I have served as a pallbearer twice. The first time was for my Aunt Helen. When I asked my Uncle Tony if it would be all right, he seemed surprised, but he agreed. He said he thought Helen would be proud that her niece wanted to do it.

The second time was for my own dear dad. His sudden death rocked my world, and all I wanted was to be "with him" as long as I could.

Both times, people complimented me on a job well done and said they had never before seen a woman pallbearer. That should change. I encourage other women to do it. It was an ideal way to say goodbye. I imagine Aunt Helen and Dad looking down, smiling with pride because I chose to be me. — **RACHEL IN FRANKLIN, MASS.**

DEAR RACHEL: I'm sure they were smiling, just as your letter will bring a smile to the faces of countless readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I insisted on helping to carry out my mother's casket. I felt that since Mother had carried me for nine months into my life, I could certainly bear her weight and carry her for the last time. I took one of the first two spots in order to be closer to her heart. It gave me an enormous feeling of peace and helped tremendously in my grieving process. — **JANE IN OHIO**

DEAR JANE: I'm sure it was both comforting and empowering to act decisively during such a painful time. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: What's the big deal about female pallbearers? By the time I was 13, I had been asked to do it four times. When I was 9, a 6-month-old baby boy died. His parents asked four neighbor girls to be pallbearers at their infant son's funeral. Six months later, an 18-month-old baby boy died and all four of us were asked to serve as pallbearers again. At 11, I was a pallbearer for a 9-year-old girl from my Sunday school class.

I'm now 81, and I'll never forget those experiences from my youth. All of us were proud to help with something so important. — **HONORED IN SANTA ANA, CALIF.**

DEAR HONORED: Your letter should put to rest the idea that women pallbearers are a recent phenomenon. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the female pallbearer brought back the memory of a story my grandma told me about a woman who was planning her funeral back in the '40s. She insisted she wanted women to carry her casket when she died. Her reason: Since men didn't take her out while she was living, she didn't want them carrying her out when she was dead. — **BETTY IN FLORIDA**

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Lawyer says don't judge two suspects in stabbing deaths

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A lawyer for one of two teen-agers charged with killing two Dartmouth College professors says the public should hold off making judgments until incriminating evidence is independently reviewed.

Authorities investigating the slayings of Half and Susanne Zantop found one victim's blood on knives discovered in the bedroom of Robert Tulloch, 17, according to court documents released Monday.

Tulloch and James Parker, 16, both of Chelsea, Vt., are accused of stabbing the Zantops to death in their Hanover home Jan. 27.

"It's incomprehensible and inconceivable that Jimmy Parker could have had anything to do with this crime," said Doug Brown, a San Diego lawyer and longtime family friend.

A lawyer for Tulloch did not return calls seeking comment.

Investigators said they were unsure of a motive for the killings or a possible connection between the German-born professors and the suspects.

"There's no evidence that I am aware of that they knew each other," Brown said.

After weeks of fighting the release of the court documents, prosecutors agreed to make public several search warrants and other information supporting the teens' arrests.

Police analyzed two military-style knives found in a box in Tulloch's bedroom that matched the sort believed to have been used in the killings.

"On one knife, DNA consistent with Susanne Zantop was detected," the documents say. "On the second knife, DNA consistent with Susanne Zantop was detected, with a mixture of another source of DNA." The documents do not identify the source of the additional DNA.

Two other knives were found in a car they abandoned in Massachusetts a few weeks after the slayings, police said.

Police also concluded that footprints inside and outside the Zantop home matched Tulloch's left boot, according to the court documents.

The knives in Tulloch's bedroom were missing their distinctive sheaths, and in previous documents authorities said two matching sheaths were found at the murder scene. Fingerprints matching Parker's were allegedly found on one of them.

In an interview with police about two weeks after the Zantops' deaths, Parker said he bought the knives over the Internet, but did not tell his parents because they would be angry.

He said he and Tulloch used the knives for cutting branches and building a fort in the woods. Parker said he sold the knives to an unknown man at a military surplus store sometime the week before the slayings.

The court papers released Monday also say that during a search of Tulloch's home Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, investigators found video games and materials about Nazi Germany and the Ku Klux Klan.

New acetaminophen worries surface

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evidence that many Americans may poison their livers by unwittingly taking toxic doses of acetaminophen has the government considering if consumers need stiffer warnings about the popular over-the-counter painkiller.

It's not the first time acetaminophen, best known by the Tylenol brand, has drawn federal concern. There are warnings not to take it if you consume more than three alcoholic drinks, because the combination can poison your liver.

But the latest worry is about overdoses: taking too much for too long, or mixing the myriad acetaminophen-containing headache, cold/flu and other remedies, or just popping extra pills.

Because acetaminophen is nonprescription, people think "it must be safe and they take it like M&Ms," sighs Dr. William Lee of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Lee's data suggest acetaminophen overdoses could be a bigger cause of liver failure than some prescription drugs recently banned for liver poisoning, such as the diabetes medicine Rezulin.

He tracked more than 300 acute liver failure cases at 22 hospitals and linked 38 percent to acetaminophen, versus 18 percent of cases caused by other medications. In a second database tracking 307 adults suffering severe liver injury — not full-fledged failure — at six hospitals, Lee linked acetaminophen to 35 percent of cases.

Most were accidents and should have been preventable, Lee contends.

The findings surprised Food and Drug Administration officials, who this month began investigating how big a risk the painkiller poses and whether Americans need more explicit warnings to use it safely. They even are seeking data from Britain, where so many people used acetaminophen for suicide that British health authorities now restrict how many tablets are sold at once.

Acetaminophen's liver toxicity "is conspicuous in its magnitude compared to some of the other bad players we've taken off the market," says Dr. Peter Honig, FDA's postmarketing drug safety chief. "We're looking at the data to decide if something has to be done, and what."

Certainly millions of Americans safely take acetaminophen every day. Tylenol maker McNeil Consumer Healthcare calls it one of the safest over-the-counter products and insists liver failure occurs only with substantial overdoses.

"This is not a casual, 'Oops, I took an extra pill,'" stresses McNeil vice president Dr. Anthony Temple.

Nor is it the first liver warning. The FDA mandates that bottles bear alcohol warnings, after a Virginia man won an $8 million lawsuit claiming moderate Tylenol doses with his usual dinner wine left him needing a liver transplant.

And McNeil warns that mixing up doses of infant Tylenol drops with children's Tylenol liquid kills — the two are not interchangeable. Yet poisonings still occur when parents mix up products and give babies a potentially deadly teaspoon-full instead of a safe dropper-full.

For adults, acetaminophen bottles recommend no more than eight extra-strength pills in 24 hours, and to seek help for overdoses.

Critics want labels to mention liver failure explicitly, saying consumers don't realize overdosing is easy and dangerous. Lee cites taking maximum doses for days instead of once or twice, or flu sufferers taking high doses while not eating. Some rack up the chemical by taking acetaminophen-containing prescription painkillers like Vicodin or Percocet plus over-the-counter headache or cold/flu remedies. Also, there are reports that smaller acetaminophen doses may overwhelm hepatitis sufferers.

On the other hand, some FDA officials worry that too-explicit warnings could alert potential suicides to the worst doses, causing a problem such as Britain faced.

To be safe, Lee advises limiting daily acetaminophen to the amount in four extra-strength pills, 2 grams total from all medicines.

Overdoses can be treated easily if doctors know the culprit in time. But initial symptoms are flu-like and doctors may not promptly test for acetaminophen's hallmark sky-high liver enzymes.

Consider 23-year-old Marcus Trunk, who took prescription Tylenol with codeine for a wrist injury for 10 days and then over-the-counter acetaminophen for another week. Suddenly fever and vomiting struck. A hospital initially gave more acetaminophen before diagnosing liver failure, says his mother, Kate Trunk of Fort Myers, Fla.

Day-care center's owner is accused

HOUSTON (AP) — A day care center's owner remained jailed Tuesday in the shaking death of a 5-month-old boy who had been in her care.

Rhonda Louise Rossino was arrested Monday at the La Porte house where she had cared for a number of children. She was charged with injury to a child and ordered jailed in lieu of $20,000 bail.

Jeremy Scott Henderson of Baytown suffered his fatal injuries in February while in Rossino's care, an investigation by La Porte police and the child-care licensing division of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services concluded.

Denise Oncken, a Harris County assistant district attorney, said the infant's death resulted from "shaken baby syndrome," a brain injury caused when a child is violently shaken.

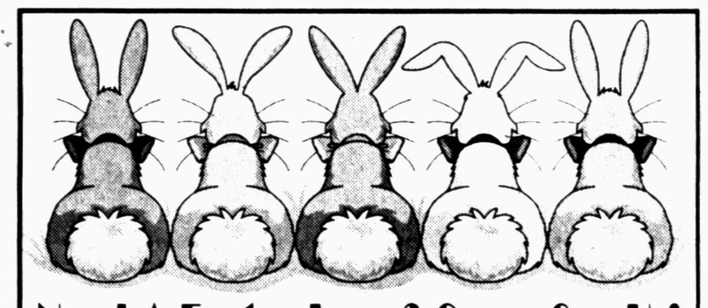
But Tex Tonroy, Rossino's Houston attorney, said his client passed a polygraph examination administered at the request of La Porte police.

An autopsy report listed blunt-force head injuries as the cause of the baby's death.

The baby's father, John Henderson, said Rossino told his wife Lorraine on the afternoon of Feb. 16 to come pick up her child because he was ill. He said his wife found the baby unconscious at the day care center.

The boy died two days later.

Rossino, 41, closed her business March 12, said Estella Olguin, a spokeswoman for the state's child-care licensing division.



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CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's important today that you don't put too much stock in the opinions of, negative friends who believe everything is difficult and everyone is not to be trusted. It would ruin a happy day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't take your ego to extremes today by refusing to own up to a mistake you made. If you laugh at yourself, others will laugh with you instead of at you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Others are simply not interested in hearing your views today that diametrically oppose theirs. All it does is make everyone feel uncomfortable. Choose agreeable topics.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Prying into other people's business is rude at best, but today, by doing so, the knowledge you garner may place you in a position of bearing a heavy responsibility.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The choice is yours today. You can focus on the sunny side of life and feel good about things, or you can dwell on the negative aspects and feel crummy about everything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Someone who helped you in the past may impose upon your time today and ask you to help with something you'd rather not. Be generous and try to reciprocate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The best way to get labeled a poor sport is to engage in unbecoming conduct on the playing field. If you find yourself losing, act as graciously as you would if you were winning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There isn't anything you can't accomplish today so long as you don't contemplate taking shortcuts or easy ways out. Objectives worth striving for deserve your best efforts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Abide by the old saying, "If you can't say something nice about another, don't say anything." Today is one of those days when what we sow will come back twofold.

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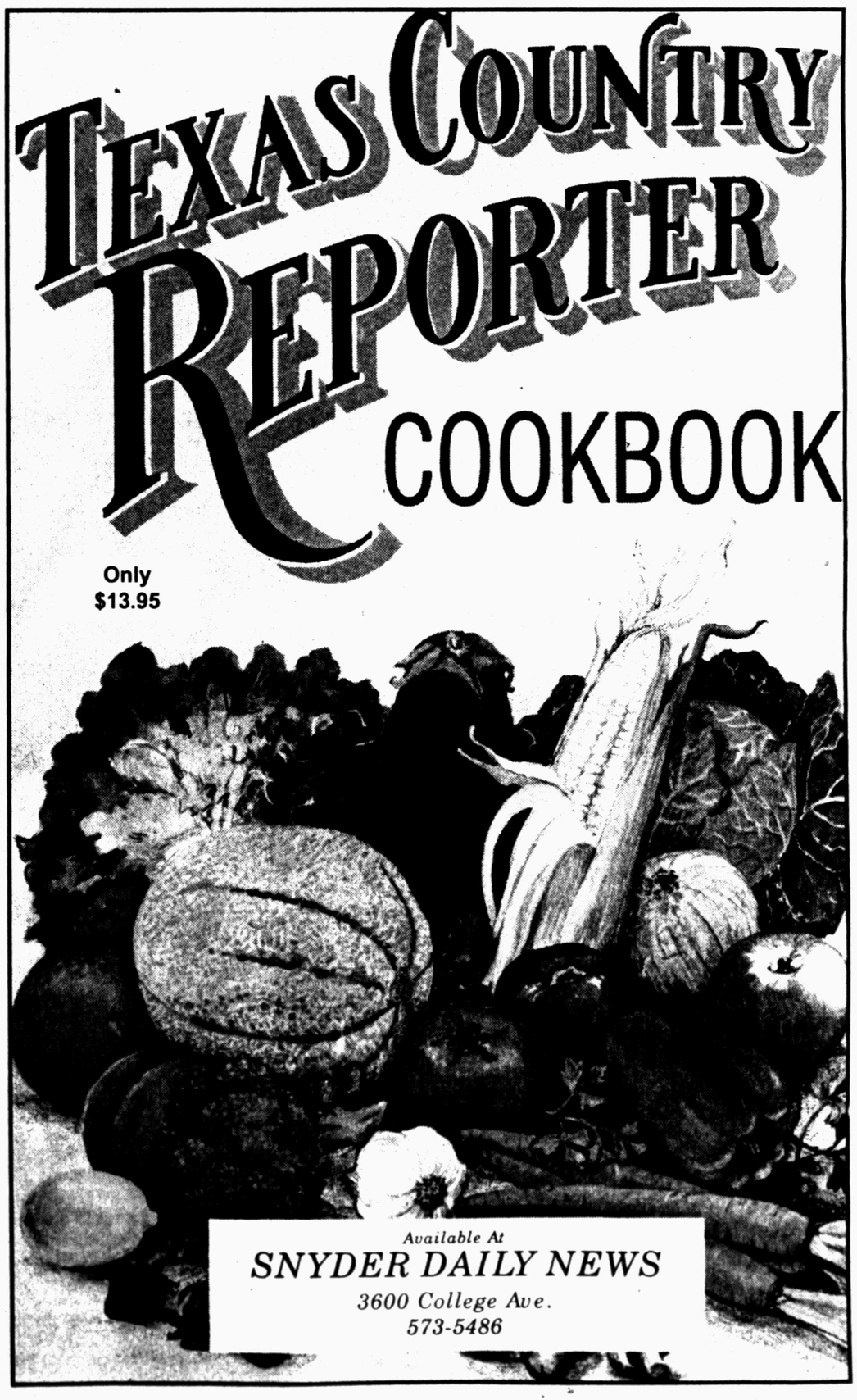

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2 soldiers dead, 2 AF pilots missing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The crash of a U.S. Army reconnaissance plane in Germany and the disappearance of two U.S. Air Force fighter jets over Scotland are the latest in a string of tragic military mishaps in recent weeks.

An Army RC-12, a twin-engine propeller aircraft used to detect, identify and locate enemy radar and electronic communications, crashed Monday in a forest about eight miles from Nuremberg, killing the two pilots on board, Army spokeswoman Hilde Patton said from 5th Corps headquarters at Heidelberg.

German and American authorities at the scene were attempting to recover the pilots' remains from the crash scene, Patton said.

There was no initial indication of what caused the crash, Patton said. The plane and pilots were assigned to the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade at Wiesbaden, Germany. The pilots' identities were being withheld until their families could be notified.

At roughly the same time Monday, the Air Force disclosed that two F-15C fighters were overdue on a return flight to their home base at Lakenheath in southern England after conducting low-level flight training in Scotland.

Hours later the Air Force said a search and rescue mission had been suspended due to a snow storm; there was no word from the two pilots nor any confirmation of their fate. The lack of communication suggested a strong possibility that they had crashed in the mountainous terrain, officials said.

Maj. Stacee Bako, a U.S. Air Force spokeswoman at Lakenheath, said the search would be resumed at first light Tuesday. There was no indication Monday of what happened to the planes, she said.

The two single-seat F-15s left Lakenheath around 12:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. EST) for a three-hour sortie over the Scottish Highlands. The jets were over the Cairngorm Mountains in the Scottish Highlands when they lost contact with ground controllers at Lakenheath, 75 miles northeast of London, Bako said.

Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Almarah Belk at the Pentagon said a search and rescue mission was launched from RAF Kinloss in Scotland. The search was conducted by air and on the ground, officials said.

Police in Aberdeen said they had no reports of any planes coming down.

With four peaks over 4,000 feet, including the 4,296-foot Ben Macdhui, the Cairngorms are Britain's loftiest mountain range. Weather in the Cairngorms for most of Monday afternoon was cold and bright with good visibility and light southerly winds, the Meteorological Office said. Snow and sleet were beginning to develop in the mountains.

It is unusual for more than one U.S. military plane to crash on the same day, but fatal training accidents are by no means rare. On March 3 an Army C-23 Sherpa crashed in Georgia, killing all 21 people on board, and on March 12 five American servicemen and one New Zealand army officer were killed when a U.S. Navy F/A-18 mistakenly hit them with bombs during training in Kuwait.

On Feb. 12, two Army Black Hawk helicopters collided during a nighttime training session in Hawaii on Feb. 12, killing six soldiers.

Bush cautiously optimistic about assessing economy

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — President Bush was offering a cautiously optimistic assessment of the economy Tuesday, calling it "winded, but fundamentally strong" and contending that his policies on education, energy and free trade were critical for its continued health.

Bush was sharpening his arguments for his package of tax cuts and restrained federal spending in a state-of-the-economy address in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The sweeping overview was designed to spell out what the president views as the economy's strengths and weaknesses, and make the case for his tax cut proposals. Bush was also reminding the nation anew that the economy began to cool before he took office.

Bush's has proposed 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax reduction. In recent days, the White House has signaled willingness to make the income tax components retroactive to swiftly pump up the economy.

Administration officials have also said they might be willing to delay Bush's repeal of the estate tax to make way for a larger and quicker income tax break aimed at spurring the economy this year.

"But I want to stress, it's a matter of delay, and it's not delay for 25 years," White House economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey told USA Today. "It's a delay for maybe a year or two."

The president has said in recent weeks that the economy is "sputtering" and has argued that tax cuts could bolster it.

"The American economy is like a great athlete at the end of the first leg of a long race — winded, but fundamentally strong," Bush was to say Tuesday, according to aides. "My policies face reality as we found it and lay the foundation for future growth."

In a preview of Bush's speech, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill told an audience in Washington on Tuesday, "The U.S. economy is fundamentally sound, with low inflation and low unemployment."

O'Neill sought to play down the stock market's big declines, saying they should be viewed against the backdrop of a tripling in stock prices over the past decade.

"Strength of the U.S. economy is not reflected in any one asset price or number but in the flexibility and adaptability of our entire economy to new challenges," O'Neill said.

"The recent slowdown occurs against the backdrop of this fundamental soundness and follows on the heels of the extraordinary real growth of recent years."

Man overdoses, taken to CMH

• ***Overdose***

A 20-year-old man was admitted to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for observation Monday morning after overdosing on prescription medication.

• ***Tools stolen***

At 2:21 p.m. Monday, Shaun Lecount notified officers that tools had been taken from his 1979 Plymouth pickup while it was parked at 1609 15th Street.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Allsup's in Hermleigh reported a $14 gas drive-off at 3:12 p.m. Monday.

• ***Criminal mischief***

David Smith spoke to officers at 4:41 p.m. Monday to report that the back glass in his vehicle had been broken.

• ***Arrest***

At 11:38 p.m. Monday, a 48-year-old man was taken into custody by officers on 20th Place for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

• ***Accidents***

Officers filed an accident report in reference to a one-vehicle mishap Sunday morning in the 1800 block of Scurry. A 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Michael Wayne Lindsey, 16, of 1167 North Avenue O struck a utility pole. John Criswell owns the vehicle.

A hit and run accident report was filed Monday. An unknown vehicle struck a 1993 Honda Accord owned by Curtis Langham of 3009 Beaumont and then left the scene. The mishap occurred in either the Snyder High School junior parking lot or at West Elementary.

At 8:56 p.m. Monday, a two-vehicle accident occurred in the 5300 block of College. Involved were a 1980 Cadillac driven by Mary Francis Thompson, 46, of 2843 Church and a parked, unoccupied 1994 Nissan Altima owned by Linda Hermosillo of 111 Ash Street.

Obituaries

Ruby Neves

1935-2001

Ruby Lois Neves, longtime Snyder resident, died Saturday, March 24, at her home after a lengthy illness.

Ruby Neeves

Service for Mrs. Neves, 65, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, and the Rev. Miller Robinson, retired pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Oct. 31, 1935 in Fisher County, she married Roy "Curley" Neves on Nov. 8, 1952 in Hobbs, Tex. A Snyder resident since 1965, she was a retired secretary for the Adult Probation Office.

Mrs. Neves was preceded in death by three brothers, Charlie Adams, Troy Adams and T.C. Adams Jr.; and three sisters, Nancy Adams, Pauline McAlpine and Mildred Hopper.

Survivors include her husband, Roy "Curley" Neves of the home; four sons, Larry Neves of Snyder, Nicky Neves of Levelland, Toby Neves of Weatherford, Okla., and Tracy Neves of Jonesboro, Ark.; a daughter, Kimberly Gambol of Snyder; two brothers, Gerald Adams of Midland and Herman Adams of Martindale; three sisters, Louise Johnson of Abilene, Doris Metcalf of Tulia and Maurine Lay of Odessa; and 14 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society-Scurry Unit, West Texas State Bank, P.O. Box 1396 in care of Sheila McCormack, or the American Heart Association-Scurry County Division, in care of Billisue Stuard, 875 County Road 1101, Hermleigh, or to a favorite charity.

Visitation will be from 6-8 this evening at the funeral home.

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Juana Silva

1905-2001

Juana Perez Silva, 96, of Snyder died Monday, March 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Silva is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Steven Pena will officiate.

Mrs. Silva was born on March 8, 1905 in Zacatecas, Mexico. She married Demecio Silva in Texas and he died in 1975. Mrs. Silva was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Victoria Silva of Snyder and Maria Acosta of Chicago, Ill.; two sons, Lucio Silva of Garden City, Kan., and Lupe Silva of Abilene; and 56 grandchildren.

Dorthea Hunter

1921-2001

COLORADO CITY — Mrs. Dorthea Merket Hunter of Abilene, a Dunn graduate and former teacher at Hermleigh, died Monday, March 26, in an Abilene hospital.

Service for Mrs. Hunter, 79, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City. The Rev. Darris Egger will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on April 5, 1921 in Nimrod, Tex., she moved with her family to China Grove, Tex., at age five. She graduated from Dunn High School, and McMurry College in Abilene with a bachelor's degree in education.

She married Paul B. Hunter on Dec. 9, 1941 in Garden City and he preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 1999. She taught school in Hermleigh, Buford and Colorado City. She also assisted her husband, Paul, as owners and operators of Better Cleaners in Colorado City for 36 years. Mrs. Hunter was an aviation enthusiast and obtained her private pilot's license in 1965.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City where she was active in the choir and the children's department. She had also been active in local civic organizations including Jaycees and the chamber of commerce.

Survivors include a daughter, Debbie Gordon of Ballinger; a son, Glenn Hunter of Atlanta, Tex.; three brothers, Bo Merket, Lindy Merket and Lucky Merket, all of Colorado City; a sister, Betty Bills of Southport, N.C.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Revial services

The public is invited to revival services underway at Faith Baptist Church. Services are held at 7 p.m. daily through Wednesday. Jerry Reed is the evangelist.

CPR certification classes

CPR certification classes (Health Care Provider) will be held from 4-8 p.m. today and Thursday in Room 7C at Western Texas College. To pre-register and for more information, call 573-8511, ex. 390.

C.H.I.P. signup

Children's Health Insurance Program signup will held from 2-7 p.m. today at Northeast Elementary.

Cancer Society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Scurry County Library's children's room. Jo Thrower will present a program on "The Hidden Half of the Family." Anyone searching for females in their families should attend. Membership dues are $12 a person, or $15 a couple.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

MAWC game day and luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club game day and luncheon will be held Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

GED testing dates

Testing for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Bible College choir

The Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th St., will host The Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir from Baxter Springs, Kan., at 7 p.m. Friday.

Car wash

First Christian Church's youth group will hold a car wash beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday on the south parking lot of Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted.

Boxing club car wash

Snyder boxing club will have a car wash from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday in the Auto Zone parking lot for donations. Proceeds will go to Snyder boxers competing at the Olympic Center on April 4-8.

Rabies vaccination day

The yearly rabies vaccination day will be held from 1-7 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Fire Department. Cost is $6 for the vaccination and city tags will be free. Patrons are asked to park behind Texas Savings Bank.

Spring revival services

North College Avenue Baptist Church will host a spring revival April 1-4. Sunday, the church will try to set a record attendance for Sunday School and Sunday night. Monday is "blues night" with everyone encouraged to wear blue. Tuesday is music night with special choir music. Wednesday is children and youth night. There will be a dessert fellowship each evening, with Sunday being ice cream, Monday is pie and Tuesday is cake night. A hot dog social will follow the Wednesday meeting.

Gateway fundraiser

Gateway Family Services will present the Flying J Wrangers from Ruidoso at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $25 and include an evening of food and entertainment.

Experiencing God, The Musical

The combined choirs of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church will present Experiencing God, The Musical, at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at the First Baptist Church Worship Center. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

SHS senior student pictures

Parents of SHS seniors are asked to bring student pictures for the May steak supper to the high school office. Pictures are needed for the video from baby years, elementary school and middle school. Please do so by April 12. Videos can also be used.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are 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 these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Senior citizens swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.