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Home of Bill Davidson

District 2 still on...

Election cancelled for three council districts

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Two incumbent members of the Snyder city council will keep their seats without an election, and a former member will join them, as they did not draw an opponent for the May 4 election.

Vernest Tippens, District 1; James Ashley, District 2; and Ron Shaw, District 4; will begin serving their new terms next month.

This follows the council's action Monday night canceling the election for those three places.

The only councilman to draw an opponent is District 2 incumbent David Harrell, manager of Cain Electrical Supply. He is opposed by Stephanie Ducheneaux, an instructor at Western Texas College.

In other action Monday night, the council approved a contract between the city and Borden County for fire protection in Borden County. The pact must still be approved by the Borden County commissioners' court.

The proposed cost is based on the fire department's actual expenditures, plus capital outlay, not including depreciation, for a three-year period, divided by the number of alarms answered in that county for the three-year average.

Action on a contract between the city and the school for leasing the former East and West fire stations was tabled.

The city is looking into using the East station for storage of duplicate records.

In other action, the council approved a request by Sharp Image Energy of Big Spring to drill a well north of Houston Parkway on land owned by Annette Blum Mulkey.

Also okayed was a special use permit requested by Kyle Herrley at 2911 W. 23rd St. for a firearm cleaning and refurbishing business.

Also accepted was the low bid for a scraper for the landfill in the amount of $287,350 including trade-in; and the renewal of a contract with Hammerman & Gainer of Abilene for services associated with the Texas Worker's Compensation Commission.

The council also voted to exempt travel trailers from ad valorem taxes and approved the quarterly investment report.

Re-appointments were made to several boards — including Cliff Smith, Paula Bond and Ronnie Shields to the board of adjustment; Donny Brown, Bob Martin and Dick Norris to the planning and zoning commission; and Jimmy Brooks to the builders board of appeal.

Vic Chambers of the city's planning department said two vacancies remain on the board of adjustment and the planning and zoning commission, plus one on the builders appeal board.

The council met in executive session beginning at 8:45 p.m. to continue the yearly evaluation of City Manager John Gayle.

It reconvened in open session at 10 p.m. and Mayor Francene Noah announced the evaluation was complete, and that Gayle received a favorable evaluation.

Mayor Noah presided and council members present were Tippens, Harrell, Ashley, Terry Martin and John Reed. I. E. Martin was absent.

CAMPAIGN WRAPUP — WTC president Dr. Greg Williams accepts a check from the Dupree family at a Monday press conference announcing the end of the college's initial fundraising campaign which garnered more than $43,000. Pictured from left are Richard and Donna Dupree, Bob Dupree, Dr. Williams and Darla and Albert DeLoera. (Contributed Photo)

Sexual assault charges top grand jury action

Ten indictments were returned against nine individuals during Monday's Scurry County grand jury session.

Gonzalo Lara, 32, of 1005 26th St. remains in Scurry County Jail in lieu of bonds totaling $20,000. He is charged with sexual assault on a child younger than 17 and with indecency with a child.

The alleged sexual assault occurred Dec. 1, while the latter offense is said to have occurred March 13.

Andrew Lee Brown, 23, of 313 S. Ave. F in Welder, Tex., was charged with the Jan. 31 offense of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in a drug-free zone.

The indictment states Brown committed the offense within 1,000 feet of Central Elementary School. Brown is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Pedro Gonzales Jr., 28, of 110 Browning was indicted for the March 17 offense of assault, family violence. His bond is set at $5,000.

Gonzales has a previous conviction in Snyder's municipal court for assault against a family member in 1998.

Tommy Gerald Baldwin Jr., 25, of 2401 Ave. L was indicted for failing to register as a sex offender. He remains in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond and the original offense was attempted sexual assault that occurred in Collin County in 1997.

Pamela Yvette James, 34, formerly of 1502 26th St. and now in a TDCJ facility, was indicted for the Oct. 8 offense of delivery of a controlled substance. Her bond is set at $5,000.

Jimmy Dale Norvell, 41, of 2416 Gilmore was indicted for the March 26 offense of evading arrest from a Snyder police officer. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Robert Mark Hamilton, 44, of 225 Hurt in Dublin was indicted for the Feb. 17 offense of possession of amphetamine. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Two other persons were indicted, but have not been arrested.

$4,000 gift...

Dupree families top off college donations

Western Texas College Monday accepted a $4,000 gift from four Dupree families in Snyder, matching a challenge gift received in February and capping its kickoff fundraising campaign which now exceeds $40,000.

Contributing to Monday's gift were Richard and Donna Dupree, owners of Jack's Used Cars; Richard's mother, Mildred Dupree; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dupree, owners of Dupree Motors Inc.; and Rodney and Teresa Dupree, owners of Friendly Flower Shop.

Richard Dupree said Snyder citizens had been good to the Dupree family and they thought "now is payback time."

Texas Finance owner Albert DeLoera, along with his wife Darla, pledged a $10,000 challenge gift, obligating the college to raise the same amount in one month.

The Dupree's gift brought WTC's challenge funds to $11,280.

The challenge gift and matching funds will purchase home-game and away-game jerseys for the college's new baseball and softball programs.

Individuals and businesses that contributed to the DeLoera challenge gift included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seale, Larry Joe Thompson of Thompson Insurance Agency, Johnson Controls of Lubbock, Bill and Ellie Dryden of Stevenson Real Estate, Carolyn Barbee of Barbee Medical Supply, Joe Jackson of Snyder National Bank, Bill Parker of West Texas State Bank, Jeffrey Martin of American State Bank and Keith and Jackie Hackfeld of Hackfeld's Quality Clothing.

Also donating were The Shack Restaurant, Drew Bullard of Bullard's Computer Solutions, Dr. Bryan Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Lemons, Phyllis and Jackie Leatherwood of Blankenship Packer Service, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Patton, Joe T. Williamson Insurance Agency, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chowning of Valic Investments, Gale Titus of Snyder Lumber/Ace Hardware and Key Brothers Implement.

WTC president Dr. Greg Williams said the kickoff campaign, which totaled $43,315, exceeded his expectations.

"Our initial campaign went very well," he said. "We are really excited to have a number of people in the community willing to help and become members of the WTC family."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Past middle age defines a good meal followed not only by a good dessert, but good digestion."

My retired friends say they stay busy even though some of 'em can't say exactly what has been accomplished.

The may have AAADD, Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

The afternoon crowd at the Dairy Queen explains it this way:

You decide the car needs to be washed. You start toward the garage and notice the mail still on the kitchen table. On the way to wash the car you decide to thumb through the mail.

While going through the mail, you lay the car keys down on the desk and discard the junk mail, but notice that the trash can is full.

The decision is made to put the bills on the desk and take the trash out, but since the mailbox is nearby, you decide to first pay the bills.

The senior citizen starts to hunt for the checkbook. After locating it, you find that there's only one check left. The extra checks are in the desk on which you find a cup of coffee that you were drinking. It's cold, so you go to the kitchen for a refill.

Flowers in the window catch your eye and they need some water. The coffee is put down on the cabinet and, uh oh, there are those reading glasses you've been hunting all morning. You put 'em where you can find them.

A container is filled with water and you head for the flowers. You then spy a TV remote control left on the kitchen counter. Knowing you'll be searching for it later in the day, you return it to the family room wher t belongs.

While toung water for the flowers, you splash some on the floor. You head to the utility room for a mop, but stop short. You scratch your head, trying to remember your mission.

At the end of the day you're frustrated. The car isn't washed, the bills are unpaid, the coffee is setting on the kitchen counter, flowers are half watered, the floor still needs to be cleaned, bills are unpaid and the car keys remain missing.

You're baffled because, despite being busy all day long, you got nothing accomplished.

Retirees, however, can take heart. Some of us still working experience some of the same kind of productivity.

Non-essential workers coming home...

U.S. to trim presence in Jerusalem due to attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department is set to trim the U.S. diplomatic presence in Jerusalem in response to terror attacks against Israel, two U.S. officials said today.

American diplomats and other U.S. workers at the consulate whose jobs are not considered essential will be offered free transportation home, along with all dependents, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The United States, declining to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, maintains its embassy in Tel Aviv. The authorized departure, as it is called, does not apply to the embassy, the officials said.

Jerusalem has been a frequent target of Palestinian suicide bombers. Tel Aviv also has suffered bloody attacks, but with less frequency.

The authorized departure from the Jerusalem consulate is in response to a generally uncertain situation and not to any specific threat directed at Americans, one of the officials told The Associated Press.

There was no immediate word on how many Americans could be quitting Israel in a move that is likely to contribute to the anxieties of travelers who are inclined to steer clear of Israel during its struggle with terrorism.

An announcement expected late today also will renew a warning to Americans not to travel to Israel. It was first issued Jan. 7, citing ongoing violence and potential for terrorist acts.

The Bush administration is not branding Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat a terrorist because there is more he can do to further the Mideast peace process, Secretary of State Colin Powell said earlier today.

Fuentes takes top prize for 'March Madness'

Out of a possible 100 points, 74 was good enough to win first prize in the Snyder Daily News' NCAA March Madness contest.

Chris D. Fuentes of 219 37th St. was the $50 first place winner.

Second and third place tied with 71 points, and the tiebreaker was used to determine places.

Ned Underwood of 3009 Austin took the second place $25, and Joe Wirsching of 366 CR 146 won the third place $15.

These three were among the survivors in a tournment chocked full of upsets.

Duke was the team that most readers picked to be the top team, but the Blue Devils lost in the Sweet Sixteen.

Winners will be mailed their checks.

ASK US

Q—When was the last time the Snyder Tigers won the district baseball championship?

A—Snyder was crowned district co-champs with Frenship in 1998.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 82 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 56; no preciptitation; total for 2002, 5.37 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, breezy, low around 40; NE winds 15-25 mph. Wednesday, cloudy, cool; high mid 50s; NE winds 15-25 mph in a.m.; becoming SE 5-15 mph in evening.

Heather Crawford
Breezy

Sunset: 7:04 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.
Of 91 days in 2002, the sun has shone 86 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no failure except in no longer trying.
—Elbert Hubbard

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Microsoft's strategy potentially risky

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is using a potentially risky strategy to avoid tough antitrust penalties, legal experts say. The company is portraying states that want the penalties as tools of its competitors.

San Francisco antitrust lawyer Dana Hayter said Microsoft has to prove more than a close relationship exists between the states and the technology companies that compete with Microsoft. The company also has to show that the penalties the states are seeking won't benefit consumers.

"The only reason helping competitors is bad is if it helps competitors but not customers," Hayter said. "But if it helps customers by helping competitors, that's the point of antitrust."

Over the past two weeks of penalty hearings before a federal judge, Microsoft has argued that its largest rivals are using the nine states that refused to accept the federal settlement with Microsoft to pummel the company for their own marketplace losses.

For their part, the states say the tough antitrust penalties they're seeking are the product of listening to both sides in the debate and reaching their own conclusion.

Only the opinion of U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly counts, and it's unclear how she will react to Microsoft's strategy in deciding the software giant's punishment for breaking antitrust law and hurting consumer choice.

The nine states want Kollar-Kotelly to force Microsoft to create a stripped-down version of its flagship Windows software that could incorporate competitors' features. The states also want Microsoft to divulge the blueprints for its Internet Explorer browser.

In questioning the states' witnesses, Microsoft lawyers have tried to show that its rivals hope to get from the court what they couldn't pry away from Microsoft in the marketplace. Those rivals, the lawyers argued, fed ideas to the states and even shaped their proposed penalties.

"You do personally harbor an intense dislike for my client, Microsoft," Dan Webb asked former Intel executive Steven McGeady last week.

McGeady acknowledged calling Microsoft an "evil corporation" and referring to its lawyers as "bozos." McGeady testified during the liability phase of the trial, and said he was angered that Intel shut down his pet program at Microsoft's insistence.

Later, Microsoft confronted Novell chief technology officer Carl Ledbetter with an agenda for a meeting between Novell and Microsoft representatives. In it, Novell planned to "discuss how Novell could help Microsoft in its current legal discussions" if Microsoft agreed to make a Novell product work better with Windows.

A Microsoft attendee wrote that Ledbetter "made clear that if we did this deal with Novell, he would talk with the (Justice Department) and certain senators," according to Microsoft lawyer Michael Lacovera.

"I think I said it was clear they could go either way," Ledbetter said.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller dismissed Microsoft's strategy as "both silly and a diversion." He said hearing from the competitors is the only way the states could decide what antitrust penalties to seek, particularly in such a technology-heavy case.

"The whole idea in our situation is to get both sides of the story," Miller said. "We've told the Microsoft competitors 'no' more often than we've told them 'yes'."

Microsoft will get a chance later this week to question witnesses from two more rivals, Sun Microsystems and AOL Time Warner.

Microsoft attacked archrival AOL on the first day of the hearings, producing an AOL document outlining antitrust remedies that later ended up in the states' proposal. Microsoft released a similar e-mail from handheld computer leader Palm in which it proposed changes that later appeared verbatim in the states' remedies.

"If the touchstone of an antitrust remedy is supposed to be consumer welfare and not competitor welfare," Webb told the court, "then the nonsettling states' remedy designed to benefit our competitors without regard to the impact on consumers is wrong and it shouldn't happen."

On the Net: Microsoft: http://www.microsoft.com

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
7-2-25-1-13

Pick 3

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

Moses accepts revised contract with Dallas ISD

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas school trustees have rewarded Superintendent Mike Moses with a hefty pay raise, hoping to prevent him from leaving the district to become chancellor at Texas Tech University.

The eight-member board voted unanimously Monday night to increase Moses' base salary from $294,000 to $310,000. With salary incentives included, Moses could earn more than $500,000 over five years.

The contract will be signed and finalized today, district officials said.

"I think we've benefited a great deal today by putting some golden handcuffs around a golden man who can lead this district in the right direction," trustee Ron Price said.

The contract revision came two days before Texas Tech regents were to meet and announce a finalist or finalists for the chancellor post. Moses, 50, was frequently mentioned as a possible successor to John Montford.

Moses said he intends to remain with the Dallas school system and would call Texas Tech to remove his name from contention.

"I realize this is still a work in progress," Moses said. "The job is not done. It will never be done. We have to continue to improve, and you have my commitment and my pledge to remain dedicated to the boys and girls of this system."

Before the change, Moses was already among the highest paid public school superintendents in the country. His contract, which runs though 2006, had paid him $294,000.

Moses is given much of the credit for helping to get the district's $1.37 billion-dollar bond proposal easily approved in February.

"We've experienced a positive, sustained momentum under the leadership of Dr. Moses, and that is something we do not want to lose," said Ken Zornes, board president.

Saying the offer is "very kind," Moses added he would use $10,000 to create a special scholarship fund for the system.

Montford received a salary of $363,592 before leaving the Texas Tech chancellor's job last year for work in the private sector.

Texas Tech regents will hold a special meeting Wednesday to discuss the chancellor's position. If a finalist emerges, regents would have enough time to wait a required 21 days before offering the job and still have a new chancellor for the final board meeting of the school year on May 9.

Moses has been Dallas Independent School District superintendent since leaving Tech at the end of 2000 after a year as Tech's deputy chancellor. From 1995 to 1999, Moses served as the state's education commissioner, heading the Texas Education Agency.

Witness recants testimony in 1988 case

NEW YORK (AP) — A key witness in a 1988 murder case admitted lying on the stand to implicate a man now serving a life sentence, testimony that could help send the inmate's look-alike brother to prison instead.

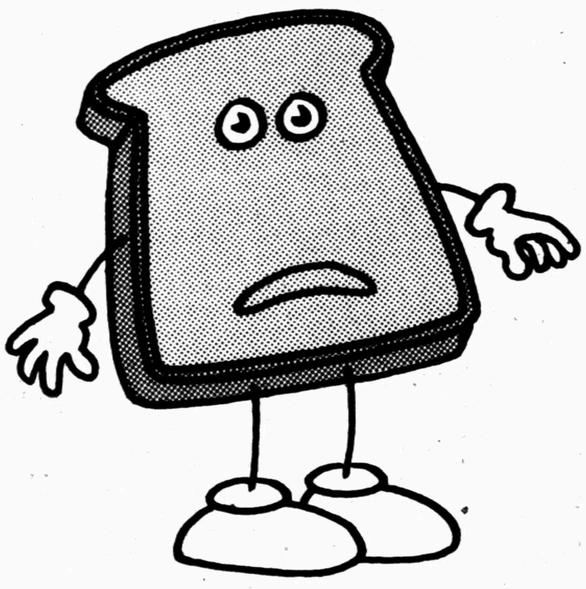
Shorn Greene said Monday he was never at the murder scene and made up a story about seeing Lamont Branch because he knew police were paying for information.

"I did something wrong," Greene said. "I'm trying to make up for it right now."

Last month, Branch's older brother, Lorenzo Branch, testified that he was the one who shot the victim.

Greene was called to the stand by lawyers fighting to clear Lamont Branch.

Berry's World



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"I USED TO BE ARTHUR ANDERSEN. NOW, I'M TOAST."

Date Book

Tuesday, April 2, 2002

Today is the 92nd day of 2002 and the 14th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon discovered Florida in his attempt to find the mythical fountain of youth.

On this day in 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked the U.S. Congress to enter World War I, saying: "The world must be made safe for democracy."

On this day in 1982, Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, which are a British dependency. Britain responded by sending in its armed forces to retake the islands.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Giacomo Girolamo Casanova (1725 - 1798), writer/adventurer; Hans Christian Andersen (1805 - 1875), writer; Emile Zola (1840 - 1902), writer; Alec Guinness (1914 - 2000), actor; Jack Webb (1920 - 1982), actor; Emmylou Harris (1947 -), singer, is 55; Ron Palillo (1954 -), actor, is 48; Dana Carvey (1955 -), comedian/actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1931, teen-age girl Jackie Mitchell struck out New York Yankee legends Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition game. Amazingly, she only needed six pitches to do it.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am little concerned with beauty or perfection. I don't care for the great centuries. All I care about is life, struggle, intensity. I am at ease in my generation." — Emile Zola, "My Hates" (1866).

TODAY'S MOON: Between the full moon (March 28) and the last quarter (April 4).

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"You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with in but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." II Corinthians 3: 3

The apostle Paul tells the Corinthian Christians that they are a letter from Christ. Every Christian is really a letter of Christ to the world. What does the letter say?

It should say, "There is hope for you. Look at me. You know me and you know my problems, and yet I have been forgiven and am changed. There is hope."

It should say, "God loves you just like he loves me. You can see His love in the way I treat you."

It should say, "Great things lie ahead. With God's help I am growing more and more to be like Him. And beyond this life, eternal glory and joy are waiting."

In I John 4: 12 the apostle John wrote, "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." No one has ever seen God, but if we truly love each other, people can see God through us.

If we follow Christ, we are a letter to the world. What does that letter say in your life?

Dale Huff

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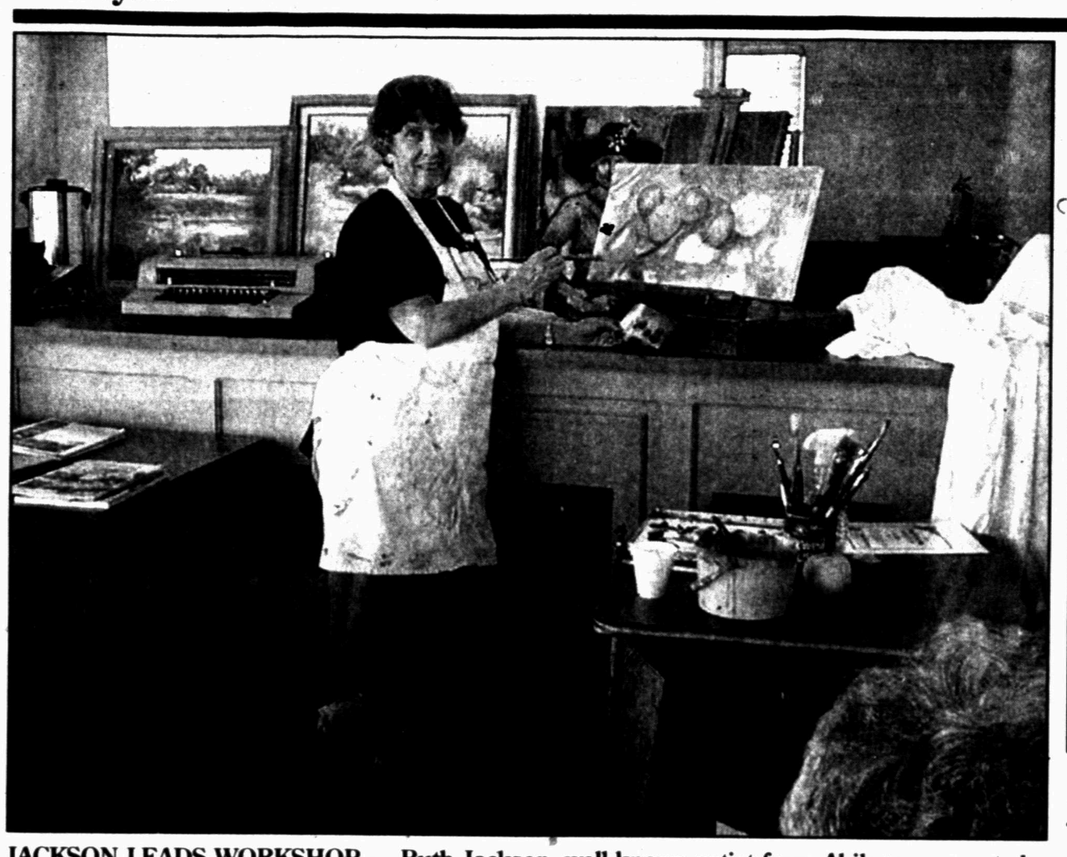

JACKSON LEADS WORKSHOP — Ruth Jackson, well-known artist from Abilene, presented a workshop for members of the Palette Club Thursday in the meeting room at Winston Field. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Abilene artist gives demonstration

Artist Ruth Jackson of Abilene, who painted the white buffalo displayed in the foyer of Snyder Chamber of Commerce office, gave a demonstration to Palette Club members Thursday.

A versatile artist, proficient in pastel, watercolor, graphics and acrylics, Ruth has a strong interest and talent for photography. She recently won a national award from Kodak who displayed her work.

Ruth is a member and artist-in-residence at the Center for Contemporary Arts. She loves capturing the spirit and personality of children, with built-in-models of 15 grandchildren.

She has taught at Abilene Christian University and in the Center for Contemporary Arts' ARTREACH program that takes art to the aged, disabled and disadvantaged.

Her teaching career includes Cisco Junior College, Abilene public schools and private lessons. She also works with special needs children. She was also the illustrator for several books and is the court room artist for KTAB-TV.

With many awards to her credit, she has spent 30 years in graphic design. She worked for the Abilene Report News, 25 years as fashion illustrator for Thornton's Department Store and the Bootery Shoe Stores and has done cartoon portraits for civic events and parties.

"I am so thankful God has blessed me with the gift of art. This is a very special gift I can share and use to bring joy to others," Jackson said.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Clubmeeting has been reschudled for next Thursday, April 11, at Golden Terrace Apartments.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 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 at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Cow receives key to city

CINCINNATI (AP) — A cow that led city workers on a merry chase two months ago became unruly again just before she was to appear in a parade celebrating the start of the baseball season.

The cow, named Cinci Freedom, received a key to the city as part of the festivities Monday. Mayor Charlie Luken put the ribbon on her trailer instead of around her neck because the 1,100-pound animal was agitated by the marching bands and parade noise.

Officials then decided the cow was too spooked to ride in the parade that preceded the season opener between the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds.

The cow jumped a 6-foot fence in February to escape a meatpacking plant and then ran free in a city park for 10 days. After her capture, animal-welfare activists stepped forward to guarantee the animal a new home.

Artist Peter Max has offered to keep her at one of his animal sanctuaries in upstate New York. Max has said he will donate paintings expected to fetch $180,000 to help in the expansion of the Hamilton County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Max was in Cincinnati on Monday to appear in the parade with the cow.

La Salle prof hides poems around city

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Just call him the stealth poet.

David Harris Ebenbach makes his living as an adjunct psychology professor at La Salle University, but in his spare time he enjoys concealing works of poetry — his and other's — in public and private hiding spaces around the city.

"I typed up these poems. I decided to slip them in books in bookstores, and in mail slots. I thought it would be a nice surprise for somebody," said Ebenbach, 29.

In the past year, Ebenbach said, he has distributed about 400 of his own works and 400 written by favorite poets such Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman.

The self-proclaimed "Philadelphia Poetry Provider" said his goal is to get the city talking about poetry.

"I felt like Philadelphia, my hometown, didn't have a lot of poetry going on," he said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-02-02
♠ A J 8 4 3
♥ A K Q
♦ A Q
♣ A Q 10

West
♠ 2
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ ? 9 7 2
♣ ? 8 7 2

East
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♥ J 10 8
♦ ? 10 6 5 4
♣ ? 6 5 3

South
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♥ 7 4 3
♦ 8 3
♣ J 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

Tuesday, April 2, 2002

To finesse or not to finesse

By Phillip Alder

"To be or not to be: that is the question, whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune..." This is a well-known passage, but the letters can be rearranged to produce: "In one of the Bard's best-thought-of tragedies, our insistent hero, Hamlet, queries on two fronts about how life turns rotten."

In today's deal, you are faced with finesses on two fronts. After West leads a low diamond, how would you plan the play in both six spades and seven spades?

What should North do when he hears his partner open a weak two spades, showing a decent six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points?

First, he should verify their cards have the same backs. Then he should check for kings. If South has two, seven spades and seven no-trump will surely be fine contracts. However, note that North must ask for aces first, although he knows the answer; only then can he inquire about kings. Here, North would settle for either six spades or six no-trump.

In six spades, South needs one minor-suit finesse to work. So, he should finesse in diamonds at trick one. If it loses, he wins the return, draws trumps, and tries the club finesse.

In seven spades, though, the diamond finesse is a mirage. Even if it wins, declarer still needs the club finesse to succeed. And if the club finesse is working, there are three club tricks available, to go with six spades, three hearts and one diamond. So, South should win with dummy's diamond ace, draw trumps ending in hand, and lead the club jack for a finesse. If it wins, the opponents will feel your fortune was outrageous.

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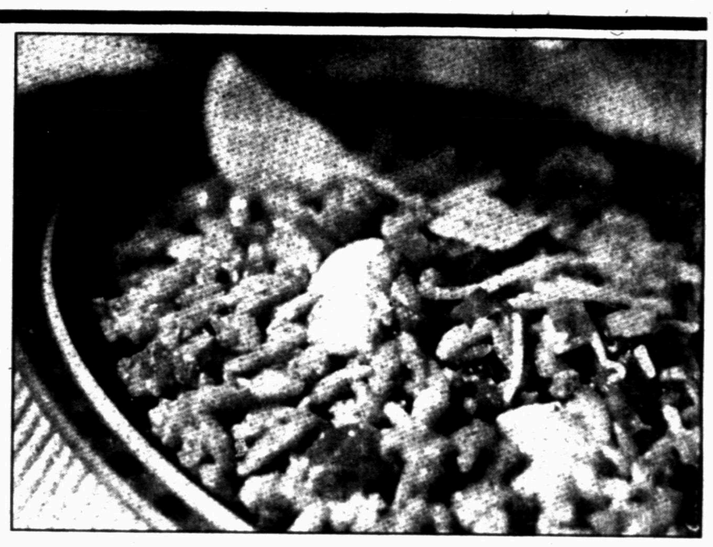

'Ranch'-A-Roni wins top prize in recipe contest

A busy carpool mom drove home the winning recipe in the third annual Roni recipe contest: "Family Favorites in 30 Minutes."

Beating out more than 1,000 entries, Cindy Kohlhoff of Houston took home the $5,000 grand prize in the national competition for her exceptionally tasty "Ranch"-A-Roni Chicken Skillet.

Juggling a family and part-time job, Kohlhoff is always searching for creative and easy dishes.

"I found that by adding a few ingredients to Mexican Style Rice-A-Roni, we could have a quick and complete supper with all of the flavors of a more complicated favorite dish," she said.

Her winning recipe combines Mexican Style Rice-A-Roni flavored rice with chicken, cheddar cheese, tortilla chips, and fresh lime juice to quickly create a complete meal that the whole family will enjoy.

"Moms will especially love this zesty one-dish meal because it takes less than 30 minutes to prepare," said Robin Winer, marketing assistant for Roni.

The contest encouraged consumers to show off quick and easy family-pleasing recipes that feature one of Rice-A-Roni or Pasta-Roni's many flavors.

All prize-winning recipes and other meal-planning solutions can be found at www.ricearoni.com.

"RANCH"-A-RONI CHICKEN SLILLET

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

1 Rice-A-Roni Mexican Style (6.4 oz package)
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 ¼ cups water
1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chilies, undrained
1 (10-3/4 oz) can cream of mushroom soup
2 cups diced cooked chicken
¼ cup freshly squeezed lime juice
1 cup finely crushed tortilla chips
4 ounces shredded cheddar cheese

1.) Follow regular Rice-A-Roni range top directions on package through step 2.

2.) Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer 10 minutes.

3.) Add tomatoes, cream of mushroom soup and cooked chicken. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 10 more minutes.

4.) Add lime juice, crushed tortilla chips and cheese. Combine thoroughly and remove from heat. Let stand 2 to 3 minutes. Top with additional crushed tortilla chips and cheddar cheese if desired.

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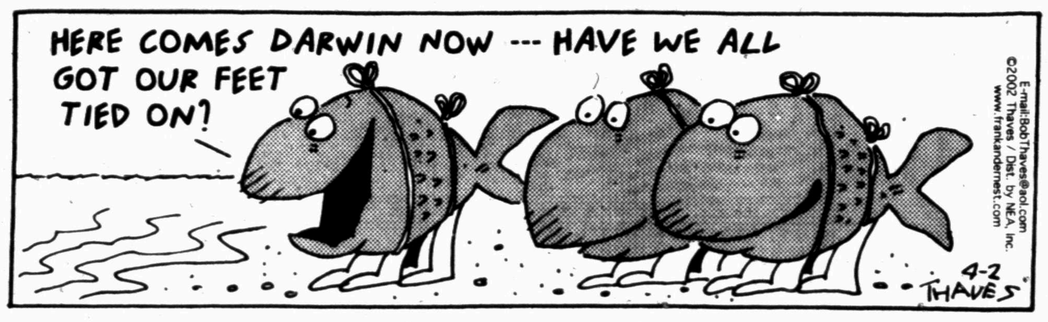

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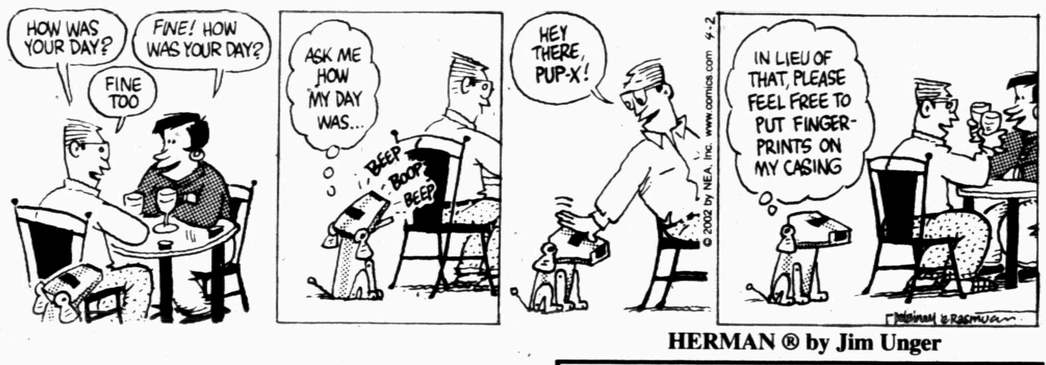

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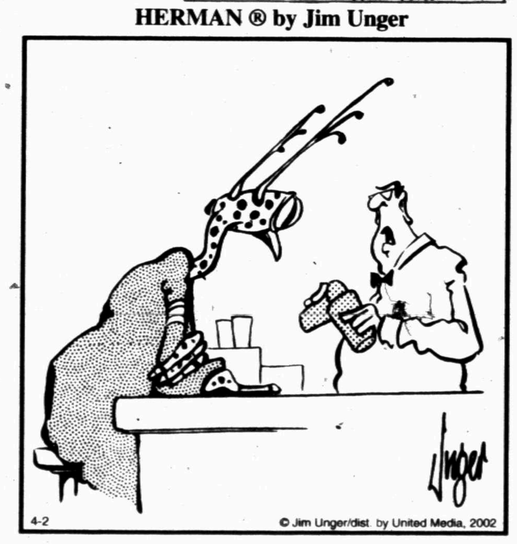

"If he's your brother, sir, I'm sure I would have remembered him."

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4 Wine casks
8 FBI acronym
11 Help-wanted abbr.
12 Singer Redding
13 Pasta choice
15 Old cloth
16 Small hollow
17 Pairs
18 Blunt
20 Bluff
21 Long sigh
23 Singer Damone
24 TV adjuncts
27 Author Wister
29 Vase
32 Promise
33 Damage
34 Parrot
35 Fury
36 Country lodging
37 Hawk
38 — Plaines River
39 Catherine — - Jones
40 Aboard ship
41 Military address
42 Chaney of films
44 Summary
47 Piquant
51 Injure
52 Indian ruler
55 Fish eggs
56 Popular cookie
57 Smell
58 Small child
59 Meadow
60 Docile
61 "Aladdin" prince

DOWN

1 Feudal underling
2 Lumpy fruit
3 Guru's practice
4 Russian export
5 Raided the fridge
6 Pewter component
7 JFK lander
8 Montezuma's empire
9 Fruit or bird
10 Like — — of bricks
14 Is, to Fritz
19 Humorous poet
20 Shark part
22 More cozy
23 Springlike
24 Empty
25 Be concerned
26 Hwys.
28 Yearn for
29 Small guitars
30 Painter Magritte
31 Goose egg
37 Wind indicator
39 Go fast
41 Mead's island
43 Arkansas range
44 Fraternity letter
45 Countess's spouse
46 Manitoba tribe
48 Mlle., in Barcelona
49 Wrench or hammer
50 Big Foot's cousin
52 Male gypsy
53 Lemon drink
54 Frazier of boxing

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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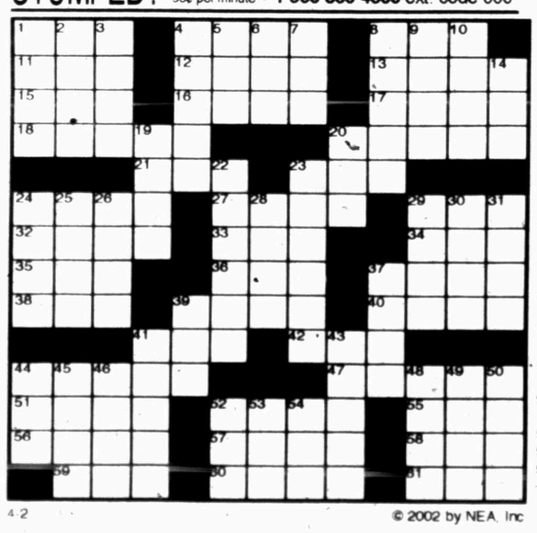

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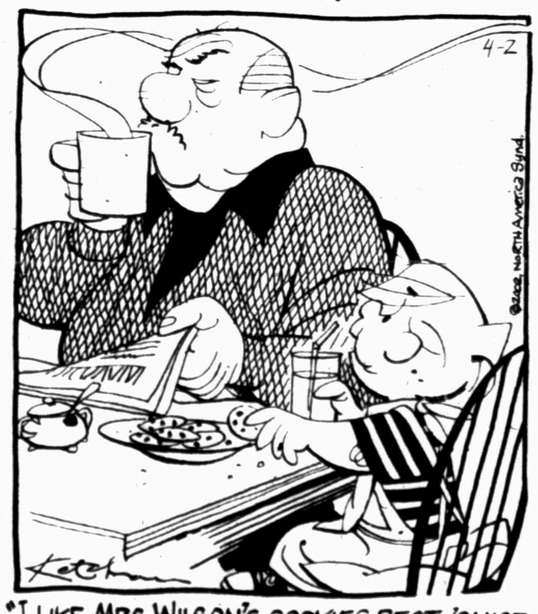

"I LIKE MRS. WILSON'S COOKIES BEST 'CAUSE SHE DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH SPACE BETWEEN THE CHOCOLATE CHIPS."

SPORTS

Tigers take down Matadors

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It took three days, six pitchers and 17 hits, but the Snyder Tigers and Estacado Matadors finally completed their rain-delayed District 4-4A game.

Snyder continued its solid play from Friday with eight runs Monday night to roll past Estacado, 13-4, at Moffett Field.

The victory gave Snyder sole possession of the district lead, one game ahead of Andrews and Frenship. The Tigers travel to Andrews today for a 4 o'clock match-up with the Mustangs.

"Estacado has really improved over the last year. Our kids had to play well to get the win," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "We've played our way into first place. Now we have to keep playing well to stay there."

Hill

The Tigers held a 5-2 lead Friday before lightning and heavy rain suspended the game. When play resumed Monday, the Matadors quickly posted a pair of runs to pull within 5-4.

It was as close as Estacado would get.

The Tigers responded in the bottom of the third with consecutive singles from Shay Franks, Riki Dorsett and Billy Pena. After an intentional walk to Brandon McGuire, who had belted a three-run homer on Friday, Stephen Ortegon ripped a double and Tito Alaniz laced a single as the Tigers plated five runs to blow the game open.

Logan Hill took over from there, pitching four hitless innings to close out the game. The junior hurler finished the game with seven strikeouts while surrendering four hits and four walks. He also hit four batters.

"Logan threw well tonight," said Herrera. "He finally got that killer instinct that he needed. Once he decided he was going to take control, that's exactly what he did."

Snyder added three runs in the sixth when a single by Michael Pendleton and walks to Franks and Brooks Nunley loaded the bases. Dorsett plated two runs with a double to left, and Pena's sacrifice fly capped the scoring.

Following today's match-up with Andrews, the Tigers (18-6-1) visit Levelland on Friday.

Snyder returns home April 9 to host Lake View.

Estacado	ab	r	h	bi
Shaw cf	4	1	1	1
Carranza ss	3	0	0	0
Holguin lf	4	0	0	1
Upshaw 1b	1	1	0	0
Rodriguez rf	2	1	1	0
Reyna 3b	3	0	0	0
Mendoza c	2	1	1	1
Moreno dh	1	0	0	0
Garcia dh	1	0	0	0
Romero 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	**24**	**4**	**4**	**3**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	4	3	3	2
McGuire cf	2	2	2	3
Ortegon c	4	0	1	2
Villarreal cr	0	2	0	0
Alaniz lf	3	0	1	1
Nunley ss	2	1	0	0
Pendleton 1b	4	1	1	0
Ramon 3b	4	1	1	0
Franks dh	2	3	2	1
Dorsett rf	4	1	2	2
Totals	**29**	**13**	**13**	**11**

Estacado	1	1	2	0	0	0	0—	4	4	1
Snyder	0	5	5	0	0	3	x—13	13	4	

LOB - Estacado 7, Snyder. 2B - Estacado, Rodriguez; Snyder, Ortegon, Ramon, Dorsett. HR - Snyder, McGuire.

Estacado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ramos	1 1/3	5	5	4	3	1
Holguin	2/3	0	0	0	0	2
Carranza	1/3	4	5	5	1	0
Mendoza	2 2/3	2	1	1	2	0
Upshaw	1	2	2	2	2	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Hill	7	4	4	4	4	7

Sports Briefs

WTC athletic fundraiser

The Harlem Entertainers basketball team will take on several local teams next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the SHS gym. The event is a fundraiser sponsored by the WTC Athletic Committee.

Chances will be offered on a variety of items during the game. Tickets at the gate are $15 for adults and $10 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased for $10 and $7 at Barbee Medical Supply, Teachers' Credit Union, Purple Sage Motel, Snyder Daily News, KSNY and the WTC administrative offices.

For more information, call the college at 573-8511 or visit the WTC Web site at www.wtc.cc.tx.us.

Teenage baseball sign-ups

Players interested in registering for teenage league baseball can do so through Wednesday by calling 573-8048. Boys who will be 13 by July 31 and not 17 by Aug. 1 are eligible.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

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

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

Glavine starts in place of Maddux

ATLANTA (AP) — Greg Maddux couldn't start on opening day for the Atlanta Braves because of a strained muscle in his right hip.

Tom Glavine took his place and pitched against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Maddux will undergo an MRI on Tuesday but doesn't think it will reveal anything serious. He will attempt to throw in the bullpen Thursday.

He hopes to pitch this weekend when the New York Mets come to Atlanta for a three-game series.

Sixers' coach, Bucks' player fined

NEW YORK (AP) — Philadelphia 76ers coach Larry Brown and Sam Cassell of the Milwaukee Bucks were fined by the NBA.

Brown was fined $10,000 for publicly criticizing the officials following the Sixers' 102-92 loss to the New Jersey Nets last Saturday.

Cassell was fine $5,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct after he kicked the ball off the scoreboard at Washington on Friday.

Bills will get extra draft picks

NEW YORK (AP) — The Buffalo Bills will get four extra picks in the April 20-21 draft, including one after the third round, as compensation for their losses in free agency a year ago.

Avalanche players suspended, fined

NEW YORK (AP) — Colorado Avalanche defenseman Adam Foote was suspended for two games without pay by the NHL for a cross-check against Phoenix forward Daymond Langkow on Saturday.

Avalanche goalie Patrick Roy, ejected from that game after smashing his stick against a post and throwing it at Phoenix rookie Krystofer Kolanos, was fined $1,000. Kolanos beat Roy on a penalty shot.

High school pole vaulter dies

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A high school pole vaulter died after falling at least 12 feet to the ground during a weekend competition. He was the second student vaulter to die this year.

Samoa Fili, a 17-year-old senior at Southeast High School, fell onto a safety mat, bounced and hit the back of his head Saturday.

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	6	0	18	6
Frenship	5	1	15	5
Andrews	5	1	12	3
Levelland	2	4	6	13
Big Spring	2	4	5	13
Lake View	2	4	7	11
Estacado	1	5	5	12
Plainview	1	5	8	12

Tuesday's games: Snyder at Andrews; Estacado at Levelland; Frenship at Lake View; Plainview at Big Spring.

Friday's games: Snyder at Levelland; Andrews at Plainview; Frenship at Big Spring.

Saturday's game: Estacado at Lake View.

Final Four

By The Associated Press
THE FINAL FOUR
At The Georgia Dome
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National Semifinals
Saturday, March 30
Indiana 73, Oklahoma 64
Maryland 97, Kansas 88
National Championship
Monday, April 1
Maryland 64, Indiana 52

Major League Baseball

American League
By The Associated Press
All Times EST

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000	½
Bostog	0	1	.000	1
New York	0	1	.000	1
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	½
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	1	0	1.000	—
Anaheim	0	1	.000	1
Seattle	0	1	.000	1
Texas	0	1	.000	1

Sunday's Game
Cleveland 6, Anaheim 0
Monday's Games
Toronto 12, Boston 11
Baltimore 10, NY Yankees 3
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 6
Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 5
Oakland 8, Texas 3
Tuesday's Games
Detroit (Weaver 13-16) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 11-12), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 5-7) at Oakland (Hudson 18-9), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 17-5) at Anaheim (Appier 11-10), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 11-15) at Seattle (Moyer 20-6), 10:05 p.m.

National League
By The Associated Press
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Florida	0	0	.000	½
Montreal	0	0	.000	½
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	—
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	½
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	½
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	1
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	½
San Francisco	0	0	.000	½
Colorado	0	1	.000	1
San Diego	0	1	.000	1

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Monday's Games
Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Pittsburgh 2
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Arizona 2, San Diego 0
St. Louis 10, Colorado 2

Tuesday's Games
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 13-15) at Los Angeles (Brown 10-4), 4:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 11-10) at Houston (Miller 16-8), 5:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 15-12) at Montreal (Vazquez 16-11), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 10-4) at Arizona (Schilling 22-6), 8:35 p.m.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE — Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New Jersey	47	27	.635	—
Boston	42	32	.568	5
Orlando	40	33	.548	6½
Philadelphia	38	35	.521	8½
Washington	34	39	.466	12½
Miami	32	40	.444	14
New York	27	45	.375	19
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Detroit	44	29	.603	—
Charlotte	38	34	.528	5½
Milwaukee	38	34	.528	5½
Indiana	36	36	.500	7½
Toronto	35	38	.479	9
Atlanta	29	44	.397	15
Cleveland	25	48	.342	19
Chicago	17	56	.233	27
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Dallas	51	22	.699	—
x-San Antonio	49	24	.671	2
Minnesota	45	28	.616	6
Utah	41	32	.562	10
Houston	26	46	.361	24½
Denver	22	50	.306	28½
Memphis	19	53	.264	31½
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Sacramento	53	19	.736	—
x-L.A. Lakers	52	21	.712	1½
Portland	44	29	.603	9½
Seattle	43	31	.581	11
L.A. Clippers	37	37	.500	17
Phoenix	34	39	.466	19½
Golden State	18	55	.247	35½

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Phoenix at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
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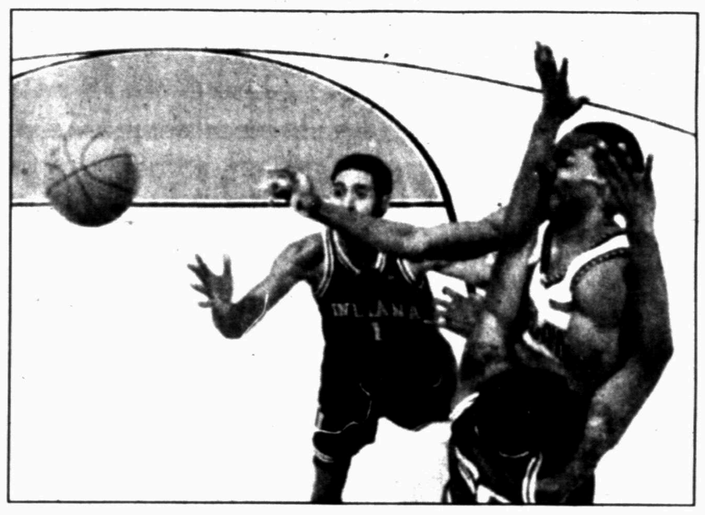
Memphis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.



SMASHMOUTH BASKETBALL — Maryland forward Chris Wilcox tries to get past Indiana defenders Jeff Newton (50) and Jared Jeffries during Maryland's 64-52 victory in the NCAA championship game. (AP Photo)

Terps earn NCAA title

ATLANTA (AP) — The white-haired little boy skittered around the court, oblivious to the whole celebration. Gary Williams scooped up his grandson, looked into his eyes — and smiled.

The coach could relax. Finally.

The Maryland Terrapins had their national championship. Finally.

"I've never done this before, so I'm not sure what I'm supposed to be like," Williams said. "I'm very happy. It's a thrill, there's no doubt about it. But I'm really tired."

Maryland secured a 64-52 victory over Indiana in the title game Monday night.

The team was led by seniors Juan Dixon, Lonny Baxter and Byron Mouton.

Baxter scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Dixon led the team with 18 points and hit the shot that put his team ahead for good. When the horn sounded, the 165-pound guard hurled the ball toward the roof of the Georgia Dome and collapsed to the floor, sandwiched between Baxter andTahj Holden.

Local squads return to action today

Following the holiday weekend, local teams get back in the swing of things with several contests on tap today.

The Snyder Lady Tigers host Lake View for a District 4-4A softball game at 7 tonight at Cates Field, while the Ira Bulldogs host a league match-up with Roby at the same time.

The Snyder Tigers wrap up he first half of the district baseball schedule this afternoon when they visit Andrews for a 4 o'clock start.

On the links, the Snyder girls teed off this morning in the second round of the District 4-4A golf tournament. The Lady Tigers were second behind Andrews heading into today's competition.

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Company cited in death of engineer

FORT WORTH (AP) — Federal work-safety officials have cited a Dallas engineering firm for a trench cave-in that buried one its engineers alive.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited Reed Engineering Group for three safety violations in the February death of Elan Allen at a Denton construction site.

An autopsy showed the 41-year-old Grapevine man suffocated in what the Tarrant County medical examiner's office in Fort Worth ruled an accident.

Allen's body was found a week after the accident, buried by 12 to 15 feet of dirt.

OSHA officials say the citations would bring fines of up to $15,000.

"These are considered serious violations," Mike Talmont, OSHA assistant area director, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

Reed Engineering president Ron Reed declined to comment on the citations.

The citations allege Reed provided no cave-in protection, insufficient training to Allen, and no on-site supervision of Allen.

Allen's family reported him missing Feb. 22 after he failed to meet his wife for her birthday dinner. He was last seen at a shopping center construction site on Loop 288 in southeast Denton.

Man enters guilty plea in boy's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who pleaded guilty in the 1992 slaying of a 9-year-old boy was trying to punish the child's older brother, prosecutors told a Harris County jury during the punishment phase of his trial.

Perry Allen Austin entered a guilty plea Monday to capital murder in the death of David Kazmouz. Testimony in the sentencing phase of Austin's trial will continue today.

Austin, 42, who is already serving a 30-year sentence for the sexual assault of a child, has said he wants to receive the death penalty.

Prosecutor Lucy Davidson told jurors that in August 1992, Austin was on parole for the rape, attempted rape and aggravated robbery of his sisters and mother in 1978.

Davidson said Austin was a drug courier for a street gang in Houston when he became friends with 16-year-old Karrem Kazmouz, David's older brother.

When some drugs came up missing, Davidson said, Austin thought Karrem Kazmouz had stolen from him. David Kazmouz was abducted from his southwest Houston neighborhood a short time later.

The boy's remains were found in April 1993 in a wooded area about six miles from his home.

During the investigation, Austin pleaded guilty to the sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl and was sentenced to 30 years in prison. In 1995, he was given an additional 20 years for stabbing an inmate.

Austin later confessed to killing David Kazmouz in a letter to Houston homicide Sgt. Waymon Allen in January 2001.

Davidson said Austin picked up Kazmouz near his home, injected him with Demerol and slit his throat from ear to ear.

Retrial begins for police officer in SA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When a former Central Texas police officer agreed to protect shipments of cocaine in exchange for money, he sold his badge, gun and integrity, a prosecutor told jurors during opening statements in his federal retrial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Counts said 15-year police veteran Arthur Gutierrez Jr. should have walked away when an FBI agent, posing as a mid-level cocaine dealer, presented him with the drug scheme.

"An honest cop would have stood up right there and done something," Counts told jurors Monday, the first day of the retrial.

Gutierrez faces five federal drug charges. The 39-year-old is accused of accepting $5,000 to escort or protect what he thought was cocaine in August and September 2000.

The 40 kilograms of "drugs" actually were packages of gypsum material supplied by federal agents in a sting that netted 10 law officers and two civilians in March 2001. Of the original 12, Gutierrez and six others were charged with conspiring to distribute the drugs.

Last month, Gutierrez's first trial ended in a hung jury.

Gutierrez has maintained his innocence, contending that he was set up by then-Sgt. Conrad Fragozo Jr., who lured him into the drug scheme under false pretenses by saying it was a moonlighting job. Fragozo has pleaded guilty in the case.

"He was framed," defense attorney Jimmy Parks Jr. told jurors Monday.

In his first trial, Gutierrez testified that after encountering the purported drug trafficker, he feared for his life and the safety of his family.

The prosecution's first witness was FBI agent Ricardo Pagan, who posed as the smuggler who arranged the "drug" transactions with Gutierrez and Fragozo in local hotel rooms.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	24.91	24.15	24.54	—1.02
AOL TimeWrn	23.80	23.00	23.24	—.03
AT&T Corp s	15.80	15.51	15.51	—.33
Albertsons	33.20	32.85	33.18	+.18
Alltel	55.27	54.65	55.13	+.02
AmEl Pw	45.92	45.31	45.87	+.20
AndarkPtr	57.83	57.32	57.58	+.28
ATMOS Egy	24.10	23.75	24.03	+.28
Avlall	8.90	8.83	8.87	—.08
BP PLC	53.95	53.74	53.82	+.18
BakerHughes	37.95	37.10	37.85	+.63
Bank of Amer	68.40	67.41	68.19	+.04
BellSouth	36.33	35.62	36.15	+.18
vjBeth Steel	.48	.46	.46	—.02
BurlNoSFe	29.50	29.15	29.37	—.18
Caterpillar	56.92	56.43	56.65	—.27
ChevronTex	90.75	89.71	90.55	+.85
Citigroup	49.55	48.95	49.33	—.12
CocaCola	52.20	51.70	51.97	—.33
ColgatePal	56.80	56.35	56.50	—.10
ComclMetals	42.28	42.10	42.27	+.17
Cooperln	41.60	41.40	41.40	—.01
DaimlrChry	45.34	44.82	44.99	—.18
DeltaAirl	30.60	30.25	30.36	—1.59
Dillards Inc	23.20	22.66	22.83	—.39
DowChem	32.48	31.90	31.94	—.63
DuPont	47.29	46.75	46.94	—.16
EastmanChem	47.40	46.82	46.86	—1.14
EstKodak	31.03	30.57	30.63	—.42
EDS Corp	57.01	56.60	56.70	—.41
Entergy	43.95	43.55	43.90	+.44
ExxonMobil s	44.45	43.87	44.39	+.56
FstBksAm	41.00	41.00	41.00	
FootLocker	15.97	15.55	15.55	—.42
GenDynam	97.00	95.00	95.20	—.78
GenElec	37.20	36.70	36.73	—.57
GenMills	48.50	48.15	48.27	+.02
GenMotors	59.63	59.11	59.28	—.42
GaPacific	29.02	28.52	28.62	—.5[illegible]
Goodrich	32.00	31.53	31.86	—.19
Goodyear	23.70	23.01	23.11	—.59
GtAtlPac	26.84	26.26	26.46	—.76
Halliburtn	16.74	16.39	16.53	—.23
Hanson ADS	38.65	38.40	38.45	—.65
HarteHanks	31.24	31.03	31.16	—.19
HomeDepot	48.22	47.55	47.66	—.56
HoneywellIntl	38.63	37.77	37.94	—.57
IBM	102.01	100.51	101.00	—1.86
IntlPaper	42.35	41.78	41.80	—.61
JohnsonJn s	64.84	64.16	64.75	+.14
vjK mart	1.48	1.42	1.45	—.05
KinderMorg	49.88	49.45	49.80	+.40
Kroger Co	22.00	21.70	22.00	+.20
LockheedM	59.83	58.63	59.56	+.47
Lowes Cos s	43.30	42.91	43.25	+.02
Lubys	6.80	6.70	6.70	—.10
LucentTech	4.83	4.67	4.77	—.04
MarathonOil	29.15	28.96	29.01	+.06
MayDeptStr	34.95	34.60	34.60	—.41
Medtronic	44.73	44.06	44.31	—.29
Motorola	14.63	14.41	14.53	—.02
NCR Corp	44.43	43.76	44.11	—.59
Navistar	44.31	43.73	43.81	—.53
PNM Rescs	29.80	29.10	29.50	—.72
Penney JC	20.15	19.65	19.78	—.21
PepBoys	16.03	15.90	15.93	—.06
PepsiCo	51.50	50.82	50.95	—.48
Pharmacia	45.04	44.75	44.83	—.47
PhelpDodge	41.92	41.44	41.44	—.38
PhilipPet	63.86	63.53	63.79	+.06
PilgrmPrd B	13.98	13.80	13.89	—.25
Praxair	58.67	58.20	58.52	—.09
ProctGamb	89.99	89.17	89.18	—.81
RadioShack	29.95	29.50	29.54	—.53
ReliantEngy	25.53	25.20	25.30	—.29
RoyalDut	55.55	55.33	55.34	+.25
SBC Comm	37.00	36.30	36.92	+.26
SaraLee	21.03	20.62	21.02	+.29
Scripps EW	83.23	82.70	82.71	—.67
SearsRoeb	50.25	48.85	49.20	—1.05
SherwinW	28.90	28.10	28.13	—.87
SouthernCo	26.68	26.43	26.63	+.13
SwstAirl	18.68	18.25	18.30	—.51
SprintFON	15.00	14.67	14.72	—.28
SprintPCS	10.78	10.40	10.67	+.07
Sunoco Inc	40.75	40.42	40.58	+.16
TXU Corp	54.85	54.14	54.70	+.69
TempleInland	55.90	55.27	55.55	—.38
TexInd	41.25	40.65	41.02	+.37
TexasInst	33.80	33.30	33.46	—.63
Textron	50.30	49.80	50.03	—.26
TriconGlbR	58.60	58.05	58.16	+.02
TrinityInds	24.32	24.13	24.19	—.06
TylerTech	5.40	5.35	5.40	—.05
UnionPacif	60.15	59.50	59.86	—.91
USSteel	17.98	17.62	17.95	
UnitedTech	74.36	73.38	74.18	—.12
Unocal	39.56	39.35	39.44	+.29
VerizonComm	45.40	45.05	45.25	—.70
WalMart	59.51	58.85	59.15	—.41
WellsFargo	48.97	48.65	48.90	—.03
WstnGasRs	38.10	37.43	38.02	+.60
WinnDixie	15.79	15.54	15.67	—.22
Xerox Cp	10.99	10.77	10.99	—.09

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Zubaydah's capture could hurt al-Qaida

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials believe Abu Zubaydah, the top al-Qaida leader now in U.S. hands, can provide a treasure-trove of top-to-bottom information about the terrorist group.

They are already promising a lengthy interrogation of the al-Qaida operations chief, believed to be able to identify names, faces and locations of al-Qaida operatives the world over.

He may also know the hiding place of Osama bin Laden.

"You can be sure he'll be asked," said one U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Stan Bedlington, a former senior terrorism analyst with the CIA, called Zubaydah's capture "a major, major victory, if not the biggest victory so far."

"He will know the organization of al-Qaida, if he talks," Bedlington said. "Osama bin Laden is a master planner. He must have made some contingency plans (for a major U.S. military pursuit). If Abu Zubaydah was privy to that planning, then obviously he can tell us a lot, possibly where Osama bin Laden would go."

Pakistani authorities, in concert with the CIA and FBI, captured Zubaydah in a raid last Thursday at a compound in Faisalabad, far from the Afghan border, U.S. officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Zubaydah was shot three times trying to escape — in the stomach, groin and leg — but was expected to survive, said one official.

He is in U.S. custody, but it's unclear whether he remains in Pakistan, is among 20 al-Qaida suspects to be sent to the U.S. naval station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, or will be transported to a separate location.

Zubaydah acknowledged his identity, said Pakistani officials and others familiar with his capture. Other past associates also have identified the captured man as Zubaydah, U.S. officials said.

Think of him as a "choke point" between bin Laden's will and actual terror attacks, said Vince Cannistraro, a former senior CIA counterterrorism chief. Where bin Laden and deputy Ayman al-Zawahri would set policy, Zubaydah would implement it. U.S. officials said when the inner circle would order the bombing of an embassy, Zubaydah would select the embassy, cell and method of attack.

"He was the guy that had the direct contact with prominent al-Qaida cell leaders abroad, and he knew where they all were," he said. "He would have been the guy coordinating new attacks."

His contacts with cells came through his role as a recruiter in the group. Prospective recruits in Pakistan would meet Zubaydah, who would assign them to camps. When they finished training, he placed them in cells overseas.

Only bin Laden, al-Zawahri and Mohammed Atef ranked higher than Zubaydah, and Atef was killed by U.S. airstrikes in November.

Zubaydah has been linked by intelligence and police officials to at least five al-Qaida terrorist plots, including the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. The extent of his role, however, has not been fully determined.

Captured al-Qaida operatives said he organized the millennium plots to blow up Los Angeles International Airport and the Radisson SAS Hotel in Amman, Jordan, which is frequented by American tourists. Both were thwarted.

In 2000, a Jordanian military court found him guilty in absentia of conspiracy to carry out terrorist attacks, and he was sentenced to death.

Zubaydah, a 31-year-old Palestinian who was born in Saudi Arabia, also was tied to thwarted plots to blow up the U.S. embassies in Paris and Sarajevo after Sept. 11. U.S. officials say they are investigating links to the attacks on the USS Cole and the East Africa embassy bombings.

Despite his prominence, the FBI never named him as a "most-wanted" terrorist. He is also known as Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn.

Friends remember ACU crash victims

ABILENE (AP) — The last time Oludere Sami saw his younger brother, Kolawole Sami was borrowing his sport utility vehicle and talking happily about an Easter break trip across the state with friends.

Oludere Sami, who attends Texas Tech in Lubbock, had to call their parents in Nigeria with the heartbreaking news that 18-year-old "Kola" and four other Abilene Christian University students died in a wreck.

"There are a lot of special moments (with Kola), but I'd rather not talk about them now," Oludere Sami, 20, said Monday, fighting back tears. "He was a good guy."

The others killed Sunday were Olutomi "Tomi" Aruwajoye, 17, an accounting major; Iyadunni "Dunni" Bakare, 18, a biology major; Abimbola "Abola" Orija, 19, a management major; and Toluwalope "Tolu" Olorunsola, 18, who had not declared a major. All were from Lagos, Nigeria.

The vehicle veered off Interstate 20 near Weatherford about 6:35 a.m. Sunday and landed on its roof on a concrete embankment about 30 feet below, authorities said.

The students left Houston late Saturday en route to Abilene, and Kola Sami probably fell asleep after driving all night, said Department of Public Safety Trooper Jeremy Smith. The crash site was about 110 miles east of Abilene.

The deaths have shaken up the Church of Christ-affiliated campus of 4,700 students, especially the 230 international students from 60 countries. The victims were involved in intramural sports and campus ministries, such as visiting nursing homes.

"This tragedy reminds us ... the words of Scripture that life is like a vapor that appears for a time, then vanishes away," university Provost Dwayne D. Vanrheenen said Monday during the daily chapel service.

He urged students to find comfort in their faith, believing that death is not the end. During the service, students sang hymns and read from Psalms.

A campus memorial service for the victims was being planned for Thursday.

People across the nation and overseas were expressing their sympathy by calling ACU officials and sending hundreds of e-mails.

"It's extremely saddening to our community of Nigerians and Africans, and as Christians also, that the promise of those young and dedicated lives were wasted on a very glorious day of redemption, a day of Easter," said Chido Nwangwu, Houston-based publisher of usafricaonline.com, who did not know the victims.

Sunday Amani, 26, a computer science major from Lagos, Nigeria, lived with Kola Sami and Aruwajoye in a campus apartment. Amani said he keeps hoping his friends will come out of their rooms to ask him to play soccer or help cook dinner.

Aruwajoye was described as gentle, kind and easy going, who loved playing soccer but also was serious about his studies.

Sami, known for his sense of humor and candor, was majoring in industrial technology in hopes of taking over his father's business someday.

Bakare was a loving, vivacious person who always smiled, friends said. Orija was soft-spoken and respectful, and she'd been trying to get her brother to transfer to ACU. Olorunsola, known for her kindness, went to the county jail last month as part of an outreach program for her Bible class and wanted to return, professors said.

The three women had recently helped prepare African meals for the school's international food festival.

Runaway balloon causes problems

TEMPLE (AP) — The lights are back on along Lake Buchanan's eastern shore after a runaway radar balloon tore down some power lines in the Central Texas retreat.

The Air Force Aerostat balloon broke its tether near Rio Grande City along the Mexican border and floated about 300 miles into Central Texas.

There, law officers fired dozens of shotgun rounds to help bring it down, but not before the balloon trailing a 2,500-foot communications cable damaged trees and downed power lines, Burnet County Commissioner Bill Neve said Monday.

"We started getting reports of the balloon about 7:15 a.m. Saturday, and we continued getting calls during the morning about power being knocked out all over the area," Neve told the Temple Daily Telegram in today's editions.

A spokesman for the Johnson City-based Pedernales Electric Cooperative said today that the service has been restored.

The Aerostat balloon broke free of its moorings at about 4 a.m. Saturday, said Lt. Michael Meridith at Langley Air Force Base, Va. He said the Air Force tracked the balloon from Rio Grande City, where it had begun its unscheduled flight.

After it was entangled in electrical lines at the Silver Creek subdivision, the Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department and Burnet County sheriff's deputies brought it down, Neve said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

The more, the merrier when neighbors take care of kids

DEAR ABBY: I had to respond to "Tired in Tennessee," who was advised by a marriage counselor that she and her husband needed time for themselves, but complained that her mother never offered to baby-sit their two small sons.

My wife and I have three children, five years apart in age. We solved the problem by finding friends in the neighborhood who have children of similar ages. We take their kids for a week, and they reciprocate while my wife and I go on vacation. Taking care of six children isn't all that difficult. In some ways it's easier because each child has a playmate living in the house. The kids like it because they are not with strangers. I hope this helps. **— BEEN THERE IN OREGON**

DEAR BEEN THERE: It's a sensible suggestion, and I'm sure it will be welcomed by more parents than "Tired in Tennessee." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Why would anyone want Grandma to take responsibility for two young children if she isn't thrilled about it? My mother-in-law isn't speaking to me because I won't permit her to have my baby in her home. She has an unfenced pool, an explosive husband, and a proven inability to exercise good judgment. Bottom line: Don't expect what isn't offered.

In the meantime, paid help is the best help if you want to call the shots. Also, many nice resorts offer excellent kids' programs and bonded baby sitters for evenings out. You'll meet lots of other parents like yourselves making use of them. **— REALISTIC IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR REALISTIC: You're right; a paid professional is better than a reluctant relative.

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DEAR ABBY: I understand both sides of the problem. I am an older grandmother in fairly good health. I love to baby-sit my grandkids over the weekends; however, sometimes I have moments of panic. I think, "What would happen should I become ill, or heaven forbid, I don't wake up in the morning? What would the kids do? Who would they call?" I didn't feel this way until I became a widow, but since then, I know it can happen. **— ARKANSAS GRANDMOTHER**

DEAR ARKANSAS GRANDMOTHER: It's always wise to be prepared in an emergency. Even little children can learn to dial 911. Also, parents of minor children should leave medical permission papers in case of illness or accident.

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DEAR ABBY: I could be that grandmother. The key words in her complaint were "active children." Translation: "brats."

When my daughter's family visits, the children are like wild animals. They won't eat at mealtime, but are in the refrigerator and cookie jar constantly. They jump on the furniture, break things and lie. They constantly beg to go shopping so Grandma can buy them a toy. They are an embarrassment in the store, and I no longer take them to a restaurant because they crawl under the tables and upset other diners.

One time I lost my temper and scolded them. My daughter became furious with me and didn't speak to me for several weeks. When they visit, I hold my breath, bite my tongue, and can't wait for them to go home. I am not about to volunteer to sit with these kids and put myself through such misery. I love my grandkids, but sometimes I don't like them — and it is the fault of their parents, who never learned to say no to them. **— M. IN ARIZONA**

DEAR M.: I agree. However, you're saying it to the wrong person. That comment should be made closer to home.

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Author fingers new suspect in Sheppard case

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — This much is certain: Marilyn Sheppard was bludgeoned to death in her Ohio home 48 years ago. Who took her life so brutally is much less certain.

Was it her husband, Dr. Sam Sheppard, who was convicted and later acquitted in a case that helped inspire the TV series and movie "The Fugitive"?

Was the killer, as Sam Sheppard claimed, a bushy haired intruder — which later became a one-armed man on "The Fugitive"? Or could it have been a window washer, as Sheppard's son believes?

Former FBI agent Bernard Conners has added new intrigue by fingering a different suspect: Air Force Maj. James Arlon Call.

In his book "Tailspin," Conners contends that Call killed Marilyn Sheppard in her Cleveland suburb home during a cross-country crime spree — one that later led to a deadly shootout with police in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Conners points to a bite wound on Call's hand the author contends was inflicted by Sheppard during her death struggle. He cites witnesses who years later still identify Call as the mysterious, bushy-haired man lurking near the Sheppard home in the early morning hours of July 4, 1954.

Other evidence cited includes a crowbar confiscated from Call that fits the murder weapon, and a tiny triangle of leather found at the Sheppard home, consistent with a leather flyers' glove of the sort Call was issued.

"I defy anyone not to see extraordinary, compelling evidence against Major Call," Conners said recently.

Conners' book includes statements from law officers who judge his evidence credible.

Case closed? Don't count on it.

The author joins a crowded field of Sheppard sleuths, which includes Sam Reese Sheppard, the victim's son. He remains "thoroughly convinced" the killer was a window washer named Richard Eberling who worked for the family. Eberling was convicted of a separate murder and died in prison in 1998.

Now 54, the younger Sheppard acknowledges the mystery — he calls it a "classic American whodunit" — has become the stuff of legend and will continue to generate theories and controversy.

"I welcome any theory in this case," Sheppard said. "My Dad did not do the crime."

Call was a decorated veteran with combat experience in Korea who had a wife and a young son. But Conners says the 27-year-old officer descended into a personal "tailspin" after his wife died of an infection during her second pregnancy.

He became more remote and piled up gambling debts. He deserted the Air Force on May 13, 1954, and started his criminal career, attracted to the adrenaline rush of brazenly burglarizing occupied houses, Conners writes.

Police cornered him in a cabin cellar in Lake Placid in August 1954, firing at him through the shower stall where he hid. Call shot his way out, wounding three officers, one mortally. He then eluded a massive dragnet, hiding out in upstate New York's Adirondack Mountains.

Call was caught in Reno, Nev., three months later. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for the officer's death and served less than 14 years in prison.

A quiet coda to his life ended in 1974 with a fatal car wreck near his home in Mantua, Ohio.

Call was questioned about the Sheppard murder in 1954 by New York troopers investigating the officer's killing. Call professed ignorance and investigators didn't press, in part because Cleveland authorities had zeroed in on Sam Sheppard, Conners said.

Sheppard spent 10 years in prison before the Supreme Court overturned the verdict. He was acquitted at retrial in 1966 and died four years later.

Conners contends Call was emotionally distraught and willing to kill. The Sheppard breakin fits Call's style, he said, and there is evidence Call was in the Cleveland area.

Jeff Call, the major's only child and now a businessman in Mississippi, said the book offers a "very objective" look at his father. He has never gone looking for a connection to Marilyn Sheppard because "it was none of my business."

Does he believe Conners' theory of the murder?

"I'm not going to second-guess a guy who's a professional," Call said. "He's very accomplished in his ability."

Despite the new theory, some believe the case may never be completely solved.

Fred McGunagle, a veteran reporter and editor in Cleveland who has written about the case, compares it to the durable Jack the Ripper mystery.

Conviction of cussing canoeist thrown out

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan appeals court struck down a 105-year-old law against using vulgar language in front of women and children, throwing out the conviction of a canoeist who let loose a stream of curses after falling into the water.

A three-judge panel from the Michigan Court of Appeals on Monday ruled in favor of Timothy Joseph Boomer, who was found guilty in 1999 by an Arenac County jury for swearing after tumbling into the Rifle River.

He was fined $75 and ordered to work four days in a child-care program, but the sentence was put on hold while the case was appealed.

Enacted in 1897 and slightly reworded in 1931, the law says anyone using "indecent, immoral, obscene, vulgar or insulting language in the presence or hearing of any woman or child shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

The appeals panel said it would be "difficult to conceive of a statute that would be more vague," and that it violated the First Amendment guarantee of free speech.

"Allowing a prosecution where one utters 'insulting' language could possibly subject a vast percentage of the populace to a misdemeanor conviction," the written opinion said.

Boomer, 28, of Roseville, said he was relieved.

"I think freedom of speech is very important," he said. "It was a very worthy cause to fight for."

Richard Vollbach, the Arenac County assistant prosecutor who handled the case, said he was surprised and would consider appealing to the Michigan Supreme Court.

"If it was a rationale I could digest, I'd probably leave it alone. But this one's a little bothersome to me," he said.

Boomer was canoeing with friends in August 1998 on the river, which emptyies in Lake Huron about 130 miles north of Detroit.

Witnesses testified that Boomer fell out when his canoe struck a rock. A man who was in a nearby boat with his wife and two young children testified Boomer yelled curses for several minutes as they hurried away.

A sheriff's deputy who ticketed Boomer said he could hear the shouts a quarter-mile downstream.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 3, 2002

In the year ahead your creative abilities will bring about a successful conclusion

to a project that's been difficult for others to launch.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll give much encouragement to others, but you also may cloud it with a negative warning. Consequently, no one will know what to do. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's OK to offer someone sound advice, but offering financial assistance to bail them out could be a major mistake. Don't put up any hard money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your natural leadership qualities are obvious to others. Unfortunately, it's not obvious to you, and you could rain on your own parade.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You can use emotion, energy and compassion to feel sorry for yourself, or apply them to help out someone else. Go for the productive use.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It may be difficult for you to maintain a positive outlook, so the last thing you'll want to do is to turn to a negative friend for encouragement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may strive hard for something only to discover that it provides you with insignificant gratification. Be sure you know what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Nobody will endorse something that you lack faith in. Your uncertainty will be easily picked up on by others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Put yourself in the position of others to get the proper perspective on their opinions. It'll give you a realistic vantage point, so you won't delude yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may be supportive of loved ones, but unfortunately you might relay this in a lukewarm fashion. This could lead them to believe that you don't really care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A poor attitude generally produces undesirable results. If you adopt such a posture, what you produce will be mediocre at best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you mingle too selectively at a social gathering, you could leave a lasting impression as someone who is aloof and haughty.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you are overly protective of those in your charge, they will feel strangled and find ways to avoid you, despite your good intentions.

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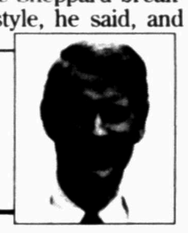
Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Don't count on unproved cancer cures

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother, 60, has been diagnosed with small-cell carcinoma that spread from her lung to her liver. I've been told that the affliction is incurable, but her life could be prolonged by chemotherapy or radiation. These prospects frighten me, and I'm considering taking her to Mexico for immune booster shots. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I don't want to sound like a prophet of doom, but I think you should know that small-cell carcinoma of the lung — especially if it metastasizes (spreads) to the liver — is a very serious condition for which treatment is largely palliative (comfort-oriented). The cancer spreads rapidly and is resistant to radiation and chemotherapy.

Your mother would be badly served by attempting alternative, unproved treatments, such as immune therapy, which proponents claim cures cancer. This is pure hogwash. I suggest that you have a frank discussion with your mother's doctor and attempt to determine how much time she has left, and what difference, if any, treatment will make.

I know what I'm talking about. My mother had an identical situation. Her small-cell lung cancer was discovered only after it had spread to her liver. The doctors told her that without treatment she would die in six months; with therapy, she had about a year.

My family appreciated the honest prognosis and examined the options. For personal reasons, my mother chose to have chemotherapy, despite the serious consequences, such as nausea, vomiting, malaise and hair loss. She died exactly a year later, after putting her life in order and enjoying her new grandson.

For each of us, the time comes to decide how to cope with the frightening reality of death. In your mother's case, the time is now. Get all the information you can, assimilate it, honor your mother's decision and give her all the love and support she needs. A Mexican clinic would, in my opinion, be a cruel hoax that merely defers acceptance of an incurable disease.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife has Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome (WPW) and frequents the emergency room because of episodes of rapid pulse. What is this condition and how can it be treated?

DEAR READER: Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome is an abnormality of the heart's conduction system, marked by an acceleration of the electrical impulses traveling from the atria (low pressure heart chambers) to the ventricles (high pressure chambers). This accelerated conduction can easily be seen on a cardiogram, a test used to identify the pattern of electrical activity in the heart. WPW is harmless and does not indicate cardiac disease.

Nevertheless, some patients with the condition (which is believed to be congenital) experience troublesome attacks of paroxysmal atrial arrhythmias, bursts of rapid and/or irregular pulse that may result in weakness, lightheadedness, angina or heart failure. In rare instances, WPW causes a prolonged racing heartbeat that can lead to cardiac damage or sudden death. This type of dangerous arrhythmia can be diagnosed by a cardiogram or a heart monitor.

The frequency and duration of the arrhythmia varies from patient to patient, most of whom need no treatment. However, for patients — such as your wife — who experience repeated attacks, preventive therapy is advisable. There are many drugs used for this purpose. She should see a cardiologist for advice and treatment.

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1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
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1922	.58	.02	1.20	7.43	5.19	4.48	.05	1.75	**	.93	1.65	**	23.28
1923	.40	2.25	2.05	4.28	.75	2.40	.93	2.10	2.00	6.88	3.15	1.30	28.55
1924	**	.05	1.15	4.34	4.27	.45	.57	1.55	1.40	2.00	**	*	15.78
1925	.40	**	**	2.75	4.26	.25	1.13	2.47	5.00	3.55	**	**	19.81
1926	.75	*	1.98	4.20	3.10	1.47	1.91	4.35	2.59	3.60	1.10	3.30	28.35
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1936	.64	1.12	.44	1.03	2.40	.33	.92	**	9.01	1.79	.77	.67	18.06
1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
1938	1.55	3.51	1.73	1.00	3.35	2.76	3.51	.12	.94	1.22	.84	.06	20.59
1939	2.42	.20	1.00	.29	6.38	7.46	.65	2.28	*	1.66	1.09	.71	24.14
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1941	.91	2.04	2.20	4.85	5.97	5.39	6.70	2.66	2.37	9.81	.21	.91	44.02
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1943	.15	**	1.30	.60	4.37	2.17	.19	.05	.37	.25	1.31	1.49	12.25
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Separate education plans unveiled

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and congressional lawmakers today were separately unveiling proposals to strengthen the nation's early childhood education system, saying teachers of young children need more training and higher salaries.

Bush said he would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to launch a new project to train all the nearly 50,000 teachers in Head Start, the federally run pre-kindergarten program, in the best "pre-reading" approaches.

Bush, making the announcement in Philadelphia today, also wants more coordination between preschool programs and K-12 education. He said he would like to spend $45 million to research "early literacy programs and practices."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., today said he and a bipartisan group of lawmakers would propose legislation that would give incentive grants to states to coordinate existing early childhood programs of all kinds, including Head Start, preschool programs in public schools, in daycare centers and at home.

Kennedy proposed giving states $5 billion over five years. The money would be available to preschool programs that care for and teach children as young as newborns.

"To make a real difference for our youngest children, we must add flesh to the bones of the president's commitment," Kennedy said.

Like Bush's K-12 education plan, which Kennedy helped develop, the congressional early childhood proposal would subject local programs to "rigorous evaluation" by state departments of education.

The legislation, co-sponsored by Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, would tie teachers' training to their salaries and give parents information "in a way that is understandable," Kennedy said in a statement.

Skakel's defense will be aggressive

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — The state began the arduous process Tuesday of selecting jurors who will be asked to decide whether Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel killed Martha Moxley a quarter-century ago.

The first group of prospective jurors arrived at Norwalk Superior Court today morning at the start of the trial of Skakel, who is accused of beating Moxley to death with a golf club in their wealthy Greenwich neighborhood in 1975. Both were 15 at the time.

The judge began by addressing about two dozen prospective jurors; individual questioning was to follow. Selecting a jury is expected to take a month or more, while the rest of the trial may take up to two months.

"Our sights are higher than merely creating reasonable doubt," said defense attorney Michael Sherman. "I would like the jury to go away feeling that Michael Skakel is truly innocent."

Skakel arrived at the courthouse shortly after 9:30 a.m. today and did not speak to reporters.

Moxley's body was found on Halloween under a tree in her yard. She had been out the night before with other teens, including Skakel and his older brother, Thomas.

Skakel, a nephew of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was arrested in January 2000 after a one-judge grand jury investigated the murder.

He was arraigned as a juvenile because of his age when the crime was committed, but the case was later transferred to adult court.

If convicted, Skakel could face life in prison.

Authorities say Skakel, now 41, confessed to the crime in the late 1970s while attending Elan School, a substance abuse facility in Poland Spring, Maine.

Attention focused on Skakel in the 1990s after he changed his alibi when interviewed by a private investigative firm hired by his family.

A day before jury selection was due to start in Norwalk Superior Court, Sherman appeared on several morning television shows.

Prosecutors kept a lower profile.

"We're not going to discuss the case in the media. We're going to try the case in court," said Frank Garr, the state's lead investigator.

Garr, who has investigated the case for years, said he's happy the trial has finally arrived. "We're ready to go," Garr said.

Sherman said his defense would involve more than poking holes in the prosecutor's case.

"We don't plan to sit there and be reactive," he said.

Sherman would not provide any details of his strategy, including whether Skakel will take the stand.

"He's anxious but looking forward to being exonerated," Sherman said.

Israeli tanks shelling security headquarters for Palestinians

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israeli tanks and helicopters shelled a heavily fortified Palestinian security headquarters in an all-night assault Tuesday. Fighting raged outside Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and Israel's prime minister proposed exile for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Four Palestinian civilians and an Israeli soldier were killed in fighting in Ramallah and Bethlehem, and West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub said at least 20 of the hundreds of people trapped in his compound were wounded in the Israeli assault. Israel said top militants it seeks were in the compound, a claim denied by Rajoub.

In Bethlehem, Israeli helicopter gunships hovering over Manger Square exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen near the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born. There was also a heavy exchange of fire outside a convent. Church officials denied a report by the Rome-based missionary news service Misna that a 65-year-old Italian priest, Jacques Amateis, was killed in the Santa Maria Convent. The priest was well, officials said.

today's fighting came as Israel widened its five-day-old military offensive, "Operation Protective Wall," launched to uproot militants blamed for a string of terror attacks on Israelis.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said today he has proposed that European Union envoy Miguel Moratinos or other diplomats fly Arafat into exile, raising the idea in public for the first time

"I told him (Moratinos), if they would like, they will fly with a helicopter and will take him (Arafat) from here," Sharon said during a tour of West Bank army bases, in remarks carried by Israel Radio. Arafat "will not be able to return." Sharon said such a step would require Cabinet approval.

Arafat has been confined in his offices by Israeli troops holding his Ramallah headquarters since Friday. Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said that Arafat "will not leave Palestine."

Secretary of State Colin Powell said today that Washington has told Sharon to "use care" in his offensive and advised him that in the end the operation will not stop suicide attacks and a political solution will be needed.

While pressing Palestinian leaders to stop anti-Israeli violence, U.S. officials have also told Sharon, "We know you have an inherent right of self defense but you need to do this ... and get it over with as quickly as possible," Powell told CBS' "The Early Show."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the offensive would last three to four weeks, the first senior official to give a timeframe. However, Sharon has said the campaign was open-ended.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said it was time for Sharon and Arafat to move aside. "These two people are both more than 75 years old and have lived this conflict for a very long time — too long if you ask me," Solana told Spain's Cadena SER radio.

Early today, Israeli tanks rolled into the West Bank towns of Tulkarem and Bethlehem.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Duncan

1925-2002

Funeral service for Emma Elizabeth Duncan is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate. Interment will be in the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery in San Antonio and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Duncan

Mrs. Duncan, 76, died Saturday, March 30, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Sept. 19, 1925 in Denton County, she was reared in Wink and married Floyd William Duncan on Oct. 12, 1942 in Carlsbad, N.M.

Mrs. Duncan had lived in Post from 1955 to 1979 and was chief deputy in the Garza County district and county clerk's office for 19 years. She moved to Snyder in 1979 and was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd Duncan of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Ronald Simpson of Abilene; a son and daughter-in-law, Wendell and Lin Duncan of Live Oak, Tex.; five grandchildren, Lane Duncan and Bart Duncan, both of Dallas, Russell Simpson and his wife, Suzanne, of Austin; Ryan Simpson of Midland, and Jenny Simpson of Gunnison County; and two great-grandchildren, Riley Simpson and Laura Kate Simpson of Austin.

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Burglary of a vehicle reported here Monday

•Thefts

A woman requested an officer Monday morning in the 3000 block of Avenue U after finding her vehicle burglarized. Officers filed a report for burglary of a vehicle.

She told the officers if her vehicles are seen out past 10 p.m. the driver should be stopped and the officers recorded the license numbers of both vehicles.

A Snyder High School student reported his cellular phone stolen at the track field Monday afternoon and an offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

•Forgery

A woman reported the forgery of a financial instrument Monday and an offense report was filed.

•Prowler

A woman reported two subjects walking around the parking lot at Big Country Chevrolet at 12:30 a.m. today. Officers contacted two 16-year-old boys and advised them of the complaint.

•Assault

A woman called 9-1-1 at 5:41 this morning to report her boyfriend being assaulted by another man. Officers responded to the 4400 block of Avenue U, but the man was intoxicated and uncooperative and the officers advised him of the proper steps to take.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a drive off in the amount of $11.25 Monday morning.

A drive off was reported from Skinny's on Hwy 180 Monday. An amount was not specified.

At 8:30 p.m. a clerk at Town and Country North reported a drive off worth $15.01, but was unable to provide a description or direction of travel.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge will have its stated meeting at 7:30 this evening. All Master Masons are invited.

Snyder FFA Booster Club

Snyder FFA's Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the SHS ag building. All officers are to meet at 6:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Cemetery

The Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 this evening in the Hermleigh Community Center. Anyone interested is welcome.

Gateway Family Services

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

Relay for Life lunch

The Scurry County Courthouse team that is entered in the Relay for Life to raise funds for the American Cancer Society will have lunch available for the public at 11:30 every Wednesday on the first floor of the courthouse.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located at 2603 Ave. M.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for the fall semester will be from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Thursday at 201 31st St. Registration fee is $40. For more information, call 573-3554.

Senior picture video

Pictures for the senior video must be turned in by Friday at the Snyder High School office.

Relay for Life fundraisers

There will be a fundraiser Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. in the Texas Savings Bank back parking lot. Also, Relay for Life team members will be selling kettle popcorn at Wal-Mart beginning at 9 a.m. For advance orders, call Zelph Franklin, 573-2789 or Ann Everett, 573-3270 and leave a message.

Spaghetti supper

A spaghetti supper will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Ira. Cost is $6 for adults, $3 for children under 12, under 5 is free. The money will go to help pay for summer camps for kids in the church.

Calvary Baptist revival

Clark Bosher of Arlington will be the evangelist for Calvary Baptist Church's revival Sunday through next Wednesday. Service times are 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship. Weeknight services are at 7. The church is located at 2405 35th St.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth's annual all-you-can-eat sausage festival will be from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door and adult tickets are $6.50, children 12 and under are $3.50, and all take-outs are $6.50. Sausage by the pound is $4 cooked and $3 uncooked.

Retired teachers

The Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. The program will be a book review by Jean Sealy.

Baptist Association Mission Fair

The Baptist Association Mission Fair will be from 6-8 p.m. next Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Ira. Hot dogs, balloons and many activities will be a part of the fair, as well as meeting missionaries from different parts of the world.

Relay for Life

There will be a Relay for Life meeting at 5 p.m. next Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital's boardroom.

Alzheimer's meeting

A representative from the Alzheimer's Association of Midland will speak at a 6 p.m. meeting next Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Please use the northeast entrance.

Assistance fund

A special Bouher Family Fund has been established at Spur Security Bank. Josh and Ashley Bouher were in an automobile accident March 22 that took the life of Ashley, and resulted in hospitalization for Josh. Mail donations to the bank at Box 549, Spur, 79370. Grandparents of the two are Kenneth and Joyce Smith of Snyder.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., will hold a revival April 14-17. Jim Mosley is the evangelist and John Bullock will lead the music. Sunday services are Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and evening worship is at 6. Weekday services are at 7 p.m.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

American Legion membership drive

The American Legion is holding a membership drive. If you or a family member served in the military, you may be eligible for membership in the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion. Call 573-4082, 573-6542 or 574-6805 for more information.