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Home of Mary Sands



PETER PAN — Snyder Junior High's production of *Peter Pan* opens at 7:30 tonight. Characters are played by, from left, Briana Burk, Katie Curry, Jason Hook, Logan Martin and Paul Jackson. Ashton Wall plays the crocodile. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Peter Pan flying into town

Peter Pan, featuring the combined talents of drama and choir students, debuts at 7:30 tonight at Snyder Junior High School's auditorium.

Additional performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Tickets cost $5 and seats may be reserved at the office.

This musical version of the popular fairy tale is based on stories written by J.M. Barrie and features various characters from Peter Pan, played by Blake Robertson, to Logan Martin as Captain Hook.

Directors include Janeen Patterson, drama; and Marci Dennis, choir. Judy Haines does the choreography and Carla Thompson plays the piano.

"The young at heart will all love it," Patterson said, "as Peter flies in and takes Wendy, played by Jana Lewis, John played by Casey Pierce, and Michael, played by Christi Williams, away to Never Never Land."

They are greeted by Indians led by Tiger Lilly, played by Emily Jones, and all of the lost boys. Other Indians will be Aeryal Peoples, Breanna Talavera, Ashley Pavlovsky, Whitney Kinney, Lesli Jackson, Kayla Hartzog, Ashley Hyer, Megan McCormick, and Shaela Thompson.

The Lost Boys include Slightly, played by Casey Crain; Tootles, Rudy Ibarra; Curly, Wendy Reed; Nibs, Paul Haines; First Twin, Kiki Wofford; Second Twin, Temi Thompson.

The pirates will try to capture the Lost Boys. They include Starkey, played by Paul Jackson; Cecco, Briana Burk, Noodler, Sarah Carpenter; Mullins, Katie Curry; Jukes, Austin Hatfield.

The crocodile, played by Ashton Wall, scares Captain Hook into the arms of the lovable Smee, played by Jason Hook.

Other characters include Liza the maid, played by Shaela Thompson; Nana, the dog, Jessica Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Darling, Austin Hatfield and Stephanie Parmer; Tinkerbell, Claire Pollard; grown up Wendy, Ashlee McGinty; and Jane, Megan McCormick.

Crew members include Sarah Carpenter and Stephanie Parmer, assistant directors; Corie Hernandez, stage manager; Jerry Ashley, Chad Brown, Jake Guzman, flying crew; Teddi Crenwelge, Sirena Medrano, Albert Rocha, Kim Hinkell, Mathew Massey, Whitney Warner, props; Daniel Burton, spot; Adam Sauceda, lights; Morgan Bilderback, sound; Lacey Kincaid, Christi Essery and Lacee Early, make-up.



GLASS MENAGERIE — The *Glass Menagerie* will debut at 8 tonight at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. Thomas Lowery and Kara Lowery portray Jim O'Connor and Laura Wingfield in the spring drama. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

College drama will debut this evening

The Glass Menagerie by Tennesse Williams will debut at 8 tonight in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

Additional performances of the spring production are set for 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults while seniors and student tickets are $3. WTC faculty, staff and students are admitted free.

The cast includes Michael Gibson as Tom Wingfield, Jennifer Birmingham as Amanda Wingfield, Kara Lowery as Laura Wingfield and Thomas Lowery as Jim O'Connor.

Endeavour to stay in space extra time

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour will spend at least one extra day at the international space station after downed computers delayed tests of a new robot arm.

NASA wants to extend Endeavour's 11-day mission by two days, but the second day is contingent on Russian space officials agreeing to delay Saturday's launch of a Russian Soyuz spacecraft, needed as a fresh lifeboat at the station.

Yuri Semyonov, the head of the state-controlled RKK Energia space corporation, said today that Russia is unwilling to postpone the Soyuz mission. Semyonov said the Soyuz lifeboat now at the station needs to be replaced because its service lifetime expires at the end of the month. NASA spokeswoman Nicole Clutier said early today that Mission Control had not yet gotten word of Russia's decision.

Under the original timetable for an 11-day mission, the shuttle would have undocked Saturday and landed Monday. An extra day pushes the undocking to Sunday and the landing to Tuesday; two extra days would mean the shuttle would undock Monday and landing next Wednesday.

The Soyuz launch — carrying two Russian cosmonauts and the world's first paying space tourist, California millionaire Dennis Tito — would have to be held off at least until Sunday to allow Endeavour to remain at the station until Monday.

Both spacecraft can't be docked at the station at the same time because the Soyuz would come "uncomfortably close" to Endeavour's tail on approach, shuttle flight director Phil Engelauf said.

On the space station early today, one of the command-and-control computers used to operate the new robot arm was working after two days of troubleshooting. Mission Control loaded software into one of the backups and planned to replace the second backup with a spare computer at the station.

Flight controllers wanted to ensure at least two computers were working before trying to move the new arm in case one failed.

Big Country Co-op to hold annual meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its annual meeting Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the business meeting will follow.

This is the second meeting of the co-op since Midwest Electric Cooperative and Stamford Electric Cooperative consolidated in 1998.

As part of the business meeting, directors will be elected in districts three, four and seven.

Nominated for the district three director are James Seidenberger, Lewis Corzine, and Walter Buerger, all from Stamford.

District four nominees are Dale Spurgin and Carl Thompson, both of Anson, and the district seven nominee is Mickey Sterling of Ira.

Seidenberger, Corzine and Buerger are all on the board presently representing district three, but there will be only one representative following Saturday's vote.

Thompson is currently serving as a district four representative as is the retiring board president, Jimlee Baucum of Anson.

Following Saturday's vote between Thompson and Spurgin, district four will also have only one representative.

The reduction in the number of board members is following the consolidation plan of reducing the original number of board members from 16 to nine over a three-year period, said Jerry Stapp, general manager.

Next year, elections will be held in districts one, five and six.

Current board members besides the nominees are John Ben Glover of Rochester, Jerry Upshaw of Roby, Carl Williams of Camp Springs, Wilbert Klose of Haskell, J. F. Dozier of Old Glory, Bobby Gruben of Rotan and Sue Herring of Snyder.

The Cooper Fiddlers from Abilene Cooper High School will provide the entertainment.

SNS work day planned for Saturday

Snyder Neighbors Sharing annual workday is Saturday.

Five homes will be repaired this year, and approximately 80 volunteers will work tomorrow on homes located at 610 34th Street and 709 27th Street. The three remaining homes have been contracted out for roofing.

Many donors and volunteers have been involved along with the First Presbyterian Church, Golden K Kiwanis, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church and Lions Club, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, TXU Electric, G&G Glass, O'Neal's Interiors, Snyder Lumber Co., United Supermarket, Scurry County, Pizza Inn and athletes from Snyder High School.

Anyone wishing to help may go by 610 34th Saturday and contact Thomas Fogleman or Sam Robertson. Roofing, carpenter work and painting will be will begin at 8 a.m. Workers should bring tools such as hammers. Brushes and paint scrappers will be furnished.

Monetary donations may be made by mailing to Snyder Neighbors Sharing Inc, Box 541 in Snyder or delivered to Sam Robertson's Insurance, 1926 26th Street.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nothing is as humiliating as watching somebody do something that you said couldn't be done."

State bound!

The tradition continues for the SHS drama department. First-year director **Brad Vincent** should take a bow for his efforts. This is one hometown boy who proved that you can return and be successful.

In advancing to the state contest next month, **Brandon McCraw** and **Hayli Henderson** were named to the all-star cast for their performance at regional. **Michael Compton** and **Kelli Henderson** earned honorable mention honors.

While SHS didn't repeat as the regional UIL champs, several individuals are getting ready for the state meet in Austin.

Gold medals were won by **Matt Coronado** in prose interpretation and **Jeremee Lester** in computer applications. The accounting team composed of **Tyler Kerr, Kate Wright** and **Leslye Starnes** also captured first. Also headed to Austin are second place finishers – **Dustin Whitson** in biology and **Jaci Smith** in informative speaking.

And more headed for the capital city…

In tennis, Snyder's **Allen Smith** and **Ryan Gibson** were runners-up in the regional tournament and earned a berth in the state meet early next month.

And in golf, the boys captured the regional crown and the Lady Tigers were second, and both squads will be in the state meet in Austin.

Members of the championship squad are **Zach Starnes, Clinton Calmes, Landon Day, Stafford Gray** and **Levi Mandrell**.

Lady Tiger golfers are **Andra Lancaster, Kara Harrison, Katie Kerley, Christan Curry** and **Kellie Dodson**.

Snyder junior **Johnny Vasquez** captured first in the U.S. Boxing Championships in New York and will now compete in the World Championships to be held late next month in Ireland.

Good luck to the Lady Tiger softball team that starts playoff competition this evening in Lubbock against Canyon Randall.

Also in competition this weekend are the regional track qualifiers from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira.

Have a good weekend!

ASK US

Q—How tall is the new roller coaster ride at Six Flags Over Texas?

A—The Titan is 245 feet tall. This compares with the Texas Giant ride of 155 feet, or Reunion Tower at 560 feet.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 80 degrees; low, 47; 7 a.m. Friday, 7 a.m.; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.40 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 50-55. Saturday, partly cloudy, high 80-85. Saturday night, partly cloudy, low mid 50s.



Andie Martinez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:21 p.m.
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Of 116 days in 2001, the sun has shone 104 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got.
—Walter Cronkite

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Sick doctor rescued from South Pole site

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile (AP) — He's a world traveler and a former stunt pilot. And until a recent gall bladder attack forced a change of plans, Ronald Shemenski was also the only doctor on duty in the windiest, coldest place on earth: the South Pole.

The 59-year-old doctor, who was airlifted out of the long Antarctic night this week in a risky rescue mission, says he's sorry he had to leave the Pole behind. And he's itching to get back for the next winter.

"If I had my druthers, I'd be at the Pole. But the window of opportunity to get me out was now. I couldn't sit around and wait," Shemenski said hours after a Twin Otter propeller plane carried him from Antarctica to Chile on Thursday.

He said he never worried about the flight out — "these pilots were good" — and that he rested on a makeshift bed atop a "couple of 55-gallon fuel drums" in a parka with a fur-lined hood.

"I'm fine," Shemenski said.

He would have preferred to tough it out at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station he left behind. "I didn't want the crew to risk coming down there," he said.

But in an interview with The Associated Press, Shemenski acknowledged that it would have been dangerous to stay on. He was diagnosed with inflammation of the pancreas. Pancreatitis can happen when a gallstone passes down the bile duct, irritating the pancreas. It is potentially life-threatening.

"When I got sick, I was having quite a bit of pain. I wasn't sure what was going on. We did some lab tests down there and nothing fit what I was feeling," Shemenski said. Doctors in the United States helped make a diagnosis that he had a gall bladder attack.

"It could have progressed to being very serious and the main question was, 'Was this going to happen again?'" he added.

Rescuers decided to chance a risky trip before worse weather set in, making the Pole unreachable. Shemenski was the only physician among 50 researchers working there — his replacement was brought in by his rescuers.

The airlift was one of the riskiest to the Pole in winter, with the pilots of the eight-seat craft braving snow, cold of minus 68 degrees and darkness. The sun set last month and won't rise until late September.

On Tuesday, the red-and-white plane with its stubby black wings and skis for landing gear touched down safely on the ice at Amundsen-Scott. In the hours beforehand, the 50 scientists scrambled to lay out the welcome mat.

On a barren landscape where only an occasional moonbeam casts a feeble light, scientists turned out to clear the runway of snow and blowing debris, packing down the ice. In temperatures that dipped to 80 degrees below zero, they rolled out barrels of trash and set them aligt — a jury-rigged landing guide in the dark polar night.

"People were out there loading the barrels and lighting the debris in minus 140 wind chill," said Shemenski, moved by the support.

For the pilots in the Twin Otter, it was like finding a small spark of light on a vast and shadowy plain sheathed in faintly shimmering ice.

Living in one of the most desolate spots in the world, Shemenski said he found friends and human warmth at the Pole — ties that were hard to leave behind.

"I hoped for a winter season down there. We had just become family down there and we were barely two months into our long winter," he said.

After reaching the pole Tues[illegible] warmed by heaters blowing all night to keep fuel from freezing. Then it made the eight-hour dash Wednesday to Rothera, a British base on the Antarctic peninsula, across the water from Chile, before Thursday's last leg.

The pilots said the ride was surprisingly smooth. But it was long: 4,446 miles from Punta Arenas, Chile, to the South Pole and back.

Sean Loutitt said he and co-pilot Mark Cary and flight engineer Norm Wong encountered no problems aside from extreme cold.

"The weather was the biggest concern," he said, adding they anxiously checked at least four separate forecasts simultaneously. "We took our time. We had our limits, and we waited for the best forecast to depart."

Shemenski has worked in Johnston Island in the South Pacific and Kodiak in Alaska, making friends far and wide.

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Cash Five

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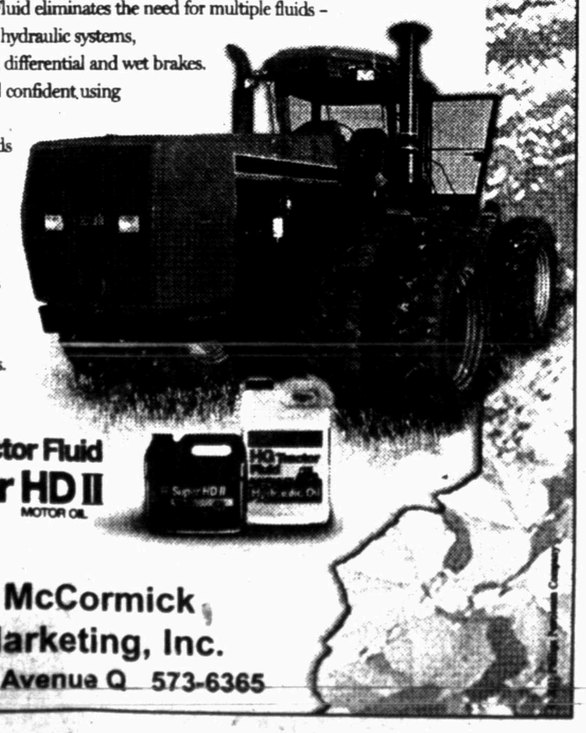
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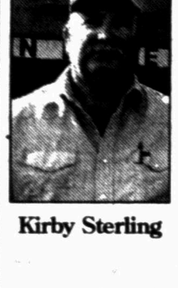
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Ira School Board Candidates

1) What is the most pressing problem facing Ira ISD from a state level. How do you propose the district address this problem?

Kirby Sterling: Funding and representation of small schools. Funding from the state is based on your enrollment. When your enrollment drops, so goes the funding. Almost every school district west of Dallas is facing the same problem. With the proposed realignment of the legislative districts, it sure does not benefit us small schools. The solution? I wish I knew.



Kirby Sterling

Jeff Kellner: The board keeping up with the constant changes of the state legislative level concerning funding and state laws. The problem needs be addressed by better educating oneself, reading and attending educational seminars.

Fran Farmer: I have a concern for the teacher shortage throughout the state. Incentives to teachers are important and one area is that of health insurance. House and Senate committees should continue to consider legislation to provide health insurance for school district employees. I also think the school calendar should not be set by the state. This should be in the hands of the local districts.



Fran Farmer

2) What is the most pressing problem facing Ira ISD from a local level. How do you propose the district address this problem?

Sterling: Enrollment. Our district is limited on housing and jobs. With the requirements on transfer students being as they are, it is hard to accept more students. As far as people moving into our district, the majority of landowners seem reluctant to sell any property. Maybe the community people could promote our school and community more effectively.

Kellner: Maintaining enrollment and being able to increase student enrollment. I feel we can address this problem by providing programs (academic or athletic) to create or help keep the interest up in the students.

Farmer: To keep enrollment up and maintain a careful oversight of expenditures using funds in the most effective programs for our students. I'm interested in the school, and I'm willing to work in the community to make things better. I look forward to the opportunity to become more involved in our great school system.



Jeff Kellner

3) Are there any specific goals you would like to see accomplished at Ira ISD over the next few years? If so, what are they?

Sterling: Yes. Ira ISD has been rated "exemplary" for the three previous years. I would like to see our school maintain our high performance in education. There could be a list of goals, but the education of our kids is first and foremost.

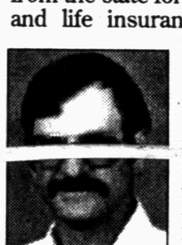
Kellner: I feel we have a great school system overall. We have taken positive steps athletically and academically. I believe our future is bright, with oil and gas prices staying above normal. We should see a much more positive side to the income of the school. My goals are to continue my support of the school system, to keep the best interest of the students, faculty and the community, to support future programs, changes or any situation pertaining to the system, if it is in the best interest of the students and the community.

Farmer: To continue to emphasize academic success through UIL participation and to support the endeavors of the students in athletics and all areas of fine arts for a good, well-rounded education.

Ira School Board Place 7

1) What is the most pressing problem facing Ira ISD from a state level. How do you propose the district address this problem?

Doug White: School finance from the state for teacher health and life insurance and being able to take transfers. (a) Send letters to state government [illegible] representatives as we have in the past, but still no commitment from state leaders. (b) Using the Lotto money that the schools were promised when it was voted in. (c) Find a way to tax all people, not just the 28 percent that pays all the taxes. (d) Allowing control of transfers at the local administration level, instead of regulations set up by the state.



Doug White

Gilbert Sanchez: On the state level would be state mandates. Working with school board members and faculty.

Dirk Dunn: The talk of not funding some of the transfer students. The changes in legislation and state mandates. I would try to stay up with all the current changes in laws.

2) What is the most pressing problem facing Ira ISD from a local level. How do you propose the district address this problem?

White: Keeping the kind of administration and faculty that will keep our students challenged. (a) Striving for excellence from every student that attends Ira School. (b) Teaching morals and good attitudes that will carry them into the world with a passion to succeed at whatever they pursue in life.

Sanchez: School repairs. We haven't been able to do much due to the economy through the years, and now we are having to go back and do those things. The oil price is better now than what it has been in a while, and maybe we can recover better from it.



Gilbert Sanchez

Dunn: Keeping our enrollment at a steady level. Also, funding all the school's activities and programs at the current level without raising taxes. Keep Ira School appealing to our transfers and watching the school's budget.

3) Are there any specific goals you would like to see accomplished at Ira ISD over the next few years? If so, what are they?

White: Exemplary rating is a specific goal that we have come to expect and need to continue to strive for. (a) Keeping an excellent teaching staff. (b) Insuring that all students can achieve excellence. (c) Raising the enrollment to 200 to 220.

Sanchez: Continue to achieve the exemplary rating. My goal is to offer more education to our students.

Dunn: I would like to see the high standard of education continued.

No photo was available for Dirk Dunn

Date Book

Friday, April 27, 2001

Today is the 117th day of 2001 and the 39th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, the Rev. Samuel Provoost of New York City became the first chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

On this day in 1938, Countess Geraldine Apponyi married King Zog of Albania. She was the first woman of American ancestry to become a queen.

On this day in 1967, Expo '67 opened in Montreal, Canada.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Gibbon (1737-1794), historian; Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797), writer-feminist; Samuel F.B. Morse (1791-1872), inventor; Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885), U.S. president; Rogers Hornsby (1896-1963), baseball great; Jack Klugman (1922-), actor, is 79; Coretta Scott King (1927-), civil-rights leader, is 74; Anouk Aimee (1932-), actress, is 69; August Wilson (1945-), playwright, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, the Boston Celtics hired Arnold Auerbach as a coach. The Celtics won nine NBA titles during the 16 seasons Auerbach coached the team.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Independence I have long considered as the grand blessing of life, the basis of every virtue; and independence I will ever secure by contracting my wants, though I were to live on a barren heath." — Mary Wollstonecraft

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 23) and first quarter (April 30).

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WTC lease okayed

NEW YORK (AP) — The Port Authority approved a $3.2 billion, 99-year lease for the World Trade Center complex Thursday, the richest real estate deal in the city's history.

The property includes the twin 110-story towers, two nine-story office buildings and a 400,000-square-foot shopping mall.

The group that signed the lease on the world famous center is led by real estate developer Larry A. Silverstein and Westfield America Inc., which develops shopping centers.

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Bill would put brakes on teen drivers

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature on Thursday put the brakes on teen-age drivers by giving preliminary approval to a bill that would create an intermediate license for 16- and 17-year-old drivers.

The legislation by Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, would require an intermediate license for 16- and 17-year-old drivers. Under current law, a 16-year-old is granted an unrestricted license with just seven hours' experience behind the wheel.

"It will save lives, prevent injuries and reduce accidents," Driver said.

The measure passed on a voice vote and was expected to gain final passage today.

Under the new graduated program, the teens would continue with a permit for an additional six months, which must include at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, including at least 10 hours at night.

Also, teen-agers would not be allowed to drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21. No passengers under age 21 would be able to ride with a teen-age driver, except for siblings who have received written parental permission, for six months.

Exceptions would include driving to and from work, school-related activities or a medical emergency.

At hearings on the bill, teen-agers and parents who lost loved ones in auto accidents said they favored the graduated program.

Critics argue the bill would inconvenience parents, who should decide when their children can drive. They also say the restrictions are impractical for many young drivers who may get delayed in traffic.

In 1998, the most recent year for which data is available from the U.S. Department of Transportation, 407 Texas teens were killed in auto wrecks. Another 40,000 were injured.

Teen-agers account for about 938,000, or 7 percent, of the state's total 13.4 million licensed drivers. Yet they are responsible for about 20 percent of all Texas auto accidents, according to state statistics.

The proposed "Jordan-Emily Teen Driver Act" is named in part after a 15-year-old who died in an accident 10 months ago.

The graduated driver's license bill is HB432.

Child care providers should adhere to state regulations

AUSTIN (AP) — A program that allows faith-based child care providers to opt out of state regulation allows abusive facilities to continue operating, child care advocates say.

"Alternative accreditation means special treatment for child abusers," said Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, a political watchdog group.

"Without this alternative accreditation program, the Roloff Homes must either clean up their act and be licensed by the state or close their doors in Texas for good."

Officials with Roloff Homes could not be immediately reached for comment Thursday evening. One person who "volunteered" for 18 years at the Roloff facilities, denied that there was any wrongdoing at the homes. "I've seen so much good there, I'd hate to see this group of homes go away," said Fill Hendrix. "They should reauthorize this program."

Under the Texas Alternative Accreditation program, supported in 1997 by then-Gov. George W. Bush's experiment to expand religious charity work, church-run homes for troubled youth and child care facilities can be accredited by a private group approved by the state rather than get a state license. That private agency is the Texas Association of Christian Child Care Agencies.

Last year, 2,008 faith-based child care and child placing facilities received state licensing, while only eight since 1997 have won alternative accreditation.

There are 34,165 state-licensed child care facilities in the state.

The program, which was scheduled to end this year, would be continued until 2007 under a bill authored by Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo. The bill is now pending in committee. The lawmaker could not be reached for comment.

Facilities with alternative accreditation are not subject to state inspections unless a complaint of neglect or abuse has been filed with TACCCA. Child care advocates say that the state has no means of ensuring that TACCCA is enforcing health and safety regulations.

Without direct state oversight, child care and child placing facilities can operate without impunity. Advocates say that the Corpus Christi-based Roloff Homes, a group of five juvenile and young adult homes, has been doing just that.

The homes, which reopened in 1999 to return to caring for youths under the oversight of TACCCA, has been the target of child abuse allegations since 1973, when Texas authorities started investigating. The Peoples Baptist Church fought the investigation in court, but shut the homes in 1985 after losing a U.S. Supreme Court appeal.

In May 1999, a 17-year-old girl at Roloff Homes reported being beaten and bound with duct tape. A state investigation concluded the wife of the chairman of TACCCA, who also worked at Roloff Homes, engaged in "physical abuse, medical neglect and neglectful supervision." She is now banned from child care work in Texas.

The accreditation program for child care facilities is HB 2825.

Third Day receives best group, best artist recognition

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Christian music industry embraced heartland rock music at the 32nd Annual Dove Awards on Thursday, giving Atlanta band Third Day five awards including best group and the top award of best artist.

Since voting rap-alternative rock group dc Talk best artist in 1996, the Gospel Music Association has returned to more venerable pop acts for the most prestigious award. Steven Curtis Chapman and Michael W. Smith have won it the past two years.

"We're huge fans of Christian music, and to be up here .... really blows our minds," lead singer Mac Powell of Third Day said as he accepted the best group award.

Third Day members Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark Lee, Brad Avery and David Carr each picked up two individual awards as songwriters and producers, giving the group and its members a total of 15 trophies.

The stirring ballad "Redeemer" by Nicole C. Mullen proved a favorite, winning best song and pop/contemporary song. Mullen was also named best songwriter.

In other major awards, Chapman beat out Powell and three others for best male vocalist, and Nichole Nordeman won best female vocalist. The best new artist was the group Plus One.

The show at the Grand Ole Opry House showcased the wide variety of musical artists who record under the Christian banner, from the traditional gospel of Shirley Caesar to the hard-core punk of the band Pillar and the slick R&B of Mary Mary.

"It's kind of like a big family reunion, except set to music," said singer-songwriter Michael W. Smith, host of the show.

Third Day's other trophies were for rock recorded song for "Sky Falls Down," and praise and worship album for "Offerings: A Worship Album." Along with several other past winners including Sixpence None the Richer and Jars of Clay, Third Day won the award for best special event album for "City on a Hill: Songs of Worship and Praise."

Country singer Randy Travis won two awards stemming from his gospel album "Inspirational Journey." It was named best bluegrass album, and the song "Baptism" won best country song. Ricky Skaggs won best bluegrass recorded song for "Are You Afraid to Die?" Neither was present.

The band Raze, which was sidelined by the arrest of founder Ja'Marc Davis on rape and molestation charges last month, won awards for best rap/hip hop/dance song and album. The voting deadline came the day before his arrest.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Volunteers for teachers earn gratitude and learn respect

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I discovered an incredible need teachers have. The day after school ended, I had a couple of free hours and impulsively stopped by the school and offered to help my daughter's teacher pack up for the summer. You would have thought I donated an organ! What I did was not hard: We took down bulletin boards, packed books, etc. It was quite enjoyable.

Before school began in the fall, I offered my services again, but this time my 18- and 15-year-old daughters joined me. The teachers nearly named a day after us. We cleaned cubbies, arranged desks, cut out shapes and set out supplies. It doesn't matter if you have one hour or four. It makes a difference.

The most wonderful part was my daughters telling the teachers they had no idea how much work teachers devote to preparing for their pupils.

I recommend this as a wonderful volunteer opportunity. The added benefit was exposing my teen-agers to the "behind-the-scenes" activities of these energetic, committed professional teachers. — **KAREN WARREN, GAINESVILLE, FLA.**

DEAR KAREN: A terrific idea. Everyone's a winner when everyone chips in, but why stop there? Schools welcome the continual involvement of parents in their children's education, and that involvement results in more diligent students.

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DEAR ABBY: I read in this morning's paper the letter from the paramedic who was called to the home where the little boy drowned. It was a sad letter that made my heart ache.

We have a fence around our pool and keep the gate securely locked. Our son knows how to swim and follows the safety rules we have established.

I thought I was a responsible pool owner — until last Mother's Day. We had invited friends over for a cookout and swimming party. We ate in shifts so an adult would always be with the children as they swam. My friend and I were eating poolside; her husband was in the pool with the children. All four of the little ones (under 5) had taken swimming lessons and were good swimmers. My friend's son was floating on a kickboard. We looked away for a moment, and when we looked back, he was nowhere to be seen. We moved the kickboard, and there he was, trying to come up for air! Somehow, I managed to reach in and grab him.

We were lucky. He had been holding his breath. In a few more seconds, he would have drowned. All this happened in 3 feet of water, 3 feet from me, and with five adults in the pool area.

Since then, we have added new rules: We now have at least one adult watcher for every three children. This person must be alert at all times and watch the children. We rotate so the same adult isn't always the watcher. If a child cannot swim, he or she must wear a life vest, and the parents are responsible for their children the entire time they are in the pool.

Abby, a fence around a pool and a locked gate are mandatory. We had a close call we will never forget. Safety rules must not only be established, but strenuously observed. — **LIFEGUARDING MOM IN PHOENIX**

DEAR LIFEGUARDING MOM: There is no telling how many lives you may have saved today because you took the time to write.

Thank you for pointing out that it is not enough to be in the vicinity of a pool — or other body of water — when children are in it. The children must be watched closely at all times.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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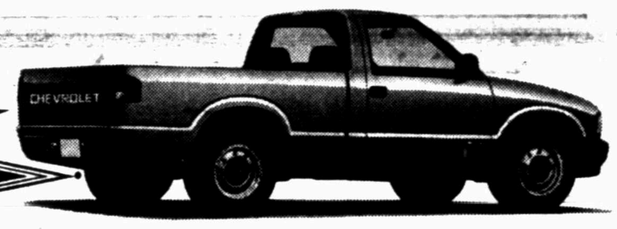
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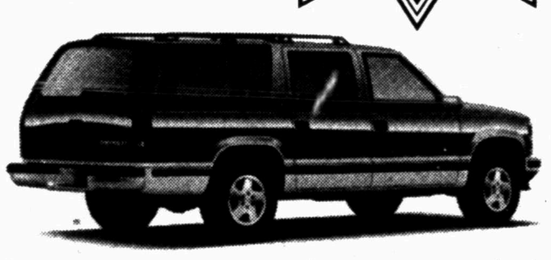
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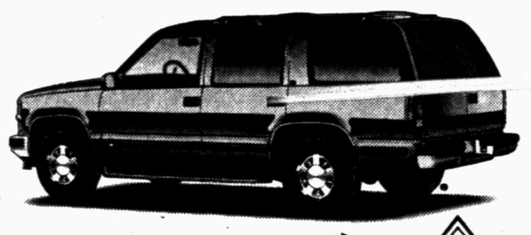
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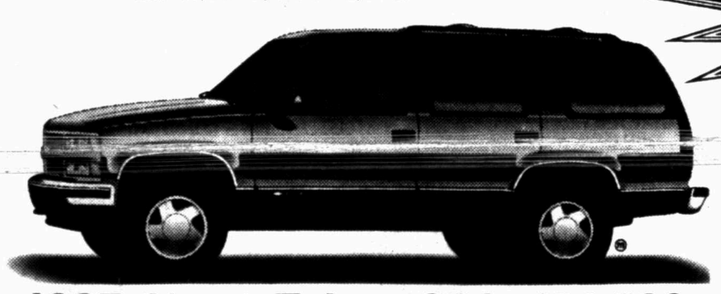




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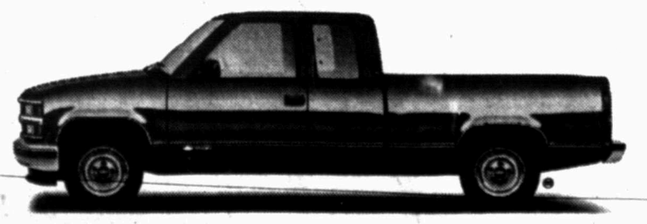
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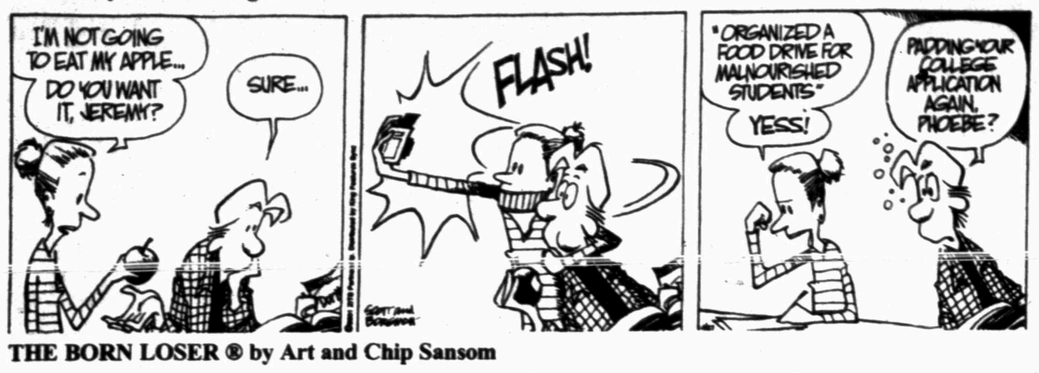


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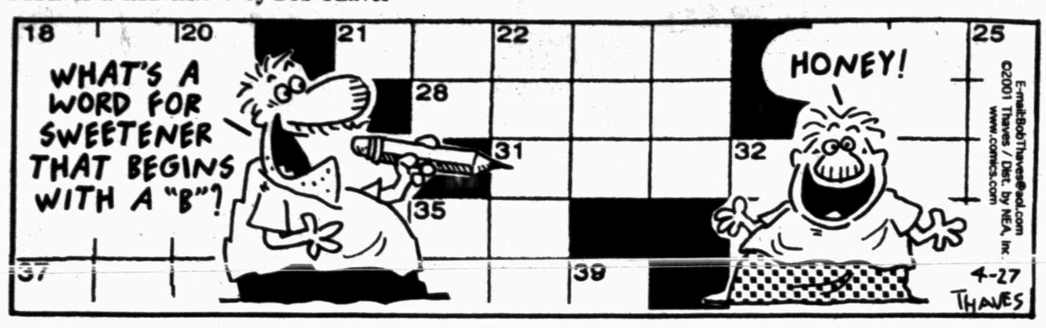
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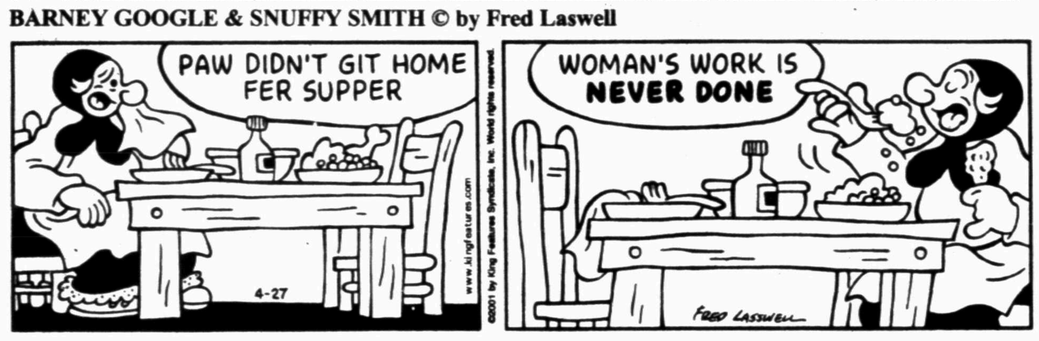
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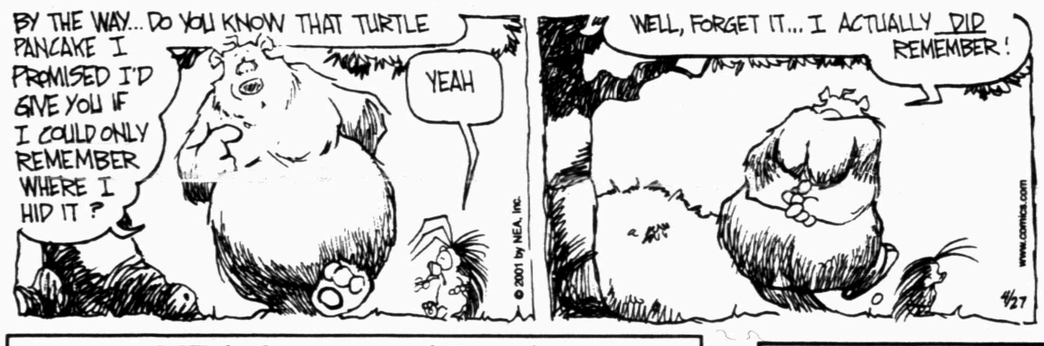


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13 Sedative
14 Actor Peter —
15 Shish kebab holder
16 Carry tales
17 Snakelike fish
18 Mother of Mlle.
20 — Aviv
21 Personality
23 Be sick
24 Towel word
25 Horseback game
27 Twofold
29 Finish
31 Pierre's water
32 Goddess of healing
33 — Tin Tin
34 Model Lauren —
37 "Get lost!"
40 — Christian Andersen
41 TV series, "LA —"
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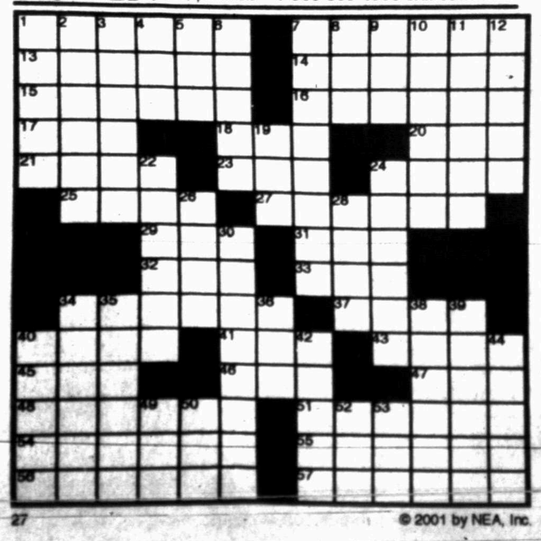
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"I know the runny green stuff is potato. What's the black gravel?"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



SPORTS

Tigers' playoff hopes on the line tonight

It all comes down to this. The Snyder Tigers' postseason fate rides on the outcome of three games.

Snyder tries to keep its playoff hopes alive when it travels to Andrews to take on the Mustangs at 7 tonight in the District 4-4A finale.

To have a shot at the postseason, the Tigers must win then hope for Lake View and Big Spring losses. Snyder trails the Chiefs and Steers by one game for third place. Lake View takes on Frenship this evening, while Big Spring faces Plainview.

If all three things occur, the Tigers would finish the regular season in a third-place tie with Lake View and Big Spring, forcing a district playoff tournament Monday and Tuesday.

Snyder enters the finale with 6-7 district mark and an overall record of 13-11. The Mustangs, who sit alone in second place, are 18-6 on the year.

In today's other action, two SHS squads will try to continue their postseason competition.

The Lady Tigers square off with Canyon Randall in a bi-district softball playoff at 7 o'clock at Lubbock's Westerner Field.

The winner of tonight's contest advances to face El Paso Ysleta in next Friday's area round.

Nine Snyder tracksters are also in competition today at the Region I-4A track and field meet at Angelo State University.

The top two finishers in each event qualify for the state meet May 11-12 in Austin.

Mavs hope to change luck at home

DALLAS (AP) — When most NBA teams go up 2-0 in a best-of-five series, they might talk about the chances of blowing it, but probably don't think it can happen to them.

Then there's the Utah Jazz.

In 1987, back when Karl Malone had plenty of hair and John Stockton's short shorts were stylish, the Jazz became the fourth team in NBA history to lose three straight after winning the first two of a five-game series when they lost to Golden State.

In 1992, the Jazz won the first two games against the Los Angeles Clippers, lost two, then pulled out the series in Game 5. Utah also went five games after winning the first two against Portland in '96 and against Seattle last season.

Only once has Utah gone on to sweep a series after winning the first two games: in 1997 against the Clippers.

The Jazz will try for another sweep Saturday when they put their 2-0 lead on the line in Game 3 against the Dallas Mavericks.

While Dallas would love to become the sixth team to advance after trailing 2-0, the primary goal for the Mavs is to win a playoff game for the first time in 13 years.

"We still have confidence," said Michael Finley, Dallas' lone star in the series so far. "We know we can beat this team. We just haven't done it these past two games."

Although the Jazz won both games at Reunion Arena this season, Malone's memories of the '87 series against the Warriors has taught him not to believe the one-game-at-a-time mantra all players spout.

"I learned that it doesn't really matter until you've taken a team to the final horn," he said Thursday. "On one side of it, you feel good being up 2-0. On the other side, it would sure feel good being 3-0."

Malone said looking ahead is the worst mistake a team can make.

"I think what you always tend to do is say 'OK, we've got two games on the other team's court' instead of worrying about 'Why can't we go down and finish things off and not give the other team momentum?'" he said. "Whenever you do that, anything can happen in a four- or five-game series. Hopefully, we'll go down with that attitude that we want to win Saturday."

Teammate Bryon Russell has already said he's only packing for one night.

Said Stockton: "We have to go into it like it's a one-game series. If it goes more than that, so be it."

The Mavericks' mindset for this game is to cut the whining about the officiating, something they've done way too much of the first two games.

"I thought our main focus was on the calls and the referees and not what was happening on the court," Finley said. "We've got to look past that and play our game. If we do that, we'll be successful."

Dallas coach Don Nelson, who was ejected from the opener, used an interesting analogy to describe what's been happening.

"I likened it to the team today as if you had a son who is 6 years old and he's training to fight the neighbor's kid," Nelson said. "You put him in nice, new, red boxing gloves and you get a referee out there and say 'OK, we're going to box.'

"The neighbor's kid is 8, not 6, and the first thing he does is pick up sand and throw it in your kid's eyes, punches him and drops him. And you can't do anything about it but yell at the referee.

"It's hard to train your kid and say, 'OK, see now, forget all those rules we talked about — let's pick up some sand and throw it in their eyes.'"

Spurs look to finish T-Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves haven't ventured inside much against San Antonio's Tim Duncan and David Robinson.

The Spurs' Derek Anderson thinks he knows why.

"I never dunked on either of them, and I try to dunk on everybody," said Anderson, who played last season for the Los Angeles Clippers. "I don't think I ever tried because I knew when I got there, I wouldn't see anything.

"I know what guys go through when they go in there. I can see their pain."

Anderson's sympathy isn't worth much for the Wolves, who are down 2-0 and facing elimination Saturday.

The Timberwolves also have experienced the frustration of trying to deal with the two big men. They have Kevin Garnett to match up with one, but find themselves in a mismatch with the other.

The Wolves are starting their best defensive option, Dean Garrett, which means fewer minutes for two offensive players, LaPhonso Ellis and Reggie Slater. Garrett scored only one point in 14 minutes of Game 2.

The Wolves' four-man center rotation, which includes third-year player Rasho Nesterovic, hasn't been as successful against the Spurs that it was at times this season.

Against most teams, the Wolves can let Garnett take on one big man and select the player who is best suited to exploit the other. Some games, that's Ellis taking 3-pointers or grabbing offensive rebounds. Others, it's the 255-pound Slater backing his way to the basket.

There is little to exploit against Duncan and Robinson, and the Wolves would be giving up four to six inches by letting the 6-8 Ellis or the 6-7 Slater defend either of them. Nesterovic, whose confidence appears shaken, began this season as a starter, but has played very little during the second half of the season.

The Wolves have been starting out with the 6-11 Garrett, who averaged just 12 minutes and 2.5 points during the regular season. Most of Ellis' 31 minutes in Game 2 came after the game was decided, and many were at forward. Slater has played only 14 minutes in the two games.

Cowboys sign 18 free agents

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys agreed to terms with 18 rookie free agents Thursday, including three players who spent last season in the XFL.

The Cowboys signed guards Dan Collins and Jason Gamble and kicker Francesco Biancamano from the XFL.

Also on the list released Thursday were: cornerback Deneil Anglin of Fairmont State, cornerback Del Bates of Nevada, cornerback Jason Bell of UCLA, wide receiver Adrian Burnette of Tulane, defensive tackle Javier Collins of Northwestern State, defensive end Demetric Evans of Georgia, linebacker Eddie Johnson of Cincinnati, linebacker J.J. Jones of Arkansas, safety Christon Rance of Arizona State, safety Lynn Scott of NW Oklahoma, offensive tackle Colin Sears of Auburn, running back Tony Taylor of NW Louisiana, offensive tackle James Wagstaff of North Carolina and fullback Kenny Williamson of Mississippi State.

The Cowboys' free agents and nine draftees will take part in a three-day mini-camp, which starts Friday.

Westerners off to fast start at Tarleton rodeo

STEPHENVILLE — Western Texas didn't have many team members on the first night's draw sheet, but they made the most of their opportunities.

Western Texas grabbed three top spots Thursday night in the early going of the Tarleton State University rodeo.

With no Lady Westerners due up on Thursday, it was the men's team that got things accomplished.

Shawn Willingham posted a score of 78 to grab the early lead in the bull riding. J.W. Todd's 66 put him in second in the saddle bronc event, while B.J. Scott was third in the bareback after a ride of 65.

The rodeo continues tonight, with the final round slated for Saturday.

Following this weekend's competition, Western Texas has only one rodeo remaining before the conference finals.

The conference finals are May 3-5 in Hobbs, N.M.

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Frenship	11	2	20	8
Andrews	10	3	18	6
Lake View	7	6	9	13
Big Spring	7	6	13	12
Snyder	6	7	13	11
Plainview	6	7	10	13
Levelland	4	9	11	15
Estacado	1	12	4	17

Region I Softball Playoffs

Region I-4A Softball Playoffs

EP Parkland (R-1) vs. San Elizario 2)
Big Spring (W-4), bye
Borger (R-3) vs. Andrews (T-4)
Pecos (W-2), bye
District 5 runner-up vs. Justin Northwest (T-6)
Burleson (W-8), bye
FW Eastern Hills (R-7) vs. Granbury (T-8)
Southlake Carroll (W-6), bye
EP Riverside (T-1) vs. Clint (R-2)
Dumas (W-3), bye
Canyon Randall (T-3) vs. Snyder (R-4)
EP Ysleta (W-1), bye
Azle (T-5) vs. FW Brewer (R-6)
FW Southwest (W-7), bye
FW Arlington Heights (T-7) vs. Crowley (R-8)
District 5 winner, bye

Sports Briefs

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 25-28 at the SHS gym. Sessions are scheduled for incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls, and for incoming sixth through ninth grade girls only.

Cost of the camp is $60, and deadline to register is May 19. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS girls' athletic office. For more information, contact Coach Brent Parr at 574-6040 or 721-7930.

Umpires needed

Snyder Girls' Softball Association needs umpires for the upcoming season. A clinic for all new and returning umpires will be from 1-4 p.m. May 6. For more information, call Dave Hanes at 573-3127.

Booster club meeting

Snyder girls' basketball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school gym.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be most fours on the back nine. A luncheon a business meeting will follow play.

Raiders give closing argument

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The NFL conspired to crush the Raiders' efforts to build a stadium in the Los Angeles area, a team attorney argued in court, an allegation one of the league's lawyers dismissed as false and foolish.

The Raiders are suing the NFL for $1 billion, claiming the league drove the team out of Los Angeles by wrecking its deal for a stadium in nearby Inglewood.

In his closing argument in the 6-week-old trial, Raiders attorney Joseph Alioto suggested league executives had a vendetta against the Raiders because the team had brought a successful antitrust lawsuit against the NFL, claiming the league tried to keep the team from moving to Los Angeles in the 1980s.

Simpson takes tourney lead

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Scott Simpson, the winner 14 years ago at Forest Oaks Country Club, shot a 6-under-par 66 to take the first-round lead in the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic.

Aaron Baddeley, a 20-year-old rising star from Australia, Jerry Kelly, Dudley Hart, Robert Damron, Shaun Micheel, Spike McRoy and sectional qualifier Jeffrey Lankford shot 67s.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	7	.667	—
Montreal	10	12	.455	4½
Atlanta	10	13	.435	5
Florida	8	13	.381	6
New York	8	13	.381	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	8	.619	—
Cincinnati	12	9	.571	1
Houston	11	9	.550	1½
Milwaukee	11	10	.524	2
St. Louis	10	11	.476	3
Pittsburgh	8	12	.400	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	12	9	.571	—
Arizona	12	10	.545	½
Los Angeles	10	10	.545	1
San Francisco	11	10	.524	1
San Diego	8	14	.364	4½

Thursday's Games
Montreal 4, St. Louis 3, 15 innings
Milwaukee 12, N.Y. Mets 8
Chicago Cubs 7, Colorado 2
Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 5
San Diego 11, Philadelphia 0
Arizona 13, Atlanta 6
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 3

Friday's Games
Florida (Penny 1-0) at Houston (Lima 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 1-3) at Milwaukee (Leiter 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Appier 2-1) at St. Louis (Morris 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-1) at Colorado (Astacio 3-1), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 0-3) at Arizona (Reynoso 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-1) at San Diego (Jones 0-2), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Telemaco 2-0) at Los Angeles (Prokopec 2-0), 10:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 0-1) at San Francisco (Gardner 0-2), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Montreal (Peters 2-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at St. Louis (Hermanson 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 2-2) at Houston (Miller 3-1), 2:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 1-1) at Colorado (Villone 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 2-0) at San Francisco (Estes 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 3-1) at Arizona (Johnson 3-2), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 2-1) at San Diego (Eaton 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Chen 1-1) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	15	7	.682	—
Toronto	14	7	.667	½
New York	11	11	.500	4
Baltimore	10	12	.455	5
Tampa Bay	7	15	.318	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	15	5	.750	—
Cleveland	12	8	.600	3
Chicago	7	13	.350	8
Kansas City	7	14	.333	8½
Detroit	6	14	.300	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	18	4	.818	—
Texas	10	12	.455	8
Anaheim	9	13	.409	9
Oakland	8	14	.364	10

Thursday's Games
Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 8, Baltimore 2
Boston 2, Minnesota 0
Seattle 7, N.Y. Yankees 3
Oakland 16, Chicago White Sox 6

Friday's Games
Anaheim (Washburn 0-2) at Toronto (Loaiza 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 4-0) at Cleveland (Drew 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-2) at Detroit (Mlicki 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 1-2) at Boston (Castillo 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 0-3) at Minnesota (Mays 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Anaheim (Ortiz 2-2) at Toronto (Michalak 3-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 2-1) at Boston (Ohka 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Judd 0-0) at Detroit (Perisho 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 1-3) at Cleveland (Burba 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (McElroy 0-1) at Minnesota (Redman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Saturday Night
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NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
First Round
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Monday, April 23
Charlotte 102, Miami 76, Charlotte leads series 2-0
San Antonio 86, Minnesota 69, San Antonio leads series 2-0

Tuesday, April 24
Philadelphia 116, Indiana 98, series tied 1-1
Utah 109, Dallas 98, Utah leads series 2-0

Wednesday, April 25
Milwaukee 103, Orlando 96, Milwaukee leads series 2-0
Sacramento 116, Phoenix 90, series tied 1-1

Thursday, April 26
Toronto 94, New York 74, series tied 1-1
L.A. Lakers 106, Portland 88, L.A. Lakers leads series 2-0

Friday, April 27
Miami at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
Philadelphia at Indiana, 12:40 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 3 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 29
New York at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 30
Miami at Charlotte, 7 or 8 p.m., if necessary
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 or 8:30 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 1
Milwaukee at Orlando, TBD, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Portland, TBD, if necessary
Utah at Dallas, TBD, if necessary

Wednesday, May 2
New York at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, TBD
Sacramento at Phoenix, TBD

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JOSIE AND THE PUSSYCATS
PG13 7:10, 9:00
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Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Track
Snyder at 4A regional meet, Angelo State University
Ira at 1A regional meet, Abilene Christian University
Hermleigh at 1A regional meet, Abilene Christian University
Baseball
Snyder at Andrews, 7 p.m.
Softball
Snyder vs. Canyon Randall, bi-district playoff at Lubbock High Field, 7 p.m.
Rodeo
Western Texas at Tarleton State rodeo

SATURDAY
Track
Snyder at 4A regional meet, Angelo State University
Ira at 1A regional meet, Abilene Christian University
Hermleigh at 1A regional meet, Abilene Christian University
Rodeo
Western Texas at Tarleton State rodeo

NHL Playoffs

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

Thursday, April 26
Toronto 2, New Jersey 0, Toronto leads series 1-0
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 0, Pittsburgh leads series 1-0
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 3, OT, Los Angeles leads series 1-0

Friday, April 27
St. Louis at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

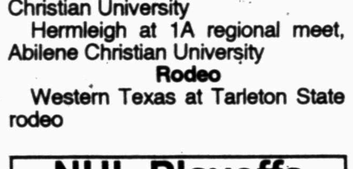
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St. Louis at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 30
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Thursday, May 3
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.



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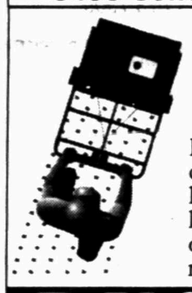
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Advances made in stem cell research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists experimenting with embryonic stem cells say in two studies that they have taken important steps toward finding new treatments for diabetes and for Parkinson's disease.

The two studies, appearing today in the journal Science, were conducted in laboratory mice. The Bush administration continues to ban federal funding of research using human embryonic stem cells.

At the National Institutes of Health, researchers cultured stem cells from mouse embryos to form a complex that secreted insulin, potentially an important step toward a diabetes cure.

In another study, researchers at Rockefeller University and Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York created a cloned mouse embryo and then cultured its stem cells into neurons that made dopamine, a brain chemical that is missing in patients with Parkinson's disease.

Nadya Lumelsky of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders, lead author in the diabetes study, said that her team found a way, using special proteins, to make mouse embryonic stem cells grow into islet cells of the type that produce insulin, a hormone that Type 1 diabetes patients lack.

"They formed into structures that are reminiscent of pancreatic islets," said Lumelsky. "They are organized in a similar fashion."

She said that when glucose, or sugar, was added to the medium surrounding the cells, they produced small amounts of insulin, responding just as islet cells do in the pancreas.

NIH scientists are forbidden by federal law from doing the same experiment using human embryo cells, but Lumelsky said the team will test insulin-producing stem cells by putting them into mice that have diabetes. In theory, the transplanted stem cells could cure diabetes in the animals.

Dr. Robert Goldstein, chief scientific officer of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, hailed the work by Lumelsky and her team as "an important discovery which holds great promise for patients seeking a cure for juvenile (Type 1) diabetes."

Tony Perry, a co-author of the other stem cell paper, said that his team proved that cloning may be a new pathway toward making stem cells to treat complex diseases.

In the study, researchers used techniques like those used to clone Dolly, the famous sheep.

Perry said the researchers removed a cell from an adult mouse and extracted the genetic pattern. They then removed the nucleus from a mouse egg and replaced it with the genes from the adult mouse cell. They cultured this egg to form an embryo and make stem cells that genetically matched the original adult mouse.

These stem cells were then transformed into neurons that produce dopamine in the brain. Parkinson's disease is caused by the lack of dopamine.

"The vision behind this therapeutic cloning is to take a cell from a patient and create an unlimited supply of a specialized cell that can be used for therapy in that patient," said Perry. Such cells would match the cells of the patient and would not be rejected, he said.

"This was the first step in showing this kind of therapy might work," said Dr. Lorenz Studer of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and a co-author of the study.

Embryonic stem cells are among the first cells formed after conception. From these cells, all the tissues in the body evolve. Scientists believe the cells could be used to restore ailing hearts, livers and other organs.

Many people, including some members of congress, object to human embryonic stem cell studies because harvesting the stem cells kills the human embryo. Congress has banned federally funded research that kills a human embryo.

The proposed NIH guidelines get around this restriction by permitting federal funding of studies using embryonic stem cells that have been harvested by privately funded researchers.

Bush ordered that the new guidelines not be followed until after an HHS review.

The first federal funding of human embryo stem cell research was originally scheduled to be awarded this summer.

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Police call for retraining, not discipline in Diallo shooting

NEW YORK (AP) — Four policemen who killed an unarmed African immigrant in a hail of 41 bullets two years ago were defending themselves and should not be disciplined, according to a preliminary police report.

An investigative panel, which included several police commanders and a police officer, said the four men should instead be retrained in tactics and firearms use.

The panel ruled that the officers did not violate departmental guidelines because they believed Amadou Diallo had a gun, two police sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The recommendation is the first step in an administrative review of the officer's actions, with Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik making the final decision. The New York Times, citing unidentified high-ranking police officials, reported today that Kerik has accepted the recommendation. Federal authorities have declined to pursue civil rights charges.

Diallo's mother, Kadiatou, said she was surprised by the report.

"I'm here to denounce the system," she said at a news conference. "If the New York City Police Department is supposed to be the best in America, someone will have to denounce this conduct."

The officers — Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy — encountered Diallo in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building on Feb. 4, 1999, while searching for a rape suspect.

They opened fire when they saw Diallo pull out what they thought was a gun; it turned out to be his wallet. Diallo was shot 19 times.

Diallo was black, and his slaying by the plainclothes officers — members of an elite street-crime unit — heightened racial tensions in New York.

All four officers were acquitted of criminal charges last year. They were placed on desk duty pending the outcome of the review; two have applied to join the Fire Department.

Attorneys for the four officers did not return calls seeking comment.

At a news conference with Diallo's mother, the Rev. All Sharpton called the report "outrageous, insulting, offensive but expected."

"There should be no police department in the world that says it's acceptable procedure to shoot at someone 41 times," Sharpton said.

The Diallo family has filed an $81 million civil lawsuit against the officers.

"It's been over two years since I came to America. The only thing that I can claim still is justice," Kadiatou Diallo said. "Unfortunately, it is not happening and I don't understand why."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said farewell in Congress in 1951 after being relieved of his command in Korea by President Harry Truman. Said MacArthur: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

Vladimir Lenin returned to Russia in 1917 after years of exile.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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West
♠ Q 6
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Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Friday, April 27, 2001

The odds are good on the second

By Phillip Alder
A simple finesse
A double finesse leads to
A combination
— Bob Norton, Holliston, Mass.

Everyone knows that a simple finesse is a 50-50 proposition, unless the bidding or play tells you otherwise. But what about a double finesse? Suppose you have A-J-10 in hand opposite three low cards in the dummy. You lead low to your jack and it loses to, say, the queen. When you get back into the dummy and play to your 10, what are the a priori odds that the 10 will win?

Of course, it doesn't help to know the answer if you miscount your tricks and adopt the wrong line of play. How would you manage this three-no-trump contract after West leads the heart queen?

You have eight top tricks: two spades, one heart, four diamonds and one club. After ducking the first two heart tricks to discover that the suit is 4-3, you eye the double club finesse for trick number nine. So, after winning the third trick with dummy's heart ace, you play a club to your jack, losing to the queen. West cashes his last heart, on which you discard a club from the dummy and the spade two from your hand. After West exits with a diamond, what next?

The second club finesse has a 76 percent chance of success. Yet there is one other possibility, which you should try first. Win the diamond switch in hand, then cash the ace and king of spades. When the queen drops, claim. Yet if her majesty doesn't appear, run the diamonds ending in the dummy, and plan to take that second club finesse.

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11 plead guilty

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Grocery store owners funneled more than $4.5 million in unreported profits to the Middle East, using much of the money to construct elaborate homes for their families in the Palestinian West Bank, investigators say.

The details of a 17-month investigation were revealed in federal court Tuesday as 11 defendants pleaded guilty to income tax charges.

Two brothers, Bilal Hindi and Rabah Hindi, were described as the ringleaders of the tax scam. They pleaded guilty to additional charges of conspiracy. They admitted failing to report millions of dollars in income, then sending the money to the Middle East.

The defendants, who own eight groceries in New Orleans and one in Baton Rouge, face prison up to four years at sentencing Sept. 12.

They also agreed to pay fines, forfeitures and restitution of more than $2 million.

The Republic of Texas approved a constitution in 1836.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, April 28, 2001
What will contribute a great deal to your success in the year ahead is taking the time to first sift the wheat from the chaff when selecting worthy objectives and then to concentrate solely on them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Emotion, not common sense may be the cause for a loss in your status or reputation today. Unless you analyze challenges realistically, you could make things harder on yourself. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Know the difference today between being able to distinguish between negative apprehensions and intuitive perceptions. Hunches are hopeful; fears are self-defeating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you want something to happen for you today, you must take the bull by the horns and make it happen. Don't place your hopes in the hands of others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you might size things up quite accurately today, unfortunately, you may not possess the fortitude to correct what needs correcting. Things won't right themselves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you have any hope of accomplishing your aims today, be very selective in the first place in whom you place your trust as an assistant. The wrong helper could bungle things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be watchful for [illegible] details that may not be evident at first glance when conducting your commercial affairs today. Take nothing at face value.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — "Judge not lest ye be judged" might be an excellent adage to live by today. Being overly concerned about what the other guy is doing could make you too much of a fault-finder.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be wise today to temporarily set aside a tricky project that needs doing if you find your mind is not on the task. You could foul things up and make a bigger job of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be especially mindful of your spending habits today, because you are far too vulnerable to falling prey to your desire for nice things you can't afford. Be in control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Represent yourself in a forthright and sincere manner today if you have any hope of achieving successful end results. Others won't be deceived and will resent your attempts at deception.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep your thoughts to yourself today, especially if you have little nice to say about another. If you're not on your guard, you could blurt out something you'd later regret.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Again, today, you might not have your wits about you when it comes to husbanding your possessions. Carelessness, wastefulness or extravagance could all play a part is your losses.

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Navy resumes Vieques exercises

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico (AP) — The U.S. Navy resumed military exercises at its prized range on Vieques island today, dropping 500-pound dummy bombs in defiance of protesters who reported cutting through fences and breaching the zone by boat.

Eight protesters stopped the exercises temporarily by occupying a small island about 300 feet northwest of the target zone after ship-to-shore shelling began.

The protesters were not in the direct line of fire but "close enough to the range to suspend the exercise," Navy spokesman Jeff Gordon said.

"Right now we're having to clear them with Navy security and we're waiting to begin again," he said.

Their arrest brought the total of demonstrators arrested to 14, with five detained Thursday night and one today morning. Gordon said they would be prosecuted for trespassing on federal land.

Other activists may be in the restricted area, but the firing range itself is free of protesters, Navy spokesman Lt. Corey Barker said before the exercises began.

Scores of other demonstrators who say the bombing harms islanders' health bowed their heads in prayer during vigils that lasted into the early morning, seeking divine intervention.

Just after 9 a.m., five Navy A-4 fighter jets dropped nine 500-pound dummy bombs on the range on the eastern tip of the island, Barker said. That was followed by ships offshore firing inert 5-inch shells onto land, he said.

A day earlier, a federal judge turned down a last-minute complaint by the Puerto Rican government aimed at blocking the naval maneuvers.

"This is a sad day for Vieques," Roman Catholic priest Nelson Lopez said as he led a prayer in the town of Isabel Segunda.

Lopez said he was hopeful: "If the Berlin Wall fell, so can the U.S. Navy."

Navy guards sprayed pepper spray during the night at a group of protesters that tried to cut through fences.

"My dog will bite you!" one Navy guard yelled.

Overnight, some violent protesters hurled stones at a Navy vehicle.

Four American children are killed in tour bus accident

SUSSEX, New Brunswick (AP) — A tour bus carrying sleeping middle school music students from a wealthy Boston suburb skidded off a highway off-ramp and flipped on its side early today, killing four children and injuring more than 30 people.

Marvin Shapiro, principal of Oak Hill Middle School in Newton, Mass., said 40 students ages 12 and 13 and five adult chaperones were on the bus headed for a music festival.

Four children were found dead at the scene after the bus lost control and overturned, authorities said. Several other people were critically injured.

The cause of the accident had yet to be determined, but the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the bus appeared to have been on the wrong off-ramp. It was en route along the Trans-Canada Highway to Halifax, but got off on a ramp leading to Fredericton.

Staff Sgt. Dave Brown said the driver lost control on the ramp, flipping off and overturning several times as it went down a hill to land on its side.

An eyewitness who was on the scene moments after the accident said the bus "screamed" around a sharp turn, went off the road and got caught up in muddy ground.

"We got out and ran up to the bus and there was yelling and screaming going on," said truck driver Tigger Steeves. "Another fella jumped right down in the bus and started handing them up. They was in bad shape, every one of them."

Patricia Crowdis, a spokeswoman for Saint John Regional Hospital, said 26 people were treated at the Sussex Health Center and 10 were treated at Saint John. She said most were released.

Police said one child was killed after being trapped under the bus.

Probation assessed in district court

Three probated sentences were assessed following guilty pleas entered in 132nd District Court Thursday.

Maria Luisa Gutierrez, 40, of 210 Merrill, pleaded guilty to the Jan. 3 charge of felony theft of underwear from Wal-Mart in Snyder.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Gutierrez to 12 months in a state jail facility, probated for three years. The shoplifting charge also resulted in a $500 fine.

Antonio Silva Jr., 30, of 2205 Ave. V pleaded guilty to assault, family violence, a Jan. 1 offense. He was indicted for hitting a family member.

Judge Armstrong sentenced Silva to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years. Silva also was fined $750 and ordered to participate in a program to prevent family violence and receive anger management counseling.

Debrah Ann Forrest of Big Spring pleaded guilty to a Jan. 3 charge of felony driving while intoxicated. Forrest, 36, was sentenced to five years in the TDCJ, probated for five years. She also was fined $750, ordered to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail and participate in a substance abuse program.

Three offense reports filed Thursday

• ***Thefts***

There were three offense reports filed Thursday for thefts in Snyder.

Officers responded to 211 Birch St. shortly after 8 a.m. as Whitney Criswell reported someone had burglarized her home.

Shanna Porter told officers at 11:18 a.m. that her purse had been stolen from her vehicle in the 4100 block of Denison sometime during the night.

Another report of a purse stolen from a vehicle was made at 12:43 p.m. as Robert Clements reported his wife's purse was taken from the 2200 block of 41st Street.

An offense report for Class B theft was filed from Bealls in reference to juveniles attempting to steal tennis shoes. The juveniles were located and taken to the police station and later released to their parents.

• ***Attempted theft***

An officer was requested at American State Bank around 3 p.m. in reference to a person trying to draw cash on stolen credit cards. The person left before officers arrived.

Joel Hook at Rip Griffin's told officers at 6 a.m. today that a person turned in a false bill to the store and tried to collect money on it.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Ceasar Valadez told officers at 9 p.m. that his vehicle had been damaged while parked at Jack's Roadboring. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

• ***Arrests***

A 17-year-old male was taken into custody at McDonald's at 2:39 p.m. and charged with disorderly conduct (vulgar language), and evading arrest.

DPS troopers arrested a 29-year-old male at 7:32 p.m. and he is being held for the Border Patrol.

• ***Fire***

At 1:18 this morning, the fire department responded to a report of trash being burned in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 26-Edna Gregory, Guy Turner, Naomi Murdock and Cherie Rosas.

DISMISSALS: Robyn Belcher, Bertha Johnson, Jana Price, Chandra Tate, Frances Doty, Diane Fisk, Elsie Guzman and Jordon Royal.

CENSUS: 38 (Med./Surg.-12, Long-term Care-24 and ICU-2)

Obituaries

Agnes Drumm

1911-2001

ABILENE – Agnes Early Drumm, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, April 25, in an Abilene hospital.

A memorial service for Mrs. Drumm, 89, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Church of the Heavenly Rest Episcopal with the Revs. Steve Birdwell and Scott Mayer officiating.

Born Sept. 11, 1911 in Hermleigh, she was married to Willard Drumm for 46 years. He died in 1976. She also was preceded in death by her parents, W.W. and Pricie Early.

A homemaker, Mrs. Drumm had lived in San Angelo until 1997 when she moved to Abilene. She was a member of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in San Angelo.

Survivors include five nieces, Bobbie Sumerlin of Abilene, Belinda Ohnesorge of San Antonio, Lenora Bowen of Denver City, Ena Byrd of Wichita Falls and Doris Terry of Carlsbad, N.M.; two nephews, Tracy Early of New York City and Gaston Earl of San Marcos; and two sisters-in-law, Lillian Early of Mason and Lee Nell Muir of San Antonio.

Roy Tomlinson

1923-2001

LAMESA – Roy Tomlinson, the father of Velma Irons of Snyder, died Thursday, April 26.

Funeral service for Mr. Tomlinson, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Second Baptist Church with the Rev. Clifton Igo officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born April 8, 1923 in Pauls Valley, Okla., he married Faye Brown on May 10, 1943 in Tulsa. He was a paratrooper in the 17th Airborne Division during World War II.

A resident of Lamesa since 1952, Mr. Tomlinson had worked as a route driver for Rainbow Bread for 38 years. A member of Second Baptist Church, he coached and umpired Little League and Babe Ruth for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Tomlinson of Lamesa; two sons, Kenneth Tomlinson of Fullerton, Calif., and Wayne Tomlinson of Eldorado; another daughter, Jeanette Hollman of Odessa; a sister, Nora Lee Snow of Perryton; a brother, J.L. Tomlinson of Midland; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Alice Brush

1914-2001

SLATON – Alice Mae Brush, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 25, in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Brush, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Englunds Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tim Winn officiating. Burial will follow in Englewood Cemetery.

Born in Steamboat Springs, Colo., she married Chester Brush on Dec. 12, 1931 in Indianola, Neb. He died in 1998.

A resident of Texas since 1942, she lived in Borger, Sundown, Snyder, Tahoka, Jacksonville, Palestine, Athens, and Pecos.

Mrs. Brush worked for J.C. Penney, Lewis Shoe Store and the Style Shop. She retired in 1989 and moved to Lubbock in 1993 where she was a member of the B&PW, VFW Auxiliary and the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Dee Strube of Lubbock; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Donna Hendricks

1923-2001

GAIL – Donna L. Hendricks, a longtime resident of Borden County, died Thursday, April 26, in a Big Spring hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hendricks, 77, is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the Borden County Cemetery in Gail. Randy Hardman of the First Baptist Church in Gail will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 29, 1923 in Norbourn, Mo., she married Beno Hendricks on Dec. 10, 1943 in Mauldin, Mo. He died Aug. 27, 1986.

Mrs. Hendricks moved from Borden County to Canterbury South in Big Spring in 1996.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Bo and Jacque Hendricks of Gail; a sister, Dorothy Vandervort of Amarillo; a grandson, Brian Jones of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS Fund, P.O. Box 341 in Gail, 79738.

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ONGOINGS

Benefit enchilada dinner

The Lady Drillers basketball team will have a benefit enchilada dinner until 7 this evening at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Adult tickets are $5, and children's tickets, 10 and under are $3.

Men's Conference

The Word Is Life Deliverance Church will sponsor a Men's Conference at 7 tonight and 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday. David Fees will be the guest speaker. Barry Knight will be in charge of music.

Weekend revival

First Baptist Church of Hermleigh will host a weekend revival featuring the Steve Phillips family from Huntington, Tex. Services today and Saturday are at 7 p.m. and the Sunday worship is at 10 a.m.

Lucky 13 car wash

Lucky 13 will sponsor a car wash from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge will have a called meeting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday to honor the widows of Masons. Two 50-year Masonic Service Awards also will be given. All Master Masons and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served by the Eastern Star.

Youth garage sale

First Christian Church youth will have a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church parsonage, 2700 36th St. Used appliances, furniture, books and clothing will be offered. Proceeds help send youth to summer camp.

Spaghetti luncheon

First Baptist Church student ministry will host a spaghetti luncheon Sunday. Take-outs begin at 11:30 a.m. and serving begins at noon. Cost is a donation.

FFA turkey shoot

Snyder FFA Booster Club will hold a turkey shoot from 10 a.m. until dark Sunday at the Canyon Gun Club. For information, call Skip Craig at 573-7750.

Missionary to speak

Willard Teague, missionary to Africa, will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God, 1809 College. The public is welcome.

All-sports banquet meeting

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the SHS student center to discuss the all-sports banquet on May 3. All club representatives need to be present.

SHS football booster club

Snyder High School football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the student center. Parents of high school and junior high players are urged to attend. The upcoming fundraiser and the all-sports banquet will be discussed. The public is invited.

Self defense training

Gateway Family Services will offer self defense training from 6-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at WTC's gym. Topics to be covered include date and acquaintance rape, sexual harassment, date rape drugs and stalking. Class size is limited and registration is required by calling 573-4351. There is no cost.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira sports banquet will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $6.50 each and are available at the Ira school office.

Grief seminar

A free six-week seminar, "Life After Loss," begins Monday. Sponsored by Community Care Hospice, sessions will be held from 6:30 to 3:30 p.m. each Monday through June 4 in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Class of '56 reunion

The SHS class of 1956 is seeking addresses of class members for a June 30 reunion. The classes of 1954-1958 are also invited. To submit names and addresses, call Gay Birdsall Kimmel at 573-5021 or Anniece Hardy Trujillo at 573-8987 or 573-7455. Reply by Tuesday.

Registration extended

Summer childcare registration for Discovery School for school age children through seven years old has been extended through Wednesday. Summer activities begin May 21. Some spaces are open for ages six weeks to four years. For more information call 573-4770.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

The yearly report for the Pyron Cemetery will be given at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the Hermleigh Community Center. A covered dish lunch will be served.

Mayday

The Senior Citizens Center's annual Mayday fundraiser begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Activities include quilt auction, silent auction, barbecue dinner, crafts and food booths, flower show and antique tractor show. Barbecue tickets are $6 each.

Abiding Life Conference

Michael Wells of Abiding Life Ministries International, will be featured Sunday, May 6, through Tuesday, May 8, in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Author of "Sidetracked in the Wilderness," sessions are at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. weekdays.

Senior citizens swimnastics

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.