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City's services are rated 'above adequate'

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Local citizens who responded to the city's community survey said services offered are "more than adequate."

The results of the survey were presented to the city council at Tuesday night's council meeting.

The police department and fire department received high marks as 243 respondents rated police services as good, as compared to 83 who said it is adequate.

Four respondents gave the PD a grade of "poor."

Some 243 citizens rated the fire department good, while 66 said the department is adequate.

The ambulance service in the community also got high marks as 241 rated the service as good, while 59 said it is adequate and one replied that the service is poor.

Service at city hall had 137 respondents say it was adequate, while 132 said that it was good.

Twenty-two respondents rated city hall poor.

The condition of the city's streets took a hit on several surveys as noted by Mayor Francene Noah.

"Going through the surveys, I noticed several mentioned the condition of our streets," said Mayor Noah. "This is something we need to consider as we approach budget time."

Of the 351 people who responded to the question on the condition of the streets, 25 said streets are excellent, while 133 said they are good, and 115 termed them adequate.

Seventy-eight citizens, or 22 percent, said the streets are poor.

Two new councilmen — Stephanie Ducheneaux and Ron Shaw — took their oaths of office, as did incumbents Vernest Tippens and James Ashley.

They will begin their new terms with the June 3 council meeting.

In action items, the council approved the bid of Texas Cellular for a one-year contract for cellular telephone service to the city.

The company's bid was a base $720, as compared to Cellular One's base bid of $1,040.

The council also approved bids for refuse containers in the amount of $34,920 and water meters for $8,566.

Both came in under budgeted numbers as the council had approved $40,400 for the containers, and $10,000 for the meters.

The council re-appointed Ted Crenwelge to the Colorado River Municipal Water District, and also appointed David Holt to the water board.

Holt, who previously served on the board from 1984 until 1995, will replace Jack Denman who did not seek another term.

Other appointments include John Stewart and Albert DeLoera to the Board of Adjustment, and Don West and Bobby Beard to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

An appointment to the Builders Board of Appeals was tabled.

Also approved was the city's lease with the Snyder school district for the East and West fire stations for a 10-year period for $1, and employee health insurance bid specifications.

Charlene Akers, curator of the Scurry County Museum, told the council of a $10,000 grant available to communities in cotton-growing areas, and with the council's blessing, would apply for the grant to add to the museum's permanent and traveling exhibits.

"The city has to apply, and then the money would be given to the museum if the grant is approved," said Akers.

Out-going council member I.E. Martin was presented a plaque for his 11 years of service to the community, and in his response he said he was most proud of the S.T.A.R. Program that was implemented during his term.



I.E. Martin

He also had praise for the four mayors he served with – Paul Zeck, David Holt, Dayton Robertson and the present mayor.

Mayor Noah presided and council members in attendance were Martin, Tippens, Ashley and John Reed. Absent were David Harrell and Terry Martin.



HOP, SKIP AND A JUMP — East Elementary fourth graders braved summer-like temperatures Tuesday afternoon at Tiger Stadium for the school's annual Field Day. Gina Guerrero, left, and Bailey Goebel hopped their way to first and second place in one of many sack races. Students were divided onto teams and ran several types of track and field events during the break from classes. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A recent visitor to Washington complained about the lack of antique shops. There's a reason, a lot of the antiques are still active in congress."

One guy in the coffee shop said he hopes to vacation in the nation's capitol this summer. He wants to be near his money.

With the travel season approaching, road trips in the family wagon still seem to be the favorite. A vacation is a time to spend quality time with the very thing that a man loves most – his car.

Be it a sedan, SUV or pickup truck – Americans have a long love affair with the automobile.

One hundred years ago, annual auto production was less than 25,000 and total number of cars on the road was 75,000 – less than the number of vehicles going up and down I-35 every day.

Today there are almost six million cars produced each year and $131.8 million moving up and down the highways and freeways.

We came across some interesting facts of driving:

—In 1902, the American Automobile Association (AAA) was founded.

—Ford Motor Co., in 1908, introduced the Model T, selling for $850. Before production stopped in 1927, 15 million were produced.

—In 1913, the first coast-to-coast highway opened as did the first full-service gas station.

—The first traffic light was installed in 1914 in Cleveland. Not only did it have green and red lights, it was equipped with cross arms and buzzers.

—In 1921, the first drive-through restaurant opened. The Pig Stand remains a favorite in Dallas.

—The first road atlas was published by Rand McNalley in 1924.

—Drivers parked their cars and watched their first drive-in movie in 1933 in Camden, N.J.

—Oklahoma City in 1935 introduced the parking meter. A nickel was good for 30 minutes.

—The first automatic tollway collector was installed in 1954, and the highway beautification act followed in 1965.

—In response to a national gasoline shortage in 1974, the speed limit was reduced to 55 mph. Millions of speeding tickets later, the law was repealed in 1995.

—After 30 years of construction, the 46,000-mile interstate highway system was completed in 1986. (But work on it hasn't).

—In 1991, Las Vegas opened a drive-through chapel.

—In 1997, California University successfully conducted tests in which a fleet of vehicles steered themselves.

—And in 2002, regardless of which direction you head on vacation, count on construction and detours.

College student arrested in bombings

RENO, Nev. (AP) — After a five-day spate of pipe bombings that had rural Americans nervously eyeing their mailboxes, the suspect's own father and an alert motorist led to the arrest of a 21-year-old college student who majored in art and sang in a punk band called Apathy.

Luke J. Helder, of Pine Island, Minn., was arrested Tuesday after a high-speed chase along a desert highway and a cell phone conversation with an FBI negotiator and his parents.

Authorities put out an alert for Helder, including the West Texas area, after his father called police late Monday about a letter from Helder that contained reference to the bombings, Menomonie, Wis., Police Chief Dennis Beety said today.

When authorities pulled him over, Helder dropped a gun out his car window and was arrested without incident. At least one other gun was found in the car, and bomb squads were called to the scene along Interstate 80 some 50 miles east of Reno to dismantle five pipe bombs found in the car, said Highway Patrol Maj. Rick Bradley.

Early today, a handcuffed Helder was led into the Washoe County Jail by four federal agents. Wearing a black Kurt Cobain T-shirt and long, baggy tan shorts, his hair mussed, Helder was quiet.

"Luke, do you have anything to say to the media?" one reporter asked.

"No," Helder said, looking up. He answered the same way when asked if he had anything to tell his parents.

The capture came eight hours after the FBI issued an all-points bulletin for Helder.

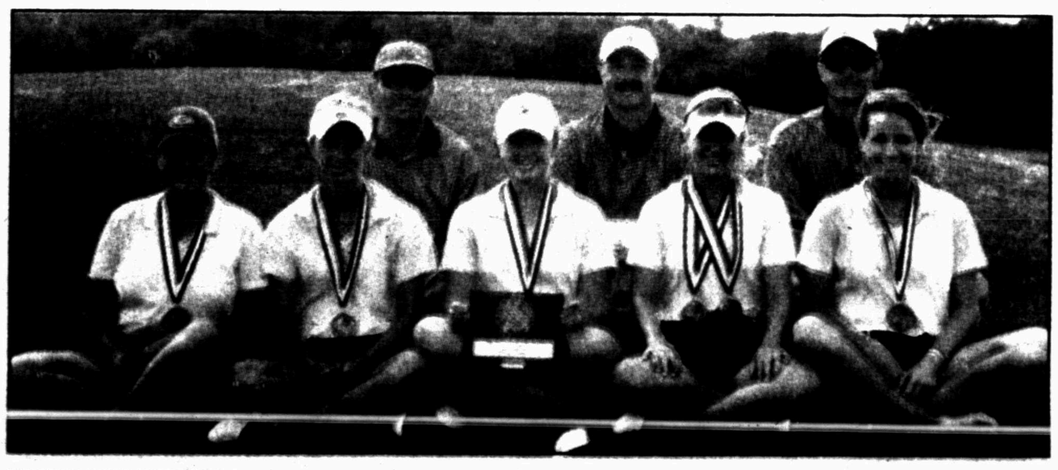
House gives final okay to increase border security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House gave final congressional approval today to legislation that would increase the force guarding U.S. borders and require foreign visitors to carry tamperproof passports and visas.

The 411-0 vote sent the bill to President Bush.

The House already had passed the bill twice. "The third time is the charm," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., the House Judiciary Committee chairman.

The House had been holding up the bill because the Democratic-controlled Senate wanted a provision to allow the Justice Department to ignore federal bidding requirements on a computer system to be used by government agents for screening visa applicants.



STATE RUNNERS-UP — The Snyder Lady Tigers captured second place at the Class 4A State Golf Championships in Austin. Members of the team are, front from left, Lauren Day, Hailey Putnam, Kellie Dodson, Andra Lancaster and Katie Kerley. On the back row are assistant coaches Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox, and head coach Matt Glenn. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Can a fulltime fireman keep his job if his wife is on the city council?

A—Yes. The secretary of state's office determined that a municipal employee's spouse may hold office, but must refrain from decisions that would directly affect that employee.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 97 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 73; no precipitation; total for 2002, 7.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 55-60; S winds 10-20 mph, becoming N 10-20 late. Thursday, partly cloudy, cooler, breezy, high mid 70s; NE winds 15-25 mph.



Max Morin
Windy

Sunset: 8:28 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.
Of 127 days in 2002, the sun has shone 121 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
—Eleanor Roosevelt

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Interim LA chief is hired

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 31-year Los Angeles police veteran who helped draft departmental reforms has been picked to serve as interim police chief while a successor to Bernard Parks is sought.

Martin Pomeroy, a retired deputy chief who oversaw police operations at the 2000 Democratic National Convention, will serve until the Police Commission selects a new chief.

Pomeroy was chosen Tuesday. The commission selected him from a list of current and former police officials who agreed not to seek the regular position, which has a five-year term that may be renewed once.

"I hope when I leave in six months people will say the LAPD has gotten better," Pomeroy said.

Before retiring in 2000, Pomeroy helped draft police reforms as part of a consent decree mandated by the federal court. He was also a department commander for the Democratic National Convention at the Staples Center in 2000.

You'll need your rest now that you're 40!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We love you
Donna, Alexis
Andrew & Rachael

Hard work, determination help SHS accounting team succeed at UIL state meet

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Victory - how sweet it is.

When it was announced that Snyder High School's accounting team had won the state UIL meet Saturday in Austin, no one was more surprised that the team members themselves — Tyler Kerr, Kate Wright and Charlie Gorman. Gorman also was the first place individual and Kerr came in second.

Winners are announced from last place to first place, and when the Snyder students heard that arch-rival Brownwood (the school that had the first place individual in the regional contest) had garnered two awards, they thought for sure they had lost.

When the winning school was announced, team members were both shocked and surprised. But winning felt good, according to Gorman.

Victory was especially sweet for the senior who said he signed up to participate in UIL accounting this year because he wanted to go to state, and Phyllis Smith, sponsor, has taken the accounting team to state seven times since 1995, capturing first place in 1998 and 2001 and second in 1996.

Kerr, who also savored their victory, follows in the footsteps of two older brothers. Trevor was the first place individual in 1999 and Kevin was part a member of the SHS winning team in 1998.

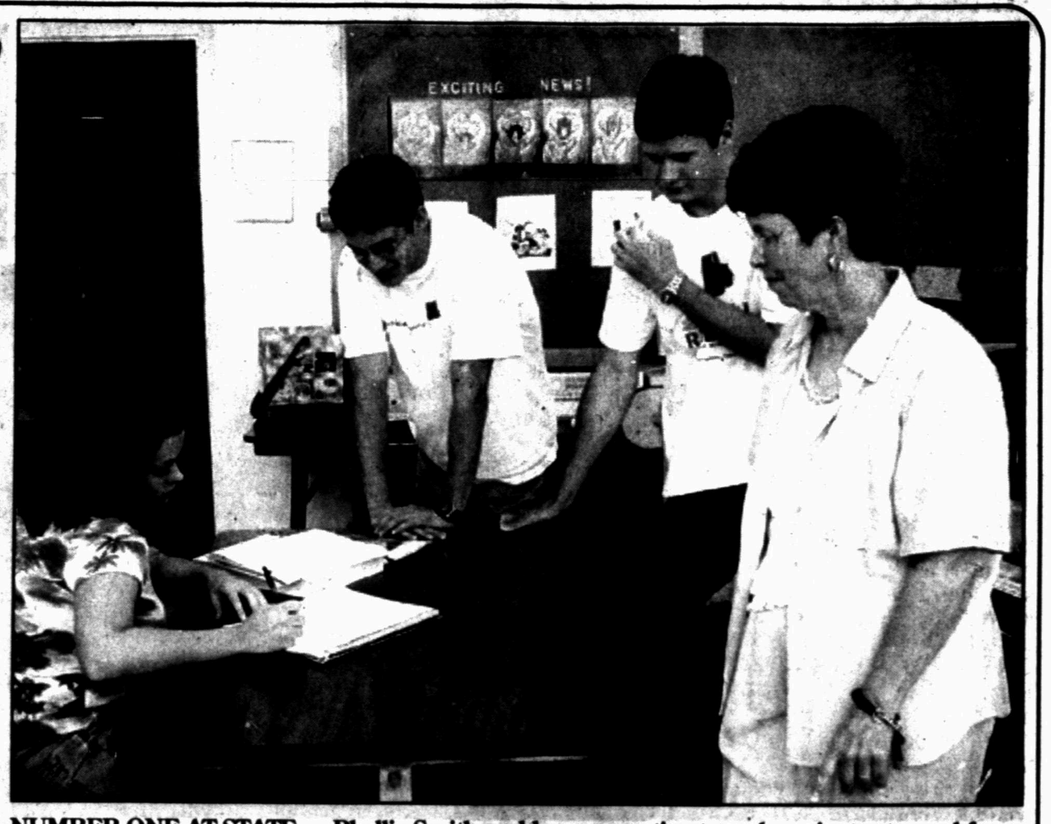
Wright and Kerr have been competing in accounting since last year, but this is Gorman's first year. Winning the coveted first place trophy did not come easy to the Snyder students.

Kerr said they started working in December, and by the time the district contest rolled around, they had completed so many tests that the stack of exams measured five inches thick.

While preparing for the UIL contests, Wright, Kerr and Gorman study at school and at home. Smith categorizes the tests that the students use for practice. But she noted that they had to learn many complicated theories before they reached the testing phase.

The countless hours put in and the sacrifices made paid off and proved invaluable at state because they had to answer 80 questions in one hour. They weren't all simple multiple choice questions either, many were problems that had to be worked out.

Wright first became interested in accounting because her sister, Jaycie Wright, is an accountant at Patterson-UTI



NUMBER ONE AT STATE — Phyllis Smith and her accounting team have just returned from winning the state meet Saturday in Austin. From left are Kate Wright, Tyler Kerr, Charlie Gorman and Mrs. Smith.

drilling. After she enrolled in Mrs. Smith's class, her teacher told her about the UIL competition.

Kerr said he was walking down a hall one day when Mrs. Smith drafted him for the accounting team. He's not complaining, however, and he intends to compete in accounting next year as well.

Friendly rivalry exists between the three students and they have taken turns beating each other at the district, region and state contests.

Mrs. Smith noted that she is "extremely proud of the students. They are a great bunch of kids. They work hard for me and I appreciate that they make me look good."

With graduation a year away, Kerr said he isn't certain what he wants to study at college, but he is considering premed or engineering. He is the son of Dr. Tom and Carol Kerr.

Wright, the daughter of Tommy and Linda Wright, will graduate this month. She will attend the University of North Texas and although she hasn't decided on a major, she is considering the business administration or education fields.

Gorman, the son of Jack and Kim Gorman, also will graduate this month and plans to attend Baylor University where he is considering premed.

Trial continues for man charged with 2 killings

FORT WORTH (AP) — Kevin Galley was excited about being a seventh-grader and playing football, and his sister Ashley Mason hoped to be in the sixth-grade band as school started last August.

But the youngsters never realized their dreams. They were shot to death Aug. 26 in their Mansfield mobile home, where police found an apparent confession allegedly written by their stepfather.

"So this is how it all ends. Well, at least I took several bad people (with) me," states the note read to jurors Tuesday, the first day of testimony in the capital murder trial of Terry Lee Hankins.

Testimony was to resume today.

Hankins, 27, faces the death penalty in the children's slayings. Police believe he killed his estranged wife, Tammy Hankins, 34, the same day, but her death was not included in the indictment.

Defense attorney Robert Ford told the six-man, six-woman jury Tuesday that allegations in the arrest affidavit don't establish a probable cause connecting Hankins to capital murder. He told jurors they should disregard the warrant, Hankins' police confession and other evidence.

Linda Sheets, Tammy's mother, testified that she became concerned Aug. 29 after her daughter's boss said she didn't show up for work. Sheets went to the children's schools and found out 12-year-old Kevin and 11-year-old Ashley had been absent three days.

Sheets, another relative and the boss then used a spare key to enter the trailer filled with the stench of decomposition.

Tammy Hankins' body was on her bed under clothes and towels. Ashley's partially nude body was on the living room couch under pillows and clothes, and Kevin's nude body was in his room on the bottom bunk bed under blankets, police testified.

"I touched her. She was dead. I believe I screamed, 'Oh God, no,'" Sheets said, referring to her daughter as she wiped away tears. "I wanted to hold her."

After investigators arrived later that day, Max Courtney said, he found handwritten notes on the back of a bank statement — a notice of insufficient funds — and envelope addressed to Hankins.

Courtney, whose forensics consulting company was hired by the Mansfield Police Department to investigate the crime scene, read the notes to jurors.

"'...What everyone else didn't do, I pretty much knowingly destroyed myself. I guess to sum it all up, I'm guilty of murder, incest, hatred, fraud, theft, jealousy and envy.'"

Investigators said they found a bullet inside a VCR under Kevin's bed and a pillow with a bullet hole. They said they also found parts of a gun and cartridge cases in the living room and blood stains in Ashley's room.

A few hours after discovering the bodies, police found the slain woman's car at the Arlington apartment complex of Terry Lee Hankins' girlfriend, Barbara Fox.

Fox testified Tuesday that Hankins never threatened or hurt her during their eight-month relationship. She said he even acted normally when she saw him in the days after Aug. 26, when he stayed with her.

But he shook her awake in the early morning hours of Aug. 30 and told her to check for strange cars in the parking lot, Fox testified. During her second trip outside, she said, she was approached by a law enforcement officer who told her Hankins was wanted for questioning.

"I lost it. I started crying, upset," Fox said. "The officer didn't let me go back in."

Hankins surrendered after a five-hour standoff with police.

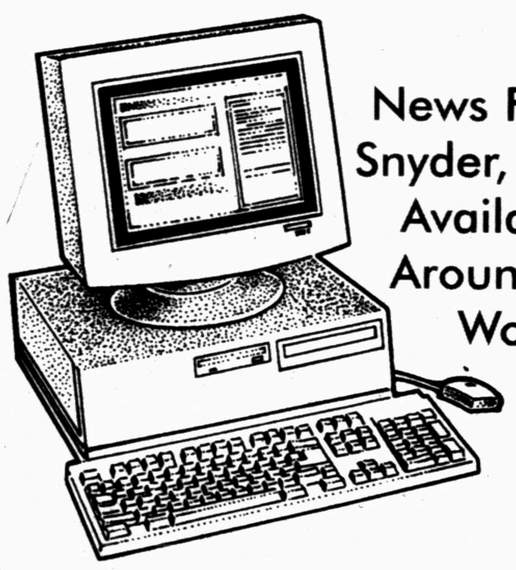
Hankins later stunned authorities by telling them where to find the bodies of his father and half sister, whom he allegedly killed some 10 months earlier. The jury will not be told about that until the trial's punishment phase, prosecutors have said.

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The state flower of Pennsylvania is the mountain laurel.

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The state tree of Georgia is the live oak.



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Museum seeking loans for exhibits

The Scurry County Museum is looking for loans of architectural elements, such as doors, old wallpaper samples, nails, porch posts, swings, windows, ceiling tin, door or window molding and hand tools to complement Jay Huckabee's display of historic homes photographs.

The items are needed by Monday and will be displayed at the museum from next Thursday to May 31.

A reception for the exhibition is planned Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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The Scurry County Museum also wants to borrow Harley-Davidson items like collectibles, clothing and mementos to complement its display of motorcycles, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters from June 6 to Aug. 22.

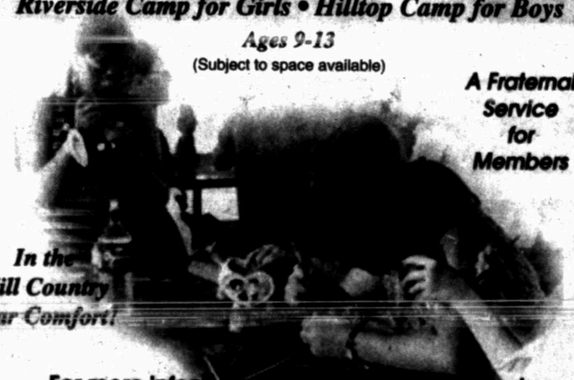
The items are needed by May 23 and will be displayed in locked cases during the "Ready to Roll" exhibit.

The reception for the exhibition is June 16 from 1-3 p.m.

For more information about the historic house or "Rock and Roll" exhibits call the museum at (915) 573-6107 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The museum is located on the Western Texas College campus, 6200 College Ave.

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13-15-23-24-34

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

2-4-4

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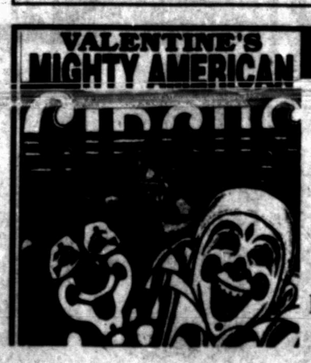
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San Antonio may no longer be considered by U.S. Army

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Local and federal officials said that San Antonio's chances of attracting a major U.S. Army command may have been hurt because of budget cuts and competition from other communities.

Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio had initially been considered one of the front-runners to land the Puerto Rico-based U.S. Army South.

But a recently unveiled military restructuring plan and a federal mandate to cut headquarters staff 15 percent by this fall could leave Army South too small for the old Brooke Army Medical Center, said a spokesman for Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, D-San Antonio.

"We're hearing lots of different things right now about the future of U.S. Army South, including a possible downsizing that could impact whether or not Army South comes to Fort Sam," Jeff Mendelsohn told the San Antonio Express-News for its today editions.

U.S. Army South, with 1,250 military and civilian personnel, oversees military operations in the Caribbean, Central and South America. It has said it has been considering a move for many months.

Army South's chief spokesman, Lt. Col. Tom Budzyna, said final word on where the headquarters would relocate could come within the next few weeks.

Budzyna said an Army South and U.S. Forces Command team visited Fort McPherson, Ga., last week and that the effort was "at the course-of-action stage."

"The secretary of the Army and others are going back and forth to refine the courses of actions and finally determine which one is the one they want to go with," he said.

Fort Sam Houston and Fort Benning, Ga., also have received visits from the Army assessment team. The Fort Sam Houston visit occurred in October.

A 70-member delegation from San Antonio was told this week that Fort McPherson looked like the likely home for Army South.

Fort Sam Houston at one time was seen by Army officials as a cinch to become Army South's new home. The now-shuttered BAMC would have housed the headquarters, with a private firm, Roy F. Westin Inc. and Orion Partners Inc., redeveloping it at no cost to taxpayers.

Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce President Joe Krier said Army South likely will be dramatically downsized, with a work force of 250 people.

"I've got real mixed feelings about it," Krier said. "I was certainly under the impression it was heading our way, but that meant a whole lot more to me when it was a 1,000-person command."

Army South, one of 17 major Army commands, helps coordinate disaster relief and peacekeeping missions for the region and works with other nations' militaries to counter organized crime, terrorism, illegal migration and drug trafficking.

The command has been under pressure to leave Puerto Rico since 1999, when a U.S. Navy pilot missed his practice target on the island of Vieques by three miles and killed a Puerto Rican security guard.

Date Book

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Today is the 128th day of 2002 and the 50th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Pemburton invented a beverage that is now known as Coca-Cola.

On this day in 1945, V-E Day was officially declared after Germany officially surrendered to the Allied forces.

On this day in 1973, American Indian Movement members surrendered to the FBI after a 70-day siege at Wounded Knee, S.D.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Gibbon (1737 - 1794), historian; Harry S Truman (1884 - 1972), U.S. president; Don Rickles (1926 -), actor/comedian, is 76; David Attenborough (1926 -), naturalist, is 76; Sonny Liston (1932 - 1970), boxer; Ricky Nelson (1940 - 1985), singer/actor; Alex Van Halen (1953 -), musician, is 49; Melissa Gilbert (1964 -), actress, is 38; Enrique Iglesias (1975 -), singer, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali was indicted for his refusal to join the U.S. Army due to religious reasons.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Secrecy and a free, democratic government don't mix." - Harry S Truman, from Merle Miller's "Plain Speaking: An Oral Biography of Harry S Truman" (1974)

TODAY'S MOON: Between the last quarter (May 4) and the new moon (May 12).

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Enters guilty plea

NEW YORK (AP) — The leader of a Boy Scout troop has pleaded guilty to repeatedly sodomizing one of his young charges.

Jerrold Schwartz, scout master of Manhattan's Troop 666, pleaded guilty Tuesday to four counts of third-degree sodomy. Schwartz admitted he sexually abused the boy in his home and office for several months during the fall of 1996.

Schwartz, 42, entered the plea after State Supreme Court Justice Charles Solomon said he would give him at most eight years in prison, and possibly less.

Solomon rejected earlier pleas from Schwartz' lawyers who said putting him in prison would serve no social purpose.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man's All-American cover is torn to shreds by drugs

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, I led a picture-perfect life. I was a junior at a prestigious university, an All-American wrestler, in a wonderful relationship with my fiancee, "Libby," the father of a handsome 19-month-old son, driving a luxury car and living in a three-bedroom home. All of that came to an end. I was living two lives. One part of me was an honor student, loving boyfriend and father. The other was a violent drug dealer.

Libby had no clue about what I was doing. She thought I was a club promoter and that was why I was out most nights. Abby, I wasn't promoting clubs. I was selling boatloads of Ecstasy.

Last summer, I told Libby I had to go to Los Angeles to promote a club event. Another lie. I went to L.A. to pick up more Ecstasy. I never made it home. I was arrested, tried, and sentenced to four years in prison. When I told Libby the truth, she left me. She and my son moved 2,000 miles away to live with her family.

For the past year, I have written Libby, but she doesn't answer my letters. I understand she and my mother talk and write to each other frequently. My mother is desperately trying to get us back together, but I don't think there is any hope for us. My mother says there is always hope.

When I get out, I'll need to get my act together and finish my last year of college. I can't bear the thought of not marrying Libby and settling down with her and my son. I am sorry for what I have done, but she is hurt and unable to forgive me. Can you think of anything I can do or say to get Libby and my son back in my life? — **STUCK BETWEEN A ROCK AND A VERY HARD PLACE**

DEAR STUCK: Only this. After serving your sentence, finish your college education so you can eventually support your son. That way you can prove that you have learned your lesson and can be a strong role model. Only time will tell whether you and Libby have a future together. But hold a good thought.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a single mom with a daughter who is a sophomore in high school. She has a male friend she likes "more than just a friend." However, he has a girlfriend and talks to my daughter only when his girlfriend isn't around. Also, he's a freshman in college.

I do not like this guy at all and have been so concerned about my daughter that I did some snooping in her room. What I found has me very upset! He wrote her a letter that sounds like it came straight out of an X-rated movie! I cannot begin to tell you how sick it made me.

I cannot confront my daughter unless I confess that I violated her privacy and read something I shouldn't have.

The only alternative is to say nothing and hope my daughter will see this person for who he really is. Please help because the situation is driving me crazy. — **WORRIED SICK ABOUT MY DAUGHTER**

DEAR WORRIED SICK: Motherhood isn't a popularity contest. You and your daughter are overdue for a serious mother/daughter chat. Tell her that out of concern, you did some snooping and found the letter. Then be quiet and listen.

Your daughter needs to know that young men who respect girls do not send them X-rated letters. Since this fellow is officially going with someone else, for him to encourage your daughter under the circumstances shows a lack of character. Then inform your daughter that you want communication stopped with this male "friend." That's what mothers are for.

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Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Cookies sent overseas

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's nice to have a famous dad.

Eight-year-old Girl Scout Tallulah Belle Willis, daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, and cousins Katie and Hayley Rogers wanted to bring a taste of home to Operation Enduring Freedom troops overseas — and Girl Scout cookies seemed to be the best way.

Willis bought 12,000 boxes of the cookies and Girl Scout Troop 231's mission was accomplished.

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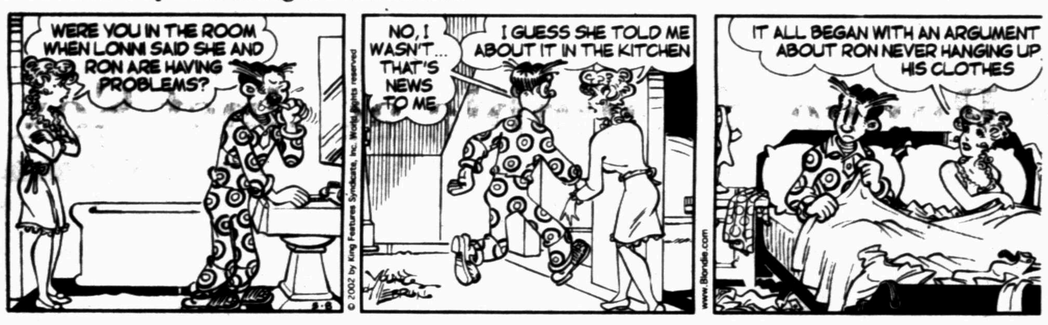
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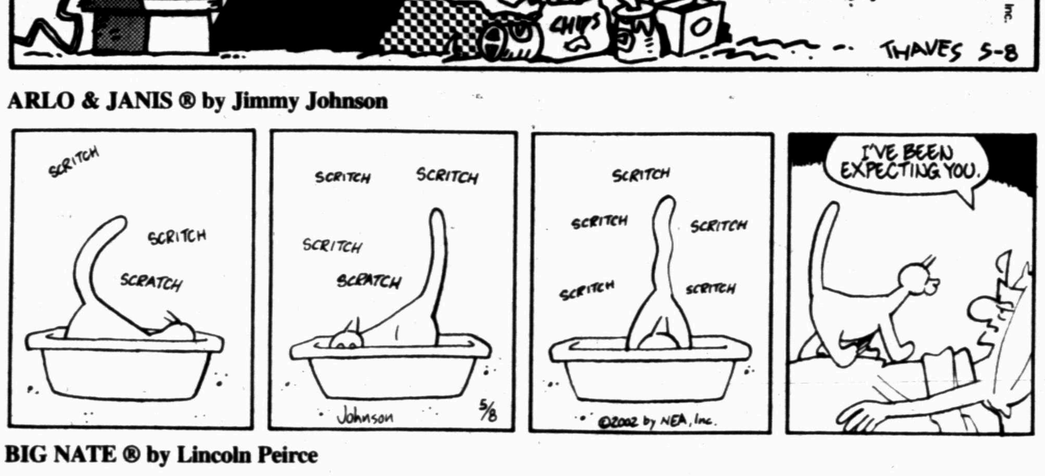
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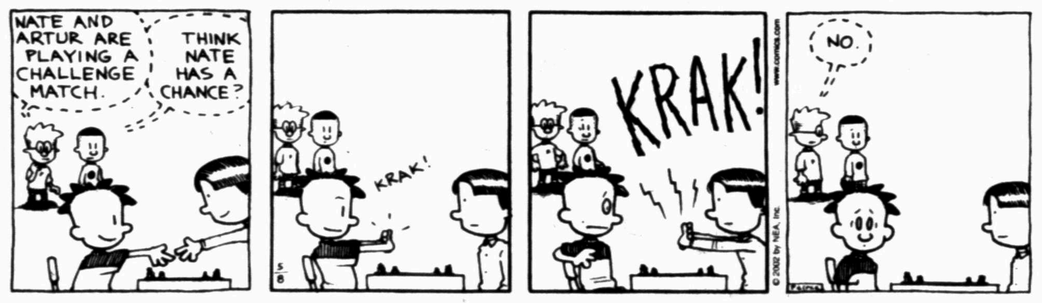
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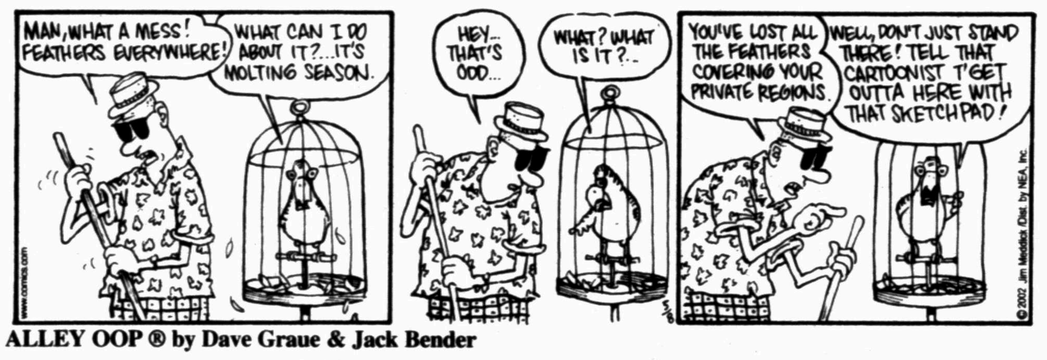
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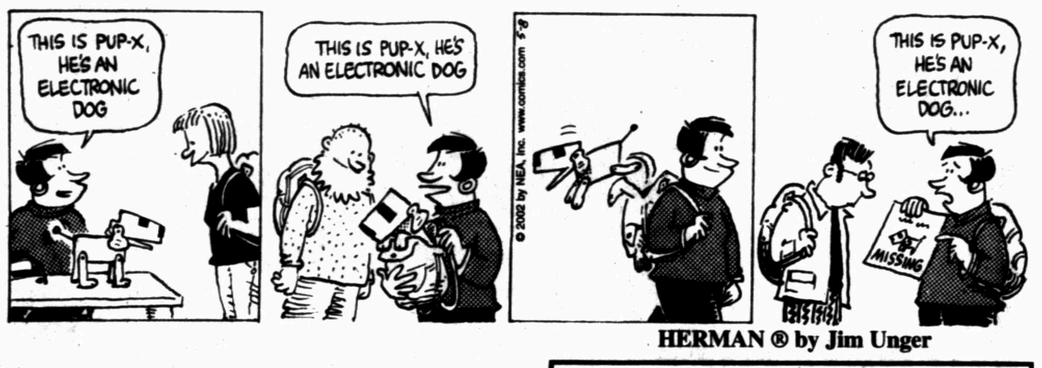
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29 Batman's sidekick
30 Ice-fishing tool
32 Arrowhead material
33 Mink wrap
34 Snap-brim hat
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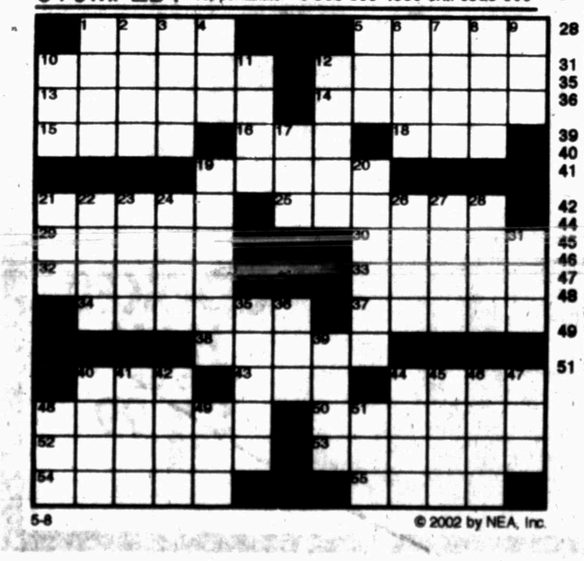
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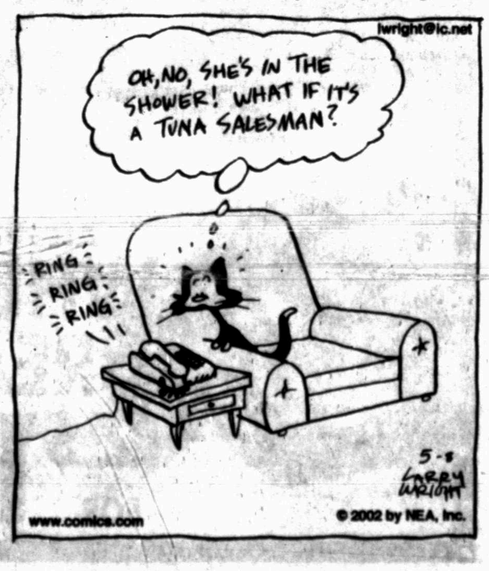
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers hold off Andrews' charge

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The Snyder Lady Tigers didn't bring home the biggest plaque, but they certainly chalked up the biggest accomplishment.

Snyder, which finished behind rival Andrews the entire season, held off the Lady Mustangs by two strokes Tuesday to claim runner-up honors at the Class 4A State Golf Championships.

The Lady Tigers made their way around windy Roy Kizer Golf Course to post a 321-325—646. Heavily favored Montgomery defended its title with a two-day total of 624. Andrews came in at 333-315—648.

"This feels as good as winning a state title," said SHS coach Matt Glenn. "This is our championship. We finished behind Andrews at so many tournaments this year, including district and regionals. But we beat them where it counts most, in Austin."



Glenn

The Lady Tigers were anchored by their lone senior Andra Lancaster who closed with a 75 to finish third in the medalist race at 151.

"This is one of the best feelings in the world," Lancaster remarked just prior to the awards ceremony. "It's great because we've worked so hard for this. We wanted to medal and we wanted to beat Andrews, and we did both.



Lancaster

"We came up short against them time after time this year, but we kept working harder and harder. I think if you work hard enough it pays off in the end and the better team will win. That's what happened today."

Snyder built a 12-stroke cushion on the first day but finished only two strokes ahead of the Lady Mustangs in the end. A quick start by Andrews in the final round, and a near collapse by Snyder on the back nine made it a race to the wire.

Andrews had cut the deficit in half by the time the teams made the turn Tuesday, shaving six strokes off the margin after going out in 155. Snyder turned at 161.

The race grew tighter as the Lady Tigers surrendered 22 strokes to par through the first five holes coming in, but pulled it together after the wreck.

Andrews' Vanessa Fuganti, who was 2-under par through nine holes, began to fade and all five Snyder players picked up their level of play over the final few holes.

The Lady Tigers played the final three holes in 3-over to earn the runner-up spot.

"There are always some great teams down here. To get second place, I can't say enough about the job our kids did," Glenn said. "After the train wreck midway through the back nine, the girls held the rest of the way. They answered the bell and that's what good teams do."

Katie Kerley closed with an 82 Tuesday, and Lauren Day carded an 83. Kellie Dodson turned in an 85, and Hailey Putnam finished with an 87.

Lancaster's 75 was the third-best round of the day. The senior went out in 38 then promptly birdied her 10th hole of the day, the 301-yard par-4 first.

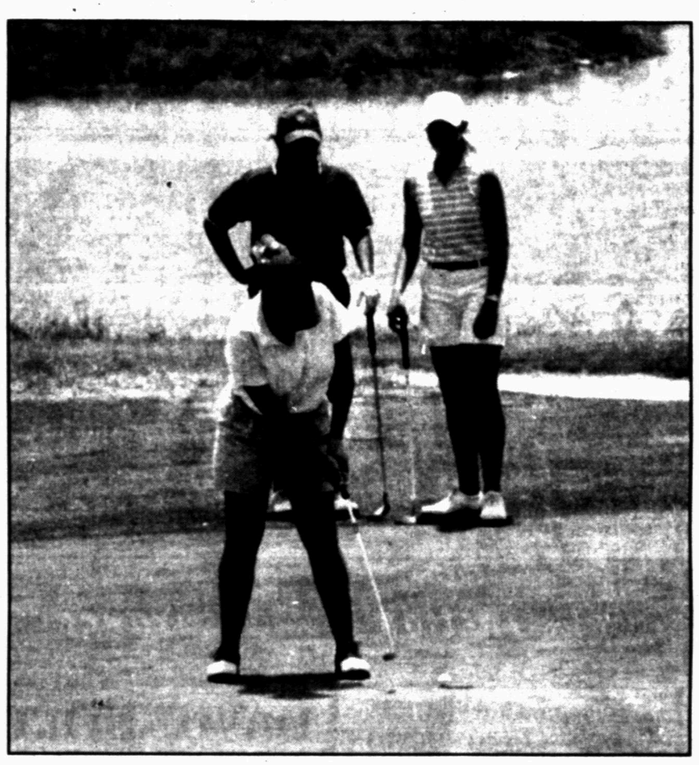
After a bogey at No. 3, her only hiccup came at the fifth where she took double-bogey after hitting her tee shot in the water.

Playing in her third state tournament, the miscue at the fifth seemed to have no effect on Lancaster as she made par on the final four holes.

"When something like that happens, you just have to let it go," Lancaster explained. "It's in the past so you can't let it get you down. You have to go out and play the next shot the best that you can, and then the next one and the next one and so on."

It was Snyder's fourth runner-up finish in the last five years after winning the state title in 1997. The Lady Tigers finished fourth a year ago.

On the boys side, Dallas Highland Park claimed their third consecutive crown. Southlake Carroll finished second with Brenham beating Granbury in a playoff for third.



TAP IN — Snyder's Lauren Day rolls in a putt as her competitors look on during the state tournament in Austin. The Lady Tigers finished second behind Montgomery. (SDN Staff Photo)

CLASS 4A
STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Roy Kizer Golf Course, Austin
GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Montgomery A, 307-317—624; 2. Snyder 321-325—646; 3. Andrews, 333-315—648; 4. Montgomery B, 334-337—671; 5. Dallas Highland Park, 332-340—672; 6. Bastrop, 346-338—684; 7. San Antonio Southside, 339-359—698; 8. Richardson Pearce, 371-385—756.

Individual Standings: 1. Brenda Norris, New Braunfels Canyon, 73-69—142; 2. Laura Cross, Midlothian, 74-73—147; 3. Andra Lancaster, Snyder, 76-75—151; 4. (tie) Mallory Underwood, Montgomery, 76-79—155, Sherry Summers, Montgomery, 78-77—155, Lauren Barbir, Montgomery, 73-82—155, Calais Gardner, Southlake Carroll, 75-80—155 and Christa Spedding, Granbury, 77-78—155; 9. Vanessa Fuganti, Andrews, 84-75—159; 10. (tie) Lauren Dodge, Montgomery, 80-80—160, Leslie Wall, Dallas Highland Park, 77-83—160 and Tara Lambright, Palestine, 80-80—160.

Other Montgomery A: Brittany Spieth, 83-81—164.

Other Snyder: Lauren Day, 81-83—164; Katie Kerley, 85-82—167; Kellie Dodson, 84-85—169; Hailey Putnam, 80-87—167.

Other Andrews: Ashley Robb, 85-82—167; Jessica Thurston, 86-77—163; Megan Hall, 82-81—163; Halli Richards, 82-82—164.

Montgomery B: Karen Ehlers, 80-82—162; Mary Austin, 86-82—168; Tyler Wilson, 86-87—173; Paige Burrer, 85-86—171; Jacqueline Rae, 83-89—172.

Other Dallas Highland Park: Lindsay Adams, 77-86—163; Bryann Anderson, 87-86—173; Drew Miller, 91-85—176; Sara Meyer, 106-100—206.

Bastrop: Renee Cervantes, 85-82—167; Delilah Dominguez, 80-84—164; Angela Dozier, 92-102—194; Tanya Edge, 89-82—171; Camille Rose, 94-90—184.

San Antonio Southside: Clarissa Castellanos, 79-84—163; Sheena Wood, 85-96—181; Jessica Arellano, 84-86—170; Maricella Salinas, 91-93—184; Melissa Wood, 98-99—197.

Richardson Pearce: Stephanie Hickerson, 81-82—163; Leslie Stephenson, 92-92—184; Kathryn Calley, 96-108—204; Jessica Jodon, 102-103—205; Megan Kueck, 137-139—276.

BOYS

Team standings: 1. Dallas Highland Park, 296-292—588; 2. Southlake Carroll, 305-299—604; 3. (won playoff) Brenham, 310-303—613; 4. Granbury, 305-308—613; 5. Rosenberg Lamar Consolidated, 313-306—619; 6. Palestine, 311-309—620; 7. Austin Lake Travis, 304-318—622; 8. San Marcos, 314-320—634.

Individual standings: 1. Josh Price, Marble Falls, 76-68—144; 2. (won playoff) Leo Corrigan, Dallas Highland Park, 72-74—146; 3. (second in playoff) Chase Thomas, Dallas Highland Park, 74-72—146; 4. Jace Moore, Southlake Carroll, 75-71—146; 5. Ryan Posey, Dallas Highland Park, 76-71—147; 6. (tie) Ross Perry, Brenham, 78-70—148 and Jeremy Frye, Palestine, 75-73—148; 8. (tie) Robert Stone, Dallas Highland Park, 74-75—149 and Pete Pennington, Granbury, 75-74—149; 10. (tie) Sam Barnett, Southlake Carroll, 77-73—150 and Matt Finneran, 76-74—150.

Spurs down Lakers, tie series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If the Los Angeles Lakers held a psychological advantage over the San Antonio Spurs — and that's up for debate — they don't anymore.

The Spurs survived four turnovers by Tim Duncan in the final 21/2 minutes to beat the two-time defending champions 88-85 Tuesday night and even their Western Conference semifinal.

"It's huge for us," Duncan said. "We really needed this one."

The Lakers, who haven't played nearly to the championship form of last spring, had won 20 of their previous 21 postseason games and their last 18 home games.

The best-of-seven series shifts to San Antonio for Game 3 Friday and Game 4 Sunday.

In Tuesday night's other playoff game, New Jersey took a 2-0 lead over Charlotte in their Eastern Conference semifinal by beating the visiting Hornets 102-88.

Detroit, up 1-0, plays the visiting Boston Celtics on Wednesday night in the other semifinal in the East.

The Spurs led by as many as 21 points and were ahead 85-74 when Duncan made a free throw with 6:23 remaining. They would score only three more points, but that would be enough to snap their five-game playoff losing streak to the Lakers.

"We wanted to come in here and take one," said Duncan, who had 27 points, 17 rebounds, five assists and five blocks. "We're right where we want to be."

The Lakers drew within one with 1:31 left. Duncan committed the last of his 10 turnovers with 81/2 seconds to go when Shaquille O'Neal poked the ball away with the Spurs leading 87-85.

The Lakers hurried down the court, but Kobe Bryant was called for traveling with 1.3 seconds to play. Duncan then made a free throw to complete the scoring.

"I lost control of the ball," Bryant said. "I tried to tip it back to (Derek) Fisher. It was an obvious violation."

Duncan said he had never committed 10 turnovers before.

"I've been real close, I've never gotten to double digits," he said. "I need to be better about taking care of the ball. The next time the game plan is to complete my passes to our guys."

The Spurs are trying to avenge a sweep by the Lakers in the 2001 conference finals, when they were outscored by 89 points in four games.

Anderson aces 12th hole at country club

Larry Anderson need only one shot to complete the par-3 12th hole at the country club golf course.

Anderson used an 8-iron to ace the 150-yard hole. Stafford Gray, Joe LaRoux, Billy Wayne Harris and Pete Greene witnessed the feat.

Rangers stumble against Sox

ARLINGTON (AP) — Road wins have been hard to come by for the Chicago White Sox, who are sure the trend is about to change.

Chicago ended its four-game road losing streak with Tuesday night's 11-6 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"We've been a little slow on the road," said Frank Thomas, who had a two-run single in Chicago's eight-run sixth inning and drove in three runs. "But I think we'll be OK. It's good to have a game like this where we were able to turn it on in the sixth. We definitely hit in spurts."

The White Sox started off 7-5 on the road before the four-game skid, all against the AL West. Chicago was outscored by a 38-10 margin during those four games.

But the White Sox got their offense rolling with a 14-hit attack against four Rangers pitchers. Magglio Ordonez delivered the knockout blow with a three-run homer in the decisive sixth inning.

The White Sox scored 10 runs or more for the seventh time this season after reaching double-digits in 11 games all of last season. Chicago has had four or more runs in an inning 21 times in 2002 and 10 or more hits 20 times.

"We have a good offensive club and at any time we can explode," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said. "We've got nine guys who can get it going. The big inning really helped because it took some pressure off our bullpen."

Chicago trailed 4-3 in the sixth before Jose Valentin's leadoff homer off Rob Bell (2-1).

Lofton went 2-for-6 and scored three runs, Valentin went 2-for-5 with two RBIs, and Paul Konerko was 2-for-5 for Chicago.

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	14	.563	—
Florida	17	15	.531	1
Montreal	17	15	.531	1
Atlanta	16	17	.485	2½
Philadelphia	13	19	.406	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	19	13	.594	—
Pittsburgh	16	15	.516	2½
Houston	14	17	.452	4½
St. Louis	14	19	.424	5½
Chicago	13	18	.419	5½
Milwaukee	9	24	.273	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	20	11	.645	—
Arizona	21	12	.636	—
Los Angeles	19	13	.594	1½
San Diego	17	15	.531	3½
Colorado	13	19	.406	7½

Tuesday's Games
Colorado 5, Montreal 3
Florida 12, San Diego 4
Philadelphia 7, Houston 4
San Francisco 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 2
Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 5, 16 innings
Chicago Cubs 8, St. Louis 0
Arizona 7, Pittsburgh 6

Wednesday's Games
St. Louis (Morris 4-2) at Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-5), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 2-4) at Montreal (Pavano 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 2-2) at Florida (Olsen 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 3-1) at Atlanta (Millwood 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Redding 1-2) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-3) at Cincinnati (Rijo 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 4-1) at Arizona (Schilling 6-1), 9:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee (Sheets 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-4), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 2-4) at Montreal (Chen 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Howard 0-1) at Florida (Olsen 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Mlicki 3-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 5-1), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 2-2) at Atlanta (Moss 0-0), 7:35 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	22	7	.759	—
New York	19	14	.576	5
Baltimore	17	16	.515	7
Toronto	10	20	.333	12½
Tampa Bay	9	22	.290	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	21	13	.618	—
Chicago	20	13	.606	½
Cleveland	16	17	.485	4½
Detroit	11	20	.355	8½
Kansas City	9	21	.300	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	22	10	.688	—
Oakland	17	15	.531	5
Anaheim	15	16	.484	6½
Texas	14	18	.438	8

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 1
Chicago White Sox 11, Texas 6
Detroit 3, Anaheim 0
Toronto 4, Seattle 1
Boston 9, Oakland 7

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland (Baez 3-3) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 4-2) at Tampa Bay (James 0-2), 7:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Affeldt 1-0) at Minnesota (Radke 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 5-2) at Texas (Davis 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 1-3) at Anaheim (Appier 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Smith 0-2) at Seattle (Garcia 4-2), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 2-0) at Oakland (Hiljus 3-1), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 3-2) at Texas (Valdes 2-4), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 4-1) at Oakland (Hudson 3-3), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 1-2), 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 4-3) at Kansas City (Affeldt 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 0-3) at Anaheim (Sele 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Lyon 1-3) at Seattle (Moyer 3-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Summer Bowling Leagues

Two summer bowling leagues begin this week at Snyder Lanes. An adult-child league begins at 7 this evening for ages 5 and up. A mixed couples league starts at 7 p.m. Thursday. Both leagues run for eight weeks.

Friday swingers

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

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

SCGA weekly events

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

Girls basketball camp scheduled

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

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

Flag football tournament

The Snyder Knights flag football tournament is scheduled for June 8. Entry deadline is May 22 and cost is $220 per team. For more information, call Earl Ware at 573-0800.

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Saturday, May 4
Sacramento 108, Dallas 91

Sunday, May 5
New Jersey 99, Charlotte 93
Detroit 96, Boston 84, Detroit leads series 1-0
L.A. Lakers 86, San Antonio 80

Monday, May 6
Dallas 110, Sacramento 102, series tied 1-1

Tuesday, May 7
New Jersey 102, Charlotte 88, New Jersey leads series 2-0
San Antonio 88, L.A. Lakers 85, series tied 1-1

Wednesday, May 8
Boston at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 9
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10
Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11
Sacramento at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 12
New Jersey at Charlotte, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14
Boston at Detroit, 8 p.m., if necessary
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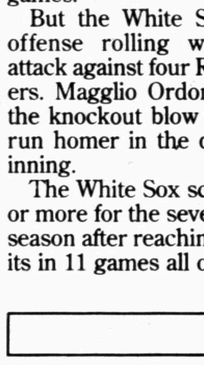
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L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary

Friday, May 17
New Jersey at Charlotte, 8 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 18
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Texas peach farmers get low yield

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The state's peach growers remain hopeful about the crop that survived the freezing weather during late February and early March, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Larry A. Stein, extension horticulturist in Uvalde, said in Southwest Texas the crop is weak because it had quite a bit of freeze damage, while George L. Philley, extension plant pathologist in Overton, reports a very good peach crop in East Texas.

"We're still optimistic that we're going to have fruit," Stein said. "Certain varieties are going to have peaches, no question about it, but it still remains to be seen how much we're going to have."

Philley said the peach crop in East Texas is shaping up to be a good one; however, yields will be less than last year because of the freeze's impact. And some varieties may not do quite as well as they did last year, when the crop was excellent.

Stein said while growers are hoping for a third of the yields as compared to last year's crop, the quality of that third should be outstanding.

"We're optimistic it might be stronger than 30 percent, but we're trying to be conservative," he said. "We're hoping that we have 40 percent, so we're just going to wait and see."

Stein said the weather in Southwest Texas has been mostly dry, keeping diseases in check. However, rain would be appreciated.

"The heat is all right, and as long as we have irrigation water, we're in good shape," he said.

Philley said East Texas has experienced average, warm weather conditions and light moisture.

No major diseases have been reported, he said, but that does not mean the crop is free of disease for the rest of the season. A minor, inconsequential amount of bacterial spot has been reported, which probably came after a rainfall, Philley said. Only leaf spot symptoms have developed. Fruit can be infected under heavy disease pressure.

In East Texas, blooming began 10 days to two weeks later than normal due to cold weather, and minimal chilling hours in some areas. The late bloom delayed normal harvest dates. Peaches, depending on the variety, need from 300 to 1,000 hours of below 45-degree temperatures to break dormancy, Philley said.

Stein said Southwest Texas will begin harvesting in late May and early June.

Randy Upshaw, district extension director in Dallas, said peach trees are looking good with no signs of insects at this point.

Event organizers now need permits in Galveston County

HOUSTON (AP) — Galveston County commissioners will now require organizers to get permits before they promote and hold events, a move they hope will curb any more surprise rave parties on their beaches.

Under the new rules, anyone who promotes or holds a gathering of 200 or more people in unincorporated areas of the county without a permit can be charged with a Class B misdemeanor and face up to six months in jail and a $2,000 fine.

Permits range from $500 to $1,100 per day depending on projected attendance, and are available through the county Beach and Parks Department. Organizers also must show proof of liability insurance.

The commissioners' decision to pass the ordinance was in part inspired by a rave that drew thousands to the Bolivar Peninsula last June. Crowds were attracted through Internet promotions to an all-night party that led to more than 80 arrests.

A state law adopted last year allows the county to regulate events such as raves, which have taken place about twice annually in recent years on Bolivar Peninsula beaches. The county has long had the power to require permits for gatherings at county parks.

Until now, Galveston County authorities have had little or no notice of raves and lacked the manpower to police them.

"Unless we find out by surfing the Internet or someone happens to show us a flier, we can get surprised," sheriff's Capt. Henry Trochesset told the Houston Chronicle today, "and all of a sudden, they're setting up tents and getting ready for a party."

"The last time, there were 12 or 13 stage areas with different disc jockeys playing and there might have been 5,000 people there."

The new permitting process requires organizers of raves or other large events to provide restroom facilities and hire a number of licensed peace officers based on projected attendance.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Steroids for asthma

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you advised asthmatics to use an inhaler for relief of symptoms, yet you failed to recommend steroid inhalers for prevention. As an asthmatic, I am now on Singulair and Serevent. Should I consider an inhaled steroid as well?

DEAR READER: This is a question more properly directed to your primary care physician or pulmonologist.

In my experience, however, Singulair (a pill) and Serevent (an inhaler) are particularly helpful in preventing asthma. Nonetheless, steroid inhalers could also be considered. To a large degree, my answer to your question depends on your response to the non-steroidal therapy: If the Singulair and Serevent are doing the job, stick with them. If, on the other hand, your asthma is breaking through, consider the addition of a steroid inhaler.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your response to the person who wanted to know if it is all right to have sexual intercourse during her monthly period was disgraceful and, better yet, sinful.

The Bible (Leviticus 15:19-33) states that such a woman is unclean and should not come together with a man under any circumstances for seven days. The penalty for having intercourse at this time can result in death. Perhaps God's reason is that the woman is releasing impurities during her periods and should not be spreading such uncleanliness.

Don't put man's desires ahead of the Creator's, because so doing is an abomination and could bring destruction to your own soul. Take a stand against this destructive behavior.

DEAR READER: I'm publishing an edited version of your letter because this is an important topic and your view needs to be heard.

First, let me respectfully disagree with your Biblical interpretation that menstruating women are "unclean" and are "releasing impurities." The menstrual period has, on occasion, been defined as "the reaction of the disappointed uterus." This is true; it is the cyclic shedding of the uterine lining in a woman who has not become pregnant. Thus, the menstrual flow (which consists primarily of blood, mucus and uterine tissue) is not unclean any more than amniotic fluid, afterbirth or blood products are unclean. They are simply normal, sterile blood fluids. In this day and age, to call a woman unclean is an insult.

I was commenting only on the scientific principles of the issue: namely that sexual relations are not more harmful during menstruation than at any other time in the cycle. Moreover, pregnancy is impossible during menstruation.

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

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-08-02
♠ A K Q 7 5
♥ A 7
♦ K J 9 4
♣ 9 7

West
♠ J 6 3
♥ Q J 9 6 4 2
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A

East
♠ 9 8 4 2
♥ K
♦ A 10 5 2
♣ 10 6 3 2

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

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Reputation can be a hindrance

By Phillip Alder

Monday, I told you that Norman Kay died in January. He didn't try to generate action at the table, preferring to play error-free bridge. This accuracy, strange as it may seem, cost him some points occasionally — as in this deal from the 1957 Masters Individual. The declarer was Edgar Kaplan, Kay's partner for more than 40 years.

Today, West would open two hearts, but the strong two-bid was part of the system for this event. North should have taken the hint that South had a weak hand with a long club suit, but he shot out three no-trump. (If North had passed, though, Kaplan would not have won the title.)

West led the heart queen: ace, king, three. Now Kaplan carefully called for the club nine, not the seven, and covered with his king. West won with the ace and shifted to the diamond six, dummy's jack losing to East's ace. Back came the diamond two: seven, queen, king. Now Kaplan led dummy's club seven and overtook with his eight. In this way, he collected 10 tricks (three spades, one heart, one diamond and five clubs) for a complete top. Why did Kaplan finesse in clubs? Here's what he wrote in The Bridge World:

"You see, I was lucky enough to have Norman Kay on my left, in the West position. Never in his life has Norman been guilty of so bad a play as winning the first club if he could hold up, so the finesse was marked.

"Obviously, the secret of winning Individuals is to make sure that your opponents are more expert than your partners."

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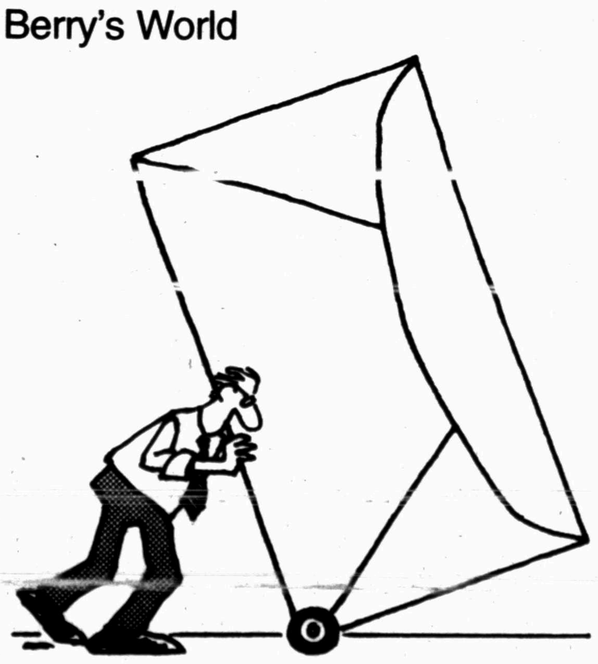
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AT&T Corp s	13.95	13.75	13.94	+ .44
Albertsons	33.76	33.46	33.57	+ .05
Alltel	49.13	48.38	49.01	+ 1.01
AmEl Pw	45.90	45.35	45.46	—.30
AndarkPtr	52.82	52.30	52.41	+ .57
ATMOS Egy	23.60	23.43	23.48	—.07
Aviall	9.00	8.95	8.95	
BP PLC	50.89	50.55	50.74	+ .29
BakerHughes	37.71	36.93	37.50	+ 1.07
Bank of Amer	74.55	74.00	74.50	+ 1.54
BellSouth	30.25	29.45	30.17	+ 1.17
vjBeth Steel	.40	.38	.39	—.01
BurlNoSFe	28.52	28.10	28.50	+ .50
Caterpillar	54.40	52.75	54.25	+ 1.74
ChevronTex	88.20	86.84	86.98	—.69
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Kroger Co	23.70	23.25	23.35	—.04
LockheedM	62.75	61.31	62.63	+ .88
Lowes Cos s	42.67	41.80	41.80	+ .07
Lubys	6.94	6.86	6.88	—.07
LucentTech	4.69	4.56	4.65	+ .34
MarathonOil	28.82	28.20	28.40	+ .27
MayDeptStr	35.86	35.38	35.75	+ .65
Medtronic	43.35	42.68	43.15	+ .52
Motorola	15.30	15.04	15.26	+ .57
NCR Corp	38.48	37.92	38.46	+ 2.12
Navistar	39.48	38.70	38.90	—.03
PNM Rescs	27.89	27.31	27.32	—.33
Penney JC	22.95	22.41	22.78	+ .77
PepBoys	18.32	18.01	18.01	—.20
PepsiCo	52.11	51.41	51.68	—.15
Pharmacia	40.03	39.45	39.90	+ .63
PhillipPet	60.22	59.60	59.66	+ .14
PilgrmPrd B	14.00	13.80	13.83	—.22
Praxair	59.85	59.21	59.21	+ .46
ProctGamb	91.70	90.80	91.06	—.60
RadioShack	33.92	33.45	33.47	+ .48
ReliantEngy	25.30	24.86	24.96	—.57
RoyalDut	54.20	53.81	53.85	+ .22
SBC Comm	32.00	31.20	31.78	+ 1.28
SaraLee	21.02	20.68	20.68	—.07
Scripps EW	77.85	76.70	77.65	+ .95
SearsRoeb	53.80	52.84	53.28	+ .82
SherwinW	32.10	31.45	31.63	—.27
SouthernCo	28.28	28.00	28.01	—.26
SwstAirl	18.00	17.82	17.86	+ .02
SprintFON	15.70	15.15	15.59	+ .72
SprintPCS	11.39	11.10	11.35	+ .65
Sunoco inc	35.18	34.90	34.97	+ .19
TXU Corp	54.45	53.93	53.97	—.48
TempleInland	56.00	55.49	55.52	+ .21
TexInd	39.30	39.05	39.08	—.06
TexasInst	30.30	28.96	30.00	+ 2.49
Textron	49.08	48.60	48.83	+ .23
TriconGlbR	64.08	63.26	63.28	—.03
TrinityInds	22.52	22.17	22.30	—.33
TylerTech	5.87	5.55	5.60	+ .02
UnionPacif	59.25	58.72	58.94	+ .54
USSteel	18.84	18.56	18.83	+ .44
UnitedTech	70.00	69.10	69.89	+ 1.74
Unocal	38.02	37.55	37.56	+ .08
VerizonComm	40.80	39.80	40.80	+ 1.28
WalMart	56.45	56.00	56.22	+ 1.21
WellsFargo	52.10	51.71	52.01	+ .99
WstnGasRs	38.21	38.00	38.01	+ .34
WinnDixie	18.56	18.25	18.36	+ .01

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Root Barriers

The act of cutting off the roots of trees that are growing near a building and installing a barrier to prevent their reestablishment in the area where they are not desired is called installing a root barrier, a root wall, or root capping. The need for root barriers is related to the fact that expansive clay soil shrinks as it dries out. Any structure that expansive clay soil is supporting will move downward as the soil dries and shrinks. If the soil dries on one side of the structure and not the other, the soil shrinks where it has dried and remains expanded where it has not dried, causing the structure to experience differential settlement. Differential settlement can cause serious damage to a structure.

A root barrier is usually installed between concrete foundations or flat work and adjacent trees within their mature height from foundation and where there is expansive clay soil to prevent tree roots from consuming moisture from the soil under the area of concern. The barriers are installed so that they intersect imaginary radial lines extending from the trunk of the tree to the edges of the foundation.

Root barriers can prevent damage to flat work concrete such as walks and drives or to concrete slab on grade foundations. In some cases it is possible soil can be reversed. The soil under a structure will swell or portion of the structure that has experienced differential settlement back to near the level of the structure where differential settlement has not occurred.

Root barriers can be made of impermeable durable material that withstand burial in soil for an extended period of time. Current information is that root barriers need to be installed to a depth of 30 inches minimum and they must extend above the surface of the soil enough to prevent roots from growing over the top. There are root barrier materials that are permeable to moisture but will not allow roots to grow through them because of the chemical makeup of the barrier. It is our opinion that permeable root barriers should only be used under special conditions since the impermeable barriers hold moisture at the locations where desired.

Large trees with tap-roots, such as pecan trees, may affect soil volume to a depth greater than the 30 inches indicated above. There is evidence that large pecan trees dry soil to the "water table" which causes it to shrink for a great depth. Where pecan trees have been removed to construct a building, the soil where the pecan tree was removed has swelled, causing significant damage to the interior of the structures.

Pecan trees existing extended dry periods that other trees, probably because the tap root obtains a large amount of the trees' water requirement from the "water bearing strata" usually found with 20 feet of the surface. Root barriers between pecan trees and similar type trees do have the effect of reducing shrinking of the soil on which a building rests.

When there is a desire to improve the out-of-levelness of a structure by re-hydration of the supporting soil and there are large trees involved, there must be a root barrier installed. Releveling in this case can be accelerated by the installation of a foundation watering system. The watering system should be arranged to supply water uniformly around the foundation of a structure during extended dry periods. The moisture level of the soil should be maintained at an optimum condition so that there is no ponding water or overly saturated soil. This condition at present appears to be a subjective judgment on the part of the watering system operator. The moisture provided must be enough to prevent the soil from shrinking during extended dry periods, but free water should not be allowed to accumulate at the perimeter or underside of a foundation.

Installation of a root cap, root barrier, or root wall should be undertaken by a qualified tree expert, if there is concern for health of the tree whose roots are to be cut. Most tree experts in the Houston area have installed root walls and are familiar with their effect on trees. If a root barrier is installed between a tree and a structure where the tree is surrounded by large areas of flat work concrete, or other buildings, there may be insufficient moisture for the tree to continue to live.

The installation of root barriers should always be implemented as part of a foundation maintenance program.

Information taken from Horticulture Update, March 2002.

Lawn watering tips given

Lawn Watering During Drought Conditions

Water is a limited resource in Texas. During droughts, water supplies can become so depleted, cities are required to initiate rationing programs. Homeowners must learn to manage their lawn irrigation during the different stages of water rationing.

Sweetwater is currently under watering restrictions and residents are only able to water their lawns two days per week from midnight to 10:00 a.m.

It is important for everyone to limit water use and not waste water. Here are a few tips on managing your lawn during water rationing.

Homeowners should maintain a deep infrequent irrigation schedule. This approach is best for the overall health of the lawn, regardless of the water status. It reduces disease, helps insure good air movement down to the root system, and conserves water.

During the designated times, apply enough water to adequately wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Use the following steps to determine how long you need to run your irrigation system.

Set out 5-6 open-top cans randomly on the lawn (tuna and cat food cans work best because they have short sides). Turn the sprinkler head or system on for 30 minutes. Measure and record the depth of water caught in each individual can.

Calculate the average depth of water from all of the cans. In most soils, 1 inch of water will wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches.

Use a garden spade to determine how deep the soil was wet during the 30-minute watering. Push the spade into the soil. It will push through the wet soil easily, but will become difficult when it reaches dry soil. Measure the depth of the wet soil.

When you know how much water was applied in a 30 minute cycle and how deep that volume of water wet the soil, it is easy to determine how long the sprinkler head must run to adequately wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches.

After you have adequately wet the soil, do not irrigate again until the grass needs it. Drought stress symptoms will develop when the lawn needs watering. Symptoms include grass leaves turning a dull, bluish color, leaf blades rolling or folding, and footprints persisting for an extended period of time after walking across the lawn.

In most cases, drought symptoms will usually develop within 5 to 7 days. Under this management, turf grass quality should not drop.

Run-off can also be a serious problem leading to significant water waste. Soil type and the application rate of the sprinkler system determine how quickly run-off will occur. If water is applied faster than it can move down into the soil, it can run off the site of application and be lost.

Special attention must be paid to eliminate this type of water waste.

To prevent run-off monitor the lawn during the course of several irrigation cycles looking for water running onto sidewalks, streets or gutters.

Note how long the sprinkler was run prior to run-off. This is the new maximum run time for any one irrigation cycle that will prevent water losses due to run-off. Allow the soil surface to dry (30 minutes to 1 hour).

Change your irrigation timer to the new shorter time and begin watering again. Continue this cycle until enough water has been applied to wet the soil six inches deep.

For additional information contact Stephen Biles, Nolan County Extension Agent — IPM or check the internet at: http://nolanco.tamu.edu/.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dennheim, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

REWARDS OF CHILDREN

We have seen repeatedly the breakdown of the cost of raising a child, but this is the first time I have seen the rewards listed this way. It's nice, really nice!

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with $160,140! That doesn't even touch college tuition.

For those with kids, that figure leads to wild fantasies about all the money we could have banked if not for (insert your child's name here). For others, that number might confirm the decision to remain childless. But $16,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into $8,896.66 a year, $741.38 a month, or $171.08 a week. That's a mere $24.44 a day! Just over a dollar an hour.

What do you get for your $160,140?.....

Well, naming rights, first, middle, and last. Glimpses of God everyday. Giggles under the covers every night. More love than your heart can hold. Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs. Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies. A hand to hold, usually covered with jam.

A partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites, building sandcastles, and skipping down the sidewalk in the pouring rain. Someone to laugh yourself silly with no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.

For $160,140, you never have to grow up. You get to finger-paint, carve pumpkins, play hide-and-seek, catch lightning bugs, and never stop believing in Santa Claus. You have an excuse to keep reading the adventures of Piglet and Pooh, watching Saturday morning cartoons, going to Disney movies, and wishing on stars. You get to frame rainbows, hearts and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day, and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.

For $160,140, there is no greater bang for your buck. You get to be a hero just for retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof, taking training wheels off the bike, removing a splinter, filling the wading pool, coaxing a wad gum out of bangs, and coaching a baseball team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless.

You get a front row seat to history to witness the: first step, first word, first bra, first date, first time behind the wheel.

You get to be immortal. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs in you obituary called grandchildren.

You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there with God.

You have all the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away the monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits, so one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost.

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Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 751 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 5, sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-44
Canner and low cutters: 34-40
Slaughter bulls: 50-58.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 95-123
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 73-81
700-800: 70-74.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-105
400-500: 75-90
500-600: 72-78.50
600-700: 68-75
700-800: 65-73
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-82.50
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 750-850
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 400-650
Baby calves: 100-175
Doodlers: 200-275

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (204,000 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5/6/01	LAST WEEK 4/29/02	THIS WEEK 5/6/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	18.10	17.30	17.77
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	22,512	20,879	21,833
PERCENT FULL	11.04	10.23	10.70
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.40	2.70
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (488,760 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5/6/01	LAST WEEK 4/29/02	THIS WEEK 5/6/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	49.08	41.39	41.21
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	79,220	52,440	51,891
PERCENT FULL	16.21	10.73	10.62
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.20	0.00

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5/6/01	LAST WEEK 4/29/02	THIS WEEK 5/6/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	36.64	30.40	30.28
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	315,532	242,301	241,240
PERCENT FULL	56.92	43.71	43.52
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

CITY	LAST WEEK'S DAILY AVERAGE 4/29/02 4/23/02	THIS WEEK'S DAILY AVERAGE 5/6/02 4/30/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 5/6/02 4/30/02
BIG SPRING	4,906,286	5,954,286	7,020,000
ODESSA	19,910,429	25,261,143	29,015,000
SNYDER	2,170,286	2,453,714	2,960,000
MIDLAND	23,204,857	26,508,286	29,409,000
SAN ANGELO	14,629,286	17,479,429	21,792,000
STANTON	151,143	200,143	216,000

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Campaign finance law is challenged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican National Committee and the California Democratic and Republican parties are challenging new campaign finance restrictions, arguing they would cripple their participation in politics.

At issue in three lawsuits filed Tuesday is a ban on unlimited contributions known as "soft money" that national Republican and Democratic party committees can now collect from businesses, unions and others, and members of Congress and the president can help raise.

The political parties use soft money, which often comes in six-figure checks, to pay for overhead, issue advertisements and party-building activities such as get-out-the-vote drives.

The RNC lawsuit argues that banning national party committees from raising soft money is oppressive and unconstitutional, unfairly imposing greater restrictions on their speech than that of other groups.

"Both political parties have an incredibly long and important participatory role in the political life of this nation," RNC Chairman Marc Racicot said. "We are engaged with the individual states and territories in virtually every election cycle and we work as partners in this process."

Racicot said the RNC felt duty-bound to file its lawsuit, even though one feature of the new law — an increase in the limit on individual campaign contributions — could enable the GOP to widen its advantage over Democrats in raising such "hard money."

The RNC contends the new law unconstitutionally interferes with state laws and the financing of state and local elections — in which the national parties have played a key part with soft money — potentially shutting the national parties out of nonfederal races.

The law also is vague, potentially chilling free speech and association.



CAMPAIGN STOP — U.S. Senate candidate John Cornyn, current Texas Attorney General, stopped briefly in Snyder Tuesday while campaigning on a bus tour of the state. Cornyn, a Republican, and wife Sandy visited with Snyder Mayor Francene Noah on the square. (SDN Staff Photo)



SWEARING IN — Oaths of office were administered to four city council members Tuesday evening and all will begin new terms at the June meeting. Shown from left are Ron Shaw, Vernest Tippens, Stephanie Ducheneaux and James Ashley. Julie Wilson (right) of the city secretary's office administers the oath. (SDN Staff Photo)

Loophole allows funds to be taken away from poorer school districts in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Property-wealthy school districts have used a loophole in the law to route $38.5 million away from poorer schools that were meant to get the money, according to a legislative report.

The investigative report, which is scheduled to be discussed by lawmakers Thursday, found that the wealthier districts required poorer ones to send the money to regional service centers used by all districts.

The deal does not break any laws, but the report concludes that the wealthy districts receive indirect benefit from the money.

"It may justify more scrutiny," said acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Lawmakers and school finance experts on the select committee for school finance reform asked for the investigation.

The state's school finance system gives property-wealthy districts the option of sending millions of dollars to poorer districts or to the state. But a loophole in the law allows wealthy districts to insist that much of the money be returned to the regional Education Service Center that serves the wealthier district.

The state designates a district as wealthy when its property values reach a certain threshold per student.

Statewide, $38.5 million is routed to the service centers away from the property-poor districts. Of that, $29 million or 75 percent, stays in the Austin and Dallas regions. The 20 service centers are quasi-governmental co-ops that provide technology, Internet access and teacher training to all districts.

According to the report, service centers primarily use the money to reduce or eliminate fees charged to districts, including the wealthy districts.

State Sen. Teel Bivins, a Republican from Amarillo who is co-chairman of the interim school finance committee, said Tuesday that although the report "may raise some eyebrows with regard to the spirit of the law," the $38.5 million is a relatively small part of the $24 billion the state spends on public education every two years.

The investigation shows the inequity in the Texas school finance system, said Craig Foster of the Equity Center, which represents poorer districts.

Service centers in regions with property-rich districts, such as the Dallas and Austin areas, receive more money and can offer better programs for their schools, Foster said.

Obituaries

Mack Riggins

1958-2002

Mack Eurdis Riggins of Snyder died Tuesday, May 7, at Texas Stadium parking lot in Irving following an accident while erecting a roller coaster.



Mack Riggins

Services for Mr. Riggins, 44, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on April 1, 1958 in Midland, he was employed by Van Equipment Co. of New Braunfels to construct roller coaster rides.

Survivors include a daughter, Andrece Riggins of Olympia, Wash.; two sons, Mack Eurdice Riggins Jr. of Arizona and Franklin Jamal Riggins of Olympia, Wash.; his parents, Leslie and Maxine Riggins of Snyder; four sisters, Leslie Ann McMillion of Omaha, Neb., Lois Burks of Albuquerque, N.M., Maxine Rash of Bermmington, Wash., and Bella Riggins of Snyder; five brothers, Leslie Riggins Jr. of Snyder, Sammie Riggins of San Diego, Calif., Tyrone Riggins of Abilene, Robert Cobb of Victoria, Canada., and Michael Riggins of Glen Burnie, Md.

Lucio Silva

1930-2002

Lucio P. Silva, 72, died Sunday, May 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Lucio Silva

Graveside service for Mr. Silva was held today in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 31, 1930 in D'Hanis, Tex., he married Amelia Rodriquez in April of 1971 in Albuquerque, N.M. Mr. Silva, a Catholic, was a butcher in a meat processing plant.

Five brothers preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Amelia Silva of Snyder; two daughters, Concepcion Silva of Cactus, Tex., and Jane Marlinda Silva of Garden City, Kan.; two sons, Lucio Silva Jr. and Erasmo Silva, both of Garden City, Kan.; two stepdaughters, Rosalinda Guzman and Florinda Guzman, both of Garden City, Kan.; a stepson, Victory Guzman of Holcomb, Kan.; two sisters, Maria Acosta and Victoria Silva, both of Chicago; and a brother, Guadalupe Silva of Abilene; 26 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Two arrested on Tuesday

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 19-year-old woman just after 1 a.m. today in the 1000 block of Ave. E on city warrants for driving without a license and failure to appear before a judge.

At 9:50 p.m. Tuesday, officers took a 23-year-old man into custody for outstanding DPS warrants.

Assault

A woman requested officers at her residence Tuesday afternoon after she was assaulted. Officers submitted offense reports for Class C assault, family violence and interfering with an emergency phone call.

Theft

T. J. Williams reported his bicycle stolen from Central Elementary Tuesday afternoon and he provided officers with a description.

Vandalism

Mandy Collins reported vandalism to several restrooms in Towle Park Tuesday morning. A report was submitted for graffiti.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off in the amount of $18.36 just before 3 p.m. Tuesday, but the clerk was unable to provide a description.

A drive off worth $17.75 was reported Tuesday afternoon from Town and Country North and no description was available.

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ONGOINGS

WTC awards, graduation tape

A one-hour videotape of Western Texas College's awards day and graduation ceremonies will be broadcast today through Friday at 8 a.m., 12 noon and 4 p.m. on Channel 22.

Reception

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

GED testing

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday in the GED testing center, building 7B on the WTC campus. Tests will be held Friday beginning at 8 a.m. For more information, call Molly Kates at 573-2919, or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

FBC services televised

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

FBC support groups

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

Scurry Lodge 706

Scurry Lodge 706 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday for work on the EA degree.

Fish-a-Thon

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

Country, gospel music

Country and gospel music is planned at the Scurry County senior center starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tiger boosters car wash

The SHS Tiger football booster club will have a car wash from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Cost is $5 for wash and vacuum.

End of school dance

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

Hamburger cookout

Wings of Grace, a chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, will host a free hamburger cookout at noon Saturday at the Displays of Splendor across from the Sonic in Big Spring. Matt Cross of Snyder said all bikers are welcome.

Retired teachers

Snyder Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Officers will be installed.

Martha Ann Woman's Club silver tea

The Martha Ann Woman's Club silver tea will be held from 3 until 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor Ed McAnally, West Elementary principal, will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

American Legion officers

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "the Church as Part of God's Eternal Plan," followed by "Sin, Sinners & Salvation."

Open house

The public is invited to an open house at Scurry Community Services Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tours will be given for the Head Start and Early Head Start program, as wells as the Snyder Child Daycare. The facility is located 2800 2nd St. – the former North Elementary building. Refreshments will be served.

Alzheimer's meeting

A meeting for families and caretakers of Alzheimer's patients will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the library of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. For information call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377.

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.

Texas Ablaze meeting

Texas Ablaze meeting with Keith Miller of Stand Firm World Ministries will be held at 7 p.m. May 16-18 at Thee Place, 904 26th St. The meeting is sponsored by His Joy Ministries.

St. Jude Bike-a-Thon

The St. Jude Bike-a-Thon will be from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18, in the parking lot of the Scurry County Coliseum. Call Judy Hembree at 573-5273 for additional information on how to donate and participate.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is pre-reregistering for the next fall. The school, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, is for children from two to five years old before Sept. 1. Registration fee is $30 and the monthly tuition is $45. Parents are encouraged to pre-register in order to assure a space. The school observes the same schedule as Snyder ISD. Registration packets may be picked up at the church office.

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BEST AR READERS — These students have the most Accelerated Reader points at Hermleigh. The top elementary readers (left photo) are back row from left, Lelan Shankles, fifth grade, 60 points; J.D. Mireles, sixth grade, 84 points; Fabian Fuentes, second grade, 27 points; front row, from left, Ricky Garcia, fourth grade, 116 points; Jordan Williamson, third grade, 43 points; Karston Morrell, second grade, 27 points; Aaron Lane, second grade, 27 points; and Aaron Williamson, kindergarten, 22 points. The top junior high AR readers are (right photo) from left, Danni Webb, eighth grade, 470 points; Alana Culp, eighth grade, 435 points; Alicia Culp, seventh grade, 366 points; and Samantha Berry, eighth grade, 328 points. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Crash survivor reports sparks and turbulence

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — An EgyptAir flight jolted in the air and sparks surged through the cabin before crashing as it tried to land in Tunisia, said a survivor of the crash that killed at least 18 people.

The plane, a Boeing 737 carrying 62 people from Cairo, nearly split into two after crashing on a hill about four miles from the Tunis-Carthage airport on Tuesday.

EgyptAir issued a statement saying 18 people had died and 25 were injured. Authorities at the Tunis airport said several people walked away unhurt.

A Tunisian woman, Narjess Hadada, told The Associated Press that the plane encountered turbulence as it prepared to land.

"We felt jolts in the plane, and a member of the crew reassured us that it was only clouds. Suddenly, we saw sparks in the plane and then it hit the ground," she said. Hadada then grabbed her two children and dashed out of the aircraft through a gaping hole left by the crash.

"I feel like I've been born a second time," she said.

Weather was foggy and rainy at the time of the crash and the control tower had lost contact with the plane a few seconds before it went down, just after a distress call from the pilot, according to the national news agency, TAP.

Other witnesses said the pilot released fuel shortly before the plane went down, a move that may have saved lives by preventing the wreckage from catching on fire.

The pilot survived but the co-pilot and the rest of the crew died, the Egyptian ambassador in Tunis, Mahdi Fattallah, said on Al Jazeera television.

Egyptian officials flew to Tunisia early today to begin an investigation into the crash. Ten relatives of the victims accompanied them.

Mohamed Amine, the head flight attendant, told The AP he believed bad weather and poor visibility were at the root of the accident. Amine spoke at Ariana Hospital in Tunis, where he was being treated for minor injuries.

EgyptAir's vice president for safety, Shaker Qilada, denied reports that the plane, which was coming from Cairo, was making an emergency landing.

"It was not an emergency landing," Qilada told The Associated Press in Cairo. "It was a normal landing approach."

In Cairo, Egyptian Minister of Aviation Ahmed Shafeeq held an emergency meeting with top aviation officials.

EgyptAir initially said 63 people were on board but later lowered the number to 62 and corrected the nationalities of some of those on board. The 54 passengers included 20 Egyptians, 17 Tunisians, five Pakistanis, three Algerians, three Jordanians, two Chinese, one Briton, one Saudi, one Palestinian, and one Libyan. The crew was Egyptian.

One of the survivors was the former head of Egyptian Television, Mervat Ragab, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported. It said she had been injured, but gave no further details.

Poor visibility at the time of the crash was worsened by a sandy wind blowing from the Sahara desert. The sandy wind is known in Arabic as "khamsin," a name rooted in the Arabic word for the number 50. It refers to the 50 days each year when winds blow sand from the desert, creating a suffocating, dirty blanket of air.

EgyptAir's last crash was on Oct. 31, 1999, when a Boeing 767 plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off the Massachusetts island of Nantucket, killing all 217 people aboard.

Before then, it had been 23 years since EgyptAir had a major crash. In 1976, an EgyptAir plane crashed during approach to the Bangkok, Thailand airport, killing 72 passengers and crew members.

In 1985, Egyptian troops stormed an EgyptAir plane being held by hijackers in Malta. Sixty passengers and crew were killed.

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Your Birthday

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In the year ahead there is a strong chance that you stand to acquire more material accumulation than in the past. However, don't let it burn a hole in your pocket, or you could lose it all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's true you like beautiful things, but don't carry this so far that you're more impressed by what people have instead of what they are. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You might find it impossible to please yourself and your companions as well. This is fine if you don't mind being a loner, but prepare to be dropped like a hot potato either way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unless you guard your tongue, something thoughtless could slide off of it and offend your listeners. It can hurt despite your intentions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Should someone challenge your self-worth, to thine own self be true. The truth is, that the opposite is more likely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In your pursuit of a job objective, be careful not to step on anybody's toes, nor let them trounce yours. Find an alternative route around the heavy shoes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Just because somebody is out of sight doesn't mean they should be out of mind as well. A lack of communication or an unkind comment could severely disappoint this individual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Beware of a hotshot salesperson who views you as a "patsy" and tries to palm off a piece of merchandise that isn't worth the price tag. Keep your wits about you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may get saddled with an individual who is only concerned with him or herself. Try not to let this person put a damper on the issues at hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you're a little too lax regarding certain health procedures, be prepared for the repercussions. A lack of self-discipline could lead to regrets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Remember to be gracious and giving of yourself at all times, or you could inadvertently treat someone who doesn't deserve to be ignored in a meager fashion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You might only dig a bigger ditch for yourself if you attempt to resolve an issue upon which you and some important to you are diametrically opposed. Tiptoe around it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you're going to do something for another, don't perform the task while grumbling. The person you're helping will feel terrible, and you'll negate your good deed.

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