SHS coach to be honored tonight...

It's David Baugh Day in Snyder

Through 13 seasons on the Snyder Tigers' sideline, Coach David Baugh has seen a lot. Many of the those memories will be rekindled at 7 tonight when Snyder ISD hosts the David Baugh Retirement Banquet at Tomlin Park Barn.

A steak dinner will be served, with former Texas Tech and NFL linebacker E.J. Holub serving as guest speaker. A video presentation will also be made. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door.

Today was proclaimed "David Baugh Day" in Snyder, and the long-time SHS coach is looking forward to tonight's banquet.

"It's a typical David Baugh day. I'm working," he remarked this morning at the District 4-4A track meet. "But I'm looking forward to tonight.

"I wouldn't doubt it if E.J. brought up the time I was supposed to hit him in the head with a piece of bread. I was a freshman in college and he was playing in the NFL when he stopped by to eat in the chow hall one day at Tech.

"One of the upperclassmen told me to take my bread and hit him in the head with it. I looked at the size of E.J.'s head and neck, and said I wouldn't do it.

"So they made me sit on top of a door for an hour and cluck like a chicken, because I was scared to throw my bread at him."

It's memories like this that have Baugh a little apprehensive about tonight's festivities.

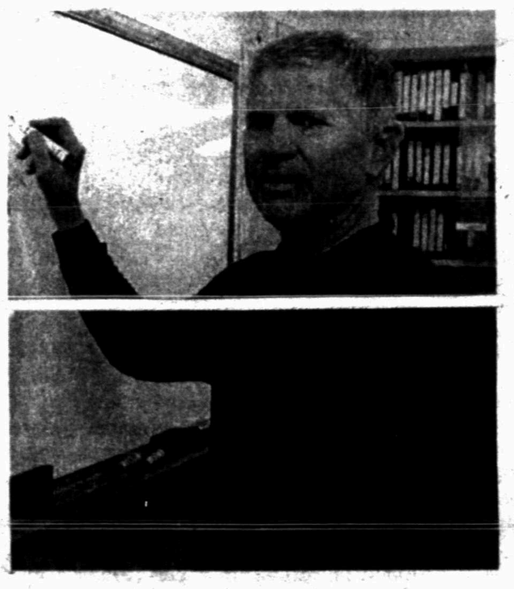
"They have that video they're going to show, and there's no telling what some of the people told about me on that," Baugh said. "Between E.J. and the video, there's a good chance I could be thoroughly humiliated by the time the night's over. But it's all in good fun, so I'm sure everyone will enjoy it."

Baugh, who is the all-time victory leader among SHS coaches, announced his retirement in January. His tenure as athletic director and head coach ends in May.

"During my 13 years, I had the opportunity to be around a lot of fine people," said Baugh. "We've always had a great administration, and I think I had one of the best group of assistant coaches in the state.

"It was a real pleasure and honor to coach all of the kids that came through our program. We won more games than we lost, and I think we did things the right way in the process."

Baugh will be succeeded by Chad Rogers who served as an SHS assistant coach the past two seasons.



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FINAL PLANS — SHS girls' athletic coordinator Sam Tipton and SISD school board member Luann Burleson discus upcoming events this morning before the start of the pole vault event at the district track meet at Tiger Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Crew heading home; U.S. seeking aircraft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Relieved that China freed an American flight crew, the Bush administration is mounting a fresh diplomatic effort to win back the crew's crippled surveillance plane and mute efforts by Republican conservatives to punish Beijing on the economic front.

"I'm very pleased they are back on American soil," Secretary of State Colin Powell said early today in Paris after receiving word that the crew had reached a planned stopover at a U.S. base in Guam.

And at the White House, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush was convinced "the framework for a productive relationship with China has been preserved."

Building on it depends on actions by China, as well as the United States, the spokesman said.

Next Wednesday, U.S. and Chinese delegations will meet to weigh the future of the Navy aircraft, with no certainty it will be released or much U.S. confidence that its mission and spying equipment have not fallen into the hands of its captors.

"This is not over," Powell said amid meetings on the Balkans on Wednesday in Paris. "Some discussions will begin, and we still have our plane there. But this will all unfold in the days and weeks ahead."

Condoleezza Rice, the White House national security adviser, emphasized today that the incident will not end U.S. surveillance flights near China, which she said are essential to the security of the United States and its Asian allies.

"The responsibility for avoiding future accidents rests not just with the United States, it rests heavily with the Chinese and the way that they respond to these flights," Rice said on NBC's "Today."

Holy Week, Easter services continuing in local churches

Events in celebration of Holy Week and Easter Sunday are planned at various churches.

A Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows sponsored by the combined congregations of First Christian and First Presbyterian churches will be held at 8 this evening in the First Christian Church.

The service is open to the entire community.

A Good Friday service sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Scurry County will be at 7 a.m. at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Curry, pastor, speaking.

On Sunday, Snyder First Church of the Nazarene will have an Easter egg hunt following morning worship, which begins at 10:45 a.m. A puppet show for children is also planned.

The adult choir of Calvary Baptist Church will present the Easter musical "Cornerstone" Sunday during morning worship service.

The program features narration by Sy Tabor and soloist Denise Brown. The adult choir is under the direction of Steve Highfield, minister of music.

The worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. at the 2405 35th Street church. For transportation, call the church office at 573-2191.

Northside Missionary Baptist Church at 1909 16th Street will present an Easter Cantata "Beyond the Cross" at 7 p.m. Sunday during evening worship. The community is invited.

Schools, some local businesses to close due to Easter holiday

Snyder public schools will have Friday off while Ira and Hermleigh schools are looking at a four-day weekend.

For Snyder ISD, Friday was slated as a bad weather makeup day, but the school will not have to use it as such.

At Ira, the school is closed for the Good Friday holiday while Monday was set as a bad weather day.

Hermleigh sets Friday and Monday as Easter holidays.

The campus at Western Texas College also will be closed Friday.

West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank will close at noon Friday. American State Bank and First American Bank will conduct business during regular hours Friday.

Snyder Post Office will also be open as usual as Good Friday and Easter are not considered federal holidays. The Texas Workforce Commission, located on the WTC campus, will also be open Friday.

The Scurry County Museum will be closed Friday, and the Scurry County Library will close Friday and Saturday.

City and county offices will also close in observance of Good Friday. An exception is the city landfill, which will be open Friday and closed Saturday.

Oil well blows out in Carlsbad

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — An oil rig blew out this morning, bursting into flames and injuring three workers, one critically.

A crew was working on the Timber Sharp Rig No. 10, owned by Pogo Pro of Midland, when it blew out at about 7:20 a.m., state police Lt. Larry Rogers said. The cause was unknown.

Three men suffered thermal burns and "we have an oil rig completely engulfed in flames," he said. Nearby fuel tanks were threatened, and the heat was so intense crews could not get close to fight the fire, he said.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "When having to eat crow, at least pretend it tastes good."

If... it's one of those words that gets batted around a lot. If is a lot like they, whomever they are.

A reader dropped off a list of "ifs" worth thinking about.

—If you want a fortune, go to a Chinese restaurant.

—If you want a guarantee, buy a hot water heater.

—If you want it done right, do it yourself.

—If you want my advice, pay me.

—If you want people to read what you write, keep it short.

—If you want someone to keep a secret, keep it to yourself.

—If you want to achieve your end without error, be careful how you start.

—If you want to communicate effectively, don't say much.

—If you want to hide your face, walk naked.

—If you desire to look young and thin, hang around with fat, old people.

—If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play at it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's a job.

—If you wish to succeed, consult three older people.

—If you're feeling good, don't worry, you'll get over it.

—If you're happy, you've got it made.

—If you're lost, look at a map.

—If you are not careful, you're going to catch something.

—If you're thinking what I'm thinking, well then we're psychic.

—If you're too old to learn, you were born so.

—If you've got part of it, flaunt that part.

—If you need to borrow money from the bank, dress like you don't need it.

—If you've secured an area, don't forget to tell the opposition.

—If your aim in life is nothing, you can't miss.

—If your behind is in front, turn around.

—If your enemy is hungry, feed him.

—If your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall.

—If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to meet it.

—If your mind goes blank, turn off the sound.

—If your kids like to make their own money, let 'em.

—If relatives come for a visit, serve chili for breakfast.

—If your brother-in-law wants to borrow money, lend it only if you don't need it back.

—If they tell you it's for your own good, ask for an explanation.

—If you sing in the shower, make sure you're in the shower.

—If it tastes good, spit it out.

ASK US

Q—What time is sunrise Easter Sunday?
A—7:16 a.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 72 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Thursday, 45; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.33 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low mid 40s, light, variable wind. Friday, cloudy, high mid 70s, S wind 10-20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy, high upper 50s.

Tanner Bragg
Cloudy

Sunset: 8:11 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:18 a.m.
Of 101 days in 2001, the sun has shone 89 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The proud man counts his newspaper clippings — the humble man, his blessings.
—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

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Mississippi cat draws tourists

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — As tourist attractions go, Big Boy ranks decidedly lower than Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon. But the corpulent cat — so-named for his impressive girth — has nonetheless attracted a cult following.

Big Boy blew into town three years ago, riding the tail of Hurricane Georges. He was hurled off a bait shop roof and dropped onto a 60-foot oak tree in Jones Park. From his perch, the four-year-old tabby has since nurtured his celebrity status.

Children and local fishermen bring him treats. The local paparazzi snapped his photo for the newspaper. Some days, crowds of up to 100 people have gathered, necks snapped back, hoping to glimpse the town fat cat.

"People from all over send me food," said Ron Roland, 52, a retired mortgage banker who has taken on the role as Big Boy's caretaker. "A lady in Minnesota who heard about him sent me a check for $5."

Roland swears Big Boy hasn't left his tree house since the storm of 1998 — not that there'd be much reason for him to social climb. Big Boy — who appears to weigh at least 20 pounds — eats and drinks from dishes nailed to the tree and he's not shy about demanding refills.

"He lets out a loud meow," Roland said. "He's not mean, but if you try to pick him up, he'll swat you."

When he's not sleeping or sharpening his claws, Big Boy moves from limb to limb for exercise. He has a particular branch to take care of his personal business.

Roland is convinced the fluffy feline could climb down if he wanted to, but he believes Big Boy is an outdoorsman at heart. Besides, his decent to earth could mean he'd lose the upper paw.

Texas Senate panel okays moratorium execution bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A state Senate panel has endorsed a plan to let voters decide whether to halt executions for two years in Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state.

The Senate Criminal Justice Committee approved the proposal Wednesday by a 4-3 vote. If approved by a two-thirds majority of both the Senate and House, the resolution would put the issue before voters in November as a proposed amendment to the state constitution.

If the plan is approved, Texas' death row would sit idle while the state studies how it administers the death penalty.

The vote Wednesday was split along party lines, with the panel's four Democrats backing the resolution and its three Republicans opposing it. To gain approval in the full Senate, the proposal would need several votes from Republicans, who hold a 16-15 majority.

GOP Sen. Todd Staples voted against the resolution, "keeping in mind the rights of the victims and the victims' families who have suffered through the heinous acts," said spokesman Jerry Johnson.

"Texans ought to have a chance to vote on their death penalty system," said Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, the Democrat who proposed the resolution.

Texas executed a record 40 inmates in 2000. Six have been put to death this year.

Texas' death penalty system came under intense national scrutiny during the 2000 presidential campaign of then-Gov. George W. Bush. Bush maintained that no innocent person had been executed in Texas, a belief shared by his successor, Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

"The governor has said he does not believe a moratorium is necessary," Perry spokesman Gene Acuna said.

Many leaders of victims' rights groups share Perry's opposition to the resolution.

"It just delays justice," said Dianne Clements of the Houston-based group Justice for All. "The moratorium movement is nothing more than an attempt to eliminate the death penalty."

Anti-death penalty groups, meanwhile, see the move as a welcome start to examining the system.

"There are plenty of problems with Texas, having horrible representation for indigent clients, and a majority of a system is geared toward executing poor people," said Lance Lindsey, executive director of Death Penalty Focus, a San Francisco-based anti-execution group.

On the Net:
Texas Senate Committee on Criminal Justice http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/commit/c590/c590.htm
Justice for All: http://www.jfa.net
Death Penalty Focus: http://www.deathpenalty.org

McVeigh execution to be telecast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft has decided to allow a closed-circuit telecast of Timothy McVeigh's execution to be broadcast to Oklahoma City bombing survivors and victims' families, a government official says.

Survivors and families will be able to watch the telecast in Oklahoma City, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday.

The decision fulfills the wishes of some 250 victims and family members who want to see McVeigh die. There are only eight spots available for victims' witnesses at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind., where McVeigh, 32, is scheduled to receive a lethal injection on May 16.

Ashcroft was expected to announce his decision at a news conference today.

After meeting Tuesday with families in Oklahoma City, Ashcroft said, "I'm going to do what I can to accommodate the needs of these families."

It will be the first execution carried out by the federal government since 1963.

Justice Department officials declined to comment.

Jim Cross, executive assistant at the Terre Haute prison, said he had not received official word that the telecast had been approved, adding that the prison has begun to make preparations in case the closed-circuit feed is allowed.

Jannie Coverdale, whose two grandsons were killed in the attack, said she would be "elated" with the decision.

"This is something I've wanted to watch," Coverdale said.

McVeigh, who has waived all appeals, has said he is not opposed to a closed-circuit telecast and has suggested that his execution should be televised nationally. In a letter to the Daily Oklahoman newspaper, McVeigh said that, to provide equal access, the government should "Hold a true public execution — allow a public broadcast."

Ashcroft was also expected to address the question of whether McVeigh should be allowed to do television and radio interviews during his final days. NBC News, which first reported Ashcroft's decision to allow the telecast, said McVeigh would not be permitted to give any further interviews for broadcast on radio or television.

Media outlets are clamoring to get interviews with McVeigh, who faces execution for the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil — the April 19, 1995, bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, April 13, 2001
Look for some kind of new captivating interests to command your attention in the year ahead. Not only could you change your lifestyle because of it, but you'll develop many new friends as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something insignificant you've given a great deal of attention to will lose its appeal today. You'll replace it with a project that's truly worthy. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A person who is in the position to do so will take constructive steps on your behalf to correct a plaguing problem and help you attain a personal objective. It could happen out of the blue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A contact you've been dying to make could drop in your lap today when you accidentally stumble across this person. The unplanned meeting will turn out quite successfully.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be on your toes today for some kind of happening that could further your career if you're swift enough to take advantage of it. It'll be an unusual development.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An association you make today has excellent chances of developing into a full bloom friendship. It is likely to be both durable and advantageous for both of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could suddenly get thrust into a situation today that has been initiated by another. It will be a positive arrangement that could have financial potential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Through a group gathering today, there's a strong chance you could meet someone who will introduce you to an entirely new circle of friends who will have much to offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although, as always, compensation will be commensurate to performance, you'll be up to the challenge today. A bright, creative idea will fatten your paycheck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're on the verge of some exciting new changes involving your social activities that will result in increasing your popularity. It could all begin today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The aspects today will be doing all they can to help improve your financial lot in life. This could include a surprise gift you'll receive or an unexpected raise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An unproductive, unrealistic dream you've clung to could be on its last legs today. Finally, it'll be replaced by productive positive thoughts that can carry you far.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Carefully analyze your economic picture today, because by doing so you could unexpectedly discover a new way to generate income you failed to recognize previously.

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The egg of the thick-billed murre, an Arctic seabird, is pointed at one end so that, if accidentally nudged, it will roll in a tight circle and not fall off the narrow cliff ledge on which it was laid.

Singer Judy Garland was born in 1922.

events

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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 12-18-27-50-41-37

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $15 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-5-8

Berry's World

www.comics.com Jim Berry © 2001 by NEA, Inc.

"I GUESS SOME FOLKS ARE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT I'M MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN THEY THOUGHT."

Date Book

Thursday, April 12, 2001
Today is the 102nd day of 2001 and the 24th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the Civil War began when Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter, S.C.

On this day in 1935, "Your Hit Parade" debuted on radio.

On this day in 1983, Harold Washington became the first African-American mayor of Chicago.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Clay (1777-1852), U.S. statesman; Lionel Hampton (1913-), musician, is 88; Ann Miller (1923-), dancer, is 78; Herbie Hancock (1940-), musician, is 61; David Letterman (1947-), TV personality, is 54; David Cassidy (1950-), singer-actor, is 51; Shannen Doherty (1971-), actress, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was nominated to become the commissioner of baseball. He declined the honor.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Of all the properties which belong to honorable men, not one is so highly prized as that of character." — Henry Clay

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 7) and last quarter (April 15).

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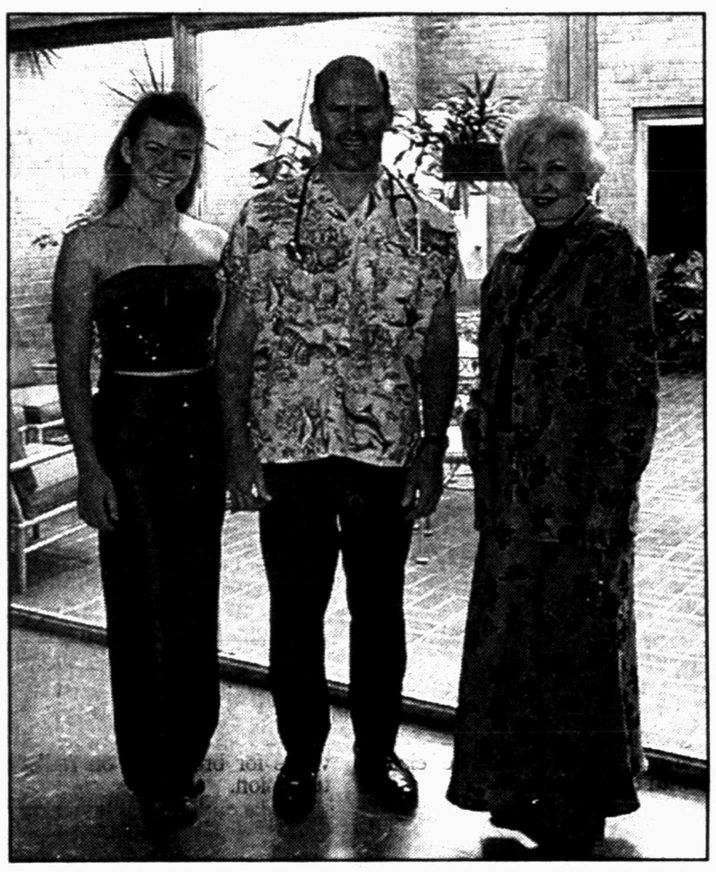


PROM, SPRING FASHIONS — Students of Carolyn Derouen and Carolyn Limmer, Snyder High School home economics teachers, modeled their hand made prom dresses and spring fashions for Altrurian Daughters Study Club Wednesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The top photo shows Mellennie Rodriquez modeling her prom dress. Gussie Gray, Mary Ann Key, Yvonne Davis and Beth Teal look on. In the photo at left, Dr. Gary Nussey models the shirt his daughter, Sandra, made for him with fabric he chose himself. Sandra wears her prom dress and Mrs. Derouen is pictured at right. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

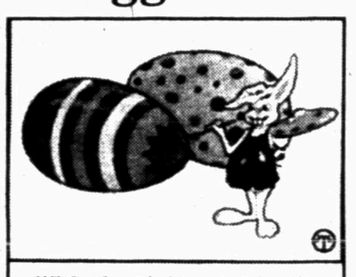
Creating colorful eggs can be easy and fun

Spending a few hours dyeing Easter eggs can be a fun and rewarding way for families to celebrate the holiday together. Fortunately, you don't have to be Faberg to create a beautiful assortment of eggs.

To prepare eggs: Place eggs in a single layer in saucepan. Add enough water to cover by at least one inch. Cover pan and quickly bring just to a boil. Remove from the burner and let stand, covered, about 15 minutes for large eggs (adjust time up or down by about three minutes for each size larger or smaller).

Take the lid off, pour off the hot water and run eggs under cold water (or place them in ice water) until completely cooled. If you won't be coloring your eggs right after cooking them, store them in the refrigerator in their cartons.

Color my world: Combine a half-cup of boiling water, one teaspoon of vinegar and the specified number of drops of food color to achieve desired colors. Here are some fantastic color suggestions:



With the right combinations of food colorings, it is easy to create beautiful Easter eggs.

Lime-24 yellow, 4 green
Purple-15 blue, 5 red
Cantaloupe-24 yellow, 2 red
Jade-17 green, 3 blue
Plum-10 red, 4 blue
Raspberry-14 red, 6 blue
Watermelon-25 red, 2 blue
Teal-15 green, 5 blue
Fuchsia-18 red, 2 blue
Spearmint-12 green, 6 yellow, 2 blue
Maize-24 yellow, 1 red
Grape-17 blue, 3 red
Orange Sunset-17 yellow, 3 red
Jungle Green-14 green, 6 yellow

Dip hard-cooked eggs in dye for about five minutes. For variety, try dipping the top half in one color and the bottom half in another. Use a slotted spoon or tongs to add and/or remove eggs from dye.

Don't color or hide cracked eggs and don't eat eggs that have been out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.

Painting eggs: In a small glass container, combine 10 drops food coloring, ½ teaspoon water and ½ teaspoon of vinegar.

Paint hard-cooked eggs with a paintbrush or cotton swab. Try stripes, polka dots, zigzags or original drawings.

Pastel marbled eggs: In a shallow bowl, combine 1U4 cup boiling water, one teaspoon vinegar, 1/8 teaspoon oil and four to eight drops food color. Gently roll each egg in the mixture for 30 seconds, or until the egg is the desired shade.

Transfer egg to a second color mixture and repeat the process. Allow the egg to dry completely and wipe away excess oil with a paper towel.

Remember to wash your hands thoroughly while handling the eggs during cooking, cooling, dyeing and hiding.

For quick and easy cleanup, use soap and water repeatedly to remove food color from hands and most kitchen countertops. If needed, use all-purpose cleaner with bleach for countertops.

If you have questions about using food colors as egg dyes or want a free egg dyeing guide, call 1-800-632-5847 or visit www.mccormick.com.

With the right combinations of food colorings, it is easy to create beautiful Easter eggs.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-12-01
♠ Q 4
♥ A K 7 5 4
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A J 9

West
♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ 9 6
♦ A Q 8 6 5
♣ 6 4

East
♠ J 6 3
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ 9 2
♣ Q 7 3 2

South
♠ A K 5 2
♥ 3 2
♦ K J 10
♣ K 10 8 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	??	

Opening lead: ♦ 6

Thursday, April 12, 2001

Help when help is needed

By Phillip Alder

You are the dummy
and when partner sees your hand
he thinks the name fits
— Bernice Ojczenasz, Terre Haute, Ind.

Look at North's hand. Partner opens one club, you respond one heart, and partner rebids one spade. What would you do now?

You have the values for game, but which game should you be bidding?

You don't know. Yet there is an assistant available. One of the most valuable — but misused and misunderstood — bidding tools is fourth-suit forcing. It was invented many years ago by Norman Squire, a Londoner who died in 1991. It was promptly called by the British expert Terence Reese "that pitiful crutch." However, even Reese soon accepted and used fourth-suit forcing.

A bid of the fourth suit in this type of auction is artificial, promising no length in the suit. It just tells partner that you have no better bid to make, that you have at least game-going values, and that you would like partner to make a further descriptive bid.

Here, with diamond stoppers, South continues with two notrump, and North raises to three.

West leads the diamond six: three, nine, jack.

You have eight top tricks, including the diamond just won. The extra trick is easily available from clubs. Yet you must make sure that East doesn't get on play; otherwise, he will return his last diamond, and West will cash four tricks in the suit.

Lead a club to dummy's ace, then finesse the club jack through East. Here, at least one overtrick accrues, and a second is available by cashing all of your winners and endplaying West with the fourth spade.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 10-Cimarron Boardman, William Chauncy, Arline Day, Mary Wampler, Thomas Bowen, Myrtle Brewster, Samuel Jones, Milton Mapes, Humberto Molina, H.A. Smith Jr. and Patricia Graham.

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ADMISSIONS: April 11-Lorena Burleson, Lanny Covey and Coy Mebane.

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CENSUS: 46 (Med./Surg.-17, Long-term Care-17, ICU-3, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

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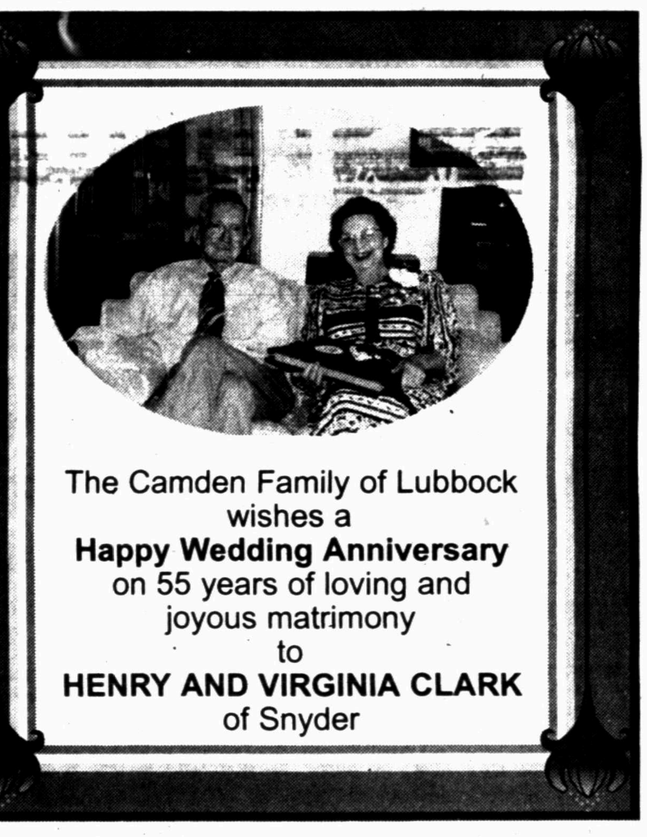

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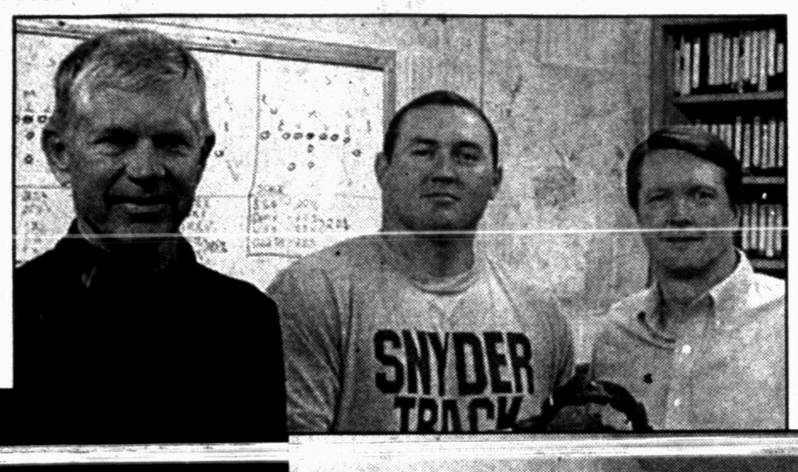

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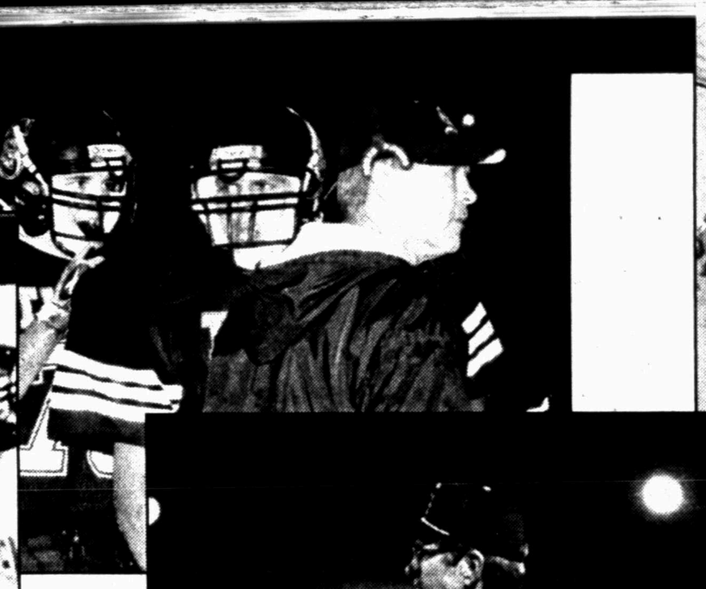

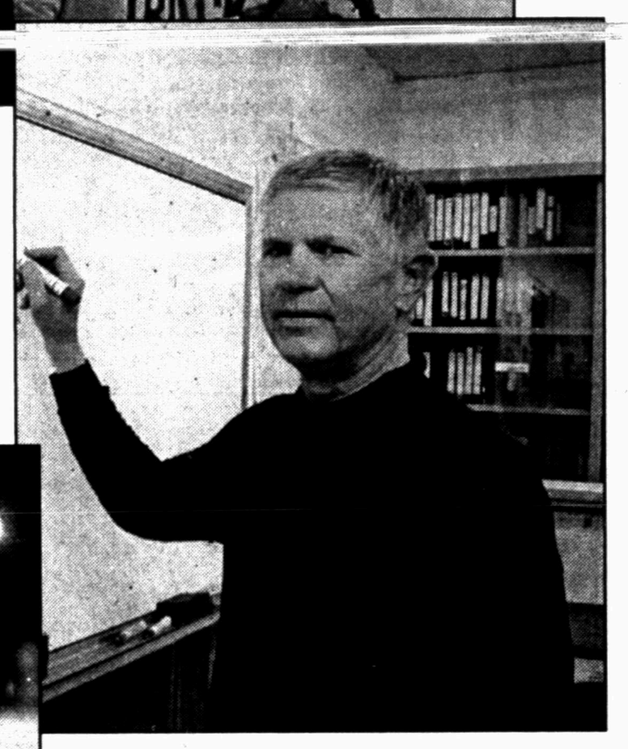

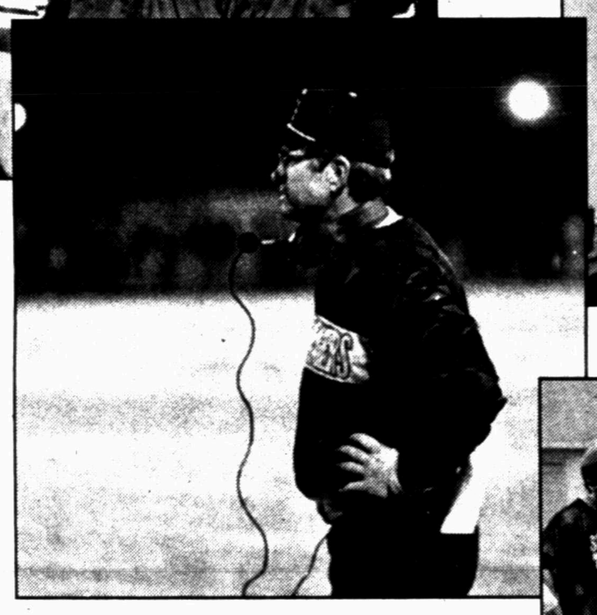

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SPORTS

In district softball showdown...

Big Spring bests Snyder, 4-1

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Big Spring pitcher Christina Gwynn was last year's district MVP. On Wednesday, she showed why she's favored to claim this season's honor, as well.

Snyder managed only two hits and struck out 12 times en route to a 4-1 setback to Big Spring in a District 4-4A softball contest at Cates Field.

The victory gives Big Spring the upper hand in the district title chase, while Snyder remains in second place. With only three league games remaining, it's unlikely the Lady Steers will relinquish their grasp on the top spot.

"Our kids can't hang their heads now," said Snyder coach Shelly Hayes. "We still have a good softball team, and it looks like we'll make the playoffs.

"We just couldn't hit Gwynn. She was the difference. She's a great pitcher, and she showed it through all seven innings. We have to put this game behind us, and get focused on the next one, because we're still in good shape."

Snyder reached base only five times on the day, posting its lone run in the sixth inning.

Whitney Webb started the sixth with the Lady Tigers' second hit of the game, then went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Cameron Mackey. Webb took third on Shelley Fisk's fly ball to right field, then scored on a Big Spring error. Webb and Vanessa Freeman accounted for Snyder's two hits.

That closed the gap to 4-1, but Snyder would get no closer.

Big Spring gained control of the game in the top of the first.

Leadoff batter Amy Jackson was hit by a pitch, and Erica Stewart benefited from a Snyder fielding error to put the first two Lady Steers aboard.

Gwyn plated Jackson with a base hit to left field, before Leina Braxton drove in two more runs with a single to right.

The three runs were all Gwynn would need.

The Big Spring hurler struck out one in the second and two more in the third, before fanning the side in the fourth.

"She doesn't throw you a lot of pitches that you can hit," Hayes stated. "Most of her stuff is out of the strike zone, but she throws so hard, it's hard to lay off those pitches. She's effective."

The Lady Steers added another run in the top of the sixth on a Trista Casey single and a double by Whitney Hufford.

Snyder pitcher Ashley Martinez worked six innings, before giving way to Kelsi Johnson in the final frame. Martinez surrendered four hits and three walks to go along with six strikeouts.

Johnson came in with the bases loaded and nobody out, but retired the next three Lady Steers in order to kill the threat.

Snyder is in action again at 1 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Estacado.

Big Spring	ab	r	h	bi
Jackson 3b	2	1	1	0
Stewart c	3	1	1	0
Gwynn p	3	0	1	1
Braxton rf	4	0	1	2
Casey dh	3	1	1	0
Claydo 1b	4	0	0	0
Hufford ss	3	0	1	1
Cain 2b	2	0	0	0
Padilla cf	2	0	0	0

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	3	1	1	0
Mackey cf	1	0	0	0
Fisk ss	3	0	0	0
Diaz 3b	2	0	0	0
Newman 1b	3	0	0	0
Freeman c	3	0	1	0
Hernandez 2b	3	0	0	0
Robinson dh	3	0	0	0
A. Martinez p	2	0	0	0

Big Spring	3	0	0	0	0	1	0—	4	6 2
Snyder	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—	1	2 3

Big Spring	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gwynn	7	2	1	0	2	12

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
A.Martinez	6	6	4	3	3	6
Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	1

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Today is "David Baugh Day" in Snyder, and tonight his retirement banquet will be held at 7 o'clock at Towle Park Barn.

He recorded more victories while on the Tigers' sideline than any other coach in school history, so his record speaks for itself.

But there's another side to Coach Baugh that not many people ever saw. His words of wisdom and acts of guidance had a positive impact on athletes' education and lives away from the field, as well as on it.

It's these things that I'll remember most about the last four years of Coach Baugh's tenure at SHS.

If you could see what I've seen, behind those field house doors
Of hours spent preparing for Friday's gridiron wars

If you could see what I've seen, then you would stand and cheer
For this man who molded boys into players who had no fear

If you could see what I've seen, from your season-ticket seat
A coach who praised his players in victory and defeat

If you could see what I've seen, long after games were done
Then you would thank the man for the guidance he gave your son

If you could see what I've seen, a coach who firmly held the theme
"Before myself, will always come my players and my team"

These life-long lessons go unseen by no fault of any fan
But they'll show up some years from now when each boy becomes a man

Because of all the lessons taught in life, his players will always say
"I learned the most from a man named Coach and a game I loved to play"

SHS set for run at district track crown

All eight squads are on hand for the District 4-4A track meet at Tiger Stadium. But heading into the event, it looks to be a three-team race for the boys' league title.

The district meet gets underway today with selected field events and the running preliminaries. Competition continues Friday with the remaining field events and the running finals.

While Big Spring and Levelland are considered favorites for the girls' crown, there are three teams that figure into the boys' title picture.

Perennial powerhouse Lubbock Estacado certainly ranks at the top, with Snyder and San Angelo Lake View expected to be the Matadors closest competition. Estacado captured last year's district title up north, while Lake View edged out Snyder for last year's District 5-4A crown.

"This is the meet we've been working toward ever since last year's district meet," said Snyder coach Chad Rogers. "There are quite a few good teams here, so it should be an excellent meet."

The Tigers are favored in the shot put and discus events where senior Mark Medley has captured first place in all six meets this season. Snyder should also fare well in the 110-meter hurdles, with junior Wade Pinson holding the fastest time this year.

The Tigers' other best chances to accumulate points will come with Jared Thornhill in the pole vault, Corey Clay in the long jump and triple jump, Matthew Grimmett in the 100 and 200, Josh Arizmendi in the 400, and both relays.

In the girls' competition, the Lady Tigers' best events look to be the triple jump, long jump and 100 hurdles.

Junior Loryn Brown ranks fourth in the district in the triple jump and the hurdles, while sophomore Sharday McKinney is fourth in the long jump.

"This is the first year in a while that Snyder has put together a full girls' team for the district meet," said first-year Lady Tiger coach Todd Pollard. "Our girls have steadily improved from the start of the year, and I think we'll perform well in our strongest events. This season has been a confidence booster for the girls, and any success they have at the district meet will certainly help in building our program."

The top two finishers in each event qualify for the Region I-4A meet April 27-28 in San Angelo, with top two from regionals advancing to the state meet in Austin.

DISTRICT 4-4A TRACK MEET

TODAY

Field events: Girls discus, Girls triple jump, Boys shot put, Boys pole vault, Boys high jump, Boys long jump.

Running Preliminaries
2:00 — 100M hurdles
2:15 — 110M hurdles
2:30 — 100M dash
3:00 — 400M dash
3:30 — 300M hurdles
4:00 — 200M dash
4:30 — 3,200M run

FRIDAY

Field events: Girls shot put, Girls high jump, Girls long jump, Boys discus, Boys triple jump.

Running Finals
2:00 — 4x100M relay
2:20 — 800M run
2:40 — 100M hurdles
2:50 — 110M hurdles
3:00 — 100M dash
3:20 — 4x200M relay
3:30 — 400M dash
3:50 — 300M hurdles
4:10 — 200M dash
4:30 — 1,600M run
5:10 — 4x400M relay

TIGER SHARKS — Five members of the local Tiger Shark swim team competed Saturday in the Midland swim meet. Competing were, from left, Kailey Glenn, Erin Hogan, Baylee Lewis, Angelica Lopez and Megan Williamson. (Contributed Photo)

Local swimmers grab top spots

MIDLAND — Five members of the local Tiger shark swim team splashed their way to some top finishes Saturday at the Midland swim meet.

Kailey Glenn, Baylee Lewis, Megan Williamson and Angelica Lopez teamed up to earn fourth place in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Glenn also secured the runner-up spot in the 25 freestyle and backstroke events to go along with a sixth-place finish in the 25 breaststroke.

Erin Hogan took fourth in the 50 breaststroke and fifth in the 50 freestyle.

Lopez swam to a third-place finish in the 25 backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke, and grabbed fourth in the 50 freestyle.

Also in the 25-yard events, Lewis captured second place in the breaststroke, and fifth in the freestyle and backstroke.

Williamson earned fourth place in the backstroke, sixth in the freestyle, and seventh in the breaststroke.

The Tiger Sharks are coached by Lisa Christensen.

Girls' Little Dribblers

8-YEAR-OLDS

Hoopsters 7, Swifts 6

Hoopsters: Karissa Medina, 6; Bailey Nickerson, 1. **Swifts:** Deirdre Foree, 4; Kelsi Williams, 2.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Wildcats 34, Little Tigers 4

Wildcats: Shaquita Sneed, 18; Tosha McGlouthin and Chassidy Sterling, 8. **Little Tigers:** Jaclyn Deleon and Jordan Wright, 2.

Red Hots 27, Swoopsters 19

Red Hots: Shelbie Talavera, 11; Brittany Scott, 9; Jessica Bilderback, 7. **Swoopsters:** Erma Rodriguez, 14; Brenna Fletcher and Lauren Zamora, 2; Kelsi Fulford, 1.

Wildcats 28, Mystics 14

Wildcats: Shaquita Sneed, 14; Chassidy Sterling, 6; Tosha McGlouthin and Heather Newton, 4. **Mystics:** Britney Webb, 7; Ryanna Alexander, 4; Chelcea Roemisch, 2; K'Ana Garcia, 1.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Lady Raiders 26, Comets 23

Lady Raiders: Erin Hogan, 10; Brianna Bernal and Kaitlyn Greenlee, 6; Destinee Naegele and Tana Sullenger, 2. **Comets:** Katy Crenwelge and Kate Wall, 7; Courtney Tyrrell, 6; Cassi Hernandez, 2; Rebecca Juarez, 1.

Starzz 25, Jazz 20

Starzz: LaCree Tippens, 11; Kelly Holdren, 6; Ashley Luecke and Sydney Wright, 4. **Jazz:** Ashlei Lopez, 12; Jessica Odom, 9; Nicole Presley, 4; Ember Proffitt, 3.

Sonics 34, Lady Raiders 22

Sonics: Kelbi Pitner, 16; Terann Ragland, 9; Kendra Burns, 7; Jordan Derryberry, 2. **Lady Raiders:** Kaitlyn Greenlee, 10; Brianna Bernal, 8; Erin Hogan and Tana Sullenger, 2.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	6	2	.750	—
Montreal	6	3	.667	½
Atlanta	4	5	.444	2½
New York	3	5	.375	3
Florida	2	6	.250	4
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	6	2	.750	—
St. Louis	5	3	.625	1
Chicago	5	4	.556	1½
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	2
Cincinnati	3	6	.333	3½
Milwaukee	3	6	.333	3½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	6	2	.750	—
Los Angeles	5	4	.556	1½
Arizona	3	5	.375	3
Colorado	3	5	.375	3
San Diego	3	5	.375	3

Wednesday's Games
Florida at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Atlanta 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Chicago Cubs 4, Montreal 2
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5
Houston 7, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 3, Colorado 1
Los Angeles 11, Arizona 5
San Francisco 2, San Diego 1

Thursday's Games
Colorado (Hampton 1-0) at St. Louis (Hermanson 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Dotel 1-0) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 1-1) at San Diego (Eaton 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Olivares 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 1-0) at Arizona (Reynoso 0-1), 9:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 3:20 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
Houston at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	2	.778	—
Toronto	7	3	.700	½
Boston	5	3	.625	1½
Baltimore	4	4	.500	2½
Tampa Bay	2	7	.222	5
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	6	2	.750	—
Chicago	4	4	.500	2
Cleveland	3	5	.375	3
Detroit	3	5	.375	3
Kansas City	2	7	.222	4½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	6	2	.750	—
Anaheim	4	4	.500	2
Texas	4	5	.444	2½
Oakland	2	6	.250	4

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 8, Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 6
Baltimore 5, Boston 4
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 3
Minnesota 12, Detroit 1
Seattle 3, Oakland 0
Anaheim 7, Texas 2

Thursday's Games
Seattle (Moyer 0-0) at Oakland (Hudson 1-0), 3:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 0-1) at Boston (Ohka 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 0-1) at Detroit (Holt 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 1-1) at Toronto (Michalak 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 0-1) at Anaheim (Wise 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Kansas City at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Seattle at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE — Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	54	24	.692	—
Miami	48	30	.615	6
New York	46	32	.590	8
Orlando	41	36	.532	12½
Boston	35	44	.443	19½
New Jersey	26	52	.333	28
Washington	18	60	.231	36
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	49	29	.628	—
Toronto	44	34	.564	5
Charlotte	42	36	.538	7
Indiana	38	40	.487	11
Detroit	31	47	.397	18
Cleveland	27	51	.346	22
Atlanta	24	54	.308	25
Chicago	13	65	.167	36
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Antonio	56	22	.718	—
Utah	51	26	.662	4½
Dallas	49	29	.628	7
Minnesota	46	31	.597	9½
Houston	42	37	.532	14½
Denver	38	40	.487	18
Vancouver	22	56	.282	34
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Sacramento	53	24	.688	—
L.A. Lakers	53	26	.671	1
Portland	49	29	.628	4½
Phoenix	48	30	.615	5½
Seattle	43	36	.544	11
L.A. Clippers	28	50	.359	25½
Golden State	17	61	.218	36½

Wednesday's Games
Miami 102, Boston 97
Chicago 113, Washington 109
Atlanta 107, Cleveland 102
Detroit 99, Toronto 87
Indiana 100, New York 93
Phoenix 111, Dallas 106
Seattle 107, Golden State 101

Thursday's Games
Utah at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday.

Lions Club tournament

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

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

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

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New technology unveiled to expand power of silicon chips

LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) — The silicon chip — the foundation of the high-tech industry for decades — got a new lease on life as researchers unveiled a machine that can squeeze more circuits into each wafer.

If successful outside the lab, the technology, unveiled Wednesday, will ensure chip makers can maintain the growth in processing power that has driven computer sales over the past 30 years.

In 1965, Intel Corp. co-founder Gordon Moore said the number of transistors on a chip would double every 18 months. So far, Moore's Law has held true.

But some had feared the industry quickly was approaching the physical limits of silicon, with each new chip that shrinks the size and increases the number of transistors.

Transistors are printed into microchips using a technique called lithography. Light passes through a mask of the chip design and is projected onto the silicon wafer. Light-sensitive chemicals then etch in the desired pattern.

Using today's technique of deep ultraviolet lithography, manufacturers can print circuits as small as .1 micron, or one-thousandth the width of a human hair. Under current rates of innovation, the limits of what can be printed would be reached in 2004 or 2005.

The new machine, using a process called extreme ultraviolet lithography, reduces the size of features on silicon to at least .03 microns. With that, the number of transistors on a chip could continue to expand under Moore's Law until about 2010.

"The completion of the prototype machine marks a major milestone for the program, since we have proven that EUV lithography works," said Chuck Gwyn, manager of the EUV LLC, a consortium of chip makers.

The key to the new technology is the length of the light wave. Because extreme ultraviolet light has a shorter wavelength, smaller features can be etched into silicon.

But the invisible light waves pose new problems: They can be absorbed by air and lenses typically used to focus patterns onto chips. As a result, the process occurs in a vacuum and mirrors are used to focus the light.

The technology behind the prototype machine at Sandia National Laboratories will be transferred to chip manufacturers. The first EUV-developed processors — estimated to be 10 times more powerful than today's fastest chips — are expected in 2005.

It already has produced features on wafers many times smaller than the current technology, said Sunlin Chou of Intel's Technology and Manufacturing Group.

"It has already fulfilled many technical limitations and posed the question of not whether, but when, EUV lithography will be in production," he said.

Basic research into EUV began in the early 1990s at the Department of Energy's nuclear laboratories, but Congress eliminated funding for the program in 1996.

Realizing the limits of current technology, several semiconductor companies led by Intel stepped in and provided about $250 million to fund the program through 2002. Others include Intel competitors Motorola Inc. and Advanced Micro Devices Inc.

"We're putting all their minds to work to solve a common problem," said Intel chief executive Craig Barrett. "Once that problem is solved, we'll go out and beat each other over the head in the marketplace."

Focusing on school shooting obscures problem of assault

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barely one of every 100 murders of school-age Americans takes place at school, but when other violent crimes like rapes and muggings are included, nearly a third of the violence involving teen-agers is occurring in schools.

Given the stark disparity, the people who monitor school violence worry that the focus on school shootings drains money from programs to counter the much greater threat of one-on-one assault.

They cite President Bush's proposed redirecting of federal police funds to school security guards; the recent rash of school boards mandating "lockdown" drills; the proliferation of bar-coded ID badges.

"The trauma of school shootings is clear, but you can't ignore the other things that go on in schools — fighting, theft, harassment, bullying," says Bill Modzeleski, the top school safety official at the Education Department. "If you do, you're taking your eye off the ball."

He offers the raw numbers in the most recent department report, covering the school year 1997-98: 35, or 1.3 percent, of 2,752 murders of youths ages 5 through 19 took place in schools; in the same period, schools were the setting for 252,700, or 31 percent, of 802,900 serious violent crimes against students aged 12-18.

The Education Department notes that the incidence of violence has been dropping steadily since 1995-96, when a record 49 deaths were reported.

The department classifies rape, sexual assault, robbery and aggravated assault as serious violent crimes. Proportionally, nine of every 1,000 students were the victim of a serious violent crime during the 1997-98 school year.

A comparison of school and workplace violence underscores Modzeleski's point that the greater schoolyard risk is in "regular" violence than in shootings.

The Labor Department lists 22,382 nonfatal incidents of violence in the workplace for 1998, less than a tenth of the number experienced in schools.

On the other hand, there were 709 workplace homicides — most carried out during robberies and other crimes — compared with the 35 school shootings in that period.

Modzeleski worries that school boards that have instituted "lockdown" drills, the exercises that send kids scampering into darkened rooms, use up limited money and address the symptoms instead of the cure.

"We want schools to take a comprehensive approach to crime prevention," Modzeleski said, listing "sound discipline policies, mentoring programs, forging connections between adults and students."

According to some educators, "sound discipline" means getting tough with violence as soon as it emerges, no matter how benign the expression.

Arnold Goldstein, who heads Syracuse University's Center for Research on Aggression, has counseled a zero-tolerance policy: discipline students with detentions and suspensions when the aggression emerges.

Kilshaws will not appeal

LONDON (AP) — The British couple who tried to adopt the "Internet twins" will not appeal a court ruling sending the girls back to the United States, their lawyer said Thursday.

Judith and Alan Kilshaw of Wales "have now decided in the best interests of the children not to appeal," attorney Michael Charles said.

On Monday, a High Court judge ordered the 9-month old girls returned to St. Louis, Mo., where they were born, and where their estranged biological parents are each seeking to regain custody.

"We have looked at the merits of an appeal and we have in reality to take into account the situation with our existing children and the strain on them and the serious restraints placed upon us by the lack of public funding which we find to be totally unfair in the circumstances," Alan Kilshaw said.

There was no immediate word on when the twins, now in foster care in Wales, would be taken back to the United States.

"Throughout the proceedings they (the Kilshaws) have been only too aware of the impact this has had on both the twins and their own children," Charles said, reading a statement outside the county court in Cardiff, Wales.

"In particular they are concerned about the continuing effect of being under the media's spotlights, which at times has been unkind and unfair," he said.

On Monday, Justice Andrew Kirkwood said the twins would be placed in foster care in Missouri pending rulings there on their future, and he said arrangements for taking them out of Britain would be confidential.

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Navistar	23.45	23.03	23.03	—.39
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PhilipPet	57.19	56.35	56.97	+ .50
PilgrmPrd B	9.75	9.41	9.43	—.37
Polaroid	3.90	3.51	3.67	+ .17
Praxair	46.44	45.90	45.95	—.10
ProctGamb	59.43	58.60	58.95	—.03
PubS NwMx	33.25	32.26	33.11	+ .61
RadioShack	26.86	26.25	26.67	+ .12
ReliantEngy	46.00	45.51	45.76	+ .26
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SBC Comm	41.48	40.15	40.44	—.76
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SherwinW	21.26	20.91	21.25	+ .34
SouthernCo s	22.29	22.00	22.15	—.24
SwstAirl s	18.24	17.67	17.80	—.31
SprintFON	23.00	22.40	22.52	—.14
SprintPCS	23.74	22.91	23.00	—1.01
Sunoco Inc	33.29	32.80	32.98	+ .42
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ACROSS

1 Portuguese seaport
7 Defy
13 Rowboat part
14 Frequents
15 Prepares walls for painting
16 Traditional story
17 Three-toed sloths
18 Shade tree
20 Washington bill
21 Fort —
23 Foot part
24 Toboggan
25 Flying creature
27 Gets up
29 Mover's truck
31 Author Umberto —
32 — de France
33 Greek letter
34 Large cat
37 Fencer's sword
40 "Believe — — not"
41 Baby poodle
43 Twist about
45 Witty remark
46 That girl
47 Paid athlete
48 Study of plants
51 Inequitable
54 Legal writ
55 Drenched
56 Signify
57 Mistakes

DOWN

1 Tea type
2 Peeling
3 Prayer
4 LP speed
5 Neckwear
6 Beginning
7 Electrician's measuring instrument
8 Settle debts
9 Place
10 Waiting (2 wds.)
11 The Rolling —
12 Ancient chariot
19 Part of L.A.
22 Musician Cugat
24 Pries
26 Like basketball players
28 Pain
30 Novice
34 Actor Peter —
35 Actor Joseph —
36 Cal. box
38 City in Texas (2 wds.)
39 More uncanny
40 Plant firmly (var.)
42 Very modest person
44 Dictionary items
49 In the past
50 Insect egg
52 Neither's partner
53 Animal's coat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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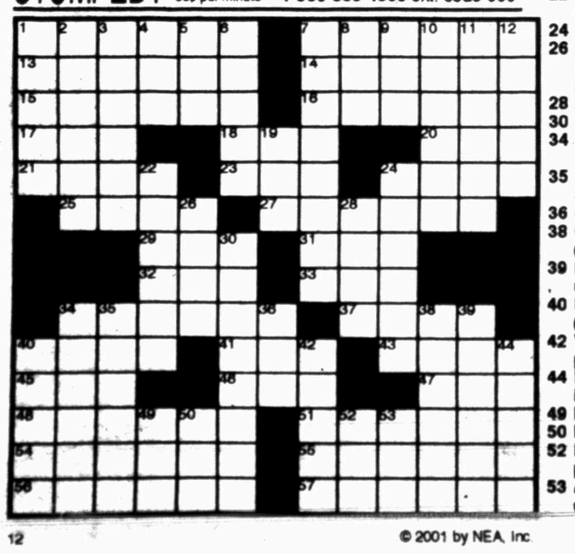

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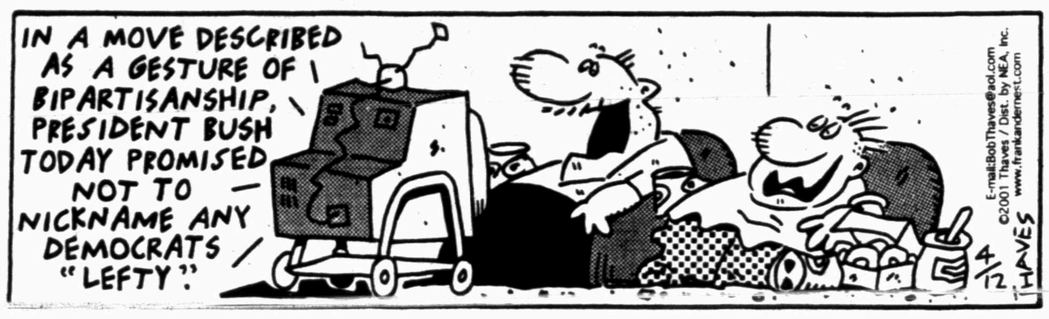

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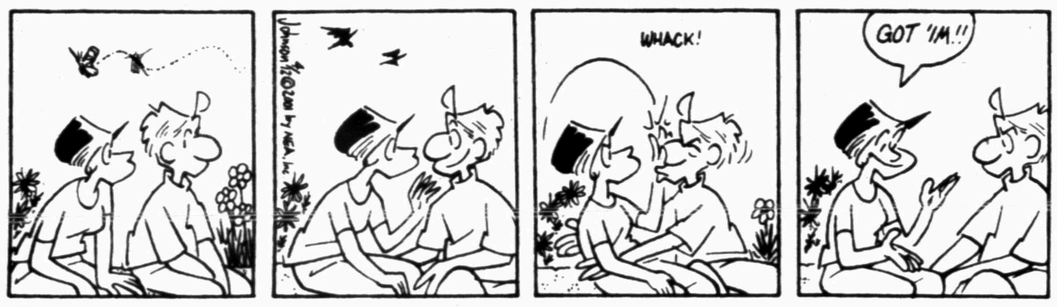

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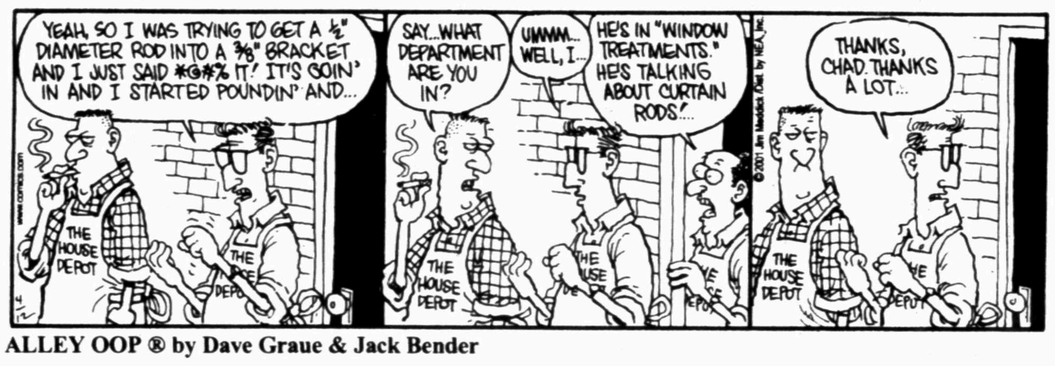

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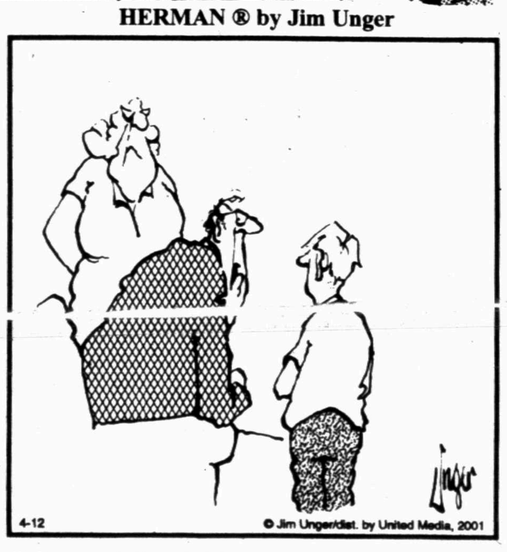

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43 people die, 80 plus hurt in soccer match stampede

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Sobbing women identified their relatives from among bodies lined up on a soccer field early today after a stampede at a match between two of South Africa's most popular teams. Forty-three people were killed and more than 80 injured.

In one of the country's worst sports tragedies, thousands of fans who couldn't fit into Johannesburg's Ellis Park stadium on Wednesday night shoved and broke through the fence around the facility or climbed over gates.

Not initially realizing the seriousness of the situation, officials didn't call off the game until 10 minutes after the first body had been carried away, one fan said.

"We thought someone had fainted," said Abdul Patel, who spent 20 minutes in the throng outside before he managed to get in. Later, he saw at least 10 bodies being carried onto the field.

Government and soccer league officials met today to look into what caused the stampede at a game between the Kaizer Chiefs and the Orlando Pirates, fierce rivals.

Gates leading to the stadium were closed Wednesday after it had filled to its capacity of 62,000, said Robin Petersen, chief of the Premier Soccer League, which organized the match. The thousands of fans still outside then began pushing the fence, breaking it in four places, he said.

Guards were unable to stop the crowd from pouring into the already full stands, Petersen said, and officials didn't initially realize the magnitude of the problem.

"Maybe had we responded earlier, the situation would have been averted," South African Press Association quoted him as saying.

Officials from the league and the South African Football Association met with Sports Minister Nconde Balfour today morning.

"If proper arrangements had put in place this never should have happened," Balfour told SAPA.

The stampede killed 43 people, 29 inside the stadium and 14 outside, said Sgt. Amanda Roestoff, a police spokeswoman. Two of the dead were children.

The number of injured was unclear. SAPA quoted emergency services spokesman Gerhard van Rooyen as saying 89 people were injured, including nine who remained in critical condition. But Kgotso Chikane, spokesman for Johannesburg Mayor Amos Masondo, said more than 100 people had been hospitalized.

More than two dozen bodies were lined up on the field today, and others lay outside. At a Johannesburg mortuary, relatives continued to search for their loved ones. A crying man came out of the building and told reporters he had just identified his 11-year-old son's body.

The mood at the stadium was spirited even before kickoff, spectators said, which is common for matches between the two teams. Things took a darker turn after the Pirates scored a goal.

"That's when everything happened," said security guard Louis Shipalana. "The stadium was full. There was no place to stand." People pushed down the fence, he said, "and the people in the back stepped on those in front."

In a statement, former President Nelson Mandela said sport has been a uniting force in South Africans' lives and should continue to be so.

"We, the fans and supporters of sport, should ensure that this culture of uniting people is cherished. This incident should not divide us now but rather bring us even closer to ensure that this horror story does not repeat itself," it said.

The stampede wasn't the first time a game between the two teams has ended in violence. In 1991, 42 people were killed and more than 50 injured when a fight touched off a stampede at a Chiefs-Pirates exhibition game in 1991.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

One-way party invitations cause hurt feelings in kids

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Brad," is in first grade in a small private school. When birthday time rolls around, I always invite all the kids. They all show up, but when it comes to returning the invitation, some do — but most don't. Brad is very hurt when he is excluded from their parties. It seems to me that when you accept an invitation, you should reciprocate.

It's not a matter of money, Abby; the parents can afford to invite all the children. One parent told me she lets her son decide whom to invite and she stays out of it. Isn't this teaching a child that bad manners are acceptable and getting along with each other is not important? My child has also wanted to exclude a particular child. I always say, "No one likes being left out."

I know I can't control what other people do, but I hope this letter reminds parents what it was like to be a child. Life isn't always fair, but at least we can teach our kids proper etiquette. **— PERPLEXED IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR PERPLEXED: Even more important than teaching children proper etiquette is teaching them empathy for other people. Unless young people are taught respect for the feelings of others, all the etiquette lessons in the world are wasted.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 73-year-old single lady. I've been alone and lonely for 14 years, ever since my husband died. I recently met a man, "Gerald," who is five years younger than me. His wife died a year ago. Our chemistry is wonderful — he seems to be the answer to my prayers.

So what's my problem? Gerald wears a vial around his neck that contains some of his wife's ashes. While the thought is sweet and touching, it makes me uncomfortable when he is making love to me. He says he cares for me, and I know I care for him. How should I handle this? **— SECOND TIME AROUND**

DEAR SECOND: Tell Gerald you don't want his wife's ashes to come between you. So when he's making love to you, he should remove them from his neck and put them in a place of respect — preferably out of your range of vision. That should do the trick.

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DEAR ABBY: Last Easter, an unfortunate incident occurred in our home. I would like to share it with your readers so they won't suffer the heartbreak we did.

Like so many people, I bought an Easter lily for the holiday. My 6-month-old kitten chewed the ends off a couple of the leaves — and died on Easter morning.

A few days later, I learned from the poison control center that Easter lilies are highly toxic to felines and cause acute renal failure that results in certain death. They are not toxic to dogs or humans.

Several veterinarians were unaware of this plant's toxicity to cats, and my own veterinarian has it listed as a safe plant.

The plant industry should label toxic plants as such on the care labels so that pet owners won't lose a beloved member of their household in such a preventable way as we did. Your animal-loving readers should write to their state representatives and demand that these warnings be made law. **— SUE VON ESCHEN, ROCKFORD, MICH.**

DEAR SUE: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your pet. Your letter is an important one, because many experts are unaware of the danger Easter lilies can pose to felines. I called the Los Angeles poison control center to confirm what you've written. Cat lovers, listen up!

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

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Man held without bail

HOUSTON (AP) — A prosecutor says the man accused of tying up his estranged wife and setting her ablaze is on parole for a previous attack on her.

Keeper Ray Hudson remained jailed today without bail in the attack on his wife.

Hudson, 46, was accused of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after Angela Faye Hudson was found burning in her home on Monday.

The 37-year-old woman sustained third-degree burns over much of her body and gasoline in her lungs. She remained in critical condition today at Memorial Hermann Hospital.

State District Judge Elsa Alcala on Wednesday ordered Keeper Hudson to remain in jail without bail.

After the couple argued, the suspect allegedly threatened his wife with a knife, tied her up with wire, doused her with gasoline and then set her afire, prosecutor Pat Stayton told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

The suspect has had a history of attacks on his estranged wife, prosecutors said. Hudson pleaded guilty in 1997 to assaulting his wife and was sentenced to five years in prison. He was paroled in February 1999.

Stayton said that attack also involved a knife. He said the couple has been married 14 years and separated for the past three years.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Hormones and reactions to gold

DEAR DR. GOTT: As an old Alabama jeweler, I was interested in reading your column on skin discoloration from jewelry. You are correct in stating that some people react to the nickel alloy in white gold.

However, my observations during 59 years as a jeweler leads me to believe that the situation may be more complicated than a simple nickel allergy. I have found that this phenomenon tends to affect women only.

I once made two identical rings for a friend's two daughters, one in white gold, one in yellow. Each girl developed "black smudge" under her ring. However, when they swapped rings, the problem disappeared. While most people who react to white gold are exhibiting a nickel allergy (which can be overcome by using only yellow gold, which contains less alloy), some individuals — invariably women — react to yellow gold. Moreover, I have observed women who, after 20 or 30 years of no reaction, suddenly developed skin discoloration from their rings at the time of menopause. This skin reaction disappeared when they were prescribed supplemental hormones. I've also seen women who had trouble from engagement rings, but — once they were married and on birth control pills — had no difficulty whatsoever. It seems that the key to gold "allergy" may lie in a complex metabolic reaction involving hormone levels.

DEAR READER: Quite possibly. For years, I have (perhaps incorrectly) assumed that the black or green smudges under gold jewelry reflected a person's hypersensitivity to nickel alloy. Now, based on your observations, I may have to rethink my simplistic explanation and consider that very personalized hormone levels — or some other metabolic phenomenon — may play a role. In any case, I welcome comments from jewelers and dermatologists about what could cause this surprisingly common syndrome. When I receive valid explanations, I'll share them with my readers.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've noted that during the last three months, I have had a fever of about 100 degrees F that lasts for approximately 20 minutes in the evening. My doctor has ordered a wide range of medical tests to diagnose this problem, but all were negative. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Our body temperatures normally range to some extent — usually about a degree or so — during the day because of exercise, environmental temperature, the nature of our clothing and other factors. If you feel well, your multiple tests are negative and your physician has pronounced you fit, I think that you can disregard this thermostatic glitch. Should you have some underlying disease causing your brief fevers, I believe that your body temperature would remain elevated for longer than 20 minutes a day.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My girlfriend and I argue about using over-the-counter decongestants, such as Sudafed, to ward off colds. She says these medicines are good preventatives; I say they help only with relieving symptoms. Who is correct?

DEAR READER: You are. Cough and cold remedies have absolutely no effect on microorganisms or the immune system; they are manufactured and marketed for one purpose: to relieve the symptoms of upper respiratory infections, colds and — in some cases — allergies.

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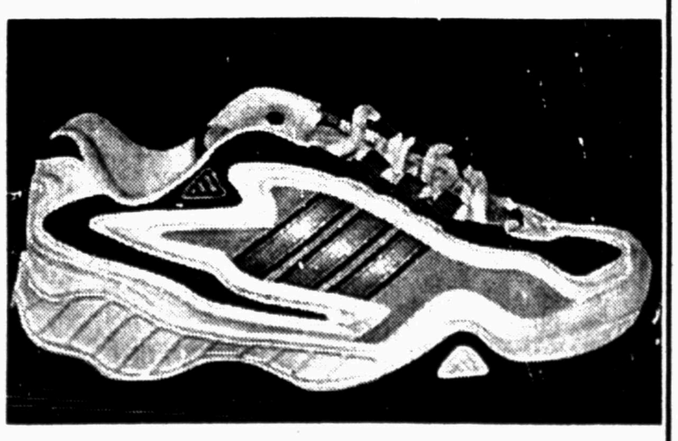

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Kidnapper surrenders to police

ROLLINS, Mont. (AP) — A man accused of abducting a teenage girl from a mall parking lot in Nebraska nearly a week ago surrendered early today to police who cornered him in a cabin with her. The girl was credited with helping negotiate the surrender.

Anne Sluti, 17, of Kearney, Neb., had a black eye but appeared to be otherwise unharmed, Lake County Sheriff Bill Barron said. She was taken to a hospital for a checkup.

Anthony Zappa had been holed up with the girl in the cabin in this resort community on the west shore of Flathead Lake, about 900 miles from Kearney, where she had been abducted Friday. Authorities were notified by a landlord who watches the summer homes and said a car had been spotted in the area when the cabin was supposed to be empty.

Police surrounded the cabin Wednesday afternoon. The standoff ended about 10 hours later with Zappa's surrender.

"He was very cooperative. He did exactly what we told him," Barron said.

During the standoff at the cabin, Sluti served as a go-between on the telephone, Lake County Undersheriff Mike Sargent said.

"The way she handled herself when dealing with me was very calm and cool and collected," he said. "I think she did an excellent job."

"From our very first conversation, she expressed that Tony wanted to end this, and when it did end, he wanted it peacefully. And I assured her that was our goal," Sargent said. "He had concerns that we might shoot him."

Shortly after 3 a.m. today, Zappa came out through the garage with his arms up, Sargent said. Sluti followed.

"She came running out and was very glad that this ordeal was over and that we were there," Sargent said.

Sluti is an honor student at Kearney High School, where she is a pole vaulter on the school's track team.

"We have a miracle that happened," Sluti's father, Don, told The Associated Press by telephone from Kearney. "A miracle and good police work."

He said he was able to talk with his daughter during negotiations between Zappa and lawmen overnight and added, "What a kid!"

Emergency declared in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — The mayor declared a state of emergency and announced a citywide curfew as riots over the police shooting of an unarmed black man stretched into a fourth day today.

Only people going to and from work will be allowed on the streets between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Mayor Charles Luken said.

"Despite the best efforts of the good citizens of our city, the violence on our streets is uncontrolled and it runs rampant," Luken said at a news conference at City Hall.

"The ti e has come to deal with this seriously. The message ... is that the violence must stop."

Officials in the city of 331,000 have considered asking the state to call out the Ohio National Guard, but no decision had been made, Luken said.

The fatal shooting over the weekend of Timothy Thomas, 19, by a white officer sparked days of unrest, a federal investigation, and calls for accountability.

Thomas was killed as he fled Officer Steven Roach, who was trying to arrest him for failing to appear for misdemeanor charges and traffic violations. Roach's union said he feared for his life during the encounter.

Tensions between blacks and police have heightened over the past few years. Since 1995, 15 black men died at the hands of police, including four since November.

Small groups of vandals roamed several neighborhoods Wednesday night and early today, breaking windows, looting stores and assaulting at least one white motorist who was dragged from her car, police said. Others in the neighborhood came to the woman's aid.

A police officer was shot Wednesday night, but the buckle of his gun belt caught the bullet and saved him, though he was severely bruised, Luken said. No arrest had been made in that shooting.

Youths reinvaded several stores that had previously been looted in Over-the-Rhine, a poor and predominantly black district just north of downtown.

"I think the black citizens are tired and scared, I think the white citizens are tired and scared," Luken said. "There's gunfire going on here like you might hear in Beirut. It's dangerous and it's getting more dangerous."

At least 66 people have been arrested on such charges as disorderly conduct, criminal rioting, obstruction, felony assault, theft and breaking and entering since the violence began Monday.

Luken said he signed a document minutes before the news conference declaring the state of emergency.

JP investigating death as suicide

The early morning death of a 59-year-old Scurry County man is being investigated as a suicide.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd pronounced Troy Calvin Stewart dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound at 12:28 a.m. today at his residence at 8860 Roadrunner Path.

A final ruling in the death is pending an autopsy, but Judge Boyd said she is investigating the matter as a suicide.

Man arrested for felony driving while intoxicated

A 39-year-old Snyder man was arrested for felony driving while intoxicated after rolling his vehicle this morning on U.S. Business 84.

Gary Chesser, whose address is listed as 5758 CR 485, refused treatment at the scene of the accident and was then taken into custody.

According to Department of Public Safety Bill Blackley, Chesser was eastbound on Business 84 just past Pleasant Hill Road when the mishap occurred around 8:47 a.m.

Man reports prowlers in home

• ***Criminal trespass***

An offense report for criminal trespass was filed at 5 a.m. today in reference to an unknown subject or subjects entering Kinney Mabry's home at 3601 Avenue Z.

Mabry told police that he was awakened by noises in his residence and when he called out the person or persons left. Mabry reported hearing a vehicle leave the area.

He found the lights on in the living room and the front door open, but nothing was missing.

• ***Dog at large***

A resident in the 100 block of Milburn called police at 11:16 a.m. Wednesday to report that a neighbor's dog was running loose. An officer spoke with the owner of the dog and advised her of the complaint and that she would be issued a citation if the animal is not kept secured.

At 2:30 p.m., the resident called police again to report that the dog again was running loose. The animal was taken to the animal shelter, but the officer was unable to contact the owner.

• ***Bicycle taken***

Nelta Stevens notified officers at 6:18 p.m. Wednesday that her bicycle had been stolen from 1811 Avenue T.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Allsup's at Hermleigh reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $17 at 7:16 p.m. Wednesday.

• ***Accidents***

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 6:52 p.m. Wednesday in the 2000 block of 26th Street. Involved were a 1991 Mazda pickup driven by Donnie Allen Sims, 19, of 10319 Roadrunner Path and a 2000 Ford Mustang driven by Cecilia Valadez, 20, of 2902 Avenue F.

Department of Public Safety trooper Bill Blackley investigated a one-vehicle accident at 9:25 a.m. Wednesday one mile south of Snyder on U.S. Hwy. 84. The mishap involved a 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Lanny Covey, 50, of 3101 El Paso.

Covey was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was admitted. He was listed in good condition this morning.

DWI plea results in probated sentence

A 32-year-old Snyder man will serve a five-year probated sentence following a guilty plea Monday in 132nd District Court.

John Mark Kincheloe of 3311 Ave. G pleated guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, a Feb. 18 offense.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Kincheloe to five years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years. The defendant also was fined $1,000, ordered to spend 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail and participate in a substance abuse program.

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Obituaries

Pauline House

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Erma Pauline House, a resident of Snyder since 1924, died Wednesday, April 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. House, 85, is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Trinity United Methodist Church. The Revs. Lloyd Stice and James Merrell will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Pauline House

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 23, 1915 in Mena, Ark., she married Raymond House on Oct. 27, 1934 in Snyder.

She came to Texas, settling in Snyder in 1924, with her parents and eight siblings. A homemaker, Mrs. House was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Asa and Lenora Gatlin; two sisters; and four brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond House of Snyder; three sons and daughters-in-law, Milton and Patsy House of Odessa, Larry and Carolyn House and Jerry and Rita House, all of Snyder; two sisters, Opal Evans of Brownwood and Edna Mearse of Snyder; 14 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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James Sawyer

1934-2001

James Paul Sawyer of Kerrville, a former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, April 11, in a Kerrville hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Sawyer, 66, is set for 10:30 a.m. Monday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Avenue D Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Sawyer was born Oct. 11, 1934 in Scurry County. He was married on July 21, 1955 in Tucumcari, N.M. A resident of Kerrville the past six years, he also had lived 29 years in Alaska where he worked in construction.

Survivors include his wife, Lou Sawyer of Kerrville; a son, Jimmy Sawyer of Kerrville; a daughter, Diane Brewster of Soldotna, Ark.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Buford Newton of Odessa, Kaye and Mike Wardlaw of Canyon and Janice and Joe Cates of Midland; three grandsons; and nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Lillie Lewis

1901-2001

BIG SPRING – Lillie Lewis, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, April 10.

Graveside service for Mrs. Lewis, 99, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Trinity Memorial Park with Royce Clay, a Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Born June 1, 1901 in Snyder, she married Erda Lewis on Oct. 5, 1919 in Ira. She moved to Forsan from Snyder in 1937 and to Big Spring in 1960. Mrs. Lewis was a homemaker and a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Flo Kimbrough of Big Spring; a son, Art Lewis of Fort Worth; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Stanfield events

Stanfield Parent Council is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair daily through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SHS class of 1951

SHS class of 1951 will meet at 7 tonight at Islasu Minor's residence at 8127 West Highway 180 to finalize reunion plans. For additional information, call Islasu at 573-8412, or Patsy at 573-4359.

VFW car wash

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor a car wash at Wal-Mart Saturday starting at 9 a.m. Also an enchilada luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at West Elementary cafeteria.

Country and gospel music

Country and Gospel music is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Brown bag lunch

A brown bag lunch will be hosted by Western Texas college at noon Monday in the Fine Arts Gallery. Michael Gibson will perform musical selections on the piano. The public is invited.

Community coalition

The community coalition will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Mexican salad supper

Hermleigh's Relay for Life team will host a Mexican salad supper at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children under 12. Tickets will be sold for a wooden glider donated by Brice and Joyce Fuqua. Other items will be auctioned, and all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. In addition, a booster club meeting will follow the dinner at 7:30 to discuss the all-activities banquet. Parents of junior and senior high students are asked to attend.

WTC spring formal

WTC will hold a Fantasy Voyage spring formal starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center. Cost of the dinner for non-campus students is $6. Admission to the dance that starts at 9 a.m. is free. Photos will be taken from 8-10 p.m. and cost is $10 per couple.

Fair meeting

The Scurry County Fair Association will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the chamber of commerce office. Anyone interested in getting the fair started again is invited to attend.

Alzheimer support group

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

Parents of seniors

Parents of SHS seniors should send $20 for the steak supper and all-night party for the Class of 2001 to P.O. Box 768 in Snyder.

Adult basic education classes

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

Senior citizens swimnastics

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

WTC swimming pool

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.

Tornadoes cut paths through Plains and Midwest regions

AGENCY, Iowa (AP) — Tornadoes cut paths through parts of the Plains and Midwest, leaving at least four people dead and damaging buildings, uprooting trees and overturning cars.

One of the handful of twisters that touched down Wednesday tore through a community food pantry in Agency, a town in southeastern Iowa. Two pantry volunteers — Mary Ellen Hewitt, 73, and Helen Bacon, 61 — were killed and three others were injured. Tornadoes also killed a third person in Oklahoma and a fourth in Missouri.

One Iowa pantry volunteer hid behind a piano, the only thing left standing in the garage-sized building. She suffered only minor injuries.

Fire Chief Mike Holcomb said Agency was without power much of the night, and natural-gas service remained off early today as workers cleaned up the mess.

"We have a lot of roofs gone, a lot of siding torn off and a lot of trees down," Holcomb said.

Two homes were also destroyed and nine were heavily damaged.

Three other twisters also hit southern Iowa on Wednesday, and electricity was off in many areas.

In Oklahoma, Stan Whisman, 41, was killed when his mobile home was blown apart as a tornado swept across Coal County early Wednesday. Whisman was found in a nearby field.