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PET PREPAREDNESS — Snyder animal warden Hope Carrillo is hopeful that all area owners will bring their pets to the rabies vaccination clinic at the Scurry County Coliseum annex on Saturday. The clinic is being sponsored by Snyder Animal Control Dept. and the West Texas Animal Clinic. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Threat of rabies very real in Scurry County

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

The recent rains coupled with warm weather and flowering trees are proof that spring has arrived.

But the pleasant experience of springtime brings with it litters of newborn animals, most specifically — skunks.

"We've had two confirmed cases of rabies so far in the county and both of them were in skunks," said Snyder animal control officer Hope Carrillo. "None have been in domestic animals, but this may or may not be an indication of what is to come."

Carrillo advised that there seems to have been an increase in this year's skunk population as many residents may have already noticed.

"Skunks normally increase this time of year for many reasons, but mainly because it's mating season. They're getting very territorial," she said.

Carrillo added that the rains have played a role in the number of skunks that have been spotted.

"We've had some rain lately and it's not unusual to see more skunks after the rains because their dens become flooded."

Rabies is a preventable disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The vast majority of rabies cases reported each year occur in wild animals such as raccoons, bats, foxes and skunks.

Over the past 100 years, rabies in the United States has changed dramatically. More than 90 percent of all animal cases reported annually occur in wildlife. Before 1960, the majority of rabies cases could be found in domestic animals.

The number of rabies-related human deaths has declined from more than 100 annually at the turn of the century to one or two per year in the 1990's.

Although human rabies deaths are rare, the estimated public health costs associated with disease detection, prevention and control has risen, exceeding $300 million annually.

If one can say that the rabies problem has an upswing, it is that the disease is preventable by being aware of a few simple precautions.

It's important for pet owners to keep vaccinations up-to-date for their animals. This requirement is important not only to keep pets from getting rabies, but also to provide a barrier of protection to humans.

Snyder Animal Control and Charles Church, DVM of West Texas Animal Clinic will sponsor a rabies vaccination clinic at the Scurry County Coliseum annex Saturday starting at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Rabies vaccinations will be administered at a cost of $8.50. Additionally, other vaccinations available will be DHLP for dogs, $10 and Parvovirus vaccination for $8. Cats also may be vaccinated at the clinic. CVRCP will be $10 and feline Leukemia is $18.50.

Dr. Church advises pet owners to take advantage of the vaccination clinic as a measure of safety.

"It's just like the old saying about an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. There have been two confirmed cases of rabies in skunks, so I'd advise people to get the rabies shot for their dog or cat and then they no longer have to worry about it."

Church doesn't believe the risk of skipping the shot is worth the chance.

"Since we've already had these two situations, we know it's around. Getting the pets vaccinated is a way to protect other animals and humans," he said.

Residents may easily spot skunks or other wild animals this time of year.

"People should know that if they see an animal acting strangely, it's very important that they steer clear and notify animal control. Don't take any risks," she said.

Candidate files for write-in spot on Hermleigh ISD ballot

Hermleigh ISD will have a school board election after all, following the filing of a write-in candidate on Monday.

Billy Luna, a 1996 graduate of Hermleigh High School, filed the necessary papers to become the third person eligible for election on May 15 in the Hermleigh school district.

His name won't appear on the ballot, but those of John Williamson and Burton Sandefur will. Both had filed during the regular sign-up period.

Luna, the son of Bill and Nelda Luna, is 25 years old and is employed by West Texas Gas Co. as a field operator.

"I just want to help the future of Hermleigh's kids," said Luna. "I want to help out any way I can."

Hermleigh ISD joins Western Texas College as the only entities having contested races for the spring elections.

At WTC, Bob O'Day is challenging Carolyn Barbee for Place 3 on the ballot. Incumbent trustee Dr. Jay Kidd is unopposed for Place 5.

No write-in candidates filed at Ira ISD, Snyder ISD or for the Snyder city council.

At Ira, incumbent trustees Keith Clements and Dirk Dunn are unopposed, as are SISD incumbent trustees Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples.

Unopposed on the Snyder city council are incumbents Ron Shaw, Vernest Tippens and Stephanie Ducheneaux. Running for the vacant Place 3 slot is political newcomer Dan Hicks.

Since there are no contested races for these three entities, trustees or council members may vote to not have an election and declare the candidates duly elected.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Sandwich spread is what you get from eating between meals."

Now that spring break is behind us, folks can get back to the business at hand.

Spring break week now rivals the period between Christmas and New Years as the slowest of the year.

Guess we're just an ole fogy, but we can remember when vacations actually occurred in the summer.

Speaking of summer, lots of folks are wanting to trim down so they can get into last year's swim suits.

You might want to consider this weekly workout program:

Monday — Beat around the bush. Jump to conclusions. Climb the walls. Wade through the paper work.

Tuesday — Drag your heels. Make mountains out of mole hills. Hit the nail on the head.

Wednesday — Bend over backwards. Jump on the band wagon. Run in circles.

Thursday — Advise the president on how to run the country. Toot your own horn. Pull out all the stops. Add fuel to the fire.

Friday — Open a can of worms. Put foot in mouth. Start the ball rolling. Go over the edge.

Saturday — Pick up the pieces.

Sunday — Kneel in thanksgiving. Praise and encourage someone.

Whew… what a workout!

A publisher friend from Levelland sent this little item that is filled with good thoughts.

It's called "Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark."

—Don't miss the boat.

—Remember we are all in the same boat.

—Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

—Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

—Don't listen to critics. Just get on with the job that needs to be done.

—Build your future on high ground.

—For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

—Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

—When stressed out, float a while.

—Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic by professionals.

—No matter the storm, when with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Enjoy being back at work!

Some projects funded by chamber

Snyder chamber of commerce directors heard requests for hotel-motel funds and planned several upcoming events at its monthly meeting Monday.

Several items tabled from last month's meeting and three new ones were reviewed with a total of $4,000 granted.

Tabled from the last meeting to gain more information on their events included the Ranch Rodeo to be held this weekend. It was granted $500. Also the Snyder High School speech tournament request was denied due to applying late and it also did not meet the criteria for receiving the tax funds.

The request for $1,500 from the Buffalo Trail Boy Scouts Fishing Tournament set for April 17 also was denied due to not meeting the guidelines set up by the state for hotel-motel funds.

Request granted were $1,000 to Gateway Family Services for its third annual Gateway Classic Golf Tournament on April 17 and $2,500 for the Scurry County Pilots Association for the annual Fly-In June 19. Lyndia Allen made the presentation for Gateway Family Services and John Rogotzke made the request for the Fly-In.

Ribbon cuttings are planned for Cash and Carry, Curves and Sun Trax. Executive director Vicki Shroyer said membership is rising and the chamber has 230 members.

Shroyer also gave reports on major projects including the chamber membership booklet, the clean Snyder clean up undertaking and she asked for volunteers for the Carson & Barnes Circus on April 9 at the coliseum and the WTC Softball ceremony April 3.

Also briefly discussed were the Business after Hours to be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the chamber and the WTC Rodeo set for April 1-3.

Tickets are on sale now for the chamber of commerce banquet set for April 21 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Bob Knight, Texas Tech men's basketball coach will be the featured speaker. Tickets are $25 per person and VIP tables will seat eight.

The chamber will have a team to run in the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser on April 23-24 at Tiger Stadium.

Snyder Wheels will have its car show on April 30-May 1 with the cars displayed on the downtown square.

Hospital meeting cancelled

This evening's called meeting of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers has been cancelled.

The board was to have met with one of two remaining candidates for the vacant chief executive officer's position, Evan Moore, of Comanche.

Moore has withdrawn his name for consideration.

On March 13, the board did meet with the other finalist, Carol Hanes of Linden.

The next discussion of the vacant CEO's position will be Thursday morning at the hospital's regular board meeting.

Currently, director of nurses Cheryl Chance is serving as the acting administrator.

Inhalant dangers to be discussed at junior high

Parents and teachers are invited to a program on inhalant abuse at 7 this evening at Snyder Junior High School

Sponsored by the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and CADA, the program will focus on information about inhalants and the prevention of inhalant abuse.

TOWLE PARK PAST — Park director Scott Crenwelge digs into the past as Michael R. Brandle, president of American Archaeology Group, looks on. Brandle was among a group of archaeologists who conducted a survey for artifacts, part of the guidelines of the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

ASK US

Q—When is the outdoor circus on the grounds of the coliseum scheduled?
A—April 9.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Ollie Holmes...

... is a life-long resident of Scurry and Borden Counties. She is married to Kent Holmes, a teacher at WTC, and they have one daughter, Dawn Holmes of El Paso. Ollie, along with Kent, is very involved with farming. Hobbies are sewing, scrap booking, monogramming and working with computers.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Act the part and you will become the part.
—William James

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Relay for Life meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life meeting for all volunteers, team captains and participants from 6-7 p.m. today at Stanfield Elementary School cafeteria. For more information, call 573-1031 or 1-800-227-2345.

Inhalant abuse and our children

All parents and teachers interested in learning about inhalants or possible prevention are asked to attend a 7 p.m. meeting today at Snyder Junior High School.

Free income tax help

There is free help with income taxes every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center at 2603 Ave. M.

WTC GED testing dates

Western Texas College has scheduled GED testing dates, the next set for Friday and registration is from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Thurday. The remaining dates are April 16 and April 30. To take the test or for more information contacf Betty Thompson at 573-2310 or Emily Hataway 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

Man hangs himself in prison

NEWTON (AP) — A man sentenced to life in prison in August for the murder of a 21-year-old Vidor woman killed himself Monday after being taken to a Galveston hospital, Newton County authorities said.

Richard Derek Hoffpauir of Orange, who had been on suicide watch ever since his arrest in May, apparently wounded himself either Friday afternoon or early Saturday and was transferred from a state prison psychiatric unit to the hospital, where he was found hanged shortly after 10 a.m. Monday, said Chief Deputy Larry Folmar.

Folmar said Hoffpauir had harmed himself in the past. "He's always mutilated himself," Folmar said.

While in the Newton County Jail, two guards watched Hoffpauir around the clock. He also had been under suicide watch in Arkansas.

"He was very intent that he was not going to stay in the penitentiary," Folmar said.

Hoffpauir had pleaded guilty in Newton County to capital murder in exchange for receiving a life sentence.

Christy Goodman disappeared from her Vidor residence on May 1.

Diet: Restricting calories increases lifespan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study in mice suggests that a low-calorie diet could help extend life even if the dietary change doesn't start until old age.

The study, appearing this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, showed that mice at the relatively advanced age of 19 months that were placed on a restricted calorie diet lived 42 percent longer than litter mates who continued to eat a standard diet.

Other studies have shown that young mice put on a low-calorie diet live much longer than mice fed the standard fare. But the new research suggests that it is never too late to enjoy a life-extension benefit by reducing calories.

Stephen R. Spindler of the University of California, Riverside, leader of a team conducting the research, said there is little evidence yet that dietary restrictions will extend human life, but in mice, at least, sensible eating even at older ages clearly has a longevity benefit. He said a 19-month-old mouse is the age equivalent of 60 to 65 years in humans.

Spindler said old mice placed on a restricted calorie diet responded quickly with better health and that eventually the animals lived up to six months longer than litter mates fed the standard diet.

If such findings translate to humans, he said, "this could mean a lot more years and a lot of good years. The mice on caloric restriction lived longer and they are healthier."

Spindler said that while older mice that go on a diet do live longer than those that don't, they still don't live as long as mice that have been on restricted diets for a lifetime. He said mice put on low-calorie diets just after birth have been known to live up to four years, almost twice as long as normal mice and months longer than the aged mice in the new study.

The message, he said, is that sensible eating for a lifetime is best, but there are life span benefits even if the diet is not started until old age.

"This is a very important finding," said Dr. George S. Roth of the National Institute on Aging, one of the National Institutes of Health.

"The dogma has always been that the earlier in life you start a restricted diet, the better it works for extending life," said Roth, a researcher studying the aging process who was not involved in Spindler's research. "This finding suggests that you may get some of the same benefits starting late in life."

Spindler said the study also found that the restricted-calorie diets also slowed the development and advancement of cancer. Death from tumors is very common among aged mice, he said, but the researchers found that tumor growth either started later or was slowed among mice fed limited calories.

On the Net:

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences: http://www.pnas.org

National Institute on Aging: http://www.nia.nih.gov

Neugebauer begins congressional campaign

LUBBOCK (AP) — U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer began his re-election campaign Monday, focusing on moral values as well as agriculture and business issues.

Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, faces U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, in the November general election for Congressional District 19. Stenholm is the incumbent in District 17 but decided to run for the redrawn District 19.

"Now is the time for Christian businessmen and women to step up, to sacrifice in order to restore our nation's moral and fiscal health," Neugebauer said in remarks to about 70 supporters at Maegden Elementary School.

Neugebauer told the crowd he believes marriage is between a man and a woman.

The stop at the school Neugebauer once attended was one of five in the West Texas district, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported.

Neugebauer touted his conservative voting record and his affiliations with President Bush.

"The president and I both belong to a party that supports the basic principles on which we both stand," he said. "Our future is under attack by those who want to erode many of our fundamental, treasured values."

On other subjects, Neugebauer said he is committed to abolishing the inheritance tax so that families do not have to auction their farms to pay taxes after a family member dies.

Today's chuckle

Spring has sprung in Nebraska Legislature

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Spring has sprung in the Legislature. More precisely, the spring of Sen. John Synowiecki's chair has sprung.

Synowiecki was reclining in his chair during a debate Friday when a spring underneath his seat snapped loose with a loud "Boing!" and shot down the aisle.

Synowiecki burst out laughing, as did those around him, making it difficult for Sen. Arnie Stuthman to keep his concentration as he talked about the importance of rural firefighting.

"I think I better stop now, there's a spring laying in front of me," Stuthman said.

Not missing a beat, the next speaker picked up on the loose spring theme.

"If I was still on a volunteer fire department I would have run over there," said Sen. Pat Engel, who sits several rows and across the aisle from Synowiecki.

Synowiecki was forced to use another seat since his chair, without the spring, was set in a permanently reclined position.

World Almanac

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Today is the 83rd day of 2004 and the fourth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1903, the Wright Brothers applied for a patent for their invention of the first successful airplane.

In 1919, Italy's Benito Mussolini founded the Fascist movement.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proposed developing a space-based defense system, later known as "Star Wars."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Akira Kurosawa (1910-1998), filmmaker; Roger Bannister (1929-), athlete, is 75; Ric Ocasek (1949-), musician, is 55; Chaka Khan (1953-), singer, is 51; Richard Grieco (1965-), actor, is 39; Jason Kidd (1973-), basketball player, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1994, NHL star Wayne Gretzky scored his record 802nd career goal.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!" — Patrick Henry

TODAY'S FACT: Three U.S. presidents — John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe — have died on July 4.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 76,876,129 — passenger arrivals and departures at Hartsfield Atlanta, the busiest U.S. airport in 2002.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 20) and first quarter (March 28)

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LOTTO TEXAS — TEXAS LOTTERY

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Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
5-13-14-33-37
Pick 3
(Day) 9-0-4
(Night) 6-2-3

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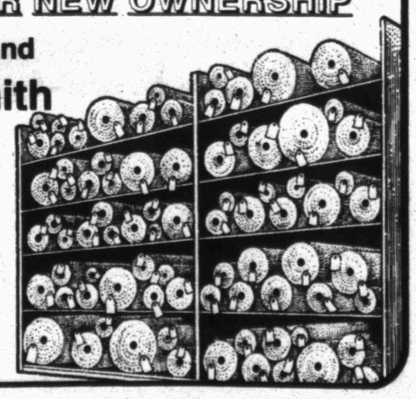

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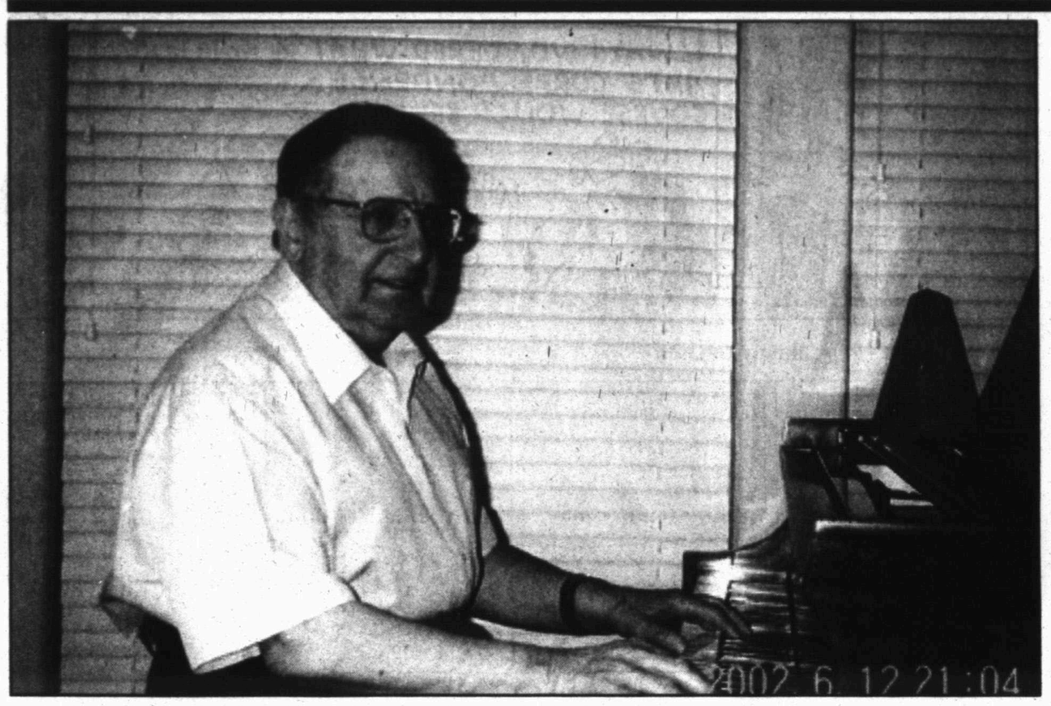


EX-SHS STUDENT — Harold Wade, an accomplished pianist, is seated at his piano. In the photo at right he is viewing some of the musical instruments he has collected from foreign countries he and his wife Mary have visited.

Harold Wade visiting mother on her 97th birthday

Harold Wade, a 1946 Snyder High School graduate, is taking time from his busy schedule to join his mother in celebrating her 97th birthday on the fourth floor at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Being diligent in pursuing his interests and using his talents, Wade has a gratifying lifestyle, obtained with a lot of hard work.

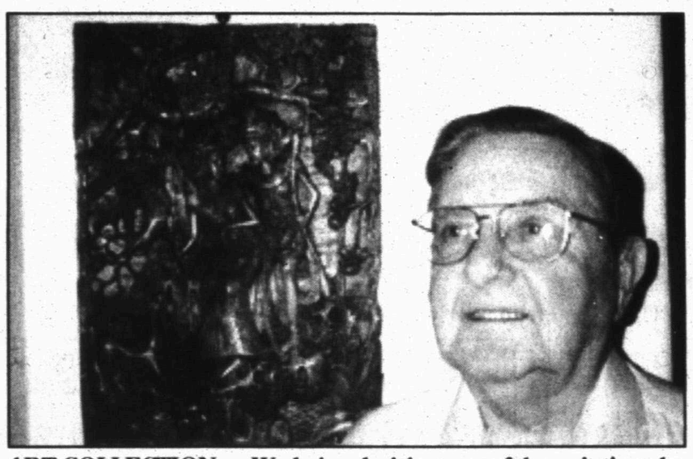
Loving music from a young boy, he received his first instrument, an accordion, when he was in the third grade. He remembers playing it on programs at the annual Scurry County Fair. From the fifth grade through high school, he studied piano with Lucille Daughtry Kubala and was a participant in the high school band.

Wade attended TCU for one year as a music major then transferred to Oklahoma A&M College, now Oklahoma State University, where he majored in mechanical engineering. He received the BSME degree from there in 1951. Keeping the love of music, he decided "engineers probably eat better than musicians."

He then spent two years in the Army and was stationed at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas, a chemical corporation manufacturing and storage facility. In layman's terms he said it was a biological warfare research plant. While there, he married Mary Catherine Dodson, a 1951 Baylor graduate.

After he was discharged, they moved to Dallas where he worked for Honeywell as a senior application engineer. Their two children, Bruce and Dana, were born in Dallas.

He felt the need for further education to advance in his career and decided to go back to graduate school. He received a fellowship at Case Institute of Technology, now a part of Case-Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio. He received his M.S. and Ph.D degrees in systems engineering in 1965 and 1970.



ART COLLECTION — Wade is admiring one of the paintings he has collected.

After earning his degrees he moved to Massachusetts where he was employed for nine years by Foxboro Company, first as a manager of systems research and later as an application development engineer. At Foxboro he was asked to help out in the training department and discovered he enjoyed teaching.

In 1977, he got the chance to come back to Texas and joined Biles & Associates in Houston as manager of process control. After three years he formed his own, small (three person) consulting company called Wade Engineering. "In 1983, this company became even smaller — just me. I have operated as a one-person consulting company since."

He enjoyed instructing and had the opportunity to join the adjunct faculty of ISA's Training Center in 1986. He wrote a simple simulation program that is now a commercially training simulation program, PC-ControlLAB used by instructors as well as in training departments of vendors, technical schools and processing companies.

During these endeavors, he maintained his love of music by playing his piano, even for senior citizen centers.

His teaching has taken him to many places in the world including Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Jamaica, Northern Ireland, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Trinidad.

His and Mary's home is decorated with many objects that they have picked up in foreign travels, including a collection of musical instruments that are typical of the countries they have visited.

When he isn't teaching process control, Wade has presented classical music concerts at his church; served as organist for one of the services of the church and accompanies a city-wide Spanish language choir.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-23-04
♠ K Q 7 4
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 7 4
♣ 8 6 5 3

West
♠ 3
♥ A K 9 6 5 3
♦ K 9 2
♣ Q 9 2

East
♠ 9 6
♥ 4
♦ J 10 8 6 5 3
♣ J 10 7 4

South
♠ A J 10 8 5 2
♥ J 7 2
♦ A Q
♣ A K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

You are South, the declarer in four spades. West, who overcalled two hearts, leads the heart ace, and East follows suit with the four. What heart would you play? Why?

South's heart holding is unattractive, but it would be cowardly to bid less than game after North's raise.

You know that West can take two heart winners and give East a heart ruff. Then, surely the diamond finesse will lose, and you will be one down.

At trick one, you must play the heart two. Then, West will be unsure what to do. If East started with J-7-4 of hearts, West cannot afford to cash the heart king, because you will ruff and have a discard coming on dummy's heart queen. If West immediately shifts to a minor suit, you are home free.

But if you drop a higher heart (even the jack), West will cash the heart king. East wouldn't play the four from 7-4-2 or J-4-2; he would always follow suit with the two.

This is the guideline when trying to disrupt the opponents' signals: Play as they do. If you wish the leader to continue the suit, drop an unnecessarily high (encouraging) card. If you prefer that he move elsewhere at the next trick, contribute your lowest (discouraging) card.

P.S. I'm told that an old meaning of "prove" was "test," so the expression at the beginning should be written "the exception that tests the rule."

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A second exception to the rule

By Phillip Alder

I have never understood the expression "the exception that proves the rule." How can an exception prove something? However, here is another exception to the "declarer should play his second-lowest spot-card" rule.

Spend your refund wisely. Like on your future.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club game day and luncheon; serving begins at 11:30 and games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon; $8.50 for the event and reservations should be made by calling 573-3427 by Tuesday evening.

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There are surprises all through this list of unique qualities given by Jesus. The first thing Jesus talks about in Matthew 5 is the quality of humility.

Blesses are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are those who mourn
For they will be comforted.
Blesses are the meek (gentle)
For they will inherit the earth.
Matthew 5:3-5

The description of Jesus is the description of a humble life. Instead of being full of ourselves, we are to be poor in spirit. Instead of ignoring our sins and the struggles of the world, we are to mourn. Instead of riding roughshod over everyone, Jesus calls us to be meek (the word means "gentle") in our dealings with others. These are not the normal qualities of powerful and successful people, but they were the qualities of Jesus.

If we pursue humility in our lives, Jesus makes a promise that is echoed throughout Scripture. If we humble ourselves we will be lifted up, blessed, comforted and rewarded by God. God brings down the proud, but raises up the humble. Which qualities best describe us?

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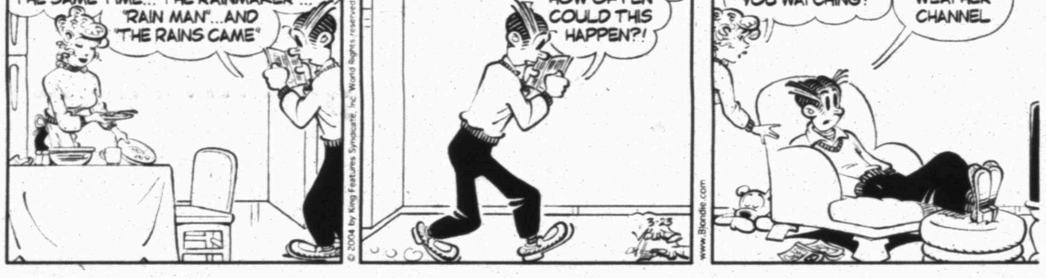

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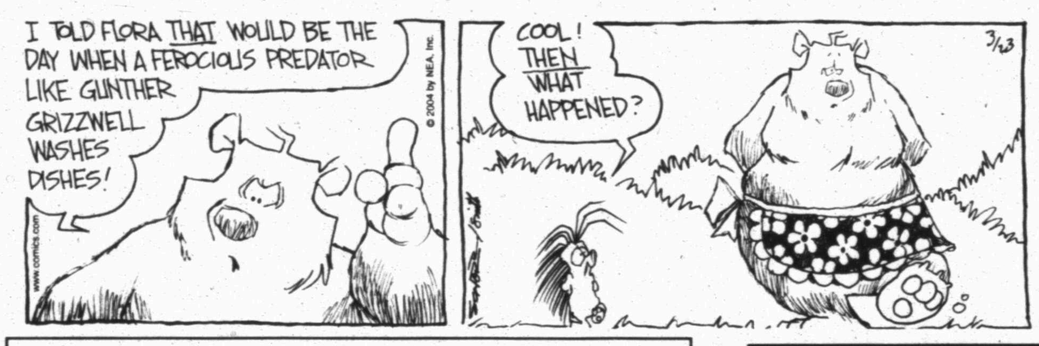

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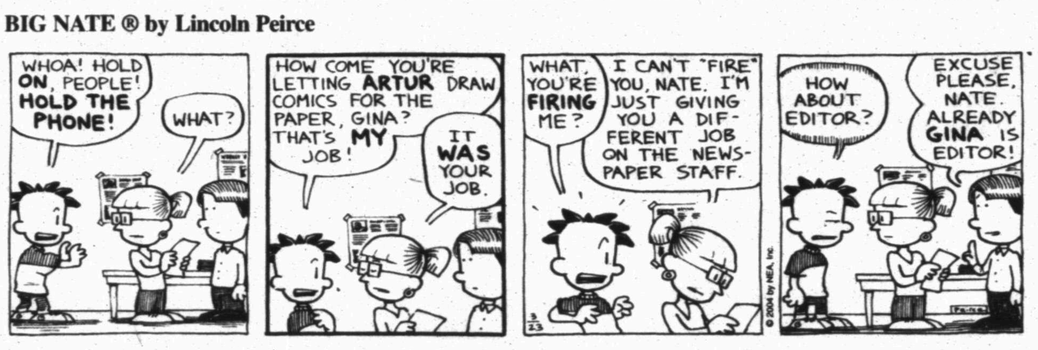

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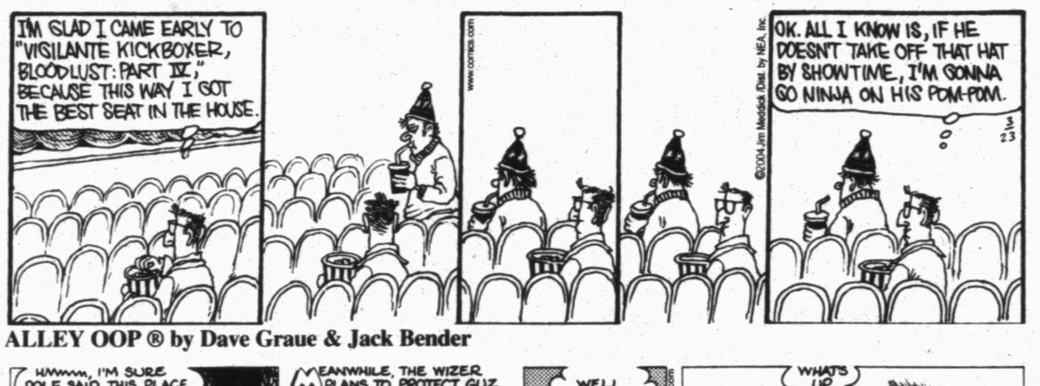

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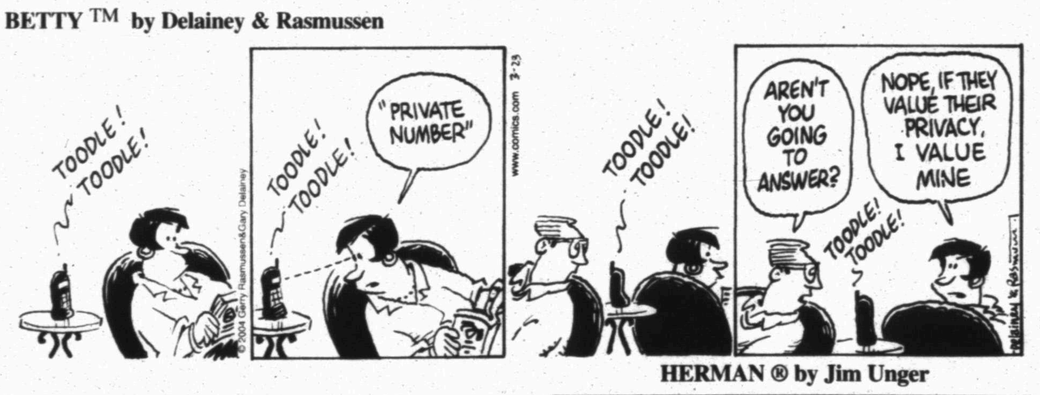

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SPORTS

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

The opportunity finally came after all the necessary pageantry.

I know that Sammy Baugh always has been pretty accessible, and he'd probably sign a manhole cover if someone asked, but in two years in West Texas, I had never so much as seen the man that I used to read about in library books.

Saturday, Sammy and Western Texas College were the focal point of the community.

First, there was a celebrity golf tournament that was still underway when the baseball team hit the diamond. The baseball game was still undecided when the softball team took the home diamond for the first time ever.

Meanwhile, WTC was holding a silent auction for memorabilia at the coliseum, before hosting a reception for celebrities and corporate sponsors at the country club.

Through all of this, Sammy was nowhere to be seen.

It wasn't until the banquet later that night, at the end of the day, when I finally got a glimpse of him.

A long, serpentine line of autograph hounds and well wishers snaked around the 90-year-old legend's table before dinner was served, and those of us there to work dutifully snapped pictures and took notes.

Sammy signed everything. Everything.

And believe me, people brought a lot of stuff wanting for Sammy's John Hancock.

The guest speakers each took their turn at the podium, replaying hilarious anecdotes or overcome by the emotion of the night.

Meanwhile, I had secured a Sharpie and a program, and was determined to get the legendary quarterback's signature on his photograph.

Pen in hand, I first circled left, then right, trying to find the best moment to make my approach.

College president Greg Williams was closing the show, and people were readying to have even more memorabilia autographed.

At that moment I made a fateful decision. Everybody wanted some reminder from the evening. I did, too.

So before the football booster club president was finished unloading his U-Haul full of things to be signed, I moved in.

I shook Sammy's hand. The man has a grip like a table vise. He could have easily powdered my bones had he been so inclined.

I told him what a privilege it was for me to meet him, and told him my name.

What he said to me will remain a closely guarded secret. Just know that it struck exactly the right chord. It was one of the coolest things anyone's ever said to me.

It was then that I knew why so many people want to be around him. I had just met him, and Sammy Baugh had given me a personalized and insightful greeting.

And I didn't even think about taking that pen out of my pocket.

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La. Tech knocks Lady Raiders from tourney

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Erica Smith-Taylor had a career-high 30 points and 11 rebounds Monday night, leading Louisiana Tech to an 81-64 victory over Texas Tech in the second round of the Mideast Regional.

Louisiana Tech plays either Duke or Marquette in the regional semifinals Sunday in Norfolk, Va.

Smith-Taylor surpassed her previous career high by one point, which she set in the first round. She made 10 of 16 shots, including four 3-pointers, and had seven assists to lead the fifth-seeded Lady Techsters (29-2) to their 20th straight win.

Amber Obaze added 14 points, Amisha Carter had 13 points and 14 rebounds, and Trina Frierson scored 13 points for Louisiana Tech.

Fourth-seeded Texas Tech (25-8) pulled to 43-39 early in the second half on a basket by Chesley Dabbs, but Frierson converted a three-point play followed by a basket. Smith-Taylor then hit a 3-pointer to put Louisiana Tech up 51-39 with 16:26 remaining.

From there, Texas Tech got no closer than 59-48 on a 3-pointer by Alesha Robertson with 12:29 remaining. Louisiana Tech led by as many as 21 points.

Texas Tech guard Erin Grant scored all 19 of her points in the first half to keep the game close, but was held to 0-of-4 shooting in the second half.

Neither team led by more than three points until Carter scored four straight points to put Louisiana Tech up 33-28 with 4:26 left in the first half.

Smith-Taylor hit back-to-back baskets, the second a 3-pointer, followed by a 3-pointer by Lakiste Barkus to put Louisiana Tech up 43-32 with 1:44 left in the half.

Grant scored three points in the final 1:16 to make it 43-35 at halftime.

Lady Tigers host Merkel; Tigers at Lubbock Cooper

The Snyder Lady Tigers look to stay undefeated in district when they host Merkel at 5 o'clock today at Cates Field.

Snyder (11-8, 3-0) handled Seminole Friday, 1-0, behind a 13 strike out, one-hit performance from Ashley Martinez.

The Lady Tigers are a game ahead of Lubbock Cooper in the seven-team district. Merkel (10-6, 2-1) is keeping pace.

The Tigers will have their last pre-district game tonight at Lubbock Cooper. Snyder crushed Pampa, 8-0, Saturday in the finale of the Burkburnett varsity tourney.

Snyder (10-2) opens its final season in District 3-3A at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Moffett Field against Lamesa.

Sports Briefs

SGSA meeting

The Snyder Girls' Softball Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank.

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball program will kick off the second annual Baseball Buddies program this Sunday.

High school players will provide instruction for kids between 11 a.m. and noon free of charger at Lewis Field for the next three Saturdays.

Denver signs SS Lynch

DENVER (AP) — John Lynch agreed to terms with Denver, as the Broncos continued to revamp their defense. Lynch played his entire 11-year career with Tampa Bay, but the Buccaneers cut him last week. The five-time Pro Bowler was a key part of Tampa Bay's Super Bowl team two years ago, but was scheduled to make $4.2 million next season.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	41	28	.594	—
Miami	33	37	.471	8½
New York	33	38	.465	9
Boston	31	40	.437	11
Philadelphia	29	42	.408	13
Washington	22	47	.319	19
Orlando	19	53	.264	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	51	19	.729	—
x-Detroit	46	25	.648	5½
New Orleans	36	34	.514	15
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	16½
Cleveland	31	38	.449	19½
Toronto	30	39	.435	20½
Atlanta	22	49	.310	29½
Chicago	20	50	.286	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	48	22	.686	—
San Antonio	46	24	.657	2
Dallas	44	26	.629	4
Memphis	43	26	.623	4½
Houston	40	29	.580	7½
Denver	37	35	.514	12
Utah	36	34	.514	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	51	19	.729	—
L.A. Lakers	47	23	.671	4
Portland	35	35	.500	16
Seattle	32	38	.457	19
Golden State	29	40	.420	21½
L.A. Clippers	27	44	.380	24½
Phoenix	23	47	.329	28

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Games

Indiana 101, Chicago 77
Philadelphia 107, Dallas 98
New York 96, Atlanta 84
Denver 102, L.A. Clippers 80
Houston 93, Portland 85, OT

Today's Games

Phoenix at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 8 p.m.
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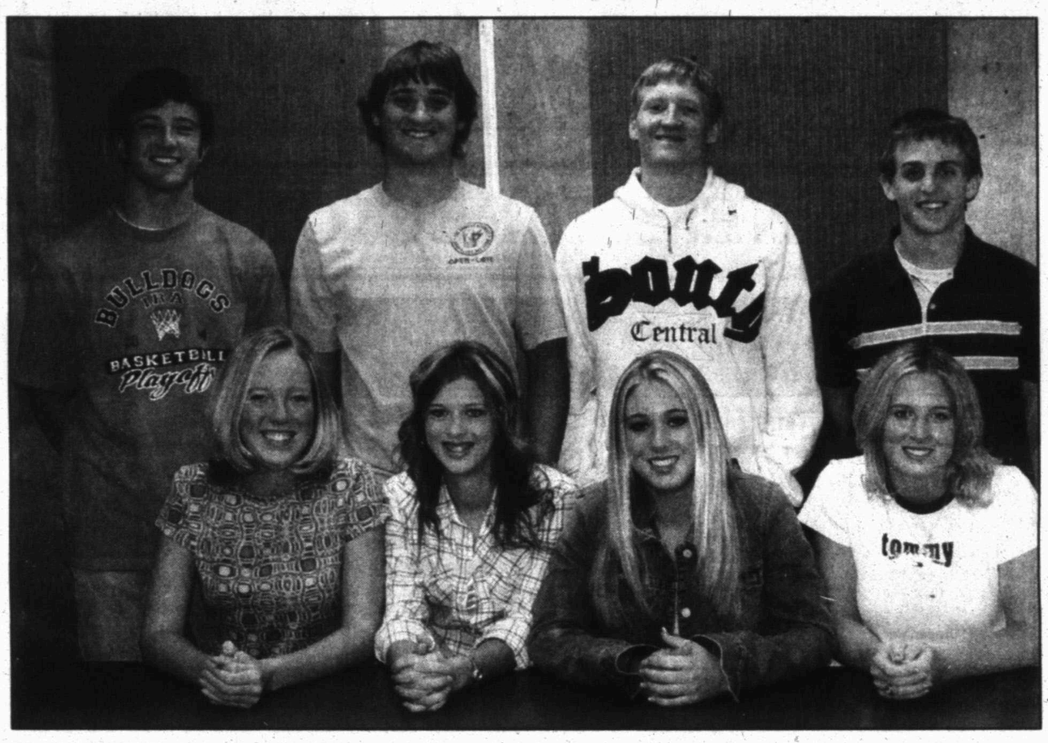

IRA BASKETBALL HONOREES — Several Ira boys and girls basketball players received post-season honors in District 7-A, Region I and state. Back, from left, are Wes Kellner, district Defensive MVP, first team all-region; Jake Barnes, first team all-district, 6-Man Coaches Association first team all-region, 6-Man Coaches Association first team all-state, TABC second team all-region; Bryan Proctor, district honorable mention; Jess Wall, first team all-district, 6-Man Association second team all-region, 6-Man Coaches Association all-star team alternate. Lady Bulldogs receiving honors are, from left, Kelbi Pitner, district Newcomer of the Year; Lindsey Wilson, first team all-district, 6-Man Coaches Association all-star team alternate; Amanda Calley, first team-all district, 6-Man Coaches Association all-star team alternate; and Shea Allen, district honorable mention. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Tennessee in Sweet 16, again

By The Associated Press

Pat Summitt and Tennessee should feel right at home in the regional semifinals.

The top-seeded Lady Vols cruised into the round of 16 for the 23rd straight year with a 79-59 victory over DePaul on Monday night in the Midwest Regional at Tallahassee, Fla.

Shanna Zolman scored all 18 of her points in the first half for the Lady Vols (28-3), who were up by as many as 27 before halftime.

Tennessee next plays Baylor on Sunday in Norman, Okla.

The ninth-seeded Blue Demons (23-7) struggled when leading scorer Khara Smith got into early foul trouble.

Summitt now has 82 NCAA tournament wins among her 849 career victories, second only to Dean Smith and Adolph Rupp among college basketball coaches.

Baylor 91, Florida 76

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Sophia Young scored 17 of her 23 points in the first half and fourth-seeded Baylor (26-8) advanced to the round of 16 for the first time in school history.

With Florida's leading scorer and rebounder, Vanessa Hayden, on the bench for the last 141/2 minutes of the first half with two fouls, Baylor used a 16-2 run to take a 46-32 lead at halftime.

Bernice Mosby led the fifth-seeded Gators (19-11) with 16 points.

Vanderbilt 60, Chattanooga 44

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Carla Thomas had 15 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks for the second-seeded Commodores (26-7), who advanced to the round of 16 for the 11th time. They will face Stanford on Sunday.

Vanderbilt won its 10th game in a row by ending the nation's longest winning streak.

Chattanooga (29-3), playing on its home court as a No. 10 seed, extended its streak to 27 with a 74-69 victory over No. 7 seed Rutgers in the first round.

It was the first win in the NCAA tournament for the Lady Mocs, who won the Southern Conference tournament.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Lubbock Cooper, 6:30 p.m.
WTC vs. Ranger JC, 1 p.m.
SHS JV at Lubbock Cooper, 4 p.m.
Softball: SHS varsity vs. Merkel, 5 p.m.
SHS JV vs. Merkel, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball: SHS JV at Sweetwater Tournament
WTC vs. Otero JC, noon
Track: SJHS at Seminole
Rodeo: WTC at Odessa

FRIDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity vs. Lamesa, district opener, 7:30 p.m.
SHS JV at Sweetwater Tournament
WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, noon
Softball: SHS varsity at Denver City, 5 p.m.
SHS JV at Denver City, 7 p.m.
Tennis: SHS at Brownwood Tournament
Track: SHS varsity and JV at Levelland
Rodeo: WTC at Odessa

SATURDAY

Baseball: SHS JV at Sweetwater Tournament
WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, noon
Softball: WTC vs. Midland College, DH, 1 p.m.
SHS varsity at Lubbock Monterey, 1 p.m.
Tennis: SHS at Brownwood Tournament
Rodeo: WTC at Odessa

Rebels force playoff series

The Big Spring Rebels topped the Abilene Force, 123-114, in the final regular season game of the year in the Texas Professional Basketball League Sunday at Travis Gym.

Bryan Cave hit for 39, including nine three-pointers, to lead all players, and Matthew Fambro knocked in 27.

Jeremiah Witte had 22 for Big Spring.

K.B Davis and Orlando Banks scored 31 and 29, respectively, for Abilene.

The win gave Big Spring a tie with Abilene for second in the league standings, forcing a playoff series for the right to play the San Angelo Chaparrals for the league title.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My teenage friend has been diagnosed with Epstein-Barr virus infection. Is it contagious? How can it be cured?

DEAR READER: Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) causes mononucleosis, a disease primarily of adolescents, marked by sore throat, exhaustion, swollen glands, an enlarged spleen, and — in some cases — hepatitis. The disease is diagnosed by blood tests.

Mono, sometimes termed the "kissing disease," is not particularly contagious, although it can be spread by the saliva of infected individuals. The disorder is not curable by any known medicine. Youngsters typically improve gradually and are usually pretty much back to normal in about four weeks.

However, a patient with an enlarged spleen must be prohibited from engaging in contact sports until the spleen returns to its normal size.

In the past few years, EBV has been implicated as a cause of chronic fatigue syndrome, a peculiar ailment marked by constant exhaustion, recurring sore throats and periodic glandular enlargement. However, most authorities doubt that "chronic mononucleosis" exists. As yet, the final word is not in.

In most cases, a single attack of mononucleosis grants lifelong immunity; nonetheless, second and even third attacks have been reported.

Patients with mono should eat well-balanced diets and obtain as much rest as they feel they need. If the sore throat is excruciating or if the liver is inflamed (an unusual complication), treatment with steroid drugs (such as cortisone) or antiviral remedies (such as acyclovir) may relieve symptoms and aid healing. However, the vast majority of mononucleosis patients recover uneventfully without specific therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take digoxin for a heart condition. Recently, a talk-show host quoted a pharmacist who insisted that taking such heart medication with bran or oatmeal would reduce the effectiveness of the medication. What's up?

DEAR READER: I am not familiar with the show you mention so cannot comment on the validity of the claim. However, it's a well-known fact that many foods can interfere with the absorption of medication. Therefore, I agree that bran and oatmeal, which may bind certain drugs in the stomach and prevent their absorption, probably should not be taken in the same sitting with many medications.

There's more. Milk, antacids and calcium pills can also have the same effect. But at the top of the list is grapefruit, which many studies have shown can contribute to drug toxicity because of interference with the enzymes that metabolize the medicines — and the grapefruit juice.

Every patient on prescription drugs should ask for a drug handout or verbal instructions from the pharmacist, the resource most likely to have up-to-date information about the do's and don'ts of medication/food interactions

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A tale of two historical sets

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Producers of the latest Texas epic on the Battle of the Alamo say they want to preserve the elaborate set constructed in the Hill Country near Austin for the movie, but it wasn't built to last.

A second Alamo set, located 120 miles west of the original shrine of Texas independence, has endured since the 1950s when it was built for John Wayne's classic film.

Some say the set constructed for the movie scheduled for worldwide debut Saturday in San Antonio is more historically accurate, depicting colonial Mexican and Spanish architecture.

"I would like to see groups of schoolchildren around there," Michael Corenblith, the movie's production designer, told the San Antonio Express-News.

"I would love to see the state contribute a little money and for this to become Texas' version of Colonial Williamsburg. It could become a living history exhibit."

The problem, says Alamo historian and college professor Stephen L. Hardin, is that the set materials aren't durable. Built of plywood, telephone poles and plaster, the set has required constant paint touchups by a set crew.

The latest movie on the March 1836 battle for the Alamo mission, set to open nationwide in theaters April 9, was filmed over 101 days on a ranch in Dripping Springs. The ranch's owners, the Reimers family, say they'd like to keep the set up and open to the public for a fee.

"I wish them luck," Hardin said. "It will be an uphill battle."

At Alamo Village near Brackettville, where Wayne was persuaded to make his movie in 1957, the Wild West-style set is sturdier and still attracts thousands of visitors each year.

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NEW YORK (AP) -:

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Alltel	49.83	49.55	49.63	+ .06
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AndarkPtr	52.95	52.50	52.54	—.26
ATMOS Egy	25.64	25.40	25.54	+ .05
Aviall	14.79	14.61	14.75	+ .03
BP PLC	49.40	48.96	49.07	+ .14
BakerHughes	36.21	35.40	35.47	—.53
Bank of Amer	79.41	78.80	79.09	+ .36
BellSouth	26.78	26.56	26.58	—.20
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IBM	91.60	91.02	91.31	+ .29
IntlPaper	40.88	40.60	40.69	+ .25
JohnsonJn	50.03	49.50	49.69	+ .19
KinderMorg	63.85	63.50	63.69	—.01
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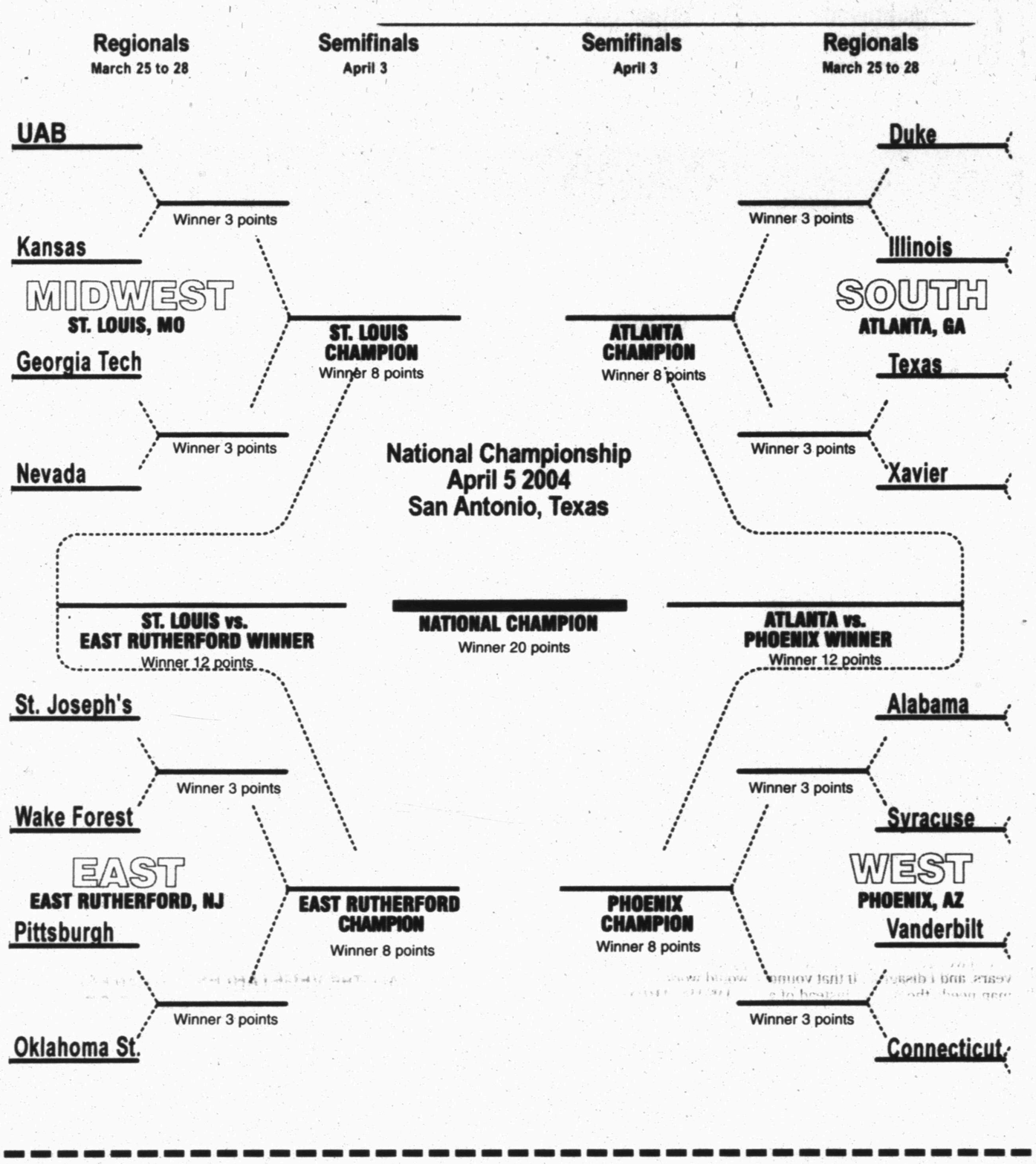

Predict the winners of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament all the way from Sweet 16 to the Final Four to the championship and win $50, $25, or $15.

Here's how to play: write in your choice of winners on the tournament bracket on the four levels; then predict the total number of points that will be scored in the championship game (to be used as tie-breaker if needed); then fill in your name, address and phone number and bring entry to the Snyder Daily News office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25. This deadline is needed because the first games starts at 7:00 p.m. that day.

Scoring: 3 points per winner will be awarded in the first level; 8 points in the second level; 12 points in the semifinals; and 20 points for the championship game - for a possible total of 100 points. The three entrants with the most points will be the winners. In case of a tie, the tie breaker will be the total points scored in the championship game.

Entries must be on the original newsprint. Anyone can enter, but only one entry per person. Winners will be announced the day after the championship game, played April 5. Winners will be mailed their checks. Best of luck to all.

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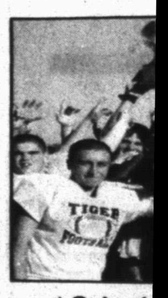

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Prosecutor clears Cincinnati policemen

CINCINNATI (AP) — Prosecutors have closed the case of a man who died after police officers repeatedly struck him with nightsticks, saying he was the only one in the videotaped struggle who broke the law.

"It's a tragedy that he's dead," Hamilton County Prosecutor Mike Allen said. "But he is the one who committed the crimes."

Allen said at a news conference Monday night that his office found no evidence that the police who struggled with the 350-pound Nathaniel Jones Nov. 30 committed any crimes.

"It is my decision that this case is now closed and will not be presented to a grand jury," Allen said.

Allen said the conclusion is supported by the police investigation and an independent forensics expert who extensively reviewed the video.

Jones, who died shortly after the struggle, was at least the 19th black man to die in violent confrontations with Cincinnati police since 1995.

A police cruiser camera videotape showed Jones, 41, knocked over one officer before officers jabbed or struck him two dozen times with nightsticks for almost three minutes until he was handcuffed.

Allen said that Jones probably would have been charged with felonious assault for attacking the officers and with aggravated robbery for trying to take one officer's gun and the other officer's nightstick.

Attorney Kenneth Lawson, representing Jones' family, said he was not surprised by the prosecutor's decision.

"It was typical Mike Allen, demonizing another black male and making excuses for police misconduct," said Lawson, who is conducting his own investigation.

There is also an internal police probe and another by a citizens' panel, and the Justice Department has said it was gathering information.

The Hamilton County coroner ruled Jones' death a homicide, but cautioned it did not imply that police used excessive force. An autopsy showed the direct cause of death was the struggle, but Jones also suffered from an enlarged heart, obesity and had intoxicating levels of cocaine, PCP and methanol in his blood that contributed to the death, the coroner concluded.

The death angered some activists in Cincinnati, where three days of riots occurred in April 2001 after a white officer shot and killed an unarmed black man who ran from police. The officer was cleared of criminal charges at trial.

Studies: Pumping and drought double threat to Barton Springs

AUSTIN (AP) — Central Texas springs and the popular watering hole they feed are threatened by increased water demand that could slow the flow to a trickle during a severe drought, according to a new study by the agency managing the watershed.

The Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer, besides supplying the limestone-rimmed pool and providing drinking water to thousands of Austin area residents, also supports an endangered salamander.

Studies by the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District have found the threat even worse than predicted by a 2001 computer model, suggesting that the agency may need to set limits on the total amount of water that can be pumped even in times of plentiful rain.

Development is still booming in southern Travis and northern Hays counties, with water demand threatening to outstrip the ability of well owners to conserve enough water during droughts to protect the springs or neighborhood wells.

"When there's not a drought, there is plenty of water," Brian Hunt, a district hydrogeologist, told the Austin American-Statesman.

"The question is: How much water can users cut back, from their permitted levels, during severe drought conditions?"

District board members plan to tackle such questions, perhaps revising permitting rules, after the Texas Water Development Board accepts the new studies. They were aided by an advisory board including representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey, the City of Austin and the University of Texas, and have been reviewed by scientists from other agencies including the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Total pumping in the aquifer's Barton Springs segment has increased about 15-fold since the 1950s, from less than 1 cubic foot of water per second to about 10 cubic feet per second. During the record drought of 1950-56, the water flow at Barton Springs dropped to a low of about 11 cfs, the new studies determined.

Europe's fight against terrorism impeded by different standards

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The savage train bombings in Madrid have awakened Europeans to the danger of global terrorism. But a myriad of differing legal and cultural standards complicate Europe's ability to respond to the threat.

Since the March 11 attacks, which killed 202 people and injured more than 1,800 others, the 25 current and soon-to-be members of the European Union have been scrambling to shore up defenses against al-Qaida and other Islamic extremist movements believed active within Europe's large Muslim immigrant communities.

The Madrid carnage raised alarm bells about security at this summer's European soccer championships in Portugal and the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Since the bombings, successive meetings of the bloc's police, justice and foreign ministers have produced pledges to improve cooperation among police and security services and to share information on extremist organizations which operate across the continent's borders.

EU heads of government are expected to sign off on those proposals when they meet here Thursday for a two-day summit.

Among other measures, EU leaders are expected to agree to appoint an "anti-terrorism czar" to enhance coordination between police, judicial authorities and intelligence services, as well as boost efforts to dry up terrorist finances.

However, putting those plans in effect won't be easy on a continent where national borders have not entirely disappeared, despite all the moves toward integration in recent years.

Following the Madrid train bombs, the EU Commission criticized member states for among other things, not even agreeing to a common legal definition of terrorism.

Some European countries, notably Germany, Italy, Britain and Spain, have successfully battled homegrown terrorists. France's intelligence service is among the world's best in tracking Islamic underground movements, especially those from North Africa.

Intelligence resources in some smaller EU members are meager.

Moreover, each EU member state has its own legal traditions and security services, which jealously guard their own turfs. Spy services of major countries such as France, Britain and Germany have resisted distributing intelligence information throughout the bloc for fear of security leaks.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Friends and associates in key places can play important roles in your affairs in the year ahead. Their assistance will be able to open doors you can't open on your own, and enable you to achieve your greatest desires.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's quite likely that your ideas will be better than those of your peers today, but if want your thoughts to be readily accepted over their own thinking, make sure there's something in it for them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Friends or associates are likely to take you into their confidence today because they'll sense that you're someone who can be trusted to keep things to yourself. You won't let them down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Chances are you're the one who'll be called into situations that others feel are the greatest challenges or the most difficult to perform because, for you, they'll be the easiest to manage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Act in harmony with your thinking today because the ideas and concepts you perceive concerning ways to further your ambitions will work out as you envision them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your greatest advantages today are apt to come from situations that are initiated by others rather than from those you begin yourself, but you won't mind so long as they're successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When there is a family matter at stake today, you can serve as an effective catalyst to get all of the clan acting in harmony and pulling together for a common purpose. Don't hesitate to do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Anything that is disorderly or unsightly can take on a new look under your competent direction today. Involve yourself in those types of projects that need beautification.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A new source of adding to your resources may present itself today. It'll not come about by accident; you'll be instrumental in coming up with something that'll be timely and in demand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's highly likely that you'll be in a sociable mood today, but you won't have to go out on the town to find stimulating company. Your friendliness will draw fun friends to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Do not hesitate to use terms of endearment in your meaningful relationships today. Individuals who are important to you will be highly receptive to hearing how much you care.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Focus your smarts on your goals and wishes today, because when you introduce your thoughts into conversations, successful ways and means can come through intellectual exchanges.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Ambitious objectives can be achieved today, but you'll need to use both intellectual arguments and charm to convince your audience. A combination of both will be a winner.

Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man left holding rings can consign or sell to jeweler

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a man in Chicago who had broken his engagement. He asked how to dispose of the rings because it was "no longer possible to return them to the jeweler, and a pawnshop would never give (him) their full value." You advised him to get a written appraisal and donate the rings to charity.

I have been a jeweler for 20 years, and I disagree. If that young man needs the money instead of a tax write-off, there are jewelers who will take items on consignment.

Another idea is to run an ad in the classified section of the local newspaper. Before he places the ad, the man should contact a local jeweler, make an appointment to have a written appraisal done, and ask the jeweler if — for a commission — he can meet the prospective buyer in the store. This adds credibility to the ring that is being sold, and it is the only safe way to resell jewelry to the public.

Jewelers spend thousands of dollars to get people inside their doors; this would be two more prospective customers for the jeweler. That is why most independent jewelers wouldn't mind accommodating the young man.

If all else fails, and he's stuck with the rings, I have two other suggestions:

1. Get a safe-deposit box and keep them there. They will not lose value.

2. Melt down the bands and engagement ring and have a wonderful Mother's Day gift created. She would appreciate it more than anyone. **— JEWELER IN THE SOUTH, DAPHNE, ALA.**

DEAR SOUTHERN JEWELER: Thank you for your input. I learn from my readers every day. By the way, you aren't the only jeweler who offered suggestions. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Your advice about donating the rings to charity isn't the only choice that young man has.

My husband is a custom jeweler. Women come into his store all the time wanting "divorce rings." They bring their old wedding rings, have them melted down and have a different one created. That young man could do the same thing for himself or for someone else important in his life. **— JEWELER'S WIFE, CARRIZOZO, N.M.**

DEAR WIFE: Hmmm ... a divorce ring? If the person doesn't mind being reminded of an unhappy chapter in life, I suppose that would work.

DEAR ABBY: Set the record straight and send that young man back to the jeweler! I have been buying estate jewelry for more than 25 years. In my experience, there are four ways to liquidate a diamond ring: **(1) sell to a jeweler; (2) consign to a jewelry store; (3) sell through auction; (4) donate to a charity.**

Consignment is usually the best choice because you can determine a fair price in advance and the jeweler doesn't have to front the money to buy it. Donating is harder because most charities are geared toward receiving money rather than merchandise.

Above all, remember the two "don'ts": Don't sell to someone you know — and don't run an ad, because it could be dangerous. **— HANK FRIEDMAN, MARIN COUNTY, CALIF.**

DEAR HANK: Thank you for the helpful suggestions — and thank you, too, for the warning.

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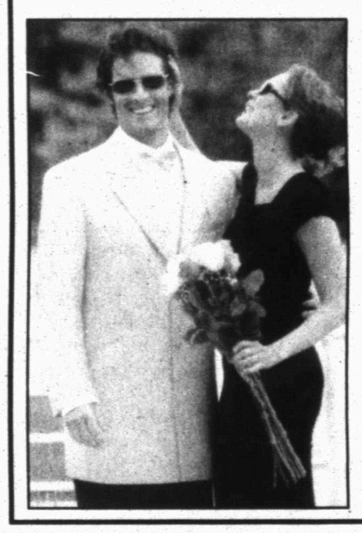
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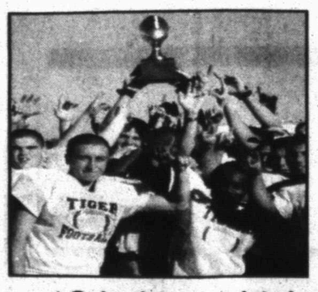
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Medicare could go broke by 2019

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare will have to begin dipping into its trust fund this year to keep up with expenditures and will go broke by 2019 without changes in a program that is swelling because of rising health costs, trustees reported today.

Social Security's finances showed little change.

The deteriorating financial picture for the health care program for older and disabled Americans is a result, in part, of the new Medicare prescription drug law that will swell costs by more than $500 billion over 10 years, according to the annual report by government trustees.

Provisions of the law that President Bush signed into law in December "raise serious doubt about the sustainability of Medicare under current financing arrangements," the trustees said.

Social Security's projected insolvency date remained 2042.

The 2019 go-broke date for the Medicare trust fund, which is devoted primarily to paying beneficiaries' hospital bills, is seven years sooner than what the trustees projected last year.

The trustees' report is the first official estimates of the long-term costs of the Medicare law. Like last year, the trustees said that projected lower tax receipts devoted to the program and higher expenditures for inpatient hospital care also contributed to the growing financial problem.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy said the rising cost of health care — and not the prescription drug program — are causing Medicare costs to swell. "It's health care costs — over 70 percent," he said. "Not prescription drugs."

Clinton administration made futile attempt to oust bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a secret diplomatic mission, Saudi Arabia won a commitment from Afghanistan's Taliban rulers to expel Osama bin Laden in 1998, but the Taliban later reneged on the agreement, a federal panel said today.

The mission was among the most promising, yet ultimately fruitless, efforts by the United States to use diplomacy to stop al-Qaida in the years before the Sept. 11 attacks.

The independent commission reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks said in a preliminary report that the decision to use diplomatic rather than military options against al-Qaida allowed the Sept. 11 terrorists to elude capture years before the attacks.

The panel, known formally as the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, presented its findings as it began hearings with top-level Bush and Clinton administration officials. The aim was to question officials on their efforts to stop bin Laden in the years leading up to the attacks.

Secretary of State Colin Powell stressed administration efforts to fight terrorism — an implicit rebuttal to criticism in a recent book by President Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator, Richard Clarke, who is expected to testify Wednesday.

"President Bush and his entire national security team understood that terrorism had to be among our highest priorities and it was," Powell said.

In its report, commission staff described Saudi Arabia as "a problematic ally in combating Islamic extremism" the report said, noting its lax oversight of charitable donations that may have funded terrorists.

Protest over Hamas leader's assassination turns violent in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen killed two policemen and wounded two others early today in the northern city of Kirkuk, Iraqi authorities said.

West of Baghdad, Iraqi police fired shots to disperse a violent protest over the Israeli killing of Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin.

The slain policemen — twin brothers — were shot by assailants in a car, Kirkuk police Capt. Abdul-Salam Zangana said. He identified them as Ahmed and Mohammed Kadhim. The attack occurred as they parked their car in a main square and worshippers left a nearby mosque.

Rebels often target police and other Iraqis who work with the U.S.-led coalition that is governing Iraq.

In Ramadi, the provincial capital of Anbar province, Iraqi police fired in the air after protesters burned two police cars and two grenades were thrown at the governor's office, witnesses said. Television footage showed U.S. soldiers remaining behind at the building, protected by concrete blast barriers, as police with assault rifles moved down the street to disperse the crowd. At least two police and three protesters were injured.

Muslim clerics in Ramadi, where support for the anti-U.S. insurgency is strong, had urged followers to protest Monday's targeted killing of Yassin, the spiritual leader of the Palestinian militant group Hamas, in Gaza City.

At Abu Ghraib prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, the U.S. military released 272 detainees who had been picked up in security sweeps. The men, many of them bearded and wearing Arab robes or track suits, appeared to be in good health.

Two days ago, 168 prisoners were also released, said Lt. Col. Craig Essick of the 16th Military Police Brigade out of Fort Bragg, N.C. He estimated there were between 5,500 to 6,000 security detainees at the prison, and the average prisoner spends three to six months in jail. A military panel meets daily to review cases.

On Monday, gunmen killed two Finnish businessmen as they drove in Baghdad, and 14 British troops were wounded in two explosions during a demonstration in the southern city of Basra.

British soldiers fired tear gas at about 500 unemployed Iraqi civilians protesting a failure to get jobs with the local customs police, said Col. Zafer Abdel-Nabi, chief of Basra customs. The crowd threw rocks, petrol bombs and a grenade at troops; six civilians were injured, he said.

The British Ministry of Defense said the soldiers — three of whom were seriously wounded — were evacuated to a nearby British military hospital.

Correction

Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of academic instruction at Western Texas College, was incorrectly identified as Gerald Corkran in a cutline of a picture featuring Spike Dykes and Grant Teaff at the Sammy Baugh celebration Saturday. The picture was published on page one Monday.

Forgery, stolen vehicle reported

• ***Forgery***

A resident in the 2400 block of Ave. N contacted police at 10:27 a.m. Monday to report the forgery of some checks. An offense report was submitted.

• ***Stolen vehicle***

A 2000 Chevrolet Camaro was reported stolen from the 900 block of Trailertopia at 1:46 p.m. Monday.

• ***Shoplifter***

An employee of Hackfeld's contacted police at 1:22 p.m. Monday reporting a subject who had attempted to steal some items. An employee of Bealls reported the subject had made the same attempt at that store. The subject was served with a criminal trespass warning.

• ***Criminal trespass***

A resident of the 2000 block of KSNY Drive requested a criminal trespass warning be served on an individual who was trespassing on his property.

• ***Theft***

At 2:32 p.m. Monday a person requested to speak with an officer to report the theft of her purse.

• ***Officer requested***

A resident in the 3000 block of 40th St. reported two juveniles throwing rocks and harassing her dog. The officer made contact with the juveniles' parents and advised them of the complaint.

A caller requested to speak with an officer at 9:41 p.m. Monday about an on-going problem with some neighbors in the 3000 block of Ave. N.

At 7:31 p.m. Monday, a resident in the 2800 block of 37th St. reported damage done to her car doors, but it was unknown when the damage occurred.

• ***Harassment***

At 7 p.m. Monday a caller reported being harassed by a subject at Allsup's.

A caller from Pizza Inn reported at 11:32 p.m. Monday that a man in the parking area was being harassed.

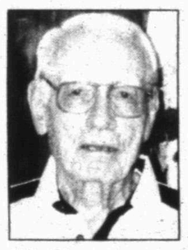
Obituaries

Mr. Armstrong

1919-2004

Emerson Lee Armstrong of Snyder died Sunday, March 21, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

A memorial service for Mr. Armstrong, 84, will be held at 2 p.m. on April 1 in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be held in the Stewartsville Cemetery in Stewartsville, Mo.



Mr. Armstrong

Born Nov. 23, 1919 in Stewartsville, he entered the Air Force in 1942 and retired in 1963 as a Lt. Colonel. He flew B-25s. Mr. Armstrong taught in El Paso, retiring in 1988. Mr. Armstrong served as presiding elder of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, now known as Community of Christ in El Paso and served as district president of the New Mexico district.

He married Marie Belcher on July 3, 1942 in Las Vegas, Nev. In 1988 they moved from El Paso to Lamoni, Iowa and volunteered their services to the church as guides to a historical home site. He was called to the office of patriarch evangelist.

After moving to Snyder in 1996, Mr. Armstrong had been active in the Senior Citizen Center and the Food Cupboard, singing for many activities.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mona Capparel.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Armstrong of Snyder; one daughter and son-in-law, Joan and George Weber of Denver, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Linda Armstrong of Lamoni, Iowa; four grandchildren, Joshua, Margaret, Richard and Jenni Armstrong; and one great-grandson, Ethen Armstrong.

The family suggests memorials to the Senior Citizen Center or the Food Cupboard

Nell Schrader

1929-2004

VICTORIA — Nell Young Schrader, former Snyder resident, died Saturday, March 20.

Graveside service for Mrs. Schrader, 74, is set for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Victoria.

Mrs. Schrader was born on May 5, 1929 in Crosbyton to O.W. and Hazel Young. She owned Lady Nell Tours, Shoreline Group Travel, for many years and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death was her husband of nearly 50 years, E.W. Schrader, who was president of Snyder National Bank from 1970-1974.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Schrader of San Antonio and Eric and Denise Schrader of Fort Worth; three sisters, Barbara Wilson of Bedford, Dixie Fromberg of Blusston and Joanna George of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Research Center or the First Baptist Church.

Tommie Preston

1923-2004

WEATHERFORD — Tommie Preston, former Snyder resident, died Monday, March 22, in a Weatherford nursing home.

Graveside service for Mrs. Preston, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Harpersville Cemetery near Breckenridge.

She was born on Oct. 19, 1923 in Parks, Texas and graduated from Breckenridge High School.

While living in Snyder, she worked for Texas Electric. Her husband, Ralph Preston, who preceded her in death, worked for Texaco in Snyder.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Slaugh of Weatherford and Beverly Jacoby of Corpus Christi; one brother, John Harper of Snyder; one sister, Voncille McBride of Houston; a nephew, Ross Preston of Snyder; six grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 3/24	Thu 3/25	Fri 3/26
71/56	84/57	83/57
Cloudy skies early will become partly cloudy later in the day. High 71F.	Morning clouds followed by late day sun.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 6:43 AM Sunset 6:58 PM	Sunrise 6:42 AM Sunset 6:59 PM	Sunrise 6:40 AM Sunset 6:59 PM

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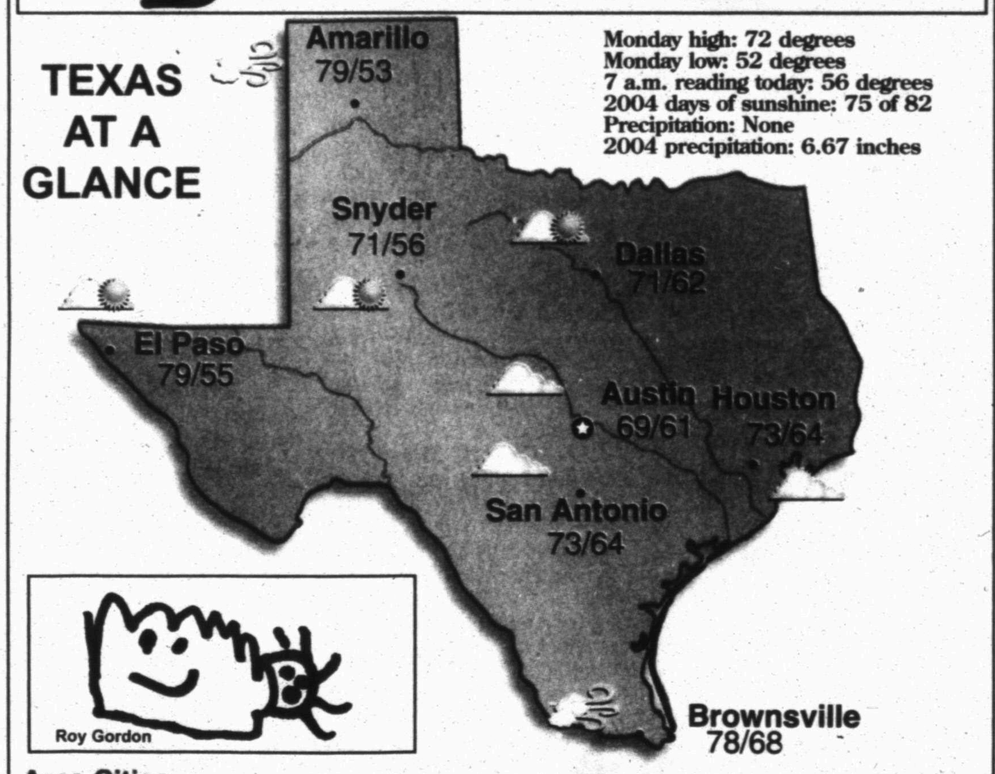

Monday high: 72 degrees
Monday low: 52 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 56 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 75 of 82
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 6.67 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	60	windy	El Paso	79	55	pt sunny	Midland	73	57	windy
Amarillo	79	53	windy	Fort Stockton	75	56	pt sunny	Raymondville	78	66	cloudy
Austin	69	61	cloudy	Gainesville	70	58	pt sunny	Rosenberg	73	63	cloudy
Beaumont	72	62	cloudy	Greenville	70	58	pt sunny	San Antonio	73	64	cloudy
Brownsville	78	68	windy	Houston	73	64	cloudy	San Marcos	70	62	cloudy
Brownwood	73	60	cloudy	Kingsville	77	66	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	70	57	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	74	67	cloudy	Livingston	73	58	cloudy	Sweetwater	72	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	71	60	pt sunny	Longview	72	57	pt sunny	Tyler	72	58	pt sunny
Dallas	71	62	pt sunny	Lubbock	75	54	windy	Weatherford	71	58	cloudy
Del Rio	73	63	t-storm	Lufkin	73	59	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	74	59	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	37	sunny	Houston	73	64	cloudy	Phoenix	92	62	pt sunny
Boston	41	32	sunny	Los Angeles	70	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	66	49	windy
Chicago	48	43	rain	Miami	74	67	windy	Seattle	60	47	pt sunny
Dallas	71	62	pt sunny	Minneapolis	53	38	pt sunny	St. Louis	61	51	rain
Denver	72	48	pt sunny	New York	45	36	sunny	Washington, DC	50	36	sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 20	Mar 28	Apr 5	Apr 12

UV Index

Wed 3/24	Thu 3/25	Fri 3/26
6	7	8
Moderate	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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