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PARKING LOT WORK — A crew with Olivarez Construction does concrete work at the site where The Movie Gallery is being built at 30th and College Avenue. Pictured from left, facing front, are Ernest Castanadea, Raymond Castaneda, Joe Flores and Chico Olivarez. Raymond Flores is in the background. (SDN Staff Photo)

Texans wooing Boeing to move to North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Executives of aerospace giant Boeing Co., under a self-imposed deadline to decide on a new corporate headquarters, began a final look today of North Texas business parks and other sites.

Company officials on Tuesday, the relocation team's first day in the Lone Star State, admitted it would be a hard decision choosing among finalists Chicago, Denver and Dallas-Fort Worth.

"We want to be well-informed," Boeing senior vice president John Warner said at a news conference Tuesday. "We're an engineering company. We like to have facts and data."

Seattle has been home to Boeing for 85 years. Now, Texas cities contending for Boeing's new base include Dallas, Frisco, Irving, Plano, Roanoke, Southlake and Westlake as well as several Fort Worth area locations.

Boeing representatives planned to visit a total of 12 or so potential headquarters sites in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Company executives heard representatives of some of the biggest companies in Texas tell them Tuesday why the aerospace giant should move to the Dallas area, then they went out to look for themselves.

But the itinerary of Boeing team members who stayed at a Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport area hotel to hear pitches from area cities was delayed Tuesday afternoon after Robin Stone, part of the company's government affairs division based in Washington, D.C., collapsed.

Stone lost consciousness from low blood sugar, company officials said, but was feeling well enough to attend a cocktail party scheduled Tuesday evening.

The executive had collapsed after representatives of Irving and Dallas made their city presentations and soon after Westlake's talk began.

"We didn't get started," Westlake town manager Trent Petty said. "We didn't get 10 words out of our mouths before this happened."

He said that the Westlake presentation would be repeated today.

Municipal representatives in North Texas have put aside their rivalries to make a combined pitch for Boeing. But they also have set out on their own to woo the company. Dallas County commissioners have already offered to discount Boeing's property taxes.

"We want to be responsible members of the community . . . we want to pay our fair share, but we also are looking for a good business deal," he said

Not many early votes are cast

Election officials at City Hall and Ira ISD report a low turnout for the first week of the early voting period for the May 5 election.

Before noon today, a total of 58 citizens had cast a ballot in the municipal election, where there are contested races for the mayor and two at-large councilman posts.

The Ira trustee election has contested races for Place 2 and Place 7 and 27 voters have been to the polls since they opened April 18.

Early voting continues through Tuesday.

Ira ISD and the Snyder city council are the only entities holding elections as Snyder and Hermleigh school districts cancelled because of no contested races, and Western Texas College did not have a trustee election this year.

At Ira, early voting is taking place between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the business office. The office is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Early voters in the city council election can cast ballots at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

On the ballot for two at-large positions on the Snyder city council are Carl L. Moon Jr., Terry Martin and John Reed. Martin is currently on the council.

Present councilman James Ashley and Francene Allen-Noah have both filed for mayor. Mayor Dayton Robertson is not seeking another term.

Dirk Dunn, Gilbert Sanchez and Doug White are seeking the Place 7 Ira trustee post while Fran Farmer, Jeff Kellner and Kirby Sterling are running for the Place 2 post.

Ira incumbents Shane Smith in Place 5 and Keith Clements in Place 6 are both unopposed.

Movie extras are needed

Production will start soon on a movie written by Snyder native Barry Tubb, and many extras are needed.

Tubb will also direct the movie.

Grand Champion will be shot in Snyder and at various locations in the area.

Persons interested in being an extra in the movie, should send photo along with name, telephone number, address, age and height to CASTING, *Grand Champion*, P.O. Box 1300 in Snyder.

Shooting is to start soon, so a response is requested quickly.

Also needed are interns of all ages, errand runners, set construction workers, food preparation workers and office workers.

Name, telephone number and experience should be sent to the same address.

WTC play to debut

Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*, the spring production at Western Texas College, will debut at 8 p.m. Friday in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Additional performances are set for 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are adults $5, seniors and students $3, and WTC faculty and staff free.

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



ARGUING — Michael Gibson as Tom Wingfield and Jennifer Birmingham as Amanda Wingfield argue in this scene from *The Glass Menagerie* which opens Friday night at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Testimony ends in trial

Testimony ended mid-morning today in a civil suit in 132nd District Court stemming from an automobile accident April 21, 1999.

The trial was in recess until 1 p.m. today following testimony from defense witnesses, including Glena Belle Roggenstein, the widow of an 88-year-old man who died in the accident.

Mozell Roggenstien, the only person in his vehicle, was killed instantly in the two-vehicle collision and his estate is the subject of the suit.

Plaintiffs in the suit seeking unspecified damages are Effie Witte, driver of the other vehicle; Catherine Witte, her daughter, and her mother, Geneva Smith. Both were passengers.

Also listed as a plaintiff is Effie Witte's husband, Carl. He was not in the vehicle.

Both Effie and Carl Witte testified Tuesday afternoon.

Plaintiff attorneys are Kevin Glasheen of the Fadduol, Glasheen and Valles law firm in Lubbock, Bob Hanna of the Hanna Law Firm in Abilene, and James Mosley of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Dawson of Midland.

Defense attorney is Timothy D. Yeats of Big Spring.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.



McNAIR RECEPTION – Lee and Debra McNair (center) were honored with a reception Tuesday as they are leaving the local school district. McNair was the assistant superintendent for business and finance and Debra teaches fourth grade. Shown visiting at the reception are from left, Martha and Terry Martin, McNair's son, Justin, and daughter, Lisa. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Adult education is the effort to learn about things that bored you when you were still young enough to profit from them."

You probably didn't know Ed Martin from Pecos, Texas, but you likely have encountered somebody just like him.

Ed may have been one of the brightest and most interesting people we've ever known. We met him in Army basic training in El Paso.

Like most of the draftees at Logan Heights in the Franklin Mountains, graduation meant the end of a college deferment during the Vietnam era.

Ed had a degree in accounting. After boot camp, both of us were assigned to the headquarters company at Fort Bliss. Ed worked in accounting and we started putting out the base newspaper.

Ed, too, was recently married, so as couples we started taking in the 35-cent movies shown on the base theatre, the same theatre that banned M.A.S.H. because it cast an adverse light on the military.

Last time we heard from Ed, he was a partner in an Big Eight accounting firm headquartered in New York City. Any day now, we expect him to appear on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

Ed was full of trivia, information that could keep a good conversation going. Ed would speak with such confidence, few would question his final answer.

Here's some of the stuff that Ed would say off the top of his head. It's the kind of stuff that you may want to clip, study and save – just in case you make it on one of those game shows.

—The term "whole nine yards" came from World war II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50-caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet before loaded. If the pilots fired all their ammo, it got the whole nine yards.

—The international telephone dialing code for Antarctica is 572.

—Mel Blank, the voice of Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots.

—A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

—Most American car horns honk in the key of F.

—Average number of people flying over the U.S. any given hour is 61,000.

—About one-third of all Americans flush the toilet while still sitting on it.

—Average life span of a baseball used in the major leagues: seven pitches.

—The average person falls asleep in seven minutes. (Unless the person is in a lounge chair in front of the TV, then it's a jiffy.)

Let us know when Phil wants you on the show. Meanwhile, we'll watch for Ed.

ASK US

Q—Has the city planned for another city-wide cleanup day?

A—One has been planned for May, but an exact date has not been selected, according to City Manager John Gayle.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 74 degrees; low, 41; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 44; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.40 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 40s, SE wind around 10 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, high around 80, SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear, low upper 40s.



Amanda Utley
Sunny

Sunset:
8:19 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:04 a.m.

Of 114 days in 2001, the sun has shone 102 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In business or football, it takes a lot of unspectacular preparation to produce spectacular results.
—Roger Staubach

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Marketing changes for youth venues urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The record industry aggressively peddles adult music to America's teens even as Hollywood curtails ads for violent movies to youths, regulators said in a report to Congress.

The Federal Trade Commission's findings shifted attention from the movie industry to record companies and fueled new discussions about government intervention.

The music industry was singled out as the worst offender in the study of promotions for adult movies, music and video games to minors. Despite significant improvements by the film and video game industries, "more remains to be done by each industry," the FTC said Tuesday.

Hilary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, said music advertising changes took effect last October and have not had time to work. She also said that the FTC "makes a big leap" in concluding that some recording ad campaigns were aimed at children.

The FTC has been monitoring the movie, music and video-game industries after finding last year that the three promoted products with violence and vulgar language to minors. At the time, the movie industry received the most scrutiny.

"It is clear that some companies are still making an end run around parents, and that more work needs to be done if we want to end this unfair practice once and for all," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

Lieberman, who campaigned for vice president on the issue last fall, said he would introduce legislation to allow the FTC to fine companies that market adult-rated material to minors.

FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said that with First Amendment concerns, "self-regulation continues to be the preferred solution to problems in this area." He challenged record companies to make changes before the fall, when another FTC report to Congress is planned.

The report said that the five top recording companies — Sony, Warner, BMG, EMI and Universal — advertised adult music on television programs and in magazines with audiences mainly under age 17.

For example, MTV's after-school hours were a busy time for ads for recordings with adult lyrics, according to the report. The study also found ads in teen magazines for groups like Blink-182, Crazy Town and Rage Against the Machine, whose recordings contain explicit lyrics.

Rosen said record companies fulfill their responsibility to parents with a labeling system that warns of explicit content. Companies began including the labels on print advertisements for recordings last fall.

"We agree that we need to do a better job of following our own guidelines," Rosen said.

The report said that only about one-fourth of reviewed television and magazine ads for adult music had parental advisory labels. When labels were used, they were often too small to read and did not indicate why the album had the warning, the report said.

"This report demonstrates that while improvements have been made in some sectors, the allure of the marketing dollar appears to pose a challenge to self-regulation," Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., said in a statement with Sens. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., and Max Cleland, D-Ga.

The report praised movie studios for no longer running ads for R-rated movies in magazines with substantial youth readership and for curtailing the showing of adult movie trailers in theaters where children could be.

Movie companies continued to run ads for adult films during television programs popular with teens, the report found.

Last fall, studios agreed to guidelines to curtail underage marketing. Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, said the report shows the association's self-policing was working, but some minor adjustments were still to be made.

The FTC report said that while the video-game industry limited advertising on programs popular with teens, it continued to advertise adult games in magazines with young readers.

On the Net:
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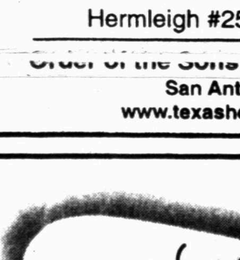
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Downey Jr. fired from Fox program after latest arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr.'s latest brush with the law has cost him the job for which he won a Golden Globe earlier this year.

The actor, who made a much-heralded comeback as Calista Flockhart's love interest on TV's "Ally McBeal," was fired from the show Tuesday, hours after his arrest for investigation of being under the influence of drugs.

The arrest was the latest in a string of substance-abuse troubles for the actor, whose career has been derailed several times by rehabilitation and prison time.

Downey was on foot in Culver City, near southwest Los Angeles, when he was taken into custody by officers who said he displayed symptoms of being on drugs, according to police Lt. Dave Tankenson.

Police did not specify what type of drug he was accused of using.

Downey, 36, of Malibu, was detained a few hours, issued a misdemeanor citation and released to his parole agent. He was ordered to appear in court May 4.

Hours after his release, "Ally McBeal" producer David E. Kelley issued a brief statement saying Downey had been fired.

"We are wrapping up the stories on the final few episodes of 'Ally McBeal' for the season without him," the Emmy-winning producer said, adding that the show wished Downey the best and hoped for a full recovery.

A few scenes featuring Downey have already been shot for future episodes. Kelley publicist Bonnie Winings said it is not clear whether that footage will be used now. However, 20th Century Fox spokesman Chris Alexander said there was a good chance it would be.

Kelley had publicly supported Downey until Tuesday, even signing him to more episodes following his arrest last November.

Weeks after that arrest, Downey won a Golden Globe for best supporting TV actor for "Ally McBeal," joking afterward that he wanted to "share this with my fellow parolees, er nominees."

Tuesday's arrest could have returned him to jail immediately, but his parole agent decided instead to send him to a detoxification center for at least 72 hours, said Terry Thornton, spokeswoman for the California Department of Corrections.

After that, Downey will stay in a live-in drug treatment center for at least six months, with increased drug testing, she said.

Downey spokesman Alan Nierob said the actor is "working hard at his sobriety and his rehabilitation."

The actor's legal troubles began in 1996 when he was stopped for speeding and authorities found cocaine, heroin and a pistol in his vehicle.

A month later he was found passed out in a neighbor's home and was hospitalized at a substance-abuse treatment center. Three days later, he was arrested for leaving the center.

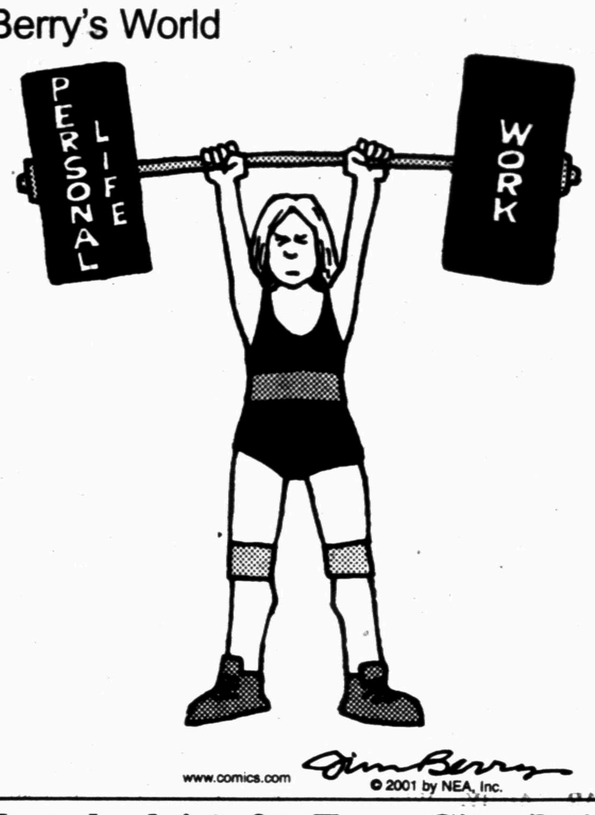
In August 1999, Downey was sentenced to three years in prison for violating his probation by missing scheduled drug tests. He was released a year later on $5,000 bail.

Last November, he was arrested at a Palm Springs hotel after police received a 911 call reporting someone in a hotel room with guns and drugs.

He was charged with felony possession of cocaine and Valium and a misdemeanor count of being under the influence of a controlled substance. No weapons were found.

Downey is scheduled to appear in court Monday in that case, in which his lawyers have challenged the legality of the search that led to his arrest.

Berry's World



More dredging for Texas City channel

HOUSTON (AP) — A $20 million project to deepen the Texas City Ship Channel has more financial support, with two users agreeing to pay about a quarter of the cost.

The Texas City waterway is the latest to undergo dredging. Two years ago, crews began dredging and widening the Houston Ship Channel at a cost of $500 million.

Now, workers will deepen the Texas City channel to 45 feet from its current depth of 40 feet.

Officials at BP and Teppco, which operate facilities in Texas City, recently agreed to help pay for a share of the dredging costs. A deeper channel would benefit their operations, Doug Hoover, executive director of management services for Texas City, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

Operators of the proposed Texas City International Terminal, Stevedoring Services of America and Americana Ships, will also pay a part of the estimated $5 million the cost to deepen the seven-mile channel.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must study the project again before dredging begins, which should be no later than 2005. Construction should be complete within a year.

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Pick 3

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

Date Book

Wednesday, April 25, 2001
Today is the 115th day of 2001 and the 37th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1881, President James Garfield accepted Vinnie Ream's sculpture of Adm. David Farragut. The statue now stands in Farragut Square, in Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1940, the NBC television network broadcast a Passover Seder let by Rabbi Saul Applebaum of New York City. It was the first Seder shown on television in the United States.

On this day in 1990, the Fender Stratocaster guitar upon which Jimi Hendrix played the national anthem at Woodstock was auctioned. It sold for $295,000.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walter de la Mare (1873-1956), poet; Guglielmo Marconi (1874-1937), inventor; William J. Brennan Jr. (1906-1997), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965), news broadcaster; Ella Fitzgerald (1918-1996), singer; Paul Mazursky (1930-), director is 71; Al Pacino (1940-), actor, is 61; Talia Shire (1946-), actress, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, the Lakers won the NBA title by defeating the Knicks 82-65 in the seventh game of the championship series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." — Ella Fitzgerald

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

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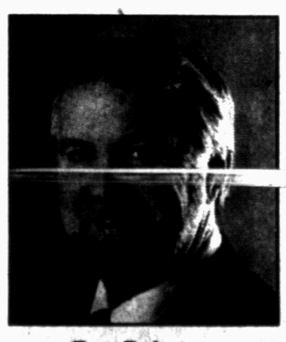
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McVeigh thought bombing was a success, Lamar professor says

BEAUMONT (AP) — Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh believed people had to die to get the government's attention, says a Lamar University professor who interviewed McVeigh.

Stuart Wright, who interviewed McVeigh several times as part of his defense team, said the first question he wanted to ask McVeigh was about the timing of the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people, including 19 children.

"I asked him, 'Why do it in the middle of the day instead of at night when it could have had a symbolic impact,'" Wright told the Beaumont Enterprise for a story in Wednesday's editions. "I'll never forget his answer. He said, 'You wouldn't get the government's attention that way. You can replace buildings. You have to have a body count.'"

Wright said McVeigh viewed the bombing as a success.

"He sees it as a completed mission. He sees himself as a soldier."

Stephen Jones of Enid, Okla., who was McVeigh's lead attorney through the trial, brought in Wright, a professor in Lamar's sociology department, to help them understand more about the federal government's raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco.

About 80 people, 17 of them children, died when fire destroyed the compound on April 19, 1993. Jones said Waco had a huge impact on McVeigh's motive for the bombing.

Wright, who says the raid was unnecessary, said he thought defense attorneys were befuddled as to why Tim was angry enough to carry out the bombing.

Jones agreed.

"He helped us understand it," the attorney said. "He helped us understand how Tim McVeigh saw it."

Wright interviewed McVeigh several times between late 1995 and early 1996. He was under a confidentiality agreement that was lifted when two Buffalo, N.Y. reporters published a book earlier this month based on 75 hours of interviews with McVeigh.

Wright said he doesn't have the typical impression of McVeigh.

"He's not crazy," Wright said. "Face to face, across the table, he was like one of my students. Sense of humor. Soft-spoken."

Woman to report on May 16 execution

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The people watching reporter Carla Wade on "Good Morning Arkansas" probably don't know about her father.

They will by May 16, when the man responsible for his death is to be executed.

Carla Wade will be on camera outside the prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where Timothy McVeigh is scheduled to die for the Oklahoma City bombing that killed her father, Johnny Wade, and 167 others.

She isn't worried about her own emotions; McVeigh dying doesn't mean anything to her, she said.

"It was over and done with six years ago. The hard part has been trying to put this behind us," she said Tuesday.

But in online journalism forums, some have questioned Wade's objectivity, and the station's motivation for putting her on the air during the execution of the man responsible for her father's death.

Wade, 27, said she requested the assignment because she could bring a perspective to the story that no one else could.

In the three days leading up to McVeigh's execution, the station plans to air a series of interviews Wade has been working on with survivors and relatives of victims of the blast.

"It was a very unique situation, one I haven't faced in more than 20 years in this business," said Bob Steel, news director at KATV, an ABC affiliate in Little Rock.

We had thought about sending another reporter to cover the execution and then we decided she would have the access, understanding and insight no other reporter would have," he said.

In the six years since her father's death, Wade has graduated from the University of Oklahoma, worked at two television stations and built a career reporting the morning news in Little Rock.

While working in Lawton, Okla., she said she frequently did television reports related to the bombing and no one questioned her objectivity. "It was different in Oklahoma because there everyone was somehow affected by the bombing," she said.

Wade was back in Oklahoma this month to cover the anniversary of the April 19, 1995, federal building bombing, and she interviewed her mother and people who were injured in the blast.

Her mother, Joannie Wade, talked to her for the first time about her fears of growing old without her husband, who was an engineer for the Federal Highway Administration.

She said her family isn't interested in watching McVeigh die.

"There couldn't be adequate punishment for what was done," Carla Wade said Thursday. "The way the death penalty is administered, it is all very sanitized. When you think about the brutal, suffering, painful way that many victims of the bombing had to die, it (McVeigh's death) is just, but is it fair?"

The interviews she is preparing for KATV have been building in her mind for years, she said.

"If I were a dancer, I would probably want to choreograph a dance expressing my feelings. If I were an artist I probably would have painted a picture," she said. "I'm a broadcaster and I can do two things well: I can write and I can talk. Part of what I do is a form of self-expression."

After 46 years, lost love letter finally arrives

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nearly a half-century ago, James Bracy scrawled four pages of love-laced prose to his young wife, dropped the letter at the post office on his Army base, and forgot about it.

So, too, did the U.S. Postal Service.

Last month, 46 years later, the letter was finally delivered.

"It meant a lot to me then. It means even more now," Sallie Bracy, now 68, said Tuesday from her home in Chesapeake, Va.

The letter, dated Jan. 28, 1955, had been lodged between two walls in a mail room at Ford Ord, a decommissioned base about 80 miles south of San Francisco.

Last month, a construction crew dismantling the building found the letter, along with four others written by members of the Army's 41st Signal Battalion. The crew turned the bundle over to Bob Spadoni, the postmaster in nearby Monterey. He sent the mail to Virginia, Texas, Wisconsin and California.

"Even if somebody passed away, the next of kin would love to read it," Spadoni said. "They're little time capsules."

Bracy's letter had six cents of postage on it but no zip code — since that system didn't exist in 1955.

After some sleuthing, the post office in Norfolk, Va., tracked down Sallie Bracy.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



New dad fears name change will damage bond with boy

DEAR ABBY: When we learned our baby was going to be a boy, my wife and I settled on a name we both loved.

My mother-in-law has been gravely ill with Alzheimer's disease for several years, but she is now terminal. So my wife is facing the loss of her mother at almost the same time as the birth of our son. My wife asked what I thought about changing our son's name so the first letter of his name will be the same as her mother's. She told me it is customary to use the first letter from the name of a deceased relative when choosing a name for a child.

Common sense tells me I have no choice in this matter, but I don't want to change the name we have already chosen. Part of the bonding between me and my son has been talking to him in the womb. I fear the bond may be damaged if I have to name him something else.

What should I do? — **DISAPPOINTED FIRST-TIME DAD**

DEAR DAD: Satisfy both your needs by giving your son a first name that begins with the first letter of your mother-in-law's name, but call him by his second name — the one you and your wife chose in the first place. It happens all the time.

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DEAR ABBY: I had to write when I read the letter from "Been Down That Road, St. George, Utah." She said that for years she and her children had laughed about the fact that being a stepgrandchild brings with it the consequences of receiving fewer gifts and less recognition.

Exactly the opposite is true in my family. My mother-in-law, Cherylene, has gone to great lengths to include my daughters from my first marriage in everything. When my husband and I had two sons together, nothing changed.

I recall the time while shopping when Cherylene impulsively picked up a gift for the boys. She [illegible] thing for the girls. When I told her it wasn't mandatory — that the girls would understand, and that they needed to know life wasn't always fair — she replied: "You're right. They do need to learn that lesson. But they're not going to learn it from me!"

The attitude in our family toward step-grandchildren has been one of acceptance and love. How sad that anyone thinks it must be any different. — **ELIZABETH IN PHOENIX**

DEAR ELIZABETH: I agree. Acceptance and love usually beget more of the same. Children raised in an accepting, inclusive environment feel good about themselves and others. A child cannot pick its parents, and to discriminate on that basis is unfair to the child.

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DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old daughter has invited a young man to escort her to an upcoming formal dance. Who should pay for the tickets? If they go out to eat before or after the dance, who should pay for their meals?

If a young man invited my daughter to a dance, I would expect him to purchase the ticket and pay for her meal. But since the invitation came from my daughter, who foots the bill? — **NEW ORLEANS MOM**

DEAR MOM: Since your daughter invited the young man to the dance, she is responsible for buying the tickets and paying for the meal. It would be nice if the young man offered to pay for his ticket, but if he doesn't, your daughter should ante up.

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

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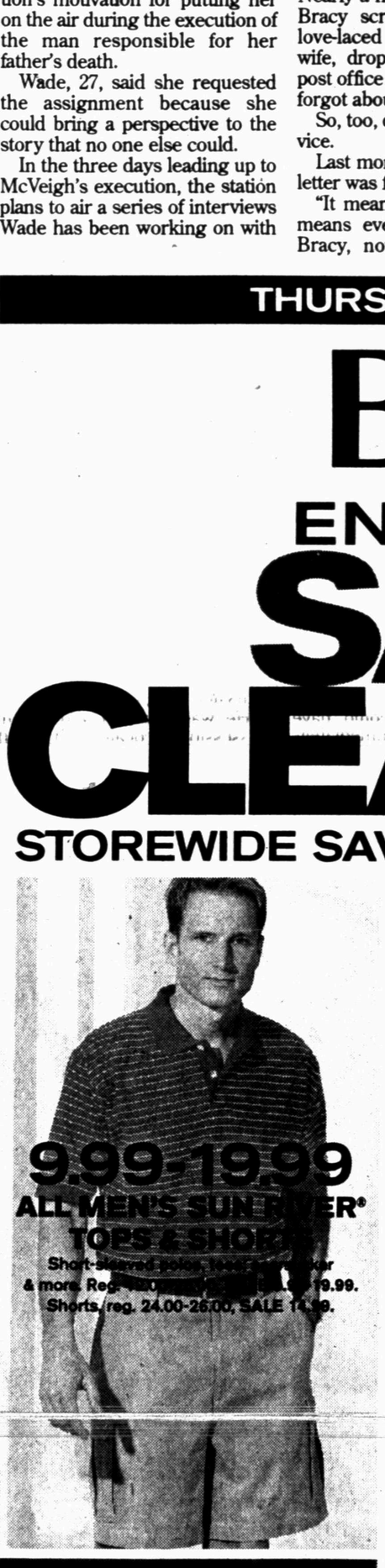
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SPORTS

Headed for Austin...

Three SHS teams earn state berths

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Heading into the final day of regional golf and tennis competition, Snyder High School had three chances to make it to state, and SHS athletes made good on all of them.

Snyder stole the show Tuesday in San Angelo, capturing one regional title and two runner-up finishes to earn three state berths.

SHS won the boys' Region I-4A Golf Tournament, while the Lady Tigers finished second in the girls' links event, and the tennis tandem of Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith grabbed the runner-up spot in doubles.

Gibson and Smith had to recover from a semifinal setback to knock off Pampa's Michael Cornelison and Bryce Jordan in a play-back for second place.

"I saw the talent in these guys early this year," said SHS coach Brad Wikse. "They both have a lot of talent, and I still don't think they've peaked.

"I think they can still play better, and that says a lot about them. They were able to take second at regionals, and didn't play the best tennis they're capable of."

After advancing through the first two rounds on Monday, the SHS duo had to face top-seeded Allen Flack and Dale Murdock of Wichita Falls Rider in the semifinals.

Flack and Murdock toppled the Snyder tandem, 6-2, 6-2, and eventually won the title.

Flack and Murdock's win in the finals gave Snyder its chance in a play-back, and Gibson and Smith made the most of it.

The play-back match was filled with rallies from both squads, with neither team holding the momentum for long.

Gibson and Smith took the first set, 6-4, before dropping the second, 5-7.

The final set was much like the first two, with neither squad yielding.

Snyder held serve to go up 5-4, then broke the Pampa tandem to end the match and claim the state berth. The final count was 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

"All four players were seniors, and they all knew what was on the line. I think everybody was kind of nervous at the start," said Wikse. "But we showed some flashes of greatness in all of our matches, and that makes me optimistic about our chances at state.

"I'm fully confident that we can make it to the finals. I think we'll have as much talent as anybody down there, and if we play like we're capable of, then we have as good a shot as anybody to win the whole thing."

The Class 4A State Tennis Tournament is May 7-8 at Penick-Allison Tennis Complex on the University of Texas campus.

While Gibson and Smith were fighting for a spot in Austin, the Tiger golf team was battling for the regional title at Quicksand Golf Club.

Snyder entered the day three strokes behind Southlake Carroll, and one shot ahead of Andrews. By day's end, the Tigers were nine strokes clear of their closest competitor.

Snyder followed up its opening-round 311 with a 310 on Tuesday to earn the regional crown. Southlake Carroll carded a final-round 322 to finish second.

"We won district and I think some people might have thought it was a fluke," said SHS coach Matt Glenn. "But there's no denying it now, we have one of the best boys' golf teams in the state."

The Tigers proved Glenn's point by surpassing a stellar field on one of the toughest courses in the state. Andrews, the state champion two years ago, and Granbury, which finished third state last year, finished 16 strokes behind the Tigers.

Snyder sophomore Zach Starnes finished second in the medalist race, after making birdie on the first playoff hole to edge out Boswell's Justin Ward and Frenship's Shaun Melville.

Starnes, who opened with a 76, closed with a 77. It was fellow sophomore Stafford Gray who posted the Tigers' low round on Tuesday.

After struggling to an 86 on Monday, Gray fired a sparkling 3-over-par 75, despite a double bogey on the final hole.

Junior Clinton Calmes matched his opening-round score with another 78 on Tuesday, while senior Landon Day closed his round with consecutive birdies to finish with an 80. Levi Mandrell carded an 85.

The three-shot gap at the start of the day was erased on the front nine. The Tigers went out in 157 to charge past Southlake who turned at 168.

Andrews was only two shots back after nine holes, but couldn't keep pace on the back side.

"I don't know if I was really expecting this," said Glenn. "Sure you want to be confident going in, but golf is a fickle game. You have to have all five kids play well at the same time to win at regionals and at state.

"These guys are playing with confidence now, and that's a big factor. They don't give tournaments away. To beat them, you have to play two solid rounds."

The same goes for the Lady Tigers, who finished only four strokes back of highly-touted Andrews at Riverside Golf Club.

Snyder fired 317 Tuesday, 10 shots better than the opening round, to grab the runner-up spot and its eighth consecutive berth in the girls' state tournament.

"The maturity level of this team has gone way up during the past couple of months," Glenn stated. "They're finding out what it takes to be a great golf team, and they're finding a way to get there."

Junior Andra Lancaster was runner-up in the medalist race, after falling to Granbury's Christa Spedding on the first playoff hole.

Lancaster followed her opening-round 75 with a 1-under-par 71 on Tuesday.

Katie Kerley fired an 80 on Tuesday, while Kara Harrison came in with an 82. Christan Curry tallied an 84, and Kellie Dodson posted an 87.

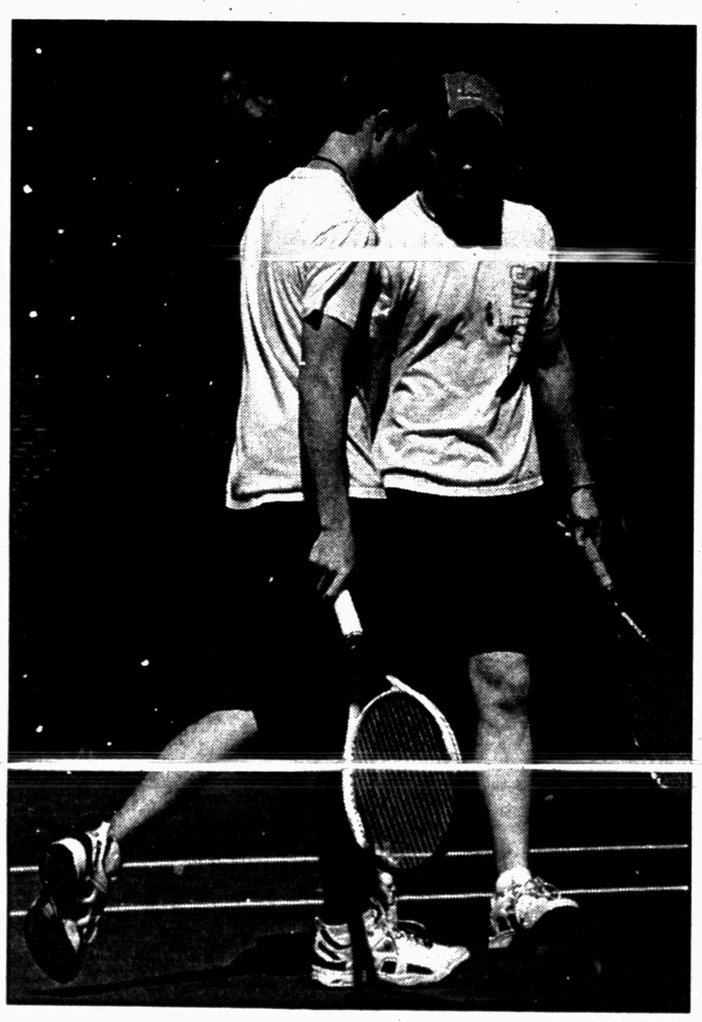
"I think our boys and our girls have a shot in Austin," Glenn remarked. "Andrews is considered to be the best girls' team in the state, and we can play right there with them.

"On the boy's side, the course we'll play at state won't be as tough as the one we played this week. Our guys are confident, and they playing smart golf. That's what it takes to win a state championship."

The Class 4A State Golf Championships are May 7-8 at Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin.



CELEBRATION — Snyder High School golf coach Matt Glenn (back) jokes with his players Tuesday following the trophy presentation at the regional tournament in San Angelo. The Tigers held off Southlake Carroll to win the title. Members of the team are, from left, Assistant Coach Ricky Hunter, Stafford Gray, Landon Day, Zach Starnes, Levi Mandrell and Clinton Calmes. SHS will compete in the state tournament May 7-8 in Austin. (SDN Staff Photo)



LET'S DO THIS — Snyder's Allen Smith (left) and Ryan Gibson discuss strategy at the regional tennis tournament in San Angelo. The duo captured second place to advance to the state tournament in Austin. (SDN Staff Photo)

REGION I-4A TENNIS TOURNAMENT
at Bentwood CC, San Angelo

GIRLS' SINGLES
Semifinals

(2) Brittany Wellsfry, WF High def. (4) Beth Chermel, Southlake Carroll, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2.

(1) Megan Suarez, Southlake Carroll def. (3) Elizabeth Carlisle, Borger, 6-3, 6-2.

Final

(1) Suarez def. (2) Wellsfry, 6-4, 6-0.

GIRLS' DOUBLES
Semifinals

(2) Allison Barker-Brenna Jackson, WF Rider def. (3) Candice Vermeulan-Lauren Graham, Southlake Carroll, 6-4, 7-5.

(1) Danielle Bolin-Sarah Bolin, WF High def. Megan Nally-Virginia Fraser, Southlake Carroll, 6-4, 6-2.

Final

(1) Bolin-Bolin def. (2) Barker-Jackson, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

BOYS' SINGLES
Semifinals

(1) Brad Prigmore, WF high def. (3) Brenton Horne, Southlake Carroll, 6-2, 6-2.

(2) Andrew Ulrich, WF High def. Brian Hull, Southlake Carroll, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Final

(1) Prigmore def. (2) Ulrich, 6-1, 6-3.

BOYS' DOUBLES
Semifinals

(2) Michael Cornelison-Bryce Jordan, Pampa def. (3) Derek Pennartz-Jared King, WF Rider, 6-3, 6-3.

(1) Allen Flack-Dale Murdock, WF Rider def. (4) Ryan Gibson-Allen Smith, Snyder, 6-2, 6-2.

Final

(1) Flack-Murdock def. (2) Cornelison-Jordan, 6-3, 7-6.

Playback for runner-up

(4) Gibson-Smith def. (2) Cornelison-Jordan, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

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REGION I-4A GOLF TOURNAMENT

GIRLS
At Riverside GC, San Angelo
Final Round

Team standings: 1. Andrews, 324-316—640; 2. Snyder, 327-317—644; 3. Southlake Carroll, 333-328—661; 4. Granbury, 335-345—680; 5. Pecos A, 340-345—685; 6. FW Arlington Heights, 361-364—725; 7. Stephenville, 374-364—738; 8. Hereford, 374-373—747; 9. Borger, 384-369—753; 10. Justin Northwest, 381-381—762; 11. WF High, 375-405—780; 12. Pecos B, 398-399—797; 13. WF Rider, 397-407—804; 14. EP Burges, 411-418—829; 15. FW Eastern Hills, 446-423—869; 16. EP Ysleta, 470-487—957.

Medalist standings: 1. Christa Spedding, Granbury, 74-72—146; 2. Andra Lancaster, Snyder, 75-71—146; 3. Calais Gardner, Southlake Carroll, 73-78—151; 4. Jessica Thurston, Andrews, 81-73—154; 5. Melissa Reeves, Justin Northwest, 75-80—155; 6. Ashley Robb, Andrews, 78-78—156; 7. Afton Messenger, Borger, 80-77—157; 8. Jessica Thames, Andrews, 80-81—161; 9. (tie) Katya Muller, Southlake Carroll, 84-78—162 and Salem Mitchell, Pecos, 77-85—162.

Other Andrews scores: Meagan Hall, 87-84—171; Kerri Self, 85-92—177.

Other Snyder scores: Kara Harrison, 83-82—165; Katie Kerley, 85-80—165; Christan Curry, 84-84—168; Kellie Dodson, 86-87—173..

Other Southlake Carroll scores: Katherine Morrow, 86-82—168; Emily Kerlee, 90-90—180; Meagan Carlucci, 94-103—197.

Other Granbury scores: Regan Wallace, 81-93—174; Farrah Shaikh, 89-89—178; Kylee Peterson, 91-91—182; Ashley Lopez, 103-99—202.

Other Pecos A scores: Lauren Martinez, 88-89—177; Cassie Foster, 87-83—170; Candace Hilliard, 88-88—176; Brandi North, 90-100—190.

BOYS
at Quicksand GC, San Angelo
Final Round

Team standings: 1. Snyder, 314-310—624; 2. Southlake Carroll, 311-322—633; 3. Granbury, 324-316—640; 4. Andrews, 315-325—640; 5. WF Rider, 324-321—645; 6. WF High, 334-323—657; 7. Canyon Randall, 323-336—659; 8. Justin Northwest, 332-339—671; 9. Brownwood, 340-335—675; 10. FW Arlington Heights, 340-339—679; 11. Pampa, 354-327—681; 12. FW Western Hills, 361-345—700; 13. EP Burges, 373-353—726; 14. Pecos B, 376-367—743; 15. EP Riverside, 397-403—800; 16. Pecos A, 415-402—817.

Medalist standings: 1. Luke Varner, Andrews, 72-76—148; 2. Zach Starnes, Snyder, 76-77—153; 3. Justin Ward, FW Boswell, 77-76—153; 4. Shaun Melville, Frenship, 77-76—153; 5. (tie) Michael Snider, Southlake Carroll, 77-77—154, Jace Moore, Southlake Carroll, 74-80—154 and Blake Barnett, WF High, 76-78—154; 8. (tie) Clinton Calmes, Snyder, 78-78—156, Matt Finneran, Granbury, 75-81—156 and Greg Weghorst, FW Western Hills, 79-77—156.

Other Snyder scores: Landon Day, 82-80—162; Stafford Gray, 86-75—161; Levi Mandrell, 78-85—163.

Other Southlake Carroll scores: Peter Krupp, 82-87—169; Brennon Thompson, 88-80—168; Chris Meyers, 78-85—163.

Other Granbury scores: Pete Pennington, 81-77—158; Casey Jones, 83-76—159; Cole Petty, 85-82—167; Steve Rains, 93-91—184.

Other Andrews scores: Colby Brownlee, 80-84—164; Parker Stovall, 81-81—162; Spud Dillingham, 85-82—167; Paul Slaughter, 82-84—166.

WF Rider: Parker Sullivan, 82-81—163; James Bean, 79-82—161; Owen Mahaffey, 81-77—158; Clay Montgomery, 85-84—169; Michael Shores, 82-81—163.

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SPORTS

Tigers stay alive with 3-2 win over Plainview

The Snyder Tigers have been in a must-win situation for the past two games, so they'll take a win any way they can get one.

Snyder managed only two hits and committed two errors, but took advantage of every opportunity they had Tuesday night to stay alive in the playoff chase with a 3-2 victory over Plainview at Moffett Field.

Heading into Friday's regular season finale, the Tigers trail Lake View and Big Spring by one game in the chase for the final playoff spot. A Snyder victory over Andrews, coupled with a Lake View loss to Frenship and a Plainview victory over Big Spring, would put SHS in a three-way tie for third.

But first the Tigers had to take care of Plainview.

Snyder got off to a sluggish start in the field and at the plate, before hitting its stride in the fourth inning.

Trailing 2-0, sophomore Tyler Pollard started the Tiger rally with a single to right field. Next up, Jesse Haines laid down a bunt that the Bulldogs couldn't field to put runners on first and second.

A walk to clean-up hitter Brandon McGuire loaded the bases, and all three Tigers would come around to score without another Snyder hit or Plainview error.

A balk by Bulldog pitcher Michael Chavez plated Pollard from third. Billy Pena struck out, but the ball got past Plainview catcher Jacob Jones allowing Haines to sprint in with the Tigers' second run, while Pena hustled down to first base.

Snyder took the lead for good on a double steal. Pena took off for second base, and Plainview second baseman Aaron Longoria dropped the throw from Jones as McGuire strolled home for a 3-2 advantage.

Working with a lead, Snyder hurler Tito Alaniz made short work of the Bulldogs the rest of the way. Alaniz retired Plainview in order in the final three frames, posting six strikeouts in the process.

The SHS left-hander gave up only three hits and four walks on the night to go along with 10 strikeouts.

The singles from Pollard and Haines in the fourth were the Tigers' only two hits.

Plainview had grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second on a hit, two walks and two Snyder errors.

The Bulldogs extended the margin to 2-0 in the third on another bizarre play. With the bases loaded, Kelly Kerbo swung and struck the glove of Snyder catcher Ralph Ramon. Kerbo was awarded first base on catcher interference to force in a run.

Plainview managed its final base runner of the night in the top of the fourth, before Snyder took control in the bottom of the inning.

The Tigers improved to 13-11 on the year and 6-7 in district play.

Should Snyder finish in a three-way tie for third, a district playoff tournament would be held Monday and Tuesday to decide the final playoff qualifier.

The Tigers close out the district schedule at 7 p.m. Friday at Andrews.

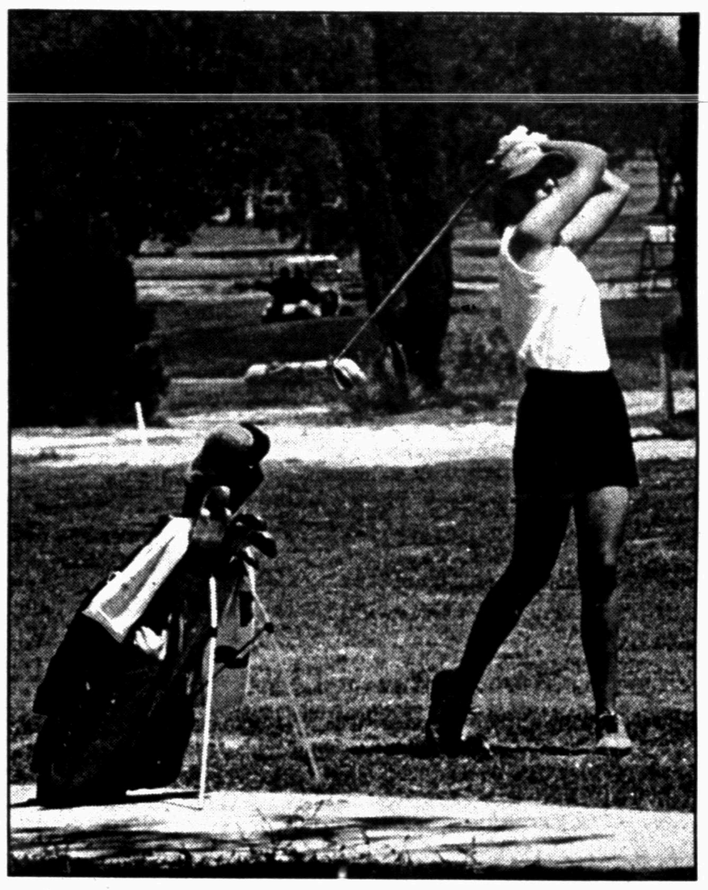
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Longoria 2b	4	0	1	0
Jones c	3	0	0	0
Young 1b	1	0	0	0
Kerbo cf	2	1	0	0
Salazar 3b	2	0	0	0
Holley lf	3	0	0	0
White dh	3	0	2	0
Naron rf	2	0	0	0
Pena ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	2	3	0

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon c	3	0	0	0
Pollard dh	3	1	1	0
Haines 3b	3	1	1	0
McGuire rf	1	1	0	0
Pena ss	3	0	0	0
Nunley 2b	3	0	0	0
Alaniz p	2	0	0	0
Pendleton 1b	1	0	0	0
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Plainview	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Owen	6	2	3	3	2	3
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Alaniz	7	3	2	1	4	10



STARING IT DOWN — Snyder's Kara Harrison hits her approach shot on the 12th hole Tuesday during regional golf competition at Riverside GC in San Angelo. The Lady Tigers finished second to earn their eighth consecutive trip to state. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira golfers finish 11th at regional

ABILENE — All five Ira golfers shaved strokes off their first-round score, but couldn't make up ground at the Region II-A Golf Tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs carded a 474 Tuesday to finish 11th, while Jeff Fine closed with an 84 in the boys' medalist race.

Lacie Thompson posted a 113 to pace the Lady Bulldogs. Mikanna Herring came in with a 117. Tosha Walker tallied 120, and Lindsey Wilson finished with a 124. Ira registered a two-day total of 952.

Fine, who opened with an 86, was two shots better on Tuesday to finish 23rd.

Baird won the girls' title with a score of 335-308—693.

Brock's Steven Knight topped the boys' medalist standings with a two-round total of 148.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Rodeo
Western Texas at Tarleton rodeo

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

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

Sports Briefs

Booster club meeting

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

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

WGA play day

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

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held Saturday 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.

Yanks settle suit with MSG

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees settled their lawsuit with Madison Square Garden, leaving the World Series champions free to start their own television network next year.

Under the deal agreed to between the Yankees and MSG, the team could have a minimum of 65 games to televise on its own network in 2002.

Harvey Schiller, the chief executive officer of the team's parent company, YankeeNets, declined comment on the settlement, which ends the MSG Network's right of first refusal, part of a $486 million, 12-year contract that expired at the end of last season.

Celtics retain O'Brien

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Jim O'Brien will return to the Boston Celtics next season, credited with a "tremendous job" following the midseason resignation of Rick Pitino.

Swoopes out for season

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes sat out most of her rookie year in the WNBA to have a baby. She'll miss this season with a damaged knee.

Swoopes, the league's MVP last year, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee during a preseason workout Monday night.

Utah topples Mavs for 2-0 lead

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Olden Polynice hammered Shawn Bradley with a hard foul, Vernon Maxwell spit on the court and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban blew a kiss to Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan.

Does this series have enough sideshows?

Karl Malone scored 34 points, Bryon Russell 24 and John Stockton 17 as Utah beat Dallas 109-98 in another emotional, physical game Tuesday night, putting the Jazz ahead 2-0 in the best-of-five series.

In a 2-hour, 49-minute marathon that stretched into the wee hours, the teams combined for 70 personal fouls, seven individual technicals, one flagrant foul and two ejections.

The strangest moment came when the teams went to a timeout with 2:54 remaining. Cuban and Sloan, separated by about 35 feet, engaged in lip-reading as Sloan stood on the Jazz sideline and Cuban stood near press row.

"Did I say something to Mark Cuban?" Sloan said afterward. "I didn't know it was Cuban. I don't know him personally."

Cuban's face was folded into a frown, and the exchange had a nasty feel. It ended with Cuban mouthing a kiss to Sloan, who laughed and turned his back.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
First Round
(Best-of-5)
Tuesday, April 24
Philadelphia 116, Indiana 98, series tied 1-1
Utah 109, Dallas 98, Utah leads series 2-0
Wednesday, April 25
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
Toronto at New York, 8 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday, April 27
Miami at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Philadelphia at Indiana, 12:40 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 3 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 8:30 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Thursday, April 26
Toronto at New Jersey, TBA
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, TBA
Los Angeles at Colorado, TBA
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St. Louis at Dallas, TBA
Saturday, April 28
Toronto at New Jersey, TBA
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, TBA
Los Angeles at Colorado, TBA
Sunday, April 29
St. Louis at Dallas, TBA
Monday, April 30
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, TBA
Colorado at Los Angeles, TBA
Tuesday, May 1
New Jersey at Toronto, TBA
Dallas at St. Louis, TBA
Wednesday, May 2
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, TBA
Colorado at Los Angeles, TBA
Thursday, May 3
New Jersey at Toronto, TBA
Dallas at St. Louis, TBA
Friday, May 4
Los Angeles at Colorado, TBA, if necessary
Saturday, May 5
Toronto at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, TBA, if necessary
St. Louis at Dallas, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, May 6 or Monday, May 7
Colorado at Los Angeles, TBA, if necessary
Monday, May 7
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, TBA, if necessary
New Jersey at Toronto, TBA, if necessary
Tuesday, May 8
Dallas at St. Louis, TBA, if necessary
Wednesday, May 9
Toronto at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, TBA, if necessary
Los Angeles at Colorado, TBA, if necessary
Thursday, May 10
St. Louis at Dallas, TBA, if necessary

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	13	6	.684	—
Montreal	9	11	.450	4½
Atlanta	9	12	.429	5
New York	8	11	.421	5
Florida	8	12	.400	5½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	12	7	.632	—
Houston	11	8	.579	1
Cincinnati	10	9	.526	2
Milwaukee	9	10	.474	3
St. Louis	9	10	.474	3
Pittsburgh	8	10	.444	3½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Colorado	11	8	.579	—
San Francisco	11	8	.579	—
Arizona	10	10	.500	1½
Los Angeles	10	10	.500	1½
San Diego	7	13	.350	4½

Tuesday's Games
Houston 11, Atlanta 6
St. Louis 7, Montreal 2
Milwaukee 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Colorado 14, Chicago Cubs 1
Arizona 9, Florida 8
Pittsburgh 5, Los Angeles 1
Cincinnati 9, San Francisco 5
Philadelphia 12, San Diego 7
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta (Millwood 0-2) at Houston (Elarton 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 0-3) at Milwaukee (Haynes 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Reames 2-0) at St. Louis (Benes 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bere 3-0) at Colorado (Neagle 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Grilli 2-1) at Arizona (Schilling 2-0), 9:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 1-0) at San Diego (Tollberg 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Martinez 0-1) at Los Angeles (Gagne 1-1), 10:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 3-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-1), 10:15 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Montreal at St. Louis, 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 3:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 9:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	6	.700	—
Toronto	13	7	.650	1
New York	11	9	.550	3
Baltimore	9	11	.450	5
Tampa Bay	6	14	.300	8
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	14	4	.778	—
Cleveland	11	7	.611	3
Chicago	6	12	.333	8
Kansas City	6	13	.316	8½
Detroit	5	13	.278	9
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	16	4	.800	—
Texas	10	11	.476	6½
Anaheim	8	12	.400	8
Oakland	7	13	.350	9

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore 8, Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 2
Boston 9, Minnesota 4
Seattle 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
Anaheim 7, Cleveland 2
Toronto 7, Texas 5
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Wednesday's Games
Texas (Rogers 1-1) at Toronto (Carpenter 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 4-0) at Boston (Martinez 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Roberts 2-0) at Detroit (Sparks 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Valdes 0-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 0-2), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Wells 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 12:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.

Girls' Little Dribblers

8-YEAR-OLDS
Hornets 18, Suns 14
Hornets: Kaylee Glenn, 10; Savannah Valdez, 8. **Suns:** Blaire Toombs, 6; Ashton Burton, 4; Taylor Freeman and Tiffany Stack, 2.
Hoopsters 22, Nikes 6
Hoopsters: Karissa Medina, 10; Bailey Nickerson, 6; Amber Baker, Alex Hook and Kellie Pilcher, 2. **Nikes:** Meagan Robbins, 4; Madison Guzman, 2.
Swifts 12, Hornets 6
Swifts: Diedre Foree, 6; Kelsi Williams, 4; Jacoree Brooks, 2. **Hornets:** Emma Nunley, Kaitlin Bass and Heather Crawford, 2.
MINOR LEAGUE
Sharpshooters 18, Hot Shots 16
Sharpshooters: Brittany Mitchell, 12; Ashley Trotter, 4; Rainie Moore, 2. **Hot Shots:** Briana Bryant, 10; Shandy McMullen, Kailea Shaw and Megan Villegas, 2.
Mystics 31, Little Tigers 10
Mystics: Britney Webb, 16; K'Ana Garcia, 5; Ryanna Alexander and Amanda Midwell, 4; Chelcea Roemisch, 2. **Little Tigers:** Jaclyn Deleon, 8; Chelsea Oastillo, 2.
Wildcats 33, Red Hots 19
Wildcats: Shaquita Sneed, 21; Tosha McGlouthin, 5; Kira Bilano, 3; Heather Newton and Chassidy Sterling, 2. **Red Hots:** Shelbie Talavera, 14; Jessica Bilderback, 3; Brittany Scott, 2.
Swoopsters 26, Hot Shots 14
Swoopsters: Erma Rodriguez, 22; Chelo Consuelo and Kari Lord, 2. **Hot Shots:** Shandy McMullen, 10; Briana Bryant and Megan Villegas, 2.
Red Hots 24, Little Tigers 9
Red Hots: Jessica Bilderback, 7; Shelbie Talavera, 5; Brittney Scott and Gina Hermesillo, 4; Meagan Thompson, 3; Evian Olvera, 1. **Little Tigers:** Stacey Clifton and Jordon Wright, 3; Autumn Castillo, 2; Chelsea Castillo, 1.
MAJOR LEAGUE
Panthers 42, Comets 28
Panthers: Audrey Jones, 18; Cheyene Roemisch, 12; Alex Urias, 6; Ashley Rodriguez, 4; Krista Dorsett, 2. **Comets:** Katy Crenwelge, 12; Courtney Tyrrell, 10; Kate Wall, 4; Cassi Hernandez, 2.
Fast Break 32, Jazz 15
Fast Break: Jordan Stansell, 14; Kaci Waller, 6; Candace Chandler, Teisha McGlouthin and Cayelea Rhodes, 4. **Jazz:** Jessica Odom, 8; Nicole Presley, 3; Ashley Lopez and Mica Triggs, 2.
Sonics 52, Magic 21
Sonics: Kelbi Pitner, 18; Terann Ragland, 16; Kendra Burns, 14; Jessica Hopper and Marci Pinkerton, 2. **Magic:** Aryn Calley, 10; Kelbi Seale, 7; Jaedi Baze and Ami Foreman, 2.
Sonics 36, Comets 19
Sonics: Kendra Burns and Kelbi Pitner, 14; Terann Ragland and Jordan Derryberry, 4. **Comets:** Katy Crenwelge, 13; Cassi Hernandez, Courtney Tyrrell and Kate Wall, 2.
Fast Break 27, Lady Raiders 18
Fast Break: Teisha McGlouthin, 8; Jordan Stansell, 7; Kaci Waller, 6; Cayelea Rhodes, 4; Candace Chandler and Tatum Norwood, 1. **Lady Raiders:** Kaitlyn Greenlee, 10; Briana Bernal, 6; Destinee Naegele, 2.

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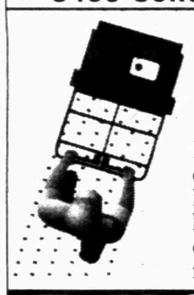
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Dispute may stall Bush's education plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disagreements on money for elementary and secondary education threaten to stall debate on President Bush's education plan, with congressional and White House negotiators remaining billions of dollars apart on spending for schools in 2002.

The Senate this week is scheduled to debate reauthorizing the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides much of the federal money for public schools.

For weeks, congressional and White House negotiators have been haggling over spending levels. Negotiators on Tuesday moved closer to an agreement, but remained about $6 billion apart on how much schools should receive, said sources familiar with the talks.

"We're not in the realistic range," Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts said Tuesday. Kennedy is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, which wrote the ESEA legislation.

Schools will receive about $18.4 billion in ESEA funds this year. Democrats want to increase that to more than $30 billion for 2002 while the White House has said it wants to spend about $19 billion — an increase of less than $1 billion.

Republicans accused Democrats of demanding unreasonable spending levels for the bill. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., said Democrats have "set the threshold so high that it's irresponsible."

Earlier this week, Republicans framed the debate as "money vs. ideas," saying Democrats insist on higher spending levels, while Republicans focus on raising achievement.

"We're the idea people," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

"We cannot allow the education debate to founder on money," said Hutchinson. "The president has given and given on the budget issue."

Democrats said Bush's call for more accountability from schools, teachers, parents and students is unfair if Congress doesn't provide more funding.

"You can't have reform without resources," said Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the Senate minority leader.

Democrats also pointed out that Bush's education proposal was only a fraction of the tax cut he is championing.

Democrats remained divided on whether to continue negotiating for higher funding at the risk of stalling the bill, a source familiar with the negotiations said. But he said they remained firm on the need to provide more money than Bush has proposed.

Republicans, including Education Secretary Rod Paige, point to figures showing that, while the federal investment in education has risen substantially in recent decades, reading scores have remained flat.

Kennedy questioned the figures, saying that scores for most students have risen, but that more disabled students, as well as students unfamiliar with English, are now taking the tests.

Much of the federal elementary and secondary education money would go to Title I spending for low-income school districts. Bush wants $9.1 billion for Title I, but Democrats want $15 billion, which they say is enough to provide help for two-thirds of the nation's poor children.

FSA announces payment program

The Scurry County Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced the availability of a new program for payment on wheat, barley or oats that is used for the grazing of livestock.

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act (ARPA) of 2000 provides Grazed-Out payments, instead of loan deficiency payments (LPDs) for the 2001 crop year to eligible producers who use acreage planted with wheat, barley or oats for gazing and agree to forego any other harvesting of the commodity on such acreage.

Application for Graze-Out began the first day of mechanical harvest, as determined by the County Office Committee (COC), and ends on August 31. Producers may file a CCC-633 grazing application for any acreage of wheat, barley or oats that is planted on a farm having a PFC contract, certified on an acreage report as intended for grazing only and being grazed — and not harvested by any means other than grazing.

Small grain acreage reported for federal crop insurance is not eligible to receive Graze-Out payment unless the producer pays the "short rate" on the acreage being grazed. Insured producers also may obtain a release on an insured crop starting an indemnity has not been received. If small grains have been certified for grain and grazing, the certification will need to be revised to show for grazing only.

The Graze-Out payment is determined by the amount the applicable commodity loan rate exceeds the CCC determined value for the county where the farm is located. The payment rate is the rate in effect the day the request is completed. For the Graze-Out program the yield used to calculate the payment will be the higher of the established yield used for PFC payments or the average county yield based on NASS data.

For more information, contact the Scurry County Farm Service Agency office at 573-0171.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 629 head of cattle for the Saturday, April 21, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows $1 higher, bulls were $2 higher. Bred cows and pairs were steady in a light test. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
500-600: 97-103
600-700: 90-94
700-900: 81-85
Feeder heifers:
400-500: 95-99
500-600: 90-94
600-700: 85-90
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 730-740
Aged cows: 545-660
Pairs: 780-830
Aged pairs: 670-770
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 40-
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 45-48.50
Boners High Yielding 1150-1350 Lbs. 48.50-51.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs. 41-43
Under 800-1000 Lb. 39-43.50
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 53.50-58.50
High dressing 1500-2100 Lbs. 61-62.50
Low dressing 1000-1300 Lbs. 53
Low Dressing 1000-1300 Lbs.: 48

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Paget's disease is relatively benign

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 78 and have Paget's disease. What can I expect in the future? DEAR READER: Paget's disease is a term that describes several ailments. Paget's disease of the breast, for example, is a highly malignant form of breast cancer. Paget's disease of the penis is a rare cancer of that organ. Paget's disease of bone, common in older patients, is a chronic disorder of the adult skeleton. This is probably what you're referring to, so let's talk about the bone disease.

Sometimes called "osteitis deformans," the affliction is characterized by patchy areas of bone that undergo simultaneous degeneration and reformation. Bone turnover is so active that the new bone doesn't have time to mature and form completely; it is thick, heavily calcified — and much more brittle than normal.

This leads to pain, enlargement of the skull, difficulty walking, and bone tenderness. Many patients are surprisingly free of symptoms, especially in the initial stages of the disease. However, the weakened bones may fracture spontaneously (without preceding injury) and spinal nerves can be compressed, resulting in back pain and signs of sciatica. Hearing loss (because of pressure on the auditory nerves) and arthritis occur frequently.

The cause of Paget's disease is unknown. The diagnosis is established by X-rays of the bones (which have a characteristic "moth-eaten" appearance), bone scans (showing areas of rapid bone turnover) and blood analysis of the enzyme alkaline phosphatase, which is markedly elevated in Paget's disease.

At present, treatment is directed at retarding the areas of overactive bone metabolism and strengthening bone that has already formed, using drugs such as calcitonin and diphosphonates. However, I anticipate a real breakthrough in the next few years; several experimental therapies show real promise as cures.

Despite the fact that Paget's disease is estimated to affect about 3 percent of people over 40, it requires treatment only if symptoms are prominent. More often than not, they aren't. The diagnosis is frequently discovered accidentally, during testing for other reasons.

Given these facts, I believe you can be optimistic about your future. Nonetheless, you should be monitored regularly by your doctor, and I advise you not to disregard symptoms of back pain or bone discomfort.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a Baker's cyst? Does it have anything to do with my profession as a baker? What can I do for the pain?

DEAR READER: A Baker's cyst — named after William Baker, a 19th century British surgeon who first described the condition — is a swelling behind the knee, caused by a leakage of joint fluid. Bearing no relation to the baking profession, the fluid becomes trapped in the tissues outside the joint, producing what is called a synovial cyst that can be quite painful. The most satisfactory treatment for the cyst is surgical removal by an orthopedic specialist. Until you can arrange such an appointment, try over-the-counter pain relief such as Tylenol or Advil, or ask your family physician for a prescription pain-reliever.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	04-25-01
	♠ Q 8 4 2 ♥ A 7 ♦ Q 5 ♣ 8 7 5 4 2	
West ♠ 5 ♥ K Q 10 8 5 ♦ J 9 8 4 ♣ K Q 6		**East** ♠ 7 6 3 ♥ J 9 6 3 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ J 10 9
	South ♠ A K J 10 9 ♥ 4 2 ♦ K 10 3 2 ♣ A 3	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥
Dbl.	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Double the fun, double the trouble

By Phillip Alder
Doubles: penalty,
Takeout, negative, support,
Maximal? Don't know!
— Herb Stappenbeck, Gadsden, Ala.

Back in the 1890s, there was only one double. It announced that the opponents had gone too high and were going down. Then the takeout double was invented — and immediately considered to be cheating in some quarters. Nowadays, there are many doubles. Just in case you haven't heard of any of those listed above, a negative double is made by the responder when his partner's opening bid has been overcalled. It often indicates four-card length in an unbid major. A support double is made by the opener when the overcall comes on his right. If he could bid two of his partner's suit, double shows three-card support, a raise guarantees four. A maximal double occurs in this deal.

If only East had had the courtesy to pass over North's two spades (and three hearts was frisky), South could have made a game-try with three diamonds. Now, though, he has no space. If he bids three spades, it is only competitive. To invite game, he makes a maximal double.

There are three sure losers: one heart, one diamond and one club. Yet there are only eight immediate winners. To make game, declarer must ruff two low diamonds with dummy's high trumps. He should win trick one in the dummy, cross to hand with a trump, and lead a diamond to the queen and ace. He wins the trump return in hand, cashes the diamond king, ruffs a diamond, plays a club to the ace, and ruffs the last diamond.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		37.25	36.68	36.90—.76
AOL TimeWm		47.82	46.94	47.52 + .27
AT&T Corp		22.37	21.76	22.08—.04
Albertsons		31.19	30.95	31.09 + .07
Alltel		53.61	50.91	52.86 + 2.29
AmEl Pw		49.60	49.30	49.55 + .10
AndrkPtr		67.10	64.55	67.05 + 2.24
ATMOS Egy		21.95	21.60	21.94 + .29
Aviall		9.00	8.42	8.85 + .53
BP Amoco		53.35	52.98	53.20 + .26
BakerHughes		35.90	35.05	35.63—.63
Bank of Amer		54.75	53.96	54.00—.50
BellSouth		41.55	40.55	41.30 + .75
Beth Steel		3.40	3.20	3.21—.13
BurlNoSFe		29.70	28.55	29.36 + .71
Caterpillar		48.45	47.55	47.97—.33
Chevron		95.30	93.77	95.10 + .80
Citigroup s		49.19	48.31	48.32—.38
CocaCola		48.30	47.41	47.65 + .26
ColgatePal		53.10	52.18	52.70 + .30
ComclMetals		25.97	25.75	25.97 + .47
Cooperin		33.80	33.64	33.80 + .16
DaimlrChry		49.59	48.92	49.28—.63
DeltaAirl		43.65	43.00	43.03—.30
Dillards Inc		16.30	15.30	16.07 + .33
DowChem s		33.50	32.86	32.97—.82
DuPont		44.95	43.81	43.82—.98
EastmanChem		53.43	52.36	52.49—1.18
EstKodak		42.98	42.69	42.87 + .31
EDS Corp		65.00	63.05	64.80 + 1.25
Entergy		39.80	39.05	39.34 + .24
ExxonMobil		89.01	87.70	88.73 + 1.24
GenDynam		72.80	71.70	72.00—2.11
GenElec		47.15	46.40	46.95 + .96
GenMills		38.48	37.55	37.75 + .21
GenMotors		54.99	54.40	54.95—.56
GaPacGP		30.30	29.48	29.60—.90
GlobalMar		26.90	25.80	26.80 + .20
Goodrich		38.60	37.81	37.89—.71
Goodyear s		25.00	24.33	24.44—.56
GtAtlPac		9.30	9.22	9.30 + .08
Halliburtn		38.44	37.18	38.02 + .46
Hanson ADS		33.75	33.19	33.45 + .16
HarteHanks		22.75	22.34	22.75 + .19
HomeDepot		46.24	45.31	45.99 + .97
Honeywellntl		46.71	45.98	46.52 + 1.13
IBM		113.98	111.99	113.46 + .79
IntlPaper		37.60	36.62	37.10—.28
JohnsonJn		94.15	92.50	93.61 + 1.10
K mart		9.07	8.82	8.89—.09
KinderMorg		57.70	56.85	57.66 + .80
Kroger Co		22.14	22.00	22.05—.04
Litton		79.80	79.69	79.78 + .17
LockheedM		35.60	34.90	35.00—.89
Lowes Cos		58.00	56.25	57.80 + 1.00
Lubys		7.40	7.31	7.34 + .01
LucentTech		10.45	9.80	10.20—.05
MayDeptStr		36.00	35.55	35.68 + .18
Medtronic		44.42	43.90	44.12 + .12
Motorola s		14.90	14.33	14.45—.40
NCR Corp		47.50	47.01	47.24—.26
Navistar		25.05	24.61	24.98—.07
Penney JC		18.64	18.40	18.55 + .15
PepBoys		4.50	4.45	4.50 + .01
PepsiCo		43.85	43.40	43.68 + .53
Pharmacia		49.55	47.60	49.20 + 1.19
PhelpDodge		43.55	42.80	42.84—.70
PhilipPet		59.74	59.06	59.62 + .42
PilgrmPrd B		10.10	10.05	10.08—.04
Polaroid		3.37	3.22	3.25—.10
Praxair		47.50	46.38	46.50—.98
ProctGamb		57.84	56.70	57.40 + .76
PubS NwMx		34.20	33.85	33.87—.16
RadioShack		30.70	29.50	30.60 + .77
ReliantEngy		49.15	48.44	48.69—.09
RoyalDut		59.19	58.82	59.10 + .64
SBC Comm		40.76	39.50	40.36 + .66
SaraLee		20.27	19.86	19.94 + .08
Scripps EW		63.10	62.10	62.80 + .54
SearsRoeb		35.20	34.60	35.10 + .35
SherwinW		20.71	20.10	20.23—.68
SouthernCo s		23.64	23.25	23.30 + .13
SwstAirl s		18.34	18.03	18.22—.06
SprintFON		21.60	21.26	21.38 + .04
SprintPCS		25.00	24.30	24.35—.16
Sunoco Inc		37.94	36.75	37.80 + .64
TXU Corp		43.21	42.75	42.75—.33
TempleInland		48.15	47.00	47.33—.77
Texaco		71.78	70.80	71.80 + .54
Textrn		30.20	29.47	29.89 + .24
TexasInst s		36.00	34.50	35.86 + 1.41
Textron		53.55	52.08	52.10—1.21
TriconGlbR		42.18	41.73	41.95 + .15
TrinityInds		19.04	18.71	19.04 + .04
TritonEngy		23.55	22.90	23.35 + .67
TylerTech		1.54	1.50	1.54
USX-Marathn		32.00	31.40	31.80—.14
USX-USS		18.61	17.70	18.16—.74
UnionPacif		56.35	55.45	55.63—.25
UnitedTech		76.75	75.45	75.45—1.05
Unocal		38.00	36.30	37.04 + .25
Venator Grp		13.33	13.03	13.15—.15
VerizonComm		54.87	54.02	54.31 + 1.50
WalMart		51.10	50.28	50.40 + .30
WellsFargo		47.52	47.05	47.06—.84
WstnGasRs		36.93	36.80	36.84—.06
WinnDixie		31.70	31.19	31.56 + .34
Xerox Cp		8.42	8.10	8.31 + .22

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ACROSS

1 Galapagos Islands lizard
7 "... eating her — and whey"
12 — pentameter
13 Mistreat
14 Attribute
15 Four score and ten
16 Asian holiday
18 Large tub
21 Cube inventor
23 Mag. workers
26 Two-toed sloth
28 VCR button
29 Agt.
30 Actress Redgrave
31 Relevant
33 Like an ice-cream holder
36 Cinema pooch
37 One (Scot.)
38 Busy as — —
40 Jury member, e.g.
41 Comedian Sparks
42 Move slightly
44 Orthodontist's deg.
45 "— Kapital"
46 "The Bridge of San Luis —"
48 Adulterated
51 Basketball player Julius —
55 Covered loosely
56 Brown pigment
57 Up to this point (2 wds.)
58 Sonnet part

DOWN

1 V minus II
2 "Klute" actress Rita
3 Baseball official (abbr.)
4 Touch upon
5 Fertilizer ingredient
6 Vinegar
7 Conspicuous failure
8 Arm bone
9 Lament
10 Aug. time
11 Pollack fish
13 Compose
18 Roman fire god
19 Indefinite person
20 Sun-browned
22 Sounded a horn
23 Used a pencil end
24 Like cars involved in fender benders
25 Pointed weapons
27 "Form" start
32 Traveler's need
34 Nightclub
35 Mistreated
39 Exit
43 Spooky
45 Cheat
47 Actor Montand
48 Mountain on Crete
49 "— Doubtfire"
50 Take care of the bills
52 Bank-statement abbr.
53 Compass pt.
54 Hood's piece

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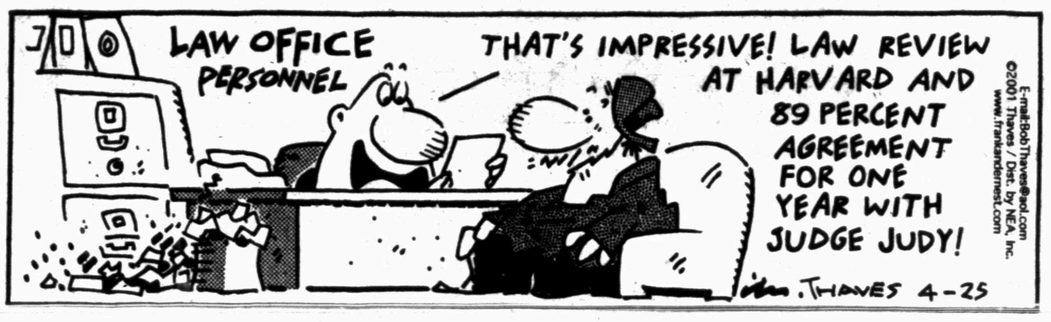
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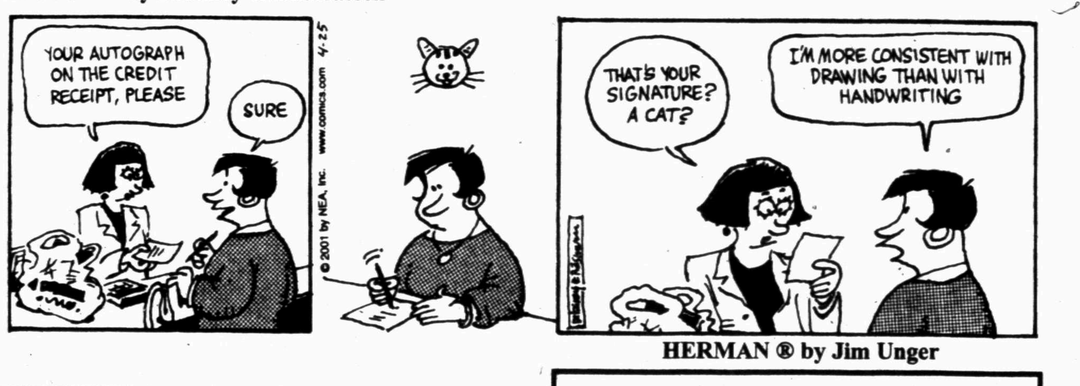
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A&M students to have role in bonfire plans

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Students will have a major role in the newly envisioned Texas A&M bonfire, a member of a committee working to resurrect the tradition after a deadly collapse said Tuesday night.

The Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee listened to students' concerns about what their role will be if the tradition resumes and how the log stack will be redesigned.

Twelve Aggies died in the 1999 collapse.

About 40 students and others attended the campus meeting that updated the university community about the work done the past seven months to restructure the bonfire in the hope of resuming it next year.

Since A&M President Ray Bowen announced in June that a bonfire would not continue without major changes, students have expressed fears that their participation will be severely limited.

"Is this stilll a student bonfire or is this a Texas A&M bonfire?" asked Seth Ward, 23, a marketing major.

Committee member Josh Rowan said students have a major role in the newly envisoned bonfire.

"I personally spent many, many sleepless nights answering e-mails, making phone calls to make sure student input is considered in this process," Rowan said.

A representative of a Houston firm hired by A&M to create the construction plan for the log stack told students at the meeting that he expects to have full participation by students during the design process.

"It's not my design. It will evolve from input from everybody," said Joseph Colaco, president of CBM Engineers Inc. "I intend to listen a lot."

A&M architecture major Mike Spillers had a suggestion for Colaco with regard to designing the log stack.

"Make it big, make it wide, make it tall and let it burn like hell," Spillers said.

After hearing what was discussed during the meeting, Spillers said he was encouraged that bonfire in 2002 will be student-run.

The steering committee is coordinating efforts by six task forces to restructure various aspects of the 90-year bonfire tradition. Bonfire was put on hold until at least 2002 after 12 Aggies were killed and 27 others were injured when the 59-foot-high, wedding cake-like stack of more than 5,000 logs collapsed Nov. 18, 1999.

The stack traditionally has been ablaze on the eve of A&M's game against archrival Texas. Current and former Aggies attend the event.

In May, a five-member commission appointed and funded by the university blamed the collapse on flawed construction techniques and the lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack.

The committee and task forces were formed after Bowen said that bonfire would not continue without major changes, including greater school supervision and a professionally engineered design.

The task forces are looking at six areas: safety, risk management, student leadership and participation, design and construction, vision for student leadership and institutional culture.

"Safety is the driver for the next bonfire," Bryan Cole, assistant vice president for quality leadership, said during the meeting. Cole is facilitator for the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee.

Student body president Forrest Lane said earlier on Tuesday that while 80 percent of the committee's work is done, the remaining 20 percent — creating the safety and construction plans — will be the hardest part.

CBM Engineers, along with the firm hired to prepare the safety plan, Houston-based Vallen Knowledge Systems Corp., held meetings on campus to obtain input aboutdesign plans.

More people download songs; are they buying?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The traffic in free music on the Internet has boomed since last summer — no doubt causing the recording industry to worry more about compact disc sales. But don't tell Mike Redmond that.

"Sales have been very strong," said Redmond, general manager at a Tower Records store located a few blocks from the White House. "People are still coming in for whole records."

But that doesn't mean that fans of music-swapping services like Napster are buying records as well. Only "every now and again" does a music downloader come in asking for a whole CD, Redmond said Tuesday.

"For some people, they sample the music and go out and buy it," said Pew Internet and American Life Project director Lee Rainie. "But for a lot of people, they don't go out and buy it."

According to a new Pew study, a lot more people are sampling — though a future study will find out if they're not buying. Thirty-seven million Americans have downloaded free music from the Internet since last summer, a 40 percent increase since then, according to the study.

Napster's legal setbacks seem to have fueled the increase, which spans all Internet users regardless of their experience, age, prosperity or race, Rainie said.

Twenty-nine percent of American adults say they have downloaded music online. That figure was only 22 percent in late July 2000, when the recording industry won its copyright infringement suit against Napster.

"The level of sharing and downloading closely tracked the court case," Rainie said. In July, the average Napster user shared about 130 music files. That jumped to 200 in January, when Napster's case went to an appeals court, but lately that number has diminished to about 80.

Napster officials declined to comment on the study, other than to say the recent drop in shared files shows that their filtering efforts are working.

More older Internet users are downloading music, according to the report. Fifteen percent of Internet users over 50 said they have gotten tunes from the Internet, up from 9 percent in July.

"It's always been the case that this wasn't just for people under 30," Rainie said. "There are a lot of music files that people who are 50 and over grew up with."

Still, it is largely a young person's activity. Just over half of adult Internet users under 30 and three-quarters of boys aged 15 to 17 said they download songs from the Internet.

The report is based on three telephone surveys, both using random-digit dialing and having an error margin of plus or minus 2 to 4 percentage points, depending upon the survey portion. The surveys polled a total of 4,205 adults and 754 children.

Mural depicts police as KKK, and Statue of Liberty armed

NEW YORK (AP) — A mural depicting police in Ku Klux Klan hoods and a pistol-clutching Statue of Liberty has been unveiled in memory of an unarmed African immigrant killed by officers two years ago.

Harlem artist Hulbert Waldroup spray-painted the 20-by-35-foot mural, titled "The American Dream," on the exterior wall of a Bronx store on the same block where four officers fired 41 shots at Amadou Diallo, striking him 19 times.

"I think it's a fine representation of the state of affairs in the United States today," said 47-year-old neighbor Lloyd West. "The irony of it is that Diallo came for the American dream, and it turned out to be a nightmare."

The slaying — in Diallo's doorway by members of an elite street-crime unit — heightened racial tensions. The New York City officers were acquitted of murder after testifying they mistook the wallet Diallo pulled out of his pocket for a gun.

The mural, commissioned by store owner Joani Borrero, also shows a mammoth image of a smiling Diallo and a grave marker listing his Feb. 4, 1999, death.

The work has provoked debate about whether it should be painted over.

Borrero said he was offended by the gun-toting Statue of Liberty. After conferring with some of the dozen officers at the unveiling Tuesday, Borrero suggested it might be painted over.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who recently set up a "decency commission," to judge the morality of publicly funded art, did not return calls.

"Sometimes it's best to not get involved with these things because it only generates publicity," Patrolmen's Benevolent Association spokesman Joseph Mancini said.

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After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "Almost a half million Gas Savers have been sold. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, April 26, 2001

In the year ahead, you could turn out to be quite fortunate in your associations. Someone you meet may be responsible for putting you onto a very successful undertaking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What you don't know will hurt you today if you put up your hard-earned money to fund something which is out of your field of expertise. Stick to sure bets. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — By being too rigid or unyielding you could create an incident today that won't make you look too good in the eyes of others. Make molehills out of mountains, not the other way around.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Even though it might make for some tantalizing conversation today, don't spread gossip around on hearsay information. It could turn out to be quite harmful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When socializing today, don't allow yourself to get involved in games of chance in which betting is called for. You may win a few bucks, but you could lose a pal in the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be consistent in your expectations today. If you want acknowledgment for that which you do right, be prepared to accept the blame for that which goes wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Just because you may what to believe you're being tested by a higher power today doesn't make it so. Chances are it'll be your doings that create complications for you now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You have enough to do keeping your own affairs in order without meddling into another's muddled milieu. Mind your own business and you won't get into further trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Incorrectly evaluating an opponent today could draw you into something where you'll find yourself outmatched and overwhelmed. Don't underestimate anybody, let alone the competition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Relying on others to tend to things you should be doing yourself could turn out to be a major mistake today. If they do a rotten job, you're the one who'll be held accountable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Enjoy yourself today when out socializing with friends, but be very careful you don't step over the line with them in any way. Turn the other cheek, no matter what happens.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Strive to be your natural sweet self today and avoid adopting a complaining attitude. If you get off on the wrong foot, you could make enemies instead of allies.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be realistic as to who can do what for you today. If you knowingly delegate a task to a person who has a poor performance record, don't expect a miracle; you won't get it.

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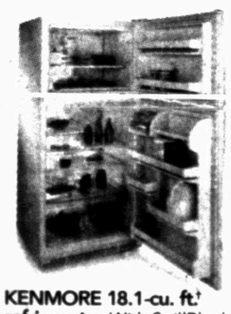


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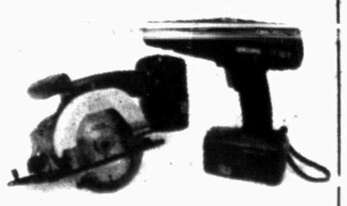
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Fog, snow delay rescue attempt

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile (AP) — With flaming debris marking an icy landing strip, a small plane fitted with skis completed half of its perilous journey to rescue a sick American doctor at the South Pole.

After a 10-hour flight from the Rothera base on the Antarctic peninsula, the eight-seat Twin Otter became the first plane to successfully land at the Pole during the polar winter.

The crew braved extreme winter conditions and flew through pitch-black skies as part of a swashbuckling effort to evacuate Dr. Ronald Shemenski, the sole physician among 50 researchers working at the Amundsen-Scott Pole Station in Antarctica.

Even though the howling winds and blinding snow had eased, temperatures at the South Pole dipped to minus 90 degrees, but much colder with the wind chill, when the plane landed.

After arriving at the world's end Tuesday evening, the plane's crew — two pilots and an engineer — chose to remain for 10 hours to rest, refuel and assess Shemenski's condition. The plane was to fly out around dawn today, although its departure was delayed until midmorning as pilots checked reports of fresh snow and fog.

"The weather seemed good so they decided to get some rest," said Valerie Carroll, a spokeswoman for Raytheon Polar Services. The U.S.-based company provides services in Antarctica under contract from the National Science Foundation headquartered in Washington.

The 59-year-old Shemenski recently suffered a gall bladder ailment and has been diagnosed with the potentially life-threatening condition known as pancreatitis.

A nurse at the South Pole helped take ultrasound images that were sent back to doctors in the United States for diagnosis. Pancreatitis is the inflammation of the pancreas and can happen when a gallstone passes down the bile duct, irritating the gland.

It was the second dramatic rescue attempt in 24 hours. On Tuesday, a New Zealand air force plane successfully evacuated 11 American staffers from a research station on the other side of the frozen continent, where little cloud cover and no wind made conditions ideal for the emergency airlift.

The effort to evacuate Shemenski has posed significantly greater challenges.

Flights to the South Pole are normally halted from late February until November because of the extreme cold and darkness. But health emergencies at the isolated, frigid Antarctic outposts forced rescuers in both operations to make the dangerous flights.

As the pilots guided their twin-engine, red-and-white propeller plane through the darkened Antarctic skies, the glow of burning debris lit up their runway — a 2,000-feet strip of ice recently flattened down by heavy machinery.

The Twin Otter departed from Rothera Base on the continent's edge, after arriving from Punta Arenas, Chile, late last week. A companion plane stayed behind at the base to monitor the plane's progress.

Also flying in the cramped plane, packed with fuel and medical supplies, was Dr. Betty Carlisle, Shemenski's replacement.

A successful rescue would mark the second time in two years that a doctor has been plucked from the pole in a medical emergency.

Bush says U. S. force an option to defend Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today that U.S. military force is "certainly an option" if China invades Taiwan.

The president also cautioned Taiwan not to provoke an attack by declaring independence from Beijing. "I would certainly hope that Taiwan would not do such a thing," Bush said in an interview with The Associated Press.

And the president said he believes the United States and China will work out their differences peacefully. "I believe the difficulties can be resolved," he said.

Bush spoke on the heels of China's detention of 24 U.S. airmen and his decision to sell arms to Taiwan.

His remarks on Taiwan were an unusually blunt warning to China that the United States is willing to use its military might to uphold the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act. That law requires Washington to provide Taiwan with "such defense articles and defense services ... as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability."

China considers Taiwan a breakaway province that must be reunited with the mainland.

For decades, U.S. administrations have been purposely vague on whether the United States would actually go to war with China over Taiwan, as opposed to arming Taiwan well enough to enable the island to defend itself.

Bush, who promised a more plain-speaking foreign policy during the 2000 campaign, didn't mince words when asked if he was willing to use military force if China attacked Taiwan. "It's certainly an option," he said.

He did not directly respond when asked if his position would change in the event that Taiwan declares independence.

"I will certainly hope that Taiwan would not do such. Our policy is a one-China policy — that the two nations can resolve their disputes peacefully," Bush said. "And we need to work with the Taiwanese so that does not occur — the breach of the one-China policy."

Asked again if military force is an option, Bush said, "It's certainly an option. ... The Chinese have got to understand that is clearly an option."

In an interview broadcast earlier in the day on ABC's "Good Morning America," Bush was asked if the United States has an obligation to defend Taiwan. "Yes, we do, and the Chinese must understand that," he said.

Cogdell board will meet on Thursday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will hear several reports Thursday during their regular board meeting.

Set for 8 a.m. in the hospital's board room, Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of staff, will present the monthly medical staff report, while Ladena Hudson will give an update on Cogdell Home Health activities.

The board will also hear the monthly financial report and the certification of accounts payable as presented by Joe Wright.

The board will also consider an agreement with National Rehab Partners.

Cogdell CEO George Parsley will also give his monthly report.

Officers handle variety of calls

• ***Mischief, theft***

At 8:50 p.m. Tuesday, Doug Brunson reported criminal mischief at 2411 27th Street and a theft at 2407 27th Street. Clothing items were cut up at the 2411 location while a jewelry item was taken from his 2407 residence.

• ***Close patrol***

Officers were asked to keep a close patrol on the newspaper stands located at Allsup's on College Avenue and Skinny's on Coliseum Drive in reference to someone tampering with the *Dallas Morning News* stands.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Rip Griffin's notified police of a gas drive-off in the amount of $24 at 1:36 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Windows broken***

An offense report for criminal mischief was taken at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday at 3004 Beaumont in reference to windows on a vacant house being broken. Donna Mullins reported the incident.

• ***Bicycle stolen***

Silvia Martinez told authorities at 8:36 p.m. Tuesday that a bicycle had been taken from 321 34th Street.

• ***Problems with son***

A man called police at 7:24 a.m. Tuesday in reference to his son refusing to go to school. Officers were dispatched and advised the juvenile did go to school. However, at 9:30 a.m., the father again called police to report that his son did not go to school.

Juvenile probation officer Larry Thompson was contacted.

• ***Fire notes***

Snyder Fire Department responded to a fire in a trash container at 5:58 p.m. Tuesday in the alley in the 3100 block of Hill Avenue.

At 8:36 p.m. Tuesday, firefighters were called to the Arrow Construction yard on Avenue Z in reference to a diesel powered air compressor being on fire.

Obituaries

Virginia Bethel

1908-2001

Funeral service for Virginia May Bethel, a longtime resident of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, officiating.



Virginia Bethel

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bethel, 93, died Monday, April 23, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Born March 6, 1908 in Wagoner, Okla., she married A.L. Bethel on Dec. 27, 1927 in Wagoner. He died April 12, 1986.

She moved with her family to Snyder in 1949. She was a member of the Martha Ann Woman's Club and a member of the First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school in the primary department for many years.

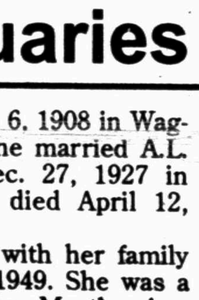
Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Kate Bethel of Snyder; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Jose I. Lara

1934-2001

Jose I. Lara of Snyder died Monday, April 23, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Service for Mr. Lara, 67, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Leo Moras will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.



Jose Lara

Rosary will be held at 7 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Robert Ramirez officiating.

Born March 19, 1934 in Biery, Tex., he married Celia Torres on Sept. 1, 1956 in Lockney. Mr. Lara, a cotton gin worker and a part-time truck driver, served in the U.S. Army Reserves for many years. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Senona Sanchez; one brother, Santiago Lara; and one grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Celia Lara of Snyder; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Claudio Lara, Joe Lara Jr., Luis and Belinda Lara, Gonzalo Lara, and Savino and Susan Lara, all of Snyder; four daughters and one son-in-law, Lucy Lara of Arlington, Helen Robles, Martha Lara and Linda and Joe Carrisalez, all of Snyder; three sisters, Alfonsa Hernandes, Antonio Rocha, both of Tulia, and Josephina Contrerres of Lamesa; 22 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Baseball booster club

Snyder High School's baseball booster club will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in the SHS student center.

Peter Pan

Snyder Junior High School will present *Peter Pan* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday in the SJHS auditorium. Tickets are $5 each.

Discovery School

Friday is the final day to register for the summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church. Fee is $12 for the session that begins Monday, May 21. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each weekday and is for children ages six weeks through pre-kindergarten. Pre-registration for the fall session are also being accepted.

GED testing

Testing for GED (high school equivalency) will be held Friday. For information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 574-2112 at home or 573-8511, ext. 297, at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Benefit enchilada dinner

The Lady Drillers basketball team will have a benefit enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Adult tickets are $5, and children's tickets, 10 and under are $3. Delivery is available for five orders or more. Call 573-9847 before 11 a.m. on Friday.

Men's Conference

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

Weekend revival

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

Farm Bureau seminar

The Scurry County Farm Bureau is sponsoring Scurry County students to attend the student citizenship seminar at Angelo State University June 4-8. Applications must be in the Farm Bureau office by Friday. Information is available at each high school's counseling office. Call the Farm Bureau for additional information at 573-9963.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

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

Youth garage sale

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

Spaghetti luncheon

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

FFA turkey shoot

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

Missionary to speak

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

All-sports banquet meeting

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

SHS football booster club

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

Self defense training

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

Ira sports banquet

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

Grief seminar

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

Class of '56 reunion

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

West family reading night

West Elementary will have only two more family reading nights this school year. The sessions will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, and Thursday, May 10. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Alzheimer support group

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