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Primary polls to open 7 a.m. Tuesday

Commissioners, JP race spurs interest

Republicans and Democrats go to the polls Tuesday to decide party nominees for the November general election.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All Republicans will vote at Snyder City Hall while Democrats will vote at their respective voting places.

Voters need to bring their yellow voter registration cards.

Several contested races will be decided.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey has drawn two opponents in the Democratic Primary.

Bill Baldwin and Cloyce Scarberry are challenging him for the Precinct 1 post.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer is seeking a second term, and has drawn one opponent, Joe Bass, in the GOP primary.

Donna Gray is the third candidate seeking to become Precinct 3 county commissioner. Gray, wife of former commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., is the lone Democratic candidate.

Four people have filed on the Republican ticket to fill the vacated Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace position.

Deborah Boyd, Ben Smith, Dwaine Merritt and Kirby McCravey are all seeking the position.

Pat Alexander and Kirk Taylor are running on the Republican ticket for Precinct 1 constable.

In Precinct 2, Pam Bryant has filed to run as an independent for the vacant JP post and Travis Brackeen has filed for the position on the Republican ticket.

Jeff Duck is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket for Precinct 2 constable.

Others who have filed, and who will be unopposed in the primaries are District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley, County Attorney Mike Hartman – all on the Republican ticket.

Sheriff Darren Jackson is unopposed on the Demo ballot as is Diana Williamson who is running for the tax assessor-collector post.

State Rep. David Counts, a Democrat, is being challenged by Big Spring businessman Tim Blackshear, a Republican.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm is unopposed on the Demo ticket, but he has two Republican challengers, Darrell Clements of Dallas and Shane Hunt of Granbury.

Democratic Primary Voting Places

Voting Pct. #	Precinct Name	Voting Place
5	Fluvanna	Fluvanna Community Center
6	Union	Union Community Center
7	Northwest/West Snyder	Scurry County Library
8	West Central Snyder	School Administration Blg.
9	Ira	Ira Community Center
10	Southwest Snyder	Towle Park Barn
11	Dunn	Dunn Community Center
12	Central/Southeast Snyder	South Side of the Coliseum
13	Hermleigh	Hermleigh Community Center
15	North/Northeast Snyder	North Side of the Coliseum

Republican Primary Voting Place
All Republicans will vote at City Hall

PDU employees to host Special Olympics events

Price Daniel Unit employees have several events scheduled this month in support of Special Olympics.

Starting next Monday, classrooms in the Snyder schools will participate in "Mile of Quarters for Special Olympics."

Collection jars will be placed in each classroom for the two-week time period so students and teachers can make donations to the Area 14 Special Olympics program.

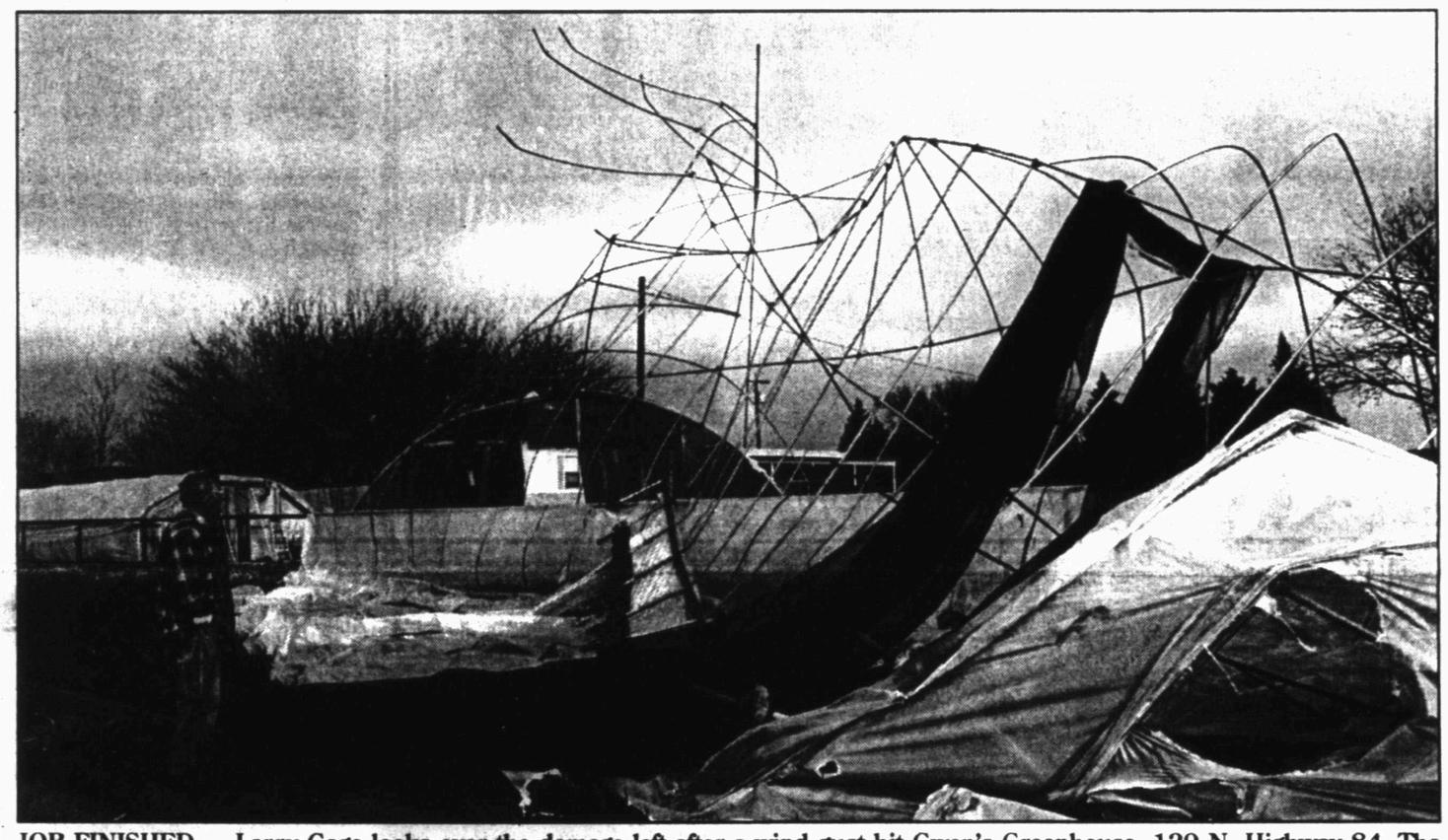
The classroom with the most donations at each school will be rewarded with a pizza party.

On March 24, the fundraiser will include "Tip A Cop" at the Spanish Inn.

Snyder police officers will be serving tables from 6:30-9 p.m., and all tips will be given to the Special Olympics.

PDU employees will also sponsor a softball tourney March 25-26 with proceeds going toward the Special Olympics.

Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded. The entry fee is $100 per team and additional information may be obtained by calling Debra Cheyne at the unit, 573-1114.



JOB FINISHED — Larry Gage looks over the damage left after a wind gust hit Gwen's Greenhouse, 129 N. Highway 84. The greenhouse had its center flattened by Tuesday's high winds and Friday evening's wind gusts finished the job. The flattened greenhouse was to house spring bedding plants, Gage said. Gage said the nursery has two other greenhouses that were not damaged. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

R. J. Youngclaus

Wal-Mart has new manager

R. J. Youngclaus is the new store manager at Snyder's Wal-Mart.

Youngclaus replaced Charles Alvarez who is now a co-manager of Wal-Mart's store on Fourth Street in Lubbock.

Youngclaus, and his wife Felicia, moved from Plainview where he was the assistant manager of the store there.

He is a native of El Paso and graduated from Broken Arrow High School in Broken Arrow, Okla.

He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1991 with a major in business finance and he has been with Wal-Mart for eight years.

"We have really enjoyed the community the short time we have been here. The people have just been great to us," said Youngclaus. "I'm just looking forward to getting to know all the customers of the store."

On Wednesday...

Counts to host rural meeting in Big Spring

Rep. David Counts will host a Texas House of Representatives Select Committee on Rural Development Wednesday in Big Spring.

This second public hearing on matters such as rural natural resource concerns such as water rights, groundwater regulation, water conservation and drinking water systems will be held at 10 a.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room.

The legislators will hear testimony from invited speakers and the public.

"This is a great opportunity for West Texans to express their concerns to the legislature," said Counts. "Rural Texas is the backbone of the state and I'm pleased to host some of the best rural legislators in Texas."

The committee was created by House Speaker Pete Laney to study all issues pertaining to the current and future viability of rural areas and small cities and towns in the state.

The committee was instructed by Speaker Laney to develop plans to maintain and improve the economic, social and cultural life of rural Texans.

The committee will later issue a report recommending both short-term and long-term changes in state policy and rules and regulations concerning rural areas.

The report will be presented to 77th Texas Legislature members before the 2001 legislative session.

David Redman still hospitalized...

Motion filed to revoke shooter's probation

According to District Attorney Dana Cooley's office, the state is filing a motion to revoke the probation of David Redman, 33, who allegedly shot 33-year-old Kent Krop Wednesday night.

Other charges against Redman are pending grand jury action.

Redman had only recently been released from Scurry County Jail on a misdemeanor burglary charge. He is on probation for a felony burglary conviction.

Krop suffered gunshot wounds to each thigh in the incident and has been released from Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Redman, who suffered an apparent self-inflicted gunshot to his lower abdomen sometime during a four-hour stand with law enforcement, remains in satisfactory condition at the hospital.

He will remain under guard by a Scurry County deputy sheriff as long as he is hospitalized, Sheriff Darren Jackson said.

The incident began unfolding around 9:38 p.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of 17th Street when Donna Green reported Redman at her residence with a .22 caliber rifle.

Green said Redman busted into a side door of her home and that Redman and Krop struggled for the gun in the darkened living room before Krop was shot.

According to Green, her and Redman's eight-year-old son lay sleeping some 15 feet from where Krop was shot.

Green said the two struggled through the house and into the front yard before Redman finally left.

Redman then fled to his brother's residence at 411 32nd Street where the four-hour standoff began.

Among those responding to the scenes were Jackson and Snyder Police Chief Steve Warren along with officers from each department and DPS troopers.

At one point in the standoff, Redman came out onto the front porch with the .22 caliber rifle in his mouth and sat down for several minutes on the porch, still with the rifle in his mouth.

He went back into the house but later came out without the weapon and surrendered to Sheriff Jackson.

He was transferred to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS before being flown to UMC by Lubbock AeroCare.

Krop was first treated at Cogdell and later transported to Lubbock by Snyder EMS.

17-year-old listed in serious condition following accident

A 17-year-old Snyder girl was listed in serious condition this morning in Lubbock's University Medical Center's surgical intensive care unit following an accident Saturday morning west of Ira.

Amanda Nobles of 1663 Huffman was first transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital before being flown by AeroCare to UMC.

According to James Arnwine, investigating Department of Public Safety trooper, Nobles was attempting to cross from a trailer into the back of a pickup when she fell and was run over by the trailer.

The 1999 Ford F-150 was driven by James Tatom, 21, of Snyder.

According to Arnwine, the vehicle was heading northbound on F.M. 1298 and was traveling between five and 10 miles per hour.

The mishap occurred around 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Hermleigh ISD trustees to meet

Hermleigh's school board will meet at 7 this evening to consider the extension of teacher contracts.

Supt. Jerry Church said all present contracts are expected to be recommended for extension.

Trustees will also consider casting ballots for Region 14 Education Service Center board members, and approve the district's textbook committee report.

The meeting will be held in the high school.

Historical group provides old copies

The Scurry County Museum has added seven reels of issues of the Scurry County Times newspaper dated from Sept. 19, 1935 through June 3, 1948.

Not all the dates are available, however.

The microfilm can be checked out of the museum and read at either the Western Texas College library, or the Scurry County Library.

The microfilm was made available to the museum by the Scurry County Historical Commission.

ASK US

Q—How would I contact Susan Combs, Texas agriculture commissioner?

A—The toll-free number is 1-800-835-5832, or 512-463-7476.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 58 degrees; low, 36; high Sunday, 72; low, 37; 7 a.m. Monday, 42; no precipitation; total for 2000, 1.83 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance; SE wind, 5-15 mph; high, mid 60s; E-SE wind, 10-20 mph; 30 rain chance.

Jessie Deavers
Chance of Rain

Sunset: 6:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.
Of 72 days in 2000, the sun has shone 71 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It isn't life that matters, it's the courage you bring to it.

—Hugh Walpole

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Beefing up: U.S. eating more meat than in previous years

CHICAGO (AP) — The line spills out into the street some Saturdays at the Paulina Market on the city's North Side, where steaks are the prized item in a butcher shop bursting with beef.

High-tech workers and graduate students mix with young mothers in front of glass displays showcasing prime beef cuts at E&M Foods in the Chicago suburb of Skokie.

Upscale steakhouses buzz with big dinner crowds in the downtown Loop and along Rush Street, a hub of Chicago nightlife, similar to scenes in other cities from Boston to Seattle.

After a decade of flat sales, beef is back.

For much of the '90s, a nation long known for its love of burgers and steaks seemed to have had its fill of red meat amid concerns it might not be so good for your health.

But now no one's asking where the beef is. U.S. beef consumption rose 2 percent in 1999 to 66.2 pounds per person, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as the meat enjoyed its best year since the 1980s.

Factoring in higher prices, consumer spending on beef shot up 5 percent to $49.2 billion, according to Chicago-based marketing firm Technomic Inc.

"It has come back," says Ray Lekan, co-owner of the 51-year-old Paulina Market, which had one of its best years ever in 1999 thanks to beef. "It's slowly becoming more popular again.

"It's shaken off the cholesterol onus, the gray cloud that's been over it for so many years," he says.

Beef's glory days may not last. Production is forecast to fall 3 percent this year, driving prices still higher, due to the liquidation of breeding herds during down years. And marketing research shows chicken will surpass beef as Americans' meat of choice by 2005.

But last year's modest jump brought huge relief to an industry that has been standing in place while those pesky birds, chicken and turkey, fly up from behind.

Several factors explain the latest beefing up of America. Among them:

— With the U.S. economy soaring, people are eating out more than ever and high-cost items such as steaks and other choice cuts of beef are more popular.

— The nationwide craze for the low-carbohydrate, high-protein diet has made beef a diet staple for many.

— Taking a page from the poultry industry's cookbook, the beef industry has been stressing convenience and speed. From rotisserie-style roasts to fully cooked ground beef, supermarkets stock convenient heat-and-serve products.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Avoid Tylenol if you're a drinker

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please describe the "alcohol-acetaminophen syndrome." It sounds scary.

DEAR READER: And it is. Acetaminophen, better known as Tylenol, is one the most commonly used non-prescription medications for fever, colds and pain-relief. It is available both by itself and as the major component of more than 100 combination medications.

When taken in excess of 10 grams, it is known to cause liver failure. However, when used according to the manufacturer's directions, it has been considered to be extremely safe for the vast majority of people using it.

Provided, that is, they don't drink alcohol.

Chronic moderate-to-heavy alcohol consumption potentiates the toxic effects of acetaminophen. In drinkers, as little as 4 grams in 24 hours may lead to acute liver disease — the alcohol-acetaminophen syndrome — which some experts have speculated may be the most prevalent cause of acute liver failure in the United States.

This dangerous and often fatal complication typically is associated with nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain, coupled with marked abnormalities in the blood tests used to gauge hepatic function. Overall mortality in the syndrome approaches 20 percent; however, if liver failure develops, the mortality rate soars to 75 percent, usually because of shock and other metabolic disturbances.

There is no reliable, consistent cure for the alcohol-acetaminophen connection, although medicine can reverse the process if given early enough. Unfortunately, the syndrome is difficult to diagnose and may not be evident until the liver damage is irreparable.

Consequently, many authorities urge that regular drinkers completely avoid acetaminophen, even during periods of abstinence. I think it is fair to say that people who consume as few as two or three alcohol-containing drinks should never take Tylenol or combination medications. Of course, this means that alert consumers must carefully read labels, otherwise they may inadvertently ingest acetaminophen and become critically ill.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I wear hearing aids and constantly have trouble with wax buildup in my ears. Would hydrogen peroxide be of help?

DEAR READER: Possibly. Half a capful of undiluted peroxide in each ear several times a week might help bubble and fizz wax particles out. Or you might try a wax-softener, such as Debrox. Third, consider purchasing a home ear-cleaning packet that contains a bulb syringe for washing out the ears. If these strategies are ineffective, see your physician or an ear-nose-and-throat specialist.

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Officer's killer may avoid the death penalty due to mistake

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A man condemned to death for fatally shooting a police officer may get a reduced sentence or have to go through the punishment phase of his trial again because of the state's failure to file paperwork in the case.

Alberto Valdez was convicted of killing Corpus Christi police Sgt. Dan Bock more than 10 years ago.

Last year, Valdez's attorneys told a federal judge their client had not been effectively represented during his trial. The jury never heard evidence showing Valdez is mentally retarded, had been abused as a child or had no prior violent episodes, according to court documents.

U.S. District Court Judge Janis Graham Jack agreed and ordered the state to either grant him a new sentencing trial or commute his sentence to life. She gave the state a 90-day deadline to comply with her order, according to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Soon after Jack's decision, the state appealed it to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, said Heather Browne, spokeswoman for the Texas Attorney General's Office.

But the state failed to ask the judge to suspend her order, as they should have pending the appeal, said Jeff Levinger of Dallas, one of Valdez's attorneys. And because state attorneys failed to do so, Levinger argued, they should be forced to comply with Jack's order.

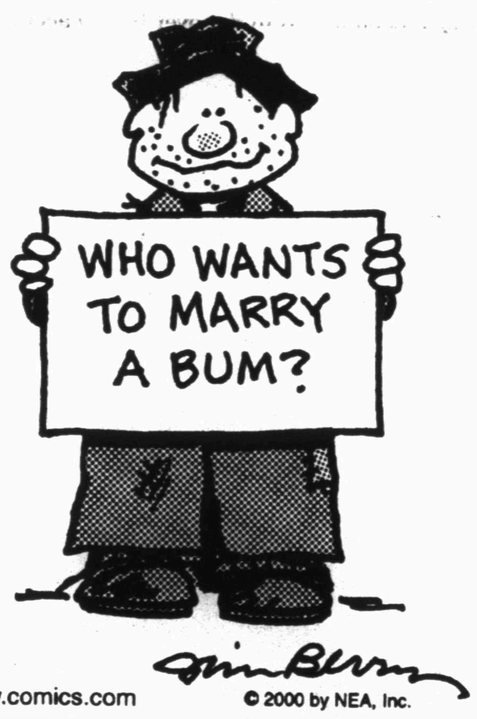
"That's the consequences of missing deadlines and not being 100 percent correct," Levinger told the Caller-Times.

On Thursday, Valdez's attorneys asked Jack to force the state to either commute Valdez's sentence or give him a new sentencing trial, despite the appeal to the 5th Circuit.

Jack has not made a decision on the request. State attorneys refused to comment about the case.

Valdez was sentenced to death in 1988 for shooting Bock four times with the officer's gun following a police chase through south Corpus Christi that ended on rural farm-to-market road. He was arrested on Sept. 9, 1987, following the shooting and a two-hour manhunt.

Berry's World



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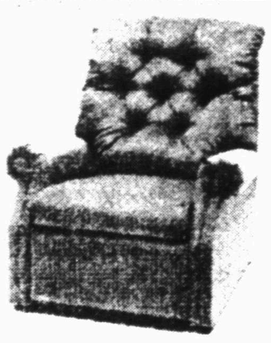

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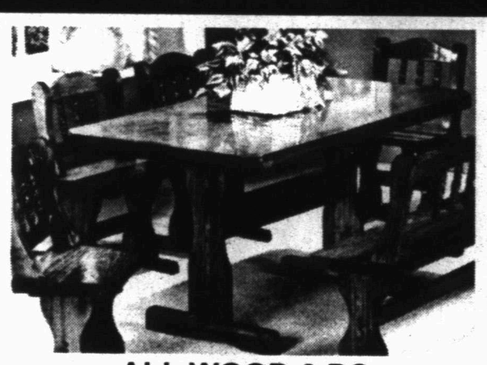

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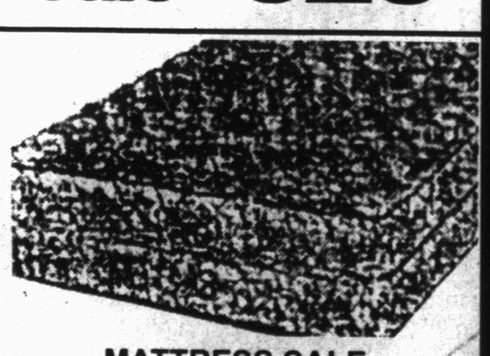

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TOP FIFTEEN — The Senior Center recognized its Top 15 volunteers Friday night during the 21st Volunteer Recognition Banquet. Standing in back are from left, Peggy Fowler, 934 hours; Betty Boyd, 708; Emerson Armstrong, 678; Marie Armstrong, 1,035; Treva Quinney, 860; Juanita Ellington, 1,086; Nate Pyburn, 710; Edna Laster, 1,467; seated in front are from left, Gloria Browning, 2,246; Cary Patrick, 2,681; and Thadine Harless, 1,577. Not pictured are Margaret Clevenger, 1,250; Dessie Harvel, 850; Dorothy Duncan, 731; Texa Ball, 689. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SPECIAL AWARD — Dwaine Merritt has received a special award for his years of volunteer work with the Home-Delivered Meals Program. Valerie Drum made the presentation Friday night during the 21st Volunteer Recognition Banquet at the Senior Center. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

NAMES ADDED — Four more names have been added to the over 5,000 accumulative volunteer hours plaque. From left are, Earnest Shifflett, Evelyn Shifflett, Edna Laster and Cary Patrick. Edna and Cary are each holding the roses they received for being in the Top 15 volunteers at the Senior Center. Volunteer awards were presented Friday night at the 21st Volunteer Recognition Banquet at the Senior Center. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Tejano awards are presented

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Elida y Avante and the Kumbia Kings won four awards each on Saturday night at the 20th annual Tejano Music Awards.

Intocable won the album conjunto of the year with "Contigo," the landmark CD released six months after Intocable lost two bandmembers in a Jan. 31, 1999, car accident outside of Monterrey, Mexico.

The comeback album was also nominated for a Grammy earlier this year, which went to Los Palominos.

Bobby Pulido, who dominated in the last two awards, won the male entertainer category while Jay Perez grabbed male vocalist.

Neither Intocable, Kumbia Kings or Pulido was on hand to accept the awards, but Elida was exuberant in accepting her first award for Mexican regional song of the year.

"First of all I want to thank almighty God. I want to thank my mom and dad and every fan out there," she said.

Later, when she accepted the female vocalist award, Elida was in tears. "It is such an honor to be here receiving this, and I have been dreaming about this all my life."

Another surprise was the first award won, finally, by singer Jay Perez, who had been nominated for male vocalist for the last five years.

"It's been a long time and if my grandma was here, she'd say "long overdue!" and I have no speech, I really didn't expect this," he said. "But this goes out to all the fans ... without you we are nothing."

Study: Flu shots may protect people against heart attacks

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The annual flu shot may carry a surprising benefit — fewer heart attacks.

A study released Sunday suggests that heart patients may significantly reduce their risk of a second heart attack if they get vaccinated against influenza.

The finding is still considered preliminary and needs to be confirmed by further studies. Still, doctors say it raises the possibility of a powerful and underused way of keeping the heart healthy.

The study, directed by Dr. Morteza Naghavi of the University of Texas, supports the theory that a variety of smoldering infections can inflame the buildups that clog the arteries, making them more likely to break open and trigger heart attacks.

Naghavi based his study on 233 patients who were treated between October 1997 and March 1998. He presented the results at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

At the same meeting, two other studies were released showing that heart attacks tend to be more severe during the cold months, and cardiac arrest is most common in the winter.

Naghavi's study compared people who suffered second heart attacks with those who did not. Those who had flu shots reduced their risk of new heart attacks by 67 percent.

If flu shots truly do protect heart patients, he said, "educating this population and physicians could help increase the rate of vaccination, which is still under 65 percent."

He cautioned, however, that studies like his cannot prove that flu shots are the reason for the reduction in new heart attacks.

Abduction ends in death of rich man's son

TROUP (AP) — The son of a prominent East Texas businessman was found dead behind a rural residence Saturday afternoon, about 36 hours after his father got the first of several telephone calls saying he had been abducted and would be killed unless a "substantial" ransom was paid.

Kyle McElroy, 18, was apparently kidnapped sometime after midnight Thursday when he left McElroy Plastics in Troup, where he worked as a supervisor for the company owned by his father, Kevin McElroy.

The body was found about 5:30 p.m. Saturday behind a residence in New Summerfield, about 30 miles southeast of Tyler, said Steven Lester, a supervisory special agent for the FBI.

Troup is 18 miles southeast of Tyler and 12 miles north of New Summerfield.

Three men were in custody Saturday. The FBI said Daniel Rios, 26, was arrested at 11:30 p.m. Friday when he met McElroy's father at an arranged drop site. Two others, Ernesto Bailon and Alfredo Romero, were arrested Saturday.

One of the three suspects worked for McElroy Plastic, Lester said.

Workers at McElroy Plastic told the Tyler Courier Times Telegraph that Kyle McElroy's red Chevrolet Silverado was towed back to the large manufacturing plant in Troup Friday morning. The passenger side window had been knocked out.

Lester said, however, that FBI agents found the truck at the plant and broke the window out themselves.

"There was evidence in there that had to be obtained quickly," he said. More than 50 agents from Dallas settled into a command post north of Troup.

A local gas station attendant in Troup told the newspaper that residents were told the FBI was conducting a drill in the area.

Lester said a woman called McElroy's father early Friday morning demanding a "substantial" ransom.

The family contacted authorities immediately, and the FBI was able to tape numerous subsequent phone calls to McElroy from the woman, Lester said.

"The threat was if they didn't pay, they wouldn't see him again," Lester said.

The FBI declined to say how much money the elder McElroy was asked to pay for his son's safe return.

Nevertheless, many Troup residents told the newspaper it was common knowledge that the McElroys recently sold Hefner Plastics and acquired a sizeable amount of money in the exchange.

The FBI released a tape recording of a youthful sounding female suspect. She called McElroy's father by his first name and told him to place the cash in a plastic bag and drive to La Azteca Cafe, located at the juncture of US Highway 79 and Texas Highway 110 in New Summerfield.

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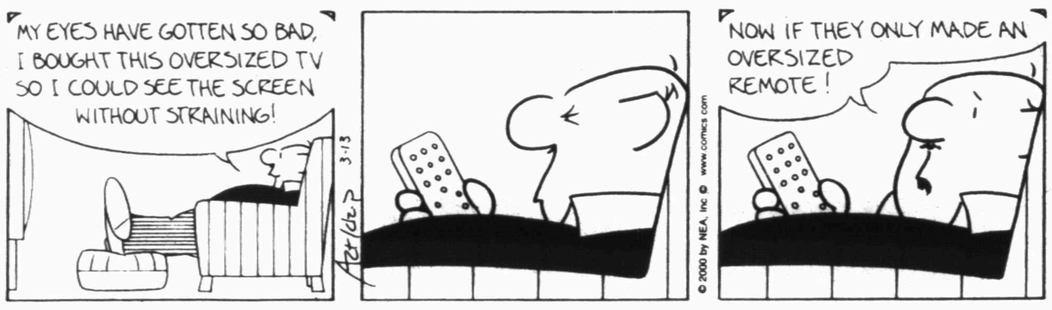

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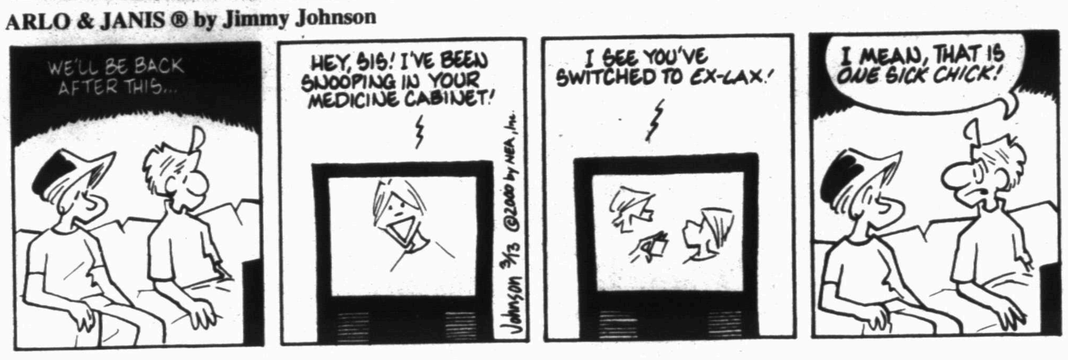

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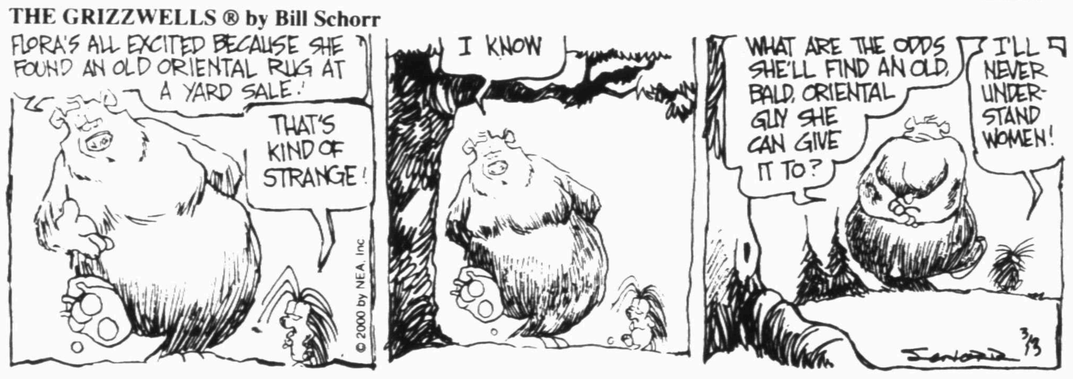

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7 Spice used in chili powder
12 Rowboat part
13 Excessively decorated
14 Begs
15 Squealed (sl.)
16 Flower necklace
17 Same (comb. form)
18 Hawaiian timber tree
21 Cut
23 Skeleton part
26 River in Asia
28 Cry of bacchanals
29 Compass pt.
30 Roman emperor
31 Put in servitude
33 Having narrow grooves
36 Future LL.Bs.' exam
37 — Lingus (airline)
38 Lotion ingredient
40 Cook in water
41 RR depot
42 Throes
44 Compass pt.
45 Roman 102
46 Disencumber
48 Choice
51 Wears away
55 Hypnotic state
56 Lops off
57 Aggressive personality (2 wds.)
58 Scoffs

DOWN

1 "Alley —"
2 Crony
3 Opposite of "post"
4 Milky gem
5 Factions
6 Store fodder
7 Car impacts
8 Biblical preposition
9 Small rug
10 "Graph" end
11 Comedian Sparks
13 Prayer
18 Where Topeka is
19 Breakfast food
20 — borealis
22 Fashion photographer Richard —
23 Cause
24 To no purpose (2 wds.)
25 VW model
27 Decay
32 Atty.'s deg.
34 Type of pudding
35 "Seinfeld" regular
39 Exit
43 Alluring woman
45 Movie
47 Bird of peace
48 Baseball player Mel —
49 Be a snoop
50 Hit lightly
52 Scottish river
53 Be mistaken
54 Draft agcy.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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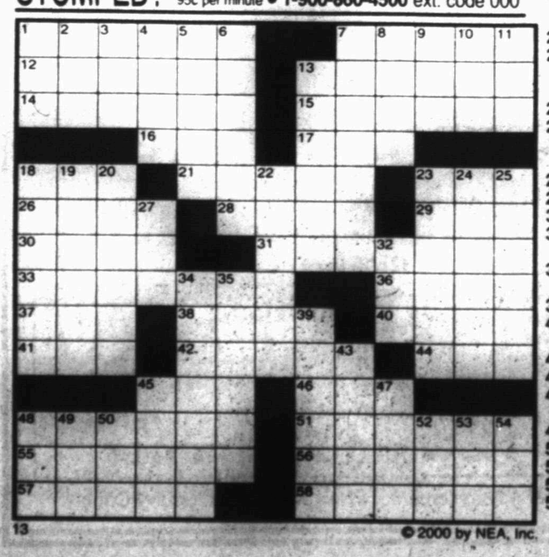

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"I didn't like the look of that fish."

"YOU SHOULDN'T BE PLAYIN' AROUND HERE, ANYHOW. THIS IS PUDDLE JUMPING COUNTRY!"

Computer break-ins expose credit card risks

NEW YORK (AP) — Stung by a string of credit card thefts online, card companies are trying to teach merchants better security.

Not doing so, they fear, could cause an erosion in consumer confidence, impeding e-commerce and the use of cards online.

Threat of credit thefts has long existed in unscrupulous waiters copying down cards, or store clerks mishandling carbons. Online, the difference is magnitude: A single Internet strike can net a thief thousands of numbers.

Two weeks ago, for instance, SalesGate.com of Buffalo, N.Y., joined the growing list of e-commerce victims when it discovered hackers had stolen thousands of numbers from a site it thought to be safe.

"If you don't take measures to protect yourselves, this can become a playground for organized crime," said Stephen Orfei, vice president of emerging technologies at MasterCard.

Late last year, a hacker stole 300,000 credit card numbers from CD Universe and released thousands of them on a Web site when the music retailer refused to pay a ransom.

In February, another hacker infiltrated RealNames, an Internet search service with as many as 20,000 card numbers on file. The company did not know for certain if numbers were stolen, so it asked card issuers to cancel accounts as a precaution.

The break-in coincided with three days of attacks that shut down Yahoo! and other prominent Web sites for hours. Although no card numbers were stolen, the rush of fake traffic drew attention to other potential security breaches.

"The industry as a whole needs to pull its socks up," said Alex van Someren, who heads security vendor Cipher in the United Kingdom. Merchants, he said, should maintain "high standards" if they want customers to return.

Security experts recommend merchants scramble credit card numbers once they complete transactions. They also should move such data to computers unattached to those running the Web sites.

At ProMobility.net, a Canadian company that sells wireless and Internet services, card numbers sat unscrambled on the same computer that runs its Web site. Last month, a hacker took advantage of a software security hole and stole almost 50,000 cards.

In hindsight, maybe the company shouldn't have handled its own security, said Eric Geiler, a Promobility executive. His advice to other merchants: "If you don't know what you're doing, hire somebody."

So far, no spending sprees have been reported. In most cases, card issuers canceled accounts in time. And, in general, liability for individual cardholders is capped at $50, with many banks waiving even that.

But inconvenience alone can cost customers.

Take Dale Kemery, a Web designer in Wheeling, Ill., who gave RealNames his card number. Now, he's reconsidering his reliance on magic plastic.

"I was quite startled, needless to say," he said. "That was followed by fear and loathing."

Erica Proto, a New York public relations executive, shopped online for the first time at Christmas only to wind up with more than $500 in fraudulent charges at other sites, some of them pornographic.

Although card issuers eventually canceled the charges, she plans to shop online in the future.

"It was a major hassle for me waiting for new cards," Proto said. "I had to fight with them at first."

Even before recent attacks, many consumers cited security as their top concern about e-commerce. Customers are becoming more comfortable about credit card use, but the hacking attacks could wipe out the gains.

Most browsers, including those by Netscape and Microsoft, now come with scrambling features that make it virtually impossible to intercept a credit card number. And customers about to send card information can look for signs of security, such as the closed padlock symbol at the bottom of the browser window.

Beyond that, security is largely up to the merchant.

Many retailers take extra precautions, especially after they've been hit. But it's difficult for customers to tell which merchants do simply by looking at the site. Many sites, including Amazon.com and ProMobility, won't reveal their security measures.

And because retailers don't often publicize break-ins, it's unclear just how big the risk may be.

Credit cards dominate online transactions largely because no alternative is yet viable.

On the Net: Information on credit card security and fraud: http://www.scambusters.org; http://www.fraud.org.

Fake device causes emergency landing

SEATTLE (AP) — An Alaska Airlines flight attendant was stunned Saturday to reach into a child's backpack for crayons and find what looked like an explosive device, prompting an emergency U-turn and landing at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

"She had quite a shock indeed," said airline spokesman Jack Evans, explaining the device actually was a training aid being used by Alaska's security firm to conduct a routine test in the airport terminal.

Chutes on the MD-80 series airliner were deployed and passengers slid to the ground after the emergency landing around 3 p.m., airport spokesman Bob Parker said. Two people suffered minor injuries from the slide and were treated at the scene and released.

The boy, 8 or 9 years old, was by chance carrying a backpack identical to the one used in the test, Evans said. The boy laid his pack on a security checkpoint conveyor belt at the same time as the "passenger" in the test put the identical bag on, and the boy picked up the wrong bag on the other side.

The boy was traveling unaccompanied on Alaska Flight 444, which departed Sea-Tac for Ontario, Calif. at 2:06 p.m. with 83 passengers and five crew members aboard. About 30 minutes into the flight, the boy asked the flight attendant for his bag so he could use his crayons, and that was when she discovered the device, Evans said.

The plane immediately turned back. The Port of Seattle Police department's bomb squad was called to the scene and determined the device was a dummy, Parker said.

Passengers were being put on other flights.

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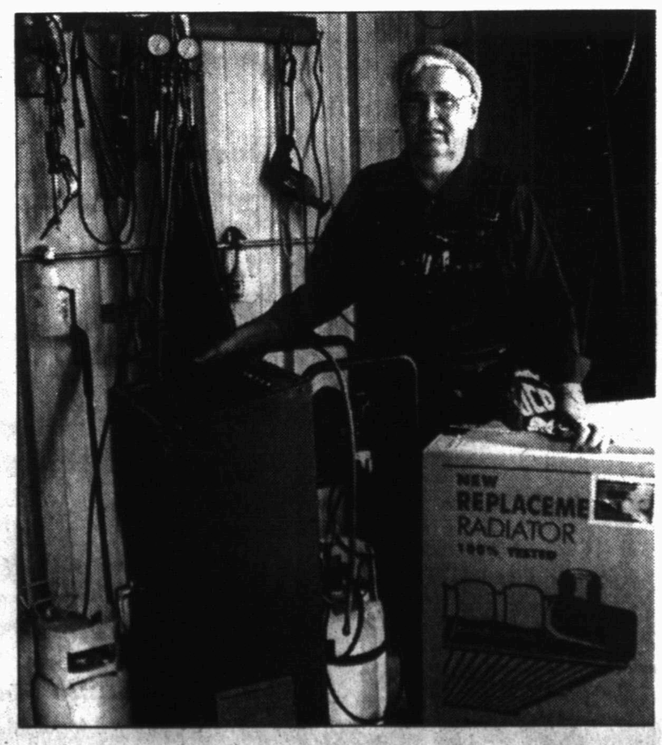

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Corpus Christi ISD scandal heading to court this week

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The latest development in the Corpus Christi Independent School District scandal unfolds Monday when a rare court of inquiry convenes to investigate allegations of misuse of district funds.

Last fall, a former school board member filed a complaint against two current members for allegedly not reimbursing the district for their family members' airline tickets. CCISD Superintendent Abelardo Saavedra asked the Texas Education Agency to audit the district and a review of records by the Corpus Christi Caller-Times turned up topless bar expenses among other questionable charges on district credit cards.

Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez decided to take the matter before a court of inquiry, which functions much like an open trial, unlike a grand jury hearing, which is held in secret.

Valdez said he hoped a public forum would quell public anxiety over the matter. State District Judge Emil Karl Prohl of Kerrville will oversee the hearing.

"The ultimate goal is to assure the public that public funds are being spent properly," Valdez said of the investigation. "Trust is extremely important when dealing with governmental entities."

The expenses in question include:

— More than $5,000 charged at topless bars by former Assistant Superintendent Thomas W. "Buff" Marlin between October 1995 and May 1996. Marlin reimbursed the district, but the TEA auditors determined that "in most instances, the charges were clearly not appropriate uses of the district's credit cards."

—Several thousand dollars were spent on meals that several board members attended. Auditors determined that the dinners could potentially violate the Open Meetings Act since a quorum of members was sometimes present. Also, in instances where spouses of board members attended, the auditors said that could also be a violation of the Texas law dealing with the gift of public funds.

— The Caller-Times also found that since 1993, Saavedra had charged more than $15,000 for car maintenance expenses including gasoline, washes, detailing and mechanical repairs on at least three different vehicles. In addition to charging auto repairs and expenses on his district credit card, Saavedra was getting a yearly car allowance of $7,800.

Manuel Flores, one of the trustees included in the original complaint, said no one was out to misuse school money.

"For the most part, the mistakes were made because of lack of written policy and not because somebody was trying to defraud the district or taxpayers," Flores said.

In the wake of all the allegations, the board took action, canceling all credit cards and issuing a memo stating the district would not reimburse travel expenses for board trustees' family members. Since then it has reviewed its expense and travel policies.

Flores felt the shift in policy when he had to get a business trip to San Antonio approved by the board, even though expenses would be under $500. In the past, he said, trustees did not require prior approval of business trips.

Flores said although the board has been divided over handling the expense scandal — Saavedra barely escaped being suspended on a 4-3 vote earlier this year — it has not affected other decisions.

"I don't think we're divided when it comes to matters of instruction or the operation of the school district," Flores said. "We try to do the best for the children of the taxpayers of the school district."

Last fall, Saavedra said the expense brouhaha was the biggest controversy he'd seen in the 27 years he's worked in various positions with the school district.

"The district will get past this. I have no doubt that the district will get past this," Saavedra said at the time. "We have a good district, a good community. It's unfortunate that we have to deal with this."

In fact, Flores said, since the scandal broke, more parents have become involved in school district business.

Bulk of census forms to be mailed

WASHINGTON (AP) — With 98 million census forms being mailed to city and suburban addresses, starting Monday, the Census Bureau is again urging people to respond to the once-a-decade enumeration.

Most of country's 115 million households should have questionnaire packages by the end of the week, Census Bureau director Kenneth Prewitt said. About 83 million homes will get short forms, which contain seven questions, and a randomly sampled list of 15 million homes will get long forms, which have 52 questions.

The rest of the forms were delivered by hand, mostly to rural addresses.

Census data are used to, among other things, reapportion congressional seats and federal funds among states and to redraw political boundaries.

Prewitt warned the public to beware of deceptive mailings. The official census form comes in an envelope with a Department of Commerce return address and the Census 2000 logo.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Despite divorce, woman is still 'Mrs.' to her mom

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I have been discussing the proper way to address an envelope to a divorced lady. I have been divorced for several years and am on very good terms with my ex-husband and his wife.

Last year, my aunt sent me a Christmas card to "Mrs. Albert Jones." It was ironic that it arrived on a day when my ex and his wife were at my house. I looked at my ex's wife and said, "This must be for you!" Knowing my aunt, we all laughed about it.

I spoke with my mother and asked her to tell her sister not to address me in that manner. I am divorced from Albert and am no longer his wife. (As a matter of fact, Mrs. Albert Jones does exist — and it's not me!!)

This year, my aunt has at least improved a bit. She sent my Christmas card to "Mrs. Tina Smith." I again spoke with my mother and told her that since I have been divorced for several years, I do not consider myself a "Mrs." My mother replied that it is still proper to address a divorced woman as "Mrs." I do not believe this is correct. I explained to my mother that in the case of a death, the wife could continue to use her husband's name — but not in the case of a divorce. Which one of us is right, Abby? — **TINA IN ORLANDO, FLA.**

DEAR TINA: Your mother is correct. A divorced woman may take back her maiden name (Miss Jane Smith), or she may properly be addressed as Mrs. first name plus her husband's last name (Mrs. Jane Jones).

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old divorced father with a 6-year-old son. My relationship with my ex-wife has been OK over the past three years — not much fighting — as our divorce was mutual. I don't hang out with her, but she comes to my parents' house on our son's birthday and at Christmas to watch him open gifts. In the summer, she watches him play basketball while I coach. My family gets along well with her.

The problem is my new girlfriend. She moved from out of state 10 months ago to be with me. I love my girlfriend very much and she loves me, but she feels that my ex-wife's presence is weird, and it really upsets her.

Should I tell my parents that I don't think my ex-wife should come to family parties, or does my girlfriend need to accept that this is the way my life is — and she's just going to have to deal with it? — **CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE**

DEAR CAUGHT: I see no reason to "fix" something that isn't broken. If your girlfriend wants a future with you, she'd be wise to back off a little.

You and your ex-wife are not making your son choose one of you over the other, and your girlfriend should be grateful that your ex isn't jealous of her and that everyone gets along. All divorces should be as amicable as yours.

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Date Book

Monday, March 13, 2000
Today is the 73rd day of 2000 and the 83rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1639, Harvard University was named after John Harvard, a clergyman.

On this day in 1852, the cartoon character "Uncle Sam" made his first appearance, in the New York Lantern.

On this day in 1994, U.S. troops withdrew from Somalia.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Priestley (1733-1804), chemist; Percival Lowell (1855-1916), astronomer; Oswald Garrison Villard (1872-1949), editor-journalist; Janet Flanner (1892-1978), journalist; L. Ron Hubbard (1911-1986), religious leader-writer; Neil Sedaka (1939-), singer-songwriter, is 61; Dana Delany (1957-), actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, Milwaukee outfielder Bobby Thomson fractured his ankle during spring training and was replaced by rookie Hank Aaron.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A man should always consider how much he has more than he wants; and secondly, how much more unhappy he might be than he really is." — Joseph Addison

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 14, 2000
Even though you may not be the one who triggers events, there could be a big shift in conditions in the year ahead that would prove to be quite beneficial for you in the long run.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, discuss with a friend a matter that has caused you uneasiness lately. Your pal could offer the perfect solution that you couldn't think of. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something you've been wanting for a long time might become a reality today through the kindness of someone with whom you have strong emotional bonds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll have the necessary persistence and tenacity it'll take to substantially advance personal interests today. Set specific goals and see them through to completion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Give matters that can add to your resources top priority today while conditions still favor you. If you wait until later in the week, you could lose your advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Strive to be both optimistic and realistic today, because you can bring something you want into being by taking effective, practical measures at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) One of your greatest assets is your ability to take frail opportunities and turn them into something grand. You can use this gift in two ways today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you've known for a long time could figure prominently and positively in your affairs today by introducing you to an individual who possesses knowledge you're seeking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Link up today with someone who can contribute knowledge or know-how you lack. This is exactly what you need to accomplish an ambitious project. Don't be afraid to share.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Past experience and knowledge will enable you to make all the right moves today, so even if you're required to consider a serious decision, take it in stride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Should you be faced with testy conditions today where your work or career is concerned, you'll discover quickly that you're fully capable of meeting and overcoming difficulties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An old friend of yours who always seems to be there when you need him or her won't fail you today. This pal will step into the picture right on cue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you didn't do so yesterday, take care of a sticky situation that's been lingering around. You're still in a favorable cycle to finalize loose threads you've been afraid to tie up.

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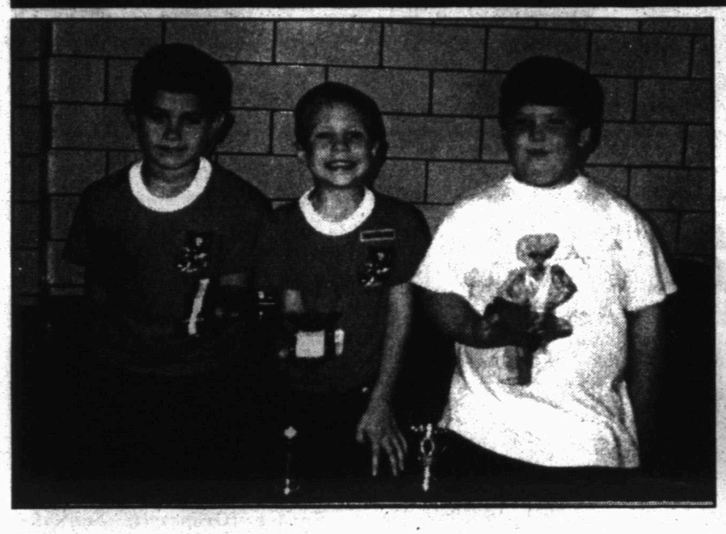
Sailors return home

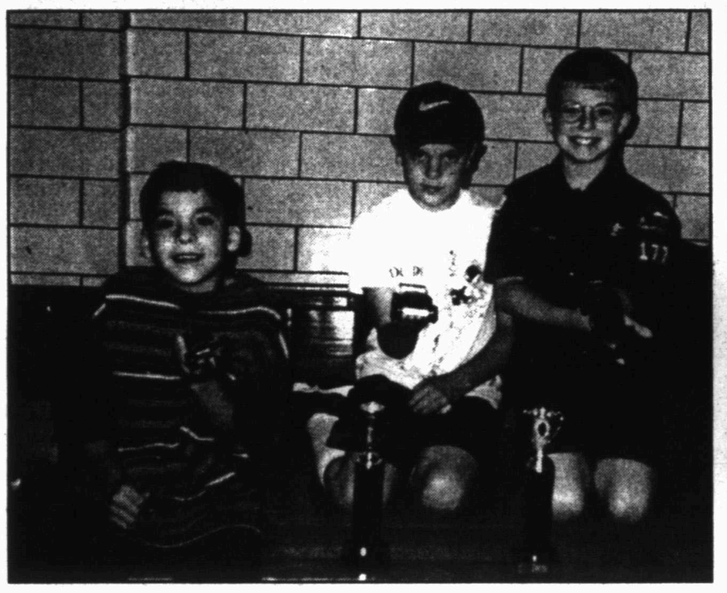
HOUSTON — They survived two cyclones in the Indian Ocean and a fire off the coast of Australia, but one of the worst nights for two sea travelers was spent in the Houston Ship Channel.

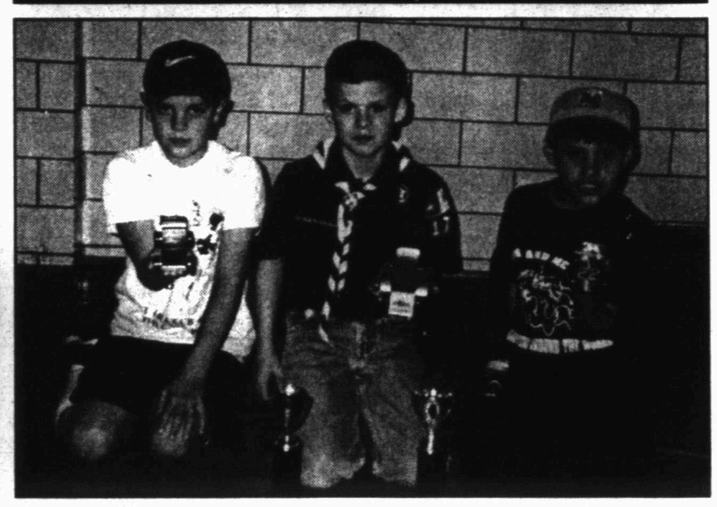
On Saturday, Lee Gunter and Mindi Miller eased their 32-foot sailboat, New World, up to the dock at the Sundance Restaurant in Seabrook. The conclusion of a three-year world voyage brought a crowd of well-wishers, many of whom followed the sailors' progress through an Internet site.

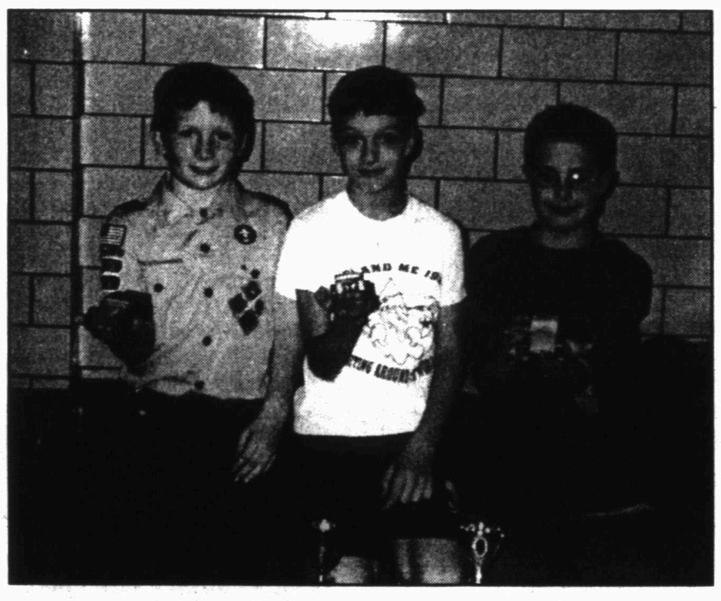
A night earlier, the pair anchored the boat in the Houston Ship Channel, where a storm hit with winds of 35 to 40 mph.

Gunter, a 50-year-old medical malpractice consultant, said the good outweighed the bad.









PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS — Cub Scout Pack 177 recently held its pinewood derby races. Nineteen scouts registered. First, second and third places were named for each den. Then they raced to determine first, second and third places for the overall pack. First, second and third places were also awarded in the best design and most unique categories. Tiger Cub Den winners (top photo) Cody Chappell, third place; Shelby Grice, second; and Colten Clark, first. Wolf Den winners (second photo) Dominick Escobedo, third place; Jake Riley, second; and Tanner Robertson, first. Bear Den winners (third photo) Dayton Grice, third; Richard Grice, second; and Jonathan Wallace, first. Webelos Den winners (fourth photo) Dalton Cole, third; Andy Garvin, first; and Brett Bowlin, second. Overall pack winners (fifth photo) Colten Clark, third; Tanner Robertson, first; Jonathan Wallace, second. Most unique (sixth photo) Richard Grice, first; Dalton Cole, third; and Dakota Carroll, second. Best design (seventh photo) Jake Riley, third; Dayton Grice, second; and Edward Yruegas, first. (Contributed Photos)

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	57¾	55 13-16	56 5-16	— 9-16
AT&T Corp s	53 5-16	52¼	53⅛	—1 1-16
Albertsons	24 3-16	23⅝	24	
Alltel	67⅞	65 7-16	65 15-16	— 2⅛
AmerOnline s	61½	57 1-16	61⅛	+ 2⅛
AndarkPtr	32½	30⅝	32½	+ 1¼
AtlRichfld	81 3-16	80⅜	81	— ¼
ATMOS Egy	15 11-16	15½	15 11-16	+ 1-16
Aviall	8 1-16	8	8	— ¼
BP Amoco s	52 13-16	51⅞	52 5-16	—1 1-16
BakerHughes	28 9-16	26½	28 5-16	+ 1 1-16
Bank of Amer	44 1-16	42½	43¾	+ ⅞
BellAtl	57 5-16	56¼	56⅝	—11-16
BellSouth	46 13-16	46	46 3-16	— ½
Beth Steel	6⅝	6¼	6½	— 1-16
BurlNoSFe	19 11-16	19⅜	19⅜	— 5-16
CBS Corp	56 3-16	55 3-16	55½	— 1⅞
Caterpillar	36⅛	35	35⅝	— 5-16
CenSoWst	16¼	15⅞	15 15-16	+ ⅛
Chevron	83¾	80 9-16	83 7-16	+ 3 9-16
Citigroup s	49¾	47¾	49 1-16	+ 1-16
Coastal	45⅞	45⅜	45½	—13-16
CocaCola	44 5-16	43 3-16	44 1-16	— ⅝
ColgatePal s	43¾	40½	43 7-16	+ 11-16
CmclMetals	23⅞	22⅝	22⅞	— 1
Cooperin	31⅜	30½	30¾	— ½
DaimlrChry	61⅞	60 9-16	61½	+ ½
DallSemicn s	44 5-16	42½	43½	—1 9-16
DeltaAirl	47¼	46 3-16	46¾	—1 1-16
Dillards Inc	14⅝	14	14⅜	— 3-16
DowChem	98½	95 1-16	96 13-16	—1 3-16
DuPont	46 9-16	45 1-16	46½	+ 9-16
EastmanChem	35⅝	34 7-16	34 15-16	—11-16
EstKodak	54 3-16	53 5-16	54⅛	— ⅜
EDS Corp	60 7-16	58½	60 5-16	—1 3-16
Entergy	18⅛	18	18⅛	+ 3-16
ExxonMobil	77 15-16	76 1-16	77 7-16	+ 7-16
FstBksAm	17½	17½	17½	
Flowers	12 7-16	12⅛	12 3-16	— 1-16
FordMotor	42¼	40½	42 1-16	+ 1
GTE Cp	67 3-16	66 3-16	66⅞	— ⅜
GenDynam	39 3-16	38¼	38⅞	— 7-16
GenElec	130⅛	127⅝	129 9-16	—2 3-16
GenMills s	31 5-16	30 7-16	31¼	— ⅛
GenMotors	77 9-16	76⅛	77 3-16	— ⅝
GaPacGP s	36¼	34¾	35 3-16	— ½
GlobalMar	23 15-16	21 9-16	23⅜	+ 13-16
Goodrich	26 9-16	26	26⅛	— ⅜
Goodyear s	21	20½	20 13-16	— 1-16
GtAtlPac	20½	18	20½	+ ⅛
Halliburtn	41 7-16	38¼	41	+ 1 7-16
Hanson ADS	27⅝	26⅝	27 9-16	—13-16
HarteHanks	20 1-16	19 15-16	20	— 5-16
HomeDepot s	53	51 13-16	52⅝	—1 1-16
HoneywellIntl	45	44	44¾	— ⅝
IBM s	107⅝	102½	106 13-16	+ 1 9-16
IntlPaper	36⅝	35¼	36 1-16	— 1-16
JohnsonJn	70 15-16	69 5-16	70 11-16	— 3-16
K mart	8 13-16	8 11-16	8 13-16	+ 1-16
Kroger Co s	15	14¼	14⅞	+ ⅛
Litton	28⅜	28 1-16	28 3-16	— 9-16
LockheedM	17	16⅝	16⅞	+ 1-16
Lowes Co	44⅜	43	44¼	— ¾
Lubys	10	9⅞	9 15-16	— 5-16
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MayDeptStr	24⅞	24⅝	24 11-16	— 5-16
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PubS NwMx	15 5-16	15	15 1-16	— ⅜
ReliantEngy	21½	21 5-16	21⅜	+ ¼
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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-13-00
♠ 3
♥ A K J 7 6 2
♦ A Q J
♣ 10 7 3

West
♠ A Q J 6 5 2
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ 9
♣ J 2

East
♠ 10 9 7
♥ Q 10
♦ 7 3
♣ A K 9 8 6 4

South
♠ K 8 4
♥ 4
♦ K 10 8 6 5 4 2
♣ Q 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

The vagaries of bridge

If you and your partner play in a pair event, usually you have only yourselves to blame if you don't win. But in a team event, you need two pairs to play well: your own and your teammates'. Even if they are world-class, there will still be some frustrating moments, as there were in this deal from the 1965 Bermuda Bowl in Buenos Aires.

Nowadays, I think most experts would respond one no-trump, not two diamonds, with that South hand, feeling that the suit quality wasn't good enough for two diamonds, then three diamonds. North's three spades was a splinter bid, showing a great hand for diamonds with at most one spade.

You will note that five diamonds suffers from the drawback of three top losers: one spade and two clubs. Yet the Italian defenders lost their way. After taking the first two club tricks, East tried a third club, hoping his partner could overruff the declarer. However, B.J. Becker (South) ruffed with the diamond 10, played a heart to dummy's king, ruffed a heart in hand, drew trumps ending in the dummy, and ran the hearts for his contract.

At the other table, the Italians reached three no-trump by South after West overcalled two spades on the second round and East raised to three spades. Starting with the club jack, the unbid suit, would have produced four down. Yet West decided it was best to lead a heart. Now South scampered home with 10 tricks: three hearts and seven diamonds.

Both North-South pairs thought they had a big gain, but it was only one international match point to Italy.

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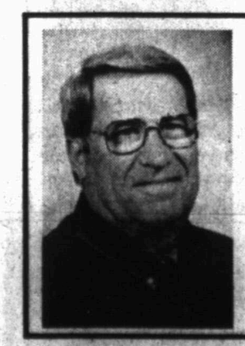

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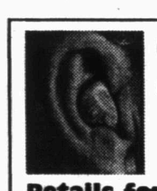
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SPORTS

Tigers run to title of Canyon Reef

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It was a case of perfect timing.

After showing glimpses of success the past few seasons, the Snyder boys' track team finally broke through on Saturday, winning the Canyon Reef Relays in front of its home crowd at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers garnered 110 points to win the meet, surpassing runner-up Andrews by 11 points. Snyder's girls' squad tallied three points to finish 15th, while Abilene Wylie took the top spot with 96 points.

The Tigers' team title could be a launching pad for the rest of the season, and Snyder coach Chad Rogers attributes the success to his athletes.

"The kids deserve all of the credit," said Rogers, in his first year at the helm of the SHS boys' track program. "There was a good core of talent already here, and now the guys believe they can win. The difference between sixth place and first place is mostly mental. And our kids believe they should be on top."

On top is where the Tigers started and finished the meet. Snyder secured 52 points in the field events to build its lead before the running events ever got underway.

Junior Mark Medley notched 20 points by winning the shot put and the discus, while Jared Thornhill won the pole vault and Wade Pinson finished second in the high jump and long jump. Joe Esparza was third in the discus.

Snyder, which has held its own in the field events in the past, also prospered on the track.

Snyder won both long-distance events, with Rudy Martinez sweeping the mile and two-mile runs. Charles Kerry also secured important points for the Tigers by finishing third in the 1,600-meter run, and sixth in the 3,200.

"Right now we have a good chemistry on this team," said Rogers. "We have a good mix of kids in the field events, the distance events and the sprints. All of the other coaches at Snyder also make it easier. We have some kids who play other sports, but their coaches let them work out with the track team and run at the meets. Everybody is working toward a common goal, and that is success in the track program."

After a strong showing in the field events, Pinson picked up right where he left off in the running events. The sophomore registered a runner-up finish in the 110-meter high hurdles, and came in third in the 300 hurdles.

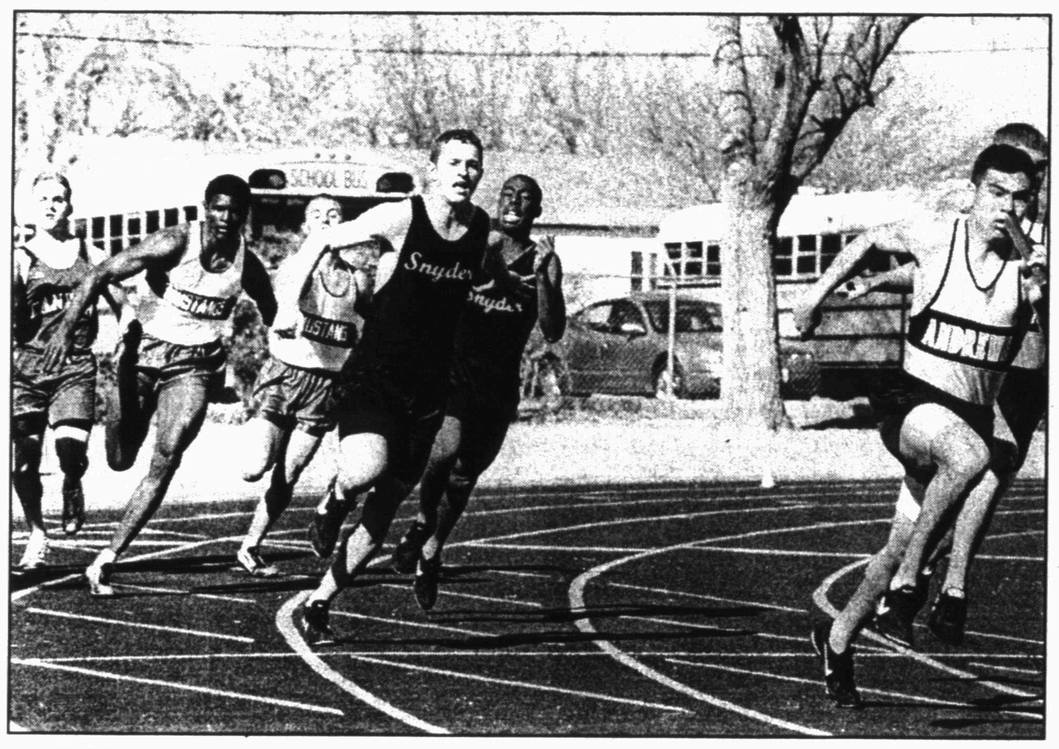
Pinson also teamed up with James Wells, Tovares Brandon and Heath Pinkerton to grab fourth place in the sprint relay. The foursome of Brandon, Matthew Grimmett, Cory Clay and Jesse Haines finished sixth in the mile relay.

Grimmett, who along with Haines had competed for the Snyder Tiger baseball team earlier in the day, raced to a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash.

"It was a great experience for the kids," said Rogers. "I think their performance kind of surprised some coaches from other schools. They got a lot of compliments, and the school got a lot of compliments on how smoothly the meet went. It was a big meet, but all of the volunteers did a tremendous job and we really didn't have any problems."

Amy Braziel garnered all of the Lady Tigers' points, finishing fifth in the discus and sixth in the shot put.

Next on Snyder's schedule is Sweetwater's Rattlesnake Relays on Saturday.



HANDOFF — Snyder's Heath Pinkerton takes the baton from Tovares Brandon during the finals of the sprint relay Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays at Tiger Stadium. The Snyder boys tallied 110 points to win the meet. (SDN Staff Photo)

CANYON REEF RELAYS
at Tiger Stadium
VARSITY GIRLS

Team totals: 1. Wylie 96; 2. Canyon 75; 3. Big Spring 68; 4. Levelland 62; 5. Lamesa 60; 6. Plainview 42; 7. Monahans 41; 8. Kermit 30; 9. Coahoma 26; 10. (tie) Seminole and Post 24; 12. Andrews 21; 13. Denver City 10; 14. Frenship 7; 15. Snyder 3.

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Thompson, Plainview, 37-6½; 2. Williams, Big Spring, 36-5¼ ; 3. Daves, Seminole, 35-1½; **6. Braziel, Snyder, 32-8.**

Discus: 1. Ayers, Canyon, 141-2½; 2. Clardy, Wylie, 120-6; 3. Thompson, Plainview, 119-2; **5. Braziel, Snyder, 103-9¼.**

Long jump: 1. Williams, Wylie, 16-4; 2. Williams, Coahoma, 16-2; 3. Porsha, Lamesa, 15-6¾.

Triple jump: 1. Porsha, Lamesa, 35-7¼; 2. Campbell, Monahans, 35-6; 3. Williams, Seminole, 34-4¼; **8. Brown, Snyder, 32-2.**

High jump: 1. Bates, Plainview, 5-2; 2. Petras, Plainview, 5-2; 3. Johnson, Kermit, 5-2.

RUNNING EVENTS

3,200M: 1. Marable, Canyon, 11:25.22; 2. Hope, Lamesa, 12:44.51; 3. Ball, Wylie, 12:47.84.

4x100M relay: 1. Levelland 50.10; 2. Big Sping 50.24; 3. Monahans 50.34.

800M: 1. Hope, Lamesa, 2:29.13; 2. Megers, Kermit, 2:31.66; 3. Carter, Denver City, 2:32.93.

100M hurdles: 1. Williams, Post, 14.87; 2. Matthews, Andrews, 15.55; 3. Smith, Lamesa, 15.67.

100M: 1. Campbell, Monahans, 12.38; 2. Hinojos, Big Spring; 12.48; 3. Rose, Levelland, 12.70.

4x200M relay: 1. Levelland 1:46.68; 2. Wylie 1:48.23; 3. Big Spring 1:49.18.

1,600M: 1. Marable, Canyon, 5:16.22; 2. Ball, Wylie, 5:52.35; 3. Larson, Big Spring, 5:59.17.

400M: 1. Williams, Coahoma, 1:01.96; 2. Simpson, Canyon, 1:02.54; 3. Johnson, Kermit, 1:03.20.

300M hurdles: 1. Wallace, Wylie, 46.96; 2. Chitwood, Canyon, 47.15; 3. Moore, Post, 47.46.

200M: 1. Campbell, Monahans, 25.94; 2. Williams, Wylie, 26.01; 3. Johnson, Kermit, 26.42.

4x400M relay: 1. Canyon 4:12.62; 2. Lamesa 4:14.00; Wylie 4:18.47.

VARSITY BOYS

Team totals: 1. Snyder 110; 2. Andrews 99; 3. Lamesa 70; 4. Sweetwater 63; 5. Levelland 43; 6. Lubbock High 40; 7. Canyon 36; 8. Big Spring 35; 9. Frenship 29; 10. Post 28; 11. Coahoma 4.

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Medley, Snyder, 54-4¾; 2. Crawford, Post, 48-4¾; 3. Davidson, Frenship, 48-2.

Discus: 1. Medley, Snyder, 149-1; 2. Woods, Andrews, 146-2; **3. Esparza, Snyder, 145-0.**

Long jump: 1. Hamilton, Sweetwater, 21-2¾; **2. Pinson, Snyder, 19-11¾;** 3. Quintanilla, Lamesa, 19-7¼; **7. Brandon, Snyder, 18-10¾; 8. Grimmett, Snyder, 18-10¼.**

Triple jump: 1. Quintanilla, Lamesa, 43-2½; 2. Hamilton, Sweetwater, 43-0½; 3. Frazier, Lubbock High, 42-1; **8. Clay, Snyder, 38-10.**

High jump: 1. Tezeno, Levelland, 6-2; **2. Pinson, Snyder, 6-0;** 3. Humphries, Andrews, 5-10.

Pole vault: 1. Thornhill, Snyder, 13-6; 2. Wegner, Big Spring, 13-0; 3. Radle, Post, 12-0; 6. Haines, Snyder, 11-0.

RUNNING EVENTS

3,200M: 1. Martinez, Snyder, 10:03.4; 2. Martinez, Big Spring, 10:06.6; 3. Eyhorn, Canyon, 10:32.2; **6. Kerry, Snyder, 10:53.5.**

4x100M relay: 1. Lubbock High 43.43; 2. Andrews 43.84; 3. Sweetwater 44.26; **4. Snyder (Wells, Pinson, Brandon, Pinkerton) 44.84.**

800M: 1. Emiliano, Andrews, 2:05.54; 2. Delgado, Lamesa, 2:05.91; 3. Penn, Canyon, 2:06.76.

110M hurdles: 1. Hadley, Andrews, 14.28; **2. Pinson, Snyder, 14.51;** 3. Thompson, Canyon, 15.07.

100M: 1. Bueno, Andrews, 11.09; 2. Dent, Levelland, 11.14; **3. Grimmett, Snyder, 11.20.**

1,600M: 1. Martinez, Snyder, 4:37.24; 2. Martinez, Big Spring, 4:41.04; **3. Kerry, Snyder, 4:49.15.**

400M: 1. Gutierrez, Lubbock High, 51.54; 2. Nunez, Andrews, 53.08; 3. Mandrell, Frenship, 53.55.

300M hurdles: 1. Amos, Sweetwater, 36.88; 2. Hadley, Andrews, 40.17; **3. Pinson, Snyder, 40.65.**

200M: 1. Dent, Levelland, 23.10; 2. Page, Lamesa, 23.16; 3. Iange, Post, 23.37.

4x400M relay: 1. Andrews 3:27.37; 2. Lamesa 3:28.73; 3. Sweetwater 3:32.02; **6. Snyder (Grimmett, Brandon, Clay, Haines) 3:41.94.**

JV GIRLS

Team totals: 1. Wylie 209; 2. Big Spring 99; 3. Andrews 57; 4. Canyon 42; 5. Frenship 38; 6. Plainview 26; 7. Monahans 25; 8. Snyder 19; 9. Lamesa 18; 10. Levelland 10; 11. Denver City 4; 12. Seminole 1.

Snyder results

800M: 6. Keller, 2:56.78. **Shot put:** 7. Deloera, 25'08.00; 9. Parrish, 25'00.25. **Discus:** 1. Deloera, 92-3; 2. Parrish, 86-2.

JV BOYS

Team totals: 1. Frenship 108; 2. Lamesa 93; 3. Andrews 80; 4. Snyder 55; 5. Sweetwater 54; 6. Canyon 50; 7. Lubbock High 36; 8. Big Spring 32; 9. Post 18; 10. Coahoma 9; 11. Levelland 3.

800M: 1. Brown, Lamesa, 2:14.93; 2. Trinidad, Frenship, 2:15.76; 3. Hazard, Sweetwater, 2:18.04; **6. Ferrusca, Snyder, 2:19.64.**

110M hurdles: 1. Trevino, Lubbock High, 16.21; 2. Tenery, Sweetwater, 16.86; **3. Murphy, Snyder, 17.76; 8. Guynes, Snyder, 20.20.**

100M: 1. Kerr, Frenship, 11.68; 2. Boyd, Big Spring, 11.76; **3. Williams, Snyder, 11.82; 8. McGaha, Snyder, 12.44.**

1,600M: 1. **Vasquez, Snyder, 5:13.11;** 2. Bowles, Frenship, 5:17.89; 3. Echeverria, Canyon, 5:19.31.

400M: 1. Watson, Lubbock High, 54.91; 2. Rodriguez, Lamesa, 54.92; 3. Tubb, Andrews, 56.28; **5. Driggers, Snyder, 59.96.**

300M hurdles: 1. Tenery, Sweetwater, 42.64; 2. Smith, Sweetwater, 43.83; 3. Valles, Andrews, 44.57; **4. Murphy, Snyder, 44.85.**

200M: 1. Upthgrove, Canyon, 24.54; 2. Wheeler, Frenship, 24.97; 3. Boyd, Big Spring, 25.04; **6. Williams, Snyder, 25.64.**

4x400M relay: 1. Lamesa 3:43.56; 2. Andrews 3:43.65; 3. Sweetwater 3:49.23; **5. Snyder (Driggers, Guynes, Durham, Pollard), 3:57.66.**

Field set for NCAA hoops tournament

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It's all about timing.

Even with an injury to star center Loren Woods, Arizona kept the No. 1 seed in the West. But Cincinnati, stunned by an injury to star center Kenyon Martin, dropped to No. 2 in the South.

The difference? The 10 members of the NCAA selection committee felt Martin's loss hurt the Bearcats more than Woods' loss hurt the Wildcats, as evidenced by Arizona's victory over Stanford even without the 7-foot-1 Woods.

"We talked about Cincinnati very early and came back to them a couple times," Craig Thompson, chairman of the selection committee, said of the decision to drop the Bearcats. "But when you lose a potential player of the year, that's going to affect your team."

The NCAA on Sunday announced the pairings for the 64-team men's tournament that begins on Thursday and ends at the Final Four in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis on April 1-3.

Arizona, Stanford, Michigan State and Duke were seeded No. 1. The injury to Martin was the only reason Cincinnati wasn't seeded No. 1, Thompson said, but Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins didn't buy the argument.

"It's ridiculous, totally ridiculous," Huggins said. "We must be the first team in history to be No. 1 in the RPI and not get a No. 1 seed. That's a historical thing those guys just did. How do they know how good we'll be without Kenyon?"

That's where the poor timing comes in.

Arizona played five games, including a victory over Stanford, after Woods injured his back. But Martin broke a leg early in a Conference USA tourney loss to St. Louis last week, the same day the NCAA committee began making its selections.

"We didn't have an opportunity other than one span in one game to judge how they play without Martin," Thompson said. "They're clearly a different team without Kenyon Martin. The issue we had was, how different?"

In Arizona's case, he said, "There was a test there."

Thompson said every school was asked to notify the committee by Friday if any player would not participate in the tournament, and Arizona told them Woods would not play. That was news to coach Lute Olson, however, who said doctors hadn't told him Woods would be out the whole tournament.

Even so, he said, Olson wasn't surprised by the committee's decision.

"I frankly didn't see any way they could not put our guys as the No. 1 seed in the West," Olson said, "particularly because we've played so long without Loren Woods."

Arizona will open the tourney Thursday against 16th-seeded Jackson State at Salt Lake City. Stanford wound up as the top seed in the South and will play South Carolina State on Friday at Birmingham, Ala.

Michigan State (26-7), which has the most losses ever for a No. 1 seed, will open in the Midwest against Valparaiso.

NCAA Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Marine Midland Arena
Buffalo, N.Y.

Temple (26-5) vs. Lafayette (24-6)
Oregon (22-7) vs. Seton Hall (20-9)
Oklahoma State (24-6) vs. Hofstra (24-6)
Indiana (20-8) vs. Pepperdine (24-8)

At Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Duke (27-4) vs. Lamar (15-15)
Kansas (23-9) vs. DePaul (21-11)
Illinois (21-9) vs. Pennsylvania (21-7)
Florida (24-7) vs. Butler (23-7)

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Nashville Arena
Nashville, Tenn.

Cincinnati (28-3) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (18-12)
Tulsa (29-4) vs. UNLV (23-7)
Ohio State (22-6) vs. Appalachian State (23-8)
Miami (21-10) vs. Arkansas (19-14)

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
Birmingham, Ala.

Stanford (26-3) vs. South Carolina State (20-13)
North Carolina (18-13) vs. Missouri (18-12)
Tennessee (24-6) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (25-8)
Connecticut (24-9) vs. Utah State (28-5)

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At The Convocation Center
Cleveland

Michigan State (26-7) vs. Valparaiso (19-12)
Utah (22-8) vs. Saint Louis (19-13)
Syracuse (24-5) vs. Samford (21-10)
Kentucky (22-9) vs. St. Bonaventure (21-9)

At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis

Iowa State (29-4) vs. Central Connecticut State (25-5)
Auburn (23-9) vs. Creighton (23-9)
Maryland (24-9) vs. Iona (20-10)
UCLA (19-11) vs. Ball State (22-8)

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At The Jon M. Huntsman Center
Salt Lake City

Arizona (26-6) vs. Jackson State (17-15)
Wisconsin (18-13) vs. Fresno State (24-9)
LSU (26-5) vs. Southeast Missouri State (24-6)
Texas (23-8) vs. Indiana State (22-9)

At McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.

St. John's (24-7) vs. N. Arizona (20-10)
Louisville (19-11) vs. Gonzaga (24-8)
Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Winthrop (21-8)
Purdue (21-9) vs. Dayton (22-8)

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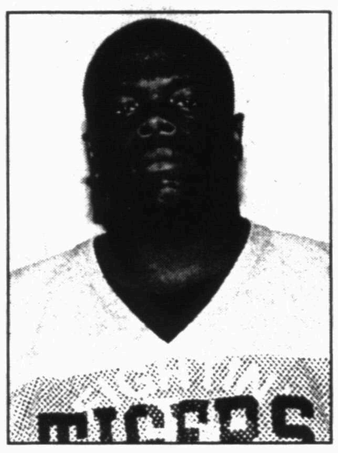

Tremaine Johnson

PLAINVIEW — It took personal bests in all three events, but Snyder's Tremaine Johnson is on his way to state.

Johnson posted a total lift of 1,345 pounds Saturday at the regional power lifting meet to secure second place and earn a trip to the state meet.

Competing in the 275-pound classification, the Snyder junior tallied 527 pounds in the squat, 315 pounds in the berich press and 520 pounds in the dead lift. All three efforts were personal highs for Johnson.

"It's a great accomplishment for Tremaine," said Snyder coach Joe Granato. "We are in the largest region, so it's tougher to get to state from here. But Tremaine has worked hard all year, just like all of these guys have. And it'll be tough at state, but Tremaine will be right in there with the best of them."

Also competing from Snyder were Edwin James in the 165-pound division, and Corey Knipe in the super-heavyweight class.

James finished fifth with an effort of 1,125 pounds, while Knipe came in seventh at 1,225 pounds.

The state meet is scheduled for March 25 in Killeen.

Tiger golfers take fifth at San Angelo tourney

SAN ANGELO — The Snyder Tigers struggled in the opening round of the San Angelo Invitational, but responded on Saturday with their best round of the year.

Snyder posted four scores under 80 and fired a 301 Saturday at Riverside Golf Club to propel it into fifth place at the San Angelo event.

The Tigers carded a 315 in the opening round at Bentwood Country Club, before getting on track at Riverside when three players came in at 74.

Landon Day paced Snyder with rounds of 76 and 74 for a 150, while Levi Mandrell turned in a 74-79—153.

Zach Starnes tallied an 82-74—156, with Clinton Calmes totaling an 84-74—158. Brady Reed finished with an 82-87—169, and Stafford Gray, competing as a medalist, carded a 79-90—169.

The Tigers open district competition March 23 at San Angelo.

Sports Briefs

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Oregon State staff fired

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Oregon State basketball coach Eddie Payne and his staff were fired Sunday, a day after the Beavers completed their fifth straight non-winning season.

Oregon State finished 13-16 overall, 5-13 in the Pacific-10. The Beavers were 52-88 overall under Payne.

Kentucky guard suspended

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky starting guard Desmond Allison was suspended and is not expected to play again this season following his arrest on drunk-driving charges.

Allison, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, played all 31 games this season, averaging 7.8 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.4 assists.

Suns' Gugliotta out for season

PHOENIX (AP) — Suns forward Tom Gugliotta will miss the rest of the season after tearing two ligaments in his left knee during Friday's game.

An MRI exam showed "three major injuries — complete ruptures of the anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament and damage to the meniscal attachment."

Toronto player injured

KANATA, Ontario (AP) — Maple Leafs defenseman Bryan Berard could lose sight in his right eye, after being hit by the stick of Ottawa's Marian Hossa on Saturday.

Berard, in his fourth NHL season, crumpled to his knees with his forehead on the ice in a pool of blood. He was rushed to Ottawa Civic Hospital, where he underwent surgery overnight.

Berard, 23, has a slim chance of regaining vision in the eye. He had three goals and 27 assists in 64 games this season.

Pampa tops West for tourney crown...

Tigers trounce Golden Cranes

The Snyder Tigers seem to have broken out of their two-game slump, and they used Saturday's contest to prove it.

Snyder belted out 10 hits and played error free to rout Crane, 14-1, in the Tigers' final outing of the Snyder Baseball Tournament.

After dropping their first two games of the tournament, the Tigers rallied with wins in their final two contests, giving Coach Roland Herrera reason to believe his squad is back on track.

"We played a lot better in our last two games," said Herrera. "We finally started hitting the ball, and hopefully our bats will stay hot. We got solid pitching, played good defense, and we hit the ball. You have to do all three of those things to win games, and we did that against Crane."

Colin Jones led the Tigers' offensive outburst against Crane, belting a pair of home runs to drive in five runs. Ralph Ramon also shined at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a double.

Glen Burk worked all five innings on the mound for Snyder. Burk surrendered only three hits and a walk, while striking out four Golden Cranes.

The Snyder tournament concluded Saturday night with Pampa's 15-2 trouncing of West in the championship game.

Pampa made its way through the winners' bracket unscathed, while West had to battle through the losers' bracket.

West played four games back-to-back on Saturday to earn at spot in the tourney finals. The Trojans knocked off Lubbock Cooper, Dumas and Perryton on their way to the title game.

Snyder was to have been in action again this afternoon at San Angelo Central. Brandon McGuire was the Tigers' expected starter.

Following today's match-up with the Bobcats, the Tigers will be back on the diamond again Saturday when they visit the Lubbock Coronado Mustangs for a doubleheader. Action begins at 1 p.m.

Lady Tiger linksters rally to edge Andrews

ANDREWS — The Snyder Lady Tigers shaved 12 strokes off their opening-round score, and in doing so edged out Andrews for another tourney title.

Snyder followed up its 333 on Friday with a 321 on Saturday to win the Andrews Invitational.

The Lady Tigers finished six shots ahead of runner-up Andrews, and eight strokes ahead of third-place Fort Stockton.

Lacey Kidd anchored Snyder's rally, firing a 75 on Saturday to finish with a two-day total of 161.

Sally Barham carded an 81-82—163, while Randi Reed posted an 82-82—164.

Kara Harrison tallied an 87-82—169, with Andra Lancaster turning in an 84-87—171. Katie Kerley, competing as a medalist, finished with a 94-97—191.

The event was the Lady Tigers' final tune-up before opening district competition March 25 at Sweetwater.

Injuries hamper Texas' spring training schedule

DALLAS (AP) — With opening day just three weeks away, Texas left fielder Rusty Greer is returning from training camp for a doctors' review and two other Rangers players have not yet appeared in exhibition games.

Greer, who missed the first four spring training games because of inflammation in his right ankle, lasted only one inning in his fourth consecutive start.

Departing because of renewed discomfort in the ankle, Greer was examined by Rangers' medical staff who decided to send him from Port Charlotte, Fla., to Arlington for tests today and Tuesday.

Greer was expected to rejoin the club Wednesday.

Manager Johnny Oates planned on using Greer for only three innings in the Minnesota Twins' 7-5 victory over Texas on Sunday. Greer came out after he did not run well on a first-inning fly out.

Greer has previously acknowledged that there could be bone chips or spurs in the ankle, a condition that would eventually require surgery.

"You could see him limping," first baseman Rafael Palmeiro told The Dallas Morning News. "He's one of our key guys. We need to have him."

Rangers' closer John Wetteland and lefthander Mike Venafro have not yet appeared in exhibition play following groin and index finger problems, respectively.

Justin Thompson, a lefthander and key to the trade that sent two-time American League Most Valuable Player Juan Gonzalez to Detroit, will begin the season on the disabled list while recovering from last August's shoulder surgery.

"The main thing we want to do is get everyone healthy," said Oates. "We'd like to go through the right process 1/8with Greer3/8 and make sure you don't leave any rocks unturned. You don't want to wait and hope it's something when it's really something else.

"You want to make sure you get it right the first time and get it taken care of," he said.

The Rangers would turn to Chad Curtis in left field if Greer were to stay out. Curtis started 123 games in left field with the New York Yankees the past two seasons.

Astros players robbed at hotel

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Six minor league players for the Houston Astros were tied up and robbed in their hotel rooms by two gunmen today. Police shot one gunman while the other escaped.

The armed robbery took place at a Holiday Inn in Kissimmee, where the Astros stay for spring training.

The gunmen burst into the players' rooms, tied them up and held them at gunpoint in two rooms, police said.

Kissimmee police arrived at the scene after one of the players was able to untie himself and call 911, said Cmdr. Fran Iwanski, a spokeswoman for Kissimmee police.

Officers shot one of the gunmen, and the second gunman fled the scene, she said. The wounded gunman was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center.

No players were hurt. No other details were immediately available.

"Their doors were unlocked, which may have started this," Iwanski said.

A woman staying with her husband and son in the room underneath the players' room told The Associated Press she heard screaming, three shots fired and the shattering of the hotel room's glass window.

"It sounded like it was raining when the glass shattered," Gail Wolkowski said.

Later in the morning, maintenance workers washed away blood from the walkway in front of the hotel room and covered the shattered window with a wood plank.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	39	23	.629	—
New York	38	24	.613	1
Philadelphia	34	27	.557	4½
Orlando	30	33	.476	9½
Boston	27	35	.435	12
New Jersey	27	36	.429	12½
Washington	20	44	.313	20
Central Division				
Indiana	43	20	.683	—
Toronto	36	26	.581	6½
Charlotte	34	28	.548	8½
Detroit	30	31	.492	12
Milwaukee	30	33	.476	13
Cleveland	25	37	.403	17½
Atlanta	24	37	.393	18
Chicago	13	48	.213	29
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	41	20	.672	—
San Antonio	40	23	.635	2
Minnesota	37	25	.597	4½
Denver	26	36	.419	15½
Dallas	25	37	.403	16½
Houston	24	38	.387	17½
Vancouver	18	45	.286	24
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Lakers	52	11	.825	—
x-Portland	48	15	.762	4
Phoenix	39	23	.629	12½
Seattle	38	26	.594	14½
Sacramento	36	26	.581	15½
Golden State	16	46	.258	35½
L.A. Clippers	13	50	.206	39

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Saturday's Games

Atlanta 91, Vancouver 86
Orlando 110, Denver 107
Portland 99, Detroit 94
Dallas 104, Phoenix 99
Minnesota 100, Houston 86

Sunday's Games

Boston 93, Philadelphia 77
Miami 105, Indiana 96
Milwaukee 103, Cleveland 72
New Jersey 129, Orlando 91
Portland 102, Washington 86
New York 93, San Antonio 80
Toronto 99, Seattle 97
L.A. Clippers 112, Golden State 103
L.A. Lakers 109, Sacramento 106

Monday's Games

Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Golden State at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New York, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Iowa State's Tinsley named MVP of Big 12 tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The imposing presence of Marcus Fizer usually is the first thing people notice about Iowa State.

At least one opposing coach says it is point guard Jamaal Tinsley that makes the Cyclones go.

"The point of attack both on offense and defense is the key to basketball. You can hide a weak off guard. But you can't hide a guy at the point. Tinsley doesn't get enough credit for his defense.

"You can hide a lot of weaknesses with a good point guard. They don't have to work for their shots when Tinsley is on the floor."

Fizer, the 6-foot-8 center named Most Valuable Player in the tournament, scored 22 points to lead the seventh-ranked Cyclones.

Oil Patch News

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2723 Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 27, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2039-W Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

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Nolan County

LCS Production will drill the No. 5 Reynolds, six miles northeast of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 4,999 feet, drill site is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

LCS Production will drill the No. 1 Tex-McReynolds, six miles northeast of Nolan. Also planned for a depth of 4,999 feet, drill site is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

Ventex Operating has completed the No. 1-A Morrow-Brooks in the Weaver Springs field, five miles northeast of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 106 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,964-970 feet, and location is in Section 48, Block 5, T&P survey.

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Al Gore questions Bush's ability to lead

HOUSTON (AP) — The impression that Vice President Al Gore hopes to leave with voters between now and November is unmistakable: Republican George W. Bush, who holds one of the constitutionally weakest governorships in the nation, is not ready, not experienced, not capable of being president.

In an interview with The Associated Press and in an escalating series of public comments, Gore also casts his Republican rival as beholden to special-interest campaign contributors.

"This raises the question, does Governor Bush have the understanding of America's problems to be president," Gore told the AP on Sunday as he campaigned on Bush's home turf.

In a 40-minute interview, Gore also slammed Bush for not proposing to put "one penny into expanding access to health care," but he conceded he is not prepared to offer his own plan for universal health insurance.

Today, Gore was amplifying his critique of Bush on health care in an appearance at a Miami-area hospital.

Under renewed scrutiny for 1996 campaign finance tactics that he now acknowledges were "mistakes," Gore said in the interview that he is "of course" convinced he did nothing illegal by attending a fund-raiser at a Buddhist temple in California and using White House telephones to solicit contributions.

He brushed off a suggestion by Bob Dole, the 1996 Republican presidential candidate, that the Senate reopen its investigation. "Let Al Gore and the president come up (to testify) and we can resolve this quickly," Dole said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Gore said: "They want to launch personal attacks in order to deflect from their opposition to campaign finance reform," an issue he newly plans to put at the core of his campaign.

Bush criticized Gore's pledge to elevate the campaign financing issue.

"I think the vice president is someone who will say anything to get elected. The more he talks about campaign funding reform, the better off it will be for my campaign," Bush said.

Gore delivered his broadside as he rode in his limousine between church services and lunch at a Mexican restaurant. He kept a distracted eye on the window and eagerly waved to anyone who noticed him.

Questioning Bush's experience and capacity to serve as president after 11/2 terms as governor, Gore emphasized that, in Texas, the governor is actually the fifth least powerful statewide official.

"Six years in a position that is more symbolic than powerful has some value," Gore said sarcastically.

"And (Bush) has exercised what power the office does have to make Texas the worst state in the nation in pollution," block hate-crimes legislation and overturn a ban on concealed weapons, Gore said.

The interview was among the first in a series that Gore, the presumptive Democratic nominee now that Bill Bradley has left the race, has offered major news organizations to try to paint Bush as an inexperienced captive of the right wing early enough that the label might stick through November.

Weekend polls showed that Gore, in the past two weeks when he abandoned the nomination fight with Bradley and began taking on Bush, has eliminated the governor's lead nationally.

Gore returned repeatedly Sunday to versions of the same refrain: "Does Governor Bush have the kind of decision-making tests under his belt to be president? ... the experience? ... the sense of perspective?" Exit polls from the early primaries showed that some voters are concerned about whether Bush has the intellectual heft they believe is required of a president.

Bush, campaigning in Florida, shot back: "The vice president obviously believes that all knowledge and wisdom emanates out of Washington. ... I think all wisdom and knowledge emanates from the people."

Asked if he wasn't really trying to say Bush is "too dumb" to be president, Gore convulsed in laughter while taking a drink of Diet Coke. He grabbed a towel to hold against his mouth then, finally swallowing, insisted the tape recorder be stopped for an off-the-record observation.

From his recent public comments, however, it is not hard to see the impression Gore hopes to leave with voters. Where once he railed against the "Reagan-Bush years" of Bush's father, the former president, Gore recently has switched to labeling them the "Bush-Quayle" years.

Local law enforcement has busy weekend

It was a busy weekend for law enforcement personnel who handled numerous offense reports, arrests and accidents.

Melissa Hicks contacted officers at 11:32 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone burglarizing her vehicle while it was parked at 4500 Denison. Reported missing was a purse and a camera. The purse was later located but its contents were not.

At 4:50 p.m. Saturday, Landon Day notified officers that his stereo had been stolen from his vehicle while it was parked at the Snyder High School parking lot. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was taken.

Officers submitted an offense report for family violence at 5:39 p.m. Saturday.

A caller reported hearing gunshots in the area of the 100 block of Canyon at 9:16 p.m. Saturday. Officers responded but were unable to locate anyone discharging a firearm.

A clerk with Town & Country on Coliseum Drive reported a gas drive-off at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. A Class C theft report was taken.

An offense report for runaway was submitted at 1:48 p.m. Sunday in reference to a 17-year-old female not returning home. The subject was later located by Midland Police Department.

At 3:42 p.m. Sunday, officers filed an offense report for cat bite.

Officers took two subjects into custody at 4:43 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of 23rd Street. A 37-year-old female was arrested on misdemeanor charge of failure to identify and Dawson County warrants for issuance of bad checks. A 34-year-old female was jailed for failure to identify, no liability insurance and failure to display a driver's license.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 19-year-old male at 10:42 p.m. Saturday on U.S. Hwy. 84 for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

At 4:37 p.m. Sunday, officers took a 28-year-old male into custody at 26th Street and Avenue M on a Midland County traffic warrant. The subject also had a warrant for failure to appear on an original charge of violation of protective order.

Driving while license suspended resulted in the arrest of a 51-year-old male at 6:16 p.m. Sunday. He was picked up in the 1800 block of 40th Street.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 7:58 p.m. Saturday in the 3700 block of College. Involved were a 1995 GMC Sierra pickup driven by Pedro Balderas Garcia, 23, of Natchitoches, La., and a 1990 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Misty Lenell Lamb, 23, of Colorado City.

At 10:11 p.m. Saturday, a minor accident occurred at the Sonic Drive-Inn. Involved were a 1994 Ford Thunderbird driven by Jonathan Lujan, 23, of 906 Avenue R and a 1991 GMC pickup driven by Robert Michael Stanley, 16, of 1107 South Willis in Hermleigh.

DPS troopers worked a two-vehicle accident at 10:05 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of CR 465 and CR 466. Involved were a 1995 Buick Century driven by John Harvey Smith, 22, of 719 School Road in Hermleigh and a 2000 Saturn driven by Amanda Smith, 18, of 12131 CR 465.

Officers worked an accident at 3:55 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of 26th Street and Avenue B. Involved were a 1987 GMC pickup driven by Nicholas Bredemeyer, 18, of 2312 27th Street and a 1990 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Luis Ray Fuentez, 46, of 1078 Ennis Creek Road.

A minor mishap occurred at 9 p.m. Sunday at the Laser Wash, 3301 College. Involved were a 1999 Honda driven by Haley Brown, 20, of 3006 El Paso and a 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by Brandi Michelle Doyle, 23, of Lubbock.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a fire at 10:14 p.m. Saturday behind the Furniture Warehouse store.

The fire destroyed several couches and chairs that were to be hauled off. The building's gas meter and electric meter were also slightly damaged and the back wall inside of the building received minor smoke damage. Cause of the fire is unknown.

Church van flips, killing one teen-ager

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One teen-ager was killed and another was injured when a church van carrying the Oklahoma youths overturned in northwest San Antonio.

The teen-agers belong to the Way of the Cross missionary group from Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Edmond, Okla. They were heading to Matamoros, Mexico, to spend spring break doing missionary work when the accident happened Sunday.

Most of the youths in the van were not injured. The wreck occurred on Loop 410, an interstate highway.

The girl who died and the one who was injured are 15 years old. The injured teen-ager was in stable condition today in a hospital.

The entire teen church group, numbering about 130 in all, was leaving San Antonio today to return to Oklahoma. They spent the night at a Baptist church in the San Antonio suburb of Castle Hills, where cots were set up in a gymnasium for them.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

How is calcium best absorbed?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I wanted to ask a few questions about calcium. Have you heard anything about the absorption or bioavailability of calcium hydroxyapatite? I'm not sure if I spelled it correctly, but I have heard arguments that it is the most available because it is a component of bone matter. I have also heard that milk is not the best source of calcium because of the protein binding. What do you think? — **P.W.**

Dear P.W.: Calcium hydroxyapatite (your spelling was right on) is the key calcium compound found in bones. Because it is bone, it contains all the minerals found in bone. Somewhere along the line, someone came up with the idea that it would be an ideal calcium supplement. Calcium has to be absorbed before it can be utilized, and hydroxyapatite has yet to demonstrate its superiority as a calcium supplement. If higher absorption is the key, the best bets are calcium-citrate-malate or calcium citrate.

The bottom line here is that it is more important to get the calcium than spend too much time worrying over which form is best. Regardless of which form you take, it is widely accepted that the best time to take calcium is at mealtime.

You also bring up the issues of milk and protein binding. The concept of protein binding is a bit complicated, so bear with me as I walk you through it. Milk is not the issue here. The key fact is that excess protein is not stored in the body. Rather, it is converted into energy that the body can store.

Changing protein into energy creates what can be thought of as metabolic refuse, and this has to be eliminated from the body through the kidneys. These compounds need escorts when they leave the body through the urine, and the kidney tends to utilize whatever is present. The refuse from the protein conversion has a negative charge, and animal proteins tend to create more of the negatively charged compounds.

The kidney has to buffer this refuse with something that has a positive charge, and calcium can serve this purpose. It is not the body's first choice; in fact, there are many other buffering compounds present in a diet that contains fruits and vegetables. If little else is around, though, calcium will get the call. When calcium leaves the body in this way, more calcium is pulled from the bones to maintain the necessary level of calcium in the blood.

The bottom line is that some calcium can be lost when one eats a high-protein diet, but this will be the case mainly when the diet does not contain the recommended intake of fruits and vegetables. People who overdo it with protein, unfortunately, are often the ones who do not have a well-balanced diet.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I'm taking several vitamin & mineral supplements and OPCs in an isotonic form, which is purportedly a more efficient delivery system. It goes through the stomach and right to the small intestines, thereby allowing close to 95 percent absorption because it is not diluted by stomach acids. Also, this speeds up entry into the circulatory system, so the process occurs in under 15 minutes, as opposed to the average four hours or more a pill or capsule takes. What are your thoughts on this? — **C.G.**

Dear C.G.: Your statement seems chock full of puffery, as though it were taken directly from product literature. It is unclear whether there is any substantiation for these claims or what extra benefits people stand to gain by taking such a product.

Ninety-five percent absorption for all the nutrients? That's doubtful. The degree to which a nutrient is absorbed depends on a number of factors, including whether there is a deficiency or a sufficiency of the nutrient in the body. With many nutrients, only a small fraction is absorbed, even under the best conditions.

You say "purportedly a more efficient delivery system," but I would be interested in seeing evidence to support this claim. Pills, capsules and powders work just fine. As a rule, it's usually best to take vitamin and mineral supplements at mealtime. Digestion and absorption are designed to get the good stuff out of our foods by keeping the mass of food churning and in contact with the absorptive surfaces for an extended period of time.

For those of you interested, OPC is an abbreviation for "oligomeric proanthocyanidins." These are naturally-occurring bioflavonoids found in grape seed and skin, pine bark extract and other plants. They are effective antioxidants currently being investigated for their role in protecting against chronic disease.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Clinton and NRA feud continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Escalating a bitter feud with the National Rifle Association, the White House today angrily accused the NRA of making "outrageous and disgusting" charges about President Clinton and called on the NRA's political supporters to repudiate the statements.

The White House response was triggered by NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre's assertion that Clinton exploits gun deaths for political purposes.

"I've come to believe that he needs a certain level of violence in this country," LaPierre said Sunday. "He's willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda and his vice president, too."

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said LaPierre's charges were "a sick attack on the president"

"I haven't seen anything this low in a long time in Washington," Lockhart said, "and if there are right-thinking people in the NRA and the leadership of political parties who support the NRA, they ought to stand up and repudiate it."

Asked if his remarks were aimed at Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the apparent Republican presidential nominee, Lockhart said, "I think if it was in his heart that this was a repugnant statement, he should say it."

At issue was a new advertising campaign in which NRA President Charlton Heston all but accuses Clinton of lying in his characterizations of the group as an impediment to sensible laws and public safety.

Government mulls rules for airwaves

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is developing plans to treat airwaves as commodities to be bought and sold on the open market.

Federal Communications Commission officials say they are working on rules that would create a trading system in which telecommunications companies could bid on frequencies that are owned by other companies but are underused.

FCC Chairman Bill Kennard has laid out a series of steps to better utilize existing portions of the airwaves. License holders that aren't using all of their frequencies could post that availability on a Web site for other interested companies.

Last week, the FCC created a new class of commercial licensees called "guard band managers." They will receive their licenses through the normal bidding process. But then the managers could turn around and lease slices of the airwaves to commercial service providers or third parties.

"This is an innovative and efficient approach to licensing," Kennard said.

Under the current system, the government licenses each user and regulates what frequencies and signal power it can use. The oldest licenses were given free; recent ones were sold to the industry. The rights have never been bought and sold in a secondary market.

Government officials worry that demand for airwaves is outstripping supply because of the proliferation of cellular telephones, pagers, satellite services and other wireless devices. The volume of traffic on the Internet, the FCC says, doubles every 100 days, increasingly through wireless connections such as cell phones and handheld computers.

"For your industry and for the commission, the biggest challenge is the dwindling supply of quality spectrum," Kennard told the wireless industry at a convention last month.

In deregulating the spectrum to create the new market, the FCC would be enabling licensees who own the rights to a slice of the airwaves to profit from any surplus, such as parts not in use 24 hours a day.

Obituaries

John Curtis

1924-2000

Funeral service for John D. Curtis, retired Sun Oil Co. employee, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Revs. Danny Williams, Mike Matheny and John Murdoch will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Curtis, 75, died Friday, March 10, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a brief illness.

Born March 21, 1924 in Rains County, he married Johnnie Faye Horton on Oct. 31, 1942. She died Dec. 31, 1991. He married Elnora Ward on June 11, 1993 in Snyder.

An U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, he was an utility operator for Sun Oil for 34 years, working in Sun's Snyder Gas Plant. He was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Elnora Curtis of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Wayne Davis and Eugenia and Steve Bates, all of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dewayne and Betty Curtis of Lubbock and Randall and Sam Curtis of Houston; three stepdaughters, Pamela Nitch of Fort Worth, Becky Lofton of Midland and Marsha Orr of Denver; a brother, Elvin Curtis of Mineral Wells; three sisters, Willie Moore and Natalie Clark, both of Snyder, and Wanda Porter of Sweetwater; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Lighthouse Assembly of God building fund.

Family visitation will be held from 6-7:30 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Blanche Hayes

1928-2000

Olveyne Blanche Hayes of Snyder died Sunday, March 12, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hayes, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, and the Rev. James Merrell, former Trinity pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on May 15, 1928 in Lamesa, she graduated from Lamesa High School and married David Crocket Hayes on Jan. 1, 1952 in Lamesa.

She was a homemaker and a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Mrs. Hayes was a past Worthy Matron of the Snyder Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of the Social Order of Beauceants in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, David Crocket Hayes of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Van and Kristy Hayes of Abilene; and two sisters, Lloyd Ola Bearden and LaVera Ann Mitchell, both of Big Spring; three nephews; and two nieces.

Family visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Sam Odom

1944-2000

CROSS PLAINS – Funeral service for Sam Odom, 55, was held this morning at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to follow in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Born in Brownwood, Mr. Odom was a life-long resident of Cross Plains. He was a cattle trader and a member of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Odom was the uncle of Shawn Odom who was killed in an automobile accident on March 4, 1989 in Callahan County while attending Western Texas College.

Survivors include two sons, Conda Odom of Cross Plains and Cody Odom of Abilene; his mother, Dorothy Odom of Cross Plains; one brother, Scott Odom of Clyde; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Cross Plains EMS or to the Shawn Odom Memorial Fund at Western Texas College.

Conrad Parker

1924-2000

MINERAL WELLS — Conrad Thomas "Connie" Parker of Graford, uncle of Eric Drennan of Snyder, died Friday, March 10, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Graveside service was set for Mr. Parker, 75, for 10 a.m. today in Woodland Park Cemetery in Mineral Wells. The Rev. Jeff Janca was to officiate and arrangements were under the direction of Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home.

Mr. Parker, born Dec. 31, 1924 in Mineral Wells, was a Baptist and a member of the volunteer fire department at Possum Kingdom Lake. Mr. Parker was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Parker in 1967.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Parker of Graford; two sons and daughters-in-law, Freddy and Kathy Parker of Weatherford and Randy and Iris Parker of Abilene; a daughter and son-in-law, Melody and Don Cox of Weatherford; a brother, Kenneth Parker of Perryton; three sisters, Billie Cunningham of Granbury, Lona Harchas of Fort Worth and Cherry Drennan of San Angelo; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several other nephews and nieces.

Lorna Reed

1941-2000

ROTAN - Lorna Janet McCright Reed of Denton, cousin of Fran Arbuckle of Snyder, died Sunday, March 12, in a Denton Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Reed, 58, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Rotan. The Rev. Werth Mayes will officiate. Burial will follow in Belvieu Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home in Rotan.

Born Dec. 7, 1941 in Rotan, she worked for the FEMA organization. She was a member of the Rotan First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jimmie McCright.

Survivors also include a son, Gene Reed Jr. of Denton; a daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and Greg McElyee of Saginaw; her father and stepmother, Jim and Amaleeta McCright of Rotan; three stepsisters; and two stepbrothers.

Lillie Wood

1908-2000

SWEETWATER – Lillie Pearl Wood, the grandmother of Donnie Wood of Snyder, died Friday, March 10, in the Mitchell County Hospital.

Service for Mrs. Wood, 91, was held at 1 p.m. today in the McCoy Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Robert Ford officiating. Burial was to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born Dec. 14, 1908, she married W.E. "Bill" Wood on Dec. 14, 1908 in Rochester. He preceded her in death.

A piano teacher, Mrs. Wood had lived in Knox City, Loraine and Colorado City. She was a past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star in Colorado City.

Survivors include a son, Charles Wood of Roscoe; a brother, Brice Robertson of Lubbock; three sisters, Mae Alison of Happy, Ruth Clark of Farmers Branch and Erlene Self of Garland; and two other grandchildren.

Ex-investigator says intruder killed JonBenet

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A former homicide investigator on the JonBenet Ramsey investigation says police should pay more attention to evidence that the 6-year-old beauty contestant was killed by an intruder.

Boulder County authorities have said that the girl's parents, Patsy and John Ramsey, are under "the umbrella of suspicion."

Retired Colorado Springs detective Lou Smit, speaking extensively for the first time on his role in the stalled investigation, says the Ramseys did not kill their daughter, according to today's editions of the Denver Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post and the March 20 issue of Newsweek.

Smit was called out of retirement in March 1997 to help the Ramsey investigation but resigned from the case in September 1998, saying he could not, "in good conscience, be a part of the persecution of innocent people."

"I believe there's evidence of an intruder, and I believe people should still be looking for him. There's a dangerous guy out there," he said.

Newspaper reports late last year said Smit was working with the Ramseys on the case but was not being paid by them.

According to Smit, that evidence includes:

— A metal baseball bat found outside the Ramseys' home. Fibers on the bat matched a carpet found in the basement near the storage room, where JonBenet's body was found on Dec. 26, 1996. The bat was found "in a place where kids normally wouldn't play," Smit said, refusing to elaborate.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 this evening are "Why. Right is Right," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 4."

K-mart reunion supper

All former employees of the Snyder K-mart are invited to a Dutch treat meal at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Jaramillo's.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

UW board meeting

The board of directors of the Scurry County United Way will be held at noon next Monday at the Snyder Area CADA office, located at 2513 College Ave.

American Diabetes Association Walk

The American Diabetes Association Walk for East Elementary's fourth graders is scheduled Friday, March 24. Christi Smith, PE instructor, asks everyone to "help the students with this worthy cause." For more information, contact Smith at 573-1769.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit immunization clinics this month are March 23rd and 30th. Thursdays dates in April are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

LCU chorus

Lubbock Christian University's Parisel Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 25 at East Side Church of Christ. The concert is free and open to the public.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday, March 26, starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. For reservations call 573,3427, 573-6443 or 573-6717.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

4-3-9

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Zero tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $13 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 31-38-7-42-32-3.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $17 million.

Search for suspected killer stagnates

BOWLEYS QUARTERS, Md. (AP) — A line of 60 police officers marched abreast through a wooded park today searching for a man accused of killing four people and abducting his girlfriend.

The officers, spaced about 100 yards apart, were searching for Joseph Palczynski, who fled into Virginia but has since been tracked back to Maryland.

Today's search began about 6 a.m. and was expected to continue into the afternoon, said police Cpl. Vickie Warehime. She did not disclose what led officers to search the wooded area, about two miles from the scene of three of the killings last Tuesday.

Police said earlier they have fielded more than 1,000 calls from people who say they've seen Palczynski. Besides those calls from the public, police used an automated telephone calling system Sunday to give 1,700 households in the Bowleys Quarters area a description of Palczynski.

"Please lock your doors. Keep a lookout for a suspect matching the description. This suspect is armed," the recorded message said.

Police say Palczynski, 31, shot and killed three people Tuesday while kidnapping his estranged girlfriend, Tracy Whitehead, from an apartment where she was visiting friends. A fourth shooting death occurred Wednesday as he tried to steal a car, police said. Whitehead escaped Wednesday night and Palczynski disappeared.