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Of Cogdell board...

Finances dominate hospital meeting

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

Getting the balance sheet to balance seemed to be the major theme of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of trustees meeting this morning. The trustees also turned down a grant that would lead to a designation the board is not interested in currently.

The grant would have been for $5,000 for a study to see if the hospital wanted to be designated a critical access facility. Hospital CEO Carol Hanes suggested to the board that if it wasn't interested in becoming a critical access hospital it should turn down the grant so other hospitals, which were interested, could use it. The board agreed and turned down the grant.

The board was much more agreeable to another grant, this one could be used to pay for a bar code reader for the pharmacy, which should increase the speed and accuracy of dispensing drugs at the hospital. The grant is for $9,241 and while the reader will cost a little over $11,000, the remainder of the money could come from the Cogdell Foundation.

The preliminary audit report was presented by Jeff Graham of Condley and Company, the hospital's auditors.

While the company gave the hospital an unqualified, clean opinion, the best there is, Graham said it was critical for the hospital to get its operating losses down and had several suggestions. He said one of the biggest problems was a large amount of unpaid hospital bills by former patients.

"I would say that reducing operating loss should be the immediate priority for the board," he said.

That was the stated goal of Hanes when she asked the board for permission to hire Southwest Hospital Consultants to do a productivity review to study hospital personnel. The company will see where the hospital might be over or under-staffed and to establish guidelines and procedures to keep staffing costs as low as possible. The cost is $12,000 plus expenses but Hanes said it shouldn't run over $20,000. The board granted its approval on a split vote, with Wade Warren and Charles Church voting against the measure.

Nick Blythe addressed the board about the specialty clinic and possible ways to increase income in that area. He said the hospital had not been charging rent to the visiting physicians who work at the clinic, treating it as a public service. Blythe and Hanes are looking at the possibility of charging the doctors a reasonable rent.

Hanes said the rent was not only a compliance issue but noted, "We're here to serve the community but we're also here to make a profit."

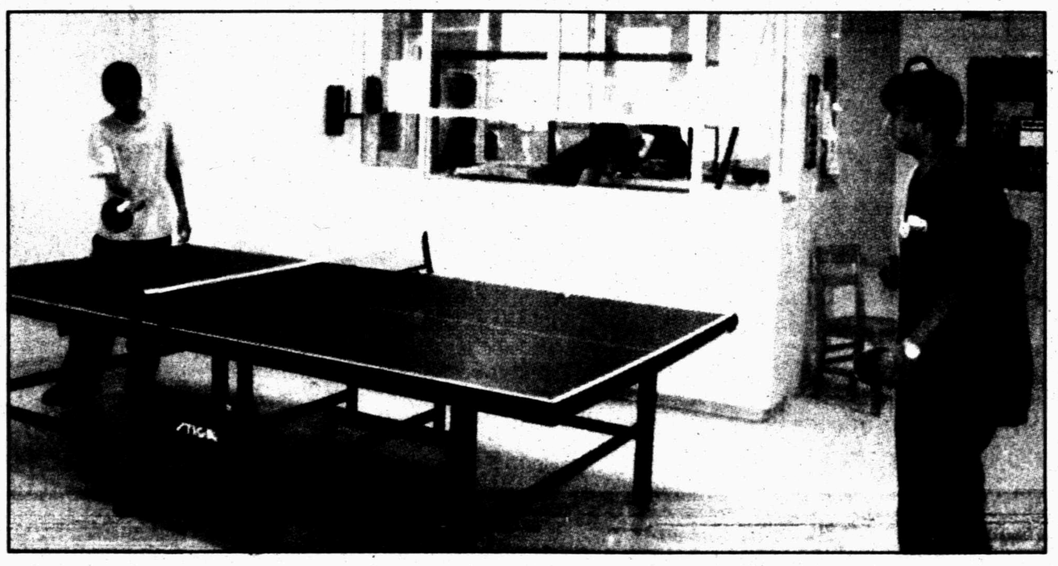
Blythe also said the hospital would try to persuade the visiting doctors to use the hospital's lab, instead of labs in their community.

He said they were currently trying to attract a cardiologist, podiatrist and an onocologist.

Using a low interest loan from the state, the board approved Energy System Associates to go out for bids to replace some older, inefficient energy sources, which could save more than $80,000 a year in energy costs. Among the items that should be replaced were two boilers from the 50s and a steam driven hot water system that uses technology from the 19th century, the company said.

On another split vote, trustees voted 4-2 to hire Kendra Healthcare, Inc. to do a complete financial analysis. Bo Robinson and Church voted against the measure.

The board also approved insurance plans for liability and property, and approved the monthly financial statements.



LAZY AFTERNOON — Thirteen-year-old Brian Muniz, left, and his brother Zeke, 14, get in a game of ping-pong on the new table at the Boys and Girls Club. The table was purchased with part of the $10,000 grant the club recieved from WTC. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Aryan Circle leader jailed

MIDLAND (AP) — A man described as leader of the local Aryan Circle branch remained jailed without bond today on drug charges.

Michael Curtis Lewis waived his detention hearing Wednesday and agreed to remain in custody until his trial on June 28.

Lewis and Timothy "Mississippi" Bishop were arrested May 15 after authorities said Bishop violated conditions of his bond and Lewis was mistakenly released from custody.

Bishop waived his detention hearing last week.

Lewis waived his hearing Wednesday just before he was scheduled to stand before a U.S. Magistrate.

"The federal government had a hearing set up to detain him without bond, but he went ahead and waived the hearing," said Odessa police narcotics Sgt. Mike Tacker.

Bishop and Lewis were indicted along with 26 other members of the white supremacist prison gang March 23 on charges of manufacturing 15,000 grams or 33 pounds of methamphetamine.

Both men will remain in the federal detention center until the 28 Aryan Circle members go on trial before U.S. District Judge Rob Junell at 8:30 a.m. June 28. They face drug and organized crime charges following a four-year investigation.

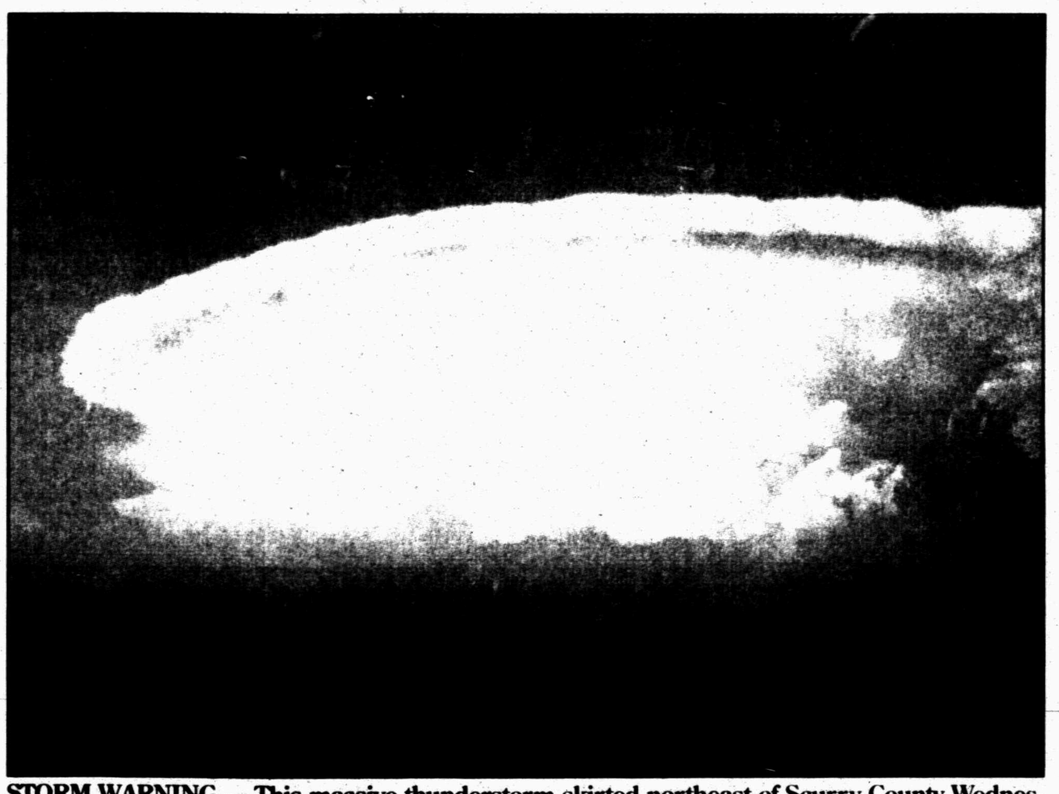
Members of the Texas prison gang label themselves as white supremacists.

HISD board to hear study

Hermleigh ISD trustees will hear from its facilities study committee during a special meeting tonight.

The board could act on the findings of the recently-appointed facilities committee whose main focus was on football and basketball facilities.

The board is scheduled to meet at 8 o'clock in the school library.



STORM WARNING — This massive thunderstorm skirted northeast of Scurry County Wednesday after Tuesday's deluge. Forecasts call for more thunderstorms today in Snyder and the surrounding areas. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Search on for seven terrorist operatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida is close to completing its avowed plan to strike America again with a major attack, according to top U.S. law enforcement officials who want the public's help in locating seven terror operatives labeled a "clear and present danger" by Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Ashcroft said a steady stream of "disturbing" intelligence, collected for months, indicates that could mean terrorists already are in the United States to execute the plan, though he acknowledged there is no new information indicating when, where or how an attack might happen.

"We do believe that al-Qaida plans to attack the United States, and that is a result of intelligence that is corroborated at a variety of levels," Ashcroft said at a news conference Wednesday with FBI Director Robert Mueller.

On today in New York, Ashcroft told a news conference that the government had in the past successfully apprehended al-Qaida operatives in the United States who were involved in activities related to plots against this country.

"We also know that there are individuals that we are surveilling and investigating at this time," he said.

Ashcroft said up to 700,000 state and local police authorities were asked to join federal investigators in reviewing the nation's intelligence because "we understand that there may be people who are in place whose activities it would be important for us to disrupt and understand."

New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly tried to allay terrorism fears.

"We do not subscribe to the notion that another terrorist attack on the United States is inevitable, but it is inevitable that the terrorists will try. Our goal is to get them before they can act," Kelly said.

On Wednesday, Ashcroft and Mueller announced an intensified level of counterterrorism activity for the summer. This includes:

—Interviews with individuals who could provide intelligence about terrorism.

—Creation of a new FBI task force to focus on the threat.

—An appeal to all Americans to be extra vigilant about their surroundings, their neighbors and any suspicious activity.

Banks will be closed Monday

Local financial institutions and government offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

The courthouse, city hall and the county library will be closed Monday, while the landfill will be closed Saturday, but open on Monday.

The Scurry County Health Unit also will close for the holiday.

Mail will not be delivered to homes on Monday.

All banks and government offices will re-open Tuesday for normal business hours.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jeff West



I took a walk through one of the elementary schools Wednesday in search of some pictures and observed kids that Snyder can be proud.

They didn't seem embarrassed about being in one of the most dilapidated school buildings I've ever seen.

Of course the kids didn't know the building is way past its prime and maybe the teachers have accepted that Snyder apparently doesn't take a lot of pride in where it sends the hope of the future to school.

Now you will rarely see me take a public stand on a political or controversial issue. I work hard to make sure my news writing doesn't reflect an opinion. But the schools have gone past being adequate. It has to do with safety, economic development and where the city is going.

I found out that the city has twice voted down bond issues to build new schools.

I think I understand. I hate taxes. I also hate seat belt laws, but I have seen enough bodies after wrecks because people didn't wear seat belts that I think there should be a law. I hate getting the oil changed in my car and probably don't do it as often as I should, but I do get it done because not doing it leads to things I hate worse.

Problems don't get better just because you ignore it.

I was walking around the school building and I came to the boiler room. I probably wouldn't have noticed it except for the big honking sign that read "ASBESTOS DO NOT ENTER."

Now I figure the asbestos is contained and the microscopic particles that can cause lung cancer probably don't get out and affect the kids. What if the sign had read "HAND GRENADES DO NOT ENTER"? Hand grenades don't normally bother people who stay out of their way either, but I'm thinking it wouldn't be a great idea.

I also noticed a tiny gym that is separated from a tiny auditorium with a sad folding wall that doesn't really work as well as it should and takes two teachers to put back in place.

The curtains on the stage and the paint on the gym walls have both seen better days. As I walked along the front of the building there were bad spots that were covered with plywood that had some age to it, too.

But as I said at this point the building is beyond education. Anyone who doesn't support new buildings is cutting off their nose to spite their face. If a new business wants to come to town schools will be one of the things they check out, I know, I've seen it.

If people want to move to take a job, say in law enforcement, will they want to move from where their kids go to a nice school building to ones that look like Snyder's do?

I don't think so.

Also new elementary schools would probably mean fewer elementary schools, fewer personnel to maintain them, to feed the kids and fewer administrators; probably lower utility bills too.

But more than that, if Snyder residents want to tell outsiders what a great place this is, and it really is, how are strangers going to believe it when the first thing they see are dilapidated buildings for schools?

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.

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ASK US

Q—Who sets the size of parking spaces at stores?

A— City planners use a book of standards to set regular parking spaces, now 8½ x 20 feet. The state mandates the size of handicap spaces, currently set at 12 x 20 feet.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Don Farmer...

...has lived in Snyder for 23 years and is married to Willita who is a retiring teacher. They have two daughters, Deone Knight of Kingwood and Kelly Farmer of Dallas and four grandchildren.

Don is a funeral director and enjoys motorcycling and bicycling in his spare time.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There are some people who, if they don't know, you can't tell 'em.

—Louis Armstrong

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Lucille Clinkinbeard will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.

GED, ESL classes

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College are held from 8 a.m. until noon every Tuesday through Thursday and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 30. Classes will then resume in August. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

What's up guidelines

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NEW EQUIPMENT — The Scurry County Boys and Girls Club purchased new board games, billiard and ping-pong tables with the $10,000 grant given by Western Texas College at the Sammy Baugh birthday bash. From left are J.R. Torrez, director of workforce technology; Dave Hanes, athletic director; Chad Welsh, club director; Gregg Williams, WTC president and Britt Canada, dean of information and technology services. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Terry Nichols convicted of 161 state murder charges in bombing

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — A state jury took just five hours to find Terry Nichols guilty of 161 counts of murder for the bombing that destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building — charges for which he could be sentenced to death.

A juror wiped tears from her eyes as the verdicts were read by Judge Steven Taylor and several others appeared to have been crying. Prosecutors beamed as survivors and victims' relatives hugged and congratulated them.

"After nine years, the families who lost loved ones finally have justice," said a tearful Diane Leonard, whose husband, Secret Service agent Donald R. Leonard, died in the bombing.

Nichols, who sat stone-faced in court Wednesday, was also convicted of first-degree arson and conspiracy to commit arson in the bombing. The terrorist attack, which killed 168 people, was then the deadliest on American soil.

Jurors will now decide whether Nichols is sentenced to death by lethal injection or life in prison. The penalty phase is expected to begin Tuesday and last about three weeks.

"It will be another trial in and of itself," Taylor told jurors before he sent them home for the Memorial Day weekend.

Prosecutors will question dozens of bombing survivors and members of victims' families about the impact the bombing had on their lives.

Nichols' relatives are expected to plead for his life. Nichols, who did not testify in his own defense, could still testify during the penalty phase.

Nichols, 49, was acquitted of federal murder charges in 1997 but convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter charges in the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers in the bombing. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Oklahoma prosecutors charged Nichols in 1999 with the deaths of the 160 other victims and one victim's fetus.

Bombing survivors and victims' family members said the guilty verdicts vindicated state prosecutors who claimed Nichols shared equal responsibility with McVeigh for the bombing.

"He's responsible for everything. We'll take care of him one way or another," said Doris Delman, who lost her daughter, Terry Rees, in the bombing.

Prosecutors argued Nichols worked hand in hand with executed bomber Timothy McVeigh to get the ingredients and build the fuel-and-fertilizer bomb in a plot to avenge the government siege in Waco, Texas, that left about 80 people dead exactly two years earlier.

McVeigh was executed in June 2001, and until now was the only person convicted of murder in the bombing.

Prosecutors brought a mountain of circumstantial evidence during a two-month trial that included testimony from 260 witnesses. They said Nichols bought the explosive ammonium nitrate fertilizer used in the bombing and stole detonation cord, blasting caps and other explosives.

The defense contended others helped McVeigh carry out the bombing and Nichols was the fall guy for a wider conspiracy.

Witnesses testified they saw McVeigh with others, including a stocky, dark-haired man depicted in an FBI sketch and known only as John Doe No. 2, in the weeks before the bombing. Authorities later concluded the mystery man was an Army private who had nothing to do with the bombing.

"This is a case about manipulation, betrayal and overreaching," defense attorney Barbara Bergman said in closing arguments. "People who are still unknown assisted Timothy McVeigh."

The defense declined comment after the verdict, citing a gag order.

"As much as I am chomping at the bit, I am keeping my mouth shut," said prosecutor Wes Lane.

Prosecutors say McVeigh and Nichols began acquiring the key ingredients for the bomb seven months before the blast, then met at a park near Junction City, Kan., to pack it inside a Ryder truck on April 18, 1995. Nichols was at his home in Kansas 200 miles away when the bomb went off.

Defense lawyers had planned to bring up evidence that a shadowy group of conspirators, including members of a white supremacist gang, helped McVeigh with the bombing.

FDA approves Texas doctor's new medicine for diarrhea

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal regulators have approved a new diarrhea drug supported by a Texas infectious disease expert as a medication for those who travel south of the border or to other developing nations.

The antibiotic rifaximin treats the affliction that ruins up to 40 percent of vacations, health officials say.

"This is really exciting," Dr. Herbert DuPont, director of the Center for Infectious Diseases at the University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston and chief of internal medicine at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions. "This is going to the change the way we manage the problem."

Salix Pharmaceuticals received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval on Wednesday to market the little pink pill under the name Xifaxan.

DuPont has no financial connection to the company. However, he has spent much of his professional life seeking a cure to the illnesses — diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and stomach pain — of travelers who eat local food contaminated with bacteria.

He says the real breakthrough use for the antibiotic is to protect about 17 million Americans who travel each year to Mexico. Up to seven million will get sick.

DuPont, in tests of U.S. students studying for two weeks in Mexico, found that rifaximin protected 85 percent of those who took it for traveler's sickness. By contrast, only 49 percent of those who took placebos remained free of diarrhea.

Other antibiotics, such as ciprofloxacin, kill bacteria in the body's gut, doctors say. Ciprofloxacin, or cipro, is such a powerful antibiotic that most doctors believe it should be reserved for more life-threatening illnesses. Overuse could help harmful bacteria build up immunity to antibiotics.

DuPont said rifaximin's novelty is that the drug remains within the body's gastrointestinal system whereas most other antibiotics, including cipro, spread throughout the body. It belongs to a different class of antibiotics with little medical significance outside the stomach, he said.

Studies by DuPont also suggest that rifaximin develops little resistance in the bacteria it helps the body fight, meaning it is an excellent candidate to be prescribed to all visitors to developing countries.

One of Chicago 7 dies

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — David Dellinger was a student at Yale when he began fighting for peace in the 1930s. He continued in the seven decades that followed, never tiring of protesting what he perceived as an injustice.

By the time he was arrested for conspiring to start a riot outside the 1968 Democratic National Convention, he was a generation older than his Yippie co-defendants. They became known as the Chicago Seven.

Just three years ago, Dellinger got up at 2:45 a.m., squeezed into a van with a half dozen activists young enough to be his grandchildren and rode more than four hours — from Montpelier to Quebec City — to protest the creation of a free trade zone in the Western Hemisphere.

His wife of 62 years, Elizabeth Peterson, called him a "peace warrior."

Dellinger died Tuesday at the age of 88, said Peggy Rocque, administrator of Heaton Woods, the Montpelier retirement home where the activist had been living.

"Mainly I think he'll be remembered as a pacifist who meant business," said Tom Hayden, a fellow '60s radical and member of the Chicago Seven who went on to become a California legislator.

"His pacifism was very forceful. He didn't mind interjecting himself between armed federal marshals and someone they were pushing around," Hayden said. "He didn't mind standing up and talking back to a judge even if it meant a contempt citation."

At the Chicago Seven trial in 1969 and 1970, Dellinger and four co-defendants — Hayden, Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman and Rennie Davis — were convicted of conspiracy to incite a riot at the 1968 convention, where they were demonstrating against the Vietnam War.

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RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-13-29-44. Bonus Ball: 3.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: $13,907.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 29. Prize: $1,741.

Number matching four of five: 1,088. Prize: $100.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 939. Prize: $102.

Number matching three of five: 42,797. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 11,846. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 52,475. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $70 Million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-20-23-25-33.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 150. Prize: $353.

Matching three of five: 4,308. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 38,989. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 7-3-8

(Night) 7-5-4

Today's chuckle

Fourth graders help tornado victims

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — Forty pirates visited a chapter of the Red Cross, but they came to offer a gift — not to pillage.



Fourth-graders from Longfellow Elementary School dropped off a treasure box containing $127.85 on Wednesday to help victims of tornadoes that recently hit southeast Nebraska.

The students wore pirate outfits because they had just read "Treasure Island."

The students raised the money by selling soda to fellow students.

"They're compassionate kids," said Barbara Sunderman, a fourth-grade teacher at Longfellow, "and their hearts are in the right place."

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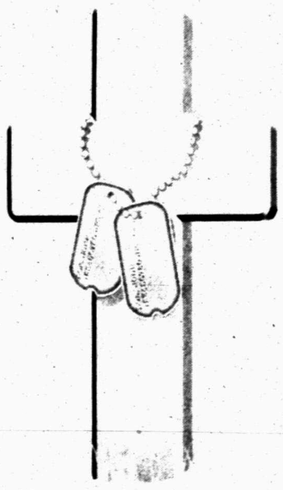
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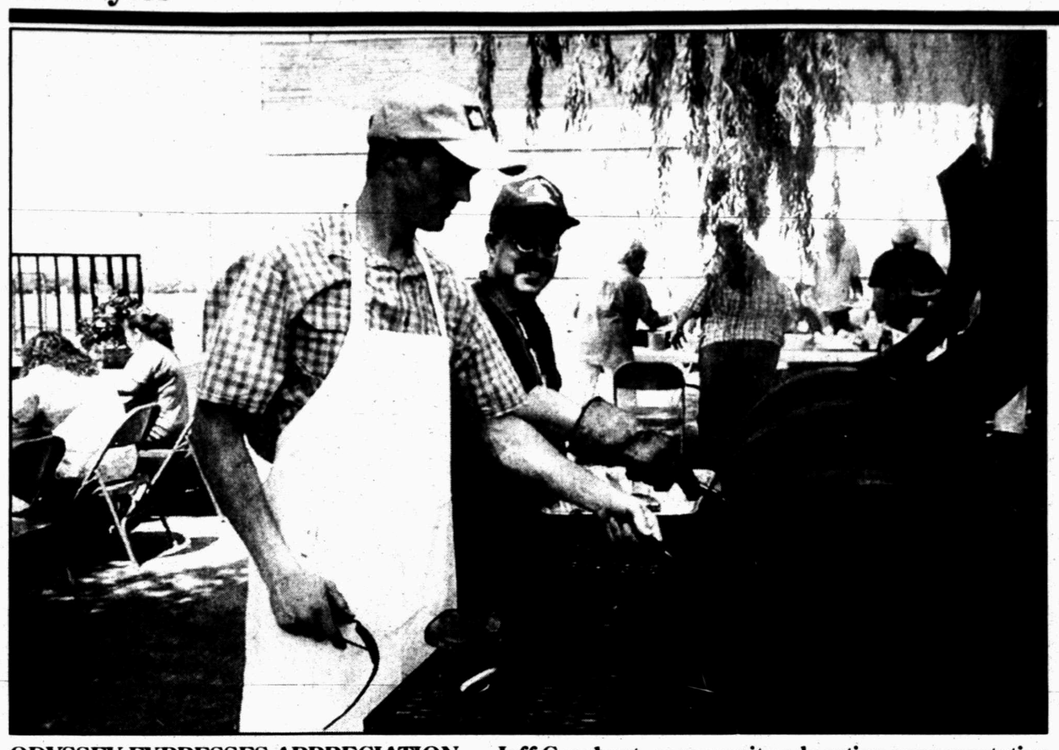
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ODYSSEY EXPRESSES APPRECIATION — Jeff Gearhart, community education representative with Odyssey and Kinney Robinson, social worker, prepared hamburgers for Cogdell Memorial Hospital staff who works closely with their mission. During that time, the CMH staff sponsored Bingo under the shade trees on the south side of the hospital. Odyssey's "circle of care" includes a multidisciplinary team that specializes in end of life care in which the patient and the family lead the team consisting of members who are experts in pain and symptom management. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



CARWASH EARNS FUNDS — Snyder High School baseball booster club sponsored a car wash at Wal-Mart with Wal-Mart matching the club's earnings. From left are Larry Price, booster club president; Lyn Lancaster, secretary; Janna Neal, treasurer; Carol Perez, Wal-Mart employee; and R.J. Youngclaus, manager. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; Winston Field terminal; business meeting and lunch; bring pictures for library; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

We learn something every day, and lots of times it's that what we learned the day before was wrong.

—Bill Vaughn

President James Garfield could write Greek with one hand while writing Latin with the other.





BSP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS — Beta Sigma Phi president Dena Ellis, center, top photo, presented Pam Fowler Memorial scholarships to Snyder High School seniors Gerrico Greenlee and Jordan Dea. In the bottom photo are officers installed at the last meeting held at the Snyder Country Club. They are Norma Cumbie, president; Barbara Bills, first vice president; Lois Cave, second vice president; Carolyn Limmer, recording secretary; and Jacalyn Lowrance, treasurer; . Not pictured are Carolyn Greene, corresponding secretary; and Beth Bowen, extension officer. (Contributed Photos)



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Happy Birthday

From all of your family and friends

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-27-04
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♥ 8
♦ A J 10
♣ 10 4 3

West
♠ K 10 8 6
♥ K 10 7 6 3
♦ 4 2
♣ 7 5

East
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♥ J 9
♦ Q 3
♣ A Q J 8 6 2

South
♠ —
♥ A Q 5 4 2
♦ K 9 8 7 6 5
♣ K 9

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: North-South

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

Opening lead: ♣ 7

Thursday, May 27, 2004

Should you ruff higher or lower?

By Phillip Alder

Sociologist Charles Horton Cooley wrote, "So far as discipline is concerned, freedom means not its absence but the use of higher and more rational forms as contrasted with those that are lower or less rational."

Bridge players need to be disciplined and rational, but this deal features another word in that sentence. You are South, the declarer in five diamonds. West leads the club seven: three, ace, nine. East returns the club queen: king, five, four. How would you continue?

The deal occurred during the match between Jamaica and the United States at the 1976 World Team Olympiad, held in Monte Carlo.

East's two-club opening promised 11-15 high-card points and at least six clubs. The rest of the auction was natural, with North doing well to raise his partner's second suit.

The declarer was Erik Paulsen. He was born in Norway, but moved here many years ago and now lives in Upland, Calif. At the time, Paulsen was fresh from victory in the Bermuda Bowl, which preceded the Team Olympiad.

Declarer took the heart ace, ruffed a heart in the dummy, cashed the spade ace (discarding a heart), ruffed a spade in hand, then led another heart.

Note that if Paulsen had ruffed low with dummy's diamond jack, East would have ruffed higher with the queen and returned a trump to kill the contract. But declarer ruffed highest with dummy's diamond ace. South trumped a spade with his diamond king and ruffed the heart queen with dummy's diamond jack. East overruffed, but South had the rest because all of his trumps were winners.

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Births

Bill and Leah Nakamura of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Ezekiel Angel Nakamura, at 3:55 a.m. on May 26 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Belia Nakamura of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Chris and Deborah Roark of Albuquerque, N.M.

Steve and Sonja Gaddis of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Zaylee LaRhea Gaddis, at 3:26 p.m. on May 26 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6.9 pounds.

Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Anna Evans and Ben and Betty Christy, all of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Darden and Bonnie Stokes of Snyder.

Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well.

—Josh Billings

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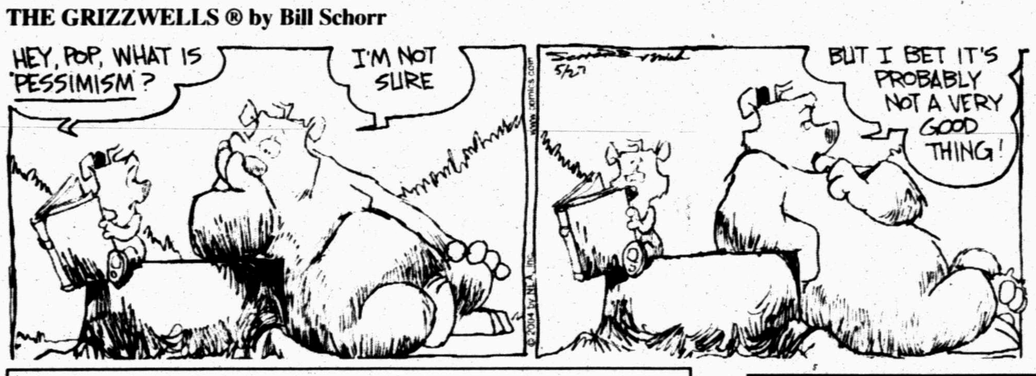
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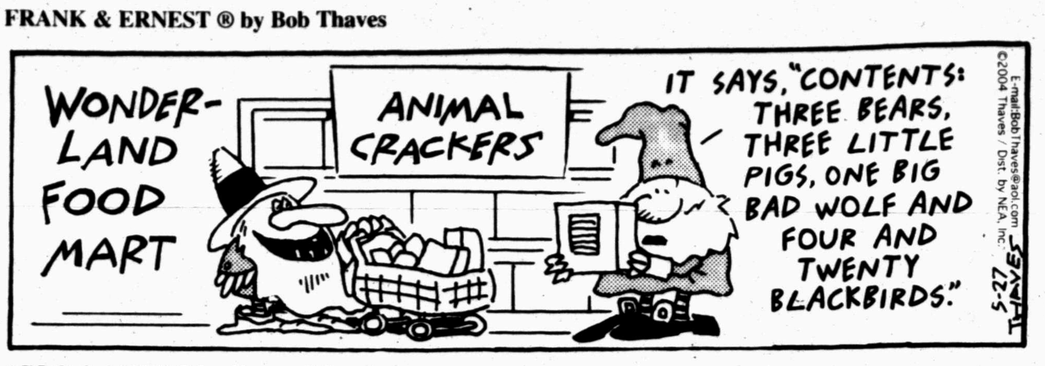
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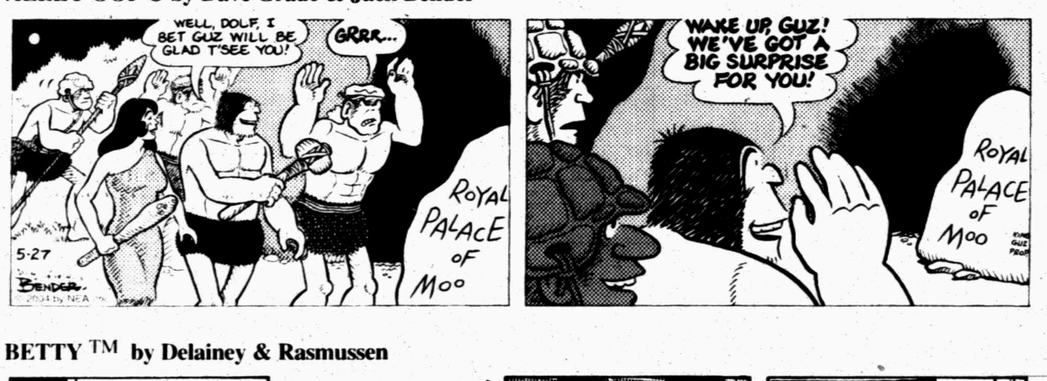
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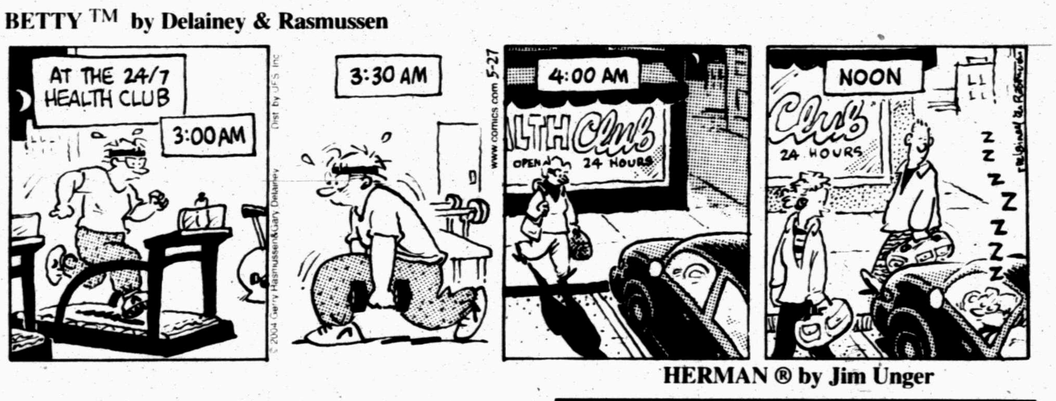
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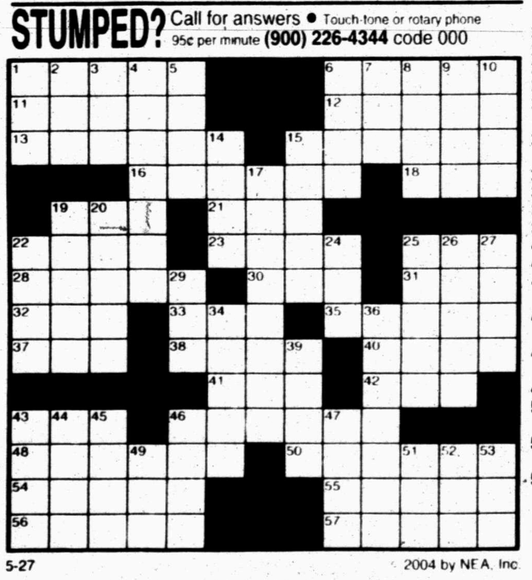
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SPORTS



SIGNING ON — Snyder graduate Lee Scott, center, signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play basketball at Howard Payne University. His parents, Susan and Larry joined him at the signing. Standing are SHS head basketball coach Bud Birks and assistant coach Zach Williams. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

OSU to hand reins to Sutton's son

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Eddie Sutton smiled, knowing his alma mater would be in good hands.

Looking back, Sutton remembered the day 14 years ago when his mentor, Henry Iba, beamed with satisfaction that his student would return to Oklahoma State to take over a program that had struggled with only one NCAA tournament appearance in 25 years.

After making his second trip to the Final Four with Oklahoma State last year, Sutton didn't want to see the Cowboys fade again after he retired. He got his wish Wednesday when his son, associate head coach Sean Sutton, was chosen to succeed him whenever he decides to retire.

This time, he played Iba's role.

"I think I have that same smile on my face today," Eddie Sutton said. "I had great concern whoever it was could carry on what we have established here. I'm sure there's some other coaches around the country that could do that, but no one would I entrust more this program than Sean."

Sean Sutton has been with his father for most of his basketball development. He has been on his father's coaching staff at Oklahoma State for 11 seasons and was named associate head coach in 2000. Sutton, 35, also played two years under his father at Kentucky and two more years after both came to Oklahoma State in 1990.

"If I hadn't had Sean here, believe me, I would have retired long before now." – Eddie Sutton

His only year away was in 1993 when he served as an assistant coach at Mississippi.

"I've prepared my whole life to be in this moment," Sean Sutton said, "and I will do my best to try to make it work."

Sean Sutton is the mind behind Oklahoma State's offense. He sets up and calls many of the plays the Cowboys use to complement their signature defense, which his father learned as a player and an assistant coach for Iba.

"If the truth were known, he probably has coached more the last five to six years than I have," Eddie Sutton said.

"If I hadn't had Sean here, believe me, I would have retired long before now."

Athletic director Harry Birdwell said it was important for the Cowboys to lock up Sutton so he didn't get away. Sutton was among the top candidates earlier this year when SMU was looking for a new head coach.

Birdwell also said it would prevent other schools from negative recruiting against Oklahoma State for what might be perceived as an uncertain coaching situation.

"I think negatively recruiting against us will come to a screeching halt when people know that there will be a logical transition whenever it occurs, and that it'll be another Sutton equally able on our bench," Birdwell said.

It's uncertain exactly when Eddie Sutton might retire and Sean Sutton replace him.

"I want him to coach as long as he wants to coach," Sean Sutton said. "He deserves that."

Eddie Sutton, who has a 755-292 career record, has said he would like to reach the 800-win mark before retiring — an accomplishment that would take him at least two more years.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Circle M Welding	160	95
Snyder Iron&Metal	156.5	98.5
Good Guys	152	103
BJ Services	144.5	110.5
The Shack	133.5	121.5
Timely Pawn	1315	123.5
Culligan	108.5	146.5
WTP Energy	102.5	152.5
Anadarko	97	158
Robert Early's Weld	89	166

High series: Cory Maxfield, scratch, 664; Jim Browning, handicap, 727.
High game: Kevin Jones, scratch, 229; Shawn Roemisch, handicap, 262.

Jack-N-Jill

Team	W	L
Turkey Hunters	45	15
Renegades	41	19
Outcasts	36.5	23.5
Snyder Lanes	36	24
WTP Energy	33	27
Snyder Iron&Metal	33	27
Moment's Captured	29	31
JB's	28	32
ED Walton	27	33
Timely Finance	26.5	33.5
Replacements	23	37
Phantom Team	2	60

High series: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 678; Daphene Thompson, 497. **Handicap:** Lynn Smith, 738; Daphene Thompson, 634.
High game: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 268; Betty Boatman, 193. **Handicap:** Lynn Smith, 288; Amanda Johnson, 243.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	19	.568	—
Florida	26	20	.565	—
New York	23	23	.500	3
Atlanta	22	23	.489	3½
Montreal	15	31	.326	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	27	19	.587	—
Houston	26	20	.565	1
Chicago	25	20	.556	1½
Milwaukee	23	21	.523	3
St. Louis	23	22	.511	3½
Pittsburgh	20	21	.488	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	24	20	.545	—
San Diego	25	21	.543	—
San Francisco	21	24	.467	3½
Colorado	18	27	.400	6½
Arizona	17	29	.370	8

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 6, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 4
Florida 3, Cincinnati 0
Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Milwaukee 2, Los Angeles 1, 12 innings
Pittsburgh 11, St. Louis 8
Colorado 13, San Diego 6
San Francisco 4, Arizona 3

Today's Games

Florida (Penny 5-2) at Cincinnati (Harang 4-1), 11:35 a.m.
Los Angeles (Weaver 3-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-3), 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-3) at St. Louis (Suppan 3-4), 12:10 p.m.
San Diego (Germano 1-0) at Colorado (Cook 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Wright 2-5) at Philadelphia (Millwood 4-2), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Sparks 2-4) at San Francisco (Hermanson 1-2), 9:15 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	17	.630	—
New York	27	18	.600	1½
Baltimore	20	22	.476	7
Toronto	19	27	.413	10
Tampa Bay	15	29	.341	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	26	19	.578	—
Minnesota	26	19	.578	—
Detroit	21	24	.467	5
Cleveland	18	26	.409	7½
Kansas City	15	28	.349	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	29	17	.630	—
Texas	26	19	.578	2½
Oakland	25	20	.556	3½
Seattle	17	28	.378	11½

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 6, Anaheim 5
Boston 9, Oakland 6
Seattle 7, Cleveland 3
N.Y. Yankees 12, Baltimore 9
Minnesota 4, Tampa Bay 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Texas 0
Kansas City 7, Detroit 3

Today's Games

Detroit (Robertson 3-3) at Kansas City (B.Anderson 1-6), 1:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Silva 5-2) at Tampa Bay (Standridge 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 5-2) at Boston (Arroyo 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 7-1) at Toronto (Halladay 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 1-4) at Cleveland (Westbrook 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 1-2) at Baltimore (Ponson 3-4), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Drese 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 4-1), 7:05 p.m.

Balanced Pistons send Indiana reeling, 85-78

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Indiana Pacers are in trouble. They can't seem to avoid rims when they shoot.

They've failed to slow down Detroit's Richard Hamilton, and have allowed his teammates to flourish just enough offensively.

Hamilton and Rasheed Wallace each scored 20 points, Ben Wallace had 17 points and Chauncey Billups added 14 to lead the Pistons to an 85-78 win Wednesday night over Indiana. Detroit holds a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

"They're a team that can come at you with an usual balance," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "They drive it well. They can post. They drive and kick well. They're good finishers in transition."

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Friday night at The Palace.

"This series is far from over," said Jermaine O'Neal, who had 24 points and nine rebounds. "I know it's going to come around for us. We have too many shooters not to make shots."

Even when the Pistons were awful in Game 3 — with nine points and 10 turnovers in the second quarter — they didn't let Indiana pull ahead.

"As detrimental as it was for us, I thought it was beautiful that we were able to still keep that lead," Billups said.

The game was only beautiful for the Pistons, and their fans.

The all-time playoff-record low of 130 combined points looked like it would be threatened when Detroit led 56-45 after three quarters. But the teams made 28 of 36 free throws in the fourth period.

An almost unwatchable game suddenly turned interesting when Austin Croshere drove past Rasheed Wallace for a dunk to cap a 10-0 run and cut Detroit's lead to 76-75 with 1:50 left.

On the next possession, Rasheed Wallace got the ball in the low post isolated against Croshere and made a turnaround 6-footer. He was fouled and made the free throw to match his playoff high with the Pistons, and give them the cushion they needed.

The Pacers scored more points in the fourth quarter (33) than they had in the entire first half (30).

"We made it close, we just couldn't get over the hump," said Indiana's Al Harrington, who scored 13 points.

Wallace, who made Detroit a title contender when he was acquired three months ago, shrugged off the victory.

"We have a bigger goal," he said. "That's to win the NBA championship."

The top-seeded team in the NBA playoffs didn't get much out of anybody besides O'Neal.

The All-Star forward was 7-of-17 from the field and 10-of-11 at the line. His teammates combined to make just 18 of 55 shots.

"You're not going to win when you're shooting that badly," said Indiana's Ron Artest.

Pirates' Ward hits for cycle

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Daryle Ward hit for the cycle and tied his career best with six RBIs, becoming the first Pirates player to hit for the cycle since Jason Kendall on May 19, 2000, against the Cardinals.

Ward, recalled from Triple-A Nashville on May 11, hit a two-run double in the first, an RBI triple in the fourth off Jason Marquis (3-4), golfed a three-run homer off Kiko Calero in the fifth and singled off Steve Kline in the ninth.

Loaiza blanks Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — Esteban Loaiza allowed two hits and struck out nine in eight innings to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 4-0 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Loaiza (6-3) struck out Alfonso Soriano in the fourth inning for his 1,000th career strikeout and struck out the side in the fifth. He retired eight straight batters between the fifth and seventh innings.

The right-hander, who was runner-up to Roy Halladay for the AL Cy Young last season, has pitched at least seven innings in four straight starts. He has a 3.19 ERA in his last 31 innings.

Loaiza kept Texas hitters off-balanced by mixing up his changeup and cutter.

Hank Blalock went 0-for-3 against Loaiza and had a tough time figuring him out.

"He made quality pitches. He changed speeds and worked different parts of the zone. I didn't see too many pitches against him. I swung early," said Blalock.

Astros shell Maddux, Cubs

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Bagwell, Jeff Kent and Lance Berkman each homered off Greg Maddux, and the Astros overcame the early loss of Andy Pettitte to complete a two-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs with a 7-3 victory Wednesday night.

Chicago was swept for the first time this season, and it was the first time the Astros did it against their NL Central rivals since May 2001.

"I think I pitched (terrible)," Maddux said. "I made some mistakes and they took advantage of it."

Pettitte was pained in a different way, leaving in the fourth inning with discomfort in his left forearm, and the team said he was day-to-day.

Pettitte also hurt himself in his debut with the Astros on April 6 and missed the next three weeks with a strained left elbow.



TRACK AWARDS — Snyder track and field athletes were honored at a banquet Tuesday. Zach Cain, left, earned the Fighting Heart Award and Justin Boyd was named MVP runner. With the pair is head track coach Roger White. Other boys track and field competitors honored were Ricky McNatt, MVP field and Malcome Wells, Fighting Heart. (Contributed Photo)

Sports Briefs

Playoff series at Moffett Field

The 2A regional semifinal series between Shallowater and Electra is scheduled to begin with at 7:30 p.m. today at Moffett Field. Game two is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday. The series finale, if needed, will be played after the conclusion of game two.

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled Monday through Thursday at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduating all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp set for June

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Call 574-6039 for more information.

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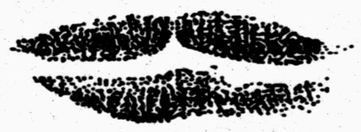
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U.S. has so far spent $191B for Iraq, Afghan wars, defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Congress have so far provided $191 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and defensive military operations at home, and about two-thirds of the money has been spent or is owed, White House figures show.

The numbers show that since the Sept. 11 attacks, lawmakers have provided $61 billion for U.S. military and reconstruction activity in Afghanistan, $119 billion for operations in Iraq, $10 billion for domestic military steps and $1 billion for other expenses such as rebuilding the damaged Pentagon.

Congress has enacted at least five bills providing money for the wars, covering the 2001 through 2004 government budget years. At each step, figures on the expenditures have been reported.

But the numbers provided this week by the White House Office of Management and Budget represent the most comprehensive look at war spending that the administration has made available.

"The president has been very clear ... he will do what it takes to win the war on terror, and the war in Iraq is, as he's put it, the central front in the war on terror," Joel Kaplan, deputy director of the budget office, said in an interview this week.

Congress overwhelmingly has supported the war money, though it has opposed — with some success — administration attempts to control the funds with little input from lawmakers. But as the fighting in Iraq has dragged on, some lawmakers have challenged whether that operation is proceeding wisely.

"If you need to spend money to defend the country, you better doggone well do it," Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, a high-ranking Democrat, said in a recent interview. "But the idea we're reducing the terrorist threat with what we're doing in Iraq is preposterous."

Taken together, the $191 billion is more than double the $84 billion, in today's dollars, that the country spent for the 1991 Persian Gulf War. American taxpayers had to bear only $4.7 billion of that amount because of contributions and repayments by allied nations.

The figures exclude the $25 billion Bush requested this month for next year's operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Administration officials have acknowledged that ultimately, his total request for 2005 will probably top $50 billion.

So far, legislator have provided $165 billion for military action. That is in addition to the annual budget the Pentagon receives for its other costs, which have grown rapidly under Bush and this year should exceed $400 billion.

An additional $25 billion has been for reconstruction activities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

About 59 percent of the military funds and 85 percent of the rebuilding dollars have been for Iraq.

The figures show that through May 17, $123 billion, or 75 percent, of the military funds have been spent or committed to contracts.

About $9 billion, or 36 percent, of the reconstruction money has been spent or committed.

Study: After age 40, more wives divorce their husbands

NEW YORK (AP) — Two-thirds of divorces after age 40 are initiated by wives, debunking the myth of an older man divorcing his wife for a younger woman, a new survey shows.

"That obviously happens, but mostly it's women who are asking for the divorce," said Steve Slon, editor of AARP the Magazine, on Tuesday. The magazine will publish the results today in its July-August issue.

"The Divorce Experience: A Study of Divorce at Midlife and Beyond" surveyed 1,147 people ages 40 to 79 who had divorced in their 40s, 50s or 60s. The questionnaire survey, completed in December, had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The survey found that women over age 40 seemed more aware of problems in their marriages, while men were more likely to be caught off-guard by their divorces. Twenty-six percent of men said they "never saw it coming," compared with 14 percent of women.

The increase in women initiating a divorce reflects the empowerment of women to leave bad marriages, said Linda Fisher, AARP's director of national member research.

"Thirty years ago, many of these women might not have been able to (divorce) because of lack of self-confidence and financial means," she said. "Women are more likely to have more self-confidence and the means to leave a marriage when the circumstances are untenable."

The AARP study found that most women said they filed for divorces because of physical or emotional abuse, infidelity or drug and alcohol abuse. Men said they sought divorces because they fell out love, they had different values or lifestyles or infidelity.

The report also found that most older divorced people move on to other serious relationships.

Seventy-five percent of women in their 50s reported enjoying serious, exclusive relationships after their divorces, often within two years. Eighty-one percent of men in their 50s did the same.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Suicide is a highly personal matter

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was horrified by your response to the woman considering suicide. Possibly facing incurable cancer, you said she should probably commit suicide if she so desired. Her attitude seemed to me to exhibit a lack of caring for others and a total absorption in self. What about the loved ones who are left behind to deal with the carnage and guilt? I am sad for this woman; she sounded so alone and lost.

I am comfortable offering my opinion because I am dying of incurable pancreatic cancer that has spread to my lymph nodes and liver. At the time of my diagnosis in November of 2003, I allied myself with a wonderful and caring oncologist who is the person I have chosen to direct my final plan for life and eventual death. Also, I have ongoing discussions with my exceptional family physician who has offered more help and hugs than anyone is entitled to expect. In addition, I have been directed to a wonderful hospice that gives unlimited support for both my mind and body. Thanks to medical professionals, I am virtually free of pain and nausea and will remain so until the end.

Perhaps the most positive attribute of this whole process is the time my family and I have to draw together and strengthen our bond of love. I hope that after I'm gone, my family and friends will feel good about the experience and, I hope, will never have a shred of regret, remorse or guilt.

I am convinced that it is more important to include those I love in this difficult process of dying than to think only of myself and thereby ruin the lives of others, perhaps forever, because of an irreversible act of selfishness and thoughtlessness.

DEAR READER: I am printing an edited version of your touching and powerful letter because it reinforces my belief that the issue of suicide is an extremely personal matter that each of us must address. It would be imprudent, in my view, to limit one's options across the board because this virtually removes the right of an individual to make appropriate choices about a subject as vital as end-of-life decisions.

Thank you for writing and sharing your opinion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently purchased a bed from a man who was dying of prostate cancer. Do I have cause for concern?

DEAR READER: Cancer is not considered to be contagious in the customary sense of a cold or sore throat. You will not develop cancer as a consequence of sleeping in a bed once occupied by a person with such a disease. If this were not so, hospitals would have to recycle their mattresses — and they don't. Although the cause of cancer is, by and large, unknown, it is not spread from one person to another.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.09	11.82	11.97	+ .23
AT&T Corp	16.56	16.41	16.45	— .16
Albertsons	23.34	23.11	23.13	— .02
Alltel	50.79	50.55	50.78	+ .23
AmEl Pw	31.52	31.07	31.48	+ .45
AndarkPtr	54.90	54.06	54.21	— .63
ATMOS Egy	24.74	24.56	24.74	+ .12
Aviall	17.90	17.64	17.73	+ .08
BP PLC	53.85	53.64	53.74	+ .18
BakerHughes	34.22	33.51	33.64	— .64
Bank of Amer	83.13	82.76	82.82	— .12
BellSouth	25.25	25.05	25.19	+ .26
BurlNoSFe	33.00	32.58	33.00	+ .41
Caterpillar	76.47	75.00	76.20	+ 1.35
CenterPoint	10.90	10.75	10.83	+ .01
ChevronTex	91.13	90.18	90.36	— .62
Citigroup	46.97	46.61	46.65	+ .11
CocaCola	51.13	50.87	51.05	+ .83
ColgatePal	58.52	57.89	58.31	+ .42
CmclMetals	30.06	29.63	30.06	+ .60
ConocoPhill	73.54	72.84	72.96	— .42
Cooper Inds	57.10	56.73	56.91	+ .27
DaimlrChry	44.89	44.55	44.87	+ 1.09
DeltaAirLines	6.97	6.50	6.55	— .15
Dillards Inc	20.28	19.94	20.22	+ .37
DowChem	40.00	39.43	39.79	+ .81
DuPont	43.40	42.93	43.36	+ .57
EastmanChem	46.67	46.25	46.58	+ .24
EstKodak	25.90	25.63	25.77	+ .12
EDS Corp	16.13	15.86	16.05	+ .12
Entergy	54.60	53.70	54.16	+ .61
ExxonMobil	43.70	43.23	43.34	— .21
FootLocker	23.24	22.95	23.18	+ .21
GenDynam	95.75	94.85	95.63	+ 1.75
GenlElec	31.47	31.28	31.37	+ .08
GenMills	46.34	46.01	46.27	+ .37
GenMotors	46.05	45.30	45.95	+ .81
GaPacific	35.88	33.85	35.72	+ .27
Goodrich	28.49	27.62	28.43	+ .96
Goodyear	8.99	8.85	8.90	+ .09
GtAtlPac	7.21	7.09	7.15	— .01
Halliburtn	29.55	28.75	28.81	— .59
Hanson PLC	38.72	38.50	38.69	+ .42
HarteHanks	23.01	22.73	22.92	+ .35
HomeDepot	35.96	35.49	35.89	+ .43
Honeywellintl	34.07	33.55	33.99	+ .40
IBM	89.08	88.57	88.67	+ .32
IntlPaper	41.80	41.53	41.74	+ .17
JohnsonJn	55.85	55.57	55.83	+ .35
KinderMorg	59.94	59.65	59.69	+ .06
Kroger Co	16.60	16.35	16.38	— .10
LockheedM	49.51	48.86	49.48	+ 1.17
Lowes Cos	54.49	53.82	54.29	+ .29
Lubys	5.59	5.45	5.50	— .09
LucentTech	3.67	3.55	3.63	+ .15
MarathonOil	33.74	33.25	33.28	— .39
MayDeptStr	29.04	28.25	28.96	+ .75
Medtronic	48.05	46.40	47.89	+ 1.49
Motorola	19.87	19.53	19.82	+ .30
NCR Corp	48.20	47.75	47.91	+ .16
Navistar	37.70	37.19	37.54	+ .26
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ProctGamb	108.24	107.65	108.15	+ .55
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RoyalDut	50.74	50.50	50.63	+ .68
SBC Comm	23.83	23.64	23.79	+ .29
SaraLee	23.25	23.02	23.19	+ .32
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SherwinW	39.06	38.64	38.92	+ .37
SouthernCo	29.14	28.78	29.05	+ .28
SwstAirl	15.95	15.81	15.92	+ .23
SprintFON	17.92	17.72	17.75	+ .01
Sunoco Inc	60.86	60.01	60.03	— .82
TXU Corp	37.63	37.32	37.56	+ .29
TempleInland	65.46	65.05	65.42	+ .56
Texind	37.00	36.58	36.66	— .06
TexasInst	25.86	25.15	25.80	+ .76
Textron	55.51	54.63	55.29	+ .76
TimeWarner	17.38	17.19	17.35	+ .17
TrinityInds	28.62	28.19	28.56	+ .50
TylerTech	9.39	9.25	9.34	— .05
UnionPacif	58.90	57.73	58.82	+ 1.19
USSteel	30.80	30.35	30.47	+ .52
UnitedTech	84.00	82.90	83.86	+ 1.03
Unocal	35.82	35.52	35.63	— .11
VenzooComm	35.09	34.50	34.98	+ .58
WalMart	56.39	55.50	56.17	+ .89
WellsFargo	59.72	59.28	59.44	+ .32
WstnGasRs	55.24	54.44	54.44	— .71
WinnDixie	6.55	6.40	6.49	+ .06
Xerox Cp	13.75	13.54	13.67	+ .04
YumBrands	37.01	36.59	36.90	+ .10

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Administration looking at ways to boost U.S. gasoline supplies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is considering easing environmental requirements for a multitude of gasoline blends and streamlining permits for new refineries to increase fuel supplies and fight soaring prices, Commerce Secretary Donald Evans said Wednesday.

Evans, a former Texas oil company executive, said in an Associated Press interview that the cost of gasoline, which hit a record national average of $2.06 per gallon this week, was affecting driving habits, with people making fewer trips to the store.

Mindful that oil shocks in the 1970s and 1980s were severe enough to push the country into a series of recessions, Evans said the administration was taking very seriously the current run-up in prices and the impact it might have on consumer's buying patterns.

"It is of great concern to us," Evans told the AP. "The president will take all the steps we can to deal with the problem."

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll on Wednesday indicated that almost six in 10 people surveyed said they expected gasoline prices would cause them a financial hardship this summer and lead them to drive less.

The administration is feeling political heat as well from the surge in energy prices. Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry, blaming Bush's foreign policy, said Wednesday that "instability and danger in the Middle East are driving up the price of oil."

On a campaign swing in Oregon and Washington states, Kerry said people are paying more for gasoline because the administration did not pressure the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to lower prices by producing more oil.

Evans said the administration was exploring ways to reduce the requirements that now exist for gasoline blends in different parts of the country to deal with specific air pollution problems.

"We've got to think real hard whether we need 17, 18, 19, 20, whatever it is, different varieties of fuel in this country," Evans said. "That puts certain areas of the country at a very high risk of being dependent on a single source supplier."

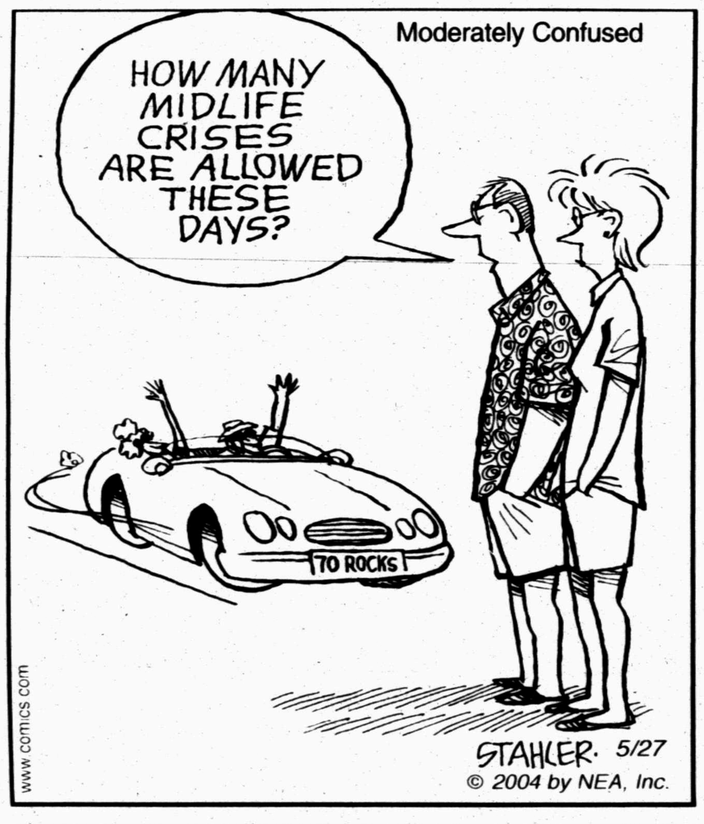
Evans said the need for these "boutique fuels" was hurting the country's ability to import gasoline. While there is surplus capacity at refineries worldwide, foreign refiners often do not produce the specialty blends required only in America.

But Vickie Patton, a senior lawyer with Environmental Defense in Boulder, Colo., said that the use of cleaner-burning gasoline blends had been "consistently one of the single most effective measures to protect public health and the environment from harmful air pollution."

Evans also suggested looking "at the regulations and permitting processes as to expanding and building our own refineries here in America." He said a new refinery had not been built in this country in more than 25 years.

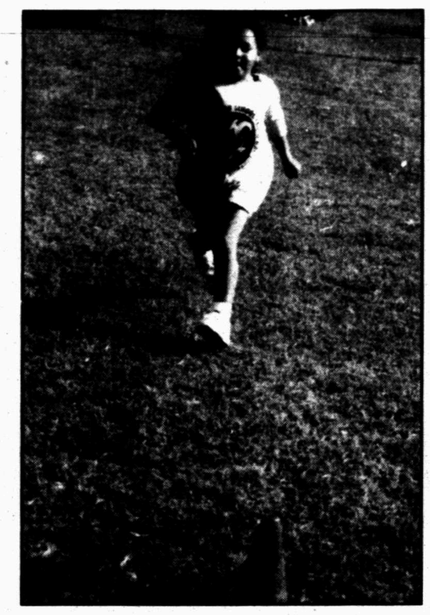
Evans is the second Cabinet member to raise the issue of the numerous gasoline blends that are required to meet environmental standards.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, testifying before a House panel last month, said the administration was seriously considering requests from California and New York to waive requirements that they sell specially blended gasoline. The requirements for the special blends of gasoline make fuel more expensive.



Central primary field day









Margarito Ornelas (top) and Gabrielle Torres enjoyed the bean bag race. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Running the races were Yanira Garcia (top) and Abrium Huddleston.

Teen's conviction reversed by court

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A retarded teenager convicted of drowning a 5-year-old autistic boy was granted a new trial by an appeals court Wednesday because he was not specifically told he could have an attorney present during questioning.

The 4th District Court of Appeal threw out the manslaughter conviction of Gorman Roberts, who was sentenced to three years in prison for the death of Jordan Payne. Jordan drowned in a neighborhood canal in Pompano Beach in 2002.

At Roberts' trial, prosecutors argued that he pushed Jordan, who was unable to talk or swim, into the 3½-foot-deep water. Neither Roberts, then 17, nor the two 10-year-old boys who were also present went for help. The boy's body was found a day later.

World Almanac

Thursday, May 27, 2004

Today is the 148th day of 2004 and the 69th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court declared the National Industrial Recovery Act unconstitutional.

In 1937, California's Golden Gate Bridge opened.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, responding to German World War II victories, proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Isadora Duncan (1878-1927), dancer; Dashiell Hammett (1894-1961), mystery writer; Rachel Carson (1907-1964), scientist, environmentalist; Hubert Humphrey (1911-1978), U.S. senator/vice president/presidential candidate; Sam Snead (1912-2002), golfer; Henry Kissinger (1923-), U.S. secretary of state/scholar, is 81; Frank Thomas (1968-), baseball star, is 36; Joseph Fiennes (1970-), actor, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1873, the first Preakness was run at Pimlico Race Course in Maryland.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault." — Henry Kissinger

TODAY'S FACT: Dancer Isadora Duncan died in a bizarre accident when the long scarf she was wearing caught in the wheel of an open car she was riding in, and strangled her.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 80,000 — approximate number of miles that constitute the total length of wire used in the two main cables that support the Golden Gate Bridge.

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (May 27)

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man's devotion to little cousin may be less than wholesome

DEAR ABBY: "Resentful in Illinois" described her husband as so obsessed with his cousin's little daughter that he acts as though she is his child — saying he is "in withdrawal" if he doesn't see her often.

"Resentful" confided that she would love to have a child of her own and was hurt because her husband kept postponing it. She asked you if she was overreacting. You suggested that the child might really be her husband's.

Abby, you missed one other important possibility. "Resentful's" husband may be involved with that child in an inappropriate relationship. Statistics show that 80 percent of sexual abuse of children occurs in a relationship with someone the child, the mother and other family members trust.

"Resentful" should watch for any signs that the relationship has gone too far. If the husband is resistant to marriage counseling, it could be a red flag.

I am a pediatrician. I deal with some of these same situations in my medical practice. — **DISTURBED PHYSICIAN IN CINCINNATI**

DEAR DISTURBED PHYSICIAN: Yours was one of several hundred letters and e-mails I received echoing the same suspicion. Although "Resentful in Illinois" wrote anonymously, I'm printing your letter because I thought she should see your take on the situation. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: In your response to "Resentful in Illinois," you mentioned the man's excessive attachment to his niece. The child of his cousin is his "first cousin once removed," not his niece. — **MOLLY IN DENVER**

DEAR MOLLY: Thank you for straightening out my genealogy terminology.

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DEAR ABBY: "Sonia" and I have been married 10 years and have two young sons. Our marriage has been rocky for the last few years. Six months ago, I told her we had to get counseling — which we did. After the second session she refused to go back. I suspect she realized that our counselor knew she was lying.

Sonia doesn't think I deserve a sex life. She picks arguments with me, and when I walk away she berates me. She seems to enjoy fighting in front of the children. She threatens me in front of them that she's going to "take everything," and I'll be left with nothing. I promise my boys repeatedly that I will never leave them.

Sonia has a part-time job. She refuses to work full time because if we split up, she "wouldn't get as much child support." Last week she told me the only reason she married me was because I made good money. Now I'm unable to work because of a back injury, and Sonia complains my disability check isn't enough to maintain the lifestyle she deserves.

Abby, I pay all the bills. I do most of the cooking and cleaning. My kids mean everything to me. I am not leaving my home, but living with Sonia is becoming more difficult by the day. Please give me some advice. — **TROUBLED HUSBAND IN MAINE**

DEAR TROUBLED HUSBAND: You are married to a verbal abuser, a person with no regard for the emotional security and well-being of your children or for your feelings. It is now time to consider how destructive this kind of atmosphere is for the children. Since counseling hasn't worked, consult an attorney and thoroughly explore your options. However, before you do, carefully document exactly what your wife is doing and saying. Be sure to include dates and times. It will strengthen your case.

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

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Kissinger's phone calls reveal Nixon under siege

WASHINGTON (AP) — As his presidency unraveled, Richard Nixon was too "loaded" to take an urgent call during the Arab-Israeli war and joked darkly about bombing Congress during impeachment hearings, according to transcripts of foreign policy chief Henry Kissinger's phone calls.

With Watergate bearing down and resignation just months away, Nixon also pushed ideas that Kissinger feared could start a war, according to phone calls among more than 20,000 pages of transcripts released Wednesday by the National Archives.

Kissinger, who was Nixon's national security adviser and then secretary of state, guarded the privacy of the records for three decades before agreeing to let them go to the Archives for public consumption. They had been held sealed at the Library of Congress.

Kissinger, now a foreign policy consultant, had secretaries tape the calls and make transcripts or listen and take shorthand. The calls spanned the monumental events of the time — the Vietnam War, the secret opening to China, crackling superpower tensions, Middle East conflict and Nixon's downfall.

On the night of Oct. 11, 1973, just days into the Arab-Israeli War and with the United States and Soviet Union on a seeming collision course, British Prime Minister Edward Heath tried to reach Nixon by phone to discuss the crisis.

"Can we tell them 'No?'" Kissinger asked his assistant, Brent Scowcroft, who had told him of the request from 10 Downing Street. "When I talked to the president, he was loaded."

"We could tell him the president is not available and perhaps he can call you," Scowcroft replied.

Kissinger said Nixon would be available in the morning.

In March 1974, a month after the House voted to press ahead with impeachment proceedings and five months before Nixon resigned, Kissinger fretted about the president's state of mind in a phone call with White House aide Alexander Haig.

"I am calling you about something the president said this morning which rather disturbed me," Kissinger said. "He was in a rather sour mood."

"Yes, that is conceivable," Haig said.

Kissinger went on to complain that Nixon was being too tough on Israeli allies and "has been just waiting for an opportunity to lay into them. ... Now I tell you if he goes publicly after the Israelis, he might as well start a war."

Haig said Nixon was, "just unwinding," and mentioned that the president had told him to fetch the "football" — the briefcase with the codes to unleash nuclear weapons.

"For what?" Kissinger asked.

"He is going to drop it on the Hill," Haig said. "What I am saying is, don't take him too seriously."

At the time, Kissinger was doubling as national security adviser and secretary of state, his dual titles testifying to his influence with Nixon.

But Nixon did not tell him everything. On Oct. 12, 1973, the day after Nixon's supposed night with the bottle, Kissinger knew Nixon was announcing a new vice president to replace Spiro Agnew, who had resigned. But Kissinger did not know whom Nixon had chosen.

On the phone with Haig, Kissinger said he could go along with Nelson Rockefeller — "that gives me no pain" — or anyone except former Texas Gov. John Connally — "a no-no." Nixon picked Gerald Ford.

A window into detente, the transcripts also show the rapport Kissinger and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin developed even in times of extreme tension and bitter public words.

The two men established a channel as early as 1969, often meeting without secretaries or interpreters.

Indeed, Kissinger was having lunch with Dobrynin when Democratic Sen. Hubert Humphrey called to complain about the Soviet's rearming Arabs faster than Washington was sending planes to Israel.

"How do we know the Russians aren't fooling us?" Humphrey demanded.

"If the Russians are fooling us, we know what we will have to do," Kissinger replied.

The records show his Soviet guest was in the dining room with him during this talk.

Although Kissinger's days were piled high with foreign crises, he found time for show biz stars, chatting with Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Warren Beatty and other Hollywood figures. John Wayne called to tell him he had an eye problem — one iris was opening faster than the other.

"It's not just politics, but also in many respects about American culture," said Karl Weissenbach, who oversaw the opening of the records as director of the Nixon presidential materials staff at the Archives.

In 1973, Kissinger was helping Beatty pitch an idea to the Soviets and told him to send it in a letter to the Soviet Embassy, "and if you send me a copy, I can sort of keep an eye on it."

Records from the final months indicate the degree to which Nixon was distracted and his staff was glum.

"The president has approved this thing," Kissinger said of some unspecified proposal on Aug. 3, 1974, five days before Nixon's resignation. "Although I am not quite sure he knew what he was approving."

A few days later, another caller asked Kissinger if the president was "rational."

"It's pretty rough," Kissinger replied. He went on to say: "Some awful mistakes were made by the president but he doesn't deserve this."

City Council votes to allow first Wal-Mart in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Wal-Mart won City Council approval Wednesday to build its first store in Chicago after months of delay and intense lobbying by the chain's foes and supporters.

In a raucous debate, the council voted 32-15 to approve the zoning changes needed for Wal-Mart to construct a 150,000-square-foot superstore in a poor, largely black and Hispanic neighborhood on the West Side.

The council was also expected to vote on allowing a second huge store, in a racially diverse, largely middle-class South Side neighborhood.

The Bentonville, Ark.-based discount chain ran into fierce opposition from community leaders and politicians who claim Wal-Mart pays substandard wages and drives small stores out of business.

"We are dealing with a huge company with a long history of predatory practices," Alderman Helen Shiller argued, also accusing Wal-Mart of not providing adequate health care.

"They count on the city to provide assistance to their workers," she said. "We are creating more loss than gains."

Alderman Emma Mitts countered that people in her West Side ward need the jobs.

"Take a ride in my area and see what I am dealing with day in and day out. There's a lack of jobs and opportunity," she said.

The victory for Wal-Mart comes after an expensive defeat in April in the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood, where voters rejected a superstore.

Earlier this week, a preservation group put all of Vermont on its list of America's most endangered places, warning that Wal-Mart's big-box stores threaten the New England state's small-town charm.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, May 28, 2004

You are apt to be far more outgoing and interactive with others in the year ahead. As a result, romance will be in the stars and more than a few Geminis who are unattached may find a love to savor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be extra cognizant of your behavior today, especially in your interactions with family members. It's not fair to take out your frustrations on the very people who love you the most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may tend to wear your heart on your sleeve today. This could not only make you vulnerable to being hurt by someone you care for, but you could be embarrassed tomorrow for your indiscretion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today, when in the company of someone who doesn't have the finances you have, don't place this person in an awkward position by suggesting activities your pal can't afford. Be considerate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Normally you have a great sense of humor and enjoy a good joke, even when it's on you. Today, however, your pride or ego could cause you to overreact to an innocent, playful remark.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Reality and optimism must always be blended in proper proportion. Pay particular heed to this today because if either should outweigh the other, it would affect the outcome of your affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Keep your values in proper perspective today when it comes to material considerations. Be careful not to place more importance on an object than you do on a good friendship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you are in an optimistic and ambitious mood today, take care not to team up with lethargic companions who have no interests in productivity. Idlers will influence you to emulate them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Sadly, you may not be much in the mood to be industrious or task-oriented today. Even with things that would normally be labors of love, you might merely give them a lick and a promise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Frivolous activities may be given the priority that should be allocated to your more serious duties and responsibilities today. If you play now, you'll have to pay the piper later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you are too lax or indifferent today regarding situations that require a concerted effort, success will be denied you. Don't bank on Lady Luck to bail you out, because she won't be around.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be upfront and as honest as possible today. People with whom you associate will be analyzing the sincerity of your remarks, especially if you're using flattery in hopes of influencing them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you're not careful, your judgment pertaining to the value of things might not be up to par today. Unfortunately, getting good mileage from the money you spend may not be very good.

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Radical cleric arrested in London

NEW YORK (AP) — Abu Hamza al-Masri, the fiery Muslim cleric whose shuttered London mosque was linked to Zacarias Moussaoui and shoe bomber Richard Reid, was arrested today in Britain, accused in a U.S. indictment of trying to establish a terrorist training camp in Oregon and providing aid to al-Qaida, officials said.

Al-Masri, 47, also is charged in the 11-count indictment with hostage-taking and conspiracy in connection with a December 1998 incident that killed four tourists in Yemen.

"Those who support our terrorist enemies anywhere in the world must know that we will not rest until the threat they pose is eradicated," U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said in announcing the arrest.

Al-Masri, whose real name is Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, was arrested at his London home, British authorities said. He was the imam at the Finsbury Park Mosque, which has been linked to Sept. 11 suspect Moussaoui and Reid and was shut down in January 2003 after a police anti-terrorism raid.

Ashcroft said U.S. authorities were seeking his extradition.

Britain will not extradite suspects who could face the death penalty; such action is barred under the European Convention on Human Rights. At his news conference, Ashcroft said extradition requests involving capital crimes should be dealt with on a "case by case" basis.

In the past, the United States has dropped the death penalty in such cases to expedite a prosecution. British Home Secretary David Blunkett said in a radio interview today that an agreement with American officials last year specified that in al-Masri's case, "they will not carry out an execution." There was no immediate confirmation from Ashcroft.

Troops rush to flooded village as toll surges to nearly 900

FOND VERRETTES, Haiti (AP) — U.S. and Canadian troops on today rushed to a town left completely submerged by flooding, and health officials feared 1,000 people could be dead in that town alone, a figure that would nearly double the toll from storms that hit Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

About 300 bodies have been counted so far in the isolated border town of Mapou, said Dr. Yvon Lavissiere, the health director for the region.

That brought the confirmed death toll from Haiti and the Dominican Republic to nearly 870.

"In Mapou, the situation is serious because the entire town is submerged in water," said U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Dave Lapan, a spokesman for the U.S.-led multinational task force in Haiti. "We're also fighting time because weather is turning bad again."

U.S. and Canadian troops, sent to Haiti after rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Feb. 29, were ferrying water and supplies to Mapou, 30 miles southeast of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

As many as 1,000 people were feared dead in Mapou, said Margarette Martin, the government's representative for the southeast region in nearby Jacmel.

In the Haitian border town of Fond Verrettes more troops handed out food today to hundreds of survivors who lined up seeking help. Troops were also ferrying plastic tarpaulins to families seeking shelter.

Rains over the weekend lashed the island of Hispaniola, which Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic, sweeping away entire neighborhoods early Monday.

Including the 300 known dead so far in Mapou, some 450 bodies have been recovered in Haiti. At least 158 more people in Fond Verrettes were missing and presumed dead.

At least 417 bodies had been recovered in the Dominican Republic, and officials said some 400 were missing.

"The river took everything, there isn't anything left," said Jermanie Vulsont, a mother who said the rushing water swept away her five children in Fond Verrettes, about 35 miles southeast of Port-au-Prince.

Rushing waters and mudslides swept away most homes in Fond Verrettes, leaving it looking like a barren riverbed with stunned residents wondering about and asking troops for help.

"For a while we didn't even realize what we were standing on," said Lance Cpl. Justin Collins, 21, of Avon, Ill., one of about 20 U.S. Marines who went to help feed villagers.

Coalition to honor and respect deal to end standoff

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — The U.S.-run coalition will "honor and respect" a deal to remove Shiite militiamen and American soldiers from Najaf, an Iraqi official said today, even though fine points of the agreement fall short of previous U.S. demands to end weeks of fighting.

Members of Iraq's Governing Council traveled to Najaf to help nail down the agreement after radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr offered to withdraw his militia from Najaf and neighboring Kufa in return for a pullback of U.S. troops and suspension of a warrant charging him in the April 2003 murder of a moderate cleric.

Nearly two months of clashes between al-Sadr's militia and U.S.-led forces have threatened some of Shia Islam's holiest sites and posed a major challenge to the American occupation.

Also Wednesday, three Marines were killed in Anbar province "while conducting security and stability operations," the military said, declining to release further details. The province includes the western suburbs of Baghdad as well as Fallujah, Ramadi and Qaim.

Al-Sadr's offer is part of an agreement between him and the Shiite clerical hierarchy, according to Mouwafak al-Rubaie, the Iraqi national security adviser. U.S. officials have refused direct negotiations with al-Sadr, who is wanted by the coalition.

Al-Rubaie told reporters in Baghdad that "I understand the coalition will honor and respect this deal."

"We sense a strong will of wanting to get to a peaceful settlement," he said.

Al-Sadr has made similar offers before, but it appeared the coalition was taking this one more seriously. One coalition official, speaking on condition of anonymity, called it a "huge" step toward resolving the crisis in the Shiite heartland.

Al-Rubaie said the agreement calls for discussions within the majority Shiite community about the future of al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army and whether the murder case against him should be pursued.

Al-Rubaie could not say whether those discussions might lead to throwing out charges against al-Sadr in the slaying of a rival cleric. Al-Rubaie also avoided saying whether al-Sadr's militia would be disbanded as a result of this process.

Those have been the key American demands for an end to the crisis since al-Sadr launched his anti-U.S. revolt in early April.

A Shiite member of the Governing Council, Abdul-Karim Mahoud al-Mohammedawi, warned that arresting al-Sadr would "complicate the issues" and lead to "an unending revolution."

Three arrests top police blotter

• ***Arrests***

Officers responded to the 4400 block of Avenue U at 11:37 Wednesday night as a fight was reported in progress. A report for family violence was submitted and a 30-year-old male was taken into custody for Class A family violence.

Two persons were arrested Wednesday on county warrants for probation violations and to adjudicate guilt. Taken into custody at the sheriff's office were two 42-year-old males.

• ***Juveniles in custody***

Officers responded to Towle Park at 12:54 p.m. as a caller advised dispatchers that a male and female juvenile were using drugs. The two were taken to the police department for possession of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession of tobacco.

• ***Family violence***

Officers filed a report of family violence at 7 p.m. in a dispute between a male and female.

• ***Trespass warning***

Officers issued a criminal trespass warning to a male subject at 11:20 a.m. In a different matter and location, another criminal trespass warning was issued later in the day.

• ***Harassment***

A female contacted officers at 10:51 a.m. in reference to her claiming she was being harassed over a past due payment.

A male juvenile's mother contacted officers and said a juvenile female had been harassing her son.

At 3 p.m., officers were requested at a local business as a person reported a female going into the business and harassing another female.

• ***Traffic complaints***

Officers were advised that vehicles were being driven through the parking lot of East Elementary at a high rate of speed during the noon hour.

• ***Theft***

A bicycle was reported stolen from a residence in the 200 block of 33rd Street.

• ***Family problems***

A woman requested to speak to a deputy Wednesday afternoon in reference to her granddaughter not following instructions. Another woman called officers Wednesday and said her daughter would not get into a vehicle and was causing a disturbance.

Obituaries

J.C. Crawford

1921-2004

J.C. Crawford of Snyder, died Wednesday, May 26 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Service for Mr. Crawford, 83, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Bellview Baptist Church in Midland. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Born on April 28, 1921 in Hood County, he was reared and educated in Taylor County. Mr. Crawford had worked as a mechanic for a number of automotive businesses before opening his own shop in 1977.

His parents, William H. Crawford and Lena Frances Parsley Crawford; his wife of 60 years, Margie Crawford in 2000; and a son, D.C. Crawford in 1997, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his daughter, Marilena Marshall and her husband Timmy of Snyder; two grandchildren, Margaret Faye Marshall of Snyder and Lewis A. Marshall of Big Lake; two sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890 in Amarillo, 79174.

Mary Lancaster

1933-2004

BIG SPRING — Mary Ann Lancaster, the sister of Nelson Hallford of Snyder, died Tuesday, May 25, in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lancaster, 72, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Bishop Charles Breyman, Bruce Jaeger and Vernie Jaeger will officiate. Burial will follow in the Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Born May 3, 1933 in Big Spring, she was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and had worked as a waitress and for Nurses Unlimited for 12 years.

Survivors include her husband, Ted Lancaster of Big Spring; a son, Carl Lancaster of Big Spring; three daughters, Vernie Jaeger and Janet Parnell, both of Prescott, Ariz., and Elaine West of LaPorte; five sisters, Jean Armstrong of Sand Springs, Flo Hoffman of Vanderbilt, Carolyn Howerton and Ruth Miller of Roswell, N.M., and Irene Hallford of Fayetteville, N.C.; two other brothers, Billy Hallford of Big Spring and Hoyt Hallford of Norman, Okla.

The family suggests memorials to Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N Street in Midland, 79701.

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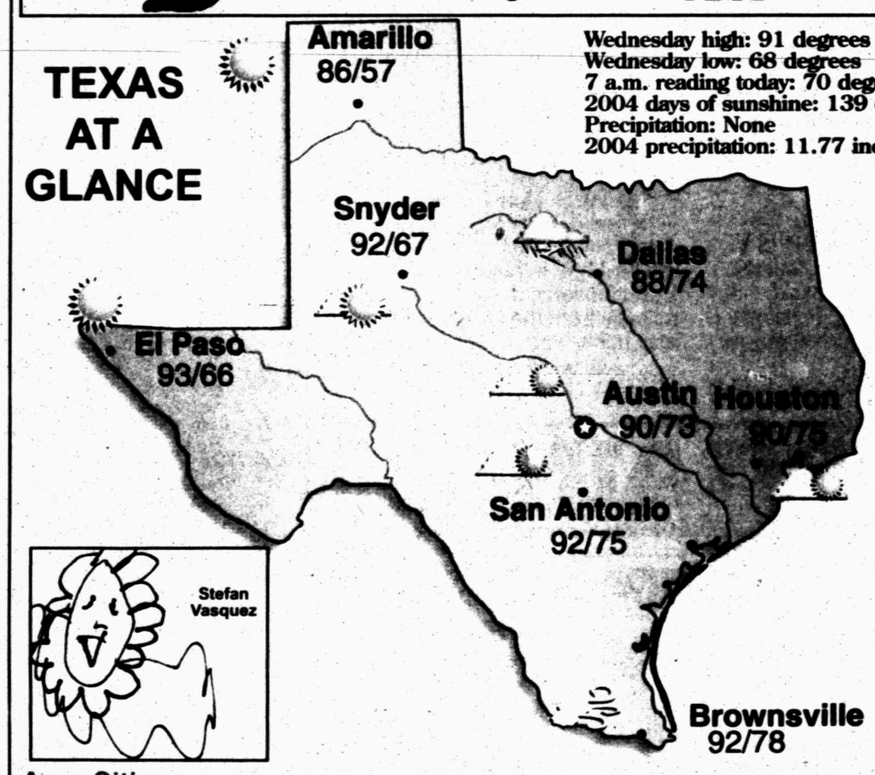
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 5/28	Sat 5/29	Sun 5/30
92/67	95/70	92/61
A few clouds in the morning, but mainly sunny. High 92F.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
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Precipitation: None
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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	89	70	mst sunny	El Paso	93	66	sunny	Midland	94	68	sunny
Amarillo	86	57	sunny	Fort Stockton	95	68	sunny	Raymondville	93	75	pt sunny
Austin	90	73	pt sunny	Gainesville	85	70	t-storm	Rosenberg	91	75	pt sunny
Beaumont	90	74	pt sunny	Greenville	87	72	t-storm	San Antonio	92	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	78	windy	Houston	90	75	pt sunny	San Marcos	91	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	91	71	pt sunny	Kingsville	92	75	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	72	t-storm
Corpus Christi	89	77	pt sunny	Livingston	91	71	pt sunny	Sweetwater	91	69	mst sunny
Corsicana	88	72	t-storm	Longview	88	72	cloudy	Tyler	88	72	t-storm
Dallas	88	74	t-storm	Lubbock	91	62	mst sunny	Weatherford	87	70	t-storm
Del Rio	93	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	73	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	86	67	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	68	pt sunny	Houston	90	75	pt sunny	Phoenix	97	70	sunny
Boston	68	50	rain	Los Angeles	70	58	pt sunny	San Francisco	63	52	rain
Chicago	62	44	mst sunny	Miami	87	75	sunny	Seattle	60	48	rain
Dallas	88	74	t-storm	Minneapolis	69	58	mst sunny	St. Louis	77	63	cloudy
Denver	81	54	pt sunny	New York	77	54	t-storm	Washington, DC	83	57	rain

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
May 27	Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 17

UV Index

Fri 5/28	Sat 5/29	Sun 5/30
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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