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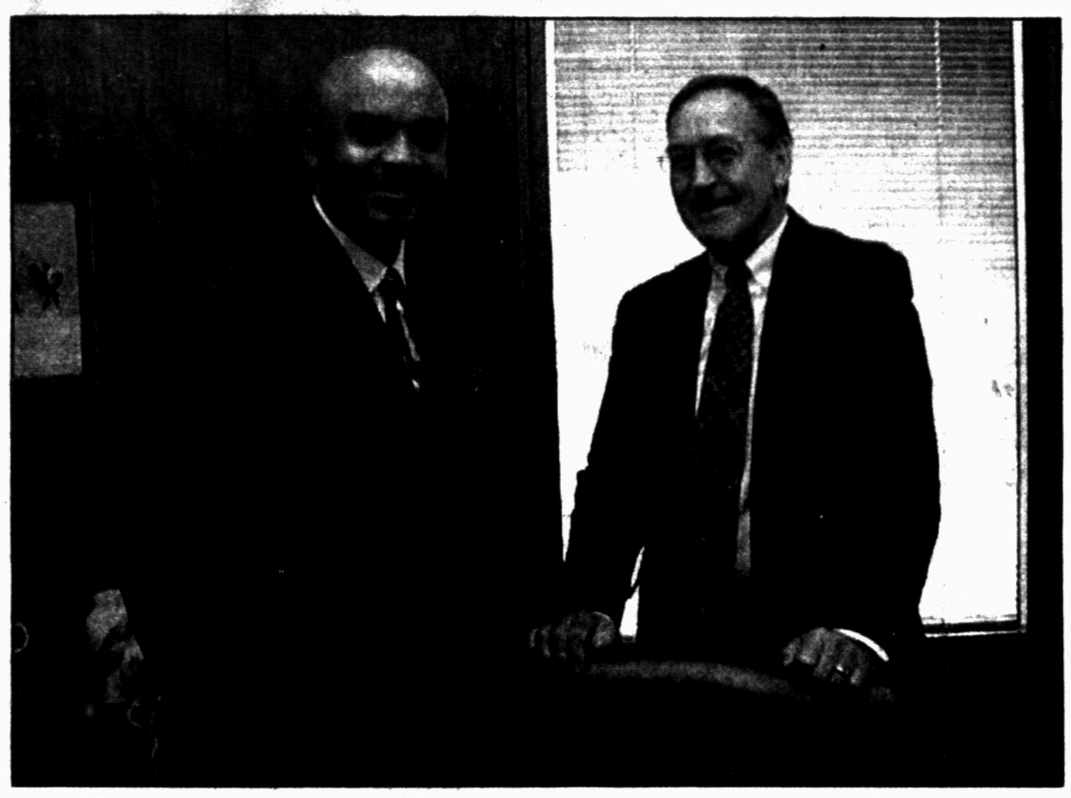
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WTC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE – Dr. Gregory Williams, left, visits with Dr. Harry Krenek prior to touring the college campus this morning. Dr. Williams is the first of four candidates who will be interviewed by the WTC board. He is to meet with the WTC board at 7 tonight. (SDN Staff Photo)

At WTC...

First of four presidential candidates on campus

An East Texas native, transplanted to West Texas, is the first of four candidates in the interview process to become the fourth president of Western Texas College.

Dr. Gregory D. Williams, currently the vice president of student services at Midland College, began the morning by meeting with WTC president Harry Krenek.

After a day-long schedule of tours and meetings on campus, Dr. Williams will be interviewed by the full board of trustees starting at 7 p.m. in the boardroom.

All candidates will follow the same schedule. Dr. James Palmer, an original WTC faculty member and current dean of academic instruction, will interview Thursday.

Next Monday, Dr. Dusty Johnson, dean of Rich Mountain Community College in Arkansas, will be interviewed. The following Thursday, Dr. John Pruit, dean of student support services at Mountain View College in Dallas, is scheduled for an interview.

Dr. Williams said he is looking forward to meeting the staff and administration at the college. "This looks like a very fine campus to help serve the educational needs of West Texas," he said.

Dr. Williams added that he is excited about the future of education in West Texas and the part the local college would have in it.

Born in Tyler, Dr. Williams is a 1983 graduate of Permian High School in Odessa and earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa in 1986.

He earned his master's degree in education mid-management from UTPB in 1990 and earned a master's degree in psychology from the same school in 1994. In 1996, he was awarded his doctor of education in higher education administration from Baylor University.

Dr. Williams began his professional career as a history teacher and coach at Ector Junior High in Odessa. He also worked with the Ector County ISD as a special education teacher, alternative program teacher, administrative intern and assistant principal of Travis Magnet School.

He joined the staff of Odessa College in 1992 as director of developmental studies and associate professor of psychology.

In 1995, in addition to his role as psychology professor, Dr. Williams served as dean of enrollment management.

In the 1997-98 school year, he served as dean of student services at Amarillo College. He became vice president for student services at Midland College in 1998 and also serves as an adjunct psychology professor.

Civic involvement includes serving on the advisory board of the Permian Basin Community Center. He is a director of the Permian Basin Fair board and the Midland Youth Centers.

In Amarillo, he was a board member of the Children's Home of Amarillo, the Cultural Center and a director of the United Way. He was a member of the Leadership Class in both Odessa and Amarillo.

Dr. Williams and his wife, Karen, have three children – Kiaran, Gregory and Kara.

Dr. Krenek, president of WTC the past 14 years, will retire in August. Others who have served as WTC president are Dr. Robert Clinton and Dr. Don Nordberg.

Mississippi River flooding midwest

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) — The Mississippi River seeped into basements and covered parks and boat landings today as cautious residents from low-lying areas retreated to higher ground.

Flood warnings were in effect from the Twin Cities along the Minnesota-Wisconsin border to northern Iowa and fears were rising with the river. Communities in Minnesota and North Dakota waited and watched to see if sandbag levees would hold.

Emergency workers rescued a 26-year-old man from the rushing backwaters of the Minnesota River on Sunday but his brother, Marlon Gavarrete, 19, was still missing near Shakopee, southwest of Minneapolis. The men and their car were swept off the road by currents into about 18 feet of water in an area marked off-limits to vehicles, officials said.

"It's going to get worse," said Al Blencoe, an emergency dispatcher in La Crosse, where the river was 4 feet above flood stage at 15.8 feet.

Emergency officials didn't ask residents to evacuate but the order could come Tuesday night, said Al Spaulding, county emergency management coordinator.

Forecasts called for the river near La Crosse to crest at 17 feet early Wednesday, just short of the record 17.9 feet set in 1965, said Mike Welvaert, meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

"It's been coming up a good foot every day," said La Crosse homeowner Mike Flaten.

New law firm to collect delinquent county taxes

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

At the request of the Scurry County tax collector, the commissioners' court this morning switched law firms that handles the county's delinquent tax collections.

Diana Williamson, tax assessor and collector, requested the change due to attorney John Banks' move from the Austin law firm of Henry Steen to the Lubbock law firm Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott.

Williamson said Banks is familiar with the county's delinquent tax accounts as he has handled them for the past couple of years.

County Attorney Michael Hartman had reviewed the resolution to terminate the contract with Henry Steen and to authorize a new one with Perdue.

Hartman noted that he did not believe there is a current contract with Henry Steen and advised the court to phrase the motion "to terminate employment" as opposed to "terminate the contract." The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the court hit a snag in the discussion of the redistricting process as Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey wanted to include in a motion to re-district, if necessary, the creation of a new voting box in his precinct.

County Judge Ricky Fritz explained that the law requires the county to act on re-districting during the month of April. However, a delay in the county's 2000 Census information makes that impossible because the data is not available. Without the actual figures, the county does not know if re-districting is necessary.

Law requires precinct boundary lines to be redrawn if there is a 10 percent difference in the population of the largest precinct and the smallest precinct.

According to the census information, Scurry County lost 2,600 people, but it is not known if the loss is proportionate across the precincts or if there are any dramatic shifts in any one precinct.

With that information, Chloanne Lindsey made the motion that the county would redistrict, if necessary. "If we do, we do. If we don't, we don't," she said.

Before the motion was seconded, Trevey said that he would like some mention of an additional voting box for his precinct included in the motion.

Trevey said he would like to create a "Hispanic" voting box in precinct one. Fritz pointed out that it was not legal to use race as a basis for creating a voting box.

Trevey then began discussing gerrymandering issues saying that they didn't pertain to the creation of precinct voting boxes.

The commissioner had attempted three years ago to add an additional voting box in Precinct 1 at the Scurry County Health Unit, but the matter was dropped following a public hearing that offered overwhelming opposition.

The court eventually seconded and passed unanimously Lindsey's motion to redistrict, if necessary, after it was determined that Trevey's request for another voting box was a separate issue from the re-drawing of precinct lines.

Hartman was questioned as to whether the court could take action concerning Trevey's request under the same agenda item concerning re-districting. Hartman said he felt it was a large enough umbrella to do so, but said it would be difficult to take any action without the census information.

Nevertheless, Trevey made the motion to table action on adding a voting precinct box until "there was a sufficient amount of information from the census," and it was seconded by Lindsey.

The motion passed 3-1 with Precinct 2 Commission Roy Idom opposing, without comment.

In other action, the resignation of Ronnie Hines from the Child Welfare Board and the appointment of Sylvia Sapsky to fill his place was approved.

Commissioners also signed a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

No action was taken concerning the sale of the county's scrap metal as no bids were received. Fritz said individual commissioners may now sell the junk metal from their precincts to anyone.

The court also agreed to seek depository bids, an action required every four years. The county's contract is currently with Snyder National Bank.

Rodger Sullenger, Scurry County Airport manager, reported to the court on the recent selection of the facility as "airport of the year" by the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation.

One line-item transfer and two budget amendments were approved, and the bills were okayed for payment.

The budget amendments included one in the amount of $800 for the sheriff's office. The funds are for the additional phone line and Internet connection at the office approved by the court two weeks ago.

Another amendment was approved for travel expenses by Constable Pat Alexander and membership dues for the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present including Lindsey, Trevey, Idom and Howard Limmer.

Cleanup campaign to continue until Thursday

City of Snyder dump trucks will be available through Thursday to pick up trash in designated areas throughout the community.

Items are being picked up today in an area west of College Ave. and south of 30th St.

Tree limbs, lumber, appliances and other items that can be lifted manually and placed over the sides of a dump truck can be disposed of this week at no charge to citizens.

On Tuesday, the trucks will be east of College Ave. and south of 30th St.

Wednesday's pick up area will be west of College Ave. and north of 30th St., and the remaining area — east of College Ave. and north of 30th St. — will be picked up on Thursday.

The dump trucks will be working from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Anyone wanting the city to pick up trash at their residences is asked to have the items placed next to the curb, driveway, or alley, leaving access to traffic.

Small items must be placed in bags.

Items should be easily accessible to city employees, as they cannot go onto private property or into a structure to retrieve the items.

Also, brush needs to be kept in a separate pile from other items, as are appliances and other metal objects.

Any appliance that uses freon must have the freon removed and tagged by a licensed recoverer.

Tires cannot be picked up.

Residents are asked to be available to help load the items if possible, and tree limbs and lumber will need to be cut into pieces small enough that they can be easily handled by one person.

The pick up service is intended for the use of individual households, and not by persons in the business of demolition or clean up.

Each residence or business is limited to one load.

Anyone who has not called the city about scheduling a trash pick up, can call 573-4960, or 573-4969.

The cleanup campaign is sponsored by the City of Snyder, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Snyder Beautification Committee.

Drug trial starts Tuesday

Alvin Leonard "Smokey" Ollison, one of 26 persons indicted following an undercover investigation and roundup of suspected drug dealers last December, goes on trial Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Ollison, 40, is charged with delivery of a controlled substance.

The indictment against Ollison charges the delivery of less than one gram of methamphetamine, within 1,000 feet of Central Elementary, to a member of the area drug task force.

Ollison lives at 1007 29th Street and has been free on a $5,000 bond since his arrest. The same investigation also resulted in four counts against Ollison for delivery of cocaine.

Some 140 prospective jurors have been summoned to report at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute the case, and Ollison's defense attorney is Frank Conard of San Angelo.

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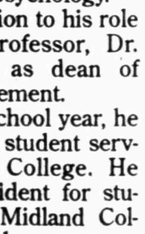
Q—Will the post office stay open late today for postmarking tax returns?

A—There will be a special box in the lobby for returns deposited before midnight.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 87 degrees; low, 55; high Sunday, 87; low, 51; 7 a.m. Monday, 51; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.33 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy, 40% rain chance, low lower 50s. Tuesday, cloudy, cooler, high near 60, E wind 10-20 mph.



Javaiel Esparza
Cooler

Sunset:
8:13 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:14 a.m.
Of 105 days in 2001, the sun has shone 93 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity.
—James F. Byrnes

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Rice farmers cut back due to prices

PLEASANT GROVE, Calif. (AP) — A dry winter, expected low prices and power woes are prompting many California farmers to cut rice plantings at the same time producers in other states are upping their acreage.

The state expects rice farmers to plant 5 percent fewer acres this year, down to 520,000.

California produces mostly medium-grain rice varieties, the kind also grown in many Asian countries, and is suffering from a production glut after years of good prices. Don Bransford, a Colusa farmer, said he hadn't seen prices so low since he started farming rice in 1980.

The other top rice-producing states — Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas — will either keep current production levels or increase plantings by up to 11 percent, according to estimates. They grow mostly long-grain rice.

California's lower prices, coupled with the threat of dramatic power rate increases, has many farmers wondering how they can afford to pump enough water to flood their fields to grow rice.

Third-generation rice farmer Matt Lauppe said his family usually plants only about half of their 2,400 acres near the Sacramento-Sutter county line. This year they will plant even less.

Lauppe said it will cost more to pump water, but "the problem we have is we don't know how much. If you have low prices already and could get faced with a 40 percent surcharge for power, it changes how much you can afford to plant."

Expecting lower demand for water from rice farmers, many Sacramento Valley irrigation districts are selling water to the state. In turn, the state will offer the water to farmers in the San Joaquin Valley to the south who have been told to expect 70 percent cuts in their water allocations.

Not everyone, however, believes this will be a bad year for rice farmers. Farmers will not make their final planting plans until later this month when they should have a better idea of how much their power bills will increase and what to expect for their crop, said Tim Johnson, head of the California Rice Commission.

Three-year-old abducted boy found safe in Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A 3-year-old boy whose kidnappers said they would kill him if a 13-year-old relative did not recant her testimony in a court case was found unharmed Monday morning, a radio station reported.

The boy, Deandre Nathaniel Thomas, walked up to a house in a north Tulsa neighborhood and knocked on the door around 2:15 a.m., a Tulsa police dispatcher said.

The suspects in the kidnapping remained at large Monday morning, according to radio station KVOO in Tulsa.

Police said the boy was abducted at gunpoint about 1:30 a.m. Sunday from a Tulsa apartment.

The abductors said they wanted the 13-year-old girl to recant her testimony against Lamarr "Red" Dennis, who was to be sentenced today on three counts of sexually abusing a minor. Police did not say how the girl and boy were related.

The abductors said Dennis owed them $30,000 and wouldn't be able to repay it if he was sent to prison, police said.

"It's not personal," police quoted the male abductor as saying. "It's just about the money."

Dennis told detectives he didn't know anything about owing $30,000, Tulsa police Sgt. Wayne Allen said.

The abductors had said they would not release the boy until they received payment, police said.

The FBI joined Tulsa police in searching for the boy, who takes medication for allergies and other respiratory problems.

Holocaust survivors, teens to retrace Auschwitz march

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Viola Baras trembles when she thinks of the journey back to Auschwitz. This time she will be walking, willingly, and not riding in a boxcar stained with the stench of death.

Baras was sent to the Nazi death camp as a prisoner in 1944. Now, at 73, she is taking part in a March of the Living to retrace those steps with several thousand Jewish teen-agers from around the world, along with a handful of Holocaust survivors and educators.

Baras was to leave today, joined by her son and granddaughter. Her husband, Sidney, also a death-camp survivor, found it too painful to return.

"To go back is terrible, terrible. I can't imagine. I am very anxious about it," said Viola Baras, of Fort Lauderdale. "The reason I'm doing it is for my granddaughter, that it will have a lasting impression on her and the other young people so that it never, never happens again to anyone, not only Jews."

About 3,000 Jewish high school juniors and seniors from 35 countries were to make the two-week trip to Poland and Israel.

"It is a very powerful, life-changing experience," said Leon Weissberg of Boca Raton, executive director of the Jewish Education Commission and director of the March of the Living southern region.

On Thursday, the group will gather for a two-mile silent march, retracing the steps Holocaust victims were forced to take from the Auschwitz concentration camp to the gas chambers of Birkenau.

At Birkenau, they will pause to remember the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust. The students will visit more camps and the Warsaw ghetto and cemetery before leaving for Israel.

The students spent six weeks preparing for the trip, studying Holocaust history, sharing concerns and hearing firsthand accounts from survivors.

"I can't even fathom what it will be like," said Lauren Baras, Viola's 16-year-old granddaughter. "It's going to change me. I will grow up a little. I see the number on my grandma's arm and it doesn't click. It's extraordinary to believe people can hate that much. I don't know if I'm ever going to understand."

Lauren hopes the trip will help her find a sense of purpose and responsibility. "It will make me realize how much I need to give back."

In April 1944, Viola Baras was seized from her home in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, along with her parents, her sister and other relatives.

"They just took us; we had no idea where we were going," she said. They were shoved into a boxcar where her uncle died the following day.

"In three days, maybe more, we were at Auschwitz where we were separated and it was decided who will live and who will die." She was 15.

Her job was to sort clothes taken from the gas chambers' victims — shoes into one pile, garments another. She also dug ditches and spent time in Ravensbruck, a notorious extermination camp for women in a city north of Berlin.

She has never been back.

Her son, David Baras, a docent at the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg, had mixed feelings about his mother making the trip, yet he wanted her to tell her story.

Singer Ramone is dead

NEW YORK (AP) — Singer Joey Ramone, the punk rock icon whose signature yelp melded with the Ramones' three-chord thrash to launch an explosion of bands like the Clash and the Sex Pistols, died Sunday. He was 49.

Ramone, the gangly lead singer with the leather jacket, tinted glasses and permanently-torn jeans, was hospitalized last month with lymphoma. His death was confirmed Sunday by Arturo Vega, the Ramone's longtime artistic director.

The Ramones — its four members adopted the common last name after forming the band in 1974 — came out of Queens, a motley collection of local losers with limited musical skills. Joey became the lead singer only after his drumming proved too rudimentary to keep up with his bandmates' thunderous riffs.

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Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $15 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 1-6-25-39-44-54.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $19 million.

Pick 3

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

8-2-5

Date Book

Monday, April 16, 2001

Today is the 106th day of 2001 and the 28th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, Ebenezer Don Carlos Bassett became the first African-American consul general. He was stationed in Haiti from 1869 to 1877.

On this day in 1935, "Fibber McGee and Molly" was first broadcast on the NBC radio network. The show starred Jim and Marian Jordan.

On this day in 1994, Dudley Moore and Nicole Rothschild were married.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilbur Wright (1867-1912), inventor; Anatole France (1844-1924), writer; Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977), comedian; Lily Pons (1904-1976), singer; Peter Ustinov (1921-), actor-writer, is 80; Henry Mancini (1924-1994), composer; Bobby Vinton (1935-), singer, is 66; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947-), basketball great, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1940, Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians pitched a no-hitter against the Chicago White Sox. The Indians won 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "That man is prudent who neither hopes nor fears anything from the uncertain events of the future." — Anatole France

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (April 15).

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Forty years ago, Bay of Pigs invasion failed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty years ago, Mario Cabello and Juan Perez Franco were comrades in arms, fighting together at the Bay of Pigs to free Cuba from Fidel Castro's communist grip.

Today, the two veterans of the failed invasion are barely speaking.

Their quarrel personifies current debate about the future relationship between the United States and the island nation 100 miles off the Florida coast.

Like President Bush, Franco wants the United States to continue its hardline stance against Castro. Cabello thinks it's time to thaw relations.

Their falling out occurred on April 8 at a meeting of the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association in Miami's Little Havana. To shouts of "scoundrel" and "traitor," Cabello and another member were booted out of the association for attending a conference in Cuba marking the 40th anniversary of the failed invasion in the early months of John F. Kennedy's presidency.

"It's like I've been excommunicated from the church," says Cabello, who works for a Miami-area trucking company. "It saddened me — the reaction of my friends.

"I exercised my freedom of travel, my freedom of expression in going to Cuba. How can they reconcile that they went to the Bay of Pigs in 1961 to fight for freedom and then now are trying to muzzle me?"

Castro, the charismatic Cuban leader who turns 74 in August, also attended the conference, which was jointly sponsored by the private, Washington-based National Security Archive, which works to declassify national security documents, and the University of Havana.

For Franco, president of the association known as Brigade 2506, that amounts to fraternizing with the enemy.

"For us, this 40th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs is one more reason to reaffirm our uncompromising position not to have dialogue" with the Castro government, he says.

The three-day Bay of Pigs invasion at a swampy, mosquito-infested part of Cuba's southern coast was doomed from the start.

Trained by the CIA in Guatemala, Brigade 2506 comprised about 1,500 Cuban exiles who badly wanted to overthrow Castro's government. Kennedy's refusal to provide sufficient air cover for the invaders left them vulnerable to air attacks from Castro's military. At the end, more than 1,000 had been captured and imprisoned. One hundred of the invaders and 150 of Castro's defenders were killed.

On April 15, two days before the brigade went ashore, B-26 bombers left Nicaragua for Cuba to destroy Castro's air force. Only partly successful, the bombing put Castro on alert for the invasion that was to follow. A second air strike to destroy the rest of Castro's planes was scrapped.

Thus, when the brigade landed on the beaches on April 17, Cuba still had the air power to thwart it.

Washington soon received news that two ships had been sunk and a third was under heavy attack. Later that day, the CIA reported that two other ships were under heavy attack. On the ships were the ammunition and supplies the Cuban brigade desperately needed to fulfill their mission.

Cabello was on one ship, the Houston.

"The ship caught fire and because the hoses were full of holes, we couldn't put out the fire," he recalled. "We feared the ship was going to explode at any moment. Then the rocket hit us on the side. It sank us slowly, but at the same time, put out the fire, and that saved us."

Cabello swam to shore.

On April 18, the members of the brigade were pleading for air cover and supplies that never came.

Back at the White House, in the early hours of April 19, Kennedy met with his advisers. Six unmarked jet fighters were sent to provide enough air cover to let the invaders fly in their supplies. But there was a mix-up over the one-hour time difference between Cuba and Nicaragua. By the time the jets arrived, Castro's force had driven off the invaders' attack.

The invasion had failed.

Covert attempts to assassinate Castro followed. So did the showdown the following year between the United States and Cuba over Soviet missiles being deployed on the island.

The missiles were removed. Castro lives on.

Despite some easing of charter flights and narrow openings to allow U.S. sales of food and medicine, U.S. policy toward Cuba remains much as it was during the Cold War. The 40-year-old U.S. trade embargo continues. Despite a growing movement in Congress to soften relations, Bush says he has no intention of lifting the embargo.

"Capital that goes into Cuba will be used by the Fidel Castro government to prop itself up," Bush said. "It's in our best interest to keep the pressure on Fidel Castro, until he allows free elections, free press and frees the (political) prisoners on that island."

Cabello, who was ousted from the Bay of Pigs veterans group, says it's time to diminish rhetoric on both sides. But for Franco, time has changed nothing. At 72, he wishes he could go back to the Bay of Pigs and try — one more time — to oust Castro.

Old-school congressman has leukemia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long before he started battling on Capitol Hill, Joe Moakley had to keep peace in his tough South Boston neighborhood.

It was not easy maintaining harmony in "Southie," a working-class enclave of Irish immigrants who often settled disputes with fists.

Disobeying his father John was tougher.

One day, the elder Moakley spotted a fight between mismatched foes, stopped the family car and asked Joe what he was going to do about it.

Joe got out and took care of the bigger youngster.

Joe Moakley has displayed the same feistiness — albeit without the fists — during his nearly 30 years in Congress. With a mix of toughness, sincerity and humor, the Democrat has become one of the most popular and well-respected House members.

"He's been a master at building coalitions," said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass. "I've been inspired and awed by him. Joe Moakley is irreplaceable."

Moakley, 73, disclosed in February that he has leukemia and said he would retire at the end of this term. Almost immediately, his colleagues voted unanimously to name a federal courthouse in South Boston after him. President Bush made the measure his first Rose Garden bill-signing ceremony.

"It's a fitting tribute to a remarkable man," Bush said at the time. "Joe Moakley is a man of strong opinions and broad respect — and in this town, it isn't always easy to combine the two."

When he heard Rep. Joseph Scarborough, R-Fla., was a Boston Red Sox fan, Moakley presented him with a box of Red Sox caps and helped him get tickets to the 1999 All-Star Game at Fenway Park.

It was not long before Scarborough was rounding up GOP votes for Moakley's bill to cut federal funds for the Army's School of the Americas, which trained Latin American soldiers, at Fort Benning, Ga. Critics contend that some of the school's graduates went on to commit human-rights abuses.

Scarborough's enthusiastic support surprised many — a conservative Republican from the South teaming with a Boston liberal on a left-leaning cause — and helped win House passage.

Moakley admirers say it is just one example of how the dean of the Massachusetts delegation operates. Red Sox caps do not necessarily win votes, but Moakley knows they can help develop relationships that do.

"Joe Moakley was one of these Massachusetts Democrats that we all sort of generally campaigned against," Scarborough said of Republicans who won House control in 1994.

"It didn't take long to figure out he was one of the good guys. After the debate is over, you go over, sit down, have him tell you a joke or a story about (former House Speaker) Tip O'Neill."

Moakley grew up poor in South Boston, the setting for the film "Good Will Hunting." He was a star football player at South Boston High School when, at 15, he lied about his age to join the Navy during World War II. He later earned a boxing scholarship from the University of Miami and a law degree while attending Suffolk University in Boston at night.

Moakley served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1953 to 1965, when he was elected to the state Senate. He then served a term on the Boston City Council before being elected to the U.S. House in 1972.

"I treated politics like growing up in the neighborhood — get to know your neighbors," he said.

Moakley cites his work in the late 1980s investigating the murders of Jesuit priests in El Salvador as his greatest political accomplishment. His investigation found evidence the U.S.-subsidized Salvadoran soldiers killed the priests. He worked to cut off U.S. military aid and prosecute the killers.

Moakley has had a number of health problems over the years. He has had a liver transplanted, most of his kidneys removed and his right hip replaced. He nearly retired in 1995 when his health slipped and his wife, Evelyn, was ailing from a brain tumor.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Drinking leads woman out of frying pan and into fire

DEAR ABBY: I wholeheartedly agree with "Steaming in Massachusetts" that you shouldn't cook if you have been drinking.

Four years ago, I went out to dinner and had a few drinks. When I returned home, I threw a chicken breast and some oil in a skillet and turned on the stove to cook it for my 17-year-old son who was working late. While the skillet heated, I went into the living room, turned on the TV and sat down.

The next thing I remember, I was in my front yard being shaken by my neighbor.

I had consumed only a couple of drinks, but they were enough to make me pass out and not notice the smell of the oil smoking in the aluminum pan. Fortunately, a neighbor walking with her 5-year-old son saw the smoke pouring out of my open windows. She sent her son home to dial 911, while she stood at our fence screaming for us to get out of the house. (Our two Rottweilers wouldn't permit anyone to enter our fenced yard.)

My husband heard the neighbor's screams and went outside. When he realized I was still inside, he re-entered the house and found me fast asleep. He dragged me outside moments before the police were going to shoot the dogs to get in.

I am forever indebted to my neighbor and the fire and police departments. I learned a hard lesson I will never forget: **IF YOU DRINK, STAY AWAY FROM THE STOVE! — KAREN IN TAMPA, FLA.**

DEAR KAREN: You had a close call. Since the amount of alcohol you consumed caused you to become unconscious, I hope you called a halt to the drinking. Your frightening experience should have proven to you that when you drink, you're a danger to yourself and others.

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DEAR ABBY: When my daughter was young, I told her that sex was something you shared only when you had strong, special feelings for someone. I encouraged her to tell me when she reached the point she might want to become sexually active so that I could take her to the doctor for birth control.

At 16, she told me she was ready to see the doctor and get the pill. I felt she was still too young, but I honored her request and took her to see our doctor.

On the way home, a little angel on my shoulder prompted me to say, "Remember, honey, just because you can, doesn't mean you have to. The choice is still yours, and you still have the right to say no."

She gave a big sigh of relief. I later learned that she postponed having sex until she was 19. — **LOS ANGELES MOM**

DEAR MOM: How wise you were.

At the age of 16, many teens begin to assert their independence, and they sometimes do so by doing exactly what the parents discourage. Reminding your daughter that the choice was still hers and trusting her to make the right decision was a clever way to handle this tricky situation.

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DEAR ABBY: My friends and I recently discussed this question: What is the appropriate cut-off time to call someone on the telephone? Our answers have ranged anywhere from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. What is your thinking on this? — **CALL-WAITING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CALL-WAITING: The answer depends upon the parties you are calling and the hours they keep. Ask the people in question what would be the latest they would welcome calls and respect their wishes.

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

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 04-16-01
♠ J
♥ Q 8 4
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A K 10 9 8 6

West
♠ 5 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ 7 5 3 2

East
♠ 4 3
♥ A K J 9 6
♦ Q 7 5 4
♣ Q J

South
♠ A K Q 10 9 8 7 6
♥ 10 3
♦ K 2
♣ 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Monday, April 16, 2001

Defense is difficult, not impossible

By Phillip Alder
Bridge has a secret
You do not count the losers
Only count the tricks
— Gaar Potter, Denver, Colo.

What is the hardest part of the game? Without doubt, defense. Because you can see only half your army, it is like fighting with one hand tied behind your back. Declarer, who knows all his assets all the time, enjoys a considerable edge. To try to balance the books, the defense gets to make the opening lead. Sometimes, this decides the fate of the contract — as it should here.

What should West lead against four spades? How should East plan the defense?

South is right to go straight to four spades. He needs only the diamond ace in the dummy to be virtually laydown for his contract. And taking up all that bidding space makes life much harder for the opponents. True, occasionally he will miss a slam, but settling for one spade will be a loser in the long run.

First, lead partner's suit. Second, as you have not supported his suit, select the two: low from a tripleton not headed by the ace (when you either lead the ace or pick another suit). East will win with the jack and should judge that the best shot for four defensive tricks is two in each red suit. So, he will cash the heart ace, then switch to the diamond four, defeating the contract.

Note that if West leads the heart seven, East will think he started with a doubleton and try to cash a third heart trick, with fatal results. Lead high from a doubleton, or with three low cards if you have supported partner's suit, which denies an honor in the suit.

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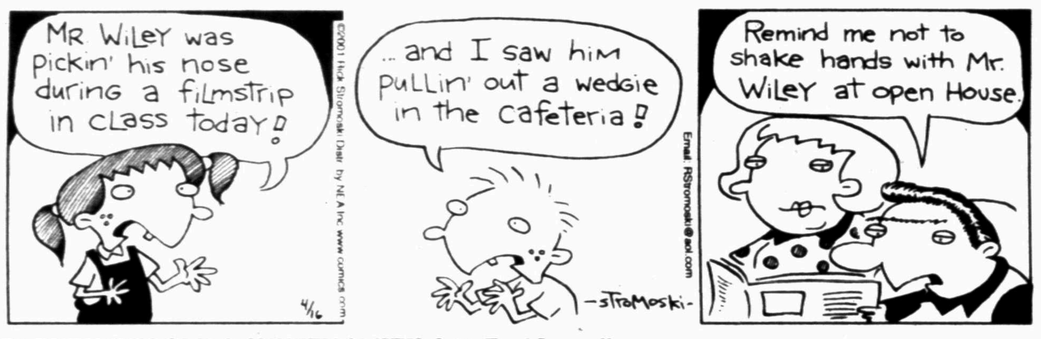
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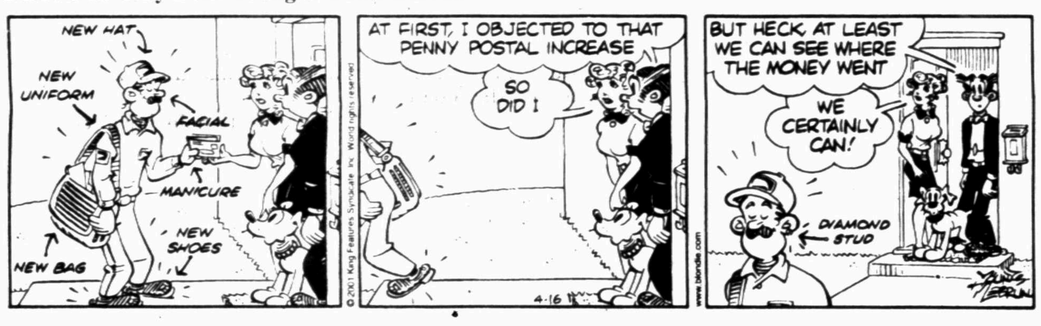
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Fullness
7 Passage between trees
12 Contrive (a scheme)
13 Lawyer's customer
14 Arranged in rows
15 Tenant
16 Stringed instrument
17 — of Good Feeling
18 Luau strings
21 Fold
23 E.T.'s transport
26 Weight allowance
28 Roof overhang
29 English tavern
30 Hazard for Tiger Woods
31 Make amends for
33 Least difficult
36 Arrow poison
37 Map abbr.
38 Okinawan seaport
40 Citrus drinks
41 Sun. speech
42 Chews
44 Draft org.
45 Rage
46 Author Umberto —
48 Ruin
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56 Cleveland's first name
57 Uncovered
58 On this

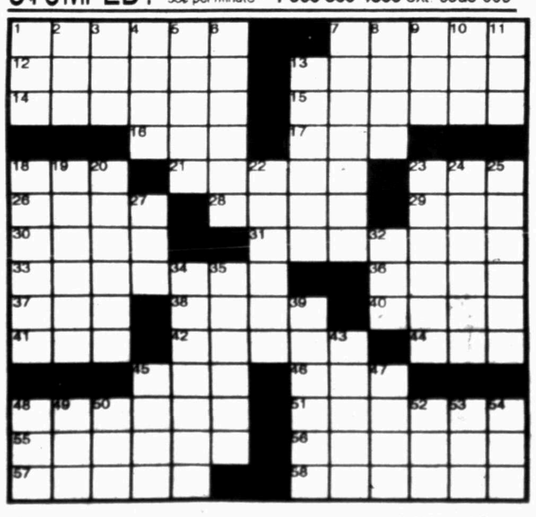
DOWN

1 Ore. summer time
2 Mainlander's memento
3 12/31, e.g.
4 Actor Robert De —
5 Consume totally (2 wds.)
6 Interfere
7 Put on guard
8 Actress Bonet
9 Bandleader Brown
10 Compass pt.
11 Paris season
13 Split with an ax
18 Says
19 Hard-handed defense
20 Pencil end
22 Ms. Kitt
23 Overturns
24 Flares
25 Preoccupy
27 "Gram" start
32 Small inlet
34 Betrothed
35 Made smooth
39 "Anchors —" (1906 song)
43 Tally
45 Lose color
47 Scent
48 New socialite
49 Ms. Gardner
50 Third mo.
52 "— had it!"
53 "Classic" start
54 "West" end

Answer to Previous Puzzle

I	T	S	E	L	F		I	T	A	L	I	C
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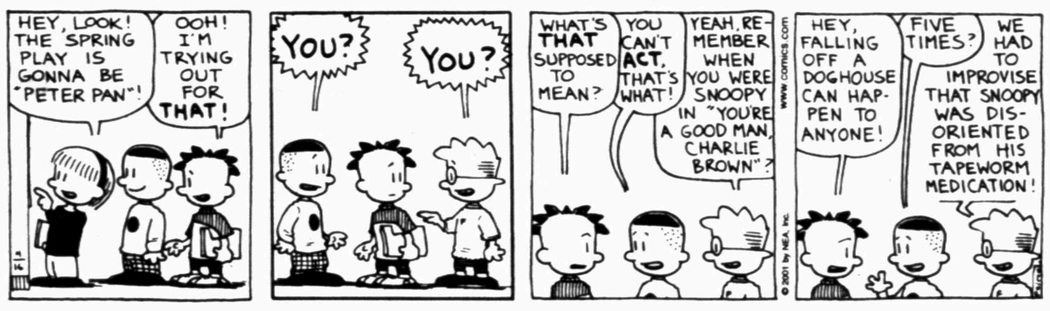
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SPORTS

SHS prepares for regional tourneys

Snyder High School is busily preparing its athletes for upcoming postseason competition.

Snyder has already qualified for four regional tournaments, and can add another postseason berth with a softball victory Tuesday night.

Three members of the SHS tennis squad will compete in the regional tourney next Monday and Tuesday at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

The boys' doubles duo of Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith will be on hand, as well as Patricia Vargas in girls' singles. Gibson teamed up with Adrian Gonzales last year to earn a berth in the state tournament.

Snyder's toughest competition will likely come from Wichita Falls. Players will be seeded and match-ups will be drawn during Sunday evening's coaches meeting in San Angelo.

Snyder's boys' and girls' golf teams also tee off next Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo at the regional golf tournament.

The Tigers, who captured their first district title since 1993, will compete at Quicksand Golf Club, while the Lady Tigers play at Riverside Golf Course.

The Tigers will likely garner the top seed due to their low scores during district play. Among those battling Snyder for the top two spots will be Andrews, Wichita Falls Rider, Granbury and Southlake Carroll.

The Lady Tigers figure to be in a three-team race. Andrews, the District 4-4A champion, and Southlake Carroll should challenge Snyder for the two state-qualifying spots.

In track and field action, eight members of the SHS boys' track team have advanced to the regional meet April 27-28 at Angelo State University.

Mark Medley qualified in the shot put and discus, while Jared Thornhill and Jesse Haines advanced in the pole vault.

Distance specialist Rudy Martinez will compete in the mile and two-mile runs, and Wade Pinson will seek a state berth in the 110-meter hurdles.

Matthew Grimmett earned a spot in the 100 and will also run on the Tigers' sprint relay. He'll be joined on the relay by Thornhill, Edwin James and Josh Arizmendi.

SHS can secure another postseason berth Tuesday night with a victory by the Lady Tiger softball squad. A win over Plainview at Cates Field would lock up second place for the Lady Tigers.



HEADED FOR THE WIRE — Snyder's Matthew Grimmett runs in the 100-meter dash at the District 4-4A track meet Saturday. Grimmett and seven other Tigers will take part in a regional qualifiers' meet this weekend in either Wall or Lamesa, before competing in the regional meet April 27-28 in San Angelo. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local Schedule

TUESDAY
Baseball
Big Spring at Snyder, 7 p.m.
Softball
Plainview at Snyder, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY
Baseball
Estacado at Snyder, 7 p.m.
Softball
Snyder at Andrews, 7:30

Sports Briefs

Snyder Softball Association

Snyder Girls' Softball Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank. All board members should attend.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be queen of the hill.

Lions Club tournament

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

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

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

National Hockey League Playoffs

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
Thursday, April 12
St. Louis 3, San Jose 1
New Jersey 5, Carolina 1
Washington 1, Pittsburgh 0
Colorado 5, Vancouver 4
Friday, April 13
Toronto 1, Ottawa 0, OT
Saturday, April 14
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1, series tied 1-1
Buffalo 4, Philadelphia 3, OT, Buffalo leads series 2-0
Detroit 4, Los Angeles 0
San Jose 1, St. Louis 0, series tied 1-1
Edmonton 4, Dallas 3
Toronto 3, Ottawa 0, Toronto leads series 2-0
Colorado 2, Vancouver 1, Colorado leads series 2-0
Sunday, April 15
New Jersey 2, Carolina 0, New Jersey leads series 2-0
Dallas 3, Edmonton 2, OT, Dallas leads series 2-1
Los Angeles 2, Detroit 1, Detroit leads series 2-1
Monday, April 16
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Mavs tested by SuperSonics

SEATTLE (AP) — What looked like a mild playoff tuneup for the Dallas Mavericks suddenly turned into an overtime scramble against the Seattle SuperSonics.

But that may have been all to the good, the Mavericks' Shawn Bradley said.

"We can't be passive and jump in the playoffs and say 'OK, now we're going to play playoff basketball.' Few of us have ever been there, and we don't know what that takes," Bradley said, after the Mavericks held off the late-charging Sonics for a 107-99 overtime victory.

The Mavericks (51-29), who are in the playoffs this season after an NBA-worst 11-year drought, led by at least nine for most of the second half. But the Sonics had pulled within three with 2.9 seconds left when Gary Payton was fouled by Howard Eisley on a spinning 3-point attempt.

Payton hit all three free throws for the 94-94 tie, and Dirk Nowitzki missed a 3-pointer at the regulation buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Nowitzki hit a fast-break dunk for a six-point lead with 44 seconds left in overtime, and Michael Finley hit two foul shots with 33 seconds left for the final margin.

The Mavericks pulled within a game of Utah in the race for the fourth seed in the Western Conference playoffs. The Jazz lost 107-100 to the Minnesota Timberwolves earlier Sunday.

"The playoffs was our big goal, but now that we've achieved that goal, we want more," said Nowitzki, who was upset that the Mavericks gave up a nine-point lead in the final minutes.

"We didn't do a good job of closing them out," he said. "We let them hang around the whole game, and I think we should have been up in the fourth quarter by 20."

"I was a little disappointed with our mental approach to the game," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "Physically, we were there, but mentally we made too many errors."

Finley finished with 26 points for Dallas, while Nowitzki had 22 points and 15 rebounds. Bradley added 10 points and 13 rebounds, and Juwan Howard had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Astros fall to Cards, 6-5

ST. LOUIS (AP) — J.D. Drew's been hitting behind rookie Albert Pujols the last five games, so he's a bit puzzled that he's not been driving in more runs.

"Maybe I should be hitting more than solo shots," said Drew, who hit a tiebreaking home run in the sixth inning as the St. Louis Cardinals ended a three-game losing streak with a 6-5 victory over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

Drew has homered in three of his last four starts and has four after connecting off Jay Powell (1-0) to lead off the sixth. But he's batting only .226 with six RBIs.

Pujols, a 21-year-old longshot to make the team in spring training, was 3-for-4 to extend his hitting streak to nine games. He's batting .429 overall and leads the Cardinals with 12 RBIs.

Pujols and catcher Eli Marrero both made good defensive plays to prevent the Astros from tying it in the ninth. Craig Biggio walked to open the ninth off Dave Veres and went to third on a wild pickoff throw. Biggio broke for home on Jeff Bagwell's grounder and was out at the plate, as Marrero snared Pujols' one-hop throw.

"I knew what to do with the ball if it came to me," Pujols said. "It's too bad I didn't make a perfect throw, but we got the out."

National Basketball Association

All Times EDT
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Philadelphia	55	25	.688	—
x-Miami	48	32	.600	7
x-New York	47	33	.588	8
x-Orlando	43	37	.538	12
Boston	36	45	.444	19½
New Jersey	26	55	.321	29½
Washington	19	61	.238	36

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Milwaukee	51	29	.638	—
x-Toronto	45	35	.563	6
x-Charlotte	44	36	.550	7
x-Indiana	40	40	.500	11
Detroit	32	48	.400	19
Cleveland	29	51	.363	22
Atlanta	24	56	.300	27
Chicago	13	67	.163	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	57	23	.713	—
x-Utah	52	28	.650	5
x-Dallas	51	29	.638	6
x-Minnesota	47	33	.588	10
Houston	44	37	.543	13½
Denver	39	41	.488	18
Vancouver	22	58	.275	35

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	55	26	.679	—
x-Sacramento	54	26	.675	½
x-Phoenix	50	30	.625	4½
x-Portland	50	31	.617	5
Seattle	43	38	.531	12
L.A. Clippers	30	50	.375	24½
Golden State	17	63	.213	37½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Saturday's Games
Detroit 129, Atlanta 124, OT
San Antonio 111, Denver 95
Milwaukee 112, Toronto 86
Houston 100, Vancouver 95
L.A. Clippers 106, Golden State 94
Sunday's Games
Boston 95, New Jersey 88
Philadelphia 89, New York 82
Cleveland 106, Washington 98
Orlando 90, Miami 73
Indiana 93, Chicago 86
Minnesota 107, Utah 100
L.A. Lakers 105, Portland 100
Charlotte 99, Detroit 90
Dallas 107, Seattle 99, OT
Phoenix 88, Sacramento 86
Monday's Games
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Rodriguez breaks slump against A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez deserves what he gets, Jason Giambi says.

"He's pretty phenomenal," the A's first baseman and last season's AL MVP said. "We made him look like he's worth about $300 million."

Rodriguez had just two RBI and hadn't hit a home run for Texas before the weekend series against the Oakland Athletics. He was batt8ing .297.

Now he has four homers and 13 RBI, raising his average to .362, as the Rangers visit his former team, the hot Seattle Mariners, in a three-game series that starts Monday night.

On Sunday, Rodriguez hit two of Texas' five homers and knocked in five runs as the Rangers beat the A's 10-8 for Oakland's seventh straight loss.

The 16th multihomer game of Rodriguez'sning. Rusty Greer and Randy Velarde also homered for Texas.

Before hitting his first home run of the season against the A's on Friday night, Alex Rodriguez was homerless in 39 at-bats, the longest season-opening drought of his career.

A-Rod, who signed a 10-year, $252 million contract with the Rangers as a free agent in the off-season, also had a two-run shot off Heredia in the first inning.

Darren Oliver (3-0) allowed six runs — five earned — in five innings, struck out two and walked one. His three wins are already more than he had all last season, when he went 2-9 in 21 starts.

Mike Venafro worked the ninth inning for his first save. Closer Tim Crabtree was not available because of muscle spasms he had after Saturday's game.

Venafro walked the bases loaded, but got Jeremy Giambi to hit a comebacker that the reliever turned into a game-ending double play.

"I thought I hit the ball hard, but he happened to catch it," Jeremy Giambi said. "What can you do?"

With the loss, the A's matched their franchise-worst 2-10 start in 1998. They had not lost seven consecutive games since July 21-29, 1998, when they lost nine straight.

And it is the first time the A's have lost seven consecutive games at the Coliseum since May 3-22, 1994, when they lost eight straight at home.

Heredia allowed eight runs on eight hits over 4 2-3 innings.

SJHS linksters capture top spots at Eden event

EDEN — Snyder Junior High earned one title and two runner-up finishes at the Eden golf tournament.

Snyder took first and second in the girls' competition, while the SJHS boys took second and sixth.

In the nine-hole girls' competition, Snyder A fired a 240 to win the event.

Meggan Minor carded a 56, followed by Jessica Davis with a 59. Christi Williams tallied a 62. Katie Curry turned in a 63 and Brooke Jackson finished with a 66.

Snyder B totaled a 275, led by Dondi Brock's 64.

Kendra Martinez came in with a 67, while Amber Luecke posted a 69 and Bianca Gonzales shot a 75.

In the 18-hole boys' competition, Snyder A fired a 363 to finish second behind San Angelo.

Jay Weaver's 84 paced the Tigers. Alan Gray posted an 86, while Blake Seale tallied an 89. Tanner Bloom carded a 104 and Wes Chandler finished with a 120.

Snyder B finished with a 495. Cale Lancaster registered a 116, while Cole Robertson turned in a 123. Tyler Hogan fired a 127, and Michael Parsley came in with a 129.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	7	4	.636	—
Montreal	7	5	.583	½
Atlanta	6	7	.462	2
Florida	4	7	.364	3
New York	4	8	.333	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	8	4	.667	—
Houston	8	4	.667	—
Cincinnati	7	6	.538	1½
St. Louis	6	6	.500	2
Milwaukee	6	7	.462	2½
Pittsburgh	4	8	.333	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	7	5	.583	—
Los Angeles	7	6	.538	½
Colorado	6	6	.500	1
San Diego	6	6	.500	1
Arizona	4	8	.333	3

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Houston 7, St. Louis 4
Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 6
Colorado 9, Arizona 8
Montreal 8, Florida 2
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1
Milwaukee 11, San Francisco 6
San Diego 5, Los Angeles 4
Sunday's Games
Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Florida 6, Montreal 3
Milwaukee 7, San Francisco 4
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 10, Arizona 7, 10 innings
St. Louis 6, Houston 5
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 4
Monday's Games
Houston (Miller 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Penny 0-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Chen 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 0-2) at St. Louis (Morris 1-1), 8:10 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	9	4	.692	—
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Baltimore	5	7	.417	3½
Tampa Bay	4	8	.333	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	9	2	.818	—
Cleveland	5	6	.455	4
Chicago	4	7	.364	5
Detroit	4	7	.364	5
Kansas City	3	9	.250	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	9	3	.750	—
Texas	7	6	.538	2½
Anaheim	6	6	.500	3
Oakland	2	10	.167	7

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 2
Toronto 5, Kansas City 4
Detroit 1, Cleveland 0
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 5
Texas 9, Oakland 8
Minnesota 9, Chicago White Sox 4
Seattle 2, Anaheim 1
Sunday's Games
Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Kansas City 4, Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 4
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 7, Anaheim 5
Cleveland at Detroit, ppd., rain
Texas 10, Oakland 8
Monday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 1-0) at Boston (Castillo 0-1), 11:05 a.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-1) at Baltimore (Johnson 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichart 0-1) at Minnesota (Mays 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Glynn 0-2) at Seattle (Sele 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 0-1) at Anaheim (Washburn 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

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Navy families celebrate crew's return

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (AP) — Church bells rang for a joyous Easter Sunday in this Navy town where crew members, given a hero's welcome after being held in China, spent their first full day reunited with family and friends.

"We are most of all happy because of the return of the 24 crew members," the Rev. John O'Leary told a crowd of hundreds, which overflowed from St. Augustine Catholic Church on a sunny spring day.

On Saturday, a military passenger jet brought the 21 men and three women back to their base at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station after 11 days on Hainan island, where their surveillance plane was forced to land after a collision with a Chinese fighter jet. They were released after diplomatic talks.

"God has cared for them, watched over them. We are particularly happy because Lt. Richard Payne is with us again," O'Leary said.

Payne, a native of Pampa, Texas, shook hands with well-wishers as he stood quietly along the wall with his mother, Brenda Payne, and other family members. "We're just glad he's home," said Brenda Payne, who made the trip from Pampa for her son's homecoming.

"The whet back up flying."

Congregations all over this town of 21,000 outside the Navy base 50 miles north of Seattle celebrated.

A big sign outside Southern Baptist Church proclaimed, "Praise God They're Back." Everyone at the ladies' Bible study group, which met before Easter services, talked about the welcome-home celebration that drew 7,000 people to a [illegible] hangar.

"To have them home for Easter was incredible," said Sharon Cohen, a member whose husband is retired from the military.

At First United Methodist Church, where the church bell was rung 24 times every day last week for the 24 crew members, the Rev. David Lura gave thanks for their return.

The military passenger jet with returned crew members on board touched down at Whidbey Island on Saturday. Hundreds of sailors and officers stood at attention, while the crowd waved flags and signs.

'Spy Kids,' 'Spider' most popular films

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A bawdy romance, a funeral flick, a gross-out comedy and a cartoon adaptation could not compete with a family of spies and cops on a kidnapping case.

"Spy Kids" held the top spot at the box office for the third straight weekend, grossing $12.8 million to bring its 17-day total to $68.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"The good news is it's not just getting kids. Their parents are liking it, too," said Mark Gill, West Coast president of Miramax, which released "Spy Kids."

Last weekend's No. 2 film, the abduction thriller "Along Came a Spider," held the second spot again with $11.3 million to boost its 10-day take to $33.7 million.

The top six films were bunched up within a few million dollars, and the rankings could change Monday when final figures are released.

In third place was the new film "Bridget Jones's Diary," starring Renee Zellweger as a lovelorn Londoner who sets out on some lusty misadventures. The film opened with $10.8 million and had a solid average of $6,713 a cinema playing in 1,611 theaters.

The three other new movies opened Wednesday to get a head start on Easter weekend.

David Spade's raunchy comedy "Joe Dirt" premiered at No. 4 with an $8.2 million opening weekend, averaging a so-so $3,108 in 2,638 theaters. The movie, whose audience was mainly young males, has grossed $11.1 million since Wednesday.

Johnny Depp's "Blow" was fifth with $8 million, pushing its 10-day gross to $25.9 million.

"Kingdom Come," a comic take on a funeral gathering, debuted at No. 6 with $7.5 million and a healthy average of $6,760 in 1,111 cinemas. The movie, whose ensemble cast includes Whoopi Goldberg and LL Cool J, has taken in $9.7 million since Wednesday.

Blacks accounted for most of the film's audience, though "Kingdom Come" also did well in some mainly white suburbs and small towns, said Steve Gilula, head of distribution for Fox Searchlight, which released the movie.

"Josie and the Pussycats," adapted from the comic book and cartoon about three teen-age rock 'n' rollers, had a meager seventh-place debut of $5.2 million. Playing in 2,556 theaters, the movie averaged just $2,034.

"It's a little soft, but these things happen," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, which released "Josie." "It's an inexpensive film, so hopefully we won't get hurt too badly on this investment."

Universal had better news on "Bridget Jones," which it produced along with Studio Canal and Miramax, the film's domestic distributor. The film was adapted from the novel by Helen Fielding, who co-wrote the screenplay.

The movie did well with women from ages 18 through their 50s.

"Many of them brought their husbands and boyfriends, so it was a good date movie," said David Brooks, executive president of marketing for Miramax. "In many cases, you had packs of women going, which is always a good thing."

"Bridget Jones" opened simultaneously in Great Britain, where it had a strong debut weekend of $8.4 million.

Both "Bridget Jones" and "Kingdom Come" played in far fewer theaters than most big releases.

"Each studio knew they had films with more of a niche appeal, and they didn't blow these films out into 2,500-plus theaters," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "The demand was right in line with the supply."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures are to be released Monday.

1. "Spy Kids," $12.8 million.
2. "Along Came a Spider," $11.3 million.
3. "Bridget Jones's Diary," $10.8 million.
4. "Joe Dirt," $8.2 million.
5. "Blow," $8 million.
6. "Kingdom Come," $7.5 million.
7. "Josie and the Pussycats," $5.2 million.
8. "Pokemon 3 The Movie," $2.7 million.
9. "Someone Like You," $2.6 million.
10 (tie). "Enemy at the Gates," $2.55 million.

No free peek at preview for fans

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Muggles, be warned.

General Cinemas movie theaters, which have been showing a new trailer for "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," will not give refunds to impatient fans who go to theaters, watch the trailer — which is less than two minutes long — then ask for their money back.

A student of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, Potter's training ground for magic, might invisibly float into the theater. But ordinary folks — magic-deprived "muggles," as they are known in the wildly popular children's books — must buy nonrefundable tickets.

"We've posted signs that if they're to see the trailer, they can't come out and ask for a refund afterward," said General Cinemas spokesman Brian Callaghan. "If they're big fans and come out to catch a glimpse of Harry Potter, they can't do it for free."

It's a phenomenon first seen with the preview for 1999's "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace," when fans sold out movie theaters just to see the 2½ minute trailer.

Callaghan couldn't say how many die-hard Potter fans were asking for refunds, but it was enough to potentially take a bite out of revenues.

Fans can see the trailer on the Internet, but they won't get the full cinematic experience if they do, he said.

"With the surround digital sound, with the screen that's 40, 50, or 60 feet wide, you really get a better sense than on a computer screen that's 2 or 3 inches wide," he said.

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," due in theaters Nov. 16, stars John Cleese, Robbie Coltrane, Richard Harris, Maggie Smith and Daniel Radcliffe as the young magician.

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Some money might be coming back from this year's check for taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Writing the government a tax check this year? You might get some of it back.

Despite partisan differences, President Bush and Congress are closer than ever to an agreement on tax cuts that would give millions of Americans a tax rebate this year and let them keep a greater share of their earnings over the next decade.

Although the Senate voted earlier this month to trim Bush's 10-year tax cut from $1.6 trillion to $1.2 trillion, that is not the final word on its overall size. Even at the lower amount, everyone who pays income taxes could get a tax cut and the tax penalty for married couples could be eased.

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said Saturday in the Democrats' weekly radio address that the lower figure still would mean "the largest tax cut in a generation" while preserving enough budget surplus money for priorities such as education, debt reduction and defense.

"While each of my 99 Senate colleagues and I want to add, cut, tweak, tinker and rework the budget agreement, the Senate reached a true compromise," said Breaux, who brokered the Senate deal with Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

With Monday's tax filing deadline almost at hand, the chances have improved for an immediate tax rebate as well. The Senate voted overwhelmingly to return $85 billion to taxpayers in the fiscal year that began Oct. 1 as a modest way of stimulating the economy. The House is less enthusiastic, but there is momentum in both parties to give something back as soon as possible.

Under a plan by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., an estimated 120 million taxpayers who paid income taxes or payroll taxes this year would get checks of $500 each as early as July if the proposal wins final approval before then. A second way to return tax dollars is to adjust withholding from people's paychecks for part of the year.

Bush continues to insist that any rebate be part of a longer-term tax cut. The House has passed the four main components of the president's plan and committed to the president's $1.6 trillion figure.

New Mexicans could also benefit from tax break law

SANTA TERESA, N.M. (AP) — New Mexicans also will benefit from a new state law exempting Texans who work in New Mexico manufacturing plants from paying income taxes here.

The law, which takes effect Jan. 1, will exempt Texas residents who work at plants and warehouses within 20 miles of the Texas border, from paying New Mexico personal income tax.

The legislation also requires those plants near the border to increase their New Mexican employee payrolls by 10 percent a year. That can be done by hiring more New Mexicans or by paying current employees 10 percent more.

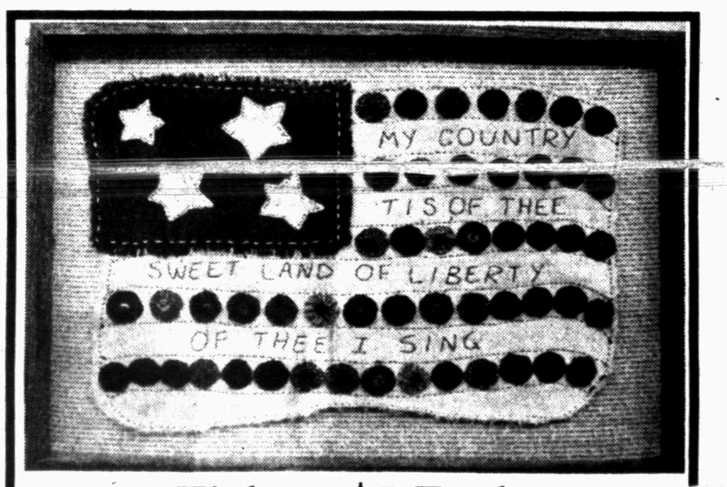
The goal of the tax credit is to create new jobs, state and manufacturing officials said.

"Without a doubt, I encouraged the governor to sign this legislation," said John Garcia, state secretary of economic development. "If the state is going to be serious about economic development reform we don't want to penalize the businesses and people who are interested in working in New Mexico."

Garcia said he had to convince Gov. Gary Johnson that the bill, which seemed controversial, was in the state's best interest.

A limited and poorly trained work force has put New Mexico at a disadvantage in recruiting new businesses along the state's southern border. Texas offers tax incentives to companies and to employees.

The new law is designed to entice companies to locate in New Mexico communities that can now draw from the El Paso work pool.



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Columbine killers said cultural icons to some

DENVER (AP) — Before 13-year-old Seth Trickey shot and wounded five classmates at an Oklahoma middle school, a psychiatrist testified, he wondered what it was like to be in the shoes of the Columbine killers.

When Al DeGuzman was charged with stockpiling 60 homemade bombs to assault a California junior college, police said his Web site listed one of his hobbies as "worshiping Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, as well as other mass murderers."

Web sites and chat rooms with names like "thechurchofdylananderic" still dot the Internet, where people post messages like, "I haven't forgotten nor will I get over it."

Nearly two years after the Columbine High School shootings, the killers have become cultural icons to some researchers say.

The massacre has been blamed in part for at least four subsequent school attacks and three alleged plots aimed at schools. At least 60 other threats mentioning Columbine have been reported worldwide.

Most researchers stop short of saying the Columbine shootings and the public fascination with Harris and Klebold directly inspire more crime.

But the gunmen's images have become powerful, said James Garbarino, a Cornell University professor and author of "Lost Boys: Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them."

"Dylan and Eric set out to become cultural icons for angry, disaffected youth who sought revenge against the nastiness of exclusionary youth culture," he said. "Recent events suggest they succeeded in that."

On Friday it will be two years since Harris and Klebold, heavily armed with weapons and explosives, stormed Columbine, killing 12 classmates and a teacher and wounding 26. They committed suicide in the school library.

Still pending is a combined lawsuit filed by survivors and victims' relatives alleging that sheriff's deputies and school officials ignored warnings of the attack and mishandled the rescue. Officials with both agencies have denied the allegations.

This year, Jefferson County school officials have planned a half-hour observance with a few speeches to mark the anniversary of the Columbine attack.

Dave Grossman, a former West Point professor who is a researcher and law-enforcement trainer, said publicity about crimes such as the Columbine killings can influence others.

"If we recognize and celebrate and immortalize some things we don't want, we'll perpetuate that behavior as well," said Grossman, author of "On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society."

Trickey, who was convicted of shooting with intent to kill in Fort Gibson, was probably influenced heavily by news accounts of the Columbine shootings, defense psychiatrist Dr. Shreekumar Vinekar testified.

"He started wondering what he would do if he were placed in the role of the perpetrators that were previously depicted on the TV and media," Vinekar said.

Trickey also was obsessed with military tactics and wondered how he would react in combat, Vinekar testified.

DeGuzman has pleaded innocent to possession of weapons and explosives. Although the Web site attributed to him referred to "Purification in the form of carnage," his attorney dismisses the idea that he was planning a Columbine-style attack on DeAnza College in San Jose, Calif.

Grossman faulted television for encouraging copycat crimes by broadcasting the names and photos of young killers.

"We know that if we give him his 15 minutes of fame, others will try to repeat the crime," he said. "This is not theory. This is 5,000 years of recorded human history."

Garbarino said a fascination with what he called the dark side of culture also helps turn killers into celebrities for some.

"Thirty-five years ago, if a kid walked into your school with body piercing and black makeup, almost certainly somebody would say, 'We've got to find out what's troubling this kid,'" he said.

Today, he said, "Adolescent culture has sort of taken on this foray into the dark side. For troubled kids, this feeds their trouble."

Seth Shatsnider, who started an Internet chat room called "ElevenSeventeen" — a reference to the hour and minute reportedly found on Harris and Klebold's Columbine bomb timers— said it is naive to think the Internet can influence someone to commit a crime.

"There's a difference between wanting to do something like that and doing it," said Shatsnider, 22, of Tujunga, Calif.

ElevenSeventeen has drawn 155 members and nearly 5,000 postings since it started eight months ago. Many members' messages express sympathy for the victims and revulsion over the killings.

Shatsnider struggles for words when he tries to explain the interest in Columbine.

"I think it's too crazy to be put into words," he said. "The whole thing. The myth, the excitement about it. It's like nothing else that's happened."

Parents are limited in what they can do to protect their children from negative role models because of easy access to the media and the hours children spend away from home, Garbarino said.

"Parents also need to realize what they can do is not directly as parents, but as citizens, by what they support as social policy," he said.

School attacks have multiple causes and cannot be stopped with a single policy, he said.

Garbarino was once asked where to point the blame for incidents like Columbine. "The answer is, you need a whole handful of fingers of blame," he said.

Rapper Sean Combs arrested again

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Rapper Sean Combs was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license after police pulled him over while he was riding a scooter along a South Beach strip.

Police pulled Combs over Saturday night for making an illegal lane change, said Miami Beach Police Sgt. Peter Bitume.

A driver's license check showed Combs' license was suspended, so he was arrested and released 20 minutes later after he signed a promise to appear in court, Bitume said.

The charge is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to $500 and possibly jail time, Bitume said.

Combs' spokeswoman said Sunday that the rapper's license appeared to be suspended because of a paperwork delay.

"Due to the holiday weekend, paperwork that was processed in New York regarding his license had yet to reach the national system," said Nathalie Moar.

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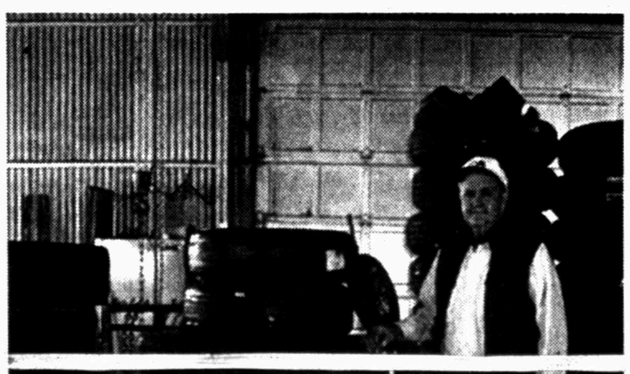
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War crimes suspect hustled to Hague

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands (AP) — NATO-led peacekeeping forces arrested a top war crimes suspect in Bosnia and hustled him to The Hague today to stand trial on genocide charges linked to Europe's biggest massacre since World War II.

Dragan Obrenovic, former chief of staff of a Bosnian Serb unit, was arrested Sunday in Bosnia by U.N. investigators working with U.S. troops. Dutch radio and television said Obrenovic was brought to the Netherlands during the night and put into a detention cell at the U.N. war crimes tribunal.

He was expected to make an initial appearance before U.N. judges within a few days to enter a plea.

Obrenovic was under a secret indictment for allegedly participating in the July 1995 attack against Muslims in the eastern enclave of Srebrenica during Bosnia's 1992-1995 war. Srebrenica was a so-called safe zone protected by the United Nations until Serb forces overran the town, killing up to 7,500 Muslims and Croats and expelling the rest of the Muslim population.

Details of Obrenovic's arrest were unclear, but Bosnian Serb Television said he was detained by three men and one woman in the Bosnian town of Zvornik and was rushed away in a car. Police stopped the car, then let it go after they realized who the officials were, the television station said.

In a statement issued Sunday night, NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson said the arrest was conducted by the NATO-led Stabilization Force, or SFOR, in Bosnia. The White House said U.S. troops took part in the operation.

Robertson said Obrenovic is accused of "the extermination of thousands of Bosnian Muslim males, complicity of genocide, violation of the laws and customs of war, crimes against humanity, and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, including murder, torture, and racial and religious persecutions."

NATO is committed to arresting those indicted for war crimes, Robertson said, adding: "Each one sent to The Hague makes it easier to build a lasting peace in the Balkans.

A tribunal spokeswoman, Florence Hartmann, welcomed the arrest.

"We hope that this will lead to other arrests in the next weeks. There are still some 10 fugitives in the Bosnian Serb entity," Hartmann told the British Broadcasting Corp.

The White House said in a statement that such arrests are an "essential step in consolidating the peace and promoting the rule of law in Bosnia."

Obrenovic's lawyer, Krstan Simic, told Bosnian Serb Television that the indictment was kept secret and said the move "appalled" him. Obrenovic previously had cooperated with investigators and told them he was ready to surrender if the court issued an indictment against him, Simic said.

Another Bosnian commander, Gen. Radislav Krstic, is already on trial for his alleged role at Srebrenica. He was apprehended in December 1998.

The White House statement said blame also should be borne by Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb political leader during the war, and military leader Gen. Ratko Mladic.

"Srebrenica represents one of the darkest episodes in the recent tragedy that befell Bosnia," it said. "This barbaric operation was conducted under the overall command of Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic, who are also indicted by the U.S. and who also deserve to face justice in The Hague."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Prostate cancer may grow slowly

DEAR DR. GOTT: Four years ago, my husband had surgery for an enlarged prostate gland. At that time, the doctor discovered a small "dot" of prostate cancer. He advised my husband just "to wait and see," rather than committing him to additional therapy. Is there really nothing that needs to be done? Must we simply wait until the cancer spreads?

DEAR READER: I've always felt uncomfortable about not addressing small areas of prostate cancer that are accidentally discovered. In fact, I've suggested in previous columns that such areas should be treated with anti-hormone drugs to retard malignant growth and spread.

However, several urologists have written to reassure me that prostate cancer 1) is usually slow-growing, 2) does not spread for years, and 3) does not need therapy unless it grows.

The customary procedure nowadays is to "wait and see." If a man has prostate surgery because of glandular overgrowth, and a small cancerous area is discovered fortuitously, most urologists would evaluate the patient with the prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and a digital rectal examination every six to 12 months. Therefore, your husband's doctor has chosen an approach that is probably correct.

Nonetheless, some types of prostate cancer are far from indolent; these highly malignant cells will aggressively invade surrounding tissue or spread to bone. Such a dangerous situation is usually apparent to the surgeon at the time of operation — or may be revealed by a bone scan. In these cases, follow-up treatment with chemotherapy or radiation is vital.

From your description (and the fact that your husband has remained in good health for four years), I conclude that the surgeon properly chose to withhold therapy and monitor the situation. If the follow-up testing I mentioned were to show a problem, however, treatment would be necessary.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard that regular physical exercise can prevent cancer. Is this true?

DEAR READER: According to the Dec. 9, 2000, issue of The British Medical Journal, "physical activity has marked effects on several functions of the human body that may influence cancer risk."

To begin with, colon cancer has been shown to be affected. Physically active men and women have half the statistical risk of cancer in comparison to their sedentary counterparts. This relationship is believed due to several mechanisms, consisting primarily of favorable effects on insulin, bile acids and other body chemicals that are the consequences of strenuous activity. In addition, exercise reduces bowel transmit time, thereby limiting the colon's exposure to dietary carcinogens.

Second, breast and uterine malignancies are often related to the body's production of sex hormones, which is moderated by exercise. Those women who engage in physical exertion have a 30-percent lower incidence of breast cancer; the relationship to uterine cancer is not as striking, however.

Third, by improving pulmonary ventilation and thereby reducing the lungs' exposure to inhaled carcinogens, exercise may lead to a reduction in the incidence of lung cancer. (It should be noted that physically active adults are far less likely to smoke; thus, exercise itself is probably not the most important variable.)

Finally, some studies have shown that regular exercise may play an important role in the treatment and rehabilitation of cancer patients in general. Thus far, the data are not conclusive enough to warrant across-the-board recommendations.

As the British doctors reported, not all cancer risk is affected by exercise; nonetheless, no studies have shown that physical activity increases the risk of any cancer.

In summary, moderate, regular exercise (such as walking and bicycling) appears to act as a deterrent for some cancers, as well as having the proven benefits of cardiovascular conditioning, lessening depression, preventing some forms of diabetes and helping people maintain an appropriate body weight.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." 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.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 17, 2001

Unusual conditions could exist in the year ahead but ultimately proving to be quite advantageous for you. Don't fight the tides, instead flow with them to see where they want to take you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If things should not go exactly as you had anticipated today, don't hesitate for one minute to make the necessary adjustments. Adapting to the unexpected is your cup of tea.

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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Even if you have to tread in unfamiliar pastures today, experiment a little. What first might appear a bit outlandish could prove to be quite profitable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The key to operating effectively today will be to ascertain the desires and needs of others first. By diagnosing their wants, you'll discover how to fulfill your own.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — When it comes to commercial matters, it could prove wise today to listen to the suggestions of those who have some experience. They may have an idea or two that hadn't occurred to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your powers of evaluation could be much keener than usual today, so trust your judgment should you have to make a quick on-the-spot decision on something important to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A well-calculated risk concerning your career might actually work in your favor today. If you believe you're absolutely sure you can pull it off, do so without reservation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You possess a wonderful asset at this time of turning acquaintances into friends. Make this marvelous quality go to work for you today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Do not leave unresolved today any matter of paramount, personal importance to you. You will have the powers of persuasion working on your behalf at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Grinding and haggling over insignificant points today isn't likely to sweeten the pot any. Thus, if negotiating for something of value, make your best offer right up front.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Larger than usual rewards are in the offing today for work well done. They could come in way of a raise, bonus or a special gift that will mean a lot to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The more you can separate your emotions from your logic today, the greater your objectivity and accuracy will be in assessing people or events. This will be important to you personally.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You could learn something today of immense value through a chance remark of another. Strive to be a good listener, because you'll never know when the comment will be dropped.

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Dudley Moore to celebrate 66th birthday

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Dudley Moore, star of "Arthur" and "10," sent an open invitation to guests wanting to help celebrate his 66th birthday at a benefit concert.

"It's a very low key affair at a little place . . . Carnegie Hall," Moore wrote. "You can only imagine how my supposed friends are going to try to embarrass me with clips from the many movies I've made — fortunately there are a couple of duds by ol' Dud that they won't be able to find, even at a discount video store."

Moore, who is suffering from a Parkinson's-like brain disorder called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, is to be entertained by stars including hosts Sir Michael Caine and Dame Julie Andrews along with guests Mary Tyler Moore, Chevy Chase and Bo Derek, Moore's co-star in "10."

Proceeds from the event will benefit two of Moore's charities: Music for all Seasons and the Dudley Research Fund for PSP.

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A female dolphin may live 35 years and have a dozen young in her lifetime, while a skipjack tuna that lives only 10 years may produce 2 million eggs in a single 90-day spawning season, notes *National Geographic*.

Texas Briefs

Gunman kills two, himself

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A gunman killed his girlfriend and his brother and shot at police before killing himself in his apartment, police said.

The gunman was identified as Terrence Mabry, 21. He and Faye Spencer, 27, who also lived in the apartment, were pronounced dead at the scene. His brother, Tristan, 15, who was shot from behind, was found near the apartment. Attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful, and he died en route to a hospital, officials said.

Police said several shots could be heard when Spencer called police about 3 a.m. Sunday to report she had been wounded.

"She said she had been shot and even when the dispatchers were on the phone, they heard more shots," Grand Prairie police detective John Brimmer said.

Authorities said they tried to negotiate with Mabry, but he refused to speak with a negotiator and his telephone was off the hook.

Authorities hadn't determined a motive for the shootings at Grand Manor Apartments, which are near Interstate 30 in Grand Prairie.

Car charge depends on GLO

GALVESTON (AP) — A city plan to charge $20 per car to cruise the Seawall during next weekend's annual Beach Party could be scrapped if the General Land Office decides it hampers beach access.

The city uses cruising fees from the event, which last year drew more than 200,000 mostly black college and high school students, to offset $425,000 in expenses. The money would come from police funds if the state disallows the fees.

"That will throw a wrench into the whole thing," Mayor Roger "Bo" Quiroga said. "We need the cooperation of the General Land Office to make this thing happen."

The city has been asked to provide the state with specific plans for traffic routes, parking and an entertainment zone during Beach Party Weekend.

Bush attends outdoor service

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush and his family celebrated Easter Sunday at a sunrise church service, joining in a prayer of thanks for the safe return of 24 U.S. service members held in China.

Three generations of Bushes attended the outdoor service near Bush's ranch, including the president's parents, former President Bush and Barbara Bush; his mother-in-law, Jenna Welch; his wife, Laura; his brother Marvin; and his daughter Jenna.

About 150 people sat on folding chairs at Canaan Baptist Church, on a slight bluff overlooking central Texas pastures. The site was bordered on one side by a field ablaze with wildflowers, on another by a cemetery.

Oil Patch News

Borden County

Texaco will drill the No. 4330 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,600 feet, location is in Section 22, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

First Permian will drill the No. 1857-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 10 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,250 feet, and location is in Section 27, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 540-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Also planned for a depth of 3,250 feet, drill site is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Newkumet Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1-18 Val Verde Powell, an 8,100-foot wildcat located three miles southeast of Coahoma. Location is in Section 18, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Devon SFS Operating will drill the No. 4-N14 Allday, an 8,300-foot wildcat located three miles south of Coahoma. Drill site is in Section 14, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Devon SFS Operating will drill the No. 3-21 Bond, an 8,300-foot wildcat located five miles southwest of Coahoma. Drill site is in Section 21, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Devon SFS Operating will drill the No. 4-15 Allday, an 8,300-foot wildcat located four miles southwest of Coahoma. Location is in Section 15, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Devon SFS Operating will drill the no. 3-15 Allday, an 8,300-foot wildcat located four miles southwest of Coahoma. Location is in Section 15, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 10 Clay, a re-completion project in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,350 feet, location is in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating Co. will drill the No. 19 H.R. Clay in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile west of Chalk. The re-completion is contracted for 4,001 feet, and location is in Section126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 18 H.R. Clay in the same field, one mile west of Chalk. Also planned for a depth of 4,001 feet, location is in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize. Operating will drill the No. 14-A Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles east of Forsan. Planned depth is 4,001 feet, and location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 6 Otis Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile east of Forsan. Scheduled for a depth of 4,001 feet, location is in Section 125, Block 19, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 9-A Chalk in the same field, one mile west of Chalk. Also set for a depth of 4,001 feet, location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 18-A Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile east of Chalk. Drill site is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 4-A Chalk in the same field, one mile west of Chalk. Contracted for 4,001 feet, location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

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Prize Operating will drill the No. 4 Clay in the same field, four miles east of Forsan. Scheduled depth is 4,001 feet, and location is in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

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Cincinnati considers lifting curfew

CINCINNATI (AP) — The sign in the Music Hall parking garage summed up a week of racial tension: Weekend events canceled.

Now, more than a week since the police shooting of an unarmed black man spawned protests that resulted in vandalism, looting and more than 700 arrests, city officials have to decide if it's time to lift a nighttime curfew that has been in effect since Thursday.

"It's put a dent in my income, that's for sure," a taxi driver who declined to give his name said shortly after Sunday night's curfew went into effect.

The citywide curfew prohibited citizens from being on the streets except for work or emergencies, but the cabby hoped to pick up a few more fares — "people going to work or getting off work, or going to hospitals," he said.

After three days of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfews, city officials moved back the start of Sunday's curfew to 11 p.m. On Monday they had to decide whether to lift the curfew or tell the Cincinnati Reds to reschedule their game with the Milwaukee Brewers from Tuesday night to that afternoon.

City Council planned a special session on Tuesday to discuss demands by black leaders for a city ordinance allowing officials to bypass Cincinnati police officers and firefighters when hiring new chiefs for those divisions.

The city charter requires that chiefs be promoted from the ranks, but black leaders say that perpetuates alleged problems within the divisions. Council's meeting will be its first since last Monday's meeting of the law committee was taken over by about 250 shouting demonstrators, paving the way for clashes in the streets.

The flash point for the protests was the fatal shooting April 7 of Timothy Thomas, 19, who fled from police officers who tried to arrest him on 14 warrants, mostly for traffic charges. Thomas was the fourth black man killed in a confrontation with police since November, the 15th since 1995.

Mayor Charlie Luken and Gov. Bob Taft spoke at Thomas' funeral Saturday, urging calm, as did NAACP President Kweisi Mfume and Martin Luther King III.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who cut short a trip to Africa to fly to Cincinnati, said Sunday that the federal government must take a leadership role in improving relationships between city police departments and blacks.

Congress' debate on China complicated by standoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — China is eager to keep tensions with the United States over the spy plane incident separate from trade relations between the two countries, but both Democrats and Republicans say that may be difficult.

"They've already paid a price," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." The Chinese "will find harder going for them in the United States Congress."

Several other lawmakers agreed with that assessment on the Sunday television talk shows.

A top Chinese trade official, meanwhile, cautioned against linking the incident with an expected vote over China's trade relations with the United States. Trade ministry spokesman Gao Yan was quoted by the government-run China News Service as saying "China doesn't wish to fight a trade war with any country."

The Bush administration is likely to face a decision this summer on whether to propose trade benefits to China for another year because Beijing's efforts to be admitted to the World Trade Organization, which sets rules on international commerce, have bogged down.

But several lawmakers said the standoff involving the collision of a Navy surveillance plane and a Chinese fighter jet two weeks ago is likely to have lasting effects.

"This is not some incident that will pass in the night; this will cause a fundamental change in our relations with China," Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "There will be retribution."

Other lawmakers counseled caution in handling decisions affecting China.

"It is in the best interest of our country and the world to put this relationship back on track," Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said on CBS.

Meetings with China over the airplane incident are to start Wednesday, with many expecting the Bush administration will take a hard line.

A week ago, top officials such as Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell made the administration's case on the talk shows for the release of the detained air crew of 24 Americans. On Sunday, none appeared on them.

President Bush stayed at his Texas ranch on Saturday rather than attend the crew's homecoming ceremony in Washington state. He did send them greetings.

"He does not believe that politicians need to always insert themselves into tender moments," Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

The spy plane's pilot, Lt. Shane Osborn, said he was not offended that Bush stayed away and said the president invited the crew to visit the White House later.

"It didn't matter," Osborn said on ABC's "This Week." "As long as the family was here, it really didn't matter who else was here."

Police answer a variety of calls

• ***Suicide threat, attempt***

Officers were called to a residence in the 100 block of Browning at 10:18 p.m. Saturday in reference to a 46-year-old female threatening suicide. An MHMR representative met with the woman, and she signed an agreement not to harm herself.

Officers also took a pistol into possession for safekeeping.

An offense report for attempted suicide was filed at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in reference to a 29-year-old male attempting to overdose on prescription medicine. The man was admitted to Cogdell Memorial Hospital after being transported to the hospital by Snyder EMS.

• ***Assaults***

An offense report for Class A assault was filed over the weekend in reference to a 24-year-old female being kicked in the left knee at the American Legion around 12:01 a.m. Saturday.

An 18-year-old female and a 15-year-old female involved in a disturbance Saturday filed assault charges on one another. According to the reports, the two females had pulled each other's hair.

• ***Gas drive-offs***

Gas drive-offs in the amount of $25.02 and $5 occurred at Town & Country on North College Avenue at 8:15 a.m. Saturday and 12:08 a.m. Sunday.

• ***Dog bite***

Officer Kyle Haley, 25, was bitten by a pit bulldog while trying to restrain the animal at 7:33 p.m. Saturday in the alley of the 200 block of 33rd Street. The dog was taken to the animal shelter for observation.

• ***Gravel taken***

Robert Kidd asked peace officers to keep a close watch in the area of 1741 Voss Lane in reference to gravel being stolen out of his driveway.

• ***Arrests***

A 41-year-old female was taken into custody at 9:16 p.m. on the south side of Lake Thomas for public intoxication.

At 11 p.m. Saturday, a Department of Public Safety trooper took three subjects into custody at Hwy. 350 and FM 2763. A 31-year-old woman was jailed for a Brown County misdemeanor warrant for theft by check while a 32-year-old man was arrested on a Martin County warrant for Class B theft by check. A 54-year-old man was also jailed for public intoxication.

Obituaries

James Sawyer

1934-2001

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

Graveside service for Mr. Sawyer, 66, was held this morning in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Avenue D Baptist Church, officiated and arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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

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

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Doc Weaver

1925-2001

HEREFORD — B.J. "Doc" Weaver, former Snyder resident, died Thursday, April 12.

Funeral service for Mr. Weaver, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with Jim Wood officiating. Burial will follow in Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

Born on Feb. 18, 1925 in Greenville, he married Colleen Collett on March 23, 1946 in Clovis, N.M. She died March 15, 1999.

Mr. Weaver moved from Snyder to Deaf Smith County in 1968. He was a chiropractor and a member of Temple Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 849 and was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4817.

Survivors include four sons, Billy Jack Weaver Jr. of Clovis, Bobby Weaver of Dimmitt, Tommy Weaver of Grand Prairie and Terry Kearns of Hereford; a sister, Patsy Ruth Rush of Poteau, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

C.P. Alvarado

1928-2001

Cresencio "C.P." Alvarado of Snyder died at 2:32 a.m. today in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center after a sudden illness.

Services for Mr. Alvarado, 72, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on May 5, 1928 in Clairemont, he married Dominga Carrillo on July 10, 1949 in Spur and moved to Snyder in 1972 from Jayton. He retired from E.D. Walton Construction after 20 years service. Mr. Alvarado was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dominga Alvarado of Snyder; two daughters, Lorie Hernandez and Carolyn Torres, both of Snyder; four sons, Joe Alvarado, Loye Alvarado, Frank Alvarado, all of Snyder, and George Alvarado of Lubbock; two sisters, Luisa Carrillo of Rotan and Josefina Martinez of Dallas; four brothers, Raymond Alvarado, Pete Alvarado and Chalo Alvarado, all of Arlington, and Max Alvarado of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Stearns

1927-2001

EARLY — Robert C. (Bob) Stearns of Rising Star, formerly of Snyder, died Friday, April 13, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Service for Mr. Stearns, 73, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating. Interment was to follow in Trickham Cemetery.

Mr. Stearns was born on Nov. 21, 1927 in Coleman County and married Elizabeth Medley on Jan. 14, at Brooksmith, Tex. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. A resident of Rising Star since 1986, he retired from Halliburton in Abilene after 32 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert B. Stearns; and a sister, Francis Fleming.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Stearns of Rising Star; a son, Dale Stearns of Brownwood, a daughter, Brenda Stearns of Trickham, two sisters, Alice Wells of Coleman and Verna Bolton of Trickham; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Community coalition

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

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "God Has Spoken Through the Prophets," followed by "Called to a Holy Calling."

Mexican salad supper

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

FFA Booster Club

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS ag building to plan the banquet and turkey shoot.

WTC spring formal

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

Fair meeting

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

West family reading night

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

GED testing

Testing for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday and Friday, April 27. For information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2929 or Emily Hataway at 573-2112 at home or 573-8511, ext. 297, at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

First Church of Nazarene

Mike Howard, pastor, will preach from the roof of his church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday to fulfill his pledge as more than 100 people attended services Easter Sunday. The church is located at 2462 S. Highway 208.

Alzheimer support group

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

Parents of seniors

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

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Test sessions are slated April 20 and April 27. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC swimming pool

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Discovery School registration

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

Intermittent rain cancels Bush's first Easter Egg Roll

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intermittent rain canceled President Bush's first Easter Egg Roll at the White House, forcing lines of children outside to settle for a tour of the White House.

Instead of rolling painted eggs down the South Lawn, the children and parents who stood outside in the rain waiting for the festivities would tour the mansion and get a commemorative Easter egg to keep, White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said.

"Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about the rain but the president and the first lady are doing the best they can to make it up to the little kids," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Bush planned to shake hands with a few of the children as they came through the White House, Fleischer said.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 13: William Milton, Dorothy Rodriguez, Francisca Benitez, Hannah Camp, Doreatha White, Edith Wiggins; April 14: Onuel Jackson, Jeffrey Mason; April 15: Gerald Mireles.

DISMISSALS: April 13: Jack B. Burney, Pearl Cagle, William Chauncy, Larry Covey, Arline Day, Teodora Gutierrez, Thomas Martin, Patricia Scott; April 14: Mary Wamp'er; April 15: Jeffrey Mason, Myrtle Brewster, Loyd Webb, Doreatha White, Francisca Benitez and Edith Wiggins.

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