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Home of Ashley Owen

SHS to host district one-act play contest

Snyder High School drama students won't have to travel far to compete in the 4-4A District one-act play contest Tuesday. In fact, they will be on familiar territory — Worsham Auditorium stage — as the SHS hosts the event.

Snyder's *Julius Caesar* will take to the stage at 4 p.m. Andrews High School's *Inherit the Wind* will perform first at 3 p.m. Levelland High School's *The Shadow Box* starts at 5 p.m. Frenship High School's *Dancers* will be the final play in district competition.

Plays will be performed back-to-back so the times are approximate. The awards will be presented around 7:20 p.m.

Critic judge will be Jim Mammarella of San Antonio College.

Beth Bowen is coordinating the district contest and Ron Hester is the stage manager.

Actors and actresses in Snyder's play include Tanner Beard as Antony; Kendall Brewster as Lucius; Joanna Burk as Pindarus; Sara Cantu as Portia; Caleb Durham as the soothsayer and Lucius; Haley Elkins as Casca; Hayli Henderson as Cassius; Malorye Miller as Calpurnia; Sterling Millhollon as Decius; Clark Reed as Brutus; RJ Sanders as Octavius; Bobby Sands as Julius Caesar; Jeff Scott as Metellus; Nicole Slaboda as Volumnius; and Bret McClendon as a soldier.

Members of the crew include Brandy Birkenfeld as the production manager; Justin Cox, technical director; Josh Proctor and Eric Courtney, production assistants; Amber Alexander, costumes and fabrics; Shawn Atkins, understudy and production assistant; and Bret McClendon, stage manager. Since McClendon has a role in the play, Birkenfeld will assume his duties on the crew.

To get to the district contest, Snyder advanced, along with Andrews, from south zone competition last Thursday at San Angelo Lake View.



DISTRICT CONTEST — Snyder High School drama students are getting ready for the district 5-4A one-act play contest to be held at Worsham Auditorium Tuesday. The local students will perform Julius Caesar at 4 p.m. Clark Reed as Brutus leads the crowd in cheers for Caesar played by Bobby Sands. Swordsmen are Sterling Millhollon, left, and Jeff Scott, in back. Reed was named best actor at last week's zone contest in San Angelo and Sands was selected for the all-star cast. Millhollon and Scott received honorable mention. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTION — Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre was the location Sunday of an induction ceremony for the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Thirty-seven students were named to the group for their high academic standards. (Contributed Photo)

WTC holds ceremony for honor students

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its formal spring induction ceremony Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.Inductees included Melinda Arellano, Marie Noelle Bailly, Ashley Baremore, Jeremy Benge, Alisha Bowden, Jared Boyd, Lulu Boyd, Colter Brown, Melina Campos, Casey Crawford, Reg Cully and Eric DeLeon.

Others include Misty Donald, Brianna Frasier, Rachel Fritz, Linda Gattis, Diana Glover, Jason Hall, Michael Hembree, Cycris Ho, Chevis Howell, Michael Kermick and Belinda Kerr.

Others inducted were Randi Long, Jose Lopez, Amanda McMillan, Lucinda Mendez, Ryan Minchew, Jeffrey Murray, Jennifer Newman, Terry Pina, Eric Richardson, Amber Russell, Daphne Stacy, Jarrett Thornton and Lucretia Woodard.

Ashley Bouher, who was killed in an automobile accident Friday and was enrolled in concurrent courses from Patton Springs High School, was inducted posthumously.

The invocation was given by Jim Clifton, dean of student services. Christopher Metsgar, Psi Zeta officer of service, welcomed guests and introduced the speaker, WTC President Dr. Gregory Williams.

The standards of Phi Theta Kappa were then introduced by Psi Zeta officers Amber Atkinson, Felsha Biggers, Michelle Guelker, Corey Knipe and Christopher Metsgar. New members were presented by Corey Knipe. Each member received a golden stole and membership certificate after reciting the Phi Theta Kappa pledge led by Knipe.

Each member signed the official membership book and lit a blue candle signifying knowledge and a commitment to the four hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa: scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.

The benediction was given by John Gibson, dean of vocational education.

Ruidoso fire destroys many Texans' homes

EL PASO (AP) — A West Texas businessman was in Mississippi when fire raced through the mountains of southern New Mexico where his getaway is nestled among other houses.

Jim Paul of El Paso was relieved late Sunday when he found out that his house was spared.

But other Texans weren't so lucky during the grass and timber wildfire whipped by winds up to 50 mph.

An office manager for an El Paso architectural firm lost her A-frame, wood-shingled house tucked in the dead end of one street. Deana Brodie had bought the house, a fixer-upper, in June of last year and was looking forward to many ski weekend and lazy summer outings there.

She lamented that all the furniture was new.

"But nobody was inside and all the firefighters are safe, so we have a lot to be thankful for," she told the El Paso Times in today's editions.

Texans owned half of the 29 homes listed as burned in the Kokopelli Fire. Five El Pasoans were in that list. Most of the residences were vacation homes.

Paul said the wildfire has so far missed the Wild Turkey Road houses of his neighbors and fellow El Pasoans, Denny and Donna Neessen, Steven and Martini De Groat, and Dan and Susan Drewry.

Like others with homes in the area, Paul relied on friends in the Ruidoso area to give him news from the fire scene.

Early reports indicated a Snyder man, Leland S. Herod, had lost a home in the fire, but the address consisted only of a vacant lot owned by Herod's daughter of Fort Worth.

At the Alto Lake Country Club, turned into a shelter by the Red Cross, the head golf professional at the pro shop said he answered hundreds of calls Saturday and quite a few Sunday.

Fireplace ashes dumped in a back yard were blamed in the wildfire.

Multiple blazes burned in the area over the weekend, including one fire that spread from an Indian reservation. Authorities were asking residents near the town of Hondo to evacuate as a precaution.

At least 150 homes were evacuated.

Property damage from the Kokopelli Fire was estimated by the Lincoln County assessor's office at $5.2 million in assessed valuation. Actual value would be significantly more.



DISTRICT MEET IN SNYDER — Sue Travis of Snyder gave the program at the District VIII Garden Clubs convention last weekend at Martha Ann Woman's Club and the Scurry County Museum at WTC. Sandra Browning, convention chairman, is pictured at right. Snyder Garden Club and Colorado City Garden Club hosted the convention. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley).

Holy Week services will continue here

The community's Holy Week Services continue Tuesday through Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church with a noon worship service and meal each day.

On Friday, a breakfast will be served at First United Methodist Church.



Bob Moore

The public is invited to the services presented by members of The Ministerial Alliance of Scurry County.

A free will offering will be taken each day to support the ministries that are undertaken by the ministerial alliance.

Help includes utility payment assistance, emergency housing, the Food Cupboard, community garden, prison ministries and the summer soup kitchen.

Wednesday's message will be brought by Fr. Roy Badilles, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, and Thursday's message will be by Brenda Wilson, First Christian Church.

Rev. Payne will deliver Friday's message at the 7 a.m. breakfast.

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will provide Tuesday's lunch.

On Wednesday, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will prepare the meal while Thursday's will be provided by First Christian Church and Trinity United Methodist Church.

Members of First United Methodist Church will prepare Friday's breakfast.

ASK US

Q—What sporting event has the biggest economic impact?

A—The Indianapolis 500 at $336.6 million. This compares with the Super Bowl at $215 million, and the Kentucky Derby with $60 million.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 74 degrees; low, 33; high Sunday, 83; low, 35; 7 a.m. Monday, 36; no precipitation; total for 2002, 2.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 30-35; NE winds 5-10 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high 60-65. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, low 35-40.



Dillon West Warmer

Sunset:
6:58 p.m.
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6:40 a.m.

Of 83 days in 2002, the sun has shone 79 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Accademy Awards historic for black actors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — On a night when Sidney Poitier described how different Hollywood was 53 years ago, the Academy Awards showcased just how different as Halle Berry and Denzel Washington joined Poitier as the only black actors to win Oscars for lead roles.

Berry won Sunday for her part as a death-row widow in "Monster's Ball," and Washington won for "Training Day," in which he dropped his nice-guy persona to play a flamboyantly corrupt cop.

"I'll always be chasing you, Sidney," Washington said. "I'll always be following in your footsteps. There's nothing I would rather do. God bless you."

Their awards were the emotional highpoints of an evening that included several remembrances for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The final award for best picture, normally the show's main event, seemed anticlimactic by comparison when "A Beautiful Mind" was announced as winner.

With four Oscars, "A Beautiful Mind" dominated the main categories, earning Ron Howard the directing prize, Jennifer Connelly the supporting-actress trophy and Akiva Goldsman the award for adapted screenplay.

Also with four Oscars was the fantasy epic "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," which had led with 13 nominations. It won for best score, cinematography, visual effects and makeup.

Berry sobbed and gasped when she took the stage and launched into a joyful three-minute speech. She cited black actresses who had helped open doors for minorities in Hollywood, including Lena Horne, Diahann Carroll and Dorothy Dandridge, whom Berry played in an Emmy-winning performance in "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge."

"It's a great night. I never thought it would be possible in my lifetime," Berry said backstage. "I hope this means that they won't see our color. I think that's what makes us so unique. I think that maybe now we'll start to be judged on our merit and our work."

Poitier, who won best actor for 1963's "Lilies of the Field," earned standing ovations from both the Oscar audience and from reporters backstage when he entered the press room to answer questions. After a series of clips highlighting his career, Poitier delivered an elegant speech thanking "visionary American filmmakers" such as Joseph Mankiewicz, Darryl Zanuck, Stanley Kramer and Norman Jewison.

He also paid tribute to black performers of the past.

"I accept this award in memory of all the African-American actors and actresses who went before me in the difficult years," Poitier said. "On whose shoulders I was privileged to stand to see where I might go."

Russell Crowe, star of "A Beautiful Mind" and best-actor winner last year for "Gladiator," lost his bid for back-to-back Oscars. Crowe played math genius John Nash in his decades-long struggle with schizophrenia.

"We wouldn't be here if it weren't for Russell Crowe," Howard's producing partner, Brian Grazer, said as he accepted the best-picture Oscar. "His amazing dedication, work ethic and artistry have gotten us here."

Grazer also thanked Nash and wife Alicia, played by Connelly, for inspiring a movie that "has given so many a greater understanding of the vagaries of the mind. ... I hope in some way our movie helps to improve the way we feel about and treat the mentally ill."

Another tale of mental impairment, "Iris," earned the supporting-actor Oscar for Jim Broadbent, who played John Bayley, the befuddled but doting husband of Alzheimer's-afflicted writer Iris Murdoch. Broadbent thanked Bayley for allowing "us to plunder and I'm sure misrepresent his life with Iris."

At four hours, 23 minutes, it was the longest Oscar show ever, topping the previous record-holder two years ago by 14 minutes.

"Shrek," the hip twist on cartoon fairy tales that featured the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz, won the first-ever Oscar for animated feature film.

After 15 Oscar losses over the years for song or score, Randy Newman finally won for best song, "If I Didn't Have You," from "Monsters, Inc."

"I don't want your pity," Newman wisecracked, adding that he was thankful for having "so many chances to be humiliated over the years."

The surprise foreign film award winner was Bosnia's "No Man's Land," writer-director Danis Tanovic's satiric story of a Bosnian soldier and a Serbian soldier stuck together in a trench. France's "Amelie," which had five nominations, was expected to win.



Denzell Washington
Best Actor
"Training Day"



Halle Berry
Best Actress
"Monsters Ball"



Jim Broadbent
Best Supporting Actor
"Iris"



Jennifer Connelly
Best Supporting Actress
"A Beautiful Mind"

Oscar list

By The Associated Press

List of winners at the 74th annual Academy Awards, presented Sunday night at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.:

Picture: "A Beautiful Mind."

Director: Ron Howard, "A Beautiful Mind."

Actor: Denzel Washington, "Training Day."

Actress: Halle Berry, "Monster's Ball."

Supporting Actor: Jim Broadbent, "Iris."

Supporting Actress: Jennifer Connelly, "A Beautiful Mind."

Adapted Screenplay: Akiva Goldsman, "A Beautiful Mind."

Animated Feature: "Shrek."

Animated Short: "For the Birds."

Art Direction: "Moulin Rouge."

Cinematography: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

Costume: "Moulin Rouge."

Documentary Feature: "Murder on a Sunday Morning."

Documentary Short Subject: "Thoth."

Film Editing: "Black Hawk Down."

Foreign Language Film: "No Man's Land," Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Live Action Short: "The Accountant."

Makeup: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

Original Score: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

Original Screenplay: Julian Fellowes, "Gosford Park."

Original Song: "If I Didn't Have You," by Randy Newman, from "Monsters, Inc."

Sound: "Black Hawk Down."

Sound Editing: "Pearl Harbor."

Visual Effects: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

Oscar winners previously announced this year:

Gordon E. Sawyer Award: Edmund M. Di Giulio.

Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award: Arthur Hiller.

Honorary Awards: Sidney Poitier and Robert Redford.

Oscarcast: Good show but shorter one would be better

NEW YORK (AP) — Oscar's new home looked and felt great — even for us who weren't there.

As elegant and comfy as a movie palace from Hollywood's golden age, the much-touted new Kodak Theatre helped make "The 74th Annual Academy Awards" a feast for the eye.

Even better, it seemed to set the tone for ABC's classy broadcast — at least, in every way but size. The Kodak Theatre is relatively compact; at a record-breaking 4 hours, 23 minutes, this year's Oscarcast — as usual — also could have used some downsizing.

However deserved, honorary awards to Sidney Poitier and Robert Redford, as well as the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award to director Arthur Hiller, only made a long evening seem endless.

On the other hand, the controlled hysteria of best actress Halle Berry making her acceptance speech made the wait almost worth it.

Perhaps the evening's most ambitious sequence was a disappointment. A production number meant to salute movie special effects enlisted the incomparable Cirque du Soleil performance troupe. But what was surely eye-popping in person didn't translate to TV: It was too elaborate to be contained on the screen.

The Oscarcast started with a simple, effective welcoming device: brisk shots of all the major nominees in their seats.

Then a short film gathered comments from dozens of movie-lovers. All of them unidentified, some of the speakers were unknowns, some well-known indeed. (First Lady Laura Bush picked Texas epic "Giant" as her favorite flick.)

In one of several nods to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Oscarcast recruited Woody Allen (a most Hollywood-averse of Manhattan-based filmmakers) for a surprise appearance to introduce a tribute to New York-set films.

"Thank you very much," he said as he received a standing ovation. "That makes up for the strip search."

Heightened anti-terrorist measures also fed the monologue of host Whoopi Goldberg.

"Security here tonight," she cracked, "is tighter than some of the faces."

In her fourth turn as host, Goldberg left much of her tacky humor at the door (maybe this year it didn't clear security) and turned in an efficient performance. (She was ably assisted by behind-the-scenes emcees Donald Sutherland and Glenn Close, who seemed to have a good time popping up all over the place, even outdoors.)

Taking a costuming cue from one of this year's Oscar-nominated films, Goldberg made her entrance as a tail-feathered chorine, descending on a trapeze in a spoof of Nicole Kidman's first appearance in "Moulin Rouge."

"Before I got on the trapeze," Goldberg joked, "I asked if they had taken security precautions, and they said, 'Yes. Billy Crystal.'"

Want more comedy?

Nathan Lane, on hand to announce Oscar's first-ever best animated feature, lamented that in the cartoon world, "some things haven't changed: The Pink Panther still can't adopt in Florida."

Next to winning, parties may be best thing about Oscars

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — When singer Rufus Wainwright saw where he was sitting for dinner at the Elton John Aids Foundation Oscar party he thought he'd been banished to a bad table.

"We sat down and nobody was there," he said. "Then Bob Dylan sat down."

The two, both smokers, quickly drew the attention of security in the trendy but smoke-free Moomba's restaurant.

"We made a pact to light up and then we were whisked away," Wainwright said.

The pair ended up in an enclosed private smoking area.

The highlight of the party for John was watching Ryan Adams talk with Dylan, who won an Oscar last year for best song.

"It was sweet seeing the old and the new together," he told The Associated Press.

Halle Berry wasn't the only one to break down in tears during her Oscar acceptance speech.

Oprah Winfrey, who was watching the Academy Awards ceremony from the Vanity Fair party at Morton's restaurant, stood and placed her hand over her heart when Berry's name was announced for best actress.

When the winner cited Winfrey as a role model, the talk-show host broke down and cried. She also received hugs of support from Diane Sawyer and Diana Ross.

Two others cited by Berry, actress Angela Bassett and actor Warren Beatty were watching the speech from the Vanity Fair party.

Bassett received hugs all around while people came up to slap Beatty on the back.

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Supreme Court to hear census lawsuit

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The allocation of a single U.S. House seat, with all the additional power it carries in Washington, pits Utah and North Carolina in a lawsuit that boils down to one word — "actual."

The U.S. Supreme Court was set to hear arguments Wednesday by both states about how that word is used in the U.S. Constitution, with North Carolina hoping to keep an extra congressional seat and Utah claiming the seat as its own.

The case centers on the requirement by the Constitution for an "actual enumeration" of state populations every 10 years. States can gain or lose congressional seats based on shifting populations.

The Census Bureau uses a bit of guesswork for a tiny sliver of the U.S. population, after exhausting efforts to verify whether households exist at addresses listed in its master file.

Census enumerators are supposed to make up to six personal visits. As a last resort, the bureau simply assigns the same number of occupants to the presumed household as that of its nearest neighbor.

That trick added less than half a percent to the total U.S. population in the 2000 census. But it was enough for North Carolina to edge Utah, another fast-growing state, in the reallocation of the final congressional seat.

Utah argues the "phantom" households could just as well be businesses, storage units or typographical errors. North Carolina gained four times as many households as Utah under this practice, called hot-deck imputation.

"If there were six follow-up visits and you still don't know whether it's occupied, the best conclusion is it's not occupied," argues Tom Lee, a Brigham Young University law professor who will argue Utah's case before the Supreme Court.

The Census Bureau says that studies have confirmed 75 percent of "imputed" households are occupied homes.

"These are not phantom households," said Walter Dellinger, the U.S. solicitor general under the Clinton administration, who will argue North Carolina's case on Wednesday.

"This is a method the Census Bureau used with the full knowledge of Congress for the past 40 years to resolve inconsistencies and incomplete data at the end of the process," Dellinger said.

But Lee says it wasn't until the 2000 census that the bureau began assuming some entries on its master file were apartments or houses without solid evidence.

"They may be making six visits but not finding an address, or they are unable to determine if it's a house or business," he said.

The high court agreed to resolve the tug-of-war before the fall elections. An optimistic Utah has even drawn an optional fourth congressional district in case it prevails.

Campaigns already are under way in North Carolina for its new 13th U.S. House seat.

"North Carolina believes it won this seat fair and square. It's just too late for Utah to be challenging the results of the census," North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper said. "It would cause serious problems to undo" the results of the 2000 census.

Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt is unapologetic. "It's simply an issue of fairness," he said. "We want the seat."

At its core, the dispute is about a relative handful of people. In the complex math used to allocate congressional districts Utah lost out to North Carolina by just 856 people. Utah first argued it was cheated because thousands of Mormon missionaries proselytizing in foreign countries should have been counted, but the courts rejected that.

Utah is asking the Supreme Court to order U.S. Commerce Secretary Don Evans to issue new congressional apportionment figures without the imputed estimates.

It's undisputed Utah would leapfrog North Carolina for the final House seat if the Supreme Court agrees and that no other state would be affected.

U.S. Solicitor General Ted Olsen, defending the Census Bureau, insists that imputation is not the same as statistical sampling struck down by the Supreme Court in 1999. The bureau had planned to count up to 10 percent of the U.S. population by using a sample of the whole population.

Utah contends imputation is sampling by another name. It says the census is supposed to be as close to an actual head count as possible, not a guessing game.

Custom saddle crafted for Bush

WACO (AP) — With President Bush in the saddle as commander-in-chief for America's response to terrorism, a Central Texas craftsman has decided he needed to look the part as well.

Benton Moore said he first thought about handcrafting a saddle for Bush during the Florida recount. But it was after the terrorists' attacks on Washington and New York that he got his chance.

Moore, a Groesbeck saddle maker, was on a hunting trip near the Arctic Circle around that time when the call went out.

When Moore returned from his trip, he had a phone message from Joe Norman, president of the Black Hills Stock Show Foundation in Rapid City, S.D. The foundation wanted Moore to make a saddle for Bush.

U.S. Rep. John Thune of South Dakota arranged for Bush to accept the saddle, presenting Moore and foundation members with a letter of acceptance from the president at the saddle's debut during the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo.

The saddle has since returned to Texas for display at the Limestone County Courthouse in Groesbeck. It will remain there for two weeks before touring on a number of rodeos.

Rodeo champion Joe Beavers will use the saddle for a run at one of those events. The saddle will then be retired and presented to Bush at the 75th Anniversary of Mount Rushmore in July.

"A saddle is indicative of a man that is a trail boss," Moore told the Waco Tribune-Herald in Monday's editions. "Whoever is in the saddle is in charge."

Films by director from India to be shown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton admired his filmmaking, and Hollywood gave him an honorary Oscar for his life's work, but many American moviegoers have never heard of India's Satyajit Ray — one of the 20th century's greatest directors.

He received the Oscar in 1992, shortly before his death. Now his entire body of 35 films is being shown in Washington. It's the first venue on a wide-ranging tour that commemorates the 10th anniversary of his death.

Four museums, the Library of Congress, the National Geographic Society and American University are participating in the series, which continues through the end of March. Next month the films go to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, though not all may be shown there.

Soumitra Chatterjee, who appeared in 15 of Ray's films, came to introduce the series at the National Gallery of Art. They have never been presented together before, even in India, he said.

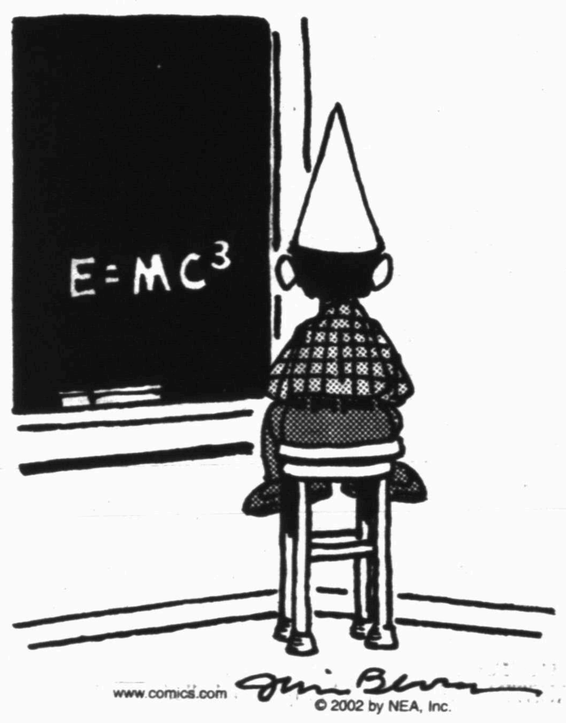
Nearly all are in the Bengali language. "With the subtitles they're easy to understand, though you miss the nuances," Chatterjee said.

Ray was famous in India also as a novelist, artist and composer. He began his film career in 1955 with "Pather Panchali" ("Song of the Road"), the first part of a trilogy about Apu, the son of an impoverished Hindu priest, and how he is changed by life in the metropolis of Calcutta.

Manjula Kumar, program director at the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Education and Museum Studies, is curator of the American tour, called "The Complete Satyajit Ray: Cinema through the Inner Eye." The title is an allusion to Ray's documentary "The Inner Eye," an account of his art teacher, who continued to paint when he went blind.

In a speech to the Indian parliament, Clinton praised Ray's vision: "From a distance, India often appears as a kaleidoscope of competing, perhaps superficial, images.

Berry's World



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dad's new bride too eager to join wedding procession

DEAR ABBY: I am being married next month. Last night, my father announced to me that he had just married his much younger girlfriend, "Cassandra." Abby, she is even younger than I am. I am OK with the marriage as long as Dad is happy, even though I do not approve. But that is beside the point.

Cassandra is now adamant about walking down the aisle with my father during the parent processional at my wedding. I am extremely uncomfortable with this idea. She has never been a parent to me, nor do I believe she ever will be.

How can I deal with this tactfully and keep my wedding as I would like it? Help! — **BEWILDERED GROOM**

DEAR BEWILDERED GROOM: You haven't mentioned your mother. If she is living, she should accompany your father during the parent processional.

Although I am sure Cassandra would like to be recognized for who and what she officially is on this family occasion, she should remember this is your wedding, not her coming-out party. The impression she creates will last as long as her marriage to your father. Please clip this and give it to her. Maybe seeing it in black-and-white will convince her to lighten up.

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DEAR ABBY: Are there any rules or guidelines when an ex-spouse is hospitalized or dies? My ex-husband is in intensive care. If he dies, what is my expected role? We have successfully navigated through graduations, weddings and baptisms in a civil manner. I am extremely close to my former mother-in-law, grandmother to my children.

Abby, I want to do what is right for my children and his mother, but I'm not sure what that is. Any advice would be appreciated. — **DIVORCED IN INDIANA**

DEAR DIVORCED IN INDIANA: Trust your common sense. If your ex has remarried, ask his wife and your former mother-in-law if your presence would be disruptive were you to pay your respects. If the answer is yes, keep your distance. If the answer is no, keep your presence low-key.

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DEAR ABBY: Your column concerning the problem of dumping unwanted pets prompts me to share an incident that happened several years ago.

My brother lives five miles outside a small town in Texas, and one day after a big snowstorm, he needed to drive into town to get groceries and gas.

Just as he was about to leave, he noticed his neighbor's car pulling up to the curb on the opposite side of the street. When the neighbor drove off, a small dog stood in the snow. The neighbor had dumped his dog!

My brother hurriedly picked up the dog and drove to his neighbor's house. He then let the dog out and watched him scamper up the steps.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Arturo Toscanini (1867 - 1957), conductor; Howard Cosell (1918 - 1995), sportscaster; Gloria Steinem (1934 -), activist, is 68; Aretha Franklin (1942 -), singer, is 60; Elton John (1947 -), singer/pianist, is 55. Sarah Jessica Parker (1965 -), actress, is 37; Sheryl Swoopes (1971 -), basketball star, is 31.

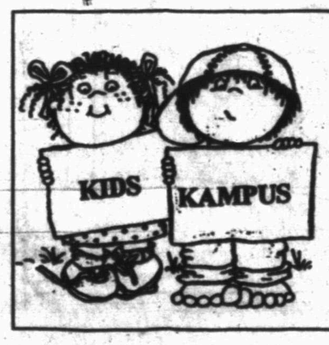
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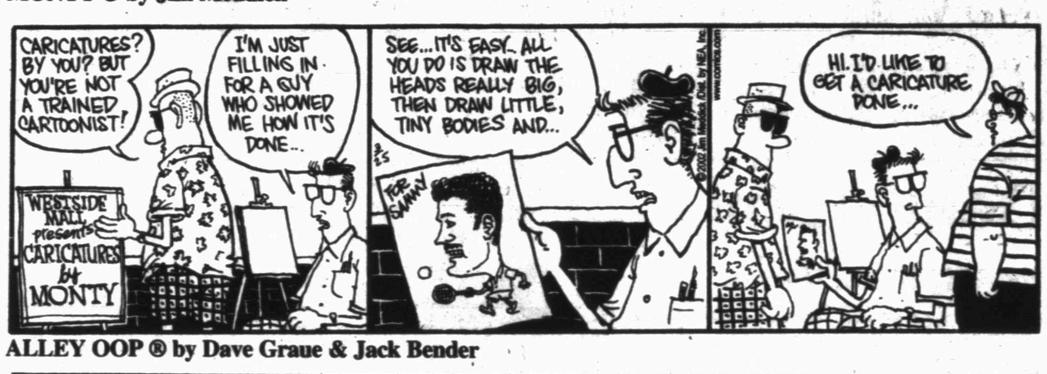
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15 "Star Wars" princess
16 Cash mach.
17 "Norma —"
18 Lighter
20 Workout locales
21 Class
22 Cut off
24 Wisps of smoke
27 Beams
30 "Yeah, right!" (2 wds.)
31 Shore bird
32 Perch
34 Boy
35 Big Dipper bear
36 Hair style
37 Arrangement
39 Road-map feature
40 Beer-can opener
41 Matterhorn, e.g.
42 Double agent
45 Gives feedback
49 Flightless bird
50 No. crunchers
53 Sedans
54 Homo sapiens
55 Floor model
56 Make a sweater
57 Internet suff.
58 White bird
59 Dawn goddess

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2 Theory
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6 Wheel part
7 Billboards
8 Change
9 Wax-coated cheese
10 Casual wear
12 Import tax
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27 Barely
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SPORTS

Big 12 sends two to Final Four

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

One thing is certain: There will be a No. 1 seed in the national championship game.

It could be an all-Big 12 matchup for the title. Maryland and Oklahoma will be looking for their first title, while Indiana and Kansas are trying to add to what's in their trophy cases.

This weekend's Final Four in Atlanta will be like the previous 63, the culmination to the NCAA tournament and another college basketball season. And like all the others, it will be three games that capture the attention of the country.

Saturday's semifinals will have Indiana (24-11) facing Oklahoma (31-4) and, in a matchup of top-seeded teams, Maryland (30-4) against Kansas (33-3).

Indiana, a No. 5 seed that beat top-seeded Duke in the South Regional semifinals in the tournament's biggest upset, is looking for its sixth national championship, the last three won with Bob Knight as coach.

It's Mike Davis' team now, and the former assistant to Knight, who was let go by Indiana after 27 years in September 2000 after not adhering to a zero-tolerance policy, was the man the players fought for to get the job.

"There was a tradition here that was kind of exiled when coach Knight was fired," sophomore forward Jared Jeffries said. "Now coach Davis is building something new."

The Hoosiers' chances at winning will depend a lot on the left ankle of Tom Coverdale, who was selected Most Outstanding Player in the regional. He turned his ankle late in the 81-69 victory over Kent State that sent the Hoosiers to their first Final Four since 1992.

"The swelling has gone down a lot. It feels better, but I cannot push off on it yet," Coverdale said Sunday through the sports information department. "If it improves each day like it did from yesterday to today, I think with some treatment, rehab and maybe a shot (for the pain), I may be able to play. But it is too early to tell right now."

Oklahoma hasn't been to the Final Four since 1988, when the Sooners lost to fellow Big Eight member Kansas in the title game. The Sooners had to beat a fellow conference member in the regional final, downing 12th-seeded Missouri 81-75 in the West Regional final to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 12 games.

"Winning ugly? That's beautiful to us," coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Maybe it was meant to be for our team to win that way. It's just one way we can win a game. We have tough kids. We're battle-tested. We never panic. There's never a sense of misdirection or unorganization."

Maryland is in the Final Four for the second time and the second year in a row. The Terrapins beat second-seeded Connecticut 90-82 to win the East Regional. With a senior-laden team and the Final Four experience, many think Maryland will be considered the favorites in Atlanta.

"I think we have a very good chance to win a national championship," Maryland guard Drew Nicholas said. "I wouldn't consider us favorites, but we are content. We are one of four teams left and we have as good a shot as anybody."

Kansas also beat a No. 2 seed to advance, knocking off Oregon 104-85 to win the Midwest Regional. The Jayhawks were last in the Final Four in 1993, and the Jayhawks are looking for their third national championship with Roy Williams, the man with the unenviable title of best coach to never win it all.

"Just stop giving him heat about reaching the Final Four or winning championships," Jayhawks All-American forward Drew Gooden said. "Because no matter what he does, he's always going to be a great coach."

And no matter what happens this weekend, the Final Four will always be a great event.

Pinson sets record; Tigers finish third

SAN ANGELO — After winning the Canyon Reef Relays two weeks ago, the Snyder Tigers took their track act on the road to rave reviews.

Snyder posted 53 points to finish tied for third Saturday in a stellar Division II field at the San Angelo Relays.

The Tigers finished in a dead heat with Fredericksburg in the overall standings behind first-place Estacado and runner-up Killeen Shoemaker.



Pinson

"Our guys proved today that they can compete with some of the best teams in the state," said Coach Roger White. "I'm extremely proud of our guys. They've been working hard, and they came in here and made it pay off."

The highlight of the meet came in the preliminaries when senior Wade Pinson posted a time of 13.94 seconds to set a Division II record in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Pinson crossed the line in 14.34 seconds in the finals to post one of Snyder's two first-place finishes on the day.

The Tigers' other top showing came in the triple jump thanks to Corey Clay's leap of 44 feet, 11½ inches.

Rudy Martinez added eight more points to Snyder's total with a second-place showing in the 800.

Pinson also finished fifth in the 300 hurdles, as did Clay in the long jump.

The Tigers earned points in all three relays. Snyder was fourth in the 4x400 relay and sixth in the 4x100 event. In the 3,200-meter relay, which is only run at non-district meets, the Tigers finished second.

Snyder is in competition again Friday at the Rattlesnake Relays in Sweetwater.

Lady Tigers capture third at Post

POST — Even without a full squad, the Snyder Lady Tigers made drastic improvements at the Caprock Relays.

Snyder tallied 66 points to secure fourth place Saturday, a giant leap from their 10th place finish at the Canyon Reef Relays when they garnered only 23.5 points.

"If we would have had everybody for some of the running events, we would have won the meet," said Coach Todd Pollard. "We made great strides since our last meet, and we plan on improving even more by the time we go to Sweetwater on Friday."

With the SHS prom taking place Saturday night, several Lady Tigers hustled home and missed out on the running events.

The Lady Tigers got off to a fast start in the field events, with Loryn Brown and October Wells taking second and third in the triple jump.

Anna Henson earned third place in the shot put and fourth in the discus, while Sharday McKinney was third in the long jump.

Snyder's best showing on the track came in the 100-meter dash when Wells and Chaelyn Robinson swept the top two spots.

Wells, Robinson, McKinney and Beth Clements teamed up to finish second in the 4x200 relay, and McKinney came in fifth on the 200.

The Lady Tigers' next competition is Friday at the Rattlesnake Relays in Sweetwater.

SHS boys grab district lead

BIG SPRING — The Snyder Tigers are one-fourth of the way toward defending their District 4-4A golf crown.

Snyder fired a 312 Saturday at Big Spring Country Club to grab a six-stroke lead over Frenship after the first of four rounds that will decide the district champion.

Frenship was Snyder's closest competition, with Big Spring and Andrews sitting 10 strokes off the pace, followed by Plainview, Levelland and Lake View.

Junior Brady Reed paced the Tigers with a round of 75. Britt Sharrock and Stafford Gray carded a pair of 78s, and Clinton Calmes and Zach Starnes each shot 81.

District competition continues Tuesday when Snyder hosts the second round at Western Texas College.

In the girls' district race, play gets underway today at Levelland.

SHS netters take first

ABILENE — Snyder netters captured their first team trophy of the spring Saturday at the Abilene Cooper Tennis Classic.

Snyder won the overall team competition paced by first-place showings in both doubles events.

Curt Phillips and Adam Rodgers combined to win the boys doubles title, while Pat Vargas and Andra Dunham did the same on the girls side.

Horacio DePaz was solid in the boys singles competition with a second-place finish, and Cozy Jones took fourth in girls singles.

In the "B" Division, Snyder chalked up three first-place efforts.

Tanner Reed was tops in boys singles. Alex Best and Charlie Gorman won the boys doubles event, and Afton Sutter and Jackie Beccue were first in girls doubles.

Kara Brumley added a third-place finish in girls singles.

Snyder netters are in action again Thursday and Friday at the Amarillo Relays Tournament.

Sports Briefs

Teenage baseball sign-ups

Baseball sign-ups for ages 13-16 will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wall Insurance Agency. An organizational meeting is also scheduled. Boys who will be 13 by July 31 and not 17 by Aug. 1 are eligible. Players should bring a parent, birth certificate and $50 registration fee. Teams will be divided by age. For more information, call 573-8048.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its first play day April 2 at 9 a.m. A business meeting and luncheon is also scheduled. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for May 28-31 at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office. Players can pre-register through May 15.

Unknown wins Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Not many people knew about Craig Perks. No one will forget his theatrical finish that brought him an unlikely victory at The Players Championship.

Perks completed a day of high drama with an eagle-birdie-par finish to become the first player to earn his first victory at the event regarded as golf's fifth major.

The 35-year-old from New Zealand made only two pars over his final 14 holes, none after No. 10, and closed with an even-par 72, good for a two-stroke victory over Stephen Ames (67).

Rangers give tryout to Rivera

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Ruben Rivera will get a tryout with the Texas Rangers after being released by the New York Yankees for stealing a bat and glove from teammate Derek Jeter's locker.

Texas general manager John Hart said that the Rangers planned to evaluate Rivera for 10 days before determining whether to offer the troubled outfielder a minor league contract.

At Odessa Collegiate Rodeo...

Western Texas men get fast start to spring rodeo season

ODESSA — The Western Texas College men's team got off to a fast start and never looked back at the Odessa Collegiate Rodeo.

The Westerners had four competitors place in the short round to finish second as a team Saturday behind Texas Tech.

While the men grabbed the runner-up slot, the Lady Westerners came in third, leaving Coach Greg Rhodes with mixed emotions.

"The men did a pretty good job," said Rhodes. "There were a couple of things that we can do better, but overall I was pretty pleased.

"We kind of dropped the ball on the women's side. Third place isn't that bad, but we could have done a lot better and I expect us to at the next event."

In Saturday's short round, Kassie Mowry was the only Lady Westerner to place. Mowry took second in the barrel racing finals with a time of 15.64 seconds to give her first place in the average.

On the men's side, Tyson Thompson was the top bareback rider in the field. Thompson earned first place in the short round and the average with a score of 73 on Saturday.

Nathan Reid was fourth in the final round with 70 points.

Saddle bronc rider Sam Spreadborough grabbed the runner-up spot in the finals with a score of 74 and finished second overall.

Teammate J.W. Todd was fourth in the short round and third overall.

WTC has two weeks to prepare for its next competition April 4-6 at West Texas A&M in Canyon.

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Raleigh, N.C.
Saturday, March 23
South Carolina 79, Drake 65
Duke 62, Texas 46
Championship
Monday, March 25
South Carolina (25-6) vs. Duke (30-3), 7 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Milwaukee
Saturday, March 23
Connecticut 82, Penn State 64
Old Dominion 88, Kansas State 62
Championship
Monday, March 25
Connecticut (36-0) vs. Old Dominion (28-5), 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Ames, Iowa
Saturday, March 23
Tennessee 68, Brigham Young 57
Vanderbilt 70, North Carolina 61
Championship
Monday, March 25
Tennessee (28-4) vs. Vanderbilt (30-6), 8 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Boise, Idaho
Saturday, March 23
Colorado 62, Stanford 59
Oklahoma 72, Texas Tech 62
Championship
Monday, March 25
Colorado (24-9) vs. Oklahoma (27-6), 9:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	45	25	.643	—
Boston	39	31	.557	6
Orlando	37	32	.536	7½
Philadelphia	37	32	.536	7½
Washington	32	38	.457	13
Miami	31	37	.456	13
New York	26	42	.382	18

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	41	28	.594	—
Milwaukee	37	31	.544	3½
Charlotte	36	33	.522	5
Indiana	35	34	.507	6
Toronto	32	38	.457	9½
Atlanta	28	41	.406	13
Cleveland	25	44	.362	16
Chicago	17	53	.243	24½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	48	21	.696	—
San Antonio	48	21	.696	—
Minnesota	42	27	.609	6
Utah	38	31	.551	10
Houston	26	43	.377	22
Denver	20	47	.299	27
Memphis	17	52	.246	31

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	49	19	.721	—
L.A. Lakers	49	20	.710	½
Portland	43	26	.623	6½
Seattle	39	31	.557	11
L.A. Clippers	36	34	.514	14
Phoenix	31	38	.449	18½
Golden State	17	52	.246	32½

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Saturday's Games
Atlanta 112, Chicago 96
Portland 108, Minnesota 99
San Antonio 89, Miami 79
Dallas 111, Memphis 100
Utah 112, Golden State 103
Denver 88, Seattle 85
Phoenix 97, L.A. Clippers 94
Sunday's Games
Detroit 109, Boston 101
Toronto 92, Washington 91
Charlotte 99, Indiana 84
Milwaukee 110, Orlando 85
Philadelphia 90, New York 82
New Jersey 116, Atlanta 102
L.A. Lakers 97, Sacramento 96
Houston 116, Golden State 104
Monday's Games
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

By The Associated Press
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EAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Syracuse, N.Y.
Friday, March 22
Connecticut 71, Southern Illinois 59
Maryland 78, Kentucky 68
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Maryland 90, Connecticut 82

SOUTH REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Lexington, Ky.
Thursday, March 21
Indiana 74, Duke 73
Kent State 78, Pittsburgh 73 (OT)
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Indiana 81, Kent State 69

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Madison, Wis.
Friday, March 22
Oregon 72, Texas 70
Kansas 73, Illinois 69
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Kansas 104, Oregon 86

WEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At San Jose, Calif.
Thursday, March 21
Oklahoma 88, Arizona 67
Missouri 82, UCLA 73
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Oklahoma 81, Missouri 75

THE FINAL FOUR
At Atlanta
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Saturday, March 30
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National Championship
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State regulators close bank in Sierra Blanca

SIERRA BLANCA (AP) — Hudspeth County Judge James Peace knows that Sierra Blanca needed a new bank. State regulators closed the old one after finding too many defaulted loans and evidence of embezzlement.

Even though the Security State Bank of Pecos — which took over the failed bank — might have more money to lend, for Peace, it's not the same.

"Dealing with out-of-town people is not like dealing with people you know — or think you know," he said.

Pecos, population 9,501, is 120 miles east of Sierra Blanca. And Sierra Blanca, population 900, is 90 miles southeast of El Paso.

President Bill Oglesby says he hopes his Pecos bank can offer even better service than the Bank of Sierra Blanca did for the many farmers and ranchers who put their money — and their trust — there.

"They had a smaller loan limit," Oglesby said. "Maybe we can loan a little bit more to people who have a higher need."

The Bank of Sierra Blanca had served residents' financial needs for about 22 years until it was closed on Jan. 18.

Although early estimates that depositors lost more than $700,000 have been revised to slightly more than $86,000, it's still a blow for Hudspeth County residents who depended on the bank.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is still investigating the bank and the FBI is looking into whether any federal laws were violated, but few details have emerged.

"They haven't spilled (any) beans," Peace said. "The (bank's) board members, some of those are very close friends of mine and they lost everything."

In fact, the board members, who were the bank's major stockholders, will shoulder the majority of the losses, said FDIC spokesman David Barr. Most depositors' money was FDIC insured, but stockholders' investments are not and they are last in line to be reimbursed as the bank's assets are sold off.

Jim Ed Miller, a Hudspeth County commissioner and one of the bank's shareholders, lost money.

"There are things still pending," Miller said, "so I'm not going to talk about it."

The FDIC is closing out the process of selling the bank's 400 loans, worth about $12 million, Barr said.

Peace said the county had about $600,000 in the bank, but won't lose anything because the deposits were structured so the entire amount is insured. Plans to build a new jail and to rebuild the courthouse will continue on schedule, he said.

The bank first caught the attention of regulators for making a large number of risky loans, said Gayle Griffin, a deputy commissioner with the Banking Department of Texas.

He said regulators found the bank's capital at a dangerously low level as more loans were written off as uncollectable. Still, state and federal officials probably could have repaired that damage, Griffin said.

But after the theft was discovered, he said, the losses grew to the point that the bank could not find enough additional money from investors to remain solvent.

A bank employee has been identified as a suspect, and asked if charges will be filed, Griffin said, "I don't think it's a matter of if, I think it's a matter of when."

Because the depositors' money appears to be safe, business owners in town seemed to shrug off the bank's failure.

Rosenda Carbajal, who owns the Sister's Rock Shop and Gifts, which advertises snacks, turquoise, jewelry, old bottles and peaceful massage therapy, said she didn't lose any money when the bank was closed.

"It don't mean nothing to me, it's just another bank to me," Carbajal said. "I don't know the people or nothing. I know the tellers and that's probably about it."

Robert Gomez, who operates the Cactus Food and Grill, said he didn't know the bank was having problems.

"It's just kind of sad that this town couldn't keep a bank," Gomez said. "You just hate to see somebody else have to come in and take it over."

Bank failures are uncommon, Griffin said, but regulators are responsible for protecting depositors so they have faith that their money is safe.

"If it happens at all it's too frequent because fraud and embezzlement are involved," Griffin said. "We're trying to maintain public confidence in the system."

Environmentalists loose in Senate energy bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate was where environmentalists hoped to make their stand on energy policy. But after two weeks of votes and horse-trading, an emerging Democratic energy bill appears to be anything but green.

Environmentalists lost in their bid to boost automobile fuel economy and on a string of lesser issues — from provisions helping the nuclear industry to one that would allow small trees in national forests to be processed as biomass for electricity generation.

However, the big fight over oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska is yet to come, and environmentalists are likely to prevail on it. The Senate will take that up when lawmakers return after a two-week Easter recess and try to wrap up the bill.

Whatever the Senate finally approves will have to be merged with an energy bill from the Republican-run House that is far friendlier to industry and anathema to environmentalists. It focuses heavily on increasing development of fossil fuels and would open to oil companies the Arctic refuge — a place environmentalists have vowed to protect.

"The environmentalists are very unhappy to the point of despairing," said David Nemtzow, president of the Alliance to Save Energy, an advocacy group for the promotion of energy efficiency and conservation. "They see House and Senate bills with nothing on fuel economy ... nothing to save oil to speak of."

Anna Aurilio, legislative director of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, said the Senate legislation "started as a promising bill. But it's getting hijacked ... by the polluters."

On issues large and small, some of the most powerful business interest groups roaming the halls of Congress — automakers, the oil industry, electric utilities and farm groups — have scored significant victories, often turning back initiatives pushed by environmentalists.

Farmers won a government mandate for tripling ethanol production. Large utilities headed off attempts at new federal regulation of power grids and won a scaled-back renewable-fuels requirement. The nuclear industry is getting government help to develop its next generation of power plants and continued limits on accident liability.

And the oil industry no longer has to contend with a federal requirement for oxygen in gasoline, or whether an oil-exploration method known as "hydraulic fracturing" might run afoul of clean-water laws.

All of those victories pale next to the coup by the auto industry, which now has the certainty it will not face tougher federal auto fuel economy requirements anytime soon.

Ignoring pleas from environmentalists, the Senate rejected a proposal to boost the federal fleet requirement to 35 miles per gallon, an increase of 50 percent, and barred any increase in fuel economy requirements for pickup trucks, one-fifth of the vehicles sold.

They "handed our nation's energy security over to the auto industry," fumed Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club. Automakers and auto unions lobbied vigorously against the fuel economy increases and supported a measure that instead would require the Transportation Department to address the issue down the road.

When the House passed its energy bill, environmental leaders denounced it as a sop to industry with too much emphasis on traditional energy sources — oil, natural gas, coal and nuclear — and far too little on promoting efficiency or renewables like solar and wind power.

"We thought the Senate was a tremendous opportunity to focus more on demand, look more closely at conservation and efficiency ... instead of (industry) subsidies," said Sierra Club lobbyist Melinda Pierce. "In all counts we have failed to make gains; in fact, we have gone backwards."

Among the other setbacks cited by environmentalists is what they view as the erosion of a once-ambitious attempt to make utilities generate more electricity from renewable fuels such as solar, wind and biomass from wood and agricultural scraps.

A proposal by Sen. James Jeffords, a Vermont independent, to require that 20 percent of the nation's electricity come from these energy sources was rejected outright. To broaden support, Democrats pushed for a 10 percent renewable-fuels requirement but exempted municipal and federally owned utilities and electric cooperatives.

The result, environmentalists maintain, is that only about 5 percent of the nation's electricity is likely to come from these renewable sources by 2020.

Environmentalists also were surprised by the Senate's vote to add a provision to treat some salvage timber in federal forests, including trees as large as 12 inches in diameter, as a biomass energy source.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said it would help thin the forests of diseased and scrap wood and keep some Western biomass plants in business.

Scholarships created for students denied aid

By The Associated Press

Opponents of a 1998 law that denies federal aid to thousands of college students with criminal drug records are trying to work around the law by offering financial help to those affected.

A coalition of drug-law reform groups plans Tuesday to inaugurate a scholarship for those denied aid because of drug records. The John W. Perry Fund scholarships honor a New York police officer who decried the war on drugs and died saving people in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

"He felt that adults should be able to do with their bodies whatever they wish, as long as they don't hurt anybody," said Perry's mother, Patricia Perry, of Seaford, N.Y.

"To punish students who are financially unable to get to college without this assistance is a travesty," she said. "John would very definitely be in favor of students like that."

In the same vein, two colleges — Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., and Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania — are offering loans or grants to such students.

Critics have assailed the law since its inception.

The higher education lobby — student activists to college presidents — says the ban unfairly hits some of the people who need aid most, noting that affluent students with drug records don't need federal aid.

Even the law's author, Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., says it's misinterpreted. He meant to bar aid only from students already getting federal aid when convicted, and last month proposed amending the law to make that clear.

The application for federal student aid asks applicants, among other things, "Have you ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs?"

Those with one drug-possession offense are ineligible for federal college aid for one year after conviction. A second drug-possession or first drug-sale conviction means ineligibility for two years. More convictions bar aid indefinitely, unless the offender undergoes drug rehabilitation.

By early March, 47,063 of the 10.5 million federal aid applicants for this school year face possible denial of aid for all or part of the year, or risk automatic rejection for not answering the conviction question, the U.S. Education Department says.

Among the first 2 million aid applicants for next school year, 9,448 are at risk.

Students opposed to the ban include Michele Butcher, a 21-year-old junior majoring in mining engineering at Southern Illinois University. She's already borrowed $10,000 in federal college loans and will need $8,000 more next year.

Butcher put her education in jeopardy when police last year found marijuana in her sorority house bedroom, and again in her pocket during a traffic stop. Each time, she said, she persuaded the judge not to convict her and was instead placed on supervision.

"I got by very closely," Butcher acknowledged. Now cautious and fearful, she also feels the ban is wrong. "It's not the government's business what I do," she said.

Hampshire College, after a campus-wide vote, three years ago created a loan for any student there denied federal aid because of a drug record. No one has tapped it yet, a spokeswoman said.

Hampshire President Gregory Prince does not condone drugs but calls the ban "part of a larger pattern of the discriminatory impact, intended or not intended, that the drug policy has had on different communities, particularly minority communities."

Last month, the governing board at Swarthmore College voted to make up the difference if any of its students can't get federal aid because of a drug conviction. The action hews to a school policy ensuring students' financial needs are met, a spokesman said. Few, if any, at Swarthmore are expected to need such help, he said.

A fund-raiser is planned Tuesday in New York to launch the Perry scholarships. The organizer is David Borden, founder of the Drug Reform Coordination Network in Washington, which favors social control and regulation over punitive laws and is one of several groups involved in the effort.

Borden hopes to raise $100,000 for scholarships of up to $2,000 each. While modest, for some it could mean whether they stay in school.

Perry had subscribed to the e-mail list for Borden's group, which for a year had been planning the scholarships, Borden said. After Perry's death, his friends in the drug-law reform movement suggested naming the scholarship in tribute to him, he said.

Perry, 38 when he died, was a lawyer before he joined the NYPD in the early 1990s. He pounded a beat before his assignment to the legal department going after crooked cops.

He planned to return to law practice and was filing retirement papers at police headquarters when, on hearing of the attacks, he rushed to the World Trade Center.

On the Net:
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Ask Hollywood

By Holly Wood

What's up with 'Boy' star?

Q: I think Topanga on "Boy Meets World" is so cute. Does she have any movies out? Can you tell me more about her? — **B.G. Quitman, Ark.**

A: Her real name is Danielle Fishel, and she was born in 1981 in Mesa, Ariz. The only movies she has been in are "Rocket's Red Glare" and "Longshot," both released in 2000, but she has also appeared in episodes of the TV shows "Nikki," "Search Party," "Kirk," "Full House," and "Harry and the Hendersons." Fishel hasn't limited herself to acting: In 1999, she co-wrote a book with Monica Rizzo called "Girl Gets Real: A Teenager's Guide to Life" (Scholastic). It's 144 pages of advice for teen-age girls.

Q: I remember, about 10 years or so ago, Disney made a series of new Davy Crockett movies for television. The lead actor's name was Tim Dunigan. How many movies were there, and can I find them on video? — **E.S., Conway, Ark.**

A: There were two Davy Crockett movies starring Dunigan: "Davy Crockett: Guardian Spirit" and "Davy Crockett: Rainbow in the Thunder." Disney has only the Davy Crockett movies from the '50s on video. Sorry.

Q: We have been trying to find out if the rocker Marilyn Manson was the oldest son on the old TV series "Mr. Belvedere." Several sources have not been able to find out.

And whatever happened to the molestation charges against The Frugal Gourmet, the minister/chef? — **J.R., via e-mail**

A: Manson never appeared on "Mr. Belvedere." (Can you imagine Belvedere's displeasure at having to deal with Wesley AND a heavily made-up rocker?) The oldest son was played by Rob Stone, who later had a role in "Matlock: The Fatal Seduction." More recently, Stone wrote, directed and produced the TV movie "Into the Wild Blue." Manson, whose real name is Brian Warner, has appeared on only two TV series — "Havoc" and "The Howard Stern Show." He played himself — or a reasonable facsimile thereof — both times.

In the case of Jeffrey Smith ("The Frugal Gourmet"), seven men accused him of sexually molesting them as children. The chef settled the case with the men before it could go to trial.

Q: Will the 1970s movie "Breezy," with William Holden and Kay Lenz, ever be aired on television? Where can it be purchased? — J.M., Chico, Calif.

A: "Breezy" isn't showing any time in the near future, but TV schedules change all the time, so check your local listings.

You can buy it on video if you've got a lot of extra cash. The film is hard to come by, and Movies Unlimited is selling a used copy for $66.49. Call (800) 668-4344, or check out their Web site at http://www.moviesunlimited.com. I found another used VHS for $17.10 on eBay (http://www.ebay.com). That tape will undoubtedly be gone by the time you read this column, but you can check the site occasionally to see if anyone else is selling a copy.

TRIVIA: Marilyn Manson got his name by combining the first name of movie star Marilyn Monroe and the last name of infamous mass murderer Charles Manson.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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TexasInst		33.60	32.00	32.10—1.06
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Americans are weighing risk of being abroad

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Austria's carefree capital is known for bursts of Mozart, not machine-gun fire.

But even in tranquil Vienna, where the U.S. Embassy closed briefly last month and a man was detained on suspicion of plotting an attack, many of the city's 7,000 American expatriates confess they're on guard.

With good reason: In many parts of the world, it's dangerous to be an American abroad. Around the globe, jittery U.S. expatriates and other Westerners are taking extra precautions and rethinking their routines amid a growing realization that security is just an illusion.

"I'd never put an American flag T-shirt on my son and send him downtown. He might as well have a target on his back," said Kathy Iovieno, a Massachusetts native and married mother of two in Vienna. "Sometimes we even tell the kids to speak German rather than English on the streets so they're not so obviously American."

Last week, the U.S. State Department ordered embassy dependents and nonessential staff in Pakistan to leave. It also issued a global warning saying it continues to receive credible reports that extremists are planning additional terrorist acts against Americans worldwide.

The Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon left many Americans with the sense that anything can happen anywhere, anytime. For those who live overseas, events continue to reinforce the feeling.

On Thursday a car bombing near the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, killed nine people, all Peruvians. Earlier that week,

a grenade assault killed two American worshippers at an international church in Islamabad.

"When something like that happens ... things are never going to be the same," said Mark Green, an American oil company executive in New Delhi who used to attend the church when he was based in Pakistan.

In the Arab world and other places where Americans are particularly at risk, the State Department urges simple precautions such as varying routes, avoiding the American "uniform" of jeans, T-shirts and sneakers, and staying away from bars, restaurants and shopping malls where foreigners tend to congregate.

Elise Atkins and her family are taking that advice in Bosnia, where the U.S. Embassy has shut down amid reports that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization planned a devastating attack on Americans there.

Bosnian authorities last week raided an Islamic charity, seized weapons, plans for making bombs, booby-traps and bogus passports, and arrested the group's Bosnian head. In October, they arrested six Algerians suspected of plotting attacks on U.S. interests, including a man believed to have been bin Laden's top lieutenant in Europe.

"We won't go to international clubs or hangouts anymore, and we've decided not to wear shirts that have American logos on them," said Atkins, 40, of Austin, who works for an economic development agency in Sarajevo.

Still, there's plenty of stoicism. It's a kind of badge of honor among many Americans who live internationally and tend to shrug off risks and government travel warnings.

Dave Alford, an Irishman who owns The Harp, Sarajevo's hottest expatriate watering hole, said there were a lot more empty bar stools for a few weeks after Sept. 11 and when the U.S. Embassy closed. But not everyone was scared away, he said. "There are always those with the mentality that you can be hit by a bus."

Ron Mullers, an executive from Hawaii who has lived for 30 years in Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim country, concedes he's taking extra precautions. Indonesia was the site of big protests against the U.S.-led military campaign in Afghanistan and one of more than a dozen countries where U.S. authorities and officials overseas say they have uncovered plots against American targets or U.S. citizens.

But Mullers, 48, is determined not to let an unseen threat disrupt his life.

"Business people are always coming here and asking if it's safe. I think it's safer here than walking in downtown New York," he said.

In Colombia, many Americans avoid driving on rural roads to avoid being kidnapped by rebels who set up roadblocks in the countryside, but they're no more targeted than the locals.

Alicia Meno, a Chicago native and a school librarian in Bogota, said she feels safe, though she has cut back on trips outside the capital because of intensifying guerrilla activity.

"I take the same precautions I took growing up in the big city," said Meno, 30. "Look over your shoulder, don't walk alone at night, keep your money tucked in — just being really observant all the time in the street."

Some places that might seem hostile to Americans simply aren't. An example is China, where official anti-American rhetoric boils over from time to time, but terrorism concerns are virtually nil and U.S. citizens have no reason or precedent to fear for their safety.

Malaysia has arrested 24 people allegedly tied to al-Qaida and suspected of plotting to amass explosives and blow up the U.S. Embassy in neighboring Singapore.

Bush proposes $8 million in compensation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has proposed paying $8 million to the survivors of a missionary plane that was misidentified as a possible drug-smuggling flight and shot down last year by a Peruvian jet.

An American missionary and her infant daughter were killed.

The request was made last week in President Bush's supplemental spending proposal, which Congress must approve.

"I know that there had been talks about that topic, and I'm not confirming the exact settlement," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Sunday as he traveled with the president in Latin America.

The Cessna float plane was fired on in April 2001 after a CIA-operated surveillance plane misidentified it.

Veronica Bowers, 35, and her 7-month-old daughter, Charity, were killed. Her husband, Jim Bowers, and the couple's son, Cory, escaped serious injury. Pilot Kevin Donaldson, who had serious leg wounds, crash-landed the plane on the Amazon River.

Jim Bowers, along with Veronica Bowers' parents, Donaldson and the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, jointly have been trying to reach a settlement with the government.

"We have already expressed privately and publicly our condolence to the family," said Peru President Alejandro Toledo in an interview Sunday with Fox News. "It was an accident that we share responsibility on the part of the pilots of the plane as well as our armed forces."

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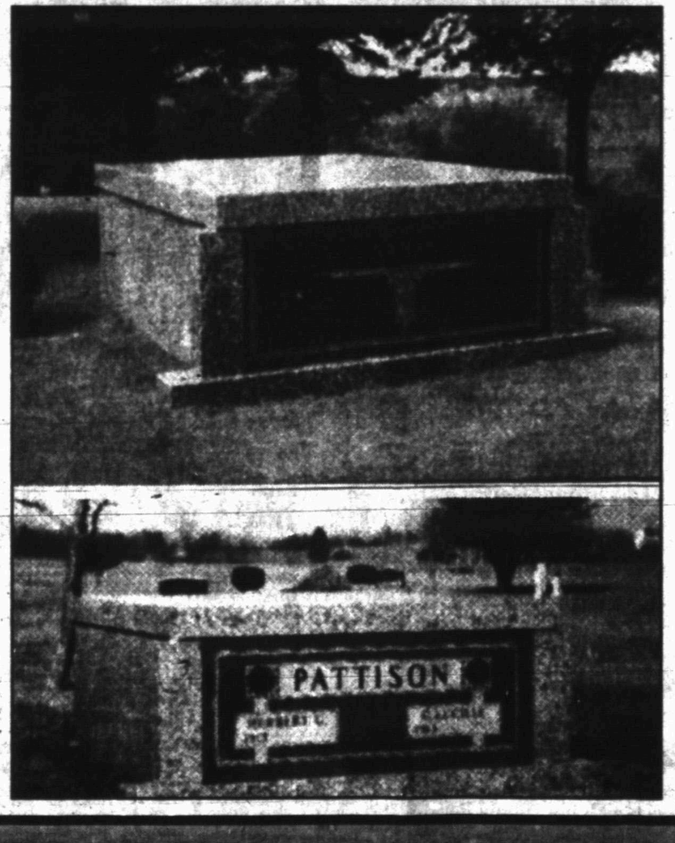
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Scientist: More Antarctic ice shelves face breakup with change in climate

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The Antarctic's huge ice shelves may break up as ice flows across the frozen continent slow or even stop and the global climate warms, a New Zealand climate researcher warned.

The collapse reported last week of the Larsen B Ice Shelf in Antarctica was "a wakeup call to expect more collapses," said Tim Naish, a senior researcher at the government-owned Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences.

Such collapses would have "a dramatic effect on global climate" by disrupting ocean currents, he said.

Larsen B, made up of about 720 billion tons of ice, disintegrated after 50 years of sharp temperature rises on the Antarctic Peninsula unmatched elsewhere in the world.

Ted Scambos, of the National Snow and Ice Data Center at the University of Colorado, one of three American researchers monitoring the Larsen ice shelf by satellite, said other ice shelves were closer to the breaking point than previously thought. Ice shelves form when ice sheets spread off the land mass.

Naish said Larsen's collapse was a warning about the stability of Antarctica's largest ice shelf, the Ross Ice Shelf, which at 332,000 square miles covers an area the size of France.

"It is becoming especially vulnerable as huge ice streams that feed it from West Antarctica begin to slow or have stopped," Naish said in an interview Friday.

Naish said even a partial collapse of the Ross Ice Shelf would be globally significant, as it would "dramatically affect ocean circulation and climate."

If average global temperatures continued to rise this century by up to 3 degrees Celsius, as climate models currently predict, he believes the bigger Antarctic ice shelves — also including several in the Weddell Sea — could become vulnerable.

He said scientists still know too little about the behavior of Antarctic ice sheets to predict whether these ice shelves will remain intact for decades or centuries.

A six-nation science team will next year drill into the seabed of the Ross Sea ice shelf as part of a study to understand the behavior of the region's ice shelves during climatic change.

The project will include the deepest core drilling yet.

Hawaii looks to agriculture not tourism to help economy

HONOLULU (AP) — The state's economic downturn since Sept. 11 has stirred discussion once again about moving Hawaii's financial base away from tourism, and farm advocates say helping the islands' agriculture industry must be part of the equation.

Before the first tourist ever set foot in Hawaii, it was pineapple, sugar and other agricultural products that drove the islands' economy. And while farming isn't likely by itself to save Hawaii, they say, it can help diversify an island economy now dominated by tourism.

"I think since September 11th ... it took that kind of devastating event to really have everybody looking at different industries," said Alan Takemoto, a spokesman for the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. "Agriculture has been the only industry that has shown growth through the past few years ever since the economy has been going down."

Whether it is produce such as pineapple, sugar, papaya, bananas, coffee and lychee or livestock such as cattle, chickens or goats, lawmakers also recognize the importance of agriculture to the state's future.

Both the House and the Senate have approved bills aimed at protecting farmers and spurring growth in state agriculture. The bills would pay for advanced agricultural research and development and establish a task force to look at ways to deter agricultural theft.

Industry officials, including Takemoto and Doug MacCluer of the Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii, estimate farmers lose more than $1 million each year to thieves.

Anti-theft measures have been proposed before, but they're getting support this session in part because thefts have gone up since Sept. 11.

One Big Island orange grower estimated he has lost about $1.9 million over the past three years to thieves. Morton Bassan, whose Kau Gold Orange Co. has 18,000 trees on 150 acres, said that if the losses continue, he will be forced to go out of business.

"The margins are so thin in the ag industry that any theft severely hurts the farmers," MacCluer said.

But pineapple, like sugar, is no longer the bankable commodity it once was in Hawaii.

The first full-fledged sugar plantation started in Hawaii in 1835. Sugar and pineapple would dominate the economic, social and political landscapes of Hawaii for more than 125 years until 1959, when statehood and jet travel ushered in the era of tourism.

Within decades of their arrival in the 1820s, missionary families and businessmen controlled all the plantations, setting up a feudal system that made workers virtual slaves.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 26, 2002

Additional responsibilities and duties won't bother you in the year ahead, because you'll realize all the personal benefits you'll derive for your time and efforts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — All eyes will turn on you if you begin to expect more from co-workers than you're prepared to do yourself. What your cohorts give out is based on what they'll see from you. 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) — It's wonderful to be sharing and giving, but a manipulator might use your generosity to get things from you to which this person isn't entitled.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There can be a fine line between putting forth maximum effort and doing things the hard way. It's admirable to want to do your best, but use the former way, not the latter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Every once in awhile, you go into one of your moods and become more of a defeatist than an adventurer. Unfortunately, this could be one of those days if you let things get to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A financial situation cannot be resolved if you pretend it does not exist. Instead of burying your head in the sand, face the facts and find a solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Individuals who are not equipped to help you attain your present objectives should not be involved in your affairs. They'll only be in the way and hinder your efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you want your companions to accept your political or philosophical concepts, present them in a light and cheerful manner. Being heavy-handed will invite rebuttals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It isn't likely that you'll be intimidated by difficult developments. In fact, you'll handle them effectively. However, something that should be fun could get you uptight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may start the day being your old optimistic, cheerful self, but as time wears on, you could let events dampen your spirits and see only negatives. Don't let this happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be grateful for all the good that comes your way, instead of feeling you're entitled to more, even if you are. Looking on the dark side will take away the joy you should feel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is not a good day to gamble, especially on unknown facts. You can avoid being blindsided by guarding against any inclination to throw caution to the wind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll have compassion for others, but if you don't reveal it for fear of expressing it, you could evoke a negative response from someone you care about.

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Bridge

North 03-25-02
♠ A 4 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ A K 10 9 8
♣ 7 3

West
♠ 8 7 6
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ J 7 3
♣ 10 6 5

East
♠ K 5 2
♥ 2
♦ Q 5
♣ K Q J 9 8 4 2

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

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	3 ♣
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 5

He earned the 10 tricks

By Phillip Alder

George Bernard Shaw wrote, "You must not suppose, because I am a man of letters, that I never tried to earn an honest living."

Few players make a living from bridge. Even the world's top-ranked performer, Bob Hamman of Dallas, earns only part of his annual income from the game.

Hamman declared this contract more than 20 years ago. How did he bring home four hearts without peeking at the opposing hands?

I think North should have opened one no-trump, even if using a 16-18 range. That five-card suit and all the points in aces and king (!) make the hand easily worth it. East's jump to three clubs is surprising. His hand is too strong for a weak jump overcall, and too weak for an intermediate jump overcall.

Hamman seems to have four unavoidable losers: one spade, two hearts and one diamond. But somehow he guessed the full layout and found a way to make one of the four evaporate.

After winning the first trick with his club ace, Hamman played a trump to dummy's ace and returned a heart, getting the bad news. Going up with his king, declarer crossed to dummy's diamond king, ruffed the club seven in hand, and played a diamond to the eight, end playing East.

When East returned a low spade, Hamman won with his queen and played a diamond to dummy's ace. On the penultimate diamond, South threw a spade. West ruffed and led a spade, but Hamman won with dummy's ace and discarded his last spade on the final diamond. Declarer lost only two hearts and one diamond.

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States say Microsoft uses monopoly power to hurt new technology

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft competitors plan to tell a federal judge this week that the software giant is using its monopoly power to shove out competition in emerging technology markets.

The witnesses were taking the stand starting today on behalf of nine states that want Microsoft to be hit with strong penalties in order to restore competition and break Microsoft's Windows monopoly.

The nine states want Microsoft to create a stripped-down version of its flagship Windows software that could incorporate competitors' features. The states also want Microsoft to divulge the blueprints for its Internet Explorer browser.

The federal government and nine other states settled their antitrust case against Microsoft last year with lesser penalties.

As the nine remaining states pursue the next phase of the case, U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly refused in the first week of testimony to rule on a central issue — whether the penalties should cover issues outside the desktop computer operating system market on which the first antitrust case was based.

The states hope U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly will allow them to present evidence they say shows that Microsoft has damaged competition in emerging markets such as handheld computers, television set-top boxes and "smart" cell phones.

That will be an uphill battle, as the law doesn't allow the states to punish Microsoft for accusations that were not addressed.

Inmate giving DNA sample in slayings freed days ago

LONGVIEW (AP) — A state jail inmate who has submitted a blood sample in pursuit of DNA evidence in the 18-year-old Kentucky Fried Chicken slayings in East Texas had been released from prison two days before the attacks.

Romeo Pinkerton is serving a 50-year sentence on a burglary of a habitation conviction in Smith County, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said.

Pinkerton, 43, had been mentioned as a possible suspect in the 1983 slayings by the Rusk County Sheriff's Office in February. He was contacted in the state prison and voluntarily gave a sample of his blood for DNA testing.

Nevertheless, Pinkerton's mother remains certain her son was not involved.

"He'd never hurt a flea," said Mary Pinkerton, adding that her son was a "chunky kid" who liked to go to school.

Pinkerton first arrived at a state prison in 1980 on a three-year burglary sentence from Smith County, although he was given credit for time in county jail, said Larry Fitzgerald, a TDCJ spokesman,

Less than a year later, he was released on parole but returned to prison within 10 months as a parole violator and with a new 5-year sentence on a burglary charge. He was released again on mandatory supervision on Sept. 21, 1983.

Five people were kidnapped from the KFC in Kilgore on Sept. 23. Their bodies were discovered the next day on an oil lease road in rural Rusk County. The victims — David Maxwell, 20, Mary Tyler, 37, Opie Ann Hughes, 39, Joey Johnson, 20, and Monty Landers, 19 — had all been shot to death.

No one ever has been brought to trial in the case.

Pinkerton wrote to his mother, telling her about the DNA testing. She said he told her that "they were laying that on me."

His mother thought he still was in prison at the time of the KFC slayings. But even if he wasn't, she said, he couldn't have been involved.

"He didn't go that way because he didn't have no way to go but on feet, and I know he wasn't going to walk," she told the Longview News-Journal in today's editions.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



New blood test to predict Alzheimer's disease

DEAR DR. GOTT: My friend swears that there is a blood test for Alzheimer's disease. Is this true?

DEAR READER: There appears to be a newly discovered relation between the level of homocysteine in the blood and Alzheimer's disease, as reported in the New England Journal of Medicine (Feb. 14, 2002).

For years, homocysteine has been known to have a direct toxic effect on cells lining the body's arteries. The compound is clearly related to coronary artery disease, stroke, peripheral vascular disease and the aging of the brain.

The new study indicates that the higher the homocysteine level, the more likely a person will develop Alzheimer's. This finding is doubly important because homocysteine blood levels can be significantly reduced by supplemental folic acid, a vitamin, in dosages of one to two milligrams a day. The relation of homocysteine to vascular diseases is so compelling that the United States government now mandates folic acid fortification of the food supply.

High homocysteine levels precede the development of Alzheimer's disease by several years. Therefore, early detection coupled with folic acid therapy could, in theory, prevent the disastrous consequences of homocysteine-induced vascular disorders. Here is an instance where inexpensive treatment can be truly useful.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly "Winning the Battle of the Bulge") that includes my No Flour, No Sugar diet send $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with an ascending aortic aneurysm. Rather than recommending immediate surgery, my doctor has advised monitoring the situation. Do you agree?

DEAR READER: Yes, I do.

The aorta, the major artery that supplies blood to the body, is shaped like an inverted "J."

The short arm (ascending aorta) leaves the heart, travels upward toward the neck, and then curves downward (the aortic arch), where the long arm (descending aorta) continues into the lower abdomen. Aneurysms (ballooning out of weakened portions of the artery) are much more common in the descending aorta; hence, surgery to repair or replace these defective portions is standard.

In contrast, the ascending aorta is technically much more difficult to repair. Not only is it in a relatively inaccessible location (in the chest); it provides most of the circulation to the brain. Therefore, replacement of aneurysms of the ascending aorta is more challenging than the procedure used for the descending aorta. The operation is much riskier.

Obviously, if semi-annual monitoring with X-rays or ultrasound shows the aneurysm is enlarging, your doctor will have to reconsider his decision because the risk of an aneurysm bursting might well exceed the dangers of surgery.

While you are waiting to see what happens, be sure to follow your physician's advice. If you have hypertension, for example, the aneurysm may grow more quickly; your blood pressure should be brought under control as soon as possible to prevent this complication.

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Terrorism ruled out

NEW YORK (AP) — A bomb exploded Sunday in a van in one of Brooklyn's busiest Jewish neighborhoods, severing a man's leg, but police ruled out terrorism.

The "fairly sophisticated" bomb likely was planted in the van rented by Yisroel Halberstam because of a personal dispute, said Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. He would not give details, but said a car Halberstam rented about two weeks ago was set on fire.

The bomb exploded on the driver's side of the van when Halberstam opened the door, Kelly said.

Halberstam, 46, who owns a home electronics store, was in critical condition, said Bellevue Hospital spokesman Peter Schectman.

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U.S. military bolsters base fire power

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military bolstered its firepower in eastern Afghanistan even as a dispute among its Afghan allies threatened today to complicate the campaign against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

The military has brought a small number of A-10 Thunderbolt II attack jets to this base to bolster America's capability to provide close air support for combat operations against al-Qaida and the Taliban, a U.S. military spokesman said.

The A-10s, armed with a 30 millimeter Gatling guns as well as AGM-65 Maverick and AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles, have already been used in operations in Afghanistan, including the just-concluded Operation Anaconda.

A dispute among America's Afghan allies continued to build about 40 miles east of the Operation Anaconda battle area. Afghan officials said U.S. Special Forces had not handed over two suspects who allegedly sought refuge at their base after an ambush of the car of the regional security chief in which one bodyguard and two others were killed.

The incident threatens to drive a wedge between Afghan groups allied with the United States in the fight against Taliban and al-Qaida and promote further instability in the Khost area.

The campaign against Taliban and al-Qaida quickened, however, as the A-10s took up positions at Bagram, making them available more quickly in case al-Qaida and Taliban targets are spotted. The aircraft had been positioned outside of Afghanistan.

"The A-10s that are coming in here give us an additional air platform," said Maj. Gen. Frank Hagenbeck. "They bring close air support and a little bit more coordinates than our helicopters can cover on any given mission."

At least four of the jets, known among pilots as "Warthogs," could be seen at Bagram air base, located north of Kabul.

Bush asks Israel to permit Y. Arafat to attend summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush urged Arab nations today to affirm a Saudi land-for-peace proposal with Israel and said Prime Minister Ariel Sharon should let Yasser Arafat participate in considering the U.S.-backed initiative.

"The president believes it is time for Arab nations in the region to seize the moment, to create a better environment for peace to take root," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Bush welcomes the proposal by Crown Prince Abdullah and "he thinks it would be very helpful in the search for peace in the Middle East," Fleischer said.

The president's request to Sharon was conveyed through Secretary of State Colin Powell, the spokesman said. There was no explanation why Bush did not talk directly to the Israeli leader.

Fleischer said Bush would like Arab leaders to agree in Beirut to approve "Abdullah's initiative that recognizes Israel's right to exist."

The White House official did not mention that Abdullah is insisting that in exchange for diplomatic recognition and trade, he demands that Israel relinquish all the land the Arabs lost in their 1967 war with Israel.

Sharon has penned Arafat in his West Bank headquarters in Ramallah in response to persistent Palestinian attacks on Israel.

"The president believes that Mr. Sharon and the Israeli government should give serious consideration to allowing Yasser Arafat to attend," Fleischer said.

Congressman: Nation's nuclear power plants are susceptible to terrorists

BOSTON (AP) — Security at the nation's civilian nuclear power plants is so poor that terrorists could already be secretly working at reactors, a congressman alleges in a new report on homeland security.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., said the nation's 86 most sensitive nuclear power plants fail to screen workers for terrorist ties and don't know how many foreign nationals they employ.

"Terrorists may now be employed at nuclear reactors in the United States just as terrorists enrolled in flight schools in the U.S.," Markey said in his report, "Security Gap: A Hard Look at Soft Spots in Our Civilian Nuclear Reactor Security."

Markey, a proponent of federalizing nuclear power plant safety, said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not sufficiently improved security since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The NRC is in the dark about what nuclear reactor licensees are doing to ensure the reactors are safe from attack," Markey told the Boston Herald.

NRC spokeswoman Diane Screnci declined to discuss the report's details, saying "we don't normally comment on press releases from members of Congress."

She told The Boston Globe that security employees at nuclear plants are fingerprinted, and that minimum staffing levels are included in security plans filed with the NRC.

Markey said the NRC doesn't check workers for possible terrorist ties.

"As long as they have no criminal record in this country, al-Qaida operatives are not required to pass any security check intended to find and expose terrorist links," he said.

Two arrested at VFW Saturday for fighting

•Arrests

A fight was reported at the VFW Saturday night between two Hispanic subjects. Officers responded and took both subjects, 26 and 37-year-old males, into custody.

At 3 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested another pair in the 700 block of 37th Street.

A 22-year-old man was arrested on city warrants for failure to appear before a judge and bail jumping and a 41-year-old man was taken into custody on Lubbock warrants for forgery of a financial instrument.

Officers apprehended a juvenile female just before 4 a.m. Sunday on a warrant for failure to appear. She later was released to a family member.

A 25-year-old woman was arrested on 28th Street Sunday morning for Class A assault and family violence. She also was issued a criminal trespass warning to stay away from a residence on that street.

Deputies took Jana Lane, 27, of 5052 CR 473 into custody at 2:15 p.m. Sunday on a warrant for parole violation on an original charge of burglary of a habitation.

•Accident

Snyder officers responded to a two-vehicle minor accident just before 3 p.m. Sunday at 19th Street and Ave. O. Involved were a 1988 Ford Taurus driven by Lina Olvera, 18, of 304 N. College Ave. and a 1991 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Ricardo Madera Jr., 17, of 2008 Ave. K. No injuries were reported.

•Disturbances

A man reported a disturbance in the 600 block of Ave. Q Saturday afternoon. Officers responded and issued a criminal trespass warning to another man to stay away from the location.

A woman reported problems with her husband at 5 p.m. Saturday and was escorted to Gateway Family Services by an officer and an offense report for family violence was submitted.

A caller advised of a disturbance at a home on 26th Street Sunday evening, but two male subjects were gone upon officers' arrival. A report for family violence was filed.

•Close patrols

A woman Saturday reported threats made toward her family and property and police initiated a close patrol and issued criminal trespass warnings to two subjects.

Officers were contacted by a woman who advised her estranged husband threatened to harm her and her boyfriend and reported the man could have a gun. A close patrol was begun.

A woman reported a man looking in her windows Saturday and requested a close patrol of her property.

Officers initiated a close patrol in the 500 block of 33rd Street after a woman heard noises in her backyard.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a drive off worth $2.01 Saturday afternoon.

At 6:15 p.m. Saturday, a drive off in the amount of $40 was reported from the Allsup's in Hermleigh.

Obituaries

Ashley Bouher

1984-2002

SPUR – Funeral service for Ashley Bouher, a senior at Patton Springs High School, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church in Spur. The Revs. Rick Lawrence and C.L. Atkinson will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder with arrangements under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home.



Ashley Bouher

Miss Bouher, 18, died Friday, March 22, from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident 17 miles east of Dickens on U.S. 82.

Miss Bouher was born March 13, 1984 in Snyder. At Patton Springs, she was a member of the varsity basketball team, ran cross country and was active in one-act play and in ag. A member of the National Honor Society, she was to have been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College on Sunday. For the past three years, she had worked at the Ponderosa in Dickens.

Survivors include her parents, Cheryl and Bill Bouher of the Pitchfork Ranch in Dickens County; a brother, Josh Bouher of the home; her grandparents, Kenneth and Joyce Smith of Snyder and Jim and Karen Welch of Stinesville, Ind.; her great-grandparents, Bill and Lula Bouher of Indiana; a great-great-grandmother, Marie Rose of Indiana; aunts and uncles, Grant and Stephanie Knipe of Snyder, Bruce and Paula Hood of Thorndale, Gary and Trena Bouher, Mark and Sherry Bouher, Ed and Alveda Bouher and Jesse and Lucinda Welch; cousins, Corey and Valerie Knipe of Snyder, and Richard Birch, Jeremy Bouher, Tye Bouher, Shannon Hood, Justin and Stephanie Hood, Jaden and Jordan Hood.

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Faye Morris

1922-2002

AMARILLO — Faye Morris of Amarillo, the sister of Emogene Sterling of Ira, died Sunday, March 24, in Baptist St. Anthony Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Morris, 79, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. David Evans officiating. Burial will follow in Hollis, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 24, 1922 in Snyder, she married Max Morris on Dec. 23, 1945 in Hollis. He died Sept. 5, 1968.

Mrs. Morris retired after 42 years with the V.A. Medical Center in Amarillo. She was a member of the American Business Women Association for 30 years and was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Sears and Pauline Cook; a daughter, Eloise Logsdon; and a sister, Eloise Crowder.

Survivors also include a daughter, Lori Herman of Amarillo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Buddy and Marie Cook of Carmel, Calif., and Marshall and Helen Cook of Muleshoe; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 1608 Wolflin in Amarillo, 79109.

Births

Angelica E. Benitez announces the birth of her nine-pound, two ounces daughter, Stephanie. She was born at 7:25 a.m. on March 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Technology booster club

The Technology Association booster club will meet at 6 p.m. today in the SHS shop classroom. Final plans for the upcoming garage sale and the banquet will be made.

Choir booster club

The SHS Choir Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the choir room to plan the choir banquet set for April 29.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Nicodemus," followed by "The Holy Spirit."

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church as part of Holy Week Services.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Foster care meeting

To learn more information of foster care and adoption, attend an informational meeting to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library to continue the show and tell family heirloom program. The public is invited and members will assist visitors with research after the business meeting.

4-H horse club

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will have voluntary practice at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the rodeo grounds.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

MAWC game day

There will not be a fourth Wednesday game day and luncheon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club due to the Holy Week Services.

Snyder Tiger football booster club

The Snyder football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the film room. Parents and the public are invited to attend.

First Church of the Nazarene

The First Church of the Nazarene will have an Easter egg hunt following the Easter Sunday service that begins at 10:45 a.m.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth's annual all-you-can-eat sausage festival will be from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7. Tickets will be sold at the door and adult tickets are $6.50, children 12 and under are $3.50, and all take-outs are $6.50. Sausage by the pound is $4 cooked and $3 uncooked.

Alzheimer's program

An educational program "Overview of Alzheimer's Disease," will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

American Legion membership drive

The American Legion is holding its membership drive and if you or a family member served in the military, you could be eligible for membership in the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion. Call 573-4082, 573-6542 or 574-6805 for more information.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.