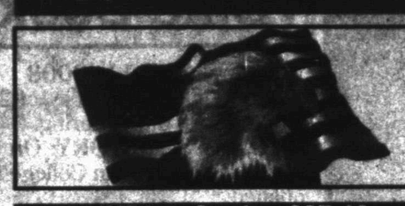
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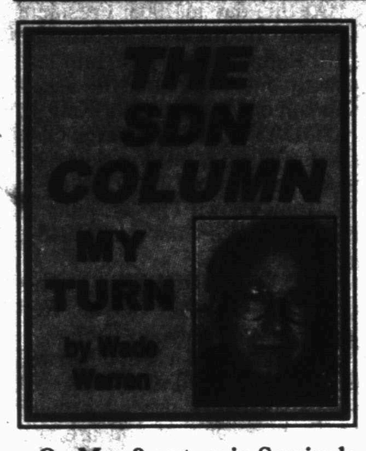
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# Settlement reached in lawsuit filed against school district by 2002 grad

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

**A lawsuit filed by 2002 Snyder High School graduate Haley Elkins will be dismissed no later than next Friday following a settlement between Elkins and defendants Snyder Independent School District, the school's board of trustees and SHS drama teacher Brad Vincent.**

**The settlement agreement was recommended by the school district's counsel and passed on a 3-2 vote at Thursday night's trustee meeting.**

Following over 1½ hours in closed session, Glenn Clarady, Mark McCormick and Doug Neff voted for the settlement, while Richard Chambers and Mike Levens voted against it.

Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples were absent.

Elkins had filed suit in Lubbock's United States District Court on Jan. 19 claiming her civil rights had been violated when she was not allowed to participate in varsity drama as a one-act play participant, and the Theater IV Production class.

The lawsuit states that Elkins had participated in drama all four years in high school and had been a member of the one-act play cast in different capacities during those four years. It further states that Elkins was a member of the National Honor Society, editor-in-chief of the Snyder High School newspaper for three years, and in her senior year, received three of the eighteen departmental awards given to students by teachers for excellence in the various departments.

Elkins received awards her senior year from the English department, the SHS newspaper and as journalist of the year.

The lawsuit further states that the reputation of Elkins was tarnished by rumors stemming from her dismissal from the drama classes.

It also states that Vincent prevented Elkins from decorating a ceremonial brick in Worsham Auditorium — a custom accorded to select senior drama students at Snyder High School.

As part of the settlement, the school district agrees to provide a ceremonial brick to Elkins to decorate and display as other 2002 graduate drama students were allowed.

The district also will allow Elkins reasonable access to the school to decorate the brick.

The agreement further states that the ceremonial brick provided to Elkins will be displayed in a similar manner to others, which have been decorated by other students at Snyder High School. Also that the ceremonial brick will not be removed, painted over or otherwise defaced by, or at the direction of the district unless from a bona fide project to remodel or improve Snyder High School.

In the agreement, Elkins also agrees to dismiss the lawsuit and release the defendants from all liabilities and damages.

The agreement states that no party admits liability and there was no monetary settlement.

Also meeting in the closed session while the board conferred with their attorney via telephone was SHS principal Larry Scott.

In other action Thursday night, trustees approved the dropout records report and the certification of unopposed school board candidates Mike Levens and Richard Chambers. Both were declared duly elected.

A resolution also was adopted canceling the May 3 election as there were no contested races.

The school calendar for 2003-2004 was adopted with school set to start Aug. 18.

Trustees also adopted a resolution issuing $1,505,000 in maintenance tax notes for heating and air conditioning improvements at Snyder High School.

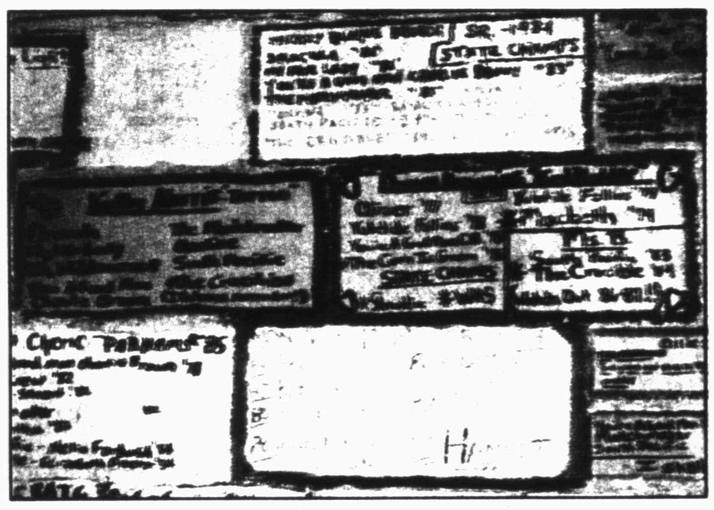
West Texas State Bank was the only bank to bid on the notes and set an interest rate at 4.275 percent.

It was originally planned to finance the improvements with delinquent tax notes but that figure totaled approximately $900,000.

The gifted/talented plan and dyslexia plan for students also was approved.

Letters of resignation were approved from SJHS math teacher John Richardson, East Elementary reading teacher Betty Richardson, Stanfield first grade teacher Melissa Rosson, and Stanfield Elementary second grade teacher Theresa Stephens.

Trustees also approved the formal application of Joseph Anaya, a 2002 graduate of the University of New Mexico, for coaching and teaching social studies at the high school. This is based on Anaya receiving his certification from the Texas Education Agency, said Supt. Ronny Collins.



Ceremonial brick wall in Worsham Auditorium

**On May 3, voters in Seminole will go to the polls to decide a $5.9 million bond issue to finance capital improvements to the district's schools and add to their transportation fleet.**

**Seminole has one of the premier school facilities in West Texas and its showplace high school was built back when homeowners did not have to carry most of the burden.**

**It was finished in 1980 and still looks brand spanking new.**

**The Seminole school district is one of the richest in the state due to the county's number one ranking in oil production, so to say the school district is a Texas Education Agency cash-rich district, would be an understatement.**

**By being a cash-rich district, several million of its local tax dollars leave yearly to districts across the state who are considered cash-poor.**

**As a matter of fact, over the last 10 years, Seminole ISD has sent over $95 million of its maintenance and operations revenue to Austin to be doled out to other districts.**

**That amounts to over half of its local revenue going to other schools.**

**By financing these new projects through bonds, the district will avoid having the majority of their money captured by the state through the idiot "Robin Hood" system.**

**Seminole supt. Doug Harriman said the district was not trying to shirk its financial obligations under the "Robin Hood" system by taking this approach.**

**We're not suggesting they shirk their responsibilities either, but if the district has found a way to keep their money and not send it to San Antonio or elsewhere, more power to them.**

**We've listened to the big city guys whine for years because the oil is out here and all they have is rivers and trees.**

**It always has been our suggestion that we trade our assets dollar for dollar for theirs.**

**If they want several million West Texas oil dollars to operate their schools, let's send it to them only after they've pipelined a few million dollars worth of water to our West Texas lakes.**

**Seminole has plans to use the $5-plus million in bond money to expand the elementary school cafeteria, renovate science labs in the junior high school, renovate the high school track, and install intercom systems in all the schools.**

**Locally, Snyder ISD trustees voted last night to issue maintenance tax notes for $1.5 million to replace an outdated, inefficient "piece of junk" heating and cooling system at the high school.**

**Good for them.**

**We hope our local citizenry eventually recognizes the need for other major improvements to school facilities.**



**BIG WINNER — Fran Walker of Austin Thursday claimed the 2003 Ford Focus raffled last week by Western Texas College. The car was donated to the college by Wilson Motors. Pictured with Walker are Elliott Cox, left, and Bill Wilson III, of the dealership. (SDN Staff Photo)**

# Area firemen in town Saturday

More than 60 participants are expected at this weekend's Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association convention hosted by the Snyder Fire Department.

Firefighters from eight area communities will attend the semi-annual event to begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the fire station.

Fire Marshal Cy Posey said the event has been held in Snyder before and helps attract dozens of people to the community for the weekend.

"Many of our guests will spend the night in some of our local hotels and motels and they will eat at our restaurants," Posey said. "This is good for Snyder when we host this event."

A luncheon is scheduled at 11 a.m. at Spanish Inn to be followed by a 1 p.m. business meeting.

Mayor Francene Noah will welcome the guests to Snyder and business items will include financial reports and appointment to committees.

Staffers from the state fire marshal's office will update the group on legislative concerns and a memorial service also is scheduled.

Local firefighter Gerald Bigham will be one of five honored at the service which will be conducted by the Texas Christian Firefighters Association. Three firefighters from Haskell and one from Baird also will be remembered at the service.

Posey said the convention isn't all work as the participants will compete in pump races at 3 p.m. at 26th Street and Ave. Q.

"We learn a lot of stuff and we have a lot of fun," he said. "This is good for all of the departments because we get some time for fellowship and some time for training."

# Law and order in short supply in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Baghdad's people are running low on food, the electricity is out, and they are getting just a trickle of water from the taps. But most of all, it is law and order that is in short supply.

Security collapsed with Saddam Hussein's regime and looters wheeled everything from wobbly office chairs to flashy red speedboats along the streets of Iraq's capital.

They hit government offices, businesses and Iraqi bunkers, bundling up AK-47s and other arms and ammo abandoned by Saddam's forces, frightened residents complained.

In the chaos, men like Arkan Daoud Boutros spoke of staying up for seven nights without lights or electricity to protect his home from looters.

"We are sleepless all the nights. We don't care about the government buildings, but we are afraid for our homes, for our families," said Boutros, a 24-year-old currency exchange clerk made jobless by the war and caring for two older, unmarried sisters.

"Americans entered the city with the slogan of helping us, but we haven't seen anything from them. We have seen only robbery."

The swiftness of Baghdad's fall suddenly left the U.S. military with the task of administering and securing a city of 5 million people.

Marine commanders acknowledged confusion so far in confronting the job. Battallion commanders pledged patrols to at least stop the looting of hospitals — looters wheeled beds out of one medical center — and of U.N. installations.

Broader measures would have to come from a higher level, field commanders said.

In the vacuum, thinly stretched U.S. troops and tanks guarded only a few hotels, key intersections and overpasses, and other significant sites.

Elsewhere, Baghdad was a no man's land, ruled by none. Families stayed off the streets, leaving them to roaming bands of threadbare boys and men.

"When are the police coming? When are the soldiers coming?" asked Gilbert Yusef, a mechanic.

Drunken men were going on sprees with looted arsenals, terrorizing neighborhoods with nighttime fusillades from automatic weapons, Yusef said.

Food shops and all other markets stand shuttered, for fear of the looters and continuing clashes between U.S. forces and Saddam's.

Baghdad's people were living off their dwindling rations from the U.N.-administered oil-for-food program, digging into their private hoards or going without so their children could eat.

Sisters Selma Ilya and Neshua Ala'd roamed the city Thursday with empty plastic shopping bags, unable to find an open bakery to buy bread for their families.

Jacoub Hight roamed the city as well — having walked eight miles from the outskirts in hopes of finding an open pharmacy and medicine for his pregnant wife, he said.

The power failure left the city's people in the dark about basic news of the war.

## ASK US

**Q—How can I reach Rep. Scott Campbell at his San Angelo office?**

**A—The phone number is 325-655-4434.**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



**Erica Maldonado...**

**...is the daughter of Estroberto and Esmeralda Maldonado. She is 11 years old and in the sixth grade at West Elementary where her favorite subject is math. She has plans this summer to visit in Mexico along with her family.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.**
**—Babe Ruth**

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# WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### Flag retirement ceremony

There will be a flag retirement ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th St. It will be for the Senior Girl Scout Award. The public is invited.

### Car wash

First Assembly of God youth will hold a car wash starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the United parking lot. Cost is $5 or by donation with all proceeds going toward youth camp.

### Easter egg hunt

Knights of Columbus Council #8875 will host its 4th annual Easter Egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park for children 12 years and under.

### Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played at the Senior Center beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

### Easter Cantata

The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church will present its Easter Cantata, "Christ the King" at the 10:50 a.m. service Sunday.

### New support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a new support group session Monday. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday to focus on the educational needs of adult victims of family violence and sexual assault. Help in the area of literacy, GED progress and computer skills will be offered in both group and individual settings. Children's support group will meet at the same time and childcare will be available. Call 573-1822 for more information.

### Retired teachers meeting

The Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. State president Tom Pritchard will speak on the current Texas legislature.

### High school orientation

Parents of 8th grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the junior high auditorium. Debbie Phillips, high school counselor, will provide information concerning high school registration, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs. 8th grade students also are invited to attend.

### Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Three Strikes and You're Out," followed by "Whosoever Will May Come."

### American Legion meeting

The American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will have a membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at 1800 Ave. R. Both groups will hold election of officers at 7:30 p.m. May 12.

### Lions Club meeting change

The Snyder Lions Club will attend Holy Week services Tuesday in place of its regular meeting.

### Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

### American Evening set at library

U.S. veterans will speak about their experiences while serving America at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library reading room.

### AARP coffee

A come-and-go AARP recognition coffee will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center. The public is invited and AARP information will be available.

### Avenue D Baptist revival

Avenue D Baptist Church will hold a revival April 20-25. Wes Massey will be the evangelist and the music evangelist is Don Thornton. Sunday services include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. During the week, there will be a covered dish luncheon and noon services, and services at 7 p.m.

### Medical account

A special account has been set up at West Texas State Bank (#3111245-20 under the name of LuLu Martinez) for Madalena Morelez who has cancer.

### Ira pictures needed

Parents of seniors at Ira are asked to provide 3-4 pre-school or elementary-age pictures of their senior for a slide show being prepared for graduation. Send to Becky Hudgins at the Ira school no later than Friday, April 25.

### Relay for Life quilt auction

The Friends for Life team is selling tickets for a hand-made pink ribbon quilt to be auctioned at the Relay For Life on April 25. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5. For more information call the school credit union at 573-6568 or Rhonda May at Special Occasions at 574-1257. Tickets are available at either location.

### Citizenship seminar

Texas Farm Bureau will sponsor a citizenship seminar June 2-6 at Angelo State University. Applications are being accepted by calling the Scurry County Farm Bureau at 573-9963. Deadline for applications is April 30. Any high school student entering the 11th or 12th grade in August is eligible. Registration and transportation fees provided by the local Farm Bureau.

### Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

### WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S. L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.



**FORTINBRAS CONTINUES AT WTC — Western Texas College drama department's production, *Fortinbras*, continues at 7:30 tonight and Saturday night and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre. Call 573-8511, etc. 234 for reservations. Students rehearsing are, from left, Michael Gonzales, Monica Rose and Ryan Ballard. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)**

## Date Book

**Friday, April 11, 2003**

Today is the 101st day of 2003 and the 23rd day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1881, Spelman College first opened.

On this day in 1945, Allied troops entered the Buchenwald concentration camp and liberated its remaining prisoners.

On this day in 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968 into law, exactly one week after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Oleg Cassini (1913-), fashion designer, is 90; Joel Grey (1932-), actor, is 71; Tony Brown (1933-), journalist, is 70; Ellen Goodman (1948-), journalist, is 55.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1936, the Detroit Red Wings won the Stanley Cup.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Normal is getting dressed in clothes that you buy for work, driving through traffic in a car that you are still paying for, in order to get to the job that you need so you can pay for the clothes, car and the house that you leave empty all day in order to afford to live in it." — Ellen Goodman

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (April 9) and full moon (April 16).

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# Twenty-five activists for disabled arrested

AUSTIN (AP) — Twenty-five activists for the disabled, most of them in wheelchairs, were charged Thursday with criminal trespassing when they refused to break up a protest in and in front of Gov. Rick Perry's Capitol office.

The group had occupied part of Perry's office Thursday, demanding that he, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick sign a pledge to protect services for the disabled in the next state budget.

Six members of the group, some with severe disabilities, were arrested when they refused to leave Perry's office when it closed at 5 p.m. The others were issued summonses when they refused to leave the Capitol when it closed five hours later.

Reporters from The Associated Press, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the San Antonio Express-News and several television stations were told by police they had to leave the building under threat of arrest and were not allowed to witness the late proceedings.

The demonstrators who were arrested said it was worth it to promote their cause.

"It beats dying in a nursing home," Danny Saenz, one of the activists who is stricken with cerebral palsy, said before state police troopers put him on a bus to take him away.

All were charged with misdemeanor criminal trespassing, which carries fines of up to $2,000 and 180 days in jail.

State lawmakers are grappling with a projected $10 billion shortfall in drafting the 2004-05 budget with warnings that some services may face drastic cuts.

**TREATMENT VS. PRISON**

Proponents of treatment programs instead of prison for low-level, non-violent drug offenders gathered at the Capitol to promote their position that state incarceration is expensive and doesn't succeed in keeping addicts off drugs.

But repeat prison rates are low for addicts in treatment programs, said Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Port Arthur.

"I'm here to tell you, treatment does work," said Anthony Barber of San Antonio, a former addict who now helps others try to stay off drugs. "Treatment saved my life."

The group, which includes the NAACP National Voter Fund, wants passage of a bill that emphasizes treatment and would reduce the penalty for possession of less than a gram of a controlled substance from a state jail felony to a Class A misdemeanor. There are currently 5,853 people incarcerated in the Texas prison system for this offense, the group said.

They want a bill that would reduce the penalty for possession of up to once ounce of marijuana from a Class B to a Class C misdemeanor. The bills don't apply to drug dealers, the group said.

**RAINY DAY FUND**

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst distributed a letter Thursday that complimented him for taking the "right" approach in using the Rainy Day Fund.

The letter, dated Wednesday, came from former Sen. John Leedom, a Republican from Dallas, who in 1987 sponsored legislation to allow the state to start the Rainy Day Fund.

Dewhurst supports using some of the Rainy Day Fund to help the state plug the state's revenue shortfall that totals nearly $10 billion through 2005.

House Appropriations Chairman Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, has proposed using more than $700 million of the Rainy Day Fund to close a $1.8 billion hole in the current budget that runs through Aug. 31.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn is against lawmakers using part of the state's emergency savings account to fill a budget hole.

**DESK WORK**

The House Public Education Committee passed a slew of bills Thursday at a meeting held at Chairman Kent Grusendorf's desk.

Among the highest-profile was House Bill 859 by Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Plano. The measure that would make it easier for regulation-light "home-rule" school districts to be created was co-authored by Grusendorf, R-Arlington, and Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands.

Critics fear home-rule districts would lower academic standards. They also worry laws against discrimination and those protecting teachers would not be followed.

Supporters say the measure would give voters more local control. They believe standards would be higher and say it would still take a lot of effort to form home-rule districts.

The bill would lower the number of registered voters required to approve a petition asking for a home-rule district from the current 5 percent of all registered voters to 5 percent of registered voters who participated in the last gubernatorial election.

The committee also passed a bill that would give superintendents authority to suspend teachers without pay for 20 days if the superintendent believes it's proper. Teachers groups oppose the measure, saying the language is too broad and could lead to unfair suspensions.

All the bills now go to the full House.

**ONE FOR THE ROAD**

All alcohol-related crimes would be penalized by an additional $100 fine under legislation preliminarily approved by Texas House members Thursday. The extra revenue would be used by law enforcement agencies for enforcing and preventing alcohol-related offenses.

Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, authored the legislation in honor of Justin Wollam, a police officer in his district who was killed by an underage drunken driver. Bonnen called the bill the "Wollam Bill."

**FOI-WATER**

A governmental body could meet behind closed doors to discuss an assessment of the vulnerability of a public wholesale water or sewage system to a terrorist threat under legislation approved by the Senate Thursday.

The bill by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, also would authorize the withholding from public release water supply and sewage system security-related documents and plans.

The bill, which now goes to the House, was approved without discussion.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Get me a robe." — Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee, when a witness testifying on a lawsuit limitation bill inadvertently referred to him as a judge.


In Next Week's American Profile...

*Making your yard a showplace*

Wherever you live or whatever your skills, you can have fun making your own yard a showplace. That's the philosophy of Gordon and Mary Hayward, designers of "people-friendly" gardens.




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# Egg supplies said good despite cases of deadly poultry disease

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Despite a drop in egg production after the outbreak of a deadly bird disease, there will be plenty of eggs for Easter. But in California, at least, people trying to buy chicks for the holiday may have a harder time.

The state Department of Food and Agriculture is requiring swap meets and feed and pet stores to sign an agreement detailing new regulations before selling the birds, to prevent a spread of the exotic Newcastle disease.

The new rules include requiring store owners to keep the birds in pens and away from the public. They also require owners to maintain sales records for six months, including names and addresses of chicken hatcheries and store customers, causing some to forego the fowl altogether.

Doves, ducks, geese, grouse, fowl, ostriches, partridges, pheasants, quail, pigeons, ratites, swans and turkeys also are affected by the new rules.

Laverne Papagni, of Heiskell's Feed Depo in Visalia, is one of several store managers who have decided to stop selling chicks because she said it's too much trouble keeping track of the 1,500 to 2,000 birds she normally sells between now and July.

"We would have to fill out quite a few forms," she said.

State agriculture officials imposed the new rules last month after an outbreak of Newcastle disease, which spreads through manure, mucus and eggs. The virus poses no threat to humans.

Nearly 3.4 million birds have been slaughtered in California since October, when the disease was discovered in a backyard flock. So far, state and federal officials have spent $73 million to fight the disease, which has spread to Arizona, Nevada and possibly Texas.

State and federal agriculture officials have declared states of emergency across Southern California and expanded the quarantine zone for the disease.

The quarantine prohibits the movement without approval of all poultry, poultry products and nesting materials in areas hardest hit by Newcastle — Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, San Diego and Imperial counties.

On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has quarantined birds and poultry in three New Mexico counties and two Texas counties after tests showed a backyard flock of chickens near El Paso carried the Newcastle disease.

While many feed and pet store owners have opted against selling chicks because of the intensive record keeping, some are still willing.

Rodney Evangelho Jr., owner of Evangelho Seed and Farm Store in Lemoore, is among those because he says it's his busiest time of year. Many in the San Joaquin Valley buy the birds for food — both eggs and meat.

"Our most popular are the laying hens, which are the Road Island Reds and Iraucana, which they claim is the Easter chicken because the egg shells are blue and green," he said.

California's egg production is down after the slaughter of more than 3 million laying hens, but the exotic Newcastle hasn't hurt egg supplies because the state receives eggs from Iowa, Ohio and other top egg-producing states.

Though California is the nation's fifth-largest egg producer, the state doesn't have enough egg producers to supply its 34 million residents.

## Today's chuckle

### Land dispute sends 83-year-old to prison

ENFIELD, Conn. (AP) — Augustus J. Simmons would rather go back to prison than give up his land.



The 83-year-old man has been battling for four decades with the state over land at Bradley International Airport.

Simmons was sentenced to a year in prison for his latest legal skirmish. He claims the state illegally took 14 acres of land from him in 1962.

"I have no different penal code for people who are seniors but who want to act like children," Superior Court Judge E. Curtissa R. Cofield said before sentencing Simmons this week.

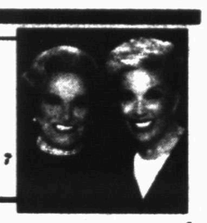
Simmons was last arrested on March 14 when officials said he roped off a parking lot at the airport and allegedly cursed two Army National Guard members patrolling the grounds. He was convicted of breach of peace, interfering with an officer, disorderly conduct and violating probation.

In 2001, Simmons began serving a sentence for pulling down fencing at the airport. He was released on probation last year.

The state Supreme Court in 1980 had upheld a ruling that Simmons be paid $365,000 by the state for the land, but he refused to accept the check or to cash it. The $365,000 eventually was returned to the state treasury as unclaimed property.

# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## *Middle-school crush grows into full-fledged harassment*

**DEAR ABBY:** I went to school with "Bert" from grammar through high school. It's no secret that he's been in love with me since seventh grade. After we graduated from high school, Bert remained in our hometown. I moved away and go back only to visit my family.

Bert got my phone number from a mutual friend and, in the four years since high school, has called once in a while. Out of courtesy I'd chat with him, thinking his calls would eventually stop. I was wrong.

For the last two months, Bert's calls have become so frequent, I have stopped answering my phone — or if a girlfriend is visiting me, I'll ask her to answer for me and tell Bert I'm "on a date." I hoped he'd take the hint, but it hasn't worked.

Last Christmas he sent me an expensive present. I did not accept it and still have not spoken to him.

Then one night last week, while I was out with the girls, Bert called every 20 minutes and maxed out my voicemail with messages saying he loves me. I don't know what to do. This has escalated to the point I'm afraid Bert could become violent. What should I tell him? — **NERVOUS IN MAINE**

**DEAR NERVOUS:** Stop evading Bert's calls. Tell him, "I know we're old acquaintances, but I'm not interested in any kind of relationship with you. Please do not call again." If he continues, speak to your lawyer and to the police about a restraining order. He appears to be unable to face rejection.

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**DEAR ABBY:** This summer I will be marrying "Joan," a wonderful woman who means the world to me. She is a professional who has done very well for herself, in spite of her poor command of the English language. For example, Joan uses "them" preceding a noun, says "don't know nobody," and other nonstandard forms. I have noticed her grammar is worse when she's under pressure or tired.

In six weeks, Joan will meet my family for the first time. I fear they'll be appalled by some of the things she says. How can I help my sweetheart clean up her grammar before she meets them? To Joan's credit, she is making a sincere effort to improve her language skills and has repeatedly asked me to correct her — but it's a daunting task.

Please don't tell me my fiancee's positive qualities outweigh the language problem. This is a big roadblock for me. Your suggestions would be appreciated. — **WELL-SPOKEN GENT IN TENNESSEE**

**DEAR WELL-SPOKEN GENT:** The best advice I can offer is this: Make up your mind whether or not you love her enough to accept her AS SHE IS — with room for improvement. Do not correct her in front of your parents. If Joan's only flaw is her grammar, you're really a lucky man. Nobody is perfect.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I can't help feeling "Gotta Get Good Grades in Wyoming" needs more than a bright math student to tutor her in math. That student should be tested for visual perception problems. I know. I was 60 years old before I was tested. It doesn't help to understand what to do with numbers if your perceptual problems scramble them. — **PENNY IN BUCKLAND, MA.**

**DEAR PENNY:** I agree. The child should be tested, because the problem could also be dyslexia or some other learning disability.

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# Investigators: Anthrax attacks made using simple methods

BALTIMORE (AP) — Army scientists have reproduced the deadly anthrax powder mailed in letters two years ago and concluded that it was made using simple methods, inexpensive equipment and limited expertise, according to a report published today.

The (Baltimore) Sun, citing sources it did not identify, said the scientists have concluded that the powder could have cost only a few thousand dollars to create.

The findings reinforce the FBI theory that the mailed anthrax was probably produced by renegade scientists and not by a national military program.

But the research, carried out at the Army's biodefense center at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, also raises the possibility that al-Qaida and other terrorist groups could create lethal bioweapons without scientific or financial help from a state.

Van Harp, assistant FBI director in charge of the Washington Field Office, who oversees the anthrax investigation, declined to comment to the newspaper on what he called "uninformed speculation."

Anthrax-laced letters were mailed on Sept. 18 and Oct. 9, 2001, and addressed to media organizations and two U.S. senators. The attack killed five people and sickened at least 17 others. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent to clean up government offices and postal facilities.


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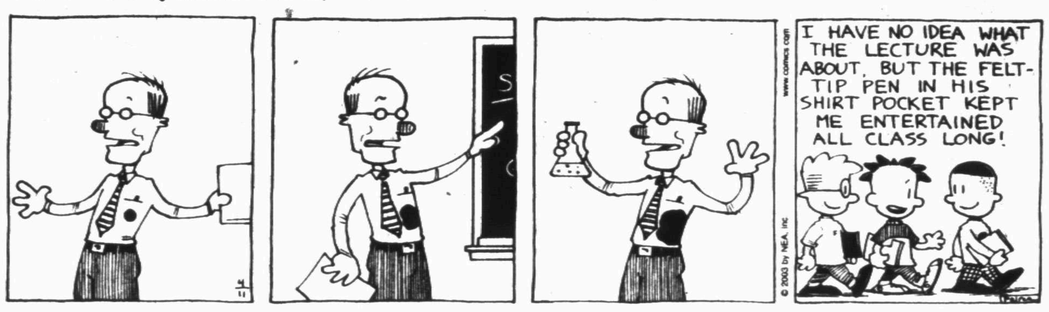

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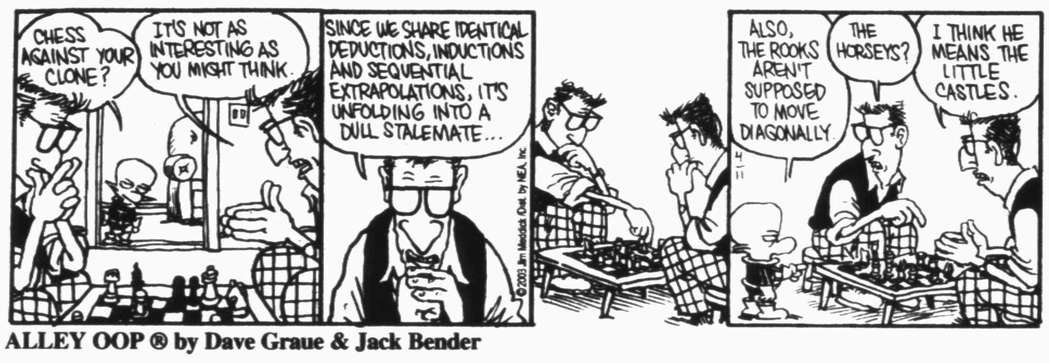

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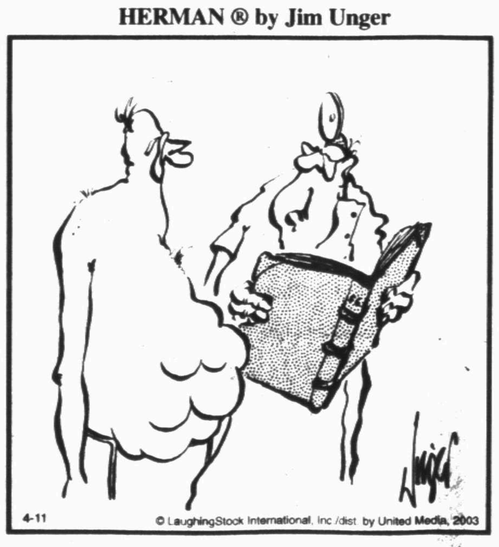

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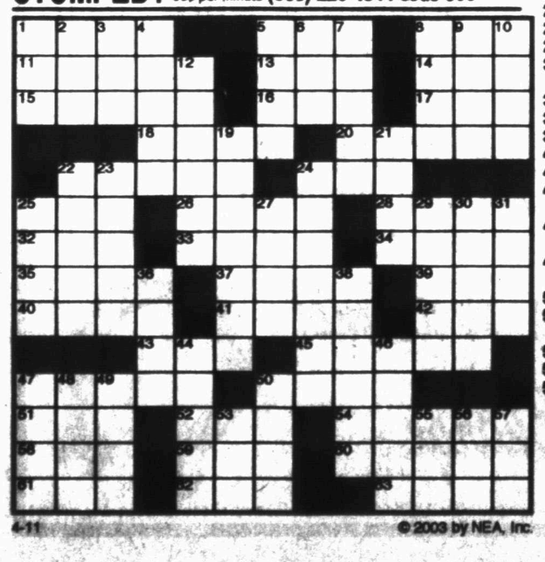
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18 Whale like Shamu
20 Piece of lumber
22 Alice's cat
24 — Gatos, Cal.
25 Weep loudly
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39 Brewery product
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43 Drop the ball
45 Disagree
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50 Hull part
51 "Yuck!"
52 Web addr.
54 Gung-ho
58 Egg — yung
59 Whiz leader
60 TV teaser
61 Cook up bacon
62 Festive night
63 Dust particle

**DOWN**

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2 Paris friend
3 Bagel partner
4 Hum
5 Caesar's garb
6 Leafy climber
7 Ballroom number
8 Part of MHz
9 Mellow fruit
10 Embrace
12 Starry-eyed
19 Flimsier
21 Peace Prize city
22 Avoid
23 "Peer Gynt" creator
24 Garden crop
25 Import car
27 Clip
29 Gather
30 Bellamy or Nader
31 Locale
36 Early garden?
38 Dozing
44 Cosmetic buy
46 Frighten
47 Wisp of smoke
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49 Captain's shout
50 MOMA artist
53 Gun the engine
55 Infant's sound
56 CPR giver
57 Fish eggs

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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# Snyder Daily News Comics

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# SPORTS

# Tigers take second at district track meet

LAMESA — While the Snyder Tigers finished second in the district track meet Thursday at Lamesa, head track coach Roger White feels the team could have earned more points to challenge district champ Sweetwater.

"We had 50 points we could have gotten had we performed the way we are capable of performing," he said. "The kids gave good effort, it was just little things that we needed to take care of that we aren't doing right when the pressure is on, and that's on me as the coach."

White said the team felt the pressure of running in district and it was reflected in its performance.

"They competed hard, they were just too tense," he said. "It's a learned process. We need to get them to believe in themselves and turn themselves loose."

The Tigers finished with 116 points, 41 points behind district winner Sweetwater, who brought several runners out — including many from the baseball team — that had not competed this year, resulting in Sweetwater having more athletes than any other school.

"They had far and away more than we had," White said. "With a school our size, we need every kid we can get out there."

Several Tigers had outstanding finishes to advance to regionals.

Jason Guynes claimed the gold in the 110M hurdles, blowing out the field with a 15.27.

Ricky McNatt will represent Snyder at regionals in the discus, taking the top spot with a throw of 140-6.

Justin Boyd, who placed third in the high jump, will still be going to regionals, as second-place finisher Seth Gohlke of Merkel will not compete in the event in Odessa.

The 1,600M relay team featuring Zach Cain, Jason Guynes, Michael Murphrey and Boyd was the runner-up behind Sweetwater, crossing the finish line in 3:30.32 to move on to Odessa.

Lamesa's relay team crossed the line before the Tigers, but the Golden Tors' anchor threw his baton after he crossed the finish line, resulting in a disqualification.

White said several runners and field event competitors had exceptional meets.

Snyder 4x100 relay team set a stadium record, with a time of 43.47. However, Sweetwater and Merkel also set stadium records Thursday with times better than Snyder.

White said the junior varsity was outstanding, praising those athletes that have been in off-season football and who had but one week to prepare for district.

"I'm real tickled with their performances. They competed really hard and left nothing out there," he said. "The highlight of the meet for me was watching Cody Wall."

Along with Wall, White said Barrett Munson, Andrew Bane, Boicy Martinez, Jonathan Vasquez and Brad English all had solid meets, given their limited practice time.

English won the JV gold in the long jump, and Vasquez took the silver in the shot put, setting a personal record in the process. Vasquez also earned bronze in the discus.

English, Martinez, Wall and Bane captured third in the 4x200 relay, While Wall, Chris Vera, Muson and Jonathan Gonzales were third in the 4x400.

The Lady Tigers finished sixth in the district meet, garnering 50 points, and girls coach Todd Pollard said he was very pleased with the performance of his team.

"Overall, I though we did very well. It's the most points we've scored as a team since I've been here," he said. "We had some girls qualify for region — the first time that's happened in a couple of years. I feel like the program has improved, and we are only graduating three this year, so things look good for the future."

Two Lady Tigers earned the right to go to regionals.

October Wells won the triple jump with a leap of 36-1¼, and placed second in the 200M sprint with a time of 26.72, as she will be the Snyder representative in both events.

Wells set a district record Monday in the preliminaries in the 200M dash, with a blistering time of 25.99.

Erin Burleson also will make the trip to Odessa, as she grabbed the silver in the 300M hurdles, posting a time of 49.96.

Other Snyder tracksters had strong showings in Lamesa.

Tyler Kerr took the bronze in the 800M run, running the race in 2:06.63, his fastest time of the year.

Freshamn Garrett 'Pinson placed third in the 110M hurdles, missing second place by .07 seconds.

Kendall Tidwell also took the bronze medal in the two-mile event, coming in at 13:08.52.

Clay Williams was second runner-up in the pole vault with a 10-0 effort.

Malcolm Wells was third in the long jump with a 19-9½, and McNatt took the bronze in the shot put, heaving the spheroid 46-11, two and a half feet farther than his personal record.

The JV girls had a sound showing, placing in the top five in various events.

Sara Henson won the shot put with a distance of 25-7, while Brianna Burk took third with a measurement of 24-10.

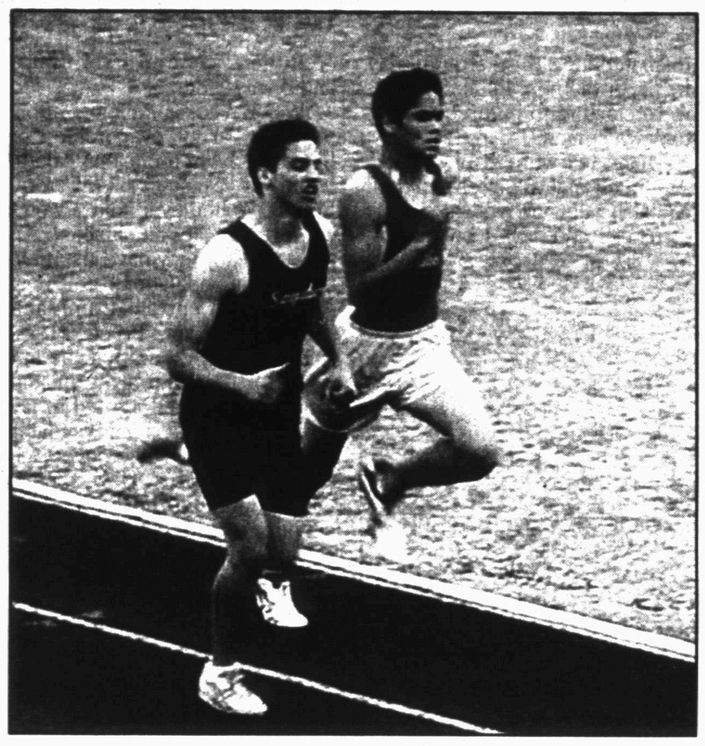
Burk also placed third in the discus.

Delesa Traylor ran the 200M in 29.93 to capture the gold. She also took first in the 400M run.

Rebecca Aguire was fifth in the 200 and fourth in the 100.

The regional meet will take place Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, at Odessa Junior College.

The top two in each event at region will qualify for the state meet May 8-10 at the University of Texas in Austin.



NECK AND NECK — Tiger varsity runner Tyler Kerr races ahead of Merkel's Isaac Martinez during the 800M run. Kerr finished third in the event with a time of 2:06.63. (Contributed Photo by Glenda Boyd)

## Major League Baseball

**National League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 5 | 4 | .556 | — |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 4 | .556 | — |
| New York | 4 | 5 | .444 | 1 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 6 | .400 | 1½ |
| Florida | 4 | 6 | .400 | 1½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 6 | 2 | .750 | — |
| Pittsburgh | 6 | 3 | .667 | ½ |
| Chicago | 5 | 4 | .556 | 1½ |
| St. Louis | 4 | 4 | .500 | 2 |
| Cincinnati | 3 | 6 | .333 | 3½ |
| Milwaukee | 2 | 7 | .222 | 4½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Francisco | 9 | 1 | .900 | — |
| Colorado | 6 | 3 | .667 | 2½ |
| Los Angeles | 5 | 6 | .455 | 4½ |
| San Diego | 4 | 6 | .400 | 5 |
| Arizona | 2 | 7 | .222 | 6½ |

**Thursday's Games**

Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 1
Montreal 7, Chicago Cubs 1
Colorado 7, St. Louis 6
Florida 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 2
Houston 4, Cincinnati 2
San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 1

**Friday's Games**

Pittsburgh (D'Amico 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 1-0), 3:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Cone 1-0) vs. Montreal (Ohka 0-1) at San Juan, 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 0-1) at Cincinnati (Wilson 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Ramirez 1-1) at Florida (Penny 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 0-0) at Houston (Moehler 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Oliver 0-0) at San Diego (Lawrence 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Franklin 0-1) at Arizona (Johnson 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 0-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 1-0), 10:15 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**

Philadelphia (Millwood 1-0) at Cincinnati (Haynes 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (K.Brown 1-0) at San Francisco (Schmidt 1-0), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Seo 0-0) vs. Montreal (L.Hernandez 0-0) at San Juan, 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ortiz 1-1) at Florida (Pavano 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Williams 1-0) at Houston (Redding 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 1-1) at San Diego (Eaton 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Kinney 0-1) at Arizona (Schilling 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

**American League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 8 | 1 | .889 | — |
| Boston | 6 | 4 | .600 | 2½ |
| Toronto | 5 | 4 | .556 | 3 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 6 | .400 | 4½ |
| Baltimore | 3 | 6 | .333 | 5 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 7 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Chicago | 5 | 4 | .556 | 3 |
| Cleveland | 3 | 5 | .375 | 4½ |
| Minnesota | 3 | 6 | .333 | 5 |
| Detroit | 0 | 8 | .000 | 7½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oakland | 7 | 2 | .778 | — |
| Anaheim | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |
| Seattle | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |
| Texas | 3 | 6 | .333 | 4 |

**Thursday's Games**

Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 4, Detroit 2
N.Y. Yankees 2, Minnesota 0
Texas 5, Oakland 4
Boston 8, Toronto 7
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 2
Anaheim 3, Seattle 0

**Friday's Games**

Baltimore (Johnson 0-0) at Boston (P.Martinez 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Rogers 0-0) at Toronto (Lidle 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 1-0) at Detroit (Bernero 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Hernandez 2-0) at Cleveland (Westbrook 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Park 0-2) at Seattle (Garcia 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 1-0) at Anaheim (Lackey 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**

Minnesota (Radke 1-1) at Toronto (Walker 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (George 1-0) at Cleveland (Sabathia 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Stewart 0-0) at Detroit (Cornejo 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 0-1) at Boston (Wakefield 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Drese 0-0) at Seattle (Meche 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Halama 1-0) at Anaheim (Callaway 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

## Area diamonds full today

Area diamonds will be packed today, as Snyder High School and Western Texas College all have home games.

The Tigers (13-9, 5-1) will take on Denver City tonight at 7 at Moffett Field. Snyder will look to improve on its district lead, sending Logan Hill (5-4) to the mound.

The Lady Tigers (31-3, 7-0) will play at Cates at 5 p.m. against Lamesa. Head coach Shelly Hayes said she may go with Jacque Alvarez (11-1) as today's hurler, but had not made a final determination.

The Lady Dusters will play El Paso Community College in a doubleheader at 4 and 6.

The Westerners were slated to start a midday twinbill against Odessa Junior College at noon.

## Sports Briefs

### SGSA board meeting

The Snyder Girls Softball Association will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the BP Pipeline office.

### Football booster club

The football booster club will meet Monday night at 7 in the film room.

### Girls softball signup

Snyder Girls Softball Association signups will take place today at Texas Savings Bank. Times are 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The association also will hold a sign-up Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's church hall.

Ages four and up are eligible but players must have turned four by Jan. 1. Cost is $30 or $25 for an additional child. Participants should bring birth certificate, social security card and a parent or guardian.

### Babe Ruth try-outs

Babe Ruth try-outs will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the high school practice field. All players who signed-up for Babe Ruth should attend.

### Baseball buddies

The SHS baseball team will host "Baseball Buddies" from 11 a.m. until noon Saturday. The skills sessions are free to youngsters aged 7-14.

### Sammy Baugh golf tourney

The 11th annual "Slingin'" Sammy Baugh golf tournament will be held April 26 at the WTC golf course.

Format is four-person scramble and the tax-deductible fee is $140 per team. Shotgun starts set for 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top four teams, with proceeds from the tournament to benefit the SISD boys and girls golf programs. Sammy Baugh will compete in this tournament.

Teams may register at the WTC pro shop. Entry deadline is April 25.

### Pro-am tournament

The Scurry County golf course will host a pro-am tournament on April 21. Tee times are 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

### GCSSA golf tournament

The GCSAA will host a golf tournament May 3 at the WTC golf course. Format is two-man low ball/alternate shot/select shot, with a 9 a.m. tee off slated.

Cost is $100 per team. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

## NHL Playoffs

**National Hockey League**
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**FIRST ROUND**
**(Best-of-7)**

**Wednesday, April 9**

N.Y. Islanders 3, Ottawa 0, N.Y. Islanders lead series 1-0
New Jersey 2, Boston 1, New Jersey leads series 1-0
Toronto 5, Philadelphia 3, Toronto leads series 1-0
Edmonton 2, Dallas 1, Edmonton leads series 1-0

**Thursday, April 10**

Washington 3, Tampa Bay 0, Washington leads series 1-0
Anaheim 2, Detroit 1, 3OT, Anaheim leads series 1-0
Minnesota 4, Colorado 2, Minnesota leads series 1-0
St. Louis 6, Vancouver 0, St. Louis leads series 1-0

**Friday, April 11**

Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 9 p.m.

**Saturday, April 12**

Washington at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 3 p.m.
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# AMERICA AT WAR

# Top brass declares 'Saddam regime has ended'

By The Associated Press

An entire Iraqi army corps disappeared today in northern Iraq's largest city, leaving Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit as the last major holdout of his regime.

The top U.S. commander, Gen. Tommy Franks, told his troops, "The Saddam regime has ended."

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer added: "The regime is gone."

U.S. troops in Baghdad tried to curb looting that continued unabated for a third straight day. In parts of the capital, Marines were starting to enforce a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Mosul fell without bloodshed. American special forces and their Kurdish allies arrived in convoy of trucks and SUVs but discovered there were no Iraqi troops left to surrender.

"We offered capitulation, but ... the Iraqi army evaporated, so there has been no formal capitulation or cease-fire," Lt. Col. Robert Waltemeyer told a news conference at an airbase in Mosul. "They may have just melted into the population."

Earlier, Central Command spokesman Capt. Frank Thorp said in Doha, Qatar, that the 5th Corps of the Iraqi army in and around Mosul had agreed to lay down their arms. That was later contradicted by Waltemeyer, the commander of a U.S. special forces unit in northern Iraq.

Looting and celebrations in Mosul spread quickly. Some people grabbed wads of bills from the Central Bank; others shot out car windows and stole ambulances from a general hospital.

Also on today, the U.S. military issued a most-wanted list of regime leaders.

At a Central Command news briefing, Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks displayed a deck of cards depicting the 55 most-wanted regime leaders. The cards have been distributed to coalition troops to help them identify those still at large, although some may already be dead, he said.

Saddam's fate remains unknown, and Brooks said the coalition was focusing its efforts on the entire regime.

The looters' latest targets in Baghdad included a nursing college and an engineering college. The ministries of Education, Industry, Trade and Planning also were looted and set afire. In some cases, entire families searched together for plunder.

"Tell the Americans to stop the killing and the looting," pleaded one Baghdad woman, Jabryah Aziz, 41. "We can't live like this much longer, with Muslims looting other Muslims." But Brooks said American troops have no plans to serve as police.

Some Baghdad residents took the law into their own hands, setting up roadblocks to confiscate stolen goods and beat up looters.

The White House said Pentagon civil affairs teams were working to bring calm to Baghdad.

Before dawn today, U.S. warplanes fired six satellite-guided bombs at an intelligence building in Ramadi, 60 miles west of Baghdad, believing that Saddam's half brother, Barzan Ibrahim al-Tikriti, was inside. U.S. commanders said they were still assessing damage and casualties from the strike.

Al-Takriti, a former head of the secret police, was a close adviser to Saddam and allegedly helped hide millions of dollars abroad while serving as ambassador to Switzerland.

The fall of Mosul, a city of more than 600,000, came a day after U.S. and Kurdish forces took Kirkuk, the other major city in the north. Both cities have economic links to nearby oil fields that have been secured virtually intact.



ON THE LOOKOUT — U.S. soldiers point out a man with an AK-47 rifle as they patrol Thursday in Najaf, central Iraq. (AP Photo)

# Elder Bush doormat removed by U.S. troops from Iraq hotel

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — There was a bit of unfinished business left over in Baghdad from the 1991 Gulf War. The U.S. Army has taken care of it.

At the Al-Rashid Hotel, President Bush the elder — father of the current American chief executive who ordered this year's invasion of Iraq — is a doormat no more.

U.S. soldiers visited the battered Al-Rashid on Thursday night wielding hammers and chisels, and dug out the intricate tile mosaic of the former president that was used for years as a state-sponsored insult.

In its place, they laid a portrait of Saddam Hussein.

"Everybody walked over it and wiped their feet on it," Lt. Col. Rick Schwartz, the battalion commander said. He left the Saddam portrait behind, on the ground for future use.

Taking shoes to the face is not exactly a compliment in any culture, but in the Arab world it's a particular slam. Pointing the soles of one's feet at someone is a grave insult.

So the notion of thousands of Iraqi feet trudging over the patrician features of George Herbert Walker Bush was particularly appealing to Saddam's regime, humiliated by Bush during the 1991 Gulf War to free Kuwait from Iraqi invaders.

Saddam persoanlly picked the Al-Rashid for the insult to Bush senior. The hotel was heavily trafficked by foreign guests and the base of operations for journalists during the 1991 war — and the place where, on the night of the first American airstrike in January 1991, Arab guests huddled in the basement and shouted "Death to Bush."

# Broadcast groups call for protection of journalists

GENEVA (AP) — Associated Press Television News and other broadcast groups have jointly called for all sides in the conflict in Iraq to respect the work of journalists and protect them.

"Wars claim many innocent victims, but we have a special duty toward those who choose to put themselves in harm's way for an ideal — an informed society," said a statement issued Thursday by APTN, the Geneva-based European Broadcast Union and the European News Exchange.

Ten journalists have died in the fighting in Iraq and two are missing. The majority have been television cameramen and reporters. All of them were veterans of other conflicts, the organizations said.

In the worst day for media deaths, three journalists died in Baghdad on April 8 when a U.S. tank shell hit a hotel where hundreds of journalists were staying and a U.S. bomb landed on the office of an Arab television network.

"Journalists are willing to take these risks because they are convinced that human discourse is only possible if societies can judge by facts," the statement said.

"Newsmen and women like those who died in the past few days are the indispensable interpreters of the facts and images of war and peace."

The International Press Institute in Vienna has complained that U.S. and British forces are not doing enough to establish the fate of a cameraman and an interpreter working for Britain's Independent Television News who disappeared after an attack on March 25.

ITN reporter Terry Lloyd was killed in the attack, and another cameraman was injured.

The Geneva-based EBU provides resources for public service broadcasters across Europe and the Middle East, while ENEX, based in Luxembourg, links commercial broadcasters in Europe, Japan and the United States.

# Tommy Franks visits troops in Afghanistan

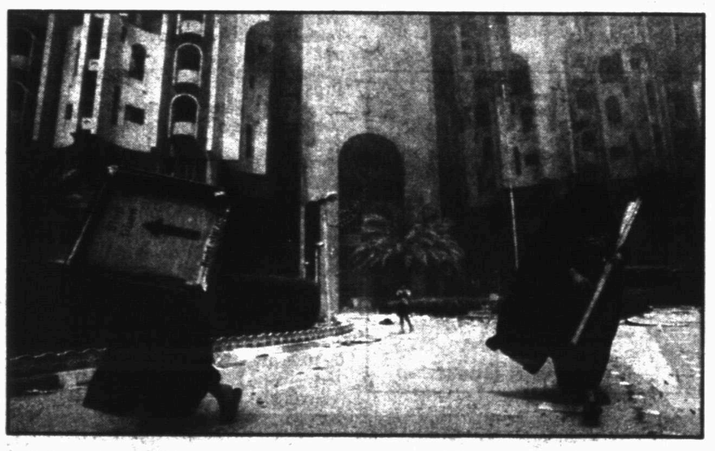
BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Gen. Tommy Franks, on a quick visit to U.S. troops in Afghanistan, said today that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his sons were either dead or on the run.

Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, made the comments at a news conference after meeting with U.S.-led forces at Bagram Air base, just north of the capital, Kabul.

"They're either dead or they're running like hell," Franks told reporters. "That is the case with the leadership of the regime inside Iraq."

Franks also dismissed allegations that U.S. forces in Baghdad targeted a mosque. U.S. Marines captured the mosque after a seven hour gunfight, one marine was killed and 22 were wounded.

"The engagement. . .was in response to intelligence," he said. "We didn't have a fight in a mosque. Our forces went to this area and were engaged by those forces from inside that mosque."



LOOTING — Two Iraqi women carry furniture away from an Iraqi government office building on fire in downtown Baghdad today. Widespread looting continues in the Iraqi capital. (AP Photo)

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# Next shuttle astronauts will pay tribute by searching for debris

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — Astronaut Eileen Collins will always have a special bond with space shuttle Columbia. In 1999, it gave her the opportunity to become the first woman ever to command a shuttle flight.

On Thursday, more than two months after Columbia broke apart, Collins and two other astronauts came to East Texas to pay tribute to the spacecraft by helping volunteers search for debris.

About 32 percent of Columbia, or more than 50,000 pieces, has been recovered. They are being taken to a hangar at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

"I have a special place in my heart for Columbia. When I walked into the hangar and saw the pieces, it was very sad and I still feel sad about it and I'll feel sad for a long time. But we need to overcome this and we need to get on with spaceflight," Collins told reporters.

Collins, Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi and U.S. astronaut James Kelly — all scheduled to go into orbit aboard the shuttle Atlantis when flights resume — spent more than two hours scouring the leaf-littered ground of a wooded area near the Nacogdoches airport.

The work by the astronauts and about 40 other searchers paid off.

"We found a tile, yeah, yeah," Noguchi told Collins, his commander, as he handed her a sealed plastic bag with the piece of broken tile. "I'm very happy."

All three astronauts wore the same thick yellow shirts and yellow hard hats as the other searchers. The only way to distinguish them was by the NASA stickers and stickers of their mission patch pasted on their helmets.

"We wanted to come down and get an idea what they are doing, as well as to thank these guys and hop in there with them and let them know we're completely behind them on this," Kelly said. "The bottom line is they're part of the team. If they don't do their job, then we're not going to get to do our job later."

Shawn Martin, a U.S. Forest Service worker from Washington who was among the searchers, said he was grateful for the astronauts' assistance.

"They wanted to pound brush with us. They fell in line and stuck up with us and bled with us," Martin said.

Columbia broke apart over Texas on Feb. 1 as it aimed for a Florida landing. All seven astronauts aboard were killed. Shuttle debris was scattered across East Texas and Louisiana.

A board investigating the accident suspects a 2-pound chunk of insulating foam from the shuttle's external fuel tank ripped away during its Jan. 16 launch and caused a breach along the leading edge of the left wing that let in hot atmospheric gases as the spacecraft re-entered the atmosphere on its return home.

Efforts to improve shuttle safety could add tasks to the next mission, the astronauts said. That work could include taking photos in orbit of the shuttle's underside and leading edges of its wings.

"Anything we can do in orbit to check those things out and anything we come up with over the next few months is obviously going to make us feel more comfortable that we got a handle on the things that went wrong with Columbia," Kelly said.

On the Net:
NASA:
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# Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



## Your Birthday

**Saturday, April 12, 2003**

You'll be happiest in the year ahead if you strive to keep a balance between your worldly interests and your social ones. Although both areas will vie for your attention, don't favor one and totally ignore the other.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — No matter how badly you may need a favor today, don't accept it from a person who is known to be a manipulator. The price you'll have to pay later on could be way out of line.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — If you have special plans for this evening, don't encourage someone who really doesn't want to go along to join the group. The odds are she or he will spoil the fun for everybody.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Someone you are depending on to take care of an important responsibility will not come through for you if she or he has other plans today. Better follow up on it yourself.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Someone you may come into contact with socially today might not be all that she or he appears to be on the surface. Be careful not to be overly captivated by his or her charm.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Feelings will be deeply hurt today if you do not keep the promises you made to family members. You run the risk of severely disappointing them and severing the closeness you previously enjoyed.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Give credit where credit is due today. Don't ignore the accomplishments of another for personal reasons known only to you. Stay in character and be magnanimous, even if it hurts.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Putting on airs today by flashing money around will not produce the effects you desire. It will merely empty your wallet and could even make you look foolish.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Class and demeanor are going to be taken seriously by someone you are trying to impress. Don't dress like a sex symbol or the latest rapper.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — What you consider to be just a harmless little lie could be taken as gossip today by your listeners. The ripple effects it could cause might produce harm you never anticipated.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Don't be bashful about saying no today to friends who are trying to coerce you into participating in something way beyond your budget. Keep a handle on your life and your resources.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Leave your business deals at home safely in a drawer when you go out to a gathering today that includes influential contacts. It will not be a place for wheeling and dealing and will be resented.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — All relationships, whether they are personal or work-related, will require delicate handling today. Take care not to see yourself as superior or inferior in your involvements with others.

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## Federal judge upholds definition of 'dolphin-safe'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge has upheld the current definition of the "dolphin-safe" tuna label and barred the Bush administration from altering it, handing a victory for environmentalists.

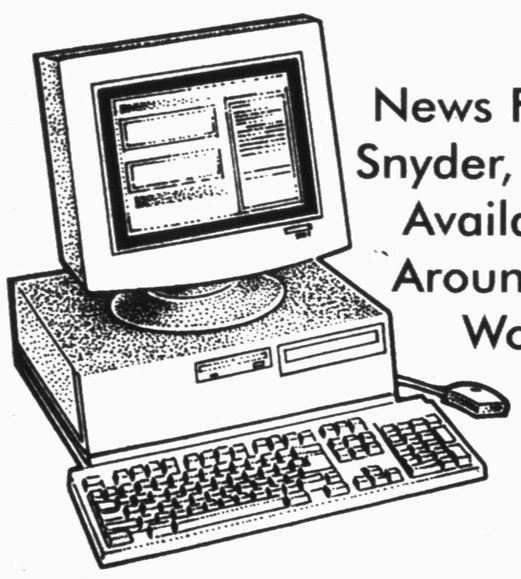
The ruling Thursday by U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson prevents the government from labeling tuna "dolphin safe" if fishermen encircled the dolphins to make the tuna catch.

Henderson upheld the old definition, under which any tuna caught using dolphins as targets were automatically barred from bearing the consumer-friendly label on cans sold in the United States.

On Dec. 31, the Commerce Department said tuna that fishermen catch by encircling dolphins may immediately be imported into the United States and bear the dolphin-safe label if observers certify no dolphins were killed or seriously injured in the process.







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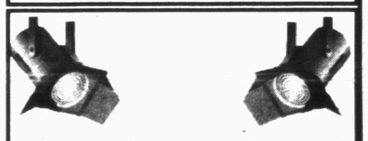
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## Plant explodes in Kentucky, 1 missing

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An explosion tore through a food additive plant early today, leaving one worker unaccounted-for and spewing a cloud of ammonia over the surrounding neighborhood.

Two dozen residents near the D.D. Williamson & Co. plant were evacuated for several hours and others asked to remain indoors as the gas leaked from a tank that held 40,000 pounds of ammonia, fire Capt. Ronel Brown said.

The explosion happened shortly after 2 a.m. and shook windows more than 3 miles away. Twisted metal and debris could be seen strewn around the plant as dawn broke.

Pat Proctor, who was evacuated from her home, said she heard a loud boom that knocked the miniblinds off her back door.

"I thought someone had hit my car," she said as she sipped coffee outside a Red Cross van with her husband and daughter. "I just smelled a real strong odor of ammonia. It was almost gagging like."

The evacuations were called off around 8 a.m. when the tank "pretty much leaked itself out," Brown said.

At the time of the explosion, just five people were in the plant, which produces caramel coloring for food products and beverages, Brown said.

Four were able to get out without any injuries, but the fifth, who had noticed the leak and was walking toward it at the time of the blast, was missing.

The ammonia was used at the plant as a refrigerant, said R.N. Bartlett, spokesman for Jefferson County Emergency Management. Ammonia inhaled at high doses can be fatal, but the levels being emitted were only capable of irritating eyes and causing tightness in chests, he said.

## Markets

### Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

| | High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp | 3.70 | 3.30 | 3.46 | —.34 |
| AOL TimeWrn | 12.79 | 12.36 | 12.40 | —.25 |
| AT&T Corp rs | 14.41 | 14.13 | 14.18 | —.14 |
| Albertsons | 19.35 | 19.02 | 19.08 | +.15 |
| Alltel | 46.49 | 45.74 | 45.95 | +.09 |
| AmEl Pw | 24.25 | 23.93 | 24.00 | |
| AndarkPtr | 45.01 | 43.88 | 44.66 | —.30 |
| ATMOS Egy | 21.85 | 21.35 | 21.48 | —.09 |
| Avnall | 7.80 | 7.62 | 7.62 | —.03 |
| BP PLC | 39.00 | 38.54 | 38.56 | —.44 |
| BakerHughes | 30.50 | 29.25 | 29.26 | —1.13 |
| Bank of Amer | 72.00 | 70.57 | 71.28 | +.07 |
| BellSouth | 22.93 | 22.50 | 22.54 | +.04 |
| BurlNoSFe | 25.98 | 25.60 | 25.65 | +.11 |
| Caterpillar | 54.25 | 53.25 | 53.35 | +.52 |
| CenterPoint | 7.67 | 7.46 | 7.51 | —.08 |
| ChevronTex | 64.18 | 63.50 | 63.57 | —.51 |
| Citigroup | 37.89 | 37.05 | 37.27 | +.32 |
| CocaCola | 41.95 | 41.41 | 41.52 | +.08 |
| ColgatePal | 56.58 | 55.69 | 55.74 | +.06 |
| CmclMetals s | 14.73 | 14.50 | 14.50 | —.13 |
| ConocoPhill | 51.40 | 50.90 | 51.13 | +.13 |
| Cooper Inds | 37.80 | 36.81 | 36.93 | —.29 |
| DaimlrChry | 31.42 | 30.70 | 30.89 | —.31 |
| DeltaAirl | 9.90 | 9.42 | 9.69 | |
| Dillards Inc | 13.25 | 12.79 | 12.84 | —.14 |
| DowChem | 28.99 | 28.27 | 28.39 | +.05 |
| DuPont | 40.23 | 39.40 | 39.54 | +.18 |
| EastmanChem | 29.50 | 28.75 | 28.85 | —.11 |
| EstKodak | 32.10 | 31.50 | 31.61 | +.26 |
| EDS Corp | 16.80 | 16.30 | 16.50 | +.23 |
| Entergy | 47.33 | 46.80 | 46.87 | +.13 |
| ExxonMobil | 34.90 | 34.37 | 34.42 | —.26 |
| FootLocker | 11.14 | 10.88 | 10.89 | —.03 |
| GenDynam | 54.24 | 52.20 | 52.47 | —1.43 |
| GenlElec | 27.93 | 27.30 | 27.51 | +.13 |
| GenMills | 45.90 | 45.25 | 45.40 | +.07 |
| GenMotors | 35.44 | 34.65 | 34.68 | +.18 |
| GaPacific | 14.36 | 13.83 | 13.86 | +.11 |
| Goodrich | 14.31 | 13.96 | 13.99 | —.18 |
| Goodyear | 4.91 | 4.75 | 4.76 | —.14 |
| GtAtlPac | 5.02 | 4.85 | 4.90 | +.04 |
| Halliburtn | 21.56 | 21.30 | 21.39 | —.06 |
| Hanson ADS | 25.63 | 25.31 | 25.31 | —.65 |
| HarteHanks s | 18.25 | 17.87 | 17.90 | —.14 |
| HomeDepot | 26.49 | 25.90 | 25.93 | +.06 |
| HoneywellIntl | 22.35 | 21.56 | 21.59 | —.41 |
| IBM | 81.30 | 79.12 | 79.36 | +.35 |
| IntlPaper | 34.47 | 33.61 | 33.79 | —.06 |
| JohnsonJn | 58.14 | 57.52 | 57.67 | +.46 |
| KinderMorg | 45.43 | 44.36 | 44.56 | +.16 |
| Kroger Co | 13.95 | 13.72 | 13.78 | +.18 |
| LockheedM | 44.73 | 43.70 | 44.00 | —.75 |
| Lowes Cos | 44.46 | 43.73 | 43.91 | +.26 |
| Lubys | 1.24 | 1.20 | 1.20 | —.01 |
| LucentTech | 1.55 | 1.51 | 1.52 | |
| MarathonOil | 23.23 | 23.02 | 23.06 | —.06 |
| MayDeptStr | 20.75 | 20.06 | 20.08 | —.16 |
| Medtronic | 47.49 | 46.80 | 46.90 | —.20 |
| Motorola | 8.22 | 8.00 | 8.01 | +.01 |
| NCR Corp | 20.21 | 19.93 | 19.98 | +.12 |
| Navistar | 27.01 | 26.17 | 26.27 | —.06 |
| PNM Rescs | 22.40 | 22.10 | 22.16 | —.12 |
| Penney JC | 18.54 | 17.90 | 17.96 | —.12 |
| PepBoys | 8.10 | 7.95 | 7.95 | —.06 |
| PepsiCo | 40.35 | 40.11 | 40.18 | +.39 |
| Pharmacia | 44.90 | 43.75 | 43.75 | —.55 |
| PhelpDodge | 33.45 | 32.46 | 32.46 | —.01 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 8.90 | 8.33 | 8.46 | +.13 |
| Praxair | 57.64 | 56.43 | 56.73 | —.07 |
| ProctGamb | 89.67 | 88.90 | 89.23 | +.46 |
| RadioShack | 23.54 | 23.09 | 23.11 | —.09 |
| RoyalDut | 42.55 | 42.07 | 42.18 | —.03 |
| SBC Comm | 21.31 | 20.69 | 20.79 | —.26 |
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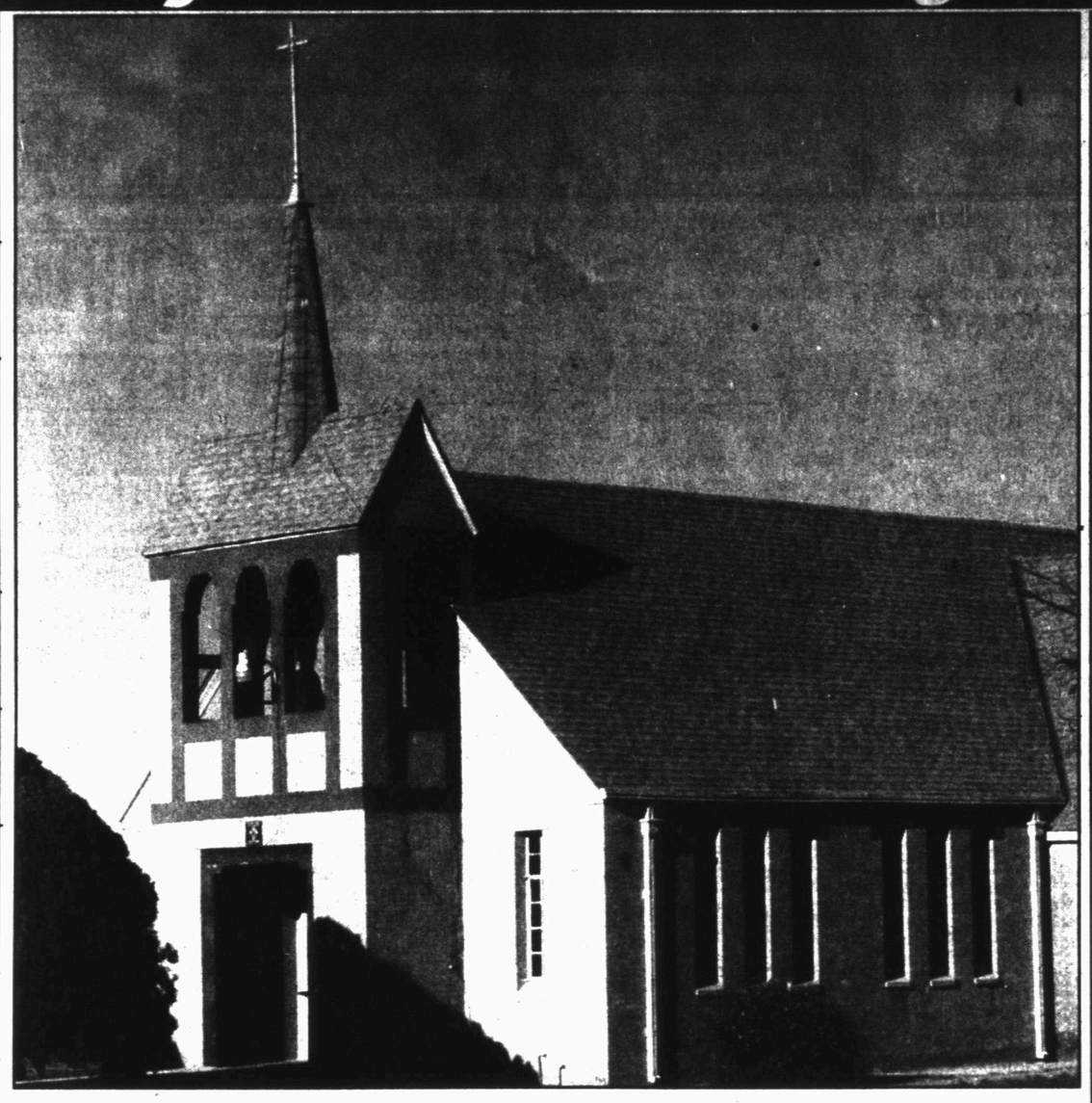
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# Dewhurst school plan would shift funding

AUSTIN (AP) — A school financing proposal that would increase the state sales tax to raise $5 billion to $8 billion while potentially cutting school property taxes in half is being circulated by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

The concept, which Dewhurst and his staff have been working on for weeks and is still described as fluid, also could call for a constitutional amendment to change the way the state defines equity as practiced under the existing financing system.

Officials have been under pressure from taxpayers and school districts to change a system that has pushed many school tax rates to the state maximum, while districts have been forced to cut jobs or programs.

The proposal would increase the state's share of paying for public education while lowering the local tax burden. By redefining equity, the current system, frequently referred to as Robin Hood, could end by eliminating the sharing of local tax dollars between districts.

It also could give school districts the room to grow with inflation.

The proposal might not be unveiled publicly for days, but this week, Dewhurst's briefings expanded beyond a close circle of senators as he gauged support, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

The idea faces many hurdles: The plan raises the issue of taxes, even as Dewhurst and other top Republicans have pledged not to raise taxes. It's late in the session and change invites lawsuits.

The plan considers options from increasing the state's current 6.25-cent sales tax rate to expanding the sales levy to services not taxed now, although it is unknown how Dewhurst would expand the tax base.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee who praised Dewhurst for even attempting a plan, wants maximum property tax relief, cutting the $1.50 maximum to as low as 75 cents per $100 valuation.

"I'm not going to do this for a few pennies (off the rate)," said Shapiro, R-Plano. "I'm doing this for a real change."

A penny increase in the sales tax rate would raise about $2 billion a year, according to the comptroller's office. For every dollar raised through sales taxes, local property taxes could be reduced by the same amount.

# U.S. decides not to propose resolution at rights conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a departure, the United States has decided against introducing a resolution criticizing rights abuses in China at the annual meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission, a State Department official said today.

The decision comes two weeks after the annual State Department human rights report had cited continuing abuses in China.

The official, asking not to be identified, said progress is being made on protection of human rights in China. The Bush administration will press for more progress despite setbacks, the official added.

Among them it mentioned "instances of extrajudicial killings, torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, arbitrary arrest and detention, lengthy incommunicado detention and denial of due process."

The report credited the Chinese government with some positive steps, including the release of a number of prominent dissidents and the granting of permission for senior representatives of the Dalai Lama to visit the country.

Days after the report was released, China issued a harshly worded rebuttal, charging that Washington's criticism was aimed at undermining the country's stability and fragmenting its territory.

The State Council Information office dismissed the report as an amateurish collection of distortions and rumors and said it was driven by "anti-China forces who don't want to see the existence of an increasingly wealthy and developed socialist state."

The United States has routinely introduced China resolutions at the human rights meeting in Geneva, which is winding up a six-week session.

Because of effective Chinese diplomacy, no such resolution has ever been approved there.

Efforts to reach the Chinese Embassy spokesman for comment were not immediately successful.

Mike Jendrzejczyk, Asia expert at the New York-based Human Rights Watch, said the refusal of either the United States or the European Union to criticize China at the Geneva conference "undermines those trying to bring about change inside China."

William F. Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA, said, "By failing to sponsor a resolution, the U.S. is aiding China's evasion of scrutiny of its human rights record."

This is only the third year since 1990 that the United States has not introduced a China resolution in Geneva. Washington was not a commission member last year.

# CDC chief 'very concerned' about SARS spreading in U.S.

ATLANTA (AP) — The respiratory virus known as SARS has appeared to spread in the United States only to family members of health workers with close contact to an infected person.

Until now.

On Thursday, the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said there may be a case of severe acute respiratory syndrome spreading through the workplace.

Dr. Julie Gerberding said a suspected SARS virus patient who became ill after traveling to Asia may have infected a co-worker in Florida, a development that makes her "very concerned."

So far, a dozen people were infected after coming into close contact with a person with SARS. The rest of the 166 suspected American cases involve people who were infected while traveling in Asia.

In the Gainesville, Fla., area, a 47-year-old woman is believed to have been infected at work by a 60-year-old woman who was Alachua County's first suspected SARS case, said Tom Belcuore, director of the county's health department.

Gerberding said the CDC will post new guidance regarding SARS patients for schools and the workplace. The Florida case is being investigated.

"We are asking people to contact their clinician if they have any kind of unusual illness," she said.

Since the World Health Organization announced a worldwide alert last month about the emergence of SARS, the United States has implemented infection control policies in hospitals and among households of suspected cases.

A SARS case outside close contact could cause health officials to consider stronger measures for controlling the disease, but Gerberding said the Florida transmission hasn't been proven yet.

"When we see an unexplained case pop up in a school or workplace, that's when we are concerned the public health containment efforts have failed," she said. "But we're not seeing that at this time."

Florida officials said a school in Okaloosa County went through an emergency cleaning after a 6-year-old boy suspected of having SARS appeared at school with mild symptoms. Health officials are aggressively monitoring the boy's contacts at school to make sure no one else is infected, said Rob Hayes, health department spokesman. The boy may have been infected from a family member, Hayes said.

"We immediately became aware of it and had the child sent home," Hayes said. "He's staying at home with his family until 10 days after symptoms subside."

Also on Thursday, two teams of doctors reported in a medical journal finding a newly discovered version of the coronavirus, a bug that ordinarily causes common colds, in a total of 27 people believed to have SARS. The work supports the scientific case that this virus causes the disease.

The researchers speculated that the virus might have come from animals, which have their own forms of coronavirus, and mutated in some way so it infects people. The scientists have not ruled out the possibility that some other microbe might also be involved, perhaps making SARS more severe or easier to catch.

On the Net:
CDC SARS info:
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/SARS
World Health Organization:
http://www.who.int/en

# South Korea launches stealth warship; NK leader visits base

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea launched a stealth warship capable of spying electronically on North Korea today while the communist state's leader told pilots at an air force base he was satisfied with their readiness to "beat back the enemy."

Both developments underscored tensions on the Korean Peninsula stemming from the North's alleged development of nuclear weapons and efforts by the South's main ally, the United States, to get Pyongyang to scrap the program.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun attended the launch of the radar-evading warship, officials said. The vessel is named "Moonmu the Great," after an ancient king who unified the Korean Peninsula more than 2,000 years ago.

The 450-foot-long ship is equipped for electronic monitoring as well as anti-ship and anti-submarine warfare, navy officials said. It is South Korea's most advanced warship with a top speed of 29 knots. It carries 300 personnel.

The officials said South Korea already has an unspecified number of stealth warships.

"'Moonmu the Great' symbolizes South Korea's defense technology and its will for independent defense," Roh said at the launch in the southern port city of Ulsan.

North Korea's KCNA news agency reported that communist leader Kim Jong Il inspected Flying Unit 887 on Thursday to brief pilots. It did not say where the air base was located.

"He noted with great satisfaction that they (pilots) are always maintaining a high degree of revolutionary vigilance and (are) fully prepared to courageously beat back the enemy any time," the report said.

The visit came a day after North Korea warned that the Iraq war proved the need for it to have strong military deterrent against the United States.

Washington has accused the North of having a secret nuclear weapons program in violation of a 1994 pact. President Bush says he wants to solve the problem peacefully, but he has not ruled out a military solution.

North Korea has said it intends to boost its military defenses and has accused the United States of planning to invade after it is done fighting in Iraq.

# Report of storage building break in being investigated

***Thefts***

Julia Lewis requested a deputy at 4708 CR 23 Thursday evening to report that her storage building was broken into. Deputies responded and advised an offense report for burglary of a building would be submitted as hand tools were stolen from a tool box.

Just before 11 p.m. Thursday, Claudette Fuentez reported a burglary at her home at 2104 41st Street. Jewelry and a television were taken and a report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

At 11:11 p.m. Thursday, Floyd McKenzie requested an officer at 909 31st Street and reported mechanic tools and yard tools stolen. A report was filed for burglary of a residence.

***Accidents***

A minor accident was reported at 5:20 p.m. Thursday at 37th Street and Denison. Involved were a 2000 BMW driven by Carla Nunley, 40, of 4504 Fredonia and a 1992 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Joshua Proctor, 16, of 9587 CR 242.

No injuries were reported.

***Close patrol***

A man requested a close patrol in the 2900 block of 37th Street during the lunch hour in reference to high school students speeding through the alley.

***Noise complaint***

A man reported loud music from a residence in the 200 block of 26th Street and advised it is a nightly occurrence. Officers contacted a subject and advised him to lower the volume and also that if they had to return a citation would be issued.

***Gas drive off***

A clerk at Town and Country North reported two gas drive offs Thursday night, worth $20 and $5.

A drive off worth $34.79 was reported at 11:30 p.m. Thursday from Skinny's on 37th Street.

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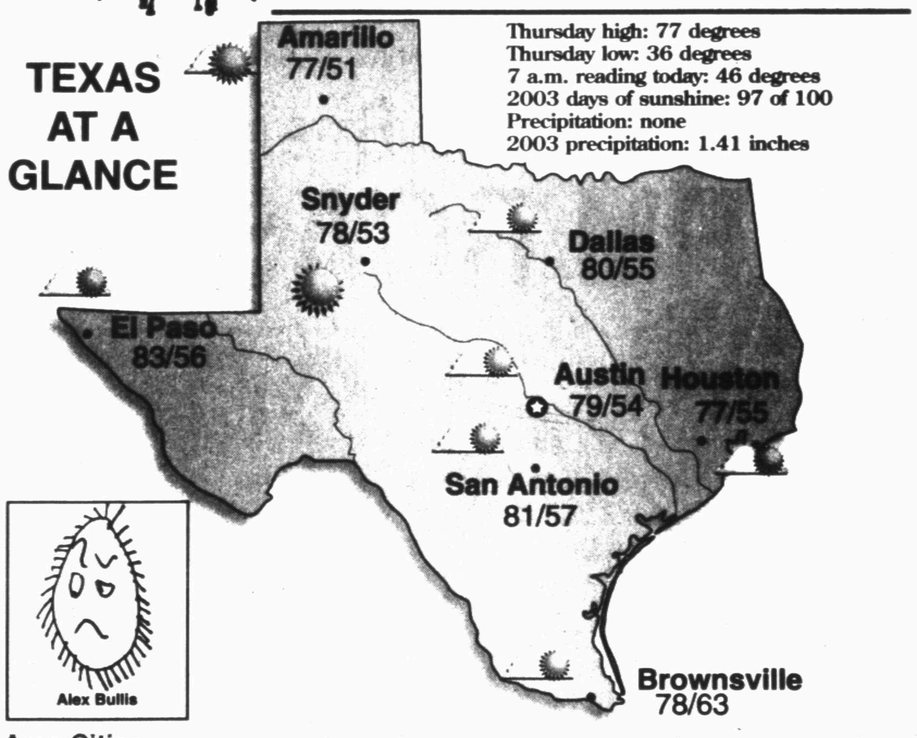
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

| Sat 4/12 | Sun 4/13 | Mon 4/14 |
|---|---|---|
| 78/53 | 81/59 | 81/58 |
| Sunny skies. High 78F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. | Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s. | Partial sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s. |
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2003 days of sunshine: 97 of 100
Precipitation: none
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches




### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | 81 | 57 | sunny | El Paso | 83 | 56 | pt sunny | Midland | 82 | 57 | sunny |
| Amarillo | 77 | 51 | mst sunny | Fort Stockton | 86 | 57 | sunny | Raymondville | 81 | 60 | pt sunny |
| Austin | 79 | 54 | pt sunny | Gainesville | 79 | 51 | sunny | Rosenberg | 78 | 54 | pt sunny |
| Beaumont | 75 | 53 | pt sunny | Greenville | 79 | 51 | mst sunny | San Antonio | 81 | 57 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 78 | 63 | pt sunny | Houston | 77 | 55 | pt sunny | San Marcos | 80 | 54 | mst sunny |
| Brownwood | 86 | 55 | sunny | Kingsville | 80 | 59 | pt sunny | Sulphur Springs | 80 | 50 | mst sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 76 | 61 | pt sunny | Livingston | 80 | 50 | pt sunny | Sweetwater | 83 | 56 | sunny |
| Corsicana | 80 | 53 | sunny | Longview | 80 | 50 | pt sunny | Tyler | 81 | 52 | sunny |
| Dallas | 80 | 55 | pt sunny | Lubbock | 79 | 53 | mst sunny | Weatherford | 80 | 51 | sunny |
| Del Rio | 84 | 62 | mst sunny | Lufkin | 81 | 50 | mst sunny | Wichita Falls | 82 | 52 | sunny |

### National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 73 | 47 | mst sunny | Houston | 77 | 55 | pt sunny | Phoenix | 87 | 62 | pt sunny |
| Boston | 48 | 38 | rain | Los Angeles | 64 | 51 | pt sunny | San Francisco | 58 | 50 | rain |
| Chicago | 51 | 35 | sunny | Miami | 78 | 63 | pt sunny | Seattle | 57 | 40 | rain |
| Dallas | 80 | 55 | pt sunny | Minneapolis | 61 | 45 | pt sunny | St. Louis | 68 | 46 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 74 | 46 | pt sunny | New York | 57 | 37 | rain | Washington, DC | 63 | 42 | rain |

### Moon Phases

| First | Full | Last | New |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr 9 | Apr 16 | Apr 23 | May 1 |

### UV Index

| Sat 4/12 | Sun 4/13 | Mon 4/14 |
|---|---|---|
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10 LB.
MEAT
SALE

Country Style
**PORK RIBS**

10 Lbs Or More



**79¢ Lb.**

Texas Style
Boneless
**BEEF RIBS**

**1 49 Lb.**

10 Lbs Or More

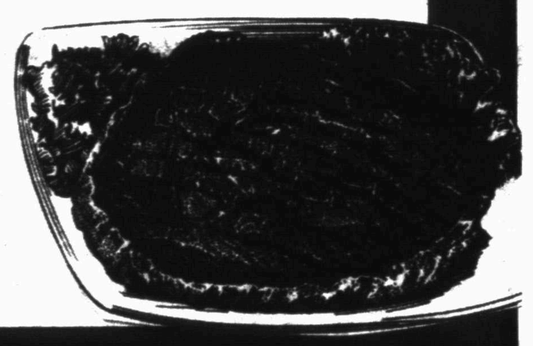
USDA Select Shoulder



USDA Select Beef
**TOP SIRLOIN**

Sold Whole In Bag - SLICED FREE

**1 99 Lb.**



Boneless Beef
**ARM ROAST**



10 Lbs Or More

**1 29 Lb.**



Fresh Sliced
**PORK STEAK**

10 Lbs Or More

**99¢ Lb.**

Fresh Ground! 81% Lean
**GROUND BEEF**



10 Lbs Or More

**1 18 Lb.**

Fryer
**LEG QUARTERS**



SOLD ONLY IN 10 LB. BAGS

**2 90 10 Lb. Bag**