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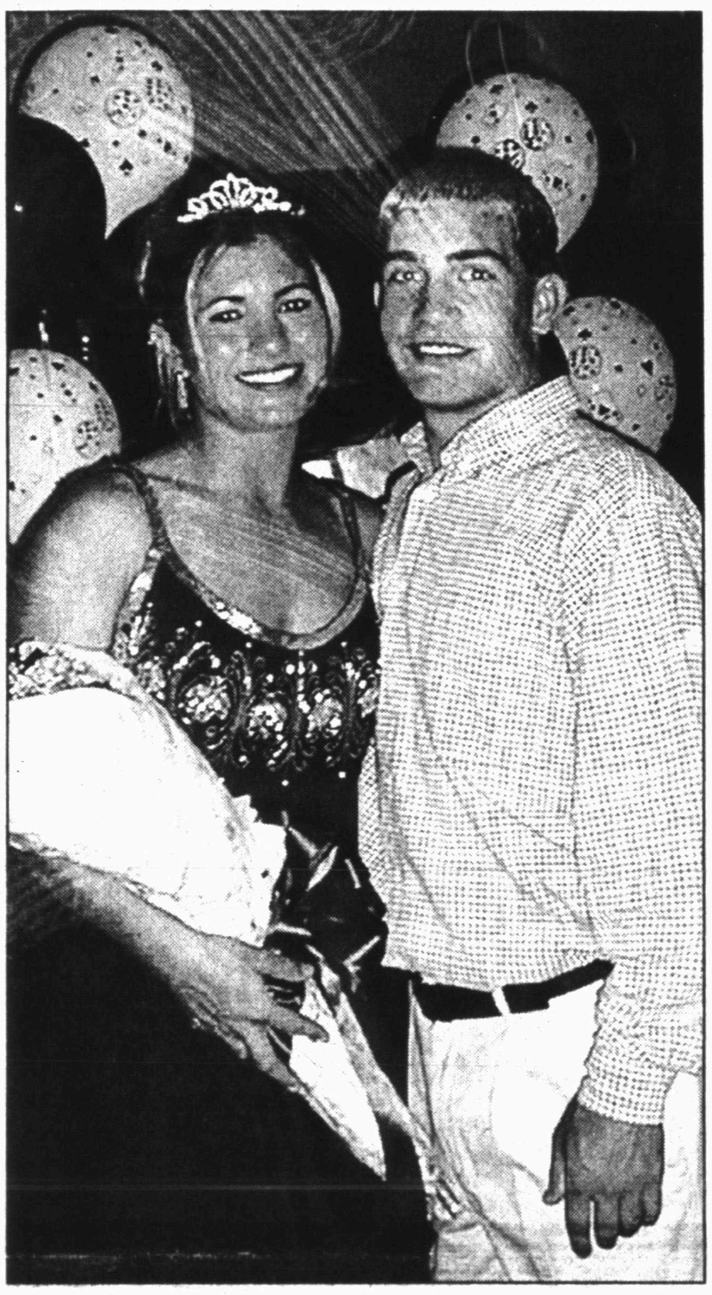
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MR. AND MISS WTC — Sequin Downey and Brad Easter were named Mr. and Miss WTC at the spring formal Wednesday night at the National Guard Armory. Sequin, daughter of Deannie Downey of Amarillo, is a member of the Lady Westerner Rodeo Team. Brad is the son of Jimmy and Phyllis Easter of Lubbock and is a member of the Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa. Both are sophomores. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Twelve school employees take SISD's early retirement plan

A total of 12 Snyder ISD employees have opted to take advantage of an early-retirement program offered by the district for the first time this year.

Originally, 13 employees had signed up for the program, but one later withdrew the application, said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

Each of the retiring employees will receive $20,000, and accumulated sick leave.

The early retirement payments will total $240,000, while the combined sick leave payments will be $22,045.

Sick leave payments range from $420.00 to $3,360.

School district employees choosing the retirement incentive package include Billie Adams, fourth grade teacher at East; Stanley Cozart, third grade teacher at Central; Kay Echols, first grade teacher at East; Donna Farley, fifth grade teacher at Northeast; Barbara Granato, special education director; Billy Haynes, special education teacher; Betty Henderson, SHS English teacher; and Ron Henderson, SHS assistant principal.

Others are Dorothy Kayser, music teacher at East; Wayne Kennedy, East Elementary principal; Helen Mock, kindergarten teacher at Northeast; and Ned Moore, SHS art teacher.

School trustees voted 5-2 earlier this year to implement the early-retirement proposal that a maximum of 30 employees could have chosen to take. A total of 51 employees met the criteria for the plan, Lomax said.

The money for the plan will come from the district's reserves, and the savings will be a result of the district absorbing at least half of the retiring positions, Lomax added.

The plan provided each early retiree with a dollar amount equal to 50 percent of the employee's 1999-2000 contracted salary, or $20,000, whichever was less.

The employees who accepted the benefits of the early retirement program are no longer eligible for employment in the district as a full-time, or part-time professional employee. But the retiree will be eligible to serve as a substitute teacher, an aide or in other support staff positions.

Acceptance of the plan is deemed to be a written resignation from employment, and the resignations become effective June 30, or at the end of the 1999-2000 employment contract.

Participants had the choice of receiving a lump-sum payment on June 23, or equal payments paid on June 23 and Jan. 15, 2001.

Friday is holiday for some

Local schools and several offices will be closed Good Friday in observance of the holiday.

Financial institutions and the Snyder Post Office, however, will conduct business as usual.

Today is an early release day for Ira. Classes were to dismiss at 2:30 p.m. and students will be out Friday and Monday.

Snyder and Hermleigh schools will also be closed Friday and Monday.

The Western Texas College campus will be closed on Good Friday as will the Scurry County Library and Scurry County Musuem.

The Texas Workforce Commission, located on the WTC campus, will remain open.

City and county employees will have Friday off with the exception of the Snyder landfill. The landfill will be open Friday and closed Saturday.

SISD board vacancy has to be filled

Snyder ISD board members are expected to make a decision next month on what to do about filling the unexpired term of Bill Moss on the board of trustees.

Moss died on April 4, and state law states that a school board seat cannot be vacant for more than a year, and the 2001 election is more than 13 months away.

"The board basically has two options," said Supt. Gayle Lomax. "They can appoint a person to the at-large position held by Mr. Moss, or call a special election.

"At this time, the board has not given me any indication on what they prefer to do," Lomax said.

On either of the two options, the board must take action within 180 days of the date the seat becomes vacant.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you really want to get even, succeed in spite of management."

We were out at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus a few days ago and picked up an interesting book called "Texas Highway Humor."

In your drives across the Lone Star state looking at bluebonnets, you've likely encountered some of these signs. At worst, they're entertaining:

—We serve the Cadillac of catfish!

—Movie Rentals, Worms, Ice, 69 cents

—Wife Wanted. About Twenty-two. I am bachelor. House is dirty. I am dirty two. Need clean wife two keep me and house clean. (Legend has it there have been no takers, probably only because he didn't know difference between two and to.)

—Welcome sign to Hondo: This is God's Country, Please Don't Drive Through It Like Hell.

—Roach unit exit south on F.M. 164.

—Roach-furnished apartments for rent.

—Court approved ticket dismissal.

—Free car wash with purchase.

—Closed for the lack of interest.

—And next door: Open because of interest.

—Sermon Topic: Adam's Rib, Satan's Fib, Women's Lib.

—Tavern sign: He Ain't Here.

—Welcome to Stanton. Home of 3,000 Friendly People and a Few Old Soreheads.

—Don't Mess with Waco, either.

—Welcome to Honey Grove, the Sweetest Town in Texas.

—Entering Beverly Hills, Leaving Waco

—Woman Hollering Creek.

—Tell A Joke About The University of Texas, a public service to Texas Aggies.

—Do not catch Taiwanese Flu! Catch something made in the U.S.A.

—The boss said to paint this sign, so I did.

—Nike Factory Store, 728 Miles. Just kidding, Exit 368A.

—Free tickets, for speeders.

—We'll help you make a bundle. Small wonders of Doctors Hospital.

—Shapely legs. Soft Seats. Strong Chests (Johnson Furniture)

—Our royal flush beats your full house. Call Roto-Rooter.

—Welcome to Annual Lovelady Love-Fest.

—Any taxidermist who can save your hide is in the Yellow Pages.

—More Cluck for your buck. (Kentucky Fried Chicken)

And old-timers will remember Burma Shave signs that had a message as you drove down the highway:

—Doesn't Kiss You – Like She Uster? – Perhaps She's Seen – A Smoother Rooster!

Reno to continue work on Elian case

MIAMI (AP) — Faced with a court ruling criticizing the government's actions, Attorney General Janet Reno canceled her visit today to a Montana Indian reservation to return to Washington and work on the Elian Gonzalez case. Meanwhile, the boy's relatives continued to spar through their lawyers over whether, and where, they might arrange a meeting.

In the latest victory for Miami relatives of the 6-year-old boy, a three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Elian must remain in the United States until the court decides whether he should get an asylum hearing.

The order, however, would not prevent the government from reuniting Elian with his father in the United States. The father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, has been waiting in Washington since April 6.

Reno, in Oklahoma City for the dedication of a memorial to the victims of the 1995 federal building bombing, said she would abide by Wednesday's court order.

"But it does not disagree with my determination, it does not say that the boy cannot be reunited with his father," she said. "I believe Elian should be reunited with his father and I said that all along."

Lawyers for the Miami relatives today repeated their offer to bring the boy to a meeting with his father.

"It's time that the family got together to deal with this as a family — no preconditons, no government, no lawyers," family attorney Kendall Coffey told ABC's "Good Morning America."

Good Friday service is set

Holy Week observances continue with a 7 a.m. Good Friday service at the First United Methodist Church lead by Dr. Craig Curry, pastor.

Holy Week services have been held at noon daily since Monday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Good Friday's service will be followed by a breakfast.

There is no charge for the meal, but a donation will be accepted to benefit the work of the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance.



EARTH DAY PROJECT — Northeast fifth graders released butterflies Wednesday afternoon in honor of Earth Day slated Saturday. Johnathan McDonald looks in awe at the butterfly which is ready to take flight from Rebekah Thornton's hand. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

ASK US

Q—Are there any RV spaces available at the coliseum for the Western Swing Festival set for May 16-21?

A—There are about 45 spaces left.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 94 degrees; low, 50; 7 a.m. Thursday, 50; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.64 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 45-50. E wind 5-10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, warmer; high mid 80s. SE wind 10-20 mph.

Alex Koonce
Sunny

Sunset:
8:16 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:09 a.m.
Of 111 days in 2000, the sun has shone 108 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Opportunities are seldom labeled.

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Toyota and Acura show off new SUVs

NEW YORK (AP) — American drivers who keep buying pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles in record numbers have become a major source of revenue for U.S. automakers.

Now foreign automakers want a larger share of those buyers.

On Wednesday, Toyota and Honda's Acura luxury division showed off new SUVs, while Nissan announced plans for a new full-size pickup that could spawn a full-size sport-ute. The models were unveiled Wednesday in media previews for the New York International Auto Show.

Truck sales have been the strongest part of a robust market for new vehicles in the United States, growing faster than car sales in the past few years.

Don Esmond, general manager of Toyota's U.S. sales arm, said about 40 percent of Toyota's U.S. sales are trucks, while the industry as a whole has a 50-50 split between cars and trucks.

"We see that 10 percent gap as a prime opportunity for growth," he said.

Toyota took the wraps off its new Highlander, a midsize SUV that shares parts with the Toyota Camry.

The Highlander, with its 220-horsepower V6 engine, will be priced between $20,000 and $26,000, and compete in a crowded field with the Ford Explorer and Jeep Cherokee. It goes on sale next year.

Toyota also showed off a restyled version of its RAV4 small SUV with a new engine.

Acura also introduced a new sport utility, the MDX, which will compete squarely against the Lexus RX 300 and other luxury SUVs. Acura aims to win buyers for the MDX with a third row of seats and a few more features.

Acura said the MDX will meet ultra low emissions vehicle standards, and will get better mileage than other SUVs — up to 23 miles per gallon on the highway. The MDX will be powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine with 240 horsepower at a price of around $35,000.

Meanwhile, Nissan president Carlos Ghosn said the company approved last week a new full-size truck for the U.S. market.

He said the truck would be powered by a new V8 engine, would likely be built in the United States and would be the basis for other models, though an appearance on the market is still years away. Automakers often build SUVs off their full-size trucks.

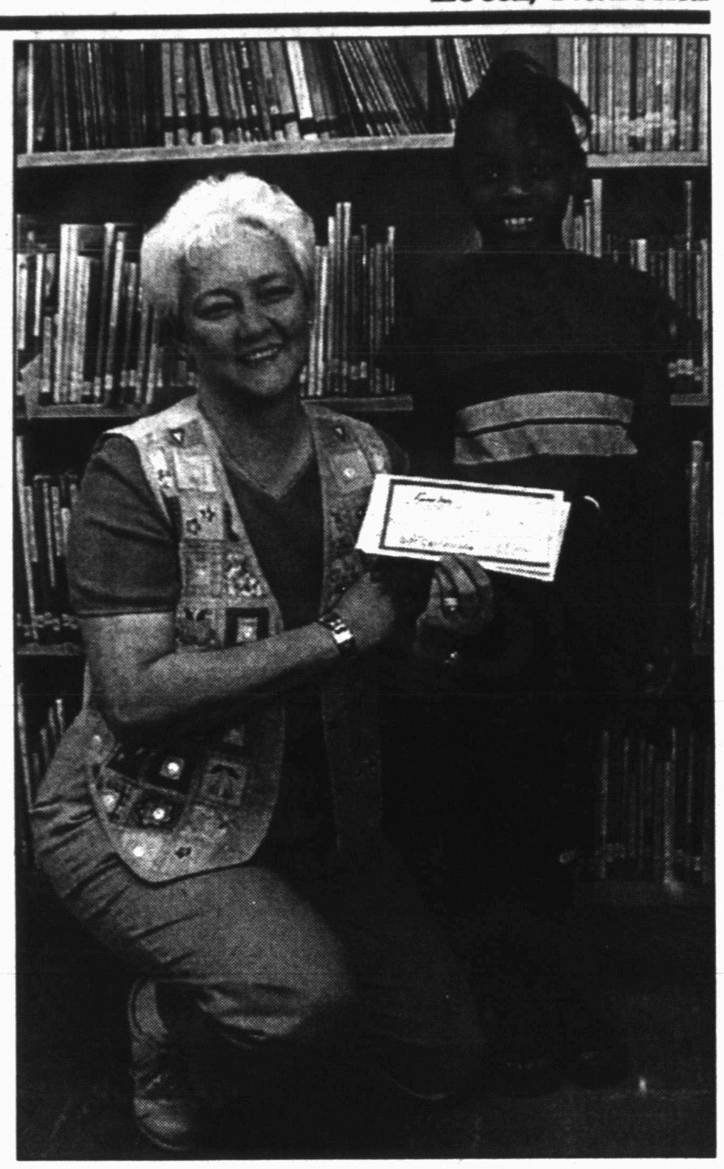
Domestic automakers said they were confident they could hold onto their truck customers.

Jac Nasser, chief executive officer for Ford Motor Co., said the new models likely wouldn't hurt Ford's truck sales.

"In most cases, they're late" to the market, Nasser said.

Ron Zarella, President of General Motors North America, said the world's No. 1 automaker was confident its truck sales would remain strong for the foreseeable future.

On the Net:
Toyota Motor Corp:
http://www.toyota.com
Acura Division of Honda:
http://www.acura.com
Nissan Motor Co.:
http://www.nissan-usa.com/menu—nf.html
Ford Motor Co.:
http://www.ford.com
General Motors Corp.:
http://www.generalmotors.com/index.htm
New York International Auto Show:



PIZZA WINNER — Briana Rose (right) won a drawing at the Scurry County Library for a coupon to Pizza Inn. The drawing was in connection with National Library Week. Rose came in on Student Day that week and checked out a book, which entered her in the drawing. She is pictured with children's librarian Linda Jones. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Clean hands prevent infection in hospitals, homes and schools

DEAR ABBY: We would like to add to the discussion about unwashed hands being a hazard for patients. We are certified infection-control practitioners in a large medical center. The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology is a well-established organization with more than 3,000 professionals, whose goal is to promote excellence in infection control and prevention.

Hand-washing is the No. 1 prevention against spread of infection, inside and outside the hospital setting. It is important in the home, in schools and in every workplace. It is the cornerstone of infection-control practice and education for everyone who works in health care.

Proper hand-washing is taught during orientation for new employees and daily by most practitioners whenever the need arises. Soap, running water, friction and 10 to 15 seconds covering all surfaces of the hands are necessary to loosen dirt and wash the germs down the drain. It is the responsibility of all health-care employees to practice proper techniques to protect patients — as well as ourselves.

At our facility, hand-washing is considered serious business and proper practice is enforced. Alcohol foam or gels for hand antisepsis are recommended for those "difficult times" when an employee is unable to get to a sink.

We agree with your statement, "Proper hygiene practices are an essential part of high-quality medical care." And we want Dear Abby to continue to be part of our team, promoting good infection-control practices, hand-washing and good health. Thank you, Abby. — **JAN WROBEL, RN, AND BARBARA WIXSON, RN, SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER, OAKLAND, CALIF.**

DEAR JAN AND BARBARA: I'm sure many readers will be as surprised as I was to learn that most hospitals have a full-time infection-control team or nurse whose job it is to do surveillance, prevention and control of hospital-acquired infections.

A patient, relative or friend of a patient who witnesses a breach of proper hygiene practices should report it to the charge nurse, the administrator of the facility and the infection-control coordinator. Speaking up will not jeopardize the comfort of the patient; however, failing to speak up could endanger the health, or even the life, of the patient.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I adopted a newborn girl three years ago. We knew the birth mother three months before delivery. She is a wonderful young woman. We keep in touch four or five times a year.

She is now 21 and is being married to a very nice young man. He knows about our daughter, but his parents do not. Because our child's skin color is darker than ours, they would surely realize that her birth mother is the bride.

We have been asked to attend the wedding but not to bring our daughter. I say no — but my wife wants to go. Help! — **OPENLY ADOPTING IN CANADA**

DEAR OPENLY ADOPTING: Resist the temptation to show off your daughter at the wedding. Do as the bride wishes and give her a loving send-off as she enters her new life.

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, April 21, 2000
That which appeared to be impossible in the past may become feasible to achieve in the year ahead. Revitalize some old hopes and dreams you've kept at bay.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A chance for clarifying a matter involving others that has had you puzzled may present itself today. You should be pleased with the results of the new insight. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An arrangement into which you enter today could turn things around for you and change things dramatically. This collective interest will benefit the other party as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Continue to explore the many options and possibilities at your disposal that could further your present aims — especially those that are career or work related.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Give full attention today to matters or situations where you can transform conditions in ways that would benefit you as well as your loved ones. It'll be very rewarding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Return to your beginnings and you'll find that personal identity for which you've been searching. The answer lies at the core.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll instinctively know how to get what you want today without appearing self-serving or calculating. You'll say and do things in a manner that will be pleasing to others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Grasp at every opportunity that comes your way today, even ones that appear rather insignificant on the surface, and the possibilities of improving your worth will be tremendous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In matters where you are intensely motivated, your powers to achieve are rather awesome today, so long as your objectives are realistic to begin with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't lose faith in what you're attempting to bring about at this time. Events are continuing to work to your ultimate advantage today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An associate who likes you may go out of his or her way today to assist you in some manner that would transform a situation that has had you stuck in a rut.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Should you have to match your skills against the heavyweights today, don't be fearful. By staying calm and well within yourself, you'll overcome your competition.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are asked to sit in judgment of someone else today, try to place yourself in the other person's position. Compassion and tolerance may be called for.

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Pentagon to help, not hinder, soldiers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Army official suggested pushing some of the country's lowest-paid soldiers off of food stamps — by making their incomes look higher on paper.

But Defense Secretary William Cohen rejected the proposal Wednesday, saying it had "sent mixed signals ... to men and women in uniform."

In a three-paragraph statement, Cohen said he will work with the Agriculture Department to try to get a change in the way soldiers' income is calculated — a move that could make more eligible for the help. The announcement followed a howl of disapproval by soldiers and others over an earlier idea that would have recalculated the income of service members already getting foods stamps.

The recalculation would make their income look higher on paper, and so get them kicked off assistance rolls. Critics suggested the discounted idea was intended to paper over a problem that has caused embarrassment for the military — the specter of having uniformed people in the service of the country forced to seek outside help in feeding their families.

Though Cohen had never approved the earlier proposal, he said Wednesday that he wanted "to set the record straight."

"I support military men and women receiving every federal benefit to which they are entitled," Cohen said.

The Pentagon says about 6,300 people in the military were on food stamps in 1998, compared with 12,000 in 1995. It says the base salary going into effect in January for a sergeant with six years in the service will be $1,691 a month.

At issue was a suggestion by Bernard Rostker, the army undersecretary nominated to become the Pentagon's top personnel official. Rostker said in a Senate committee confirmation hearing last week that methods for calculating income were different for those living off-base and those living on-base — an inequity he wanted to correct.

Under the system, people who live off-base get a housing allowance and that money is added onto their pay to calculate their income. Those living on-base get free housing; there is no housing allowance given, so none calculated on their income — making them look poorer on paper than their counterparts, and eligible for help.

Rostker said he wanted to start counting the value of on-base housing as income — a move that would have knocked most of those on-base and receiving food stamps into a higher income level and made them ineligible.

Date Book

Thursday, April 20, 2000
Today is the first full day of PASSOVER; it is the 111th day of 2000 and the 32nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1902, Marie and Pierre Curie successfully isolated the element radium.

On this day in 1934, "Stand Up and Cheer," the first film in which Shirley Temple starred, premiered.

On this day in 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marcus Aurelius (121-180), philosopher-Roman emperor; Daniel Chester French (1850-1931), sculptor; Adolf Hitler (1889-1945), Nazi dictator; Harold Lloyd (1893-1971), comedian-actor; John Paul Stevens (1920-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 80; Ryan O'Neal (1941-), actor, is 59; Jessica Lange (1949-), actress, is 51; Don Mattingly (1961-), baseball player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1910, Addie Joss threw a no-hitter for Cleveland against the Chicago White Sox. It was his second no-hitter against Chicago.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is not our job to apply laws that have not yet been written." — John Paul Stevens

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 18) and last quarter (April 26).

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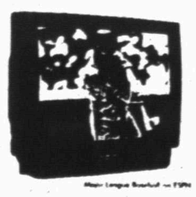
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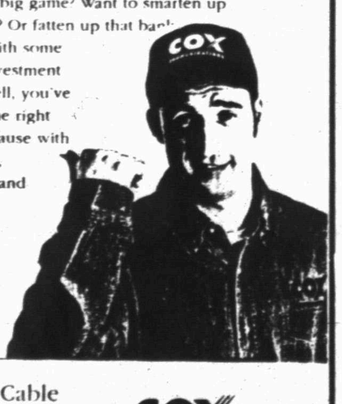
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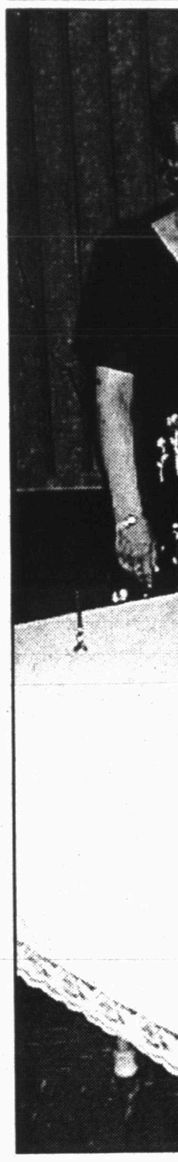


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TWOFOLD CEREMONIES AT DKG — Kay Echols was initiated into the Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society and members celebrated the organization's 39th birthday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured right is DKG president Helen Mock. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

DKG initiation and birthday celebration held at April meet

The April meeting of Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma featured an initiation ceremony for a new member and a celebration of the chapter's 39th birthday.

Chapter officers Helen Mock, president, and Betty Thompson, first vice president, and Beverly Robertson, corresponding secretary, conducted the initiation ceremony. Samijane Webb escorted new member, Kay Echols. The ceremony emphasized the ideals and purposes of DKG.

To mark the chapter birthday celebrations, each member lit a candle on individual cakes and joined with Maribeth Vestal, song leader, in singing the "Delta Kappa Gamma Birthday Song."

Carol Miller gave the invocation for the meeting that preceded a dinner buffet, held in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Mary Williams, accompanied by Susie Burgess, presented the inspirational song, "Top of the Mountain."

Kaye Carter, chairman of the professional affairs committee, presented essays submitted by the five candidates for this year's recruitment grant. Annually the chapter awards a grant to a graduating senior of Snyder High School who will enter college in the fall to prepare for a teaching profession. The number and quality of the candidates this year was so outstanding that the chapter voted to suspend the bylaws for this year only in order to award two grants.

Hostesses were Miller, Barbara Granato, Monette O'Day, Carol Haynes and Billie Hartsfield.

Twins become cops on same police force

DIXFIELD, Maine (AP) — Ray and Roy Hodsdon are brothers in law. More accurately, they are twin brothers in law enforcement.

The 30-year-old brothers are police officers.

Roy Hodsdon was hired by the Rumford Police Department last July. Ray Hodsdon — younger by 71/2 minutes — was hired at the nearby Dixville Police Department this month.

It's no surprise they became cops together. They share the same tastes, they work out together, watch television together and drive the same type of cars.

The Hodsdons said they have admired military and police officials since they were little — their father was in the Air Force — and have always wanted to be officers.

They expect some confused looks and some cases of mistaken identity, but swear they won't mind.

"I don't care if somebody calls me Roy, because it's an honor," Ray Hodsdon said. "I look up to my older brother."

Robbery averted with two words

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — An armed robber who targeted a gas station and convenience store gave up and left after a clerk uttered just two words. It wasn't even a complete sentence.

The clerk at Kelly's Gas told police that a man in a black ski mask had come in just before midnight Tuesday and pulled a handgun from his coat pocket, Lt. Rick Chase said.

As the clerk told it:

The man said, "I want your money."

The clerk responded, "Don't even."

"OK," the gunman said.

He put the gun back in his pocket and left. No arrest has been made.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♥ A 9
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Dealer: South

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3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Thursday, April 20, 2000

When middle, take the middle course

By Phillip Alder

To start, another great comment from Oscar Wilde: "The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything."

It is interesting how the middle-aged always know much less than they did when teenagers.

Today, we take a second look at a middling responding hand. You have a balanced hand with no five-card suit, no shortage and no interest in the majors. If partner opens one no-trump, your response is based purely on your high-card point-count. If he opens a 15-17 no-trump, you pass with up to eight points, raise to two no-trump with nine, and jump to game with 10-15. Opposite a 16-18 no-trump, these numbers become seven, eight and 9-14.

As you will have determined, in this deal, South opened with a modern 15-17 no-trump. How did he plan the play in three no-trump after West had led the heart seven?

South saw six top tricks: four spades, one heart and one diamond. He could establish the other three tricks in clubs. Yet there was a risk that the opponents would get too many heart tricks when in with the club ace.

If the missing hearts were breaking 4-3, there was no danger. But what if they were 5-2? Then surely East had honor-doubleton. With a suit headed by the king, queen and jack, West would have led the king. Given that East had honor-doubleton, South won the first trick with dummy's ace. This blocked the suit from the defenders' point of view. Then declarer played a club, eventually raking in an overtrick after a misdefense.

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Rumbaugh looking at play-by-play job

NEW YORK (AP) — Left tackles and left linebackers, beware. A voice of the (political) right is looking for a National Football League broadcasting job.

Rush Limbaugh has been campaigning on the air for the vacancy in the "Monday Night Football" broadcast booth created when Boomer Esiason was fired, leaving only play-by-play veteran Al Michaels.

"This is not a PR stunt. It is real. This is something he is interested in," said Kit Carson, Limbaugh's chief of staff.

ABC, determined to spice up a program with declining ratings, won't rule out the conservative talk-show host.

"He's certainly entitled to say what he wants on the air. We're considering a lot of people and we're not revealing who those people are," ABC Sports vice president Mark Mandel said Wednesday. "Anything is possible."

He said producer Don Ohlmeyer is considering people with and without experience in the booth. No timetable has been set to name a replacement.

County museum is planning annual rummage sale

Scurry County Museum is planning its annual rummage sale for May 20 through May 25 to support its educational opportunities and daily operations. They are accepting usable items.

The sale is scheduled to open Saturday, May 20, and end the following Thursday.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dianna Leon and Laura Williams.

DISMISSALS: Amilia Anguiano, Mary Hamlett, Michael Nettik, Jesse Olivarez, Tommy Campbell, Miguel Gallegos and Sue Trice.

CENSUS: 38 (Med./Surg.-12, Long-term Care-25, OB-1)



DRIED ARRANGEMENT PROGRAM — Nan Markland, master flower show judge from Coleman, presented a program on arranging dried materials for members of the Snyder Garden Club. (Contributed Photo)

Nan Markland demonstrates flower arranging at meeting

Nan Markland of Coleman gave a program on accredited flower show arrangements to Snyder Garden Club members and their guests at the April 6 meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Following the luncheon, Markland, master flower show judge, made the arrangement pictured out of Fallow deer horns, dyed pampas grass, fountain grass, buckeye seed pods and kiwi vine.

Guests attending were Carol Miller, Geleska Baze, Bobby Newton, all from Snyder, and Peggy Smith from Justiceburg.

Garden Club members are planning a pilgrimage to Tom Green County on May 11 to view a hummingbird haven in Christoval and a water lily garden in San Angelo.

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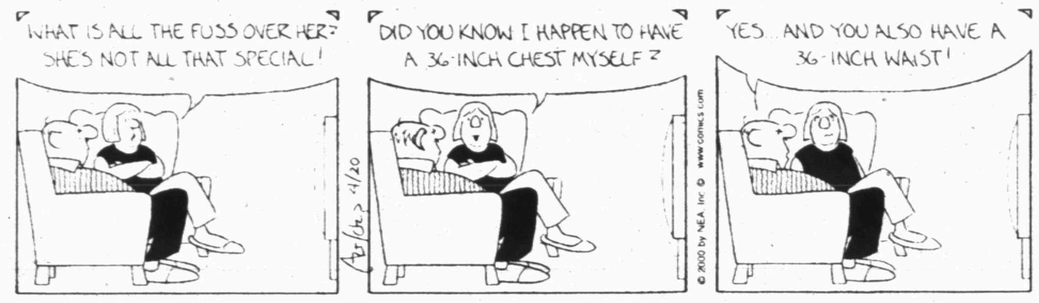
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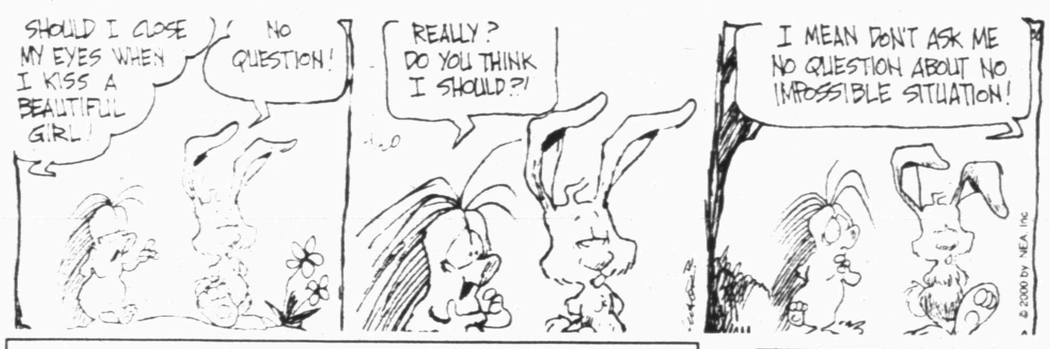
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7 Parts of basilicas
12 Come into sight
13 Patron
14 Sacred songs
15 Sea hawk
16 Grassland
17 A Stooge
18 Bullfight cheer
21 Playful water mammal
23 Asian women's quarters
26 — Blanc
28 Greek letter
29 Roll
30 Outer (pref.)
31 Contributed
33 City in Wyoming
36 Teller's place
37 French summer
38 Malaria symptom
40 Motion picture
41 Golfer's gadget
42 "Mmm!"
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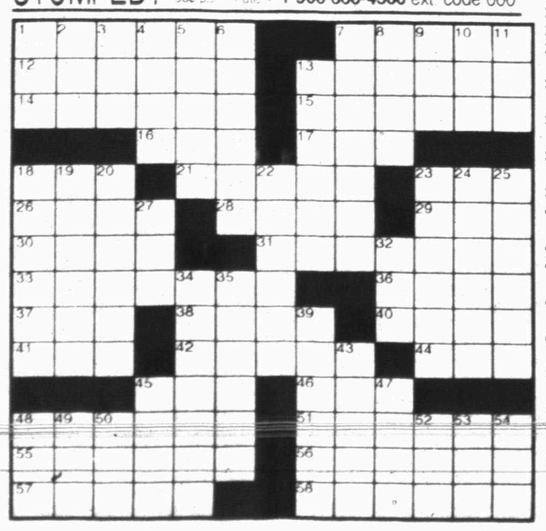
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1 Short sleep
2 — and downs
3 Timber tree
4 Actress Carter
5 Relief-carved gem
6 Like an inferior substitute
7 Loser
8 Smoker's smoke
9 Sun. speech
10 Opposite of WSW
11 Pigpen
13 Recover consciousness (2 wds.)
18 Breakfast food
19 Find
20 Main course at dinner
22 Hymn of thanksgiving (2 wds.)
23 Get
24 Chaperon
25 Lock — —
27 One — — customer
32 Alphabet start
34 London district
35 Tropical lizard
39 Coals
43 Red Sea country
45 Liver fluid
47 Flooring piece
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49 Actress Thurman
50 Four-poster, e.g.
52 Fib
53 Comparative ending
54 CIA's forerunner

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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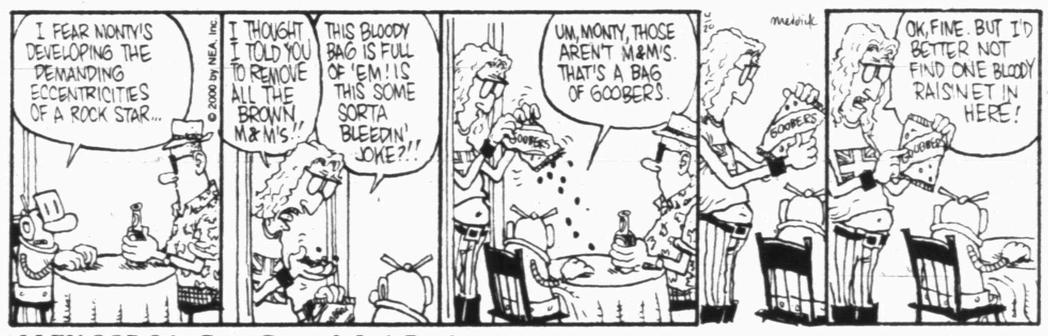
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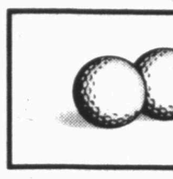


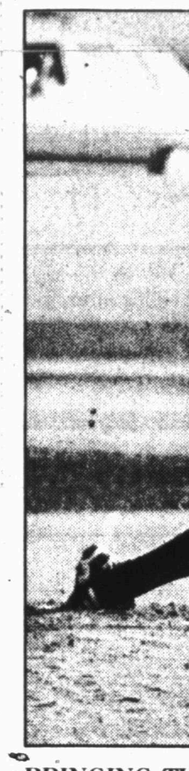
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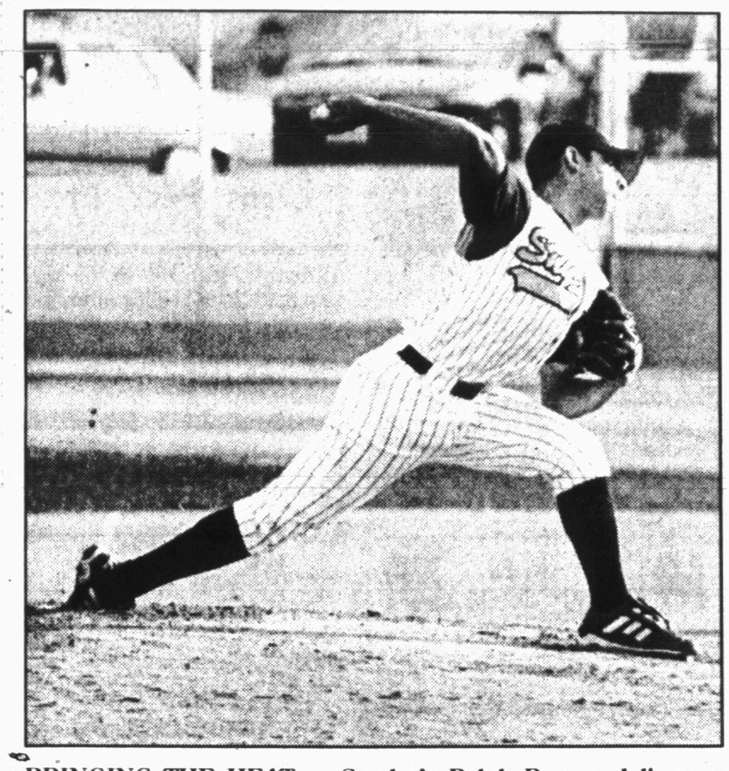
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SPORTS



BRINGING THE HEAT — Snyder's Ralph Ramon delivers a pitch during Tuesday's district win over Sweetwater. The Tigers visit Big Spring today in a crucial district game at 4 p.m. A victory would put Snyder in position to lock up a playoff berth. (SDN Staff Photo)

In Friday's bi-district softball playoff...

Dickenson leads SHS into battle

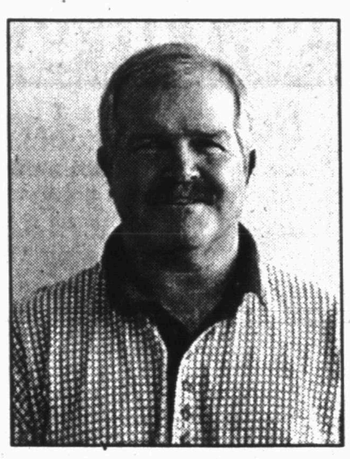
Snyder softball coach Robbie Dickenson knows what it takes to win in the postseason, and he likes his squad's chances in this year's playoffs.

Dickenson, who skippered Coahoma to the 1998 state title, leads the Lady Tigers into the postseason Friday when they take on Brownwood in a bi-district tilt at 8 p.m. at Abilene's Will Haire Park.

Dickenson sees some similarities between this year's Lady Tiger squad and his Coahoma teams of the past.

"Both teams had the same attitude and drive to work hard in practice," said Dickenson. "This year's team is very competitive, and that's what you have to be. Sometimes in the playoffs, it just comes down to who wants it more, and this group of girls will give it everything they've got. They want to win."

Snyder enters the playoffs as the District 5-4A runner-up with a record of 19-14, while the Lady Lions were the third-place finisher in District 6 with a 20-7 mark.



Robbie Dickenson

The fact that Dickenson coached at Brownwood last season could be an advantage, or a hindrance, according to the SHS coach.

"I know some of the players' strengths and weaknesses, so that could help us out," Dickenson stated. "But then again, Brownwood may be looking to beat their old coach, and use it as a motivational factor. We'll just have to see how both teams react to the pressure of a playoff game."

Despite finishing second to league champion Big Spring, the Lady Tigers are peaking at the right time. Even in its losses, Snyder was always in the ballgame, with a chance to win in the late innings.

"We've come a million miles since the start of the season," Dickenson admitted. "We had a couple of injuries early on that made us shuffle some players around. But now we've got everybody where they need to be, and the girls feel comfortable with each other."

One injury that could play a factor in Friday's contest is the pulled quadricep muscle of Kristin Martinez. The senior will fill the designated hitter role, but might not be available to pitch, should starter Courtney Rinehart run into trouble.

Martinez' role as designated hitter could be key to a Lady Tiger victory, as runs will be at a premium. Brownwood has struggled offensively this season, and with Snyder's solid defense, three or four runs might be enough to push the Lady Tigers over the top.

"Brownwood's pitcher throws hard, but she has had some control problems," Dickenson said. "We have to be selective at the plate. But if the pitch is there, we have to put the ball in play as many times as we can and try to make things happen."

The Lady Tigers made first-round exits each of the past few seasons, but Dickenson looks to change that trend on Friday.

"I've had some winning experience in the playoffs, so the girls know what it takes to win in this situation," Dickenson remarked. "These girls remember what our Coahoma was like the year we won state, so they know it can be done, and hopefully it will give us an added edge."

Snyder will be the visitor for the bi-district match-up. Ticket prices are $3 for adults and $1 for students.

The winner will advance to face Weatherford in the area round on April 28.

REGION I
SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

El Paso Parkland (20-6) vs. San Elizario (14-11)
Frenship (18-7), bye
Hereford (13-9) vs. Canyon (12-13)
Pecos (14-5), bye
Snyder (19-14) vs. Brownwood (20-7)
Weatherford (26-0), bye
Wichita Falls Rider (20-16) vs. Azle (21-10)
Burleson (24-6), bye
El Paso Clint (13-9) vs. El Paso Burges (10-12)
Dumas (21-5), bye
Canyon Randall (16-7) vs. Borger (14-10)
El Paso Ysleta (12-9), bye
Joshua (26-7) vs. Fort Stockton (16-9)
Burkburnett (19-7), bye
Brewer (22-9) vs. Denton (26-7)
Big Spring (23-6), bye

Nelson leaves on winning note

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Don Nelson never looked so relaxed.

Puffing on a big cigar after the Dallas Mavericks beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 113-107 Wednesday night, Nelson leaned back and relished the 926th and final victory of his 22-year NBA coaching career.

"This is it," he said with a smile. "This feels great."

The Mavericks' victory was their 11th in 13 games and 30th in 48 games since their low-water mark on Jan. 10.

"We're the best team in basketball the last two months," Nelson said. "As good as any team in the league."

New owner Mark Cuban didn't say exactly when his search would begin for a new coach, but did say Nelson would always have a place in his heart — and in his front office.

"Nellie was the right guy to train me," said Cuban, who recently bought the team from Ross Perot Jr. "Nellie spent time with me and he'll be here a long time as my general manager."

Steve Nash led Dallas with 22 points and 10 assists. Michael Finley added 18 points and eight assists, and Strickland and Cedric Ceballos each scored 17.

"I think it's really positive for the team the way we finished the last three months," said Nelson, who has 37 years of NBA experience as a player, coach and general manager. "I've had a lot of really great years, but not as much fun as the last three months."

Nelson, 59, took over the Mavericks' coaching duties midway through the 1997-98 season after coaching stints in Milwaukee, Golden State and New York.

Snyder cagers fall, 44-23

FAIRFIELD - Snyder's Major Division All-Stars struggled offensively Wednesday night, and their opponents made the most of it.

Snyder was held to single-digit production in all four quarters Wednesday to fall to Mercer Island, Wash., 44-23, in an opening-round match-up at the National Little Dribblers Tournament in Fairfield.

The setback put Snyder in an elimination game this afternoon against either Whitehouse or Bryan.

Despite its scoring troubles, Snyder trailed by only nine points at halftime, 19-10.

But in the third quarter, Mercer Island put together a 12-6 run that stretched the deficit to double digits by the start of the final period.

Jason Cave poured in six points to pace Snyder, with Chris Smith adding five.

Jay Weaver, Dustyn Williams, Cade Simpson, Eric Martinez and Blake Scott tallied two points apiece, while Tyler Hogan and Barrett Bowlin chipped in one each.

A Snyder victory this afternoon would put the local squad back on the hardwood at 6 o'clock this evening.

Sports Briefs

Send-off scheduled for golf teams

A send-off for the Tiger and Lady Tiger golf teams will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the parking lot south of the fieldhouse. The two SHS links squads will compete Monday and Tuesday in the regional golf tournament in San Angelo.

Adult softball sign-ups here

Snyder Men's and Women's Slowpitch Softball League will hold sign-ups for its spring draft Friday from 6-9 p.m. at Snyder Lanes.

Players can also register Tuesday from 6-9 p.m., or by calling Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 or 573-4332.

Deadline to register is April 28.

WGA holds weekly play day

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

Lions Club to host tourney

The Lions Club golf tournament will be April 29 at Western Texas College. Format is a four-person scramble, and each team must have a combined handicap of at least 50.

Entry fee is $50 per player, including green fee, cart rental and lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five teams, with $1,000 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a $5,000 CD and a 2000 Ford Ranger pick-up.

The field is limited to the first 20 paid teams. For more information, call 573-7627 or 573-1423.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play Thursday's at 7 p.m. at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Barkley plays in last game

HOUSTON (AP) — Charles Barkley ended his stellar 16-year career by playing in one last game.

The Houston Rockets forward, whose career was thought to have ended Dec. 8 when he ruptured a knee tendon against Philadelphia, received a standing ovation when he entered in the second quarter of the season finale against the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Barkley, voted one of the NBA's 50 greatest players, finished with six minutes of playing time, two points, one rebound, one assist and a blocked shot. When Barkley returned to the sidelines for the second half, a fluffy recliner awaited him. The Grizzlies held on for a 96-92 victory.

Riley denied 1,000th win

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Miami Heat coach Pat Riley was denied his 1,000th career victory when the Charlotte Hornets beat the Heat 83-73. Riley, who has a 999-434 regular-season record, will have to wait until next season to join Atlanta's Lenny Wilkens (1,179) as the only NBA coaches with 1,000 victories.

Houston names new cage coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Ray McCallum was hired to succeed Clyde Drexler as the University of Houston's men's basketball coach. During seven years at Ball State, McCallum took the Cardinals to the NCAA tournament twice, including last season.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder Junior vs. Bryan, at Little Dribblers national tourney, Fairfield, 9:15 a.m.

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Big Spring, 4 p.m.

Track: Snyder at Lamesa regional qualifiers meet

Track: Ira and Hermleigh at 1A Area Track Meet, at Abilene Wylie

FRIDAY

Softball: Snyder vs. Brownwood, bi-district at Abilene's Will Haire Park, 8 p.m.

Basketball: Snyder All-stars at Little Dribblers National Tournament, in Fairfield

National Hockey League Playoffs

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday, April 18

Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 2, OT, Philadelphia leads series 3-1
New Jersey 2, Florida 1, New Jersey Leads series 3-0
Dallas 4, Edmonton 3, Dallas leads series 3-1

Wednesday, April 19

Ottawa 2, Toronto 1, series tied 2-2
Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2, Pittsburgh leads series 3-1
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 0, Detroit wins series 4-0
San Jose 3, St. Louis 2, San Jose leads series 3-1
Phoenix 3, Colorado 2, Colorado leads series 3-1

Thursday, April 20

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21

Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

Girls' Little Dribblers

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Swoopsters 24, Mystics 13

Swoopsters: Kelly Holdren, 10; Cayelea Rhodes, 8; Cecelie Slaughter and Amanda Kerr, 2. **Mystics:** Shaquita Sneed, 7; Ashlei Lopez, 6.

MAJOR LEAGUE
Hornets 27, Jazz 21

Hornets: Erica Little, 15; Aeryal Peoples, 10; Teisha McGlouthin, 2. **Jazz:** Whitney Payne, 12; Brittany Dickerhoff, 5; Kate Wall, 4.

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

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New York	11	3	.786	—
Baltimore	8	5	.615	2½
Boston	9	6	.600	2½
Toronto	6	10	.375	6
Tampa Bay	5	9	.357	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	9	6	.600	—
Cleveland	8	6	.571	½
Kansas City	8	8	.500	1½
Minnesota	6	10	.375	3½
Detroit	4	10	.286	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	8	6	.571	—
Anaheim	8	7	.533	½
Oakland	7	8	.467	1½
Texas	6	9	.400	2½

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 4, 10 innings
Toronto 12, Anaheim 4
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 10, Detroit 0
Oakland 10, Cleveland 5
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 6

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Rosado 1-1) at Minnesota (Bergman 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-2) vs at Baltimore (Rapp 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 3-0) at Detroit (Nitkowski 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 1-1) at Cleveland (Burba 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Bottenfield 1-1) at Toronto (Halladay 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	8	6	.571	—
Montreal	8	6	.571	—
Florida	9	7	.563	—
New York	8	7	.533	½
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	10	5	.667	—
Cincinnati	7	7	.500	2½
Houston	6	8	.429	3½
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	3½
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429	3½
Chicago	6	11	.353	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	11	4	.733	—
Los Angeles	8	6	.571	2½
Colorado	8	8	.500	3½
San Diego	7	8	.467	4
San Francisco	4	10	.286	6½

Wednesday's Games

Montreal 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 1
Cincinnati 5, San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Milwaukee 1
Atlanta 10, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 4, San Diego 3
Arizona 8, Colorado 7
Houston 10, Los Angeles 3

Thursday's Games

San Francisco (Hernandez 0-3) at Cincinnati (Neagle 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Downs 1-0) at Montreal (Hermanson 1-1 or Powell 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-0) at Florida (Dempster 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Brock 0-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Boehringer 0-2) at St. Louis (Ankiel 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Arrojo 1-1) at Arizona (Johnson 3-0), 9:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	52	30	.634	—
x-New York	50	32	.610	2
x-Philadelphia	49	33	.598	3
Orlando	41	41	.500	11
Boston	35	47	.427	17
New Jersey	31	51	.378	21
Washington	29	53	.354	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Indiana	56	26	.683	—
x-Charlotte	49	33	.598	7
x-Toronto	45	37	.549	11
x-Detroit	42	40	.512	14
x-Milwaukee	42	40	.512	14
Cleveland	32	50	.390	24
Atlanta	28	54	.341	28
Chicago	17	65	.207	39

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	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Utah	55	27	.671	—
x-San Antonio	53	29	.646	2
x-Minnesota	50	32	.610	5
Dallas	40	42	.488	15
Denver	35	47	.427	20
Houston	34	48	.415	21
Vancouver	22	60	.268	33

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-L.A. Lakers	67	15	.817	—
x-Portland	59	23	.720	8
x-Phoenix	53	29	.646	14
x-Seattle	45	37	.549	22
x-Sacramento	44	38	.537	23
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DAR research effort challenged

WASHINGTON (AP) — A black member of the Daughters of the American Revolution says the organization has reneged on an agreement she made with it nearly 16 years ago to document black veterans of the Revolutionary War.

"Here it is, 16 years and they haven't finished the job," Lena Santos Ferguson said as the DAR opened its annual "Continental Congress" in the capital this week.

Ferguson and the organization agreed that the DAR would complete research on black veterans of the Revolution when she joined in 1984. The DAR was supposed to identify the estimated 5,000 black American soldiers who served during the war but it has identified less than 30 percent of them, said Maurice A. Barboza, Ferguson's nephew and spokesman.

The DAR said it was working on bringing about greater awareness of black contributions to the American Revolution.

"Although the publication project is still ongoing, the National Society of the DAR has genuinely attempted and continues to promote the awareness of the contributions of black patriots," DAR lawyer Christine Kearns said. "The NSDAR has met each and every one of its commitments to Ms. Ferguson."

The DAR has published nine booklets on the military service of blacks in the revolution. A tenth, covering the state of Pennsylvania, goes to print soon, and one will be completed soon on New York state, Kearns said.

Founded in 1890, the DAR brings together women whose ancestors served in or helped George Washington's army win independence from Britain more than a century earlier.

The British also used black troops, recruited with a promise of the freedom they only won in the United States in 1865.

Ferguson, a retired parochial school administrator from Washington, was denied membership when she first tried to join in 1980 and says it was because she is black.

Her great great great great grandfather — "four greats," she says — was Jonah Gay, who died in 1795, a member of the Committee of Correspondence in Meduncook, Maine. These committees kept up contacts before the Revolution among resisters to British rule.

"He was white — my grandfather was white," she said in an interview Wednesday.

She was admitted to the DAR after media reports of her failed attempts to join the organization.

The DAR has 172,000 members, but officials say they do not know how many are black. Applications for membership have no question about a candidate's race, said Mary Ann Wright of the DAR Development Department. Officials noted that black members took part in this week's Congress and call Ferguson a "valued" member.

The DAR's headquarters near the White House includes a museum, a genealogical library and Constitution Hall, where the current meeting is taking place.

In 1939 the DAR refused to let contralto Marian Anderson sing in Constitution Hall because she was black. First lady Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the organization in protest and Anderson gave her recital to an audience of 75,000 at the Lincoln Memorial.

May trial set in O'Hare case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A trial date has been set for the only person charged in connection with the disappearance of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair as prosecutors continue to gather evidence on what they believe was her family's violent fate.

Gary Karr's trial is set for May 15 in Austin, according to today's San Antonio Express-News editions.

O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and adopted daughter Robin Murray O'Hair have been missing since 1995. Authorities believe they were killed, but their bodies have not been found.

Karr, 51, was indicted in December on charges of conspiring with others to carry out a kidnapping and extortion plot leading to their deaths. Karr has pleaded innocent.

The government, however, claims to have recovered genetic evidence from an Austin storage shed indicating they were murdered there.

Karr's lawyer, Thomas Mills of Dallas, says federal prosecutors first will have to prove the O'Hair family is dead.

"There are several issues we'll seriously contest, including whether the O'Hairs were in fact murdered or if they are out of sight due to other circumstances," he told the Express-News.

In previous statements to authorities, Karr said the O'Hairs were not kidnapped or abducted but voluntarily left Austin with David Waters, his former cellmate and the man authorities believe was the mastermind behind the atheists' disappearance.

Waters, O'Hair's former office manager, is serving up to 60 years in prison for stealing from her atheist organization and for federal weapons charges.

O'Hair is best known for her role in a 1963 Supreme Court decision that, along with a decision the previous year, struck down organized prayer in public schools as unconstitutional.

Striking California janitors reject offer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The union representing thousands of striking janitors in California rejected a contract proposal early today that 18 cleaning contractors warned was their final offer.

The strike, which began three weeks ago, involves about 8,500 janitors working for contractors who handle most of the city's commercial properties. They make $6.90 per hour, and are seeking $1-per-hour raises for the next three years.

The latest offer included a one-time return-to-work bonus of $500 for all janitors. Downtown workers would get immediate raises of 70 cents per hour and a 60-cent hourly raise in each of the next two years, said Dick Davis, lead negotiator for the contractors.

Suburban janitors would receive an immediate raise of 20 cents per hour followed by a 60-cent hourly raise for each of the next two years, Davis said.

The union has until Monday to reconsider the offer or management will declare an impasse, he said.

Officials with the Service Employees International Union Local 1877 did not immediately return messages today.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Biotechnology: key or cure?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have been doing some reading about biotechnology and genetic modifications in the food supply. I don't understand as much as I should, but the whole field scares me. It seems that we are playing with fire when we mess with nature in this way. You haven't said anything on the topic, and I was wondering whether you are for or against this technology. **— C.M., Oakland, Calif.**

Dear C.M.: You are not alone in your confusion about this complex topic and, unfortunately, there are no simple answers. Before I give you a thumbs up or down, let's take a look at what's involved.

To put it simply, biotechnology makes use of genetic engineering, also called gene splicing, a technique by which living cells can be reprogrammed. Before biotechnology, improving a food crop via plant breeding was a hit-or-miss process that took years to achieve any measurable success. This technology removes much of the guesswork by identifying the specific genes associated with a desired trait. This code is then added to the genetic instructions of a target plant.

For example, the gene that makes one plant taste good would be added to a target variety of the same plant that might taste bad but have a longer shelf life. From that point on, future generations of the target plant would taste better and have a longer shelf life.

One agricultural area of biotechnology involves developing crops that can grow without nitrogen fertilizers or other chemicals on which they now depend. Some plants could be modified to have greater resistance to insects and disease and to grow in soil or water conditions where they could not survive previously.

Biotechnology could also improve the nutritional content of food crops. Grains that might be missing essential amino acids can be modified into complete protein foods. While this will have little impact in this country, it would be a lifesaving change in developing countries where single grains are often the primary source of nourishment.

Few could find fault with this science's potential to create varieties of plants with higher nutritional quality, greater resistance to disease and greater tolerance for soil and temperature variations. Such developments could transform unfertile areas into productive farmland, It would be invaluable for those parts of the world that are constantly besieged by drought and famine.

With all of this potential, however, the question of safety arises. Now that science has begun work on reprogramming the way things grow, is it just a matter of time before someone makes a mistake and we open a Pandora's box of diseases, bugs and super weeds? While unlikely, the possibility does exist.

There is some measure of government supervision through the FDA, EPA and USDA, but there is little practical control over experiments conducted in private laboratories. Though biotechnology may have extraordinary potential, the forces that will decide the course of its future will be the ones with the deepest pockets. Government coffers are running dry, and private companies are usually salted with economic self-interest. In this context, if biotechnology is used only for its profit-making potential, there's a real danger that the long-term health of the land and those that work the land will become of secondary importance. A company's economic self-interest may not always coincide with a long view toward the betterment of humanity.

For example, biotechnology can be used to make food crops that are resistant to a particular company's pesticide or herbicide. By growing these varieties, more of that company's chemicals could be applied to kill more pests without also destroying the crop. Rather than a step toward less dependence on synthetic chemicals, such "advances" may provide further rationale for their use.

One explanation offered is that effective yet environmentally benign pesticide and herbicide chemicals could be used in place of more dangerous substances. While there is some logic to this approach, it assumes that we will always be dependent on synthetic chemicals.

Biotechnology can be a new weapon against disease and environmental problems. But if we "engineer" a change today, are we upsetting a balance that could have long-term negative effects tomorrow? One recent report told how pollen from a genetically engineered strain of corn that was spread on a field of milkweed plants had the inadvertent effect of destroying monarch butterflies that normally feed there. It was an admittedly contrived situation, but it highlights the level of care that has to be exercised.

You asked my opinion. I believe it is inappropriate to label biotechnology as all good or all bad. The potential for good is definitely there, but we need to remain vigilant. Will biotechnology chart a course toward the betterment of humanity, or will the science become just another industrial tool to use and abuse in the interest of profit? It's in all our best interests to follow this field and make our opinions known with our voices and our pocketbooks. In keeping with this, I favor the labeling of foods made with genetically modified ingredients. There should be no secrets.

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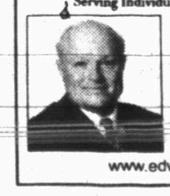
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Poll says most Americans want trigger locks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three-fourths of Americans, including a majority of gun owners, favor requiring guns to be sold with trigger locks, an Associated Press poll found. People had mixed feelings about whether tougher gun laws or stricter enforcement was the most effective way to cut violence.

The poll found that 43 percent thought stricter enforcement was more likely to cut gun violence, while 33 percent said enacting tougher gun laws was a better approach. A fifth of those polled said neither option was best.

"We need more enforcement of existing laws," said Donna Mesa, a reservation agent from Honolulu who was roaming the National Mall on a sunny Wednesday afternoon. "We need more law enforcement at the local level."

The poll was conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa.

An AP poll taken immediately after the Columbine High School shootings, which occurred a year ago today, showed that more people at that time thought tougher laws were the answer.

The argument for better enforcement of current gun laws often is used by gun control opponents to fight more laws.

Teacher Joyce Bell, who was with her 11-year-old daughter near the Washington Monument on Wednesday, said she wanted better enforcement and stricter laws.

"I want new gun laws. There shouldn't be any guns, in my opinion," the Wilmington, Del., resident said.

The AP poll taken immediately after the shootings a year ago at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., showed just over half of Americans said more gun laws were more effective, while four in 10 picked tougher enforcement. But by late August, people had shifted to thinking stricter enforcement was a better way to reduce violence.

In the new poll, six in 10 said they supported stricter gun control laws, a number that has remained relatively constant in most polls before and after the Columbine shooting on April 20, 1999, that left 15 dead, including two student gunmen.

Seven in 10 women favor tougher gun control laws, while half the men said they felt that way in the AP poll of 829 people taken Friday through Tuesday. It had an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Just over half of those polled said background checks for gun purchases help reduce the number of crimes committed with guns, while four of 10 said they do not.

More than four of five women support requiring trigger locks, while two-thirds of men said they favored the idea. Seven of 10 gun owners in the poll said they backed trigger locks, while gun owners were split on the overall question of more gun control laws.

Maryland enacted a law earlier this month requiring that, beginning in October, all guns sold in the state must have external trigger locks. After 2003, new handguns will have to be equipped with built-in locks.

Although Maryland is the only state to have passed such a law, the trigger lock movement has been gaining momentum nationally.

Jeff Teasdale, a printing plant supervisor from Baraboo, Wis., was for requirement of trigger locks, saying: "It would prevent a lot of kids from getting hurt." But he also wants better enforcement.

Launch of new blood pressure pill is delayed

NEW YORK (AP) — Bristol-Myers Squibb has withdrawn its application for federal approval of a highly-touted blood pressure medication that was expected to be the industry's next blockbuster.

The company made the surprising decision Wednesday in response to the Food and Drug Administration's concerns that the drug, Vanlev, might cause severe reactions, such as swelling in the face, throat and lips, in a small number of patients.

Bristol-Myers now says it will conduct more studies on the drug, and wait until early next year to reapply for federal approval.

"We remain bullish on this drug," said Richard Lane, the president of the company's Worldwide Medicines Group, based in Princeton, N.J.

The company's shares tumbled 22 percent on the news Wednesday.

The FDA had been reviewing Vanlev since December and was expected to approve it by June.

The drug has been studied in nearly 7,000 patients, with some staying on the drug up to two years, Bristol-Myers said.

A little more than 1 percent of patients experienced the swelling problem, including four patients who needed to have a tube inserted down their throat because they had trouble breathing, the company said. All four survived.

While the swelling problem, known as angioedema, is a rare side effect of some blood pressure drugs, the FDA seemed more concerned with the severe cases in which intubations were needed, the company said.

The swelling problems, which were mainly seen in black people, occurred with patients shortly after they started taking the pill, the company said. As a result, the company will look into starting patients on a lower dosage to reduce the risk.

"We hope to show the four cases of severe angioedema were statistical anomalies, and not a signal of increased risk," Lane said.

Vanlev was designed to simultaneously inhibit two key enzymes which regulate blood pressure.

Studies released last fall showed Vanlev outperformed two mainstays of blood pressure control, a top-selling ACE inhibitor and a calcium-channel blocker.

Vanlev appeared to do a better job of lowering both systolic and diastolic pressure.

Systolic is the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats, while diastolic is the pressure between beats. Systolic is the first and larger of the two numbers. Ideal blood pressure is less than 140 over 90.

Like standard ACE inhibitors, Vanlev blocks angiotensin converting enzyme, which raises blood pressure. However, the medicine also stops another enzyme called neutral endopeptidase. By doing this, the medicine protects the body's supply of other helpful substances that make blood vessels relax and prevent dangerous overgrowth of heart muscle.

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, affects more than 600 million people worldwide. Three of four people with high blood pressure in the U.S. are not at or below the recommended target goal, which puts them at increased risk of heart attack, stroke, heart failure, and kidney disease.

Bristol-Myers, which has its corporate headquarters in New York, was counting on Vanlev sales to make up for falling sales of its current top drug, Pravachol, a cholesterol-lowering pill.

On the Net:
Bristol-Myers Squibb: http://www.bms.com
FDA: http://www.fda.gov

Census response rate at 1990's level

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau is turning its attention to a massive door-to-door effort to reach uncounted Americans now that the mail response has tied its 1990 return rate.

Census Director Kenneth Prewitt proclaimed the 65 percent mailback rate "a serious achievement," on Wednesday, and noted that forms are still coming in.

"Now our job is cut out for us: We will make every effort, beginning on April 27, to contact all those who did not return their forms so we can achieve a 100 percent count of our nation's population," Prewitt said at a briefing.

He said equaling the 1990 return rate reverses a "decades-long decline in meeting our civic responsibility."

The 1990 rate was matched despite controversy in recent weeks about questions on the long form which some people felt were intrusive. Prewitt said he believed that has hurt the overall response.

Returns of the short form have are better than 1990, 66.8 percent compared with 66 percent, he said. But the long form is lagging with just 54.1 percent returned so far, compared with 60 percent a decade ago.

"Federal statistics are not about individuals, therefore they are not about privacy," Prewitt said.

He declined to speculate, however, on whether people who received the long form would be more likely to resist Census takers when they come to the door.

The Census Bureau budgeted for a 61 percent mail response rate this year because the rate has declined each decade since 1970 — from 78 percent to 75 percent in 1980 and 65 percent in 1990.

Now a half-million Census workers go into the field in follow-up operations scheduled last until July 7.

The better-than-expected mail return could result in some savings for the agency, but that may be balanced by the extra work needed to makeup for the low return rate on the long form, which was sent to one household in six.

The Constitution requires the count every 10 years in order to reapportion seats in the House of Representatives.

In addition, billions of dollars in federal money are distributed based on population formulas calculated from the information collected in the Census.

This makes a good response vital to local officials who conduct campaigns to encourage their citizens to cooperate. Indeed, some communities reportedly have gone so far as to offer their residents cash to complete their Census forms.

The Census Bureau itself relies on encouraging people to do their civic duty to get them to respond but it is also looking for new ways to improve that cooperation. One method scheduled for a limited test includes offering the incentive of a calling card worth 30 minutes of long-distance calls in return for their response.

In March, about 120 million census questionnaires were mailed or hand-delivered to homes across the country.

On the net: http://www.census.gov



Relay for Life - Cancer Survivors Victory Lap

Cancer survivors will walk a victory lap to kick off Scurry County's second annual Relay for Life on April 28. The lap is an opportunity for all participants to show their support for patients who have defeated the disease and join with others to celebrate survival. We invite anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer to join the victory lap. Survivors, their family and friends will be honored and can meet others who have fought the same battle.

Please accept this invitation to join survivors in this victory lap. Complete this form and return it to Janet Wesson, 2201 45th St. or call 573-9914.

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Transient global amnesia is common

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has diagnosed me with transient global amnesia. I have no warning and experience no long-lasting effects; I just suddenly stop talking or whatever I'm doing. The doctor offered no treatment and said that my symptoms can be ignored. Why do I get these attacks?

DEAR READER: Transient global amnesia is a relatively common neurological affliction marked by the sudden appearance of forgetful confusion. This typically resolves as the attack subsides; total recovery is the rule. The cause is thought to be a temporary loss of circulation to a part of the brain, either from arterial spasm or a tiny blood clot. Although authorities previously believed that transient global amnesia was entirely benign, many experts are now convinced that the attacks may lead to stroke. Therefore, the recommended treatment is one aspirin a day, which prevents small clots from forming in the vascular system.

Sometimes, transient global amnesia mimics minor epileptic seizures. Thus, you should have a brainwave test (EEG) to rule out epilepsy. If the test is normal, aspirin therapy should do the trick.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am enclosing an advertising claim that says individuals can increase their height by up to four inches by following an exercise program to straighten the spine. Are such claims valid?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid not. You cannot increase the height of a fully-grown spine by exercising.

We're all aware that some people slouch and have poor posture. These folks could certainly be helped by exercises designed to make them stand straight, but the thrust of the advertisement you sent is to give cruel hope to adults with spinal abnormalities. Such conditions, which include scoliosis and compression fractures, are especially common in the elderly, who may suffer from osteoporosis or the normal shortening tendency that comes with age.

Most people can gain height by standing straighter and throwing their shoulders back. Those with spinal abnormalities would be better off seeking medical advice and treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why is the death rate of adults between 55 and 65 higher than the rate of those aged 65 to 75?

DEAR READER: Most people die of heart disease and cancer between 50 and 65 than at older ages. This is considered to be a "danger zone," especially for men. Once you have reached your 70s, you have overcome a statistical hurdle. Some demographers have suggested that only relatively fit people live beyond 65. Put another way, if you make it to 65, you've got pretty good genes (and a healthful lifestyle) and can probably expect to live at least another 10 years.

Of course, this is merely a statistical game. Real people die of real diseases at any age. Still, the observation you mentioned is intriguing.

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Gun control on campaign agendas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marking today's anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings, George W. Bush called on teaching students better values to combat violence. His presidential rival Al Gore, who believes in stricter gun control laws, also was focusing on school safety.

Bush, visiting a school in Temple, Texas, called the Colorado shootings a "terrible tragedy that shattered our sense of safety and security." Twelve students, one teacher and the two teen gunmen died.

"Strict enforcement of tough laws is important," the Texas governor said in prepared remarks. "But ultimately the safety of our children depends on more than laws. It depends on the values we teach them, and the kind of culture we create and condone."

The presumptive GOP nominee promoted "character education" for students, which already is part of the Texas curriculum. He said he would support federal grants to teach character education and would create American Youth Character Awards to honor young people.

Bush also said he wants better enforcement of juvenile gun laws as well as a lifetime ban on gun possession for juvenile offenders.

Vice President Gore, the presumptive Democratic nominee, was talking about school safety in New Jersey with students, teachers and parents at Fort Lee High School.

In recent polls, two-thirds of respondents say the candidates' gun control plans will be an important factor in who they choose as president. A new poll released Wednesday also gave Gore, a slight edge over Bush.

"It's already clear that gun control as an issue is more important in this election than it has been in any presidential election year in modern times," said political scientist Robert Spitzer of the State University of New York College at Cortland.

Gore proposes broad reforms, from requiring photo licenses for handgun buyers to requiring manufacturers and licensed sellers to report sales to a state authority.

Instead of new policies, Bush supports stronger enforcement of existing laws. He opposes government-mandated registration of guns owned by citizens who have not broken any laws.

One year after Columbine massacre...

Fear and sadness still endure

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Kim Blair, a Columbine High School senior, was not injured in last year's deadly shooting spree. But the tragedy still left her deeply scarred, so much so that she's developed a fear of balloons.

During one visit to Craig Hospital to see a friend wounded in the attack, Kim remembered seeing some balloons behind her. When one popped, the two young women jumped.

"I was so frightened by that silly balloon. I cannot stand any popping sound. It reminds me too much of the gunshots last year," Kim, an associate editor of the school newspaper, told The Associated Press.

Some survivors of the Columbine massacre planned to mark today's one-year anniversary by facing the tragedy together in a private assembly. Others like Kim are staying far from the school — and the horrible memories.

Kim planned to spend today with her family in a hotel.

"Most of the people I've talked to are trying to get as far away from this place as possible — the ones who were actually there," said Karen Nielsen, who was working in the cafeteria when the first shots rang out.

One year ago today, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold stormed through the school, killing 12 students and a teacher before committing suicide in the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Workers unloaded barricades at nearby Clement Park on Wednesday, preparing for thousands of mourners bringing flowers, handwritten messages and teddy bears. A public remembrance service and a candlelight vigil were planned today at the park.

Elsewhere, victims' families organized memorial services and officials prepared for a statewide moment of silence. The school itself remains off-limits to the public.

Classes are canceled for the day and attendance is not mandatory, but officials expected a large number of students at the morning assembly, which is closed to outsiders.

Columbine's attendance has dropped steadily this week, and 624 students were absent Wednesday — about a third of the school, district spokeswoman Marilyn Saltzman said.

Nate Wooten, a freshman, said Wednesday there was little talk about the anniversary among Columbine students.

"They care, I know that," said his friend Brad Bootsma, a sophomore. "I guess they're just trying to go on with their lives. I know I am."

Gov. Bill Owens planned to lead a public service at the Capitol in downtown Denver, including a statewide moment of silence at 11:21 a.m., the time the attack began.

Greg Zanis, a carpenter from Illinois who erected memorial crosses near the school last year, brought the wooden structures back to Colorado on Wednesday to restore the tribute.

He planned to put up the 13 crosses today — each representing those killed by the two student gunman — in a special area of Clement Park that is reserved for religious symbols.

Boy who shot girl in special program

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — The 6-year-old boy accused of killing his first-grade classmate is attending a special program at a home for children who have been neglected, abused or have emotional problems, a prosecutor said.

The boy is accused of fatally shooting Kayla Rolland at Buell Elementary School in February. State officials placed him in the school and covered the expenses, said Sam Riddle, a spokesman for Tamarla Owens, the boy's mother.

"He has obviously benefited from this wonderful place," Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur A. Busch said in e-mail sent this week. "He has progressed in a fashion that all of our community has hoped would happen."

Attorney J. Dallas Winegarden, who represents the victim's parents, said the move angered the family.

"We're shocked, appalled and outraged that they would put him back in any school, and we're concerned about the safety of other children who would be around this 6-year-old boy," Winegarden said.

Kayla's mother, Veronica McQueen, has transferred her other two children to private schools in the Flint area, Winegarden said.

Obituaries

C.W. Addison

1921-2000

C.W. "Clistus" Addison, 79, died Wednesday, April 19, in Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City following a lengthy illness.



C.W. Addison

Funeral service for Mr. Addison is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Ira First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of Snyder's First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 6, 1921 in Knapp, Mr. Addison was a veteran of World War II. He was a farmer-rancher and a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Austin Addison.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Billy Gober of Sonora and Peggy and Steve Hicks of Seagraves; three sisters, Willie Mae Engle, Velma Dearing and Thelma Cheatham, all of Plains; two brothers, Raymond Addison of Hico and Claude Addison of Plains; seven grandchildren, Chris Gober, Chad Hicks, Brad Gober, Blake Hicks, Tyler Hicks, Mitchell Hicks and Grace Gober.

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Mona Stegall

1966-2000

Mona Dianne Stegall, 33, died Wednesday, April 19, at her home in Snyder.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Jim Mosley of Abilene and formerly of Snyder, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 6, 1966 in Texas, Miss Stegall was employed by American Janitorial Service.

Survivors include her parents Melba and Delbert McNiel of Snyder; a sister, Cynthia Jean McAnaugh of Midland; two half brothers, Shannon Del McNiel of Groton, Conn., and Carrol Lee McNiel of Lawndale, N.C.

Eddie Merrell

1953-2000

ABILENE - A memorial service for Eddie Lomax Merrell, son of the Rev. James and Edna Merrell of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church in Abilene. Dr. Tom Thomson will officiate.

Graveside service for Mr. Merrell was held Tuesday in Resthaven Cemetery in Midland. Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Merrell, 47, died Monday, April 17, in an Abilene hospital.

Mr. Merrell was born Jan. 22, 1953 in Midland and graduated from Throckmorton High School and TSTC in Sweetwater. A resident of Abilene since 1973, he was a baker for Mrs. Baird's Bread for 25 years. Mr. Merrell was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Abilene where he was active in the singles group.

Other survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jim Sweeney of Dubuque, Iowa; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mark and Judy Merrell of Colorado City and Kirk and Ciana Merrell of Amarillo; three nieces; and two nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the first United Methodist Church Singles Ministry, 1318 South 2nd in Abilene, 79602.

Mary Green

1915-2000

HAMLIN – Mary L. Green, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, April 19, in a Hamlin hospital. She was 84.

Foster Adams Funeral Home handled cremation arrangements, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Born in Hermleigh, she graduated from Hermleigh High School and earned her bachelor's degree from North Texas State University and her master's degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

She married T.E. Green in 1935, and he preceded her in death.

In 1951, she moved to McCaulley where she served as an elementary school teacher and junior high basketball coach until her retirement in 1974. She was a member of the McCaulley United Methodist Church, the Order of Eastern Star and the Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include two sons, Melvin Green of Ridge, Md., and Kerry Green of McCaulley; a sister, Elsie Ammons of Hawley; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Death appears to be accidential

A 33-year-old Snyder woman was found dead in her home Wednesday evening and the cause of death is pending an autopsy.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd pronounced Mona Stegall of 4400 Avenue U Apt. 2B11 dead at 7:41 p.m.

Boyd said the cause of death is undetermined at this point awaiting the autopsy report.

Investigators did say the incident, which occurred in Stegall's bathtub, appeared to be accidental.

Four are arrested in past 24 hours

Outstanding warrants sent two people to jail Wednesday while two more were arrested early this morning for public intoxication.

Deputies took a 19-year-old male into custody at 5:16 p.m. in the 3900 block of Eastridge on a warrant for speeding.

At 10:37 p.m., deputies booked a 19-year-old man into jail on outstanding warrants for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle and minor in possession of alcohol.

Two females, ages 18 and 19, were arrested at Allsup's at 3:34 a.m. today for public intoxication.

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ONGOINGS

Maundy Thursday service

First Christian and First Presbyterian congregations will share in the candlelight communion service tonight at First Christian Church. A meal will be served at 6:30, and the service will follow around 7. After the service, a Good Friday prayer vigil will begin at First Christian.

Combined choirs musical

The combined choirs of First Baptist and Colonial Hill Baptist churches will present "God For Us" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

Easter service

First Baptist Church will conduct its Easter service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

Easter celebration

First Church of Nazarene, across from Big Country Chevrolet, will have its Easter service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

Kids College instructors

Instructors and assistant instructors have until Monday to apply for a teaching position with Western Texas College's Kids College. The applications are to be turned in to Human Resources office. Catalogs listing classes to be offered will be available on May 5. Kids College registration is set for 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. May 15 at the Scurry County Museum.

R.C. Patton reception

A reception to honor R.C. and Amy Patton is scheduled from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Patton, an original member of the Western Texas College board, will be recognized at the reception for his service to the college and community. The public is invited.

Cancer society board

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

Scurry County genealogy club

The club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. Everyone is welcome to hear the program on how to use computers to research sites.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit's immunization clinic is held each Thursday in April from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service will air at 3 p.m. Thursday on TV Channel 2.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered on April 28 in the testing center at WTC. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

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

Avenue D Baptist anniversary

Avenue D Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 30. A noon meal will be served following the morning service, and an afternoon service will also be held. Former pastors Calvin Brown and Jack Riley will speak, as will Darold Baldwin, Mitchell-Scurry director of missions, as will former interim pastor John Shugart. Charles Day is the pastor of the church.

All sports banquet

Tickets for Snyder High School's all-sports banquet set May 4 are available at the principal's office. Tickets are $5 each for non-varsity and parents.

Senior Center May Day

The Senior Citizens Center's annual May Day fund-raiser begins at 2 p.m. May 6 at the coliseum. Activities include silent auction, crafts, baked goods, entertainment and barbecue from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are $6 each and may be purchased at the center, from seniors or at May Day.

East retirement reception

A retirement reception for East Elementary's Wayne Kennedy, Billie Adams and Kay Echols is set for 3:30-5:30 p.m. May 9 in the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

Sonshine School

Pre-registration for the Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is now in progress for the next school year. Call 573-0549 or 573-1700 for more information.

Summer, fall pre-registration

Pre-registration for Children's Day out at the First United Methodist Church is underway through May 15 for the summer and fall. The program provides childcare on Tuesday and Thursday during June and July. The fall session begins in August. Call Barbara at 573-4770 for more information.

King's Kids pre-registration

Pre-registration for King's Kids and Mother's Day Out for next school year is underway. King's Kids is offered Mondays and Wednesdays for ages 1-5, and Mother's Day Out is Friday for ages three months to five years. Call the First Baptist Church for more information at 573-7401.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is underway. The school is for 18 months to pre-K, and is for up to five days a week with the parents choosing the days.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-1

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 4-7-12-27-33-35. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.

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