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World Trade Center deaths mourned

NEW YORK (AP) — Six months to the minute after two hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center, mourners paused to remember the 2,830 victims who "would want us to lift up our heads very, very high," former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

His successor, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, introduced the moments marking the impacts of the planes — at 8:46 a.m. into the north tower and 9:03 a.m. into the south tower.

"The time between the first and second plane is just a brief moment in our lives," Bloomberg told a crowd of several hundred who gathered at Battery Park, just blocks from ground zero. "We have to go on and we will go on ... We cannot let our guard down ever again. We must remember."

Prayers and a message from President Bush were read during the service, attended by many relatives of those who died in the attack. Philip Raimondi, 16, and Peter Raimondi, 12, who lost their father, Peter, read a poem.

Giuliani called the attacks "the worst violation of America in our history."

"And in the moments it was taking place ... I wondered, could we endure? Could we handle it? Could we get through it?"

"Shortly after, during the first day, I realized that your loved ones gave us the example on which we would build," Giuliani said. "It's to them that we have to look for our inspiration and our sense of purpose. They would want us to lift up our heads very, very high."

Six months ago, Gov. George Pataki said, "We saw the face of evil."

"And yet Sept. 11 will also stand for our response, which was to respond to evil with good, to respond to terror with love," he added.

At police precincts citywide, the names of the 23 officers killed were read aloud at 8:30 a.m. "It's not even about six months, or a year or five," former Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik said on CNN. "Every day you think something about that day."

City officials also dedicated a temporary memorial to victims that uses a sculpture damaged in the Sept. 11 attack.

"The Sphere," a steel and bronze sculpture that stood in the fountain of the trade center plaza, was gashed and partially crushed by falling debris. It was created in 1971 by artist Fritz Koenig and was dedicated as a monument to world peace through international trade.

"The sphere may be damaged but our belief in the principles it represents has never been stronger," Bloomberg said. "The real memorial will be in our hearts," he said.

Bloomberg said the globe probably would serve as a centerpiece for a permanent memorial.

Lucy Hindle, whose niece, Lucy Fishman, 36, died in the south tower, was among those in the crowd. "It was very emotional because we haven't found her yet," Hindle said tearfully. "It seems like the longer it gets, the harder it gets."

The day of remembrance was to end after dark with the ceremonial lighting of two beams aimed skyward from a spot near ground zero. The beams are meant to evoke the destroyed towers.

The events are important reminders to the public, but they also bring back painful memories for people like Joseph Maurer, who lost his daughter, Jill Campbell, in the attack.

Maurer said he and his family would stay away from the television as networks broadcast special shows.

"They're going to keep showing the buildings collapsing, and we're not really all that interested in seeing that part of it," Maurer said.

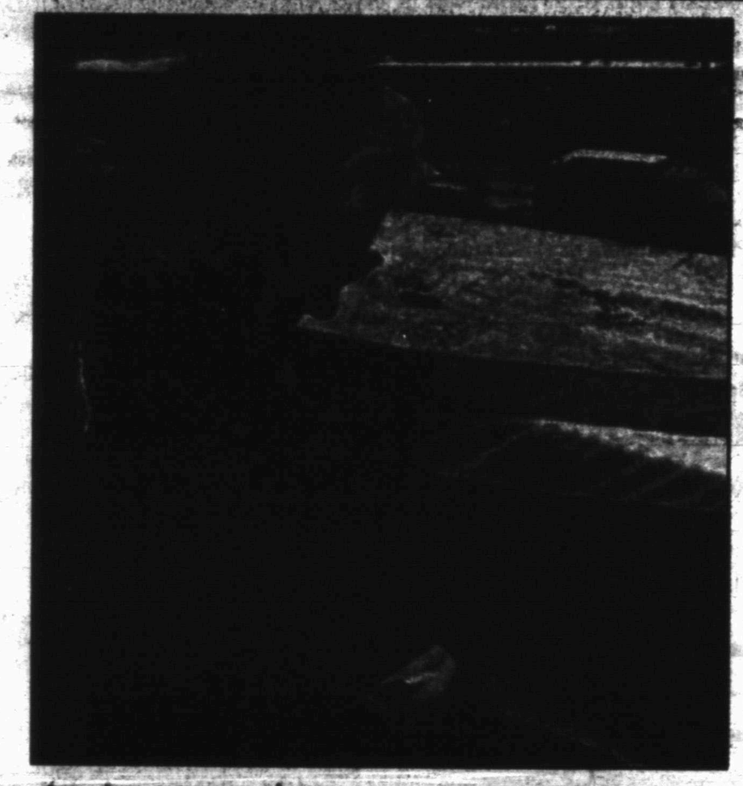
Holli Silver, whose husband, David Silver, was killed in the attack, said she wasn't planning to attend any of the day's ceremonies.

"Look at how we have to live our lives. Every morning you wake up and wonder if they'll find another (body) part that day," Silver said. "I don't want the world to forget, that's for sure, so if this means people will pay attention, that's fine."

Maurer, a retired firefighter from Brooklyn who also lost a dozen firefighter friends in the trade center, said the family was considering going to ground zero for the lighting of the beams.

The "Tribute in Light" will shine from a vacant lot next to the trade center complex and will consist of two searchlights sending 88 high-powered beams of light into the night sky.





REMEMBERING — Work came to a stand still this morning at the site of the World Trade Center in New York City in honor of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11 as the twin towers of the center were attacked and destroyed by terrorists. At left, a woman writes a message on a flag attached to the public viewing platform adjacent to the site. (AP Photos)

At 7 a.m....

Polls open Tuesday for primary voting

From staff, wire reports

Scurry County voters will go to the polls from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at locations throughout the county for three contested local races.

Republicans will be selecting a candidate for county judge and will choose between Ted Crenwelge and Rod Waller.

The GOP also has a contested race in Precinct 2 for commissioner as Robbie Floyd and Cliff Hall are seeking the post.

Incumbent commissioner Chloanne Lindsey and Ronnie Clawson are seeking the Democratic nominee for Precinct 4, while several office holders are unopposed.

Voters in Scurry, Coke, Mitchell and Tom Green counties will be selecting candidates for state representative as Drew Darby, Scott Campbell, Mark Brown and Tom Goff are running as Republicans, while Democratic candidates are Clara Johnson and Jeri Sloan.

State-wide, the leading Democratic gubernatorial candidates crisscrossed the state for weekend rallies in minority communities ahead of Tuesday's primary election, which could hinge on turnout by Hispanics and blacks.

At Antioch Baptist Church on San Antonio's East Side, the congregation of about 200 applauded Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez's stance on affirmative action.

The Rev. Fritz Williams, the church's associate pastor, introduced Sanchez as a candidate who wants "no more Hopwood," referring to the court decision that ended race-based admissions policies at Texas' public universities and colleges.

"I am not going to allow another Hopwood," Sanchez said Sunday to an ovation and a few shouts of "Amen!"

Meanwhile, former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, who has said that he supports a race-neutral policy that would take into account a person's background, started the day in the predominantly Hispanic and heavily Democratic border city of El Paso.

Morales stressed his commitment to pay sufficient attention to all Texas cities regardless of their proximity to Austin.

"State government has treated El Paso as an afterthought for too long," said Morales.

He then flew across the state to meet with supporters in Houston, where he continued on a recent theme that Sanchez's emphasis on Spanish during the campaign was "racist" and part of an effort to divide voters by race, ethnicity and language.

Sanchez, who has denied the accusation, was introduced in San Antonio by one of his marquee backers, former mayor Henry Cisneros. He told listeners that they were helping to break barriers by nominating a Hispanic for the state's top office.

Voting locations for Tuesday's Elections

Democratic Primary

Commissioner Pct. #	Voting Box	Voting Place
1	14	Northeast Community Center
1	15	North side of Coliseum
2	5	Fluvanna Community Center
2	6	Union Community Center
2	7	Scurry County Library
3	8	School Administration Building
3	9	Ira Church of God Annex
3	10	Towle Park Barn
4	11	Dunn Community Center
4	12	South side of Coliseum
4	13	Hermleigh Community Center

Republican Primary

Commissioner Pct. #	Voting Box	Voting Place
1	14, 15	Northeast Elementary
2	5, 6, 7	City Hall
3	8, 9, 10	Stanfield Elementary
4	11, 12, 13	East Elementary

Against terrorism...

Bush asks for continuted fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush marked the six-month anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with a plaintive appeal for the world's nations to keep an unflagging commitment to the fight against terrorism.

With flags of many world nations at his back on an enormous stage, Bush said the global coalition must not weaken in the face of terrorists who are brazen enough to try attacks similar to those carried out in New York and Washington last fall.

"Against such an enemy, there is no immunity, and there can be no neutrality," Bush said.

"September the 11th was not the beginning of global terror, but it was the beginning of the world's concerted response. History will know that day not only as a day of tragedy, but as a day of decision when the civilized world was stirred to anger and to action. And the terrorists will remember September the 11th as the day their reckoning began."

Bush spoke to members of Congress, top administration officials and relatives of some 300 victims who were there to commemorate the day six months ago that New York's World Trade Center, and the Pentagon just outside Washington, were attacked. Also present were more than 100 ambassadors, some of whom publicly restated solidarity with Bush's fight against terrorism.

Hermleigh ISD will meet today

Hermleigh ISD's board of trustees will meet this evening at 7:30 in the high school building.

Contract renewals for administrators and teachers are on the agenda, as is the yearly textbook committee report.

The board also will appoint an election judge for the May 4 trustee election.

Website will post results

The Snyder Daily News' website, *snyderdailynews.com*, will report locally contested primary election returns beginning soon after the polls close at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

These local races are contested in the primary, to include the county judge's post.

Two commissioner races are also contested.

ASK US

Q—Is Kmart closing it's Sweetwater store?

A—Sweetwater is not one of 33 stores in Texas on the closing list.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 50 degrees; low, 29; high Sunday, 56; low, 30; 7 a.m. Monday, 42; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low near 40. Tuesday, mostly sunny; high mid 70s [illegible] Tuesday night, clear, low 45-50.

Amanda Davis Warner

Sunset: 6:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.
Of 69 days in 2002, the sun has shone has shone 66 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Attack survivors find strength in each other

NEW YORK (AP) — A jetliner full of fuel and passengers was about three minutes from the World Trade Center's north tower as Carmen Griffith ushered Cantor Fitzgerald employees into her elevator on the 78th floor.

She closed the doors and reached out to press the "up" button.

In the basement, her husband, Arturo Griffith, was operating a freight elevator as it began an ascent to the 49th floor.

His car was about a third of the way there when the nose of American Airlines Flight 11 pierced the 110-story building. Elevator 50A dropped a stomach-turning 15 floors, where the doors burst inward, crushing Arturo Griffith's left leg and knocking him down.

Upstairs, balls of fire darted into elevator 93A, scorching Carmen Griffith's hands, then her face.

Both were trapped, and both were sure the other was dead. They wouldn't know otherwise for more than 36 hours. Married for seven years, they thought they couldn't live without each other. In the six months since Sept. 11, they have discovered what that really means.

"When I came out of surgery, I found out that she was alive. They told me that she was burned on her face and her hands, but she was alive," said Arturo Griffith, 55. "So I told them, I don't care if she's burned, I love her the same."

The black jacket of her uniform was flaming as Carmen Griffith, 45, pulled open the elevator doors with her burning hands — which are now too weak to carry groceries and not nimble enough to cook dinner.

She stood between the doors as people, some on fire and screaming, crawled out through her legs. When she turned to check that everyone had escaped, a tongue of fire lashed her face.

"All I could do was close my eyes," she said.

Nearly six months later, the scars on her face are barely visible; only slight discoloration shows on her forehead and cheeks. Her eyebrows and eyelashes have grown back, but the new hair that sprouted along her hairline has to be smoothed down with gel. Her husband has to do this for her, because the hair feels like wire on the damaged nerves in her scarred hands.

"I feel the sensation coming back in my hands, but in the beginning I had none whatsoever," she said.

Now, the Griffiths do everything together, spending most of their time at home watching DVDs from their growing collection, and listening to salsa and merengue music. Workers compensation and charitable aid pay the bills.

During their physical therapy session three times a week, Carmen Griffith puts her hands in a machine that heats and massages them. A physical therapist then rubs the scars with cream and clenches Griffith's hands in a fist.

Flat on his back in another room, Arturo Griffith grimaces as a physical therapist bends his injured knee. He follows this with 10 minutes on the exercise bicycle, 10 minutes walking on the treadmill and five minutes walking backward. He finishes with squats, his wife by his side.

"She sits next to me and says, 'A little bit more, a little bit farther,'" he said, chuckling. "She's a good coach."

Arturo Griffith, a barrel-chested man who played baseball, soccer and "every other sport" growing up in Panama, furrows his brow as he concentrates on working his knee, which needs another surgery this spring. He grins broadly when he recalls the day he took a shower standing up by himself, rather than have his wife help him into the tub. That day was in February, after spending weeks in a wheelchair and months on crutches.

"In the beginning, I thought I was never going to be able to walk," said Griffith, who was moved to his wife's hospital in Brooklyn nine days after the attack. They stayed in the same room until Oct. 5.

"I work extra hard. I go the extra mile in my therapy," he said.

On the days they don't go to physical therapy, the Griffiths spend an hour each with a counselor at their Bronx home. Sometimes, they pepper her with questions.

He wonders what would have happened if his elevator had stopped a few feet higher or lower, between floors.

"There's nothing but a wall, I would have died there," Arturo Griffith said. "My knee will heal, but mentally, that will remain in me for the rest of my life."

Most nights, the Griffiths toss and turn in bed. When Carmen Griffith has trouble sleeping, she paces their living room. Sometimes she rocks back and forth in the rocking chair she bought for her husband in November. He found it impossible to wriggle from their plush navy blue leather couch to standing on one leg.

In her dreams she hears calls for help from people trapped in the offices of Cantor Fitzgerald, the bond firm that lost more than 600 employees, and in the Windows on the World restaurant, which occupied the top floors of the north tower.

"I took those people up. To hear that they couldn't get out, it makes me think ... we brought those people up there to die," Carmen Griffith said. "All that torments you, you know? In a flash of a second, so much happened. You try to figure out why, and there's no answer."

The Griffiths don't want to mark the six months since the terrorist attack. On March 11, they plan to be on a beach in Panama during a monthlong vacation — Carmen in a sun hat and white cotton gloves to protect her new skin, and Arturo, walking slowly through the sparkling ocean in chest-deep water, to strengthen his knee.

Leguizamo speaks to Sept. 11 victims

NEW YORK (AP) — Latino entertainer John Leguizamo is reaching out to Spanish-speaking family members of those who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Leguizamo recently recorded two public service announcements — one in Spanish and one in English — for The Gift of New York, a nonprofit initiative that provides free admission to arts, entertainment and sports venues for families of the victims.

The main goal of the Leguizamo announcements is to reach Spanish-speaking families who may have been left behind in the recovery effort because of language barriers.

Date Book

Monday, March 11, 2002

Today is the 70th day of 2002, and the 81st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, the Bolsheviks formally named Moscow as the capital of Russia.

On this day in 1959, the first play written by a black woman playwright to appear on Broadway, "A Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry, opened.

On this day in 1982, Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat signed a peace treaty at the Camp David Accords.

On this day in 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev became the leader of the Soviet Union, taking over from Konstantin Chernenko.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lawrence Welk (1908 - 1992), orchestra leader; Rupert Murdoch (1931 -), media mogul, is 71; Sam Donaldson (1934 -), news anchor, is 68; Antonin Scalia (1936 -), Supreme Court justice, is 66; Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001), author; Thora Birch (1982 -), actress, is 20.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, Monica Seles broke Steffi Graf's streak of 186 weeks at No. 1 in the women's tennis rankings.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry, and been widely regarded as a bad move." — Douglas Adams, "The Restaurant at the End of the Universe" (Ballantine Books, 1995)

TODAY'S MOON: In between the last quarter (March 5) and the new moon (March 13)

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TEXAS LOTTO TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Lotto

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The ticket was sold in: Poynor, Texas.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 6-33-34-41-42-48.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

9-0-1

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Armer and Barbara Earwood, rancher, artist: "Mark is honest and disciplined. His parents were Christians who taught him the best values in life. He will be sensitive to the problems of agriculture and other areas."

Stan Joynton, attorney: "Mark Brown will make an outstanding representative. I know Mark to be principled, astute, and well trained. He loves the land of West Texas and the people whose lives and fortunes are tied to it, and for years has courageously advocated their interests in his work. He is congenial, respectful, and articulate."

Grady Harlow, CPA: "Mark Brown is hard-working and smart. We need someone of his caliber to vigorously represent us in the legislature."

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By Abigail

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife's mother is accomplice in husband's desertion scheme

DEAR ABBY: My husband of eight years went to work a couple of weeks ago and never came home. He put a card under a friend's door saying he wasn't coming back.

When I sorted through the belongings he had left behind, I found a "good luck" card from my mother to him and more than $1,000 worth of money order receipts. We had planned to move to Reno in April when we had enough money saved. However, according to some of the letters I found, my husband never intended to take me with him to Reno — and my mother knew it.

I am extremely hurt and feel betrayed by this turn of events. Abby, should I confront my mother about this? — **BETRAYED IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR BETRAYED: Your feelings are valid — you were betrayed by the two people you trusted the most. By all means confront your mother. You deserve some answers. Sadly, you married a cowardly scoundrel; and your mother appears to have aided and abetted him.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-something single woman whose best friend happens to be male. I'll call him David. David just became engaged and wants me to be part of the wedding party, so he asked his fiancee, "Tiffany," to include me as one of her bridesmaids. Tiffany has a close male friend whom she wants to be one of David's groomsmen.

I would prefer to stand next to David to show my support for his marriage. Perhaps Tiffany's male friend and I should switch places and stand beside our respective friends. If we do this, would I wear a dress like the bridesmaids, or would I wear a tuxedo like the groomsmen?

Please check with your wedding experts and clue me in, Abby. — **THE GROOM'S BEST BUD IN SAN ANTONIO**

DEAR BEST BUD: Although a woman can serve as "best man," it's important to remember that David did not ask you to be his best man or a groomsman. He and his fiancee asked you to be a bridesmaid.

You would be wise to defer to the wishes of the bride and groom regarding your attire and where you will stand during the ceremony.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is 14 and the kind of young lady every mother dreams of having. She is respectful, considerate, loving, behaves well, and is a good student.

My dilemma is whether or not I should pay her to do chores even if she doesn't do a good job. She has never been motivated by money, but asks for things all the time.

I've told her that if she would do a better job with her chores, I'd reward her with spending money. She's such a good kid, I feel as though she deserves to be rewarded, but I also want her to learn that she must do a good job if she wants to be paid. That's the way it will be when she's out in the world, so I'd like her to learn that lesson now. Any pointers would be appreciated, Abby. — **KIM FROM THE WINDY CITY**

DEAR KIM: Stick to your guns. Children should learn the value of completing tasks properly. The old saying, "A job worth doing is worth doing well," holds true. It's a lesson that will benefit her for the rest of her life.

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SAG awards announced

By The Associated Press

Winners at the Screen Actors Guild Awards:

Movies:

Actor: Russell Crowe, "A Beautiful Mind."

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

Supporting actor: Ian McKellen, "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

Supporting actress: Helen Mirren, "Gosford Park."

Cast performance: "Gosford Park.

Television:

Actor in a TV movie or miniseries: Ben Kingsley, "Anne Frank."

Actress in a TV movie or miniseries: Judy Davis, "Life with Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows."

Actor in a drama series: Martin Sheen, "The West Wing."

Actress in a drama series: Allison Janney, "The West Wing."

Actor in a comedy series: Sean [illegible], "Will & Grace."

Actress in a comedy series: Megan Mullally, "Will & Grace."

Ensemble in a drama series: "The West Wing," NBC.

Ensemble in a comedy series: "Sex and the City," HBO.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Edward Asner.

Six months after Sept. 11: Afghanistan is free of repressive rule by the Taliban

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Just off a dirty hospital corridor where heavily pregnant women pace and grimace in pain, the nursery is full of newborns squirming and squalling in tight swaddling.

But one tiny bundle in the corner is smaller, stiller than the rest — a baby girl whose birthright is a tragic past and a perilous future.

Afghanistan's maternal mortality rate is among the highest anywhere, and her mother, a village woman who had no access to medical care during her pregnancy, died delivering her. So tenuous is the child's hold on life that she does not yet have a name — nurses simply call her "the little one."

In many ways, the infant's plight mirrors that of her homeland. For Afghanistan, the terror attacks of Sept. 11 marked the beginning of a new era — one born in sorrow and shadowed by a host of old ills.

Six momentous months after the towers of the World Trade Center came crashing down, Afghanistan has thrown off the shackles of the Taliban, but not those of poverty and deprivation. Aid is pouring in, but preventable deaths still blight each day.

Armed with the world's good wishes, a new government is struggling to chart a course toward unity and democracy, but bitter internal rivalries, jolts of lawlessness and an undercurrent of violence threaten to dash those hopes.

Kabul, the capital, exudes an enduring and endearing human vitality — even its notorious traffic jams are a welcome sign of life returning to once-silent streets — but few places in the world can match Afghanistan's sheer brokenness as a nation.

The clock is ticking on British leadership of an international peacekeeping force, seen as an important stabilizing factor, and on the government of Hamid Karzai, whose six-month mandate expires in June.

"What has changed here in Afghanistan? Everything and nothing," said Alberto Cairo, an Italian who has spent many years running a clinic in Kabul that provides prosthetic limbs for some of the thousands of Afghans maimed each year by land mines.

"Doors are opening everywhere, and Afghanistan can again be part of the world. But people are as poor as before, there is no peace, there are mines everywhere, and justice does not exist," he said. "Everyone thinks, 'Oh, the Taliban are gone, so poof, everything will bloom like a flower.' That is not realistic."

Despite the pitfalls, heartening signs of revival can be seen everywhere.

A landmark Kabul girls' school that was turned into a boys' seminary during Taliban times again echoes with the sound of female voices reciting lessons. Soccer teams play before cheering crowds in Kabul's stadium, where the Taliban once staged executions. Joyous weddings, replete with once-forbidden music and dance, are commonplace again.

"The changes in the country as a whole are also bringing changes in the home, the family, the things that women can dream for themselves," said Shukria Barekzai, a lively 29-year-old who has just started a women's weekly magazine.

Barekzai received visitors as she chatted with a woman poet named Samanbo, who continued to write during the Taliban years and now wants to publish her latest work in the magazine. She's 103 years old.

Even the most enormous tasks are being tackled with calm, patience — and a long view.

On the desolate Shomali plain north of Kabul, international aid groups and local officials are trying to rehabilitate the network of elaborate underground irrigation tunnels that once made these dusty flatlands bloom.

Six years ago, the Taliban, a militia whose members were predominantly ethnic Pashtuns, drove out the area's mainly Tajik farmers, bulldozing wells, uprooting vineyards, laying waste to fruit orchards. Now the villagers are coming back home.

"You cannot imagine how beautiful it was, how green," said a 70-year-old farmer named Mohammed Aref.

In the middle of what was once a watermelon field, he was helping the aid group CARE locate old irrigation channels to be dug out. It is a backbreaking job, carried out one bucketful at a time. On this day, workers were using a wooden wheel to crank up loads of dirt from what had been a deep, pure well.

"It will take ten years, probably, to make it the way it was once," Aref said. "I don't know if I will be alive to see it, but my children will."

In a newly reopened Kabul bookstore, Shah Mohammed was putting up new shelves and unpacking crates of books, many of them hidden away during the Taliban years.

"People want to read all different kinds of things now," he said. "Nothing gives me more pleasure than when someone wants to find a book they could not have looked at during those times, and I can pull it out and say to them, 'Here. Enjoy it.'"

There is ready acknowledgment, though, that Afghanistan's troubles did not begin with the Taliban. Setting the stage for the rise of the harsh Islamic regime was the country's 1992-96 civil war, "and that is something we all need to remember, and accept some responsibility for," said Mohammed Afzal Banowal, 60, the deputy chancellor of Kabul University.

Three vehicles hit by gunfire

HOUSTON (AP) — Two motorists were wounded after three vehicles were hit by gunfire as they returned from a raceway east of Houston.

An unidentified man remained in critical condition early at Memorial Hermann Hospital with a gunshot wound in the back of the head.

No information was available on the second victim.

The shootings began on the southbound lanes atop the 21/2-mile-long bridge that spans the Houston Ship Channel on Texas 146 between Baytown and La Porte.

One side of the Fred Hartman Bridge was shut down Sunday night after the attacks on carloads of people returning from the Baytown raceway, sheriff's officials said.

The bridge remained closed early, briefly stranding several hundred motorists. They were finally allowed to make U-turns and get off the bridge.

Motorists on the bridge ducked for cover when the shooting began, Harris County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jim Poppenhusen told the Houston Chronicle in its editions.

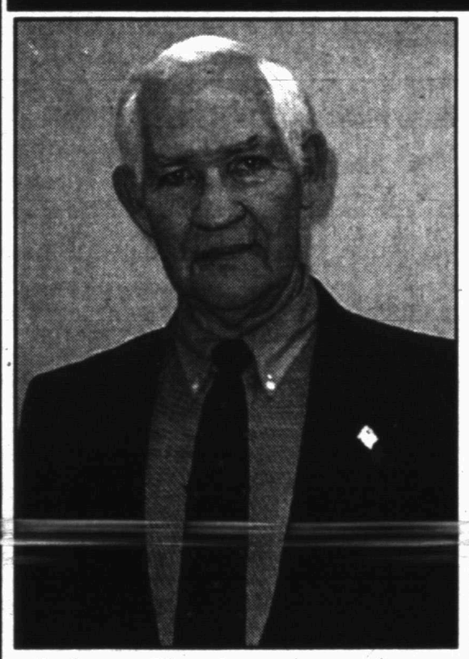


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SPORTS



UP AND OVER — Snyder's Erin Burleson, left, and Loryn Brown compete side by side in the 300-meter hurdles Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays. Brown came across the line in fifth place, with Burleson finishing seventh. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dallas to host NCAA match-ups

DALLAS (AP) — The American Airlines Center might look like the Cotton Bowl in mid-October when the NCAA tournament comes to town this weekend: Half burnt orange, half crimson and cream.

The Texas Longhorns and Oklahoma Sooners will both play first-round games in Dallas on Friday, yet not against each other. And even if both teams win, they can't face each other in the second round on Sunday.

It's all part of the NCAA's new "pod" placement system which enables teams to play early games close to home regardless of their region.

Oklahoma opens against Illinois-Chicago, with the winner advancing Sunday to a second-round game against the winner of Xavier vs. Hawaii.

Texas, the sixth seed in the Midwest, plays Boston College. The winner of that game will go on to play either Mississippi State or McNeese State.

The Sooners (27-4) got the No. 2 seed in the West region, which was a bit of a slight considering they were ranked No. 4 in the most recent Associated Press poll and they beat top-ranked Kansas 64-55 in the Big 12 tournament finals Sunday. The Jayhawks still earned a No. 1 seed.

"There's probably a tinge of disappointment that we're not a 1 seed, but being a 2 seed in Dallas and having the opportunity to play in front of our fans, I think that supersedes any of the disappointment we might have had," OU coach Kelvin Sampson said.

Texas coach Rick Barnes said he's looking forward to playing at the American Airlines Center to help generate enthusiasm for the Big 12 tournament being there next season.

And while he's excited to know there will be more Longhorns fans in Dallas than there were in New Orleans for the first round last year, he also knows that UT supporters can't buy all the tickets.

"The crowd normally goes with the underdog, the one wearing the dark jerseys," he said. "I just hope we have a great crowd and a great following. It's not going to be a home-court advantage for Oklahoma or Texas. I think McNeese, Mississippi State, Boston College will all bring people."

Illinois-Chicago (20-13) received an automatic bid by winning the Horizon League tournament.

The Longhorns (20-11) were bounced from the Big 12 tournament by the Sooners. Boston College (20-11) is considered among the weaker teams to have received an at-large bid, benefitting mostly from being part of a power conference, the Big East.

Mississippi State (26-7) won the Southeastern Conference tournament title, beating regular-season champion Alabama 61-58 Sunday.

The Bulldogs, who were ranked for only one week in early January, tied a school record for wins set by the 1996 team that went to the Final Four. MSU hasn't been back in the tournament since.

"This was a showcase, to show people how good a basketball team we are," coach Rick Stansbury said. "I know this team has earned respect now."

McNeese State (21-8) won the Southland Conference tournament to get into the NCAA tournament for the first time in 13 years. The Cowboys are led by first-year coach Tic Price, who in recent weeks buried his father and lost his house in a fire. Three years ago, Price left Memphis after admitting an affair with a student.

Xavier and Hawaii are both led by guys who won their conference's coach of the year award. That kind of honor plus a few wins in March can turn a person into a hot coaching commodity.

Riley Wallace is the coach who guided Hawaii (27-5) to the Western Athletic Conference tournament title for the second straight year. Thad Matta guided Xavier (25-5) to the Atlantic 10 conference tournament championship.

While all the games offer intriguing matchups, the most interesting scenario of the weekend could be seeing whether UT and OU fans root for or against their Red River rival when the other team is playing. Can newfound conference loyalty overcome more than 100 years of deep, football-fed feelings?

Sooners capture Big 12 title with 64-55 win over Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hollis Price scored 23 points, including two clutch 3-pointers that turned back a second-half rally by No. 1 Kansas, and No. 4 Oklahoma won its second straight Big 12 tournament with a 64-55 victory on Sunday.

Drew Gooden had 22 points and 15 rebounds but also committed six turnovers for Kansas, which had its string of 18 straight wins over conference opponents broken by the Sooners (27-4).

Nick Collison added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Jayhawks (29-3), the highest scoring team in the nation who were held 12 points below their previous low for the season, also against the Sooners.

Oklahoma shot just 34 percent (24-for-71) from the field, its third poor shooting performance in as many games — but Price, the tournament MVP, made the big shots.

Kansas rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to force two ties midway through the second half and was still within 49-47 on a dunk by Gooden with 7:02 left.

Houston is only Texas team to earn invitation to NIT

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Houston will return to the postseason for the first time in eight seasons after receiving a berth into the National Invitation Tournament on Sunday.

The Cougars (18-14) will open the first round of the tournament at Vanderbilt (16-14) on Wednesday. The winner of the game will play the Louisiana-Lafayette-Louisiana Tech winner.

Houston was the only Texas school to get a bid to the NIT.

The Cougars made it to the semifinals of the Conference USA tournament for the first time this season despite a depleted roster and low expectations. They lost to Marquette, 85-73.

After consecutive nine-win seasons, the Cougars put up their best record since 1992-93, when they went 21-9.

That season was also the Cougars' last postseason appearance, when they lost 67-61 to Texas-El Paso in the first round.

Women's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Cameron Indoor Stadium
Durham, N.C.

Texas Christian (23-6) vs. Indiana (17-13), 6:06 p.m.
Duke (27-3) vs. Norfolk State (22-8), 30 minutes after first game

At The Erwin Special Events Center
Austin, Texas

Louisiana Tech (25-4) vs. UC Santa Barbara (25-5), TBA
Texas (20-9) vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (24-6), 30 minutes after first game

At The Ferrell Center
Waco, Texas

Drake (23-7) vs. Syracuse (18-12), TBA
Baylor (26-5) vs. Bucknell (21-9), 30 minutes after first game

Saturday, March 16
At Carolina Coliseum
Columbia, S.C.

Cincinnati (26-4) vs. St. Peter's (25-5), TBA
South Carolina (22-6) vs. Liberty (23-7), 30 minutes after first game

MIDEAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Bramlage Coliseum
Manhattan, Kan.

Arkansas (19-11) vs. Clemson (17-11), TBA
Kansas State (24-7) vs. Kent State (20-10), 30 minutes after first game

At The Bryce Jordan Center
State College, Pa.

Florida International (26-5) vs. Creighton (24-9), TBA
Penn State (21-11) vs. Chattanooga (23-7), 30 minutes after first game

Saturday, March 16
At Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.

Virginia (17-12) vs. Iowa (17-10), 11:06 a.m.
Connecticut (33-0) vs. St. Francis, Pa. (19-11), 30 minutes after first game

At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.

Old Dominion (25-5) vs. Georgia (19-10), 11:06 a.m.
Purdue (23-5) vs. Austin Peay (19-11), 30 minutes after first game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.

Notre Dame (19-9) vs. New Mexico (22-8), TBA
Tennessee (25-4) vs. Georgia State (21-9), 30 minutes after first game

Saturday, March 16
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.

Wisconsin (19-11) vs. Arizona State (24-8), TBA
Vanderbilt (27-6) vs. Oakland, Mich. (17-13), 30 minutes after first game

At The Smith Center
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Minnesota (21-7) vs. UNLV (23-7), TBA
North Carolina (25-7) vs. Harvard (21-5), 30 minutes after first game

At James H. Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa

Florida (18-10) vs. Brigham Young (22-8), TBA
Iowa State (23-8) vs. Temple (20-10), 10:06 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At United Spirit Arena
Lubbock, Texas

Boston College (23-7) vs. Mississippi State (18-11), TBA
Texas Tech (18-11) vs. Stephen F. Austin (24-5), 30 minutes after first game

At The Coors Events Center
Boulder, Colo.

Colorado (21-9) vs. Southern University (26-4), TBA
LSU (17-11) vs. Santa Clara (21-9), 11:36 p.m.

Saturday, March 16
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.

Pepperdine (23-7) vs. Villanova (19-10), TBA
Oklahoma (27-3) vs. Hartford (16-14), TBA

At The Maples Pavilion
Stanford, Calif.

Colorado State (24-6) vs. Tulane (23-10), TBA
Stanford (30-2) vs. Weber State (22-8), TBA

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
National Semifinals
Friday, March 29

Mideast champion vs. Midwest champion
East champion vs. West champion

National Championship
Sunday, March 31

Semifinal winners

Men's NCAA Tournament

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
OPENING ROUND
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio Tuesday, March 12

Alcorn State (21-9) vs. Siena (16-18)

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis

Kentucky (20-9) vs. Valparaiso (25-7)
Marquette (26-6) vs. Tulsa (26-6)

Friday, March 15
At The MCI Center
Washington

Maryland (26-4) vs. Alcorn State-Siena winner
Wisconsin (18-12) vs. St. John's (20-11)
Connecticut (24-6) vs. Hampton (26-6)
North Carolina State (22-10) vs. Michigan State (19-11)

At The United Center
Chicago

Georgia (21-9) vs. Murray State (19-12)
Texas Tech (23-8) vs. Southern Illinois (26-7)

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At The BI-LO Center
Greenville, S.C.

Duke (29-3) vs. Winthrop (19-11)
Notre Dame (21-10) vs. Charlotte (18-11)
Alabama (26-7) vs. Florida Atlantic (19-11)
Oklahoma State (23-8) vs. Kent State (27-5)

At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.

Southern California (22-9) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (22-9)
Indiana (20-11) vs. Utah (21-8)

Friday, March 15
At Mellon Arena
Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh (27-5) vs. Central Connecticut State (27-4)
California (22-8) vs. Pennsylvania (25-6)

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis

Kansas (29-3) vs. Holy Cross (18-14)
Stanford (19-9) vs. Western Kentucky (28-3)

At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.

Oregon (23-8) vs. Montana (16-14)
Wake Forest (20-12) vs. Pepperdine (22-8)

Friday, March 15
At The United Center
Chicago

Illinois (24-8) vs. San Diego State (21-11)
Florida (22-8) vs. Creighton (22-8)

At American Airlines Center
Dallas

Mississippi State (26-7) vs. McNeese State (21-8)
Texas (20-11) vs. Boston College (20-11)

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.

Arizona (22-9) vs. UC Santa Barbara (20-10)
Gonzaga (29-3) vs. Wyoming (21-8)
Ohio State (23-7) vs. Davidson (21-9)
Miami (24-7) vs. Missouri (21-11)

Friday, March 15
At Mellon Arena
Pittsburgh

Cincinnati (30-3) vs. Boston University (22-9)
UCLA (19-11) vs. Mississippi (20-10)

At American Airlines Center
Dallas

Oklahoma (27-4) vs. Illinois-Chicago (20-13)
Xavier (25-5) vs. Hawaii (27-5)

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 30

East champion vs. Midwest champion
South champion vs. West champion

NOTE: First game scheduled for 6:07 p.m. with the second game to start 40 minutes after the first

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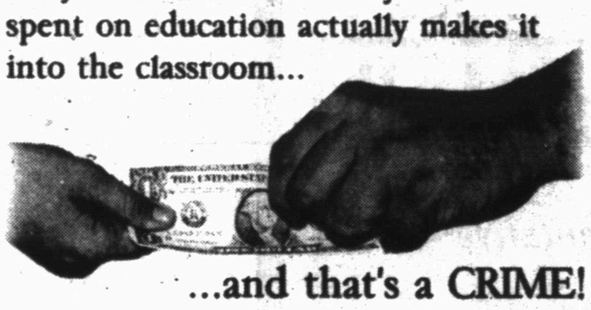
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SPORTS

Tigers earn third straight Canyon Reef Relays title

Lady Tigers improve on last year's performance

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

New coach. Same result.

After capturing consecutive Canyon Reef Relays titles with Coach Chad Rogers, the Snyder Tigers continued their streak under Roger White, earning their third straight crown Saturday at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers' closest competition was Canyon, which finished 36 points back in second place. But the meet had long been decided by the time the final points were posted.

"It always feels good anytime you win a meet, especially at home," said White, who took over the track program when Rogers took over the SHS football program. "And just like most meets this early in the year, we did some things better than I expected and we also found some areas that we need to work on.

"Overall, I'm extremely proud of the kids. These weren't the best conditions to compete in at times, but the kids stayed focused on what they needed to do. And they got it done."

In the girls competition, the Lady Tigers finished 10th but showed some positive signs that have Coach Todd Pollard excited about his squad's future.

"We qualified all three relays for the finals, and we doubled our point total from last year," said Pollard, now in his second year at the helm of the Lady Tigers. "We're extremely young and we're still learning.

"But these girls are working hard and they're not about to give up. We're getting better each time we step on the track."

The Big Spring Lady Steers won the meet followed by Levelland and Lamesa.

Senior Loryn Brown paced the Lady Tigers. Brown leaped 34 feet, 8 inches to claim second place in the triple jump before finishing fifth in the 300 hurdles.

The SHS girls finished fourth and sixth respectively in the 4x200 and 4x100 relays.

Sharday McKinney was fifth in the long jump, and Anna Henson tied for fifth place in the shot put competition.

There were several highlights for the Snyder boys, the biggest of which came in the triple jump when senior Corey Clay soared 45-8 to win the event and break the meet record by 3 feet.

Clay also won the long jump, just ahead of teammate Wade Pinson, and was third in the 100.

Clay and Pinson teamed up again, along with T.J. Jones and Michael Murphrey to outrun the field in the 4x100 relay with a time of 44.19.

Pinson wasn't done yet. The senior tied for first with teammate Justin Boyd in the high jump, and won the 110 and 300 hurdle events.

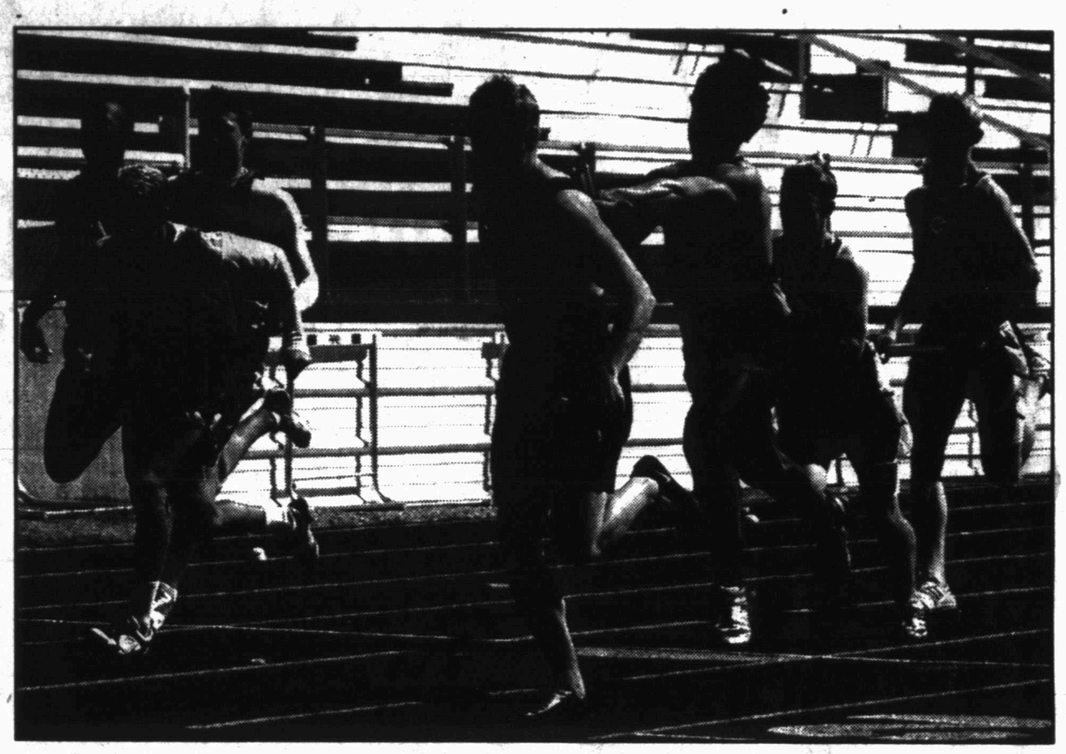
The Tigers swept the top three spots in the 300 hurdles with Jason Guynes and Murprhey finishing behind Pinson. Guynes was also the runner-up in the 110 hurdles.

Other medal winners for the Tigers were Colby Driggers who captured third in the 800, and Rickey McNatt who was third in the discus.

Both SHS squads are in competition again this weekend. The Tigers are entered in the San Angelo Relays Friday and Saturday, with the Lady Tigers running at the Caprock Relays in Post on Saturday.

Both teams compete at Sweetwater's Rattlesnake Relays March 29 and at the Big Spring Relays April 5.

The District 4-4A Track and Field Meet is scheduled for April 26 and 27 at South Plains College in Levelland.



PASSING THE BATON — Snyder's Corey Clay hands off to Wade Pinson during the 4x100 relay Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays. Snyder won the race with a time of 44.19 seconds. T.J. Jones and Michael Murphrey ran the other two legs for the Tigers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Results of the Canyon Reef Relays

VARSITY BOYS

Team standings: 1. Snyder, 147; 2. Canyon, 111; 3. Lamesa, 103; 4. Frenship, 98; 5. Levelland, 54; 6. Lubbock Roosevelt, 20.

Field Events

Shot put: 1. E.J. Montez, Levelland, 49-4; 2. Matt McCloskey, Canyon, 42-5; 3. Raul Moreno, Lamesa, 41-2½; 4. Todd Munkres, Canyon, 40-7½; 5. Jim Howard, Frenship, 38-8; 6. Daniel Gonzales, Lamesa, 37-11.

Discus: 1. Tommy Mendez, Frenship, 125-1; 2. Steven Pratt, Frenship, 120-11½; 3. Rickey McNatt, Snyder, 120-7; 4. Myles Mojic, Lamesa, 118-4; 5. E.J. Montez, Levelland, 113-2; 6. Bennie Rodriguez, Lamesa, 110-8.

Pole vault: 1. Matt Stroud, Frenship, 10-6.

High jump: 1. (tie) Justin Boyd, Snyder and Wade Pinson, Snyder, 5-10; 3. Harrold Crow, Frenship, 5-10; 4. Derrick Hunter, Lamesa, 5-8; 5. Jammall Pruitt, Snyder, 5-8; 6. Slade Seal, Lamesa, 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Corey Clay, Snyder, 20-8½; 2. Wade Pinson, Snyder, 18-2½; 3. Shawn Noggler, Canyon, 18-1; 4. Abel Perez, Levelland, 17-11; 5. Johnathan Kittley, Frenship, 17-10½; 6. Cade Reddish, Frenship, 17-7.

Triple jump: 1. Corey Clay, Snyder, 45-8 (meet record); 2. Shawn Noggler, Canyon, 40-6½; 3. Kelly Hildebrandt, Lubbock Roosevelt, 40-1½; 4. Abel Perez, Levelland, 39-4; 5. Chris Sambrano, Lamesa, 39-1½; 6. Joseph Lucio, Lamesa, 38-5¾.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Josh Hawkins, Frenship, 10:10.38; 2. Nick Eyhorn, Canyon, 10:11.68; 3. Casey Sumpter, Lamesa, 10:20.59; 4. Trent Gary, Frenship, 10:23.89; 5. Don Welling, Canyon, 10:27.35; 6. Chase Snowden, Frenship, 10:34.34.

4x100 relay: 1. Snyder, 44.19; 2. Frenship, 45.42; 3. Lamesa, 45.58; 4. Levelland, 45.58; 5. Canyon, 45.60.

800: 1. Chadd Penn, Canyon, 1:59.70; 2. Tyrone Lockett, Levelland, 2:05.06; 3. Colby Driggers, Snyder, 2:06.95; 4. Adam Penn, Canyon, 2:07.82; 5. Anthony Vasquez, Snyder, 2:09.88; 6. Jay Scott, Snyder, 2:10.64.

110 high hurdles: 1. Wade Pinson, Snyder, 14.70; 2. Jason Guynes, Snyder, 15.88; 3. Jed Dwyers, Canyon, 16.44; 4. Kevin Miers, Lamesa, 16.48; 5. Harrold Crow, Frenship, 17.03; 6. Pete Boyd, Frenship, 17.15.

100: 1. Rusty Shorter, Canyon, 10.79; 2. Derrick Hunter, Lamesa, 10.98; 3. Corey Clay, Snyder, 11.30; 4. Joseph Lucio, Lamesa, 11.33; 5. Jeff Bruton, Snyder, 11.36; 6. Beau Uptegrove, Canyon, 11.37.

400: 1. Chris Sambrano, Lamesa, 52.44; 2. Tyrone Lockett, Levelland, 53.77; 3. Josh Timmons, Lubbock Roosevelt, 54.60; 4. Bradley Spells, Snyder, 54.68; 5. Jeremiah Guerra, Lamesa, 54.81; 6. Tyler Kerr, Snyder, 55.75.

300 intermediate hurdles: 1. Wade Pinson, Snyder, 41.43; 2. Jason Guynes, Snyder, 41.82; 3. Michael Murphrey, Snyder, 42.21; 4. Kelly Hildebrandt, Lubbock Roosevelt, 43.04; 5. Joseph Amalla, Frenship, 44.20; 6. Pete Boyd, Frenship, 44.33.

200: 1. Rusty Shorter, Canyon, 22.61; 2. Coby Paige, Lamesa, 23.20; 3. Shawn Noggler, Canyon, 23.59; 4. Josh Timmons, Lubbock Roosevelt, 23.61; 5. Darnell Golightly, Levelland, 23.84; 6. Joseph Lucio, Lamesa, 24.13.

1,600: 1. Josh Hawkins, Frenship, 4:34.74; 2. Casey Sumpter, Lamesa, 4:38.04; 3. Don Wellings, Canyon, 4:39.34; 4. Rudy Martinez, Snyder, 4:41.30; 5. Chad Penn, Canyon, 4:42.00; 6. Charles Kerry, Snyder, 4:43.15.

VARSITY GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Big Spring, 128; 2. Levelland, 123; 3. Lamesa, 73; 4. Abilene Wylie, 63; 5. Frenship, 58; 6. Canyon, 53; 7. Seminole, 35½; 8. Lake View, 30; 9. Plainview, 26; 10. Snyder, 23½.

Field Events

Shot put: 1. Vanessa Moreno, Lamesa, 35-3¾; 2. Ashley Smith, Big Spring, 33-4; 3. Amisha Vanderbilt, Big Spring, 32-10½; 4. Krystal DeLeon, Big Spring, 32-7¾; 5. (tie) Anna Henson, Snyder and Mandy Cardenas, Seminole, 31-9¼.

Discus: 1. Cierra Butler, Big Spring, 110-11; 2. Julia Villalva, Seminole, 101-8½; 3. Holly Shea, Lamesa, 93-8½; 4. Tamika Hubbard, Lake View, 93-½; 5. Mandy Cardenas, Seminole, 85-9; 6. Amisha Vanderbilt, Big Spring, 84-10.

Pole vault: 1. Amanda Eichorst, Abilene Wylie, 7-6 (meet record); 2. Chelsea Churchwell, Big Spring, 7-0; 3. Whitney Newsome, Frenship, 6-0.

High jump: 1. Brittany Rainey, Big Spring, 4-10; 2. Brittney Roberts, Lamesa, 4-10; 3. Kyal Gerstenberger, Levelland, 4-10; 4. Jill Nix, Lamesa, 4-8; 5. Chelsea Blackshear, Levelland, 4-8; 6. Cycelye Truitt, Big Spring, 4-8.

Long jump: 1. Cycelye Truitt, Big Spring, 15-½; 2. Amber Bunton, Lamesa, 14-6½; 3. Crystal Bunton, Lamesa, 14-5; 4. Amber Rose, Levelland, 14-4; 5. Sharday McKinney, Snyder, 13-8; 6. Whitney Seago, Abilene Wylie, 13-6½.

Triple jump: 1. Ka'Rissa Magers, Big Spring, 36-3; 2. Loryn Brown, Snyder, 34-8; 3. Rachelle Guinn, Big Spring, 34-3½; 4. Brittney Roberts, Lamesa, 33-1½; 5. Amber Bunton, Lamesa, 32-1; 6. Amanda Eichorst, Abilene Wylie, 31-9½.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Anna Hagood, Frenship, 12:26.47; 2. Anita Rodriguez, Lake View, 12:31.56; 3. Susan Munoz, Levelland, 12:36.06; 4. Camille Karr, Canyon, 12:41.29; 5. Hope Jimenez, Lamesa, 12:51.40; 6. Shaylee Thompson, Abilene Wylie, 12:52.93.

4x100 relay: 1. Levelland, 50.15; 2. Big Spring, 50.43; 3. Seminole, 51.79; 4. Plainview, 51.94; 5. Abilene Wylie, 52.40; 6. Snyder, 52.91.

800: 1. Ashlee Faulkner, Canyon, 2:29.20; 2. Danielle Wilson, Levelland, 2:31.17; 3. Ashley Terrell, Plainview, 2:32.45; 4. Jennifer Pena, Frenship, 2:35.14; 5. Haile Shortes, Seminole, 2:38.00; 6. Kaitlin Mitchell, Lake View, 2:38.64.

100 intermediate hurdles: 1. Kristin Wallace, Abilene Wylie, 14.97; 2. Brittney Roberts, Lamesa, 15.22; 3. Jennifer Baker, Canyon, 15.87; 4. Chelsea Blackshear, Levelland, 16.34; 5. Sharay Cottrell, Seminole, 16.55; 6. Amanda Phillips, Lake View, 16.83.

100: 1. Amber Rose, Levelland, 12.41; 2. Janet Abigide, Plainview, 12.44; 3. Kim Brackens, Levelland, 12.96; 4. Crystal Landrum, Levelland, 13.03; 5. Lindsay Harris, Frenship, 13.15; 6. Crystal Bunton, Lamesa, 13.45.

4x200 relay: 1. Big Spring, 1:46.80; 2. Levelland, 1:49.80; 3. Abilene Wylie, 1:51.20; 4. Snyder, 1:52.21; 5. Frenship, 1:54.41; 6. Canyon, 1:55.39.

400: 1. Danielle Wilson, Levelland, 1:04.55; 2. Haile Shortes, Seminole, 1:04.91; 3. Sara Acevedo, Big Spring, 1:05.76; 4. Melissa Seidensticker, Abilene Wylie, 1:05.92; 5. Teressa Dunlap, Plainview, 1:06.33; 6. Dixie Bell, Canyon, 1:07.48.

300 low hurdles: 1. Jennifer Baker, Canyon, 46.51; 2. Amanda Phillips, Lake View, 47.10; 3. Crystal McReynolds, Frenship, 48.70; 4. Rebeka Ferguson, Levelland, 49.32; 5. Loryn Brown, Snyder, 50.76; 6. Chelsea Blackshear, Levelland, 51.04.

200: 1. Ashley Jackson, Levelland, 26.95; 2. Kim Brackens, Levelland, 27.05; 3. Laura Gore, Abilene Wylie, 27.39; 4. Cycelye Truitt, Big Spring, 27.54; 5. Rianne Decker, Canyon, 27.72; 6. Jordan Isom, Abilene Wylie, 28.72.

1,600: 1. Hope Jimenez, Lamesa, 5:35.58; 2. Anita Rodriguez, Lake View, 5:41.12; 3. Anna Hagood, Frenship, 5:41.49; 4. Susan Munoz, Levelland, 5:43.61; 5. Ashlee Faulkner, Canyon, 5:49.28; 6. Shaylee Thompson, Abilene Wylie, 5:51.08.

4x400 relay: 1. Frenship, 4:15.19; 2. Canyon, 4:16.29; 3. Abilene Wylie, 4:16.35; 4. Big Spring, 4:18.44; 5. Lamesa, 4:19.87; 6. Plainview, 4:26.05.

JV BOYS

Team standings: 1. Midland Lee, 226½; 2. Frenship, 154; 3. Canyon, 64½; 4. Lamesa, 41; 5. Levelland, 35; 6. Snyder, 19; 7. Lubbock Roosevelt, 13.

Snyder Results

Long jump: 6. Mario Rivera, 16-4.
4x100 relay: 3. Snyder, 48.04.
400: 3. Urbano Hernandez, 56.11.

JV GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Abilene Wylie, 160; 2. Frenship, 73; 3. Canyon, 62; 4. Seminole, 53; 5. Levelland, 44; 6. Plainview, 36; 7. Lake View, 34; 8. Snyder, 27; 9. Big Spring, 23; 10. Lamesa, 10.

Snyder Results

High jump: 1. Sara Thornhill, 4-4.
4x200 relay: 2. Snyder, 2:05.08.
400: 6. Heather Holmes, 1:13.23.

Tigers whip Steers for fifth place

After two heart-breaking losses on Friday, it didn't take the Snyder Tigers long to get back on track Saturday at the Iron Curtain Classic.

Snyder made short work of Big Spring in the fifth-place game, rolling over the Steers 14-4 to put the Tigers back on course heading into Tuesday's district opener.

"I thought we played well, just like we've done the whole tournament," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "We didn't play that poorly on Friday. We just didn't put people away when we had the chance. Today we did."

Snyder grabbed control from the start against the Steers and never let up.

The first nine Tigers that went to the plate scored, before Big Spring finally managed three outs. Singles by Stephen Ortegon, Brooks Nunley, Michael Pendleton and Riki Dorsett, and a triple from Tito Alaniz fueled the outburst.

Chance Greenwood, making only his second appearance for the Tigers, worked the first three frames on the mound, before giving way to Tyler Trout for the final two. The game ended in the fifth inning on the 10-run rule.

Snyder added two more runs in the fourth on singles by Pendleton and Billy Pena and a double from Brandon McGuire.

The Tigers ended the contest by scoring three runs with one out in the fifth.

Snyder is 12-6-1 heading into the District 4-4A opener at San Angelo Lake View at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The Tigers continue district competition Friday when they host Levelland at Moffett Field.

In Saturday's other tournament action, Lubbock Cooper toppled Hereford, 5-2, to earn third place.

In the nightcap, Odessa Permian earned the tourney title with a 12-6 victory over Odessa High.

Snyder netters earn top spots at tournament

CANYON — Before taking a week off for spring break, Snyder High School netters decided to turn in a solid performance at the Canyon Randall Tournament.

Snyder earned five top-five finishes Saturday, with four of them coming in doubles.

Curt Phillips and Adam Rodgers teamed up to tie teammates Alex Best and Charlie Gorman for third place in boys doubles.

On the girls side, Pat Vargas and Andra Dunham also finished third, with Jackie Beccue and Afton Sutter coming in fifth.

Kara Brumley paced Snyder in singles competition with a fourth-place effort, while Stephanie Williams finished 13th.

In boys singles, Horacio DePaz was 11th and Tyson Kubena was 13th.

Also competing in the tournament were teams from Burkburnett, Canyon, Amarillo Caprock, Levelland, Canyon Randall, Plainview and Hobbs, N.M.

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Dallas Lincoln 71, Beaumont Ozen 51

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Blood clots: A complication of inactivity

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why does the body form clots? I recently spent two weeks in the hospital for deep venous thrombosis and am interested in preventing a recurrence. My doctor has me on Coumadin and elastic stockings.

DEAR READER: Blood undergoes clotting to prevent us from bleeding to death when we're injured. The clotting mechanism is a miraculous marvel of nature, exceedingly complex and still not fully understood.

Unfortunately, like any of the body's other defense mechanisms, blood coagulation can sometimes lead to problems. Too much of a good thing, an inappropriate clot can cause disease or death.

For example, deep venous thrombosis (blood clots in the leg veins) is a fearsome complication of surgery and prolonged inactivity. When people cannot exercise and get about, blood flow slows in the leg veins. At times, this sluggish circulation causes a blood clot to form and adhere to the lining of the vein. As the clot enlarges, pieces of it may break off, be carried to the lungs and become wedged, leading to a pulmonary embolism.

This event can be fatal because large portions of lung tissue may be injured, resulting in asphyxiation or heart stoppage. This is the reason post-operative patients are often given anti-coagulant drugs, elastic stockings to prevent pooling of blood, and instructions to get up and around as soon as possible.

Thrombophlebitis means that a blood clot has formed within a vein and is further irritating the vein's lining. This can occur without warning and for no apparent reason, although certain medicines, such as oral contraceptives, appear to contribute to thrombosis in some people.

When blood clots form in the leg veins, patients usually experience pain, swelling and tenderness. The diagnosis is suspected by physical examination and confirmed by testing — such as Doppler ultrasound — that demonstrates the presence of clots in the veins. Then, in order to prevent further clotting and/or pulmonary embolism, doctors prescribe anticoagulants, such as heparin or Coumadin. Heat treatments and elastic hose are also used. In cases where recurring blood clots form and cause pulmonary embolism, physicians must consider an operation to place a filter in the abdominal vein (vena cava); this prevents pieces of clot from traveling to the lungs.

Therefore, in answer to your question, your body is simply behaving "normally," but in an inappropriate way. Your blood is clotting under the wrong circumstances. This common condition always requires medical attention. If you remain physically active, the risks of recurrence are substantially lessened.

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Technology crucial to U.S. reconnaissance in Afghan

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Air Force officials say some recently developed reconnaissance and communications technologies have come into their own in the war in Afghanistan, and they provided The Associated Press previously classified details of several strikes to demonstrate their point.

Many of these systems are also seeing action in the battle at Shah-e-Kot, officials said.

One airstrike originated last November when intelligence units in the United States and Afghanistan heard reports of an impending meeting of Taliban and al-Qaida leaders near Kandahar's airfield.

To check out the reports, U.S. forces dispatched a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle, a surveillance drone the size of a small private plane. At the same time, a modified Boeing 707 airliner called an E-8 Joint STARS, cruised into the area, its radars scanning the ground for vehicle convoys.

Air Force officials pointed to this account as a typical example of the anatomy of a successful Afghan airstrike.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-11-02
♠ A K 5
♥ A Q 10 3
♦ A 7 6 4
♣ J 2

West
♠ 10 8 2
♥ K J 9 7 2
♦ K J 2
♣ Q 9

East
♠ J 9 7 4
♥ 6
♦ Q 10 9 5
♣ K 10 8 5

South
♠ Q 6 3
♥ 8 5 4
♦ 8 3
♣ A 7 6 4 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Monday, March 11, 2002

The first-ever start is redundant

By Phillip Alder

Here is another wonderful comment I heard on the television: "It is the group's first-ever debut album."

In today's deal, your play at the first-ever debut trick is vital. You are the declarer in three no-trump. West leads the heart seven. What would you do?

First, count your top tricks. You have six: three spades, one heart, one diamond and one club. Next, analyze the opening lead.

West has presumably led fourth-highest from his longest and strongest. Assuming he has, you should apply the Rule of Eleven. Seven — the value of the card West led — from 11 is four. So, there are four hearts above the seven in the North, East and South hands combined. (You exclude the leader's hand.) And you can see all four: dummy's ace, queen and 10, and your eight. Ergo, East has no heart above the seven. The winning play has become clear: Play dummy's heart three and win the trick in hand with your eight. Then lead a heart to dummy's 10. Back to hand with a spade or club, finesse dummy's heart queen, and run for home with three spades, four hearts, one diamond and one club.

Finally, although one deal doesn't prove anything, note that it was lucky you weren't using the old-fashioned 16-18 no-trump. If you had been, you would have avoided this bad game that needed a first-ever opening low-heart lead from the king-jack. If North opens one no-trump, South passes, and he probably wins an overtrick after East leads a minor-suit card. As almost always, it's better to be lucky than good.

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AMR Corp		26.18	27.45	26.18—.15
AOL TimeWm		26.55	25.80	26.54 + .09
AT&T Corp s		16.05	15.89	15.98 + .10
Albertsons		31.60	31.05	31.54 + .29
Alltel		58.10	57.70	57.72—.58
AmEl Pw		45.40	44.80	45.02—.37
AnderkPtr		56.25	55.36	55.90 + .66
ATMOS Egy		23.27	22.93	23.13—.07
Aviall		7.64	7.50	7.58—.05
BP PLC		52.12	51.80	52.03 + .85
BakerHughes		38.94	38.10	38.49 + .83
Bank of Amer		68.43	67.12	68.40 + .57
BellSouth		38.50	38.16	38.30—.26
vjBeth Steel		.50	.46	.47—.02
BurlNoSFe		30.29	29.90	30.11—.14
Caterpillar		59.45	58.75	59.45 + .12
ChevronTex		89.45	88.40	89.19 + 1.54
Citigroup		49.23	48.40	49.23 + .36
CocaCola		48.10	47.55	47.71—.14
ColgatePal		54.25	53.33	53.45—.88
ComclMetals		37.70	36.98	37.65 + .65
Cooperin		40.95	40.75	40.86—.02
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EDS Corp		63.95	63.50	63.60—.49
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FstBksAm		42.10	38.50	40.40 + .65
FootLocker		17.74	17.20	17.46—.38
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HomeDepot		48.91	48.15	48.59—.35
Honeywellntl		40.00	39.30	39.96 + .11
IBM		106.95	103.73	104.64—.45
IntlPaper		44.90	44.15	44.88 + .52
JohnsonJn s		63.80	63.41	63.75 + .09
vjK mart		1.42	1.30	1.38 + .09
KinderMorg		47.22	46.80	47.10 + .04
Kroger Co		22.54	22.31	22.42 + .12
LockheedM		57.12	55.90	56.93 + .19
Lowes Cos s		42.63	41.80	41.98—.77
Lubys		6.75	6.65	6.65—.13
LucentTech		6.24	6.06	6.22 + .06
MarathonOil		28.68	28.29	28.62 + .42
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Medtronic		45.00	44.54	44.94 + .38
Motorola		14.90	14.40	14.85—.06
NCR Corp		44.19	43.49	43.59—.88
Navistar		45.30	45.00	45.04—.76
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USSteel		17.83	17.65	17.83 + .07
UnitedTech		76.15	74.70	76.02 + .70
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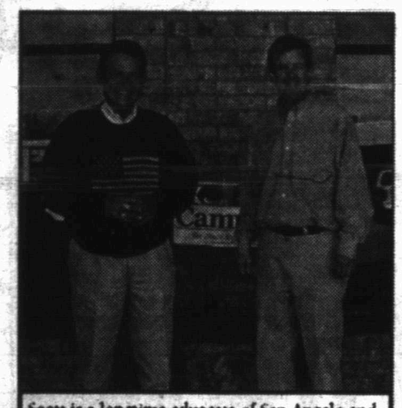
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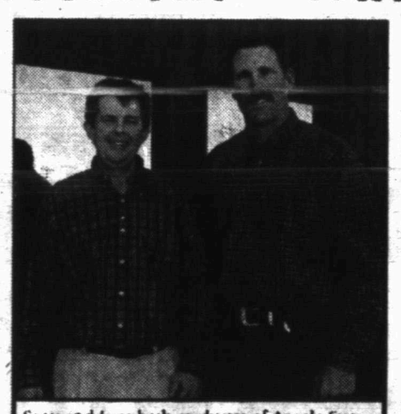
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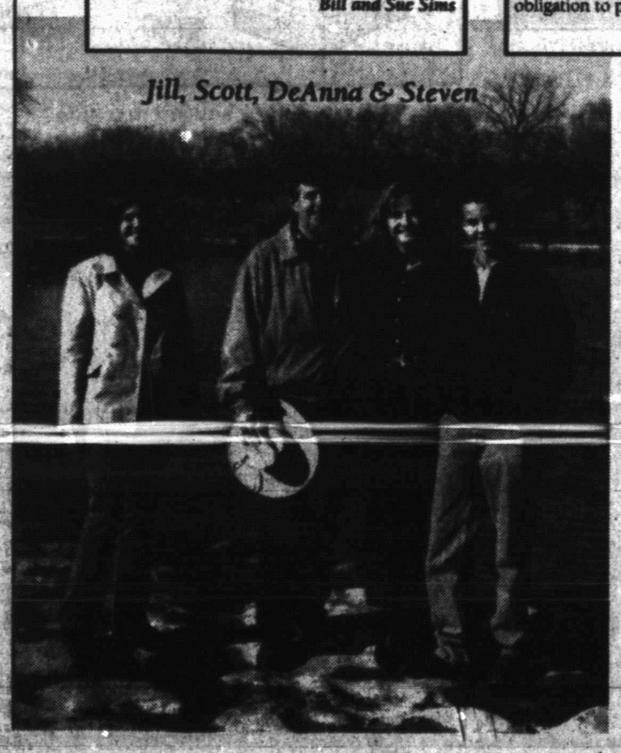


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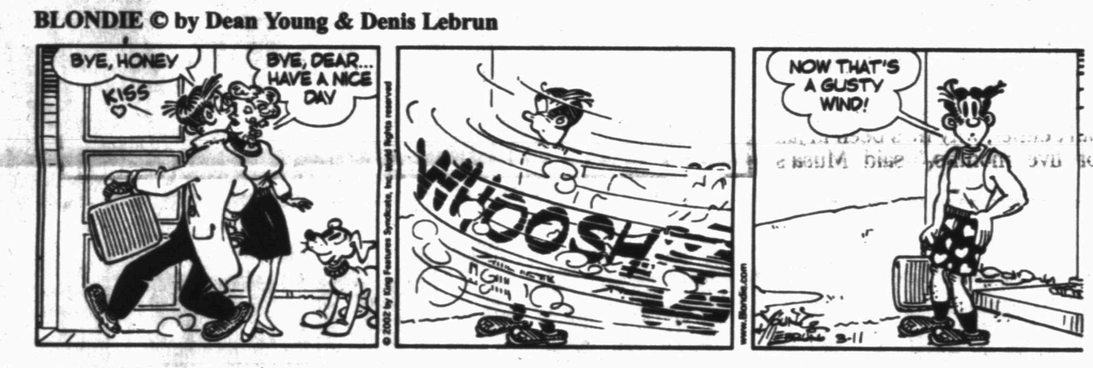
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23 Ex-superpower (abbr.)
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34 Adverb or adjective
37 Halloween greeting
38 Hit on the noggin
39 Excursions
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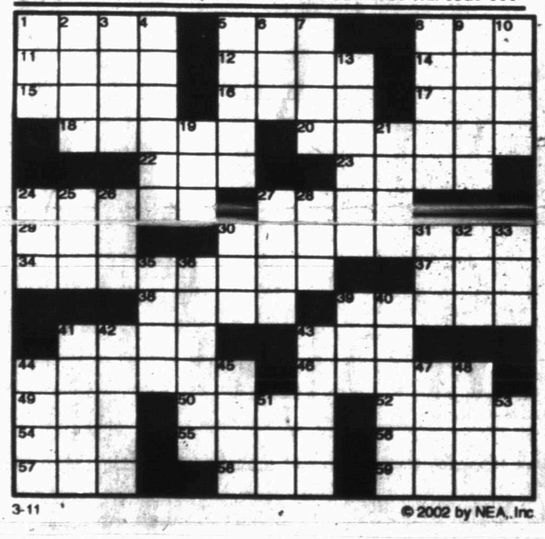
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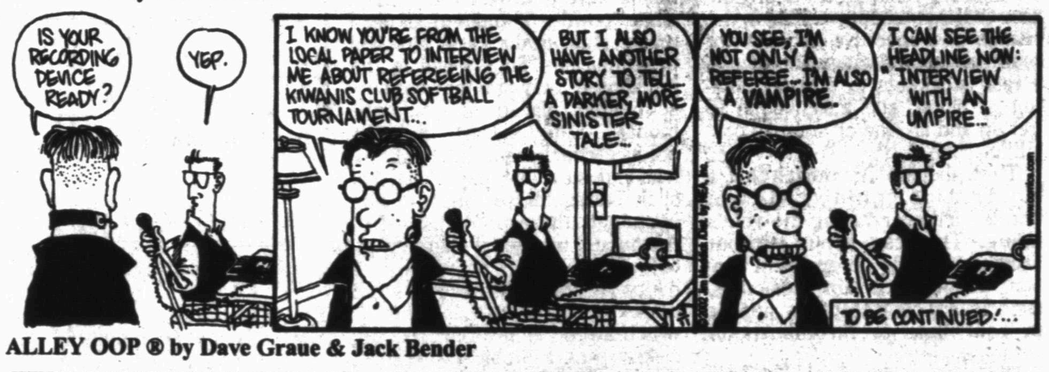
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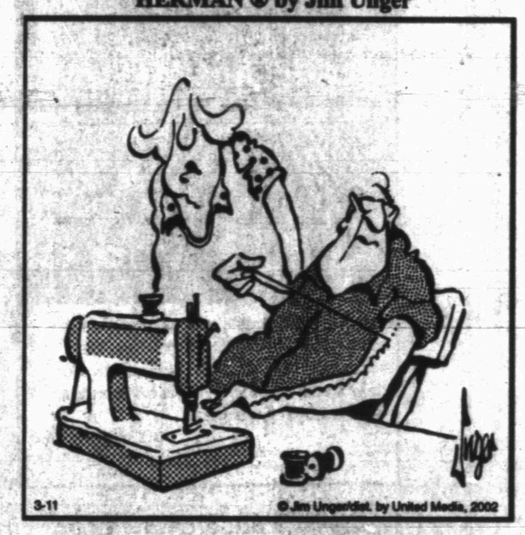
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Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Knowledge and experience will be your best friend in the year ahead. You might get several opportunities to use what you know in ways that will benefit you more than ever in the past.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There's a strong chance you could be directly affected today by shifting conditions initiated by outside factors. Don't fight the tide, roll with it and ride it out. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You've heard it often, "If you can't say something nice about a person, don't say anything." If you make this your creed today, you'll avoid a whole lot of trouble.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — In a situation where something of value is at stake, you could have a small edge over the competition. The problem is you might not recognize it in order to take advantage of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Being in the rear ranks might irk you today, but in order to move up to the front a bit, know when to be aggressive and when to lay low. Too much push could incite retaliation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You can deal effectively with others today, provided you do so quietly and without any fanfare. Make your influence felt in subtle ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't try to rely on your friends to be lucky for you today; you're going to have to find your own way to turn a buck. Without hard work, not much will be gained.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't waste your time today on mundane pursuits or on people who have little to offer. Try to team up with a good producer who possesses a lot of common sense as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is a possibility you could learn a value lesson today through something that goes all wrong. It might be a bit painful, but the knowledge will benefit you down the line.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Pride would be your worst enemy today if you fail to ask for help to sort out a difficult social development you cannot figure out on your own. Discuss it openly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's important to let others know that what is important to you would also be equally beneficial for them as well. If you're not willing to give up a bit, you'll have to go it alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be willing to work with what you have on hand today, even if it is not completely optimum. It'll be better than nothing. There's little chance conditions will change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Lady Luck will be nowhere to be found today when the goal is money. The only way you're going to get your hands on some is through old-fashioned hard work.

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Enron seeks to pay millions in past due property taxes

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for fallen energy trading giant Enron Corp., in an effort to avoid possible eviction from their downtown headquarters tower, have asked a federal bankruptcy judge for permission to pay almost $4 million in past due property taxes.

Enron, by agreeing to pay the property taxes, would postpone a foreclosure by J.P. Morgan Chase and the other lenders that could have come as early as April 2, according to the Houston Chronicle's editions today.

Enron bankruptcy attorney Brian Rosen said in court papers filed late Friday that paying the taxes is part of an agreement the company negotiated with Morgan, an agent for a group of lenders that owns the 1.25 million-square-foot headquarters.

According to the filing, an Enron victory in litigation to avoid foreclosure would be "far from certain," if Enron failed to pay the tax bill and the agreement fell apart.

"Rather than incurring the costs of litigation at this point in negotiations and risking the loss of its corporate headquarters and the expense and distraction associated with relocating thousands of employees, files, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, Enron submits that the court should authorize payment of the tax claims," wrote Rosen.

The 50-story building is leased by Enron through its Enron Leasing Partners unit, which has an agreement with building owner Brazos Office Holdings, a limited partnership.

Enron owes $3.86 million in year 2001 property taxes that were due Jan. 21, and are currently accruing interest, the court papers show. Enron must pay the taxes under terms of the lease, but the building's owner could ultimately be held responsible for them.

Enron's plans to vacate the skyscraper as it pares assets would not occur until a reorganization plan for a smaller company is approved by the bankruptcy court, company spokesman Mark Palmer said.

Midsummer would be the earliest that such a plan would be filed.

A number for Rosen was not listed and he could not be contacted early today by The Associated Press.

Morgan is one of Enron's two largest creditors, with more than $2 billion in exposure. The bank is a member of the official creditors' committee.

Oil Patch News

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Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 210-04 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 8-G Northwest Ira in the Diamond M field, five miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 7,500 feet, the recompletion is located in Section 9, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Scott Bakula starring in 'Star Trek' prequel

NEW YORK (AP) — No stranger to science-fiction roles, Scott Bakula needed no quantum leap for his latest part.

Bakula, whose signature series was the sci-fi hit "Quantum Leap," currently stars as Capt. Jonathan Archer in the "Star Trek" prequel "Enterprise," which airs on UPN.

Although Bakula admits he had worries about possibly becoming "famous for killing a 35-year-old franchise single-handedly," he said the role made sense after reading the script and meeting with creators Rick Berman and Brannon Braga.

"The script was great, and I really liked these guys," Bakula told Newsday in its Sunday editions. "We were on the same page about it being more human, more humorous, more reality-based."

The original "Star Trek" series debuted in 1966 and spawned three sequels that kept moving further into the future: "The Next Generation," "Deep Space Nine" and "Voyager." In search of a new concept, the creators opted for the prequel approach in "Enterprise," which takes place in the 22nd century some 100 years before Capt. James T. Kirk was at the helm.

Many Sept. 11 detainees still jailed in New Jersey

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Khalid Musa was like a lot of other Middle Eastern men who came to the United States last summer: young, eager to see relatives, and hoping to make a few dollars while they were here.

And he is like a lot of other Middle Eastern men who have been sitting in jail cells in the United States since last fall. They have been caught up in a wave of mass detentions, leaving hundreds still behind bars on immigration charges, with little or no evidence linking them to a serious crime, let alone the Sept. 11 attacks.

The 23-year-old Saudi native, who has Australian citizenship but lives in Jordan, was arrested Oct. 4 as the government's roundup of recent immigrants was kicking into high gear.

At its peak it took in more than 1,100 foreigners, mostly of Arab or South Asian descent.

Hundreds have since been released or deported, but the Justice Department says about 326 remain in custody, most of them in New Jersey jails.

Special Agent Sandra Carroll, a spokeswoman from the Newark FBI office, defended the post-Sept. 11 dragnet, noting the agency received thousands of tips and leads from the public, many of which resulted in arrests.

"We're doing our job, investigating Sept. 11 and anthrax, and because we're finding individualarroll could not offer an estimation of how many of those arrested after Sept. 11 were charged with crimes other than immigration violations.

Musa's only transgression was staying in the U.S. beyond the 90 days permitted under a waiver program that admits people from certain countries without requiring a visa.

"He can't understand, and we can't either, why he's been in jail for five months," said Musa's brother-in-law, Samer Mahmoud of Yonkers, N.Y. "He said he's afraid he's going to spend the rest of his life there."

Musa was cleared by the FBI in November, but remains in jail on immigration charges. In mid-February, his lawyer sued the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to get him deported. Regis Fernandez said he was told Musa would be put on a plane as soon as travel arrangements could be made and his belongings retrieved, but that hasn't happened yet.

INS spokesman Russ Bergeron disputed claims by detainees' advocates that the wave of arrests bogged down the system. He noted that the 326 Sept. 11 detainees still in custody in late February represented only a fraction of the nation's total immigration detainee population of over 20,000.

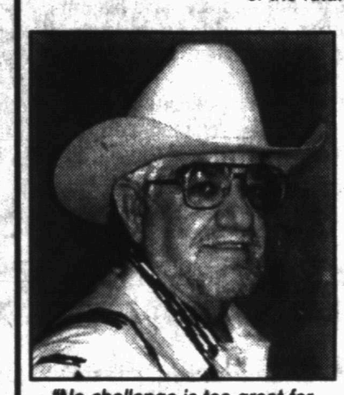
Bergeron also said immigration lawyers are often incorrect in saying their clients have been cleared by the FBI.

"They may have dealt with a local field agent who said he wasn't interested anymore in their client, but the information gathered by the field office has to be vetted against all the information that has been gathered nationwide," Bergeron said.

"The agent might not know that this guy's name turned up in a notebook that was gathered in Afghanistan. Until we're notified by the FBI — in Washington — that a person has been investigated as thoroughly as humanly possible, we're not going to start the process of deporting them."

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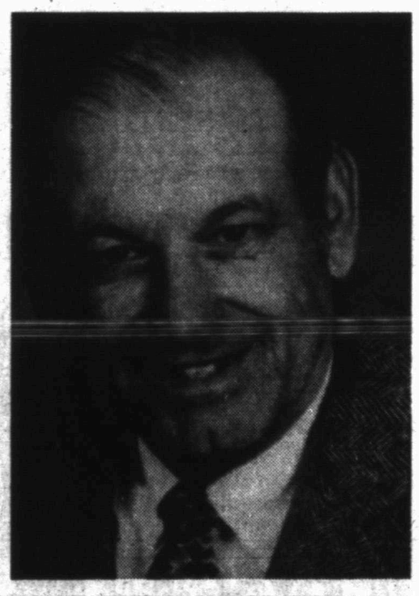
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Lockheed machinists reject contract

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Machinists at a Lockheed Martin aircraft assembly plant walked off the job early today, citing a lack of job security.

Members of the International Association of Machinists Local 709 turned down a three-year contract proposal on Sunday that would have raised wages 10 percent and provided workers with $1,000 signing bonuses. Workers began picketing at 12:01 a.m. at the plant's gates in Marietta.

"Every member that votes for this proposal is voting to rob his brothers and sisters of their jobs," The Atlanta Journal-Constitution quoted union president Jim Carroll telling members before the vote. "A raise isn't going to do you any good if they take away your job."

About 80 pickets, bundled up against the 30-degree cold, were walking a line between two Lockheed entrance gates during rush hour today. Most of the signs carried the union emblem, and said, "Strike against Lockheed-Martin."

The Marietta plant produces F-22 Raptor fighters and C-130J transport planes. Members of Local 709 make up more than a third of the 7,000 Lockheed workers in Marietta. Lockheed Martin is the nation's largest defense contractor.

Lockheed spokesman Sam Grizzle said the picket lines are up and "it's not business as usual."

"Contingency plans are in place for our customers and we'll have people here making sure we keep our commitments," he said without going into specifics about the plans.

On Friday, Lockheed Martin offered the workers a wage increase. But machinists said they were more concerned about job security, pension and health insurance.

Talks begin to sell Arthur Andersen

By Marcy Gordon
AP Business Writer

Arthur Andersen, the big accounting firm severely damaged by its connections to bankrupt client Enron Corp., is talking with rival Deloitte & Touche Tohmatsu about selling some or all of its operations, a source familiar with the talks said today.

Negotiations began last week between New York-based Deloitte and Chicago-based Arthur Andersen LLP, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The talks were first reported today in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

Deloitte spokesman Matthew Batters declined comment today on the discussions, but said the company "can confirm that we are involved in scenario planning exercises to address the current and future issues facing the profession."

Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton also declined comment on the talks. He said the Big Five accounting firm "is considering many options to enable us to continue to successfully serve our clients and promote the career opportunities of our people."

"We are committed to making changes to our business that will restore the public's trust, enhance the quality and independence of our audit practice, and allow all of our practices to thrive," Dorton said.

Andersen is discussing a possible sale of operations at the same time it is negotiating with federal prosecutors over whether it can avoid criminal charges in the Enron case. A Justice Department official indicated Friday that government lawyers were negotiating with representatives of Andersen. The official provided no details.

Andersen in January acknowledged massive shredding by its employees of Enron-related documents and later fired its lead Enron auditor, David Duncan.

Obituaries

Clara Carpenter

1954-2002

JAYTON — Clara Ann Carpenter of Jayton, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, March 10, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services are pending for Mrs. Carpenter, 47, at the Campbell Funeral Home in Spur.

She was born on April 29, 1954 in Colorado City.

Survivors include her husband, Aaron Carpenter of Jayton; two sons, Cole Carpenter of Jayton and Justin Jones, serving in the U.S. Navy; and her parents, J.R. and Effi Lou Meadows of Snyder.

Howard Herode

1919-2002

SAN ANGELO — Howard Ray Herode, father of Darrel Herode of Snyder, died Saturday, March 9, in a local hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Herode, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with the Rev. Bob Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Herode was born April 6, 1929, in Rochester, Ky., to Henry and Clara McCoy Herode. He married his wife of 39 years, Ida Simmons, on April 23, 1963, in Odessa.

Howard worked in the oil field trucking industry for many years for Lane Brothers Trucking, J.E. Cox and Son Trucking and E.L. Farmer Trucking.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Herode of San Angelo; two other sons, Paul Herode and wife, Kim, of West Chester, Ohio, and Chris Stewart and wife, Pam, of San Angelo; a daughter, Joyce Webb and husband, Sherman, of West Chester; two sisters, Mary Ruth Bryant of Central City, Ky., and Betty Cain of Belton, Ky.; a daughter-in-law, Carla Herode of Snyder; eight brothers-in-law; six sisters-in-law; 20 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Israel says Arafat can travel freely in Gaza, West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced on today that Yasser Arafat was free to travel in the West Bank and Gaza Strip after a three-month siege, but Israel pressed ahead with a military campaign against Palestinian militants, detaining about 1,000 Palestinians and killing five.

In one refugee camp raided by Israeli troops, hundreds of teen-age boys and men stood in line, stripped to their undershirts and holding their hands to their heads, waiting to be blindfolded and handcuffed by Israeli soldiers.

Israel's announcement that Arafat is free to travel in the Palestinian territories ended his three-month confinement to the West Bank town of Ramallah. At one point, Israeli tanks were deployed right outside his headquarters, but the armored vehicles pulled back about two weeks ago.

It remained unclear whether the Palestinian leader would be able to travel abroad, including to the Arab Summit in Beirut in late March, where debate on an emerging Arab peace initiative — full peace with Israel for a full Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands — was to be contingent on Arafat's participation.

Israeli officials said Arafat would still have to seek Israeli approval to go abroad. Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Sharon, said any request would be studied carefully but that approval would not be a formality, as it had been in the past.

Israel's decision to allow Arafat to move about came after Palestinian security forces arrested the last of five suspects in the October assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi.

Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said the Israeli decision had little significance. "What is needed from the Israeli government is to stop immediately its crimes and massacres against the Palestinian people and to end the closure that all the Palestinian people have been living under," he said.

The Israeli decision came just days before the arrival of U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni for a third truce mission later this week. Sharon has been softening some positions ahead of the Zinni mission, including dropping his insistence on a violence-free week as a condition for a truce.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he was prepared to send a small number of American monitors to the Middle East, along with Zinni, to supervise a truce. Israeli officials said Israel had no objection to a limited number of U.S. observers.

Dispatchers receive three calls of people threatening suicide

Suicide threats

Snyder dispatchers received three suicide threats during the weekend.

A Hermleigh man called 9-1-1 at 12:15 a.m. Monday to report he had assaulted his mother. Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to his location and advised no assault had occurred.

At 12:30 a.m., the same man called 9-1-1 again from Allsup's threatening suicide. A deputy reported the man left the convenience store, walking towards his residence. He was taken into custody and transported to the sheriff's office to be evaluated by MHMR.

An hour later, the MHMR representative advised everything was in order and the man was released and transported back to his Hermleigh home.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, a man requested officers at his residence in Snyder in reference to a subject intentionally cutting his hand.

The subject was taken to Cogdell Hospital's emergency room for inspection by a doctor and by MHMR, then transferred to Big Spring State Hospital.

A woman requested an ambulance at 4:20 p.m. Sunday due to her son cutting his wrists. The boy was taken to the emergency room, then to Big Spring State Hospital after meeting with MHMR.

Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 20-year-old man on U.S. 84 Saturday evening for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 10:15 p.m. Saturday, officers took an 18-year-old man into custody near the Willow Park Inn for public intoxication.

9-1-1 operators received two calls from a residence on 41st Street early Sunday morning in reference to a family disturbance there. Officers were dispatched to the home and arrested two subjects, a 47-year-old man for furnishing alcohol to a minor and an 18-year-old man for public intoxication.

A 24-year-old man was arrested in the 1400 block of E. Coliseum Drive at 3 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 4:30 a.m. Sunday, a 19-year-old man was taken into custody in the 2900 block of Ave. Z for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers responded to Wal-Mart just before 4 p.m. Sunday after an employee reported having a shoplifter in custody. Two subjects, a 22-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman, were booked into jail for Class B theft.

A 29-year-old man was taken into custody Sunday evening for resisting arrest and for Class B public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 31-year-old woman in the 3900 block of Muriel just before midnight Sunday for Class C public intoxication.

Theft

Leslie Carrisalez reported the theft of a wallet from McDonald's Sunday. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Close patrols

A man reported criminal mischief to the First United Methodist Church Saturday. A close patrol was initiated after juveniles were seen moving bricks that were covering vents.

A woman reported a prowler near her residence Saturday night and requested a close patrol of the area until morning.

Suspicious subjects were seen in the 3100 block of Ave. T Saturday night.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off Sunday morning in the amount of $19.48.

Two drive offs were reported from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop Sunday morning. The drivers made off with $10 and $14 worth of gas.

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events

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ONGOINGS

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will work in the Master Degree at 7:30 tonight.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Little Sins, Big Consequences" followed by "Our God is Alive."

1977 SHS class reunion

The 1977 class reunion committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Janie McCormick at 2805 32nd St.

Free income tax help

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

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Community garden planning

There will be a planning session for the community garden at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. All interested are invited to attend. For more information, call BeBe Boren, coordinator, at 574-1967 or 806-629-4475.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

American Legion membership drive

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

UW board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County United Way will meet at noon next Monday at 2311 Ave. T.

Community choir class

A community choir class will begin next Monday in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is Sunday, March 24, at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

Windbreak trees

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

Adult basic education classes

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

ESL, GED classes

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

Discovery School

Discovery School will be providing summer childcare from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for children ages birth to 10 years. For more information call 573-4770.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Kmart CEO leaves company

DETROIT (AP) — Kmart Corp.'s chief executive left the nation's third biggest discount chain today, three days after the company operating under bankruptcy protection announced plans to close 284 stores and cut 22,000 jobs.

Chuck Conaway will be immediately replaced as CEO by Chairman James Adamson, a turnaround expert and longtime Kmart board member.

The Troy, Mich.-based retailer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Jan. 22, following lower-than-expected holiday sales, downgrades by several credit rating agencies and a stock dive.

"While I have been contemplating this departure for some time given my family needs and professional goals, it was critical that the transition go smoothly," Conaway said in a statement.

Conaway, who signed a five-year contract with Kmart in May 2000, was replaced as Kmart chairman by Adamson days before the bankruptcy filing.

Before joining Kmart, Conaway had won many fans on Wall Street as the No. 2 executive at drugstore chain operator CVS, which he helped build into an industry powerhouse with more than 4,100 stores and annual sales topping $18 billion.

Under his watch, CVS developed its Internet strategy. He also oversaw the drugstore chain's distribution systems — getting products from suppliers into its stores.

Analyst Eric Beder, with Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. Inc., said it's no surprise that Conaway is leaving.