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Relay for Life entertaining, educational

The Relay for Life Fiesta celebration Friday and Saturday at Tiger Stadium promises to be an entertaining event.

Participants will have the opportunity to play games, buy raffle tickets, see and hear live entertainment and enjoy good food and visiting with neighbors.

Many of the teams involved in the event will be having fundraisers at their campsites and these include golf, a bean bag toss, an air castle and whacking a piñata.

The Covenant Medical clinic team, in keeping with the theme of fiesta, will be selling handmade maracas and bracelets in different colors to signify different types of cancer.

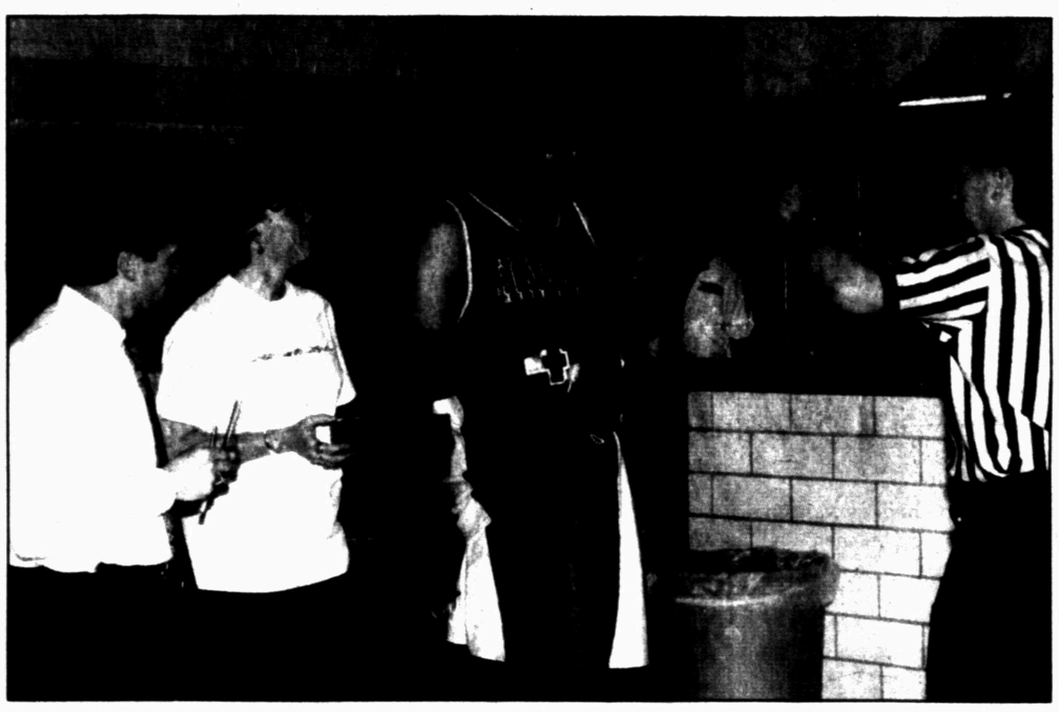
Some teams are offering food for donations and many are raffling items. Some of the items to be raffled include a handmade quilt, a glider chair and table and a stained glass cross. Many other items will be raffled and tickets may be purchased at the various campsites.

There will be live entertainment throughout the entire relay event, and participants and visitors may also walk in a survivors' and caretakers' lap of hope and victory, a silent auction, a live auction and a luminary ceremony.

A prize will be awarded for the best campsite at the closing ceremony Saturday morning, and other prizes will be given for the most spirited team, and in various other categories.

Scurry County cancer board directors will be selling items in the Relay Store at the field to include T-shirts, caps, visors, sunglasses, beach balls and umbrellas.

"Everyone should come out and see what the Relay for Life is about and enjoy visiting with neighbors while supporting this cause. Scurry County is greatly affected by cancer and we want the entire community to join us in the fight," said Wendy Barnett, marketing director for the local American Cancer Society.



AND THE WINNER IS — Western Texas College reps Dennis Noblett and Glenda Boyd get a hand from one of the Harlem Entertainers Tuesday night while drawing winners from the crowd. Dave Hanes, also a WTC employee, officiated the event, which drew approximately 200 from the community to the Snyder High gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One thing is worse than paying an income tax – it's not having the money to pay it."

When the income tax was first implemented, less than two percent of American households were subject to the tax.

It's not so much paying the tax that bothers most people – it's the aggravation – the maze of rules and regulations that accountants don't understand and or have even heard about.

Tax preparation folks profit from the complexity of the systems. One such company has referred to the mess in its national advertising:

"It took an Act of Congress to pass 41 tax-law changes. Will it take an Act of God to understand them?"

Enjoy some famous Will Rogers views on taxes:

—There is a tremendous movement on to get lower taxes on earned incomes. Then will come the real problem. Who among us on salary are earning our income?

—The idea that a tax on something keeps anybody from buying is a lot of hooey. They put it on gasoline all over the country and it hasn't kept a soul at home.

—A tax paid on the day you buy is not as tough as asking you for it the next year when you are broke.

—The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has.

—It's a great country, but you can't live in it for nothing.

—It ain't taxes that is hurting this country. It's interest.

—When a party can't think of anything else they always fall back on lower taxes. It has a magic sound to a voter, just like Fairyland is spoken of and dreamed of by all children. But no child has ever seen it. Neither has any voter ever lived to see the day when his taxes were lowered.

—Presidents have been promising lower taxes since Washington crossed the Delaware by hand in a row boat. But our taxes have gotten bigger and their boats have gotten larger until now the President crosses the Delaware on his private yacht.

—I wanted to get to see those Head Hunters you all have in your country. We have 'em over home, but we call 'em income tax collectors.

—Taxation is about all there is to government. People want just taxes more than they want lower taxes. They want to know that every man is paying his share according to his wealth.

—There's no income tax in Russia, but there's no income.

Smile, and if you did put that check in the mail earlier this week, you have a full year to think about other things. If you're one of those who sought an extension – hunker down.

Dr. Nelson Brice...

Doctor placed on probation

Dr. Nelson Brice, who has practiced general medicine in Snyder since 1975, has been placed on probation for five years by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners

The state board decision is based on record-keeping problems dating back to 1999.

On Dec. 11, 1999, the state board issued a public reprimand of Dr. Brice for failing to keep accurate records on purchasing and disposing of drugs.

The earlier probation expired December 2001, but on Nov. 30, 2000, a drug audit was conducted and found that appropriate records were not being kept for controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

The audit also found that there were samples of controlled substances, but no receipts.

Dr. Brice told the examiners that the drug samples were for distribution to indigent patients and admitted to providing the medication to patients while not keeping adequate records.

The probation calls for Dr. Brice to be monitored by another licensed physician, an on-site inspection of his office once a month, and personal counseling.

Dr. Brice must also attend a course on the proper prescribing of controlled substances, and surrender his Drug Enforcement Administration controlled substance registration certificate, as well as the Texas Department of Public Safety controlled substance registration certificate.

Dr. Brice, who received his medical degree in 1968 from the University of Chile, said today he would keep his practice open despite the probation.

"I can't prescribe narcotics now, so if a patient needs them for pain, I will recommend they go to a pain specialist," Dr. Brice said.

"I have a huge practice and the whole problem relates to record keeping and the disposing of narcotics," said Dr. Brice.

"This doesn't have anything to do with patient treatment," Dr. Brice emphasized.

WTC board to review abated taxes

Western Texas College board of trustees will convene at noon Thursday to discuss the possibility of recapturing abated taxes from Lorber Industries.

The college, along with Scurry County and the city of Snyder, granted an eight-year tax abatement to the firm when it opened in 1998.

Lorber closed its spinning mill in the industrial park last October.

Snyder ISD trustees last week began the process of collecting some $130,000 in back taxes and the commissioners' court Monday opted to notify Lorber of its non-compliance on the abatement agreement, but stopped short of seeking back taxes, for now.

The WTC agenda includes no other business, but the trustees will discuss upcoming events, including the May 3 graduation ceremony.

Thursday's meeting will be held in the faculty dining room and the next regular meeting is scheduled May 13.

DCOS discusses Lorber property

The board of the Development Corporation of Snyder met in closed session for just over an hour Tuesday afternoon to discuss real property, presumably the Lorber Industries of Texas holdings in the industrial park.

It was announced that no action was taken following the closed session.

Approval of the monthly financial statements was the only action item on the agenda.

Board president David Cotton presided and all members were present to include James Brown, Dayton Robertson, Mark Cypert and Mike McWilliams. Also present was Chairman Emeritus Roy Baze.

The Lorber property has been the topic, and continues to be the topic of the taxing entities in the county as they try to collect back taxes, and possibly, abated taxes.

Snyder ISD filed a tax warrant suit Monday to begin the process of collecting some $130,000 in delinquent taxes, plus the current taxes.

Also on Monday, Scurry County commissioners voted to notify Lorber that the company has defaulted on its tax abatement agreement with the county.

Western Texas College's board of trustees will meet at noon Thursday, and the city council has a noon meeting Friday for the same purpose.



BIG COUNTRY, BIG DONATION — A 2002 Chevrolet Silverado S10 pickup was donated to Western Texas College Monday by Bill Wilson's Big Country Autoland. The pickup will be raffled with all proceeds going to the college's new baseball and softball programs. Individuals making a $25 tax-deductible gift to the programs will secure a chance to win the pickup in a raffle, with only 1,000 chances sold. The winning ticket will be announced at Wal-Mart July 4. (Contributed Photo)

Hotel-motel funds...

Chamber board grants requests

Chamber of Commerce directors granted two hotel-motel tax fund requests during the monthly board meeting Monday.

The directors approved $1,000 for the WTC Rodeo Booster Club to be used for coliseum rental fees, and the Scurry County Museum was given $1,000 of a requested $2,230 to be used for printing brochures to promote the museum.

A $1,000 request from Tanner Time/Lynn McKenzie Barrel Racing Lab was turned down because it did not meet the tourism criteria.

The board recognized College Avenue Coin Laundry and Scott Campbell, Republican nominee for state representative, as new members.

ASK US

Q—If it's against the rules to consume alcohol on county property, why were empty beer cans all over the coliseum and annex last Wednesday?

A—Coliseum foreman Whit Parks said staffers try to prevent alcohol from entering the buildings, but people sneak it in.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 90 degrees, low, 50, 7 a.m. Wednesday, 50, no precipitation; total for 2002, 5.67 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, low near 60; SE winds 10-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, breezy, high near 90, 20% rain chance. Thursday night, partly cloudy, slight rain chance, low upper 60s.



Michael Garza
Breezy

Sunset:
8:14 p.m.

Sunrise:
7:12 a.m.

Of 106 days in 2002, the sun has shone 101 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't.

—Martin Van Buren

SHS band to compete in contest

The Snyder High School band will compete in UIL concert and sight-reading contests at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview on Thursday, starting at 1 p.m.

Donnie Reston directs the high school band and Kay Kennedy is the assistant director.

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Houston couple mourn loss of son in Afghanistan

HOUSTON (AP) — While serving in Afghanistan, Army Staff Sgt. Brian Craig would call his family at least once a week, and sometimes more often if there were reports of American casualties.

"For the last couple months, the phone would ring early Saturday morning," said Barbara Craig, his mother. "He couldn't tell us where he was or exactly what he was doing. But he would check in just to say 'I am fine.' "

When Arthur and Barbara Craig of Houston heard that four U.S. soldiers were killed Monday in Kandahar as they dismantled confiscated rockets, they worried. Soon their fears were confirmed.

Barbara Craig was home alone on Tuesday when an Army car pulled up to the Craig residence in north Harris County and two military men got out.

She was just returning from taking her husband to the airport for a missionary trip to the Ukraine.

"I had just gotten home and there they were," Barbara Craig said, bracing at the pain of receiving the news alone.

She called her husband, Arthur, and said their youngest son was among the dead. He returned home.

"He laid down his life not only for his friends, but for people he didn't even know, the Afghan people," said Arthur Craig, pastor of the Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church in Spring Branch.

"Rather than using weapons of destruction, he was over there cleaning up the munitions left by past and present war. By doing that we are certain he saved the lives of many people - men, women and children," Craig told the Houston Chronicle on Tuesday.

Brian Craig, 27, joined the Army in 1993, weeks after he graduated from Klein Forest High School.

A straight-A student with college potential, he wanted to join the Army first.

"We knew from his junior year that he would enlist after graduation," said Joe Georgiana, a retired marketing teacher from Craig's high school. "It was always his objective. He never wavered."

The soldier's father was stationed in Thailand with the Air Force during the Vietnam War and was proud to see his son join the Army.

"We encouraged him to go to college but he was very determined to enlist," he said. "He felt that was what God was calling him to do, and we gave him complete support."

Known for his love of adventure and hobbies such as whitewater rafting, Brian Craig first enlisted as a paratrooper. After four years of jumping out of airplanes, he decided he was ready for something else.

"He called to tell us that he was going to give up the airborne infantry — I guess it was hard on his knees," his father said. "And we said, 'Praise the Lord. Good.' And then he told us he was going to re-enlist in explosives disposal and we said, 'Oh no, out of the frying pan and into the fire.' But we always gave him complete support."

During his nearly nine years of service, Craig served four years in Anchorage, Alaska, before being stationed in San Diego. Last year, he spent several months in Bosnia.

"He wasn't happy when he wasn't working," Kevin Craig said. "When he was in the States there was a lot of slow time, which he did not like."

Craig was deployed to Afghanistan in December, though his family did not know he was there for the first couple of months.

events

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
7-13-28-32
Bonus number 6
Estimated jackpot: $1,250,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
5-18-27-28-34

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-7-8

Man killed, officer injured in standoff

LEVELLAND (AP) — Police shot and killed a prison guard after a brief standoff at a convenience store that began when the man asked employees to call officers to the scene and then fired his gun into the back of the store.

One officer was grazed by ricocheting bullets and was treated and released.

Police said they believe Antonio Rodriguez Jr., 39, who worked as a guard at a prison in Brownfield, went to the store intending for police to eventually kill him. He left two notes addressed to a friend and his family in his pickup parked nearby.

Officers said Rodriguez had a semiautomatic pistol with him when he went into the store about 2 p.m. and asked a clerk to summon police. After the clerk dialed 911, a gunshot was heard by the police dispatcher, but it was later learned Rodriguez had only fired at the back of the store, police said.

Once officers arrived, three female clerks inside the store were released from the store unharmed, police said.

Berry's World



Date Book

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Today is the 107th day of 2002 and the 29th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus signed a contract with Spain that gave him a commission to seek a westward passage to Asia.

On this day in 1776, Capt. John Barry of the USS Lexington became the first commissioned U.S. naval officer to capture an enemy warship. He and his men captured the HMS Edward off the coast of Virginia.

On this day in 1961, the United States invaded Cuba using 1,500 Cuban exiles as troops. The failed invasion took place at a spot along the Cuban coast called the Bay of Pigs.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: J.P. Morgan (1837 - 1913), financier; Walter Camp (1859 - 1925), football player/coach; Isak Dinesen (1885 - 1962), writer; Thornton Wilder (1897 - 1975), writer; William Holden (1918 - 1981), actor; Cynthia Ozick (1928 -), author, is 74; Norman "Boomer" Esiason (1961 -), football player/commentator, is 41; Reggie "Redman" Noble (1970 -), rap artist, is 32; Jennifer Garner (1972 -), actress, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, the New York Yankees' Mickey Mantle smashed a Chuck Stobbs pitch 565 feet for what is certainly the longest home run in baseball history. It may have gone even farther, but the ball nicked a beer sign 460 feet from home plate.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Ninety-nine percent of the people in the world are fools and the rest of us are in great danger of contagion." - Thornton Wilder, "The Matchmaker," Act 1 (1954)

TODAY'S MOON: Between the new moon (April 12) and the first quarter (April 20).

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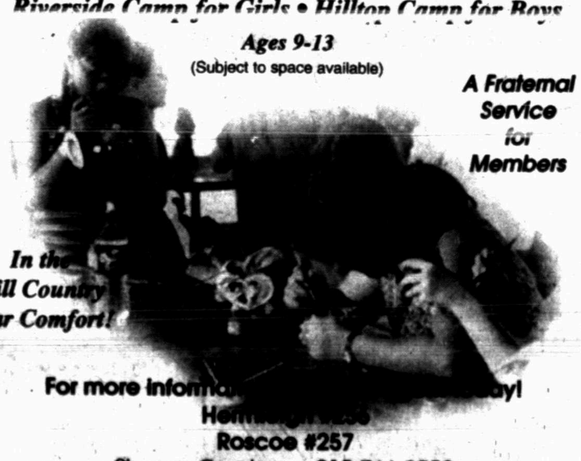
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Refugee centers struggle to stay afloat

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — Fewer arrivals. Layoffs. Deep cuts in funding.

The agencies that help refugees adjust to life in America have had to make adjustments of their own since the flow of immigrants slowed to a trickle after Sept. 11, starving them of funding.

"We just keep our fingers crossed for another month," said Richard Sessler, executive director of the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees in Utica.

The agencies, most of them privately run, rely heavily on state and federal dollars to teach English to newly arrived refugees and help them with job training and placement. And since funding levels are based in part on the number of refugees served, a sudden drop-off in arrivals after Sept. 11 left many of the agencies short on resources.

Several centers were forced to shift staff or lay off workers. And even though refugee numbers are creeping back up, administrators say it could be months before they fully recover.

The old brick school building that houses the Mohawk Valley center in downtown Utica is typically bustling, serving people who fled from places like Bosnia, Myanmar and Sudan. In a typical year, about 700 refugees pass through here.

Last fall, the number fell to zero.

The drop-off began nationwide on Oct. 1, when the annual federal authorization for taking in refugees lapsed. Because authorities were reviewing immigration and security procedures following the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush didn't sign a reauthorization until Nov. 21.

Even after the gates reopened, tightened security — including more elaborate fingerprinting procedures — has slowed the processing of refugees, according to resettlement agency officials.

From October through February, 5,403 refugees came into the country, according to State Department figures. That compares with 25,524 during the same period a year earlier, according to the Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the largest resettlement agency.

The drop in arrivals led to a handful of layoffs at Catholic agencies. Affiliates of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service laid off 32 people, a third of their resettlement staff.

The Utica refugee center, a Lutheran affiliate, only laid off one staffer, but had to shift other jobs around.

"We had some resettlement people that were doing office work," Sessler said. "We had translators pounding nails."

Resettlement agencies lobbying the government to let in more refugees have found allies in places like Utica, where transplanted populations from Bosnia and other trouble spots have helped revitalize the city. Utica Mayor Timothy Julian and the local congressman, Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, have lent their names to the cause.

The agencies got some help this year from the State Department, which began offering the centers reimbursement for administrative expenses usually tied to the number of refugees processed.

A steady climb in refugee arrivals has also helped. In March, 2,659 refugees came into the country — about half the number that came in during the previous five months.

James Ziglar, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, has told Congress he would increase funding for refugee processing. And a State Department official said the agency is working as hard as it can to process refugees while maintaining the country's security.

Still, some resettlement workers see a long road ahead, and many doubt that the full number of refugees authorized by Bush — 70,000 for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 — will make it stateside.

"We're no longer in a crisis that threatens the existence of the network, but we're still in a difficult situation," said Ralston Deffenbaugh, president of the Baltimore-based Lutheran agency.

Estranged wife seeks $1 million a year

NEW YORK (AP) — The estranged wife of former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani wants $1 million a year tax-free to support herself and her two children, Giuliani's attorney says.

That's about $950,000 more than Giuliani is willing to pay.

Giuliani, 57, now pays a court-ordered $1,800 a month and half of all the living expenses for television journalist Donna Hanover and the children. He has offered to double that amount, Raoul Felder, Giuliani's attorney, said at a divorce hearing Tuesday.

Hanover's lawyer, Helene Brezinsky, told state Supreme Court Justice Judith Gische that Giuliani earns $1 million a month.

"The money is pouring in," Brezinsky said.

Giuliani, who was lauded for his handling of the city following the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center, is a highly paid speaker and runs his own business consulting firm, Giuliani Partners.

Hanover, 52, and Giuliani have two children: Andrew, 16, and Caroline, 12. Giuliani filed for divorce in October 2000. A judge gave Hanover custody of the children.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Couple can't take vacation without guilt trip from mom

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have worked hard all our lives and raised three wonderful children. She's retired now, but still works part time at another job. I plan to retire in three years. We are at a point in our lives that we can take weekend trips and one or two vacations a year. It's our way of unwinding and enjoying each other.

The problem? My mother. Dad died a few years ago and Mom thinks everyone should think only of her. I am the oldest of three brothers and, trust me, Abby, all of us in the family do far more for her than most families would. That doesn't stop Mom from throwing hints around about feeling left out when my wife and I don't include her in our getaways.

Mom is on the go all the time, but to hear her tell it, she sits at home by herself day after day. When we call her, all she does is complain that no one ever calls or comes to see her. Nothing could be further from the truth. We have a schedule so that someone in the family calls her every morning and afternoon. Help! — FRUSTRATED SON IN NASHVILLE

DEAR SON: Your mother may be shoveling the guilt your way, but why are you taking it to heart? Complaining may be her way of making conversation. Don't make excuses and don't take it personally. And if you want to include her occasionally, by all means do so.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently married a wonderful woman with an adorable, energetic 3-year-old daughter.

My concern is my wife's mother, "Julia." She's a fine mother/mother-in-law, and the greatest grandmother in the world, but she harbors an intense dislike for my wife's ex-husband, "Trevor." Every time Trevor's name is mentioned, Julia says something negative about him. She refuses to talk to him or be in his presence. If she happens to be at our home when Trevor comes to pick up his daughter for visitation, she'll leave the room and go to a back bedroom.

Everyone in the family has discussed this with Julia, including my wife's grandmother. However, every time we raise the subject, she becomes angry at us.

While my wife and her ex were not good as a couple, this man has been nothing but a loving, patient and supportive father. He shows up on time, almost never cancels, pays his child support in full — and my stepdaughter is always excited to see him.

My concern is that my mother-in-law's anger toward Trevor will eventually confuse my stepdaughter. Although she is young now, there will come a time when she'll be old enough to know something is wrong. What can be done, Abby? — JEFF IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR JEFF: Lay down the law to Julia. Tell her she must keep her feelings about the child's father to herself. There is no reason the child should be subjected to this. If Julia cannot comply, she should plan ahead to be elsewhere when visitation is scheduled.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Priest acquitted on rape charge

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest faces as much as 14 years in prison after his conviction on charges of molesting a 13-year-old girl more than two decades ago.

The Rev. Don Kimball was convicted Tuesday on the molestation charge, which dated from 1981. He also was acquitted of charges he raped another teen-age girl in a church in 1977.

Kimball, 58, was a popular youth minister who used rock 'n' roll to impart religious messages before the church removed him from his duties.

He had denied the charges, though he admitted to having sex with adult women. He was tried more than two decades after the alleged crimes because of recent changes in state law that extended the statute of limitations for sex crimes involving children.

Kimball will be sentenced May 15 on one count of committing a forcible lewd act upon a child and one count of committing a lewd act upon a child. The acts took place at St. John's Rectory in Healdsburg.

"This is for all the survivors of Don Kimball and clergy everywhere," the molestation victim, Ellen Brem, now 34, said after the verdict. "I don't know if anyone who's been abused can every really move on."

Kimball faces a maximum prison sentence of 14 years.

He had also been accused of raping Mary Agbayani, then 14, behind the altar of a Santa Rosa church in 1977. Agbayani claimed Kimball arranged an abortion when he got her pregnant.

Agbayani, now 38, said Tuesday she was not disappointed that Kimball was found innocent of rape.

"I feel like justice has been served," she said. "Doors are being opened and daughters are talking to mothers."

'Girl X' settles case

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Housing Authority has approved a financial settlement for a girl who was raped and beaten at the crime-ridden Cabrini-Green housing project, an attack that left her blind, mute and crippled.

The 15-year-old girl, dubbed "Girl X" by the media after the 1997 attack, will receive $357,690 under the settlement approved Tuesday.

Her family said they plan to use most of the money to pay for expenses when they eventually bring the girl home. She lives in a long-term care facility for disabled children on the city's west side.

The settlement comes more than five years after the January 1997 attack on Girl X. The girl, then 9, was lured into a Cabrini-Green apartment, where she was attacked, had roach spray poured down her throat and was left for dead in a dirty stairwell.

Patrick Sykes, the man convicted of assaulting Girl X, was sentenced to 120 years in prison in July.

Housing Authority general counsel Gail Nieman said the agreement clears the authority of any further liability.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Leading against suit contracts

By Phillip Alder

To start today, look only at the West hand. What would you lead (a) against four spades after a sequence in which the opponents have bid only that suit, or (b) after one no-trump — three no-trump?

Against a no-trump contract, you hope to win several tricks from one suit and one or two elsewhere. Against a suit contract, though, notwithstanding the evidence from this deal, you rarely win more than two tricks from any one suit. Instead, you hope to get one or two tricks from enough suits to defeat the contract. So, short, strong holdings make great leads against suit contracts.

North's three spades is a limit raise, showing at least four trumps and 10-12 support points, counting one point for a doubleton and three for a singleton.

Against three no-trump, West should lead the heart six, fourth-highest from his longest and strongest. And that could prove best against four spades too, but I much prefer the diamond king. A decent partner will have the jack, and an excellent partner will hold the ace. Here, if West leads a spade, heart or club, declarer should win 12 tricks. But the diamond king gives the defenders a chance. Under the diamond king, East encourages a continuation with his 10. Now West can cash the diamond queen and play a third diamond to East's ace. What next?

If West had the club ace, he would have cashed it before leading the third diamond. So, the defenders have surely taken all their side-suit tricks. This signposts the lethal defense: a fourth diamond, which promotes a trump trick.

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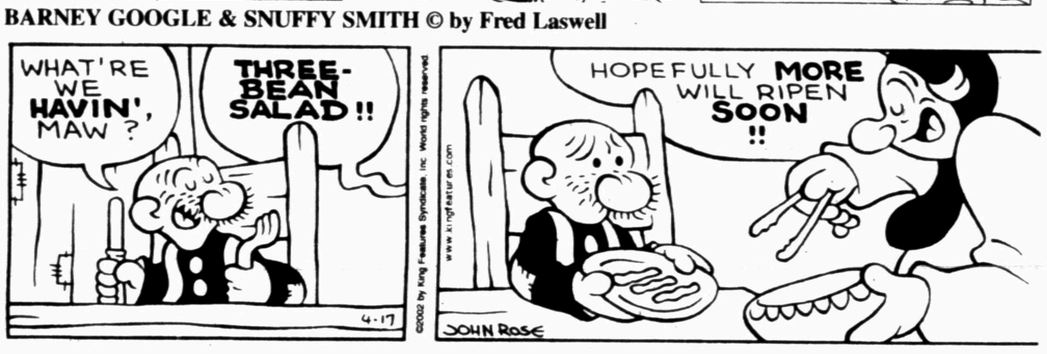
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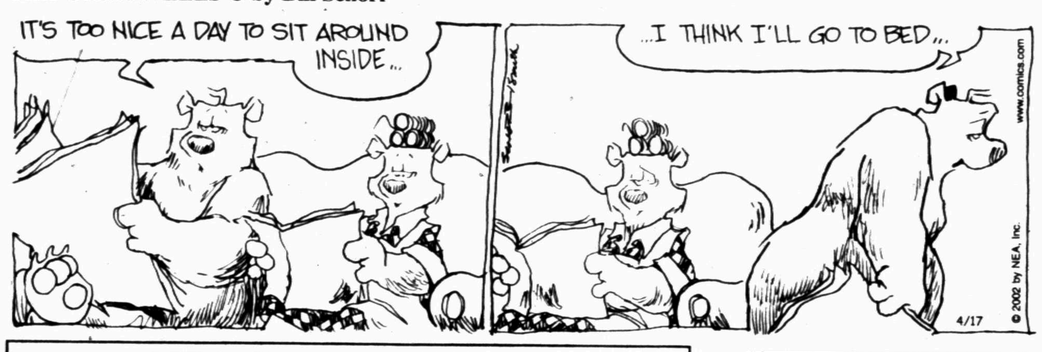
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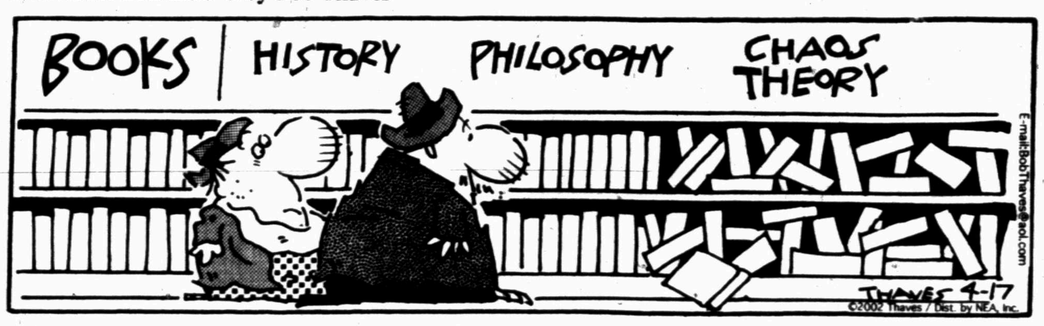
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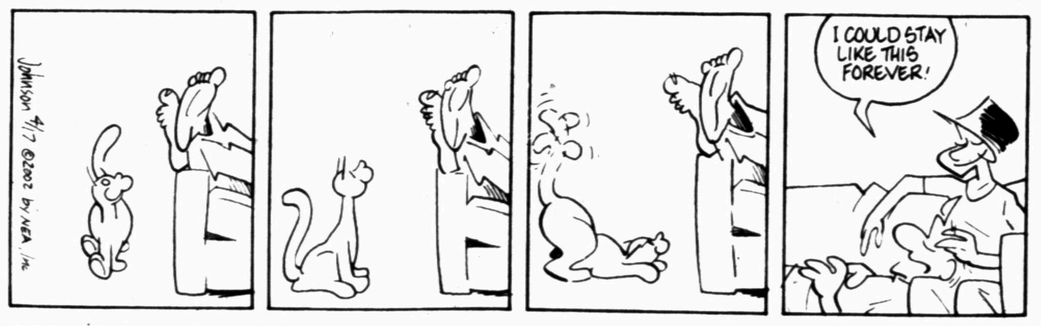
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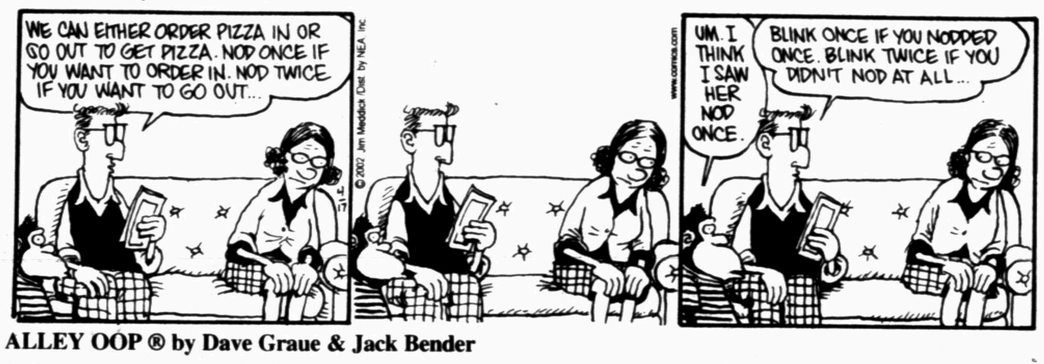
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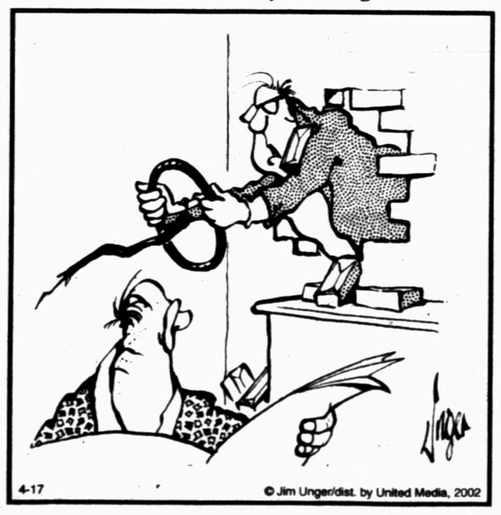
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6 Saw the sights
12 Actress Sanford
14 Grits
15 Type of gum
16 Side against
17 Overhead trains
18 JFK visitor
19 Nanny's charge
21 Fem. saint
23 Poetic adverb
26 Cargo hauler
27 Mgmt. biggie
28 Disgusted (2 wds.)
30 Apr. 15 agcy.
31 Rocker part
32 Inner self
33 Song of triumph
35 Freeway clogger
37 Our sun
38 Majorette's gait
39 Cash mach.
40 Bauxite or galena
41 List shortener
42 Country addr.
43 Hosp. workers
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51 Lathered
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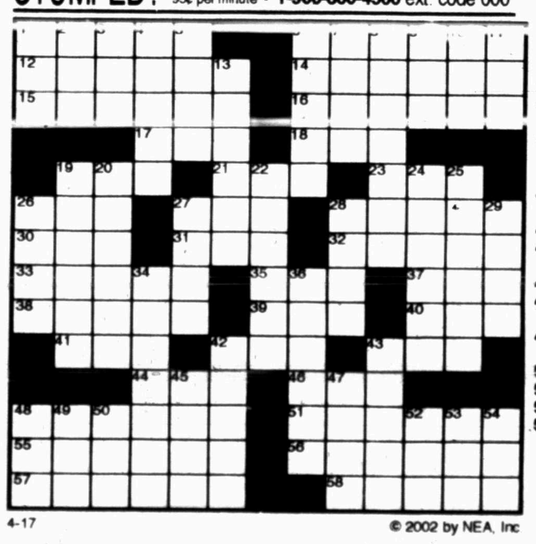
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4 Receded
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7 Fumbler's word
8 Lots
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10 Naval off.
11 Pigment
13 The preferred evil
19 Kind of chop
20 Add
22 Four-footed Romeo
24 Menlo Park name
25 Unconfirmed reports
27 Quitter's word
28 Homestead
29 Bleached-out
34 Put on the block
36 Relaxed, in the army (2 wds.)
42 Cook in embers
43 Contact
45 Diarist — Frank
47 Habit
48 Pop's partner
49 Literary collection
50 Tractor-trailer
52 Taro dish
53 Previously
54 Rock's — Leppard

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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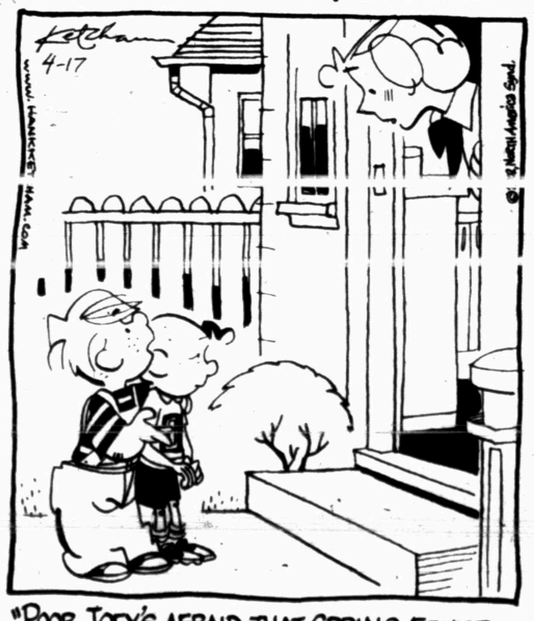
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SPORTS



LOCAL SIGNEES — Western Texas coach James King, far left, signed three Snyder High School players to be part of the Westerners' new baseball team, which begins play next fall. Signing letters are, from left, Stephen Ortegon, John Ortegon and Shay Franks. Looking on is SHS coach Roland Herrera. Stephen and Shay are Tiger seniors, while John is a 2000 graduate of SHS.

Tigers win topsy-turvy affair with Steers, 12-10

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — It started out as a pitcher's duel, then turned into a rout before finishing up as a nail biter. The Snyder Tigers got their money's worth Tuesday at Steer Park.

Four pitchers, a three-run homer and a seven-run lead almost weren't enough for Snyder as it eked out a 12-10 victory over Big Spring to retain its spot atop the District 4-4A standings.

The Tigers clinched a playoff berth last week and hold a one-game advantage over Frenship and Andrews with three games left in the chase for the district title.

"Big Spring is scrappy and they don't ever give up," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "Our pitching struggled and we made too many errors. Luckily our bats came alive in those last few innings to give us the big lead."

After Big Spring pulled even at 5-5 in the fifth, the Tigers took the lead for good with one swing of the bat in the top of the sixth.

Stephen Ortegon started things off with a two-out single and Tito Alaniz followed with a base hit to bring up Brooks Nunley.



Nunley

The senior wasted no time, turning on the second pitch offered and crushing it over the high fence in left field for a three-run homer.

"The home run by Brooks got the momentum back on our side, and it carried over into the next inning," Herrera said. "But like I said, Big Spring doesn't give up and they made it a little too interesting in the seventh."

Tyler Trout, the Tigers' third pitcher of the day, retired the Steers in order in the bottom of the sixth and Snyder set to work extending its lead in the top of the seventh.

A double from Alaniz and singles by Ortegon and Riki Dorsett, combined with a walk and hit batter, resulted in four runs that gave Snyder a 12-5 cushion heading into Big Spring's last at bat.

The Steers didn't go quietly as a Snyder error to start the inning was followed by four consecutive singles that chased Trout.

With two runs already in, Alaniz struck out Nathan Clements before surrendering a pair of hits and two more runs. Alaniz fanned Andrew Vizcaino then surrendered an RBI-single before getting Zac Phinney on a called third strike to end the game.

"We weren't real happy with the way we played at times," Herrera remarked. "We're just glad to get out of there with the win."

An Isaac Ramon double and a Shay Franks single, along with a Big Spring error gave Snyder a 2-0 lead in the third. Dorsett plated two runs with a single in the fourth that stretched the margin to 4-0.

Big Spring broke onto the board with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Snyder got one back in the top of the fifth, and Big Spring answered with three runs in the bottom of the frame to knot the tally before Nunley's home run broke the tie in the sixth.

Shay Franks started on the mound for Snyder. Franks gave way to Logan Hill with two outs in the fourth. Hill lasted two-thirds of an inning, with Trout notching the final two outs in the fifth.

Snyder is in action again at 7 p.m. Friday when it travels to Lubbock to face the Estacado Matadors. The Tigers hit the road again Tuesday to take on Plainview before closing out the regular season April 26 at home against Andrews.

The district champion receives a first-round bye in the state playoffs. The runner-up and third-place team face the second and third-place squads from District 3 in the opening round.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	5	0	0	0
McGuire cf	3	1	0	0
Ortegon c	4	0	2	1
Villarreal cr	0	3	0	0
Alaniz lf	5	1	2	2
Nunley ss	4	2	2	3
Pendleton 1b	3	1	0	0
Roemisch ph	1	0	0	0
Ramon 3b	3	2	2	0
Franks p	2	0	2	1
Greenwood cr	0	1	0	0
Hill p	1	0	0	0
Trout p	0	0	0	0
Dorsett rf	4	1	2	3
Totals	**35**	**12**	**12**	**10**

Big Spring	ab	r	h	bi
Clements rf	5	0	0	0
McKinnon ss	4	1	1	2
Phillips 3b	5	1	2	0
Vizcaino p	5	2	1	2
Beauchamp 1b	3	1	1	1
D.Wilson 3b	1	1	0	0
Smith c	0	0	0	0
Phinney 1b	4	1	2	1
Chavez 2b	4	1	2	0
Conner lf	2	1	1	1
Gillihan cf	2	0	1	2
Fraser ph	1	1	1	1
Totals	**36**	**10**	**12**	**10**

Snyder	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**4—12**	**12**	**4**
Big Spring	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**5—10**	**12**	**3**

LOB - Snyder 9, Big Spring 11. 2B - Snyder, Alaniz, Ramon; Big Spring, Vizcaino. HR - Snyder, Nunley.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Franks	3 2/3	2	2	0	1	1
Hill	2/3	3	3	3	1	1
Trout	1 2/3	4	5	3	0	0
Alaniz	1	3	0	0	0	3
Big Spring	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Vizcaino	3 1/3	4	4	2	1	6
Beauchamp	3 1/3	8	8	7	2	1
McKinnon	1/3	0	0	0	1	0

Lady Tigers blank Plainview

PLAINVIEW — The Snyder Lady Tigers showed their offensive prowess again Tuesday night to trounce Plainview, 10-0, in a District 4-4A softball match-up.

The Lady Tigers, fresh off a 29-1 drubbing of Estacado on Friday, pounded out 15 hits and were error free in the field against the Lady Bulldogs.

Snyder held a slim 2-0 lead after four innings, but pulled away with two runs in the fifth, four in the sixth and two more in the seventh.

"We got off to a slow start, but then we picked things up as the game went along," said SHS coach Shelly Hayes. "We came up with the timely hits we needed in the sixth."

Leticia Martinez started the sixth with a walk. Amber Alexander singled and Vanessa Freeman plated both runners with a base hit.

After Dara Chambers reached base on a fielder's choice, Shelley Fisk and Missy Vasquez singled. Chaelyn Robinson drove in Chambers and Fisk with the fifth hit of the inning.

Robinson paced the Lady Tigers' effort at the plate, belting four hits that included a solo home run in the fourth.

Fisk also finished with four hits, and Freeman tallied three.



Robinson

Pitcher Jacque Alvarez went the distance for Snyder, allowing only three hits to go along with eight strikeouts.

The Lady Tigers wrap up their season at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they host Andrews at Cates Field.

Bulldogs edge Loraine, remain in district lead

IRA — The battle for the district lead lived up to its billing as Ira held off Loraine, 1-0, Tuesday night to remain alone atop the standings.

The Bulldogs (12-4) finished the first half of district play with an unblemished 3-0 mark. Loraine fell to 1-1.

"This was a well played baseball game," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We weren't as patient at the plate as we needed to be, but once again we played solid defense and got strong pitching."

Ira hurler Jase Olvera allowed two hits and a walk to go along with 13 strikeouts, and the Bulldogs were error free in the field.

Ira managed six hits off Loraine pitching, the biggest coming in the fourth inning.

After Jerry Jamison drew a two-out walk, Cole Shafer belted a triple to drive in the game's only run.

Jamison finished with a pair of singles, and Nathan Smith, Josh Gutierrez and Jake Barnes slapped one hit each.

Up next for Ira is a pair of non-district contests Friday against Abilene Christian and Tuesday against Lubbock Christian. The Bulldogs resume league play April 30 against Roby.

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
*-Snyder	10	1	22	7
*-Frenship	9	2	19	6
*-Andrews	9	2	16	4
Big Spring	5	6	7	16
Estacado	4	7	8	14
Lake View	3	8	8	15
Levelland	2	9	6	18
Plainview	2	9	9	16

*-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's results: Snyder 12, Big Spring 10; Andrews 9, Lake View 1; Frenship 10, Estacado 0; Plainview 6, Levelland 1.

Friday's games: Snyder at Estacado; Andrews at Frenship.

Saturday's games: Levelland at Big Spring; Plainview at Lake View.

Rangers falter late in 6-5 loss

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Anaheim Angels have been able to compensate for losing their closer. The Texas Rangers have not.

Al Levine, who has three saves since Troy Percival was placed on the disabled list, got credit for the victory Tuesday night as the Angels rallied three times to beat the Rangers 6-5 in 10 innings.

John Rocker (0-1) took the loss, surrendering a one-out infield single to Jose Nieves, a walk to David Eckstein and Darin Erstad's two-run double down the right field line.

Rocker was optioned to Triple-A Oklahoma after the game. The move came one night after the demotion of rookie reliever Colby Lewis, who gave up four runs, four hits and four walks — and the lead — in a 10-inning, 13-11 loss to Seattle.

The Rangers' beleaguered bullpen, following injuries to closer Jeff Zimmerman and setup man Jay Powell, has seven blown saves in eight chances. Rocker, who has 88 career saves, has converted only one of three opportunities.

"It's very tough to watch," Zimmerman said. "It's like beating our heads against the wall."

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
z-New Jersey	51	30	.630	—
x-Boston	48	33	.593	3
x-Orlando	44	37	.543	7
x-Philadelphia	43	38	.531	8
Washington	37	45	.451	14½
Miami	35	46	.432	16
New York	30	51	.370	21
Central Division				
y-Detroit	49	32	.605	—
x-Charlotte	43	38	.531	6
Milwaukee	41	40	.506	8
Toronto	41	40	.506	8
Indiana	41	40	.506	8
Atlanta	33	48	.407	16
Cleveland	29	52	.358	20
Chicago	21	60	.259	28
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-San Antonio	57	24	.704	—
x-Dallas	57	24	.704	—
x-Minnesota	49	32	.605	8
x-Utah	44	37	.543	13
Houston	28	53	.346	29
Denver	27	54	.333	30
Memphis	23	58	.284	34
Pacific Division				
z-Sacramento	61	20	.753	—
x-L.A. Lakers	57	24	.704	4
x-Portland	48	33	.593	13
x-Seattle	44	37	.543	17
L.A. Clippers	39	42	.481	22
Phoenix	35	46	.432	26
Golden State	20	61	.247	41

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

Monday's Games
Chicago 98, Philadelphia 96
Boston 93, Minnesota 90
L.A. Lakers 111, Seattle 104

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 99, Cleveland 95
Washington 116, New York 112
Orlando 102, Atlanta 95
Charlotte 88, Miami 81
Milwaukee 105, Toronto 89
Detroit 103, New Jersey 98
San Antonio 95, Phoenix 71
Dallas 96, Utah 87
Denver 101, Houston 70
Sacramento 120, Golden State 106
L.A. Clippers 92, Memphis 84

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
End of regular season

Major League Baseball

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National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	5	.643	—
Florida	7	6	.538	1½
Montreal	7	7	.500	2
Philadelphia	6	8	.429	3
Atlanta	6	9	.400	3½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Pittsburgh	8	5	.615	—
St. Louis	8	6	.571	½
Cincinnati	7	6	.538	1
Houston	6	7	.462	2
Chicago	5	8	.385	3
Milwaukee	3	11	.214	5½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	10	4	.714	—
Arizona	10	5	.667	½
Los Angeles	7	7	.500	3
San Diego	7	7	.500	3
Colorado	5	10	.333	5½

Tuesday's Games
Montreal 8, Chicago Cubs 4
Florida 7, Philadelphia 6
N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 1
Houston 8, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 5, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 5, San Diego 1

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta (Maddux 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 2-0) at Colorado (Hampton 0-3), 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 3-0) at Arizona (Schilling 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-1) at Montreal (Ohka 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 0-0) at Florida (Penny 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (C.Hernandez 0-0) at Cincinnati (Haynes 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ainsworth 1-0) at San Diego (Jarvis 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Houston (Oswalt 2-0) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-0) at Montreal (Vazquez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 0-2) at Florida (Beckett 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 0-0) at Milwaukee (Figueroa 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 0-2) at Los Angeles (Brown 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	8	4	.667	—
New York	8	7	.533	1½
Toronto	6	7	.462	2½
Tampa Bay	5	7	.417	3
Baltimore	4	9	.308	4½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	11	2	.846	—
Minnesota	9	5	.643	2½
Chicago	8	5	.615	3
Kansas City	4	7	.364	6
Detroit	1	11	.083	9½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	12	3	.800	—
Oakland	8	6	.571	3½
Anaheim	5	8	.385	6
Texas	3	11	.214	8½

Tuesday's Games
Boston 14, Toronto 3
Detroit 9, Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 10, Cleveland 5
Seattle 6, Oakland 2, 6½ innings

Wednesday's Games
Boston (Oliver 1-0) at Toronto (Eyre 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 0-1) at Detroit (Redman 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 2-0) at Minnesota (Radke 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Baez 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 0-2) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 1-1) at Oakland (Fyhrie 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Kansas City (Suppan 1-1) at Minnesota (Milton 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-1) at Detroit (Weaver 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 1-1) at Oakland (Mulder 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Pro-Am golf tournament

The Scurry County Golf Association Pro-Am Tournament is set for Monday at the country club golf course. There will be shotgun starts at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Players will team up with pros from around the area in a two-man lowball format. All amateurs will use their full handicap. Cost is $35 per player. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

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

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

Rangers send Rocker to the minors

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — John Rocker and his troubled career are headed to the minor leagues.

The left-hander was optioned to the minors, hours after he blew a save for the Texas Rangers in the 10th inning against the Anaheim Angels.

Rocker is 0-1 with a 9.53 ERA and one save in six relief appearances this season. He has blown two of his three save opportunities.

Berkman blasts three homers for Astros

CINCINNATI (AP) — Lance Berkman of the Houston Astros became the first major leaguer this season to homer three times in a game, hitting two off Cincinnati Reds starter Jose Acevedo and one off Jose Rijo.

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I recently made an appointment with a new gynecologist I had never seen before because of two problems: erratic periods and a breast lump.

The doctor and his nurse treated me like a child and didn't take me seriously. When I mentioned my adolescent son, they exchanged polite giggles. He said I was many years from menopause. He asked me if I wanted to get pregnant. I replied that I was probably too old. The doctor laughed out loud. He obtained a Pap test and examined my breasts, but failed to order a mammogram. This shocked me.

I was also angered by his reaction to me. Why would a woman — or a young girl for that matter — lie about her age?

The doctor writes a column in our local newspaper about women's health issues, yet he put me off and refused to acknowledge that I might have a breast problem. Also, I don't like being treated like a fool.

DEAR READER: This is a complicated issue, both socially and medically.

First, let me congratulate you on looking young. If you could discover the cause of this gift and bottle it, you'd be a bigger star than Martha Stewart. I don't know of any adult who wants to look older than he or she is, so I advise you to revel in your genetic gift. Of course, this may lead to some unpredictable consequences, as you've discovered. If you looked 12 years old, I could understand the doctor's mirthful attitude. But if you look 25, you are an adult woman and should be treated as such. Your gynecologist was either having a bizarre day or should be criticized for being unprofessionally inconsiderate. In either case, I'd avoid him in the future.

Second, the breast problem: a lump should always be investigated, regardless of a woman's age. You are correct that many authorities insist on routine mammography for women, starting at 40. But this recommendation is for women with no known breast disease. You're already in a different category because you have a "breast lump." In my opinion, a mammogram is essential and, I believe your new gynecologist (who was, apparently, more caught up in the age issue) dropped the ball. If I were you, I'd contact the radiology department in your local hospital and schedule a mammogram. Unlike other X-ray examinations, which must be ordered by a physician, mammograms can be self-referred to most women's imaging centers. If they won't X-ray you without an M.D.'s authorization, give 'em hell. Or call the gynecologist's office and insist on the study.

One final thought. You said that you were treated like a fool. Maybe. But how you're treated depends, to a large degree, on your perception of the interaction. You don't have to choose to be treated badly. You're an adult. The treatment issue is the doctor's problem. You can be yourself, communicate with those in your environment and maintain your individuality without being intimidated by some guy with an M.D. degree and a bad attitude. We're all put down now and then. This may lead to anger and frustration. But we mustn't let this get to us. There are more important issues in life. So, please get back to me immediately when you discover the secret of looking young.

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Family, friends mourn shooting victim

HOUSTON (AP) — Family and friends of a 40-year-old plumber who was shot to death last weekend by a deputy constable describe him as a kind, gentle person.

About 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Precinct 4 deputy T. Ashabranner shot Michael Wayne Goodman, 40, three times in a densely wooded area in northwest Harris County. Authorities said Ashabranner fired after he saw Goodman reach for "something shiny." A pair of pliers was found at the scene, officers said.

"The whole thing doesn't make any sense. He was a loving, caring person," his mother, Jeannette Goodman, told the Houston Chronicle on Tuesday.

Goodman was bicycling in the middle of the street when Ashabranner, in his squad car with a police dog, asked him not to ride in the street, said Woody Mitchell, Precinct 4 assistant chief.

He said Goodman appeared to ignore the request and Ashabranner asked him for identification. Goodman, who carried no identification, refused to tell Ashabranner his name, then rode down a dirt road into a secluded, heavily wooded area, Mitchell said.

Ashabranner released his police dog, and it attacked Goodman, who held the dog's head underwater in a shallow ditch, Mitchell said. Ashabranner said he pulled Goodman off the dog and fell.

Ashabranner said Goodman then "pulled something shiny out." Ashabranner, "in fear of his life," fired his gun, Mitchell said.

Goodman's mother said her son owned two bicycles and had recently begun cycling to improve his health.

Markets

Midday Stocks

	High	Low	Last	
NEW YORK (AP) -				
AMR Corp	24.50	24.25	24.28	+ .06
AOL TimeWrn	22.15	21.15	22.13	+ .53
AT&T Corp s	15.00	14.64	14.90	+ .01
Albertsons	35.12	34.95	35.01	— .11
Alltel	56.00	54.11	55.74	+ .60
AmEl Pw	47.92	47.58	47.70	
AndarkPtr	55.33	54.80	54.92	+ .72
ATMOS Egy	24.25	24.19	24.23	— .12
Aviall	8.60	8.45	8.55	+ .05
BP PLC	52.71	51.99	52.00	— .09
BakerHughes	37.38	36.85	37.07	+ .84
Bank of Amer	71.15	70.10	71.09	+ .37
BellSouth	34.45	33.84	34.20	+ .16
vjBeth Steel	.45	.42	.42	— .01
BurlNoSFe	29.44	29.04	29.25	— .22
Caterpillar	56.86	55.25	55.38	—1.27
ChevronTex	87.85	86.85	87.46	+ .86
Citigroup	48.49	47.40	48.10	— .01
CocaCola	53.85	53.31	53.37	— .51
ColgatePal	58.80	58.30	58.37	+ .02
ComclMetals	44.21	44.06	44.06	— .18
CooperIn	45.14	44.51	44.87	+ .27
DaimlrChry	47.65	47.01	47.56	+ .16
DeltaAirl	30.00	29.67	29.75	— .12
Dillards Inc	25.42	25.00	25.38	+ .22
DowChem	33.62	32.80	33.37	+ .04
DuPont	48.29	47.80	47.88	— .22
EastmanChem	48.00	47.80	47.90	+ .14
EstKodak	33.98	33.60	33.74	— .24
EDS Corp	53.80	52.60	53.42	+ .42
Entergy	44.83	44.60	44.67	+ .03
ExxonMobil s	42.74	42.47	42.56	+ .28
FstBksAm	40.75	40.75	40.75	
FootLocker	16.20	15.81	15.95	— .05
GenDynam	92.35	91.01	91.65	— .90
GenElec	33.92	33.21	33.86	+ .76
GenMills	50.00	49.52	49.59	— .41
GenMotors	64.50	63.50	64.50	+ .45
GaPacific	30.45	30.00	30.38	+ .03
Goodrich	33.84	33.41	33.67	+ .17
Goodyear	23.54	23.26	23.32	— .38
GtAtlPac	27.85	27.60	27.64	— .42
Halliburtn	18.00	17.65	18.00	+ .53
Hanson ADS	37.01	36.70	36.88	+ .61
HarteHanks	32.90	32.45	32.75	+ .25
HomeDepot	49.91	49.38	49.66	— .18
HoneywellIntl	40.60	39.80	39.91	— .85
IBM	87.20	85.20	85.87	— .33
IntlPaper	42.30	41.50	42.15	+ .47
JohnsonJn s	63.47	62.65	63.06	— .20
vjK mart	1.52	1.48	1.52	+ .05
KinderMorg	50.00	49.85	49.91	— .04
Kroger Co	22.51	22.18	22.21	— .15
LockheedM	61.50	60.06	60.18	—1.32
Lowes Cos s	44.98	44.50	44.54	— .62
Lubys	7.25	7.06	7.25	+ .19
LucentTech	4.55	4.35	4.52	+ .23
MarathonOil	28.99	28.75	28.75	+ .11
MayDeptStr	35.95	35.54	35.70	— .15
Medtronic	47.35	46.55	47.25	+ .55
Motorola	16.15	15.45	16.09	+ 1.09
NCR Corp	43.23	42.60	42.60	— .72
Navistar	44.00	43.05	43.23	— .80
PNM Rescs	28.73	28.37	28.64	+ .26
Penney JC	21.91	21.62	21.69	+ .20
PepBoys	17.55	17.25	17.46	+ .06
PepsiCo	52.39	51.72	51.86	— .10
Pharmacia	45.35	44.91	45.05	— .63
PhelpDodge	40.50	39.91	40.50	+ .58
PhilipPet	60.66	60.28	60.32	+ .27
PilgrmPrd B	13.70	13.50	13.50	— .28
Praxair	59.80	59.38	59.79	+ .35
ProctGamb	91.04	90.19	90.30	— .52
RadioShack	31.38	31.13	31.25	— .11
ReliantEngy	24.84	24.28	24.67	+ .34
RoyalDut	54.74	54.16	54.16	+ .30
SBC Comm	35.07	34.58	34.96	+ .39
SaraLee	22.11	21.94	22.02	— .09
Scripps EW	82.95	82.21	82.22	— .69
SearsRoeb	54.25	53.60	54.04	— .21
SherwinW	30.55	30.28	30.46	— .19
SouthernCo	26.94	26.72	26.78	+ .09
SwstAirl	18.94	18.75	18.83	— .10
SprintFON	16.68	16.01	16.57	+ .31
SprintPCS	13.45	12.45	13.22	+ .62
Sunoco Inc	38.24	37.32	38.12	+ 1.13
TXU Corp	54.93	54.20	54.70	+ .37
TempleInland	56.75	55.90	56.47	+ .05
TexInd	42.10	41.94	41.94	— .05
TexasInst	34.86	33.92	34.66	+ .87
Textron	52.83	51.90	52.07	— .69
TriconGlbR	61.30	60.75	60.93	— .32
TrinityInds	24.70	24.55	24.65	— .10
TylerTech	5.84	5.75	5.84	+ .05
UnionPacif	58.50	57.10	58.07	— .15
USSteel	18.51	18.15	18.43	— .03
UnitedTech	72.75	71.20	71.89	—1.19
Unocal	38.19	37.64	37.89	+ .39
VerizonComm	43.85	43.12	43.65	+ .05
WalMart	60.55	59.90	59.98	— .02
WellsFargo	50.68	49.90	50.65	+ .55
WstnGasRs	40.12	39.46	39.95	+ .97
WinnDixie	18.50	18.11	18.11	— .28
Xerox Cp	9.75	9.65	9.67	— .03

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Autumn Sage, Salvia Greggii

Occasionally, the common name of a plant is a bit misleading. The name 'Autumn Sage' conjures up the image of a fall-flowering herb, yet, *Bailey Hortorium's Hortus Third* describes this plant as a fall-flowering subshrub.

My experience with the Autumn Sage over a twenty-year period has been that it is almost constantly in flower from late spring until hard frost. Robert A. Vine's book, *Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines of the Southwest*, contains a more accurate description of the flowering habit indicating summer and fall flowering on the shrub up to 3 feet.

The species name 'Greggii' honors Josiah Gregg (1806-1850), an early America explorer and botanist. Salvia Greggii is native to dry and sunny sites in Southern and Western Texas and New Mexico. It may also be found in the Mexican states of Coahuila, Sonora and Durango. Although generally ignored by most nurserymen and home gardeners in this century, S. Greggii was a frequently found plant in the cottage gardens of early Texas.

Once established, the plant usually thrives on existing rainfall. It does need at least tolerably good drainage, and thrives in full-sun or partially shaded exposures. Thanks to increasing awareness about the plant among Extension horticulturist in Austin, San Antonio and other areas, S. Greggii is now beginning to be utilized.

In recent years, the discovery of a broad range of colors within the species has greatly increased their landscape value. Pure white, rich red, pink and salmon have now joined the more common purplish-red selections. Flowers appear in terminal racemes, are tube-shaped and two –lipped, and about one inch long. Leaves are opposite, narrowly oblong, with blade length ½- to ¼-inch long. The foliage has a pleasant, spicy scent. Propagation is usually from cuttings taken during the growing season.

Landscape uses of Salvia Greggii are many. It is a natural for use in containers, masses, or borders, for low-maintenance landscape color. In landscape development when a refined look is desired, the plants respond very well to periodic shearing to remove old flower stems during the summer. Occasional light application of a balance fertilizer, and irrigation during unusually dry periods, will ensure repeat flowering from May through November in most of Texas.

Little is known about the winter hardiness of Salvia Greggii nor of the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, but West and South Texas are excellent locations. Well-drained sites in East Texas produce handsome specimens.

Salvia Greggii is a beautiful, practical sources of landscape color in most of Texas. It is another exempt of 'rediscovering plants that were popular in the early gardens of Texas, but ignored by most people in the recent past. It will be available from Texas wholesale nurseries specializing in native plants, as well as garden centers in much of the state.

'E diesel' could give farmers another outlet for corn crop

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — Mixing the corn in his fields with the diesel powering his tractors has worked so far for farmer Paul Keiser. Now experts are trying to prove it can work for others, too.

University of Illinois researchers are studying an experimental fuel that combines ethanol — produced from corn — with diesel. They hope testing of the so-called E diesel at two Illinois farms and in the lab will show the blend is durable, cost-effective and better for the environment than normal diesel.

Keiser, who farms corn and soybeans near Bloomington, noticed little difference between the ethanol blend and normal diesel fuel used in most farm equipment.

"We've liked the results and we especially like the fact that it is a renewable resource that we can get right out of our own fields," he said. "I'm growing what I'm using. I don't know any farmer that wouldn't be excited about that.'

The long-term goal is to get the product on the market and expand demand for corn-based ethanol, in turn creating more income for farmers.

Illinois is the nation's largest ethanol producer. About 280 million bushels of corn are processed each year at ethanol plants owned by Archer Daniels Midland in Decatur and Midwest Grain Producers and Williams Bio-Energy, both in Pekin.

"Farmers will tell you it can't come soon enough," university researcher Alan Hansen said. "But to be realistic there are some years to go."

Blending crops with diesel fuel isn't a new idea — soybeans are already used as an additive to make biodiesel and ethanol has been mixed with gasoline for years.

However, blending ethanol with diesel has been problematic.

Ethanol reduces the lubrication of diesel, making it harder on engines, so other additives are needed to counter that effect. Researchers also have been concerned they would see a significant decrease in power by adding ethanol to diesel.

Hansen said the farm testing has been positive, with no perceptible reduction in power.

Scurrying Around Snyder

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Editor's Note: This is the sixth in a series of articles on "Child Abuse."

Children and Water

Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death to children. Most drownings and near drownings happen when a child accidentally falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub. It only takes a few seconds for a drowning to occur. Remembering some key points can prevent any such incident from happening.

Remove potential hazards

- Empty mop buckets and containers with water. Toddlers could fall into them.
- Keep toilet lids shut and use child safety latches.
- Pay attention at all times while small children are in the bathtub.
- Don't let children dive into a body of water when the depth is unknown or less than 5 feet.
- Supervise children while they are in the pool.
- Go over water safety rules with your children.
- Enroll children in swimming classes.

Summer tips for home pools

- Know your child's friends who have home pools.
- Don't leave toys in the water. Toys could lure a child back into the water when a parent is not present.
- Pool covers should be completely removed when the pool is in use.
- Enclose the pool with fencing which is child proofed.
- Take American Red Cross CPR and First Aid classes. Knowing these skills can be important.
- Maintain constant supervision.
- Be prepared for an emergency. Make sure proper safety equipment is located near the pool.
- Encourage safe practices. Don't assume young children will use good judgment and caution around water.

Your child's safety is important when they are in bodies of water like lakes, rivers and oceans.

- No one should ever swim alone. Always swim with a buddy.
- Know the path and strength of undercurrents in the oceans.
- Make sure your child is in deep enough water before they dive.
- Ensure that your child stays in the area designated for swimming and does not go past the buoy.
- Don't dive off piers.
- Operate water vehicles responsibly and insist the children wear floatation devices at all times.
- Never swim in a canal.
- Obey all "No Swimming" and other warning signs.

It's up to you to prevent "Child Abuse" and neglect. Take it personally!

Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm, U.S. Representative 17th District

Farm Bill Negotiations Still Underway

Members of the House and Senate working on the farm bill conference met in marathon sessions this week to complete a farm bill. While our work is far from complete, we are making significant progress.

It has been the goal of the House Agriculture Committee all along to complete a farm bill in time for the 2002 crop year.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said this week that the Bush Administration has not set a deadline by which time Congress would need to complete work on a farm bill in order for it to affect 2002 crops, but it is clear that time is rapidly running out.

Because the commodities section is the largest and most expensive part of the farm bill, so much of the rest of the bill depends on what the House and Senate finally agree to do on commodities.

I believe that once an agreement is reached on this section, we should be able to resolve the key remaining differences between the two bills.

As I have indicated in the past, the House and Senate farm bills differ on a number of issues, and one of the most significant differences has been the commodity loan rates in each bill.

The loan rates in the House bill were the same or lower than those currently in effect, while the loan rates in the Senate bill were higher, and their target prices are lower.

A study by the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) has determined that passage of the Senate farm bill would result in lower prices for producers, which is something we do not need.

I think it has always been anticipated that the farm bill conference would result in some sort of compromise between the House and Senate figures.

The House and Senate have exchanged proposals on the commodity title and progress has been made. Senate conferees have agreed to drop the much higher loan rates in their bill.

Another issue that must be decided is whether the Agriculture Secretary will retain the authority to adjust loan rates.

The House bill would give the secretary authority to adjust rates, however the Senate bill would not.

The House and Senate must still take up conservation and trade issues, including food aid and the ability to sell U.S. agricultural commodities to Cuba with private financing.

Issues that continue to remain controversial are the Senate's provisions limiting payments to farmers, the ban on packer ownership of livestock 14 days prior to slaughter, and country of origin labeling.

Regarding the ban on packer ownership, there was no such provision in the House farm bill. It is opposed by the meatpacking industry, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the National Pork Producers Council.

While I don't support the ban on packer ownership as it is currently written, I do think this is a potential problem and I am hopeful that we can reach some kind of meaningful compromise that will enable us to address this matter in the near future.

The best way to do this is the way we did it when I chaired the Dairy, Poultry and Livestock Subcommittee, and that is to hold hearings on the Packers and Stockyards Act.

We need to hear from producers and all segments of the meat industry about what our policy should be. As for the country of origin labeling provision in the Senate bill, I am opposed to this because of my concern about placing such an unfunded federal mandate on the nation's food industry.

We don't need more federal regulations and red tape on our food industry, especially when it cannot be proven that such labeling would be helpful.

As for moving forward to complete a farm bill, I am well aware of the urgency in farm and ranch country and the difficulties facing producers who are trying to get financing this year, especially taking into consideration market prices today.

I am hopeful we can complete the House and Senate Farm Bill conference by early next week. There will be more to report about this in the days ahead.

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Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 527head of cattle for the Thursday, April 11, sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $3 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-46.50
Canner and low cutters: 32-40
Slaughter bulls: 52-62
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-112
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 76-77.50
700-800: 63-72.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 75-95
500-600: 68-77.50
600-700: 62-72.50
700-800: 60-70
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 70-80
700-800: 60-70
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-825
Grade: 600-700
Springers: 400-650
Baby calves: 75-200
Doodlers: 225-290

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 869 head of cattle for the Saturday, April 13, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were $1 to $4 lower. Slaughter cows were $1 to $2 lower and bulls were steady. Bred cows were steady and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 106-111
300-400: 98-102.50
400-500: 87-91
600-700: 69-72
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 103-109
300-400: 95-97
500-600: 76-77
600-700: 73-73.50
Replacement cows:
Bred cows (3-6 years old): 580-680
Bred cows (2-7 months): 440-550
Cow & calf pairs: 770-925
Aged pairs: 640-765
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 37-43.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 41-45
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 39-44
800-1000 Lbs.: 37-42.50
Under 750 Lb.: 29-37.50
Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 53-59
High dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs.: 60-63.50
Low dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs.: 44.50-50.50

Cotton Market

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton No. 2 Futures on the New York Board of TradeTuesday:

COTTON 250,000 lbs.; cents per lb.	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
May	36.52	36.88	36.43	36.78	+.31
Jul	38.09	38.50	37.97	38.23	+.11
Oct	40.40	40.50	40.30	40.45	
Dec	41.75	41.95	41.65	41.80	+.04
Mar	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	
May	45.50	45.50	45.50	45.50	

Est. sales 14,000. Mon.'s sales 8,843
Mon.'s open int 60,202

The first federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz, the island prison in San Francisco Bay, in 1934.

MAKE SNYDER BRIGHTER
City Wide Clean-up Campaign
NO CHARGE

Anyone signing up for the city dump trucks will need to call:
City Utility Department: 573-4960 or 573-4969
By April 19, 2002

Participation by all citizens and business within the city limits:
Citizens:
Clean up on property.
Mow
Pick up trash
Clean alley at back of their property
Remove weeds
Remove old appliances
Businesses:
Clean up on property
Mow
Pick up trash
Remove weeds from parking areas, around utility poles and in landscaped areas.
Clean alley at back of property

Dump trucks and drivers will be available from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on April 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th to pick up tree limbs, lumber and appliances; items that can be lifted manually and placed over the sides of a dump truck. **NO TIRES PLEASE!**

The dump truck will be available in these areas of town on these dates and limited to 1 (one) load per residence or business:
April 22nd - West of College and South of 30th Street
April 23rd - East of College and South of 30th Street
April 24th - West of College and North of 30th Street
April 25th - East of College and North of 30th Street

Please indicate the type of items you are wanting picked up and schedule it for the day the dump truck will be in your area. Have the items placed next to the curb, driveway or alley leaving access for through traffic. Small items must be placed in bags and stacked near the curb, driveway or alley. City personnel will not be allowed to go onto the property and into any structures to retrieve objects. Please keep brush in a separate pile from other items. Please keep appliances and metals in a pile separate from other items. Any appliance that uses freon/coolant, must have the coolant removed and tagged by a licensed re-coverer. Please be available to assist in loading the items. If you can't be available, indicate so when scheduling the dump truck. Tree limbs, lumber, etc. will need to be cut into pieces that can be easily handled by one person.

Please schedule pick-up before placing items at curb or in the alley. If the schedule is full when you call, you may take your current utility bill, with the items you were wanting picked up, and get into the landfill at no charge during the four-day clean-up campaign.

THESE SERVICES ARE FOR INDIVIDUALS, NOT TO BE USED BY PERSONS IN THE BUSINESS OF DEMOLITION OR CLEAN-UP AND WILL BE LIMITED TO 1 (ONE) LOAD PER RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS ONLY.

City of Snyder
Snyder Beautification Committee
Snyder Chamber of Commerce

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Bush: U.S. will win terrorism fight

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — Amid fresh questions on the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden, President Bush today predicted a "spring thaw" that will bring an increase in terrorist activity as bin Laden's network tries to regroup and strike again.

Still, he pledged, "We will defeat the threats against our country and the civilized world."

The president used an address to cadets at Virginia Military Institute to give an update on his war against terrorism at a time when dubious results of his Mideast peace initiative and the lingering, elusive specter of bin Laden have claimed the headlines.

Bush focused on what he called "day by day, terrorist by terrorist" progress and said resolving the Israeli-Palestinian crisis is part of his broader — and long — battle against terrorism.

"Wherever global terrorism threatens the civilized world, we and our friends and allies will respond, and respond decisively," Bush said.

Despite signs of wavering by Arab partners, Bush proclaimed the international coalition behind his anti-terror efforts "strong and united and acting." Without naming Iraq, he renewed his determination to squash the threat of outlaw regimes in an "axis of evil."

Astronauts get ready to head home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts completed their construction work at the international space station and then got ready for their all-too-soon departure.

Atlantis was due to undock from the station today after a weeklong visit that featured the successful installation of a $790 million girder and railcar.

Shuttle commander Michael Bloomfield called the past week an incredible experience and said the three space station men had made the visiting astronauts feel "right at home."

"We've enjoyed every minute with them, and it's going to be hard to leave them here," Bloomfield said in a farewell ceremony late this morning. The station's Russian skipper, Yuri Onufrienko, added: "A very big thanks, everybody. That was really great job, and see you soon on the ground."

Onufrienko and his American crewmates have two months remaining in their six-month mission.

In the fourth and final spacewalk by the shuttle crew, NASA's most experienced spacewalker and his rookie partner wrapped up work on the space station's new 44-foot girder Tuesday and hung powerful floodlights outside the orbiting outpost.

Flood of income tax checks ease debt ceiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — A flood of income tax payments has helped ease pressure on the national debt ceiling and allowed the Treasury Department to begin restoring money shifted out of government employee pension accounts last month to avert an unprecedented government default, officials said today.

The Bush administration also continued to press a deadlocked Congress, which has avoided an election-year vote to extend the government's authority to borrow, to act because the $5.95 trillion debt limit could be hit this summer.

"The need to raise the debt ceiling has only been postponed," Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said in a today letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. The Bush administration wants a $750 billion increase.

O'Neill earlier this month moved federal retirement funds into a non-interest-bearing account to free room for more borrowing. The juggling of federal retirement accounts has been done before in standoffs with Congress and has no effect on employees' retirement funds.

The money was moved back Tuesday and interest paid after income tax payments began flowing into Treasury coffers after Monday's tax deadline.

Without the shifting of funds, the government would have been technically in default on the debt — which has never happened in the country's history. That would cast a cloud over U.S. securities, which are considered the world's safest investment. It also would mean the government would be forced to pay billions of dollars in higher interest payments on the national debt in future years.

But Treasury officials warned that the accounting maneuvers taken to stay below the debt limit would be more difficult when the government approaches the ceiling again, possibly in June.

"This time we were able to make due with statutory expedients, but when we reach the debt ceiling again, they won't be enough to get us through," said Peter Fisher, Treasury's undersecretary for domestic finance, urging Congress to raise the limit.

A $750 billion increase by Congress should keep the government below the limit until September 2003.

The debt limit issue is more about politics than economics.

Greenspan will wait a while before upping interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress today that prospects for the U.S. economy have brightened but he sent a clear signal the central bank is in no rush to raise interest rates. He said inflation pressures, despite surging oil prices, are well-contained.

In his first testimony on the economy since early March, Greenspan sought to assure jittery financial markets that the central bank feels no need to start raising a key interest rate, the federal funds rate, which is at a 40-year low.

"To be sure over time, the current accommodative stance of monetary policy is not likely to be consistent with maintaining price stability. But prospects for low inflation and inflation expectations in the period ahead mean that the Federal Reserve should have ample opportunity to adjust policy to keep inflation pressures contained once sustained, solid, economic expansion is in view," he told the Joint Economic Committee.

Greenspan's testimony was right in line with the expectations of most private economists. They predicted the central bank will begin to raise rates but probably not until August, with policy-makers preferring to allow the recovery from the last year's recession to take hold.

Financial markets did not receive a boost from Greenspan's testimony. The Dow Jones industrial average was down about 17 points in late morning trading.

"The markets are torn. They like the idea that there will be no immediate hike in interest rates. But Greenspan's statement about the uncertain economic future doesn't really support healthy increases in stocks," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

Last December, the Fed completed its most aggressive rate-cutting campaign in decades, pushing the funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, down to a 40-year low of 1.75 percent.

Since that time the central bank has left rates unchanged. But at its last meeting, it changed its policy directive.

DPS trooper makes large heroin bust

AUSTIN (AP) — The seizure of 74 pounds of heroin worth $3.3 million is the largest heroin seizure ever for the Texas Department of Public Safety, the department announced today.

Jourdanton Trooper Martin Soward last week stopped a pickup truck for driving erratically on northbound Interstate 37 in Atascosa County and became suspicious of oversized tires.

Soward inspected the tires and found bundles of brown heroin concealed by metal containers that were welded to the truck's four tire rims.

A 53-year-old Mexican national was arrested and faces federal drug charges. The department cited "the sensitive nature of the investigation" for not releasing the suspect's name.

Before Friday's bust, the largest heroin seizure made by the DPS was 31 pounds in 1997 in Nueces County.

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Children who killed brother have been in trouble before

LEWISVILLE (AP) — A 15-year-old girl and her 10-year-old brother who admitted killing their 6-year-old brother have been in trouble before.

In 1998, they confessed to starting a fire at an elementary school.

The siblings were taken into custody early Tuesday and detained on murder charges, Lewisville police investigator Eddie Barrett said. They appeared at a detention hearing today morning, but Assistant District Attorney Lee Ann Breading would not release details of the proceeding.

"The judge has asked that all parties involved not discuss any of the facts of the case since it still involves all juveniles," Breading said. "There is nothing I can tell you."

The body of Jackson Carr, with a puncture wound in the neck, was found Tuesday in a shallow grave about 100 yards behind the family's Lewisville home. His sister led police to the grave after authorities and neighbors spent hours searching for the boy.

After the two older children confessed to setting the fire at Shorehaven Elementary School on Nov. 25, 1998, an arson report by the Garland Fire Department's juvenile firesetter program recommended psychotherapy for the girl.

Merrill Balanciere, a spokeswoman for the fire department, said no charges were filed against the two in the arson case. School was out on the day the fire was set, and damage was light — between $400 and $600, authorities said.

Police declined to comment on a motive in the boy's death, but said important evidence was found in the family's home. The parents, Michael and Rita Carr, are not suspects, Sgt. Richard Douglass said.

Two arrested here Tuesday

Arrests

Officers arrested a 53-year-old man Tuesday in the 2200 block of College Ave. for driving with a suspended license.

A 32-year-old man was taken into custody from the Park Village Apartments at 1 a.m. today for public intoxication, a Class C misdemeanor.

Criminal trespass

A woman in the 3000 block of Ave. N requested an officer at her residence Tuesday afternoon in reference to wanting a criminal trespass warning issued to another subject for property destruction.

Close patrols

A man requested a close patrol in the 300 block of 31st Street Tuesday in reference to mischief done to vehicles and residences in the area.

A woman on Ave. M reported kids getting into her mailbox while walking to and from school and requested a close patrol before and after school hours.

At 6:40 p.m. Tuesday a man requested a close patrol in reference to a woman harassing him at his residence and over the phone.

Prowlers

Brandon Claxton requested an officer in the 3300 block of Ave. U at 3:30 a.m. today after hearing someone trying to open a window at his home. Officers responded and advised a screen was removed from a window and advised a close patrol would be initiated.

Lena White reported a prowler near her residence on Highland Ave. at 5 a.m. today. She reported the subject was wearing dark clothing and ran toward Ave. V.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $23 Tuesday morning.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Avenue D Baptist revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., concludes its revival at 7 this evening. Jim Mosley is the evangelist.

Girls softball board

Snyder Girls Softball board of directors will meet at 8 tonight at 4507 Galveston.

Ira Project Graduation

There will be a meeting at 8:15 tonight at Ira Church of God youth center for all eighth grade and freshmen parents. For more information, call Rocky or Sheila Alexander at 573-8148.

FBC services televised

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

GED testing

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday in the GED testing center, building 7B, on the WTC campus. Tests will be held Friday beginning at 8 a.m. For more information call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

WTC play

The drama department at Western Texas College will present *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* Thursday through Sunday. Weeknight times are 7:30 and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults; $3 for seniors and students. There is no admission for WTC students, staff or faculty. Call 573-8511, ext 234, to make reservations.

Golf send-off

There will be a send-off for the SHS varsity boys and girls golf teams at 1 p.m. Sunday in the sophomore parking lot. The teams are headed to San Angelo for regional play.

Kite flying

Walt Mitchell will fly kites from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Museum. The demonstration is in conjunction with a reception for the school children who did wild flowers art work and their families and friends. Mitchell won second place in a European kite-flying contest.

Hermleigh ISD transfers

Hermleigh ISD is accepting applications for transfer for 2002-2003. Applications may be picked up in the high school office and all transfer requests must be turned in by the end of April.

Astronomers meeting

Scurry County Astronomers, a club with members interested in the night sky, will hold a meeting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the children's room of Scurry County Library. Call 573-8574 or 573-8607 for additional details.

Turkey shoot

Snyder FFA booster club will have a turkey shoot from 10 a.m. until dark Saturday at the Canyon Gun Club. Call Skip Craig at 573-7750, or Paula Williams at 573-5881 after 5 p.m. for more information.

Eighth grade parents meeting

Parents of all eighth grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the junior high auditorium. Debbie Phillips, counselor, will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs. Students also are welcome to attend.

Gateway Family Services

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

Basketball tourney

There will be a basketball tourney April 26-27 at the Hermleigh High gym for ages high school and up. Coed teams are welcome. Proceeds to benefit the Hermleigh junior and senior classes. Entry deadline is April 19. Call Reecie Sauceda at 863-2532 or Kentra Nachlinger at 573-2292 after 4:30 p.m. Cost is $100 per team and team size limit is 10.

Bake sale

Snyder Oaks Care Center will conduct a bake sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Wal-Mart.

CNA classes

Snyder Oaks Care Center will start free certified nurses' aide classes toward the end of this month. Go by 210 E. 37th for application. Call 573-9377 for more information.

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.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each. 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.

WTC pool hours

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

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2 bonfire lawsuits to be tried in Bryan

BRYAN (AP) — Two wrongful-death lawsuits relating to the 1999 bonfire collapse at Texas A&M will be heard in Bryan, a Tarrant County probate court judge has ruled.

During a Tuesday hearing in Fort Worth, Judge Steve King granted defendants' motions to transfer the cases from probate court in Tarrant County to state district court in Brazos County.

The suits were filed separately last year in Tarrant County by the families of Jerry Don Self and Chad Powell, two of the 12 Aggies killed when bonfire toppled Nov. 18, 1999.

Darrell Keith, a Forth Worth lawyer representing Self's mother, Jacquelynn Self, said he intends to ask the court to reconsider and reverse the ruling.

"I have great respect for Judge King, but in this particular ruling I believe he erroneously ruled in favor of the defense," Keith told the Bryan College-Station Eagle for its today editions.

Attorneys for the 60 defendants, including Texas A&M officials and former bonfire student leaders, argued that state law requires the trials to take place where the accident occurred. They also said a Tarrant County trial would be too inconvenient for the defendants who don't live there.

Plaintiffs attorneys argued that the law allows survivors to file suit in the county of residence. Self lives in Arlington, and the Powells live in Keller.

"I believe it will be difficult, if not impossible, for Ms. Self to get a fair trial in Brazos County," Keith said. He said area residents have a pro-A&M bias.

Another change-of-venue hearing is scheduled for Thursday in a lawsuit filed by the parents of Christopher Heard, who also died in the collapse.

Man convicted in killing of police officer sues NY state

NEW YORK (AP) — A black radical convicted in the 1981 killing of a police officer has sued the state over a law that allows the victim's family to collect $15,000 he was awarded in a legal settlement.

Abdul Majid's lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan challenges the constitutionality of a new provision of the state's Son of Sam law, named after the case of serial killer David Berkowitz, who was offered huge sums of money for the publishing rights to his story.

The law originally allowed victims to recover gains from a convicted person's commission of a crime. But the state Legislature expanded it last year to allow the state Crime Victims Board to recover money and property received from any source.

Majid, a former Black Liberation Army member, was known as Anthony LaBorde when he was sentenced in July 1986 to at least 33 years in prison for the ambush murder of Officer John Scarangella and attempted murder for wounding a second officer.

Majid sought through his lawsuit Tuesday to protect the proceeds of a 1999 lawsuit he filed against several state corrections officers.

He alleged that his civil rights were violated when he was subjected to excessive force from three corrections officers as he returned to his cell from the prison's law library.

He was scheduled to receive $15,000 six months after a settlement agreement was reached in November.

Big Game drawing yields three winners

ATLANTA (AP) — Three lucky people are holding winning tickets purchased for the $325 million Big Game jackpot, lottery officials announced today.

Georgia Lottery Corp. spokesman J. B. Landroche said a winning ticket came from Dacula, Ga., a small town 32 miles northeast of Atlanta. Illinois and New Jersey sold the other Big Game winning tickets that matched all five numbers and the Big Money ball. The cities in New Jersey and Illinois were not immediately known.

Each winning ticket is worth $108,333,333.

Sandy Johnson realized she wasn't one of the lucky ones after determining she had none of the winning numbers, which were 7, 10, 25, 26 and 27. The Big Money Ball number was 23.

"It's not an investment that works," Johnson said at an Atlanta bar after Tuesday's drawing.

The odds of winning the current jackpot were 76 million to one. Despite the long odds, lottery players Tuesday not only bought up tickets, but were pondering the payment options and daydreaming about how they'd spend the money.

Like many people, Roosevelt Walker, 30, said he would invest in the community as well as the stock market, building a youth center or a park. "Just help out with some stuff I wanted to do when I was growing up."

"I'm just gonna chill for a minute," said Douglas Hixson, 37. "Might take a vacation to Florida. I've never been outside of Georgia and I've never been to the beach, and they say it's always nice down there."

The jackpot was the second-largest in U.S. history.

Government has summaries of al-Qaida interviews that Lindh's lawyers can have

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors in the case of an American-born Taliban are offering defense lawyers 13 summaries of interviews with al-Qaida and Taliban detainees but insist the material remain secret.

The summaries are unclassified, but public dissemination could give terrorists valuable information about the direction of investigators, prosecutors in the case of John Walker Lindh said Tuesday.

They asked U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III to order protection for the information. The written motion said sensitive material should be deleted from versions provided to defense lawyers.

The interviews were conducted with suspected operatives captured in Afghanistan and Pakistan and detained at the U.S. naval facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Lindh's attorneys said Tuesday they would reply to the government in a written court filing.

Lindh, 21, who grew up in Marin County, Calif., is charged with conspiring to murder U.S. nationals; providing support and services to foreign terrorist organizations, including the al-Qaida terror network; and using firearms and destructive devices during crimes of violence. Three of the 10 charges carry maximum life sentences; the other seven have prison terms of up to 90 years.

His trial is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 26.

"The identities of the detainees, as well as the questions asked and techniques employed in the interviews, are highly sensitive and confidential," the government motion said.

Detainees may reveal information leading to identification and apprehension of terror suspects and prevention of terrorism, the filing added.

A similar order to protect sensitive unclassified material was issued in the 1999 trial of defendants in the bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. In February, a judge hearing the case of Zacarias Moussaoui, charged as an accomplice in the Sept. 11 hijacking attacks, issued a similar order.

The government's proposal would allow Lindh's lawyers to share the reports with experts holding security clearances but could not be shown to potential witnesses without the court's permission.

The information deleted includes names of interviewing agents, file numbers, references to fellow detainees and names of individuals with no involvement in the Lindh case. Also left out were accounts of photo identification sessions not involving Lindh.

Meanwhile, a filing by Moussaoui's lawyer showed that the French citizen is reading his lawyer's legal briefs carefully.

Defense attorney Frank Dunham Jr. told U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema he was withdrawing an allegation that a jail deputy insisted on reading Moussaoui's legal papers.

The allegation was not in a draft memorandum provided to Moussaoui for review but was in papers filed with the court. The mistake "was called to counsel's attention by Mr. Moussaoui when he saw a copy of what had actually been filed," Dunham said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, April 18, 2002

In the year ahead, there are strong indications that good things could develop for you through loving ties and close bonds. Look for your base of operations to strengthen considerably.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Fortunately for you, even if you wake up on the wrong side of the bed, a lucky occurrence will turn your mood around, and you'll end the day on a good note. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Think big, bold and positive, and substantial strides can be made in advancing your personal interests. You'll get lucky if you think lucky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — What starts out as looking like a loser will take a turn for the better and may even promise to bring in more than you had hoped. This might involve a financial matter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't be afraid to assert yourself if conditions warrant it. If you don't maintain control over things, you shouldn't expect them to turn out the way you'd like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your intuitive instincts could be working well, which would make you likely to forecast the outcome of events with remarkable accuracy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though your beliefs might be tested, what transpires will strengthen your confidence in larger measure. Keep the faith.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You shouldn't waste the day on petty objectives. Go after something big, because major accomplishments are possible now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Lady Luck is likely to be walking in familiar footpaths, so trust what you've learned and have faith that traditional methods will work out well for you.

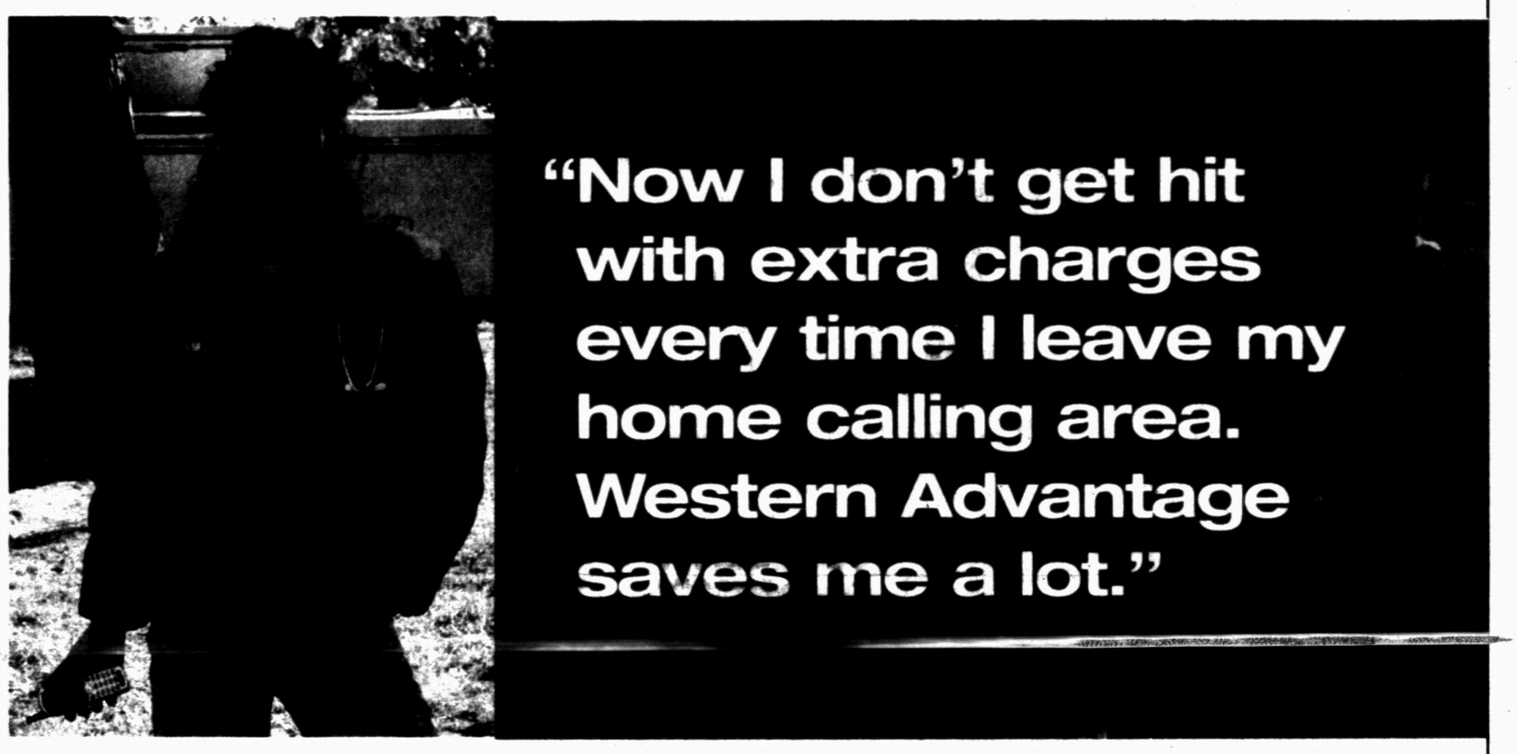
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A significant change in conditions could occur in an important matter. The new shift brings hope and promises of good fortune.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The secret to success lies in cooperative and collective efforts, so this may not be a day to go it alone. If someone wants to team up with you, take him or her up on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Situations where you're prepared to work hard to gratify your objectives and ambitions is where you'll be the luckiest. Put the pedal to the metal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It might be wise to reorganize something that is starting off on the wrong foot, instead of staying with a losing battle. It'll turn things around.

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