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Shattered dreams...

MOCK ACCIDENT — Snyder High School students witnessed first-hand today the dangers of drunken driving as part of the Shattered Dreams program. Snyder emergency personnel responded to the scene to remove 'victims' from the wreckage. (SDN Staff Photo)

QUICK RESPONSE — Helicopter ambulances from Lubbock and Abilene responded to Snyder High School this morning as part of the Shattered Dreams program. Students acted as 'victims' in a mock three-vehicle collision and two were flown from the scene. (SDN Staff Photo)

For sports complex...

Loan discussion on WTC agenda

A half million dollar loan to construct a baseball and softball field on campus tops the agenda for Western Texas College trustees that meet at 6 this evening.

The board is expected to approve terms for the loan from West Texas State Bank, allowing for the completion of the baseball and softball complex under construction on the southwest corner of campus.

The loan has a floating interest rate, which can change annually and the college will retire the debt in seven years. The interest rate for the first year is 4.25 percent.

The trustees have discussed the loan at length, but no formal approval has been included in previous meetings.

Another action item concerning the ball fields is awarding the bid for sod and seeding both fields. Snyder landscape company Hinton C&S Farms submitted the only bid by the March 31 deadline.

In other business, revisions to two board policies will be considered.

The first involves WTC's investment policy, which must be approved annually by the board. New state laws also calls for the policy to be permanently posted on the college website.

The second policy concerns tobacco use on campus. Smoking was previously allowed only in designated areas in the dorms and on-campus apartments. The revision will ban all smoking in any WTC building.

Revisions to the WTC mission statement also will be considered to better reflect WTC's institutional effectiveness goals.

In personnel matters, the retirement of Robert Adams, associate professor of government, history and foreign language, will be considered.

Information and discussion items include the educational report presented by John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction.

Jim Palmer, dean of academic instruction, will present the overload report and the board also will receive a development update concerning fundraising.

Information on a catwalk for the Fine Arts Theatre, the current art exhibit on campus and the April calendar also will be offered, as will the president's report.

The meeting will be held in the administrative boardroom.

SHS tops field in UIL contests

Snyder High School captured first place in the Region I 3A academic contest held Friday and Saturday at Odessa College.

SHS students earned 136 points in all, including the points the one-act play, *The Tempest*, received for advancing to state from the regional contest Friday at Odessa College.

Bridgeport High School was second with 128 points.

SHS students who earned first through third places and all first-place teams now advance to the State Academic UIL meet May 1-3 in Austin.

Snyder High School's speech team placed second. Individually, Will Davis garnered two first places, one in Lincoln Douglas Debate and the other in persuasive speaking. Austin McCormack took sixth place in informative speaking.

Matthew Kerr finished first in biology and sixth in current issues and events.

Tyler Kerr, Jacinda Judah, Lilli Valdez and Josh Kemp were the first place team in accounting.

In individual accounting contests, Kerr placed first; Judah was third;, Valdez, fourth; and Kemp, sixth.

Catherine Whitworth earned sixth place in editorial writing.

Sponsors for the group are Ron Hester and Lynda McCormack, speech events; Thomas Strayhorn, science; Shad Nachlinger, current issues and events; Phyliss Smith, accounting; Jo Ann Cotton, ready writing; and Diane Arnold, journalism.

Problems noted on shuttle wings early on

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost two years before the Columbia disaster, NASA inspectors discovered a serious weakening of a shuttle's protective left-wing panel and ordered a fleetwide inspection out of fear the problem would turn up in other shuttles, internal space agency documents show.

Inspectors were ordered to feel for similar cracks on wing panels of other shuttles. They found none, but NASA now acknowledges its testing might have missed deterioration on shuttles like Columbia because of difficulties detecting such flaws without removing wing panels and cutting them apart.

"There is no technology right now to do effective, nondestructive testing," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It's a conundrum, one we really have to get better at and have to really figure out."

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration knew that visual inspections of wing panels were inadequate. An engineering study a year before the fleet inspection concluded that underlying damage to wing panels "can extend significantly beyond" anything seen on the outside.

PUMP RACES — Area firefighters took part in pump races Saturday as part of the Mid-West Texas Firefighters Association convention in Snyder. Preparing for the races at the pump are, from left, Jason Gruben and Justin Stribling, both of Snyder and James Cowser of Anson. Looking on, back from left, are Shane Jones, Gaylan Rodriguez and Dale Cooper, all of the Snyder department. (SDN Staff Photo)

Noon services continue here for Holy Week

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance's Holy Week Services continues Tuesday with Tom Woodward of Trinity United Methodist Church preaching and Colonial Hill Baptist Church providing the lunch.

Wednesday's message will be brought by Darold Baldwin of the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association.

Trinity United Methodist Church and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will serve lunch.

On Thursday, Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will speak and the lunch will be provided by East Side Church of Christ.

The Good Friday Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. at First United Methodist Church with the meal being served by members of the church.

Buddy Payne, pastor of the church, will deliver the message.

The public is invited to each service and lunch will follow the brief service presented daily.

A free-will offering will be taken daily to support the many ministries that are undertaken by the Ministerial Alliance on behalf of those in the community who need help with utilities or emergency housing.

City-county pact to be discussed tonight

The Snyder city council will hold a called meeting at 6 p.m. today to continue discussion on the city-county intergovernmental agreement.

Terry Martin, chairman of the council committee charged with drafting a new contract, will present a draft of the proposal for the council's consideration.

The council also will meet in executive session to continue the annual evaluation of City Manager John Gayle.

ASK US

Q—Will the banks be closed for Good Friday?

A—Some local banks will close at noon.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Kathleen Huddleston...

...is store manager at Bealls. She has been with Bealls five years, three in Snyder. Living in Snyder and Ira for 22 years, she and her husband, Tommy, have a son, Timothy, who is a senior at Ira High School. Kathleen loves animals, especially a pygmy goat they all enjoy. Kathleen's other interests include gardening—roses and vegetables.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.
—Abraham Lincoln

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

New support group

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

High school orientation

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

Bible study tapes

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

American Legion meeting

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

Lions Club meeting change

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

Hermleigh one-act play

Hermleigh High School will have a hometown performance of its one-act play at 7 p.m. Tuesday. There is no chrge for the play. An ice cream social will be held prior to the play at 6 p.m. with a cost of $1 per cup in the school's cafeteria.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

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

American Evening set at library

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

AARP coffee

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

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria to finalize plans for the sports banquet.

FBC services televised

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

Car wash and bake sale

Northside Baptist Church youth will have a car wash and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart for donations. Baked goods will be priced. All proceeds go to summer camp.

Revival services

Snyder Church of God will hold revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Avenue D Baptist revival

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

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. next Monday. A meal will follow and all Mastere Masons are welcome.

Medical account

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

Ira pictures needed

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

Relay for Life quilt auction

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

Citizenship seminar

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

Senior water aerobics

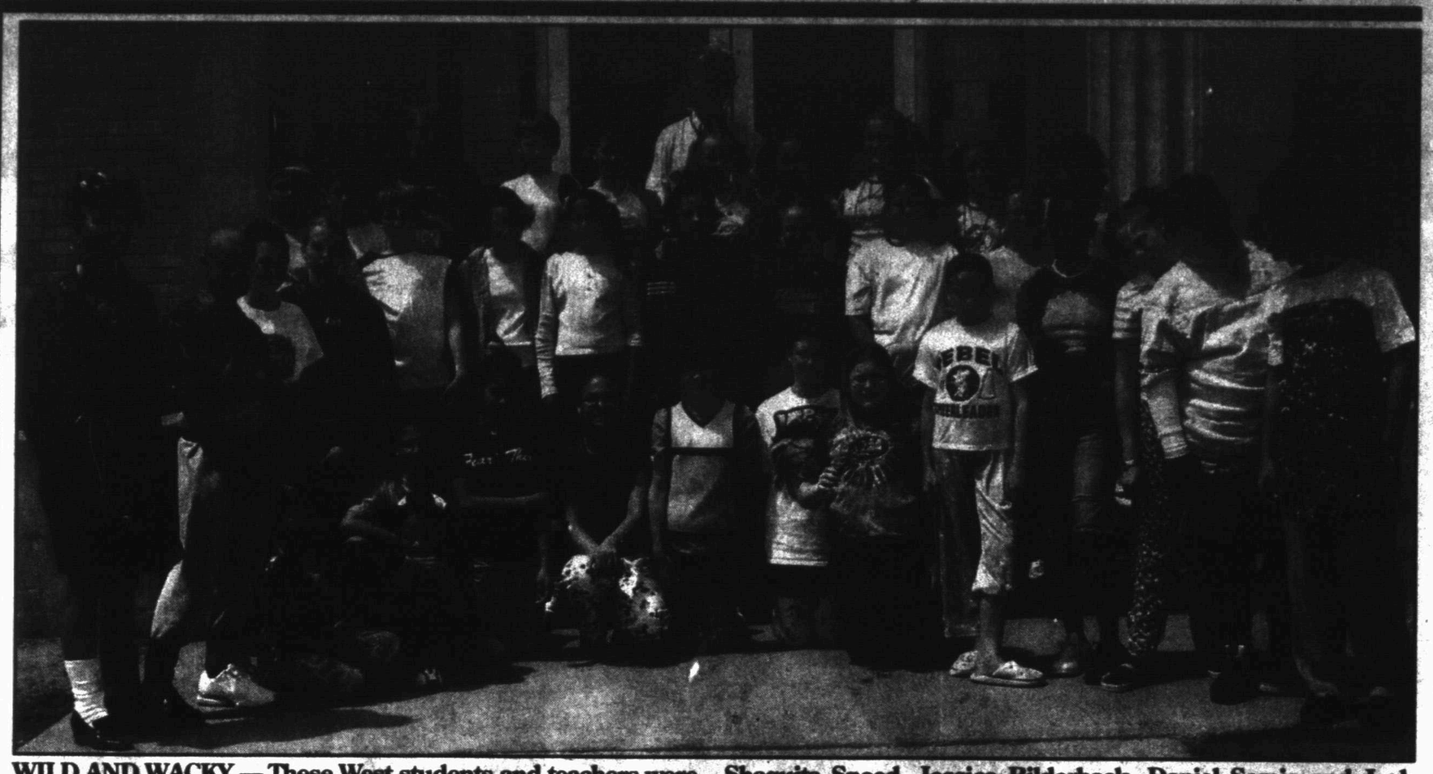
Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Relay for Life cookbooks

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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



WILD AND WACKY — These West students and teachers were wild and wacky wardrobe wearers Friday. To dress up, they donated money to Relay for Life. Teachers who dressed up are Sheryll Reed, far left, front row, and Beverly Robertson in back. Students pictured starting in front from left, are Joe Rivera, Jared Cave, Elisa Alcala, Bobby Diaz, Lesa Jones, Zachery Warren, Constance Martinez, Megan Villegas, Bailey Richardson, Lecy Blauvelt, Lindsey Cox, Mariah Robbins, Shaquita Sneed, Jessica Bilderback, Daniel Samia and Josh Hoover, Tony Perales, Jesse Conner, Amy Fogleman, Alexandria Martinez, Sharla Nolan, Jordan Wright, Ashley Hagins and Brandy Pyburn; next row, Carson Matthies, Jeremy Lindsey, Daniel Peterson, Brooke Burleson, Briana Bryant, Ryanna Alexander, Kailea Shaw and Roxann Renteria. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Gold-star flags made for casualties' families

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP) — Kati Haggard brushed gold paint on a wooden dowel for a flag dedicated to her gymnastics teacher, Army Pfc. Diego Rincon, who was killed in Iraq.

"We wanted to give it to his family to let them know we support them," said 10-year-old Kati, while making the flag with her mother, Sherri.

The two, visiting Aberdeen Proving Ground Wednesday from their home in Georgia, joined a group of military spouses who gathered to make gold star flags for the families of service members killed in Iraq.

The tradition dates to World War I. In 1917, Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry designed and patented a simple flag to reflect the active service of his two sons in the war.

The flags were picked up by a group called the American War Mothers and were soon seen in the front windows of homes across the country. A blue star centered on a white background with a red border represented a family member in active duty.

As casualties mounted, a new tradition developed: those who had lost a son sewed on a gold star over the blue one to represent the ultimate patriotic sacrifice.

The phenomenon, so widespread that President Woodrow Wilson called the group the "Gold Star Mothers," remained an American military fixture through World War II.

"It lost popularity during the Korean and Vietnam wars as there wasn't so much support," said Elaine Valentin, who makes the flags and is trying to revive the tradition. "People were ashamed that their loved ones were fighting overseas, but I think that especially since Sept. 11 that has changed."

On April 2, Congress passed a resolution calling on Americans to recognize the importance of the flags, encouraging family members of those serving in the armed services to proudly display them.

It was the Sept. 11 attacks that inspired Colombian-born Rincon to join the U.S. Army. Rincon, 19, of Conyers, Ga., was killed March 29 when a suicide bomber detonated a bomb at a roadblock. He was granted U.S. citizenship Tuesday, making him eligible for burial in a U.S. military cemetery.

Nancy Stevenson, the wife of Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, made a flag for her husband to bring to the funeral of Master Sgt. Robert Dowdy early next week in Ohio. Dowdy was a member of the 507th Maintenance Company ambushed March 23 near Nasiriyah. His body was one of those recovered during the rescue of Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch.

"I'm proud to be a part of this," said Mrs. Stevenson. "It makes me feel like I'm doing something."

For some of the roughly 25 women and children making the flags, the possibility that they could one day receive such a flag hit home.

"It's natural for us to be involved, for spouses to provide comfort to spouses and parents, as we could all be in that situation," said Beth Roussel, the president of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Military and Civilian Spouses' Club. Her husband is in Iraq with the 520th Theater Army Medical Laborator.

Date Book

Monday, April 14, 2003

Today is the 104th day of 2003 and the 26th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1828, Noah Webster published his American Dictionary of the English Language, the first of its kind.

On this day in 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated while watching a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1939, John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" was first published. The book went on to win the 1940 Pulitzer Prize.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christiaan Huygens (1629-1695), scientist; Arnold Joseph Toynbee (1889-1975), historian; Loretta Lynn (1935-), singer, is 68; Adrien Brody (1973-), actor, is 30; Sarah Michelle Gellar (1977-), actress, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1910, a tradition was born: President William Howard Taft became the first president to throw the opening pitch of the baseball season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "How can women be as thin as we are? We have personal trainers to work us out. We have specially prepared meals." — Sarah Michelle Gellar

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

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-16-22-26-27-31.

Estimated jackpot: $20 million.

Number matching six of six: zero.

Matching five of six: 95. Prize: $1,880.

Matching four of six: 4,879. Prize: $91.

Matching three of six: 94,618. Prize: $5.

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Ira FFA receive awards

Ira FFA students have garnered awards with the animals exhibited this year.

Chad Nickerson showed the sixth place meat goat winner; Ashton Smith, 23rd heavy weight crossbred barrow; Candace Sanchez, 15th light heavy weight duroc barrow; and Kendyll Pilcher, 21st heavy weight fine wool lamb.

Others are Kaci Waller, third place goat winner and fifth place heavy weight fine wool crossbreed lamb; Laramie Gilbert, fourth place light Brangus steer; and Amber Sanchez, 17th heavy weight duroc barrow.

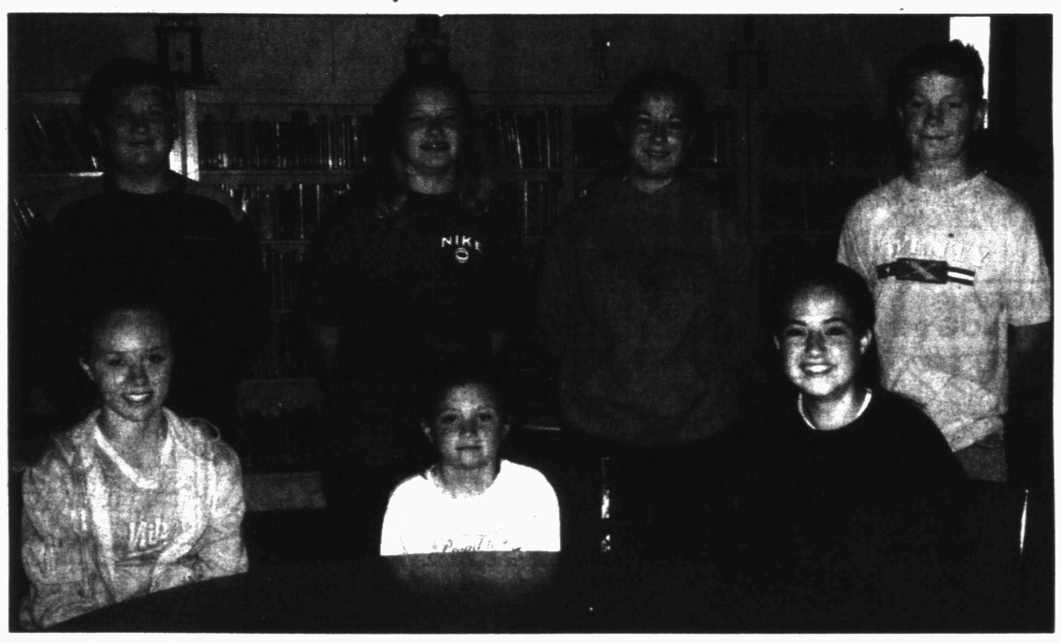
Ira students also received jackets and buckles at the Texas Junior Livestock Association Awards banquet at the Houston Stock Show.

Wes Kellner, eighth showmanship meat goat, senior division; Chad Nickerson, eighth showmanship meat goat, intermediate division; Lacie Thompson, third senior fine wool lamb division.

Others are Sarah Kellner, first region I Pee Wee meat goat division and fourth Pee Wee showmanship meat goats' division; Bailey Nickerson, eighth junior showmanship, meat goat division.

Kaci Waller won several awards including first region I club lamb division, first state intermediate all-around champion; first intermediate fine wool cross; and second intermediate fine wool.

WIN AWARDS —Ira FFA students received jackets and buckles at the Texas Junior Livestock Association Awards Banquet. (See story.) Back row from left are Wes Kellner, Chad Nickerson and Lacie Thompson; front row, Sarah Kellner, Bailey Nickerson and Kaci Waller. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



HOUSTON STOCK SHOW WINNERS —Ira FFA students won awards at the Houston Stock Show. (See story.) Back row from left are Chad Nickerson, Ashton Smith, Candace Sanchez and Kenydll Pilcher; front row, Kaci Waller, Laramie Gilbert and Amber Sanchez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Scientist's technique casts doubt on tests

FORT WORTH (AP) — Nearly 100 DNA cases handled by the Fort Worth Police Department crime lab over the past three years will be reviewed because the methods of a senior forensic scientist have been called into question.

Karla Carmichael, who joined the crime lab in 1999, was placed on paid leave Friday, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported and the Tarrant County district attorney's office said it will conduct a criminal investigation into the workings of the crime lab.

Deputy Police Chief Larry Curtis said DNA experts with the University of North Texas Health Science Center recently raised concerns about Carmichael's proficiency that mirrored those of a DNA scientist who initially reviewed Carmichael's test results.

The lab stopped doing DNA testing in October after prosecutors declined to pursue the death penalty in a capital murder case because of questions about Carmichael's work. Prosecutors said second-opinion DNA test results by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office conflicted with Carmichael's.

Lab director Phil Aviles, who was hired nine months ago, is reviewing all DNA cases processed by the lab over the past three years. In its initial stages, Curtis said, the review has found nothing to indicate Carmichael "deliberately did something to alter a case."

Carmichael referred questions to her attorney, John Hunter Smith of the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas. Smith said Carmichael is to meet Thursday with police administrators to discuss her employment status. She stands by the work she has done, Smith said.

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Jim Bakker making comeback with his Christian music group

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — Jim Bakker has good reason to be happy as his six-piece band appropriately plays Kool and the Gang's "Celebration."

Bakker, the disgraced televangelist who spent five years in prison for fraud related to bilking followers of his once-thriving PTL operation in South Carolina, is in the early stages of reviving that career in this southwest Missouri entertainment mecca, home to more than 40 theaters.

"The Jim Bakker Show," taped at the Studio City Cafe in Branson, is the 63-year-old Bakker's latest venture into Christian television.

Bakker's hour-long show debuted Jan. 2, exactly 16 years after the last show from his Heritage Village resort in Fort Mill, S.C. It now airs on more than 32 stations in 20 states, as well as more than 200 cable stations. And it is broadcast via satellite in 93 countries.

The program includes a talk show with celebrity guests, entertainment from the singing waiters and waitresses — and Bakker's emotional preaching.

Bakker, who taped a segment from his show in a free entertainment tent for last week's five-day Branson Fest celebration at the Welk Resort Theater, is still wary of backlash.

"I was so scared before I went out to those people because they weren't there to see me," Bakker said. "I thought, 'I hope nobody boos us.' But they were very warm."

Bakker said he was nervous to the point of sickness for two months before he went back on the air.

"I think it was my body saying, 'No! No! Don't put your head above the crowd. You'll get tomatoes thrown at you again,'" Bakker said. "But I spent 40 years of my life in front of the camera, and those first weeks back, I finally felt like I've come back home."

Bakker said he's scared by his success and amazed at people's forgiveness.

Bakker resigned from Praise The Lord ministries in 1987 after admitting he had an affair with a ministry secretary. In 1989, Bakker was convicted of a wire and mail-fraud scheme over the sale of more than 150,000 lifetime partnerships to the ministry's Heritage USA theme park in Fort Mill.

Bakker's 45-year sentence was reduced to 18 years and he served five before his parole in 1995. While in prison, his former wife, Tammy Faye — now remarried as Tammy Faye Messner — divorced him.

Bill and Charlene Armstrong, of El Paso were among the thousands who paid for vacation time at Heritage Village. The Armstrongs said they were surprised to see Bakker at Branson Fest.

The Armstrongs said they lost money in the Heritage Village ordeal.

"For us, it was quite a bit of money," Charlene Armstrong said.

But the Armstrongs said that they had forgiven Bakker.

Apparently, that's the common stance.

Bob D'Andrea, president of the Christian Television Network, said the network "didn't really get any flak at all" for airing the show on its nine stations in Florida, Tennessee, Alabama and California and its satellite.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-14-03
♠ 10 8 2
♥ A J 8 3
♦ 5 3
♣ Q J 10 6

West
♠ A J 5 4
♥ 9 6
♦ K 10 7 6 4
♣ K 7

East
♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 10 5 4 2
♦ J 9 2
♣ 4 3

South
♠ Q 6
♥ K Q 7
♦ A Q 8
♣ A 9 8 5 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6

Monday, April 14, 2003

The strange may have meaning

By Phillip Alder

Last year, a friend asked me, "What does the word 'pasystem' (passy-stem) mean?" Do you know the answer?

A selection of strange plays almost always works at the bridge table. The hardest part is thinking of the unusual move.

Look at the North-South hands in today's diagram. You are in three no-trump. West leads the diamond six, and East puts up the jack. How would you plan the play?

Your opening one no-trump promised 15-17 points. North might have passed, but he checked for a 4-4 heart fit, then invited game. With a maximum 17 points and a five-card suit, you had no doubts about trying for the vulnerable game bonus.

This deal comes from Barry Rigal's instructive book, "Step-by-Step: Deceptive Declarer Play" (Batsford, 1996).

You start with seven top tricks: four hearts, two diamonds (given trick one) and one club. If the club finesse is winning, there will be no problems. But if West has the club king, he might find a spade shift, which would surely be fatal to your cause. Is there a way to deflect West?

Yes, if you win the first trick with the diamond ace. You continue with the heart seven to dummy's ace and take the club finesse. After it loses, West might wonder why you didn't duck the first trick, but he will still continue with a low diamond, assuming his partner has the queen. Then you can win with that queen (remember to glance at West!), unblock the king-queen of hearts, cross to dummy with a club, cash the heart jack, and run the clubs for 10 tricks.

Pasystem was a crossword answer: PA system.

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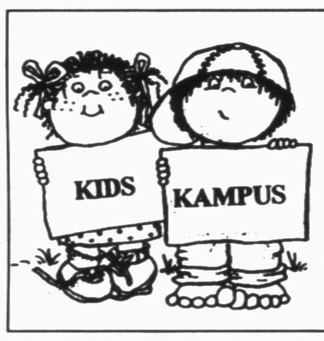

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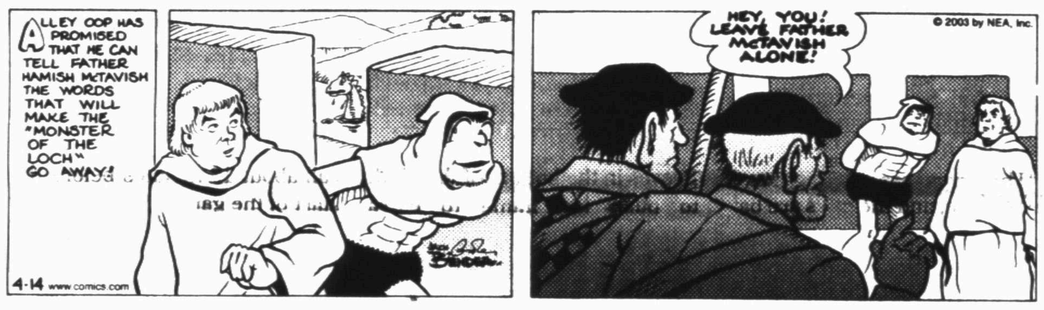

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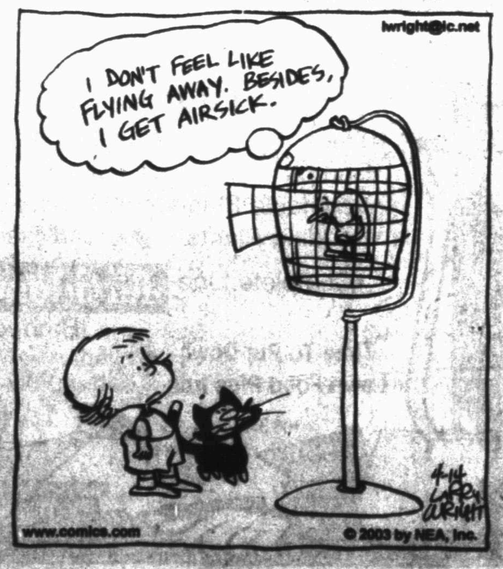

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1 Heavy metal
5 Cable network
8 DC figure
12 Mayberry kid
13 Softball event
14 Honda rival
15 Wk. day
16 Harvest Moon mo.
17 Thick slice
18 Smuggles
20 Curb
21 Light beam
22 "— Sera, Sera"
23 Military council
26 Not private
29 Makes do
30 Garden bloom
31 Weight unit
33 Iced drink
34 Standing on
35 Edict
36 Skipped a line
38 Extra inning
39 Garment edge
40 Ken. neighbor
41 Fly ball paths
43 Fairly
46 Delhi nursemaid
47 Mammal's need
48 Own
50 Late-night host
51 Gun pellets
52 Nights before
53 Regarding
54 Dallas hrs.
55 Coarse file

DOWN

1 Understood
2 Major work
3 Legal claim
4 Dry places
5 Play — (be absent)
6 Tampa Bay 11
7 Slugger Mel —
8 Soft hue
9 Wear the crown
10 Mild cheese
11 Bro or sis
19 Trip-routing org.
20 Hero sandwiches
22 Witty remark
23 Hangar occupant
24 Small guitars
25 Least-varying tide
26 Elbow
27 Pack — —
28 Suit part
30 Piece of news
32 Last degree
34 Poker pair
35 Quill
37 Winter sound (2 wds.)
38 RCA products
40 German sausage
41 "Mister Ed" actor
42 Carry on
43 Derrick arms
44 Pumice source
45 Actor — Montand
46 Menu phrase (2 wds.)
47 Alphabet trio
49 Sixth sense

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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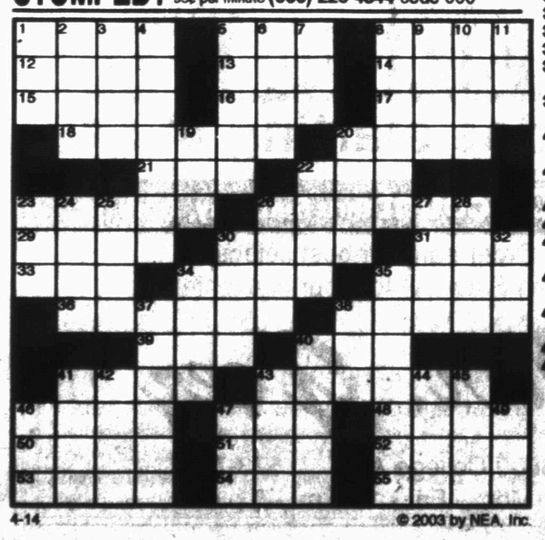

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SPORTS

Weir wins playoff in weird Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — From weird to Weir, there's never been a Masters like this.

It started with the rain, which washed out the first round for the first time in 64 years and left muddy Augusta National smelling like a barnyard.

Then came Martha Burk, whose protest against Augusta's all-male membership featured a puppet show, an Elvis impersonator and a Klansman without a hood.

Finally, the green jacket — which had never been won by a left-hander or a Canadian — was claimed by a left-handed Canadian.

Mike Weir won the first Augusta playoff since 1990, taking the green jacket from Tiger Woods (that's a little strange, too) after Len Mattiace self-destructed on the extra hole.

"It's been a little bit odd, obviously," Weir said. "There were a bunch of things going on outside the gates, and with the weather and everything, it's been a little bit of a hectic week. But I didn't pay much attention to that. I was here to play a golf tournament."

That he did, getting through a Sunday at Augusta without making a bogey until the very end. By then, it didn't matter — Weir tapped in to win on the first playoff hole while Mattiace was taking a double-bogey.

"Unbelievable," Weir said. "It's something I've dreamt of, something I worked very hard at. I'm having a hard time putting it into words because words won't do it justice."

The green jacket that Woods had hoped to slip on for a record third straight year is going north of the border.

Tiger put himself in position to make history by shooting a 66 in the third round. But Woods was out of contention before making the turn on Sunday, his slide beginning with a double-bogey at No. 3.

"It was just one of those weeks where I couldn't get anything going for an extended time," Woods said.

The same could be said of Weir for much of his career.

Like most Canadians, he grew up playing hockey. When the other kids shot past him in height — Weir is 5-foot-8 — he turned his attention to golf.

At age 13, Weir sent a letter to Jack Nicklaus asking whether he should try to hit the ball right-handed, the route taken by many lefties. The Golden Bear told him there was no reason to change his swing.

Weir kicked around the bush-league tours and had to go back to the dreaded qualifying school after a miserable 1997 season on the PGA Tour.

Two years later, Weir was in the final group of a major for the first time, paired with Woods in the PGA Championship at Medinah. Weir shot 80, but the lessons from that day would come in handy five years later.

Oilers leave Dallas speechless after loss

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Mike Modano and the Dallas Stars didn't have much to say.

"They came at us pretty good and had some great individual efforts on goals," Modano said after top-seeded Dallas' 3-2 loss to the Edmonton Oilers on Sunday night.

Radek Dvorak broke a tie at 5:38 of the third period, and the Oilers held off the Stars to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference series. Game 4 is Tuesday night in Edmonton.

Dvorak took the puck at center ice, split the defense and fired a shot past goalie Marty Turco.

"I feel at home," said Dvorak, acquired from the New York Rangers at the trade deadline.

Edmonton had to work hard to preserve the lead, killing a late holding penalty against Marty Reasoner. Then with 49 seconds remaining, Dallas pulled Turco for the extra attacker.

In the only other game Sunday, New Jersey beat Boston 3-0 to take a 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference series.

Five series resume Monday night, with Ottawa at the New York Islanders, Philadelphia at Toronto, Colorado at Minnesota, Vancouver at St. Louis, and Detroit at Anaheim.

Edmonton enforcer Georges Laraque and local hero Fernando Pisani also scored in the third period.

"The coaches said we have to start getting the puck on the net," Laraque said. "We were trying to do too many pretty plays in front of the net."

Pisani has been living in his parents' basement since he was called up from the minors late in the season.

"I always dreamed about that moment growing up, especially of playing in front of that home crowd," Pisani said.

Laraque said the victory was a huge boost to the Oilers' confidence following a 6-1 loss in Dallas on Friday night.

"It was a tough loss in Dallas," he said. "We had to bounce back at home. We'll build on this."

Jason Arnott and Jere Lehtinen scored for Dallas.

Dusters magic number is two

After dropping a pair of games in the last inning Friday, WTC responded with two victories Saturday to split a four-game set with El Paso Community College, moving its magic number to get into the playoffs to two.

"The girls showed a lot of heart," head coach Rodney McNeill said. "El Paso had its back against the wall. We easily could have come out tight on the second day, but the girls played their best ball of the season."

All four games of the home stand were decided by one run, with the team dropping the first two by scores of 6-5, 2-1.

Game one went into extra innings, with the Dusters tying the game in the bottom of the seventh.

Brandy Jordan drove in two runs with a double, and Amber Taylor was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

The second contest was a pitchers' duel, with Pat Gonzales going the distance in the loss.

The Dusters exacted some revenge Saturday, blanking EPCC, 1-0 in the opener, before topping the Tejanas, 4-3 in the nightcap.

Amber House threw a two-hit shutout, and Jordan drilled a second-inning solo shot for the game's only run.

"Amber was the highlight," McNeill said. "She dominated. Her confidence goes up every inning she pitches."

House got her second win of the weekend, relieving Gonzales and throwing two innings of two-hit ball to seal the victory.

House also helped out at the plate in the finale, driving in the tying run in the bottom of the sixth.

Christina Gourd was 2-for-3, and Heather Patterson drove in a run on a double.

Wednesday's scheduled games with Texas Wesleyan have been cancelled, so the Lady Dusters will get an opportunity to rest and heal some nagging injuries before closing out the season with a four-game set against Midland next week.

"For me, the top priority is making sure we're healthy," McNeill said. "We're getting it all together at the right time, and we're going to be tough to beat."

Junior Tigers sweep twinbill

The junior varsity Tigers swept a Saturday twinbill from host Merkel Saturday.

Dustin Williams pitched a complete-game two-hitter in the opener, winning 6-4.

Lico Castillo took the hill in the finale, going the distance in the 4-2 victory.

"When you beat Wylie's JV, you're doing pretty well," said coach Reagan Key. "The kids played really well."

The junior varsity club will travel to Trinity Christian for a 5 o'clock start today.

Bulldogs stay undefeated

ASPERMONT — Eric Dickerhoff went 6 2/3 innings Saturday, striking out 13, as the Ira Bulldogs remained undefeated on the season with an 8-7 triumph at Aspermont.

Ira (11-0, 9-0) was up, 8-3, heading into the bottom of the seventh, but Aspermont rallied, scoring four runs and getting a runner to third with two out, before Josh Gutierrez struck out the final batter to record the save.

"Eric is feeling better all the time. He pitched well," head coach Randy Jones said. "Josh stepped in and got that last out when we needed him."

Jones said he is very pleased with the way the team has been hitting.

"We had 10 hits against a quality team," he said.

Ira will host Hamlin Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Hamlin has two losses in district, and if the Bulldogs should prevail, they would win the district outright with two games remaining.

WTC loses heartbreaker to Odessa

The Western Texas College baseball club battled back from a three-run deficit in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader with Odessa Junior College, only to fall in the 11th inning, 7-6.

"The guys are playing hard. We're close, and the guys are battling and fighting," head coach James King said.

Robert Cedillo blasted a three-run bomb in the eighth to tie the game at 5-5, and Jeremy Cross singled to drive in Tanyon Reeves in the bottom of the ninth to push the game to extra innings.

T.J. Sagen added an RBI double in the tilt.

The Westerners were blown out in the first game, 17-2, as starter Shawn Thomas got the call about 10 minutes before the start of the game.

Cody Guzman was originally penciled-in as the starter, but stiffness in his throwing shoulder forced WTC to go with Thomas at the last minute.

Cross hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning of that game.

Today's game with Lubbock Christian and next Wednesday's game with Hardin-Simmons has been cancelled.

The team will have four more games at Midland Junior College Friday and Saturday.

Boone homer sinks Rangers

SEATTLE (AP) — Bret Boone and Mike Cameron are confident the bats finally are heating up for the Seattle Mariners.

Boone homered twice, with his 13th-inning shot giving Seattle a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

It was a big hitting weekend after the Mariners started the season in a slump. In Saturday night's 13-4 victory, Jeff Cirillo went 4-for-4 to end a 1-for-28 drought, but even Boone fought through a 9-for-40 start.

The Mariners were hitting .252 through the first 11 games.

"Every team I've ever been on has gone through lulls, weeks at a time, where we have trouble bringing runs in," Boone said. "It just so happened we did it at the beginning of the year.

"But we've got a good team, a very well-balanced offense with guys who can work the count and get on base, guys who can hit the ball," Boone said.

Alex Rodriguez hit his fifth home run for the Rangers, and Todd Greene's solo shot tied it at 3 in the eighth.

It ended when Boone connected on a 2-0 pitch from reliever R.A. Dickey (0-1), bringing fans to their feet.

"I left the ball out over the plate and up, and Boonie likes to hit balls over the plate and up, especially on a 2-0 count," Dickey said. "He was coming out of his shoes when he sees that."

Boone also hit a solo shot in the seventh for his 15th career two-homer game. John Mabry had another solo home run in the seventh off Texas starter John Thomson to help the Mariners rally for a 3-2 lead.

Kazuhiro Sasaki (1-0) pitched the 13th for the victory after Shigetoshi Hasegawa threw 3 1-3 innings, striking out four while allowing three hits as the game went to extra innings.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

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

SGSA board meeting

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

Girls softball late signup

The late sign-up for girls softball will be Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8 at Texas Savings Bank.

Pro-am tournament

The Scurry County golf course will host a pro-am tournament next Monday. Tee times are 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Entry fee for amateurs is $40. Call Rick at 573-7101 for more information.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY	
Baseball:	Snyder JV at Trinity Christian, 5 p.m.
TUESDAY	
Baseball:	Snyder at Merkel, 5 p.m.
	Ira vs. Hamlin, 5 p.m.
Softball:	Snyder at Denver City, 5 p.m.
THURSDAY	
Baseball:	Snyder JV vs. Seminole, 5 p.m.
FRIDAY	
Baseball:	Snyder at Seminole, 7 p.m.
	WTC at Midland JC, DH, noon.
Softball:	Snyder vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
	Snyder JV vs. Sweetwater, 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	
Baseball:	WTC at Midland JC, DH, noon.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New Jersey	49	31	.613	—
x-Philadelphia	47	33	.588	2
x-Boston	43	38	.531	6½
x-Orlando	42	38	.525	7
Washington	37	43	.463	12
New York	36	44	.450	13
Miami	24	57	.296	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Detroit	49	31	.613	—
x-Indiana	46	34	.575	3
x-New Orleans	45	35	.563	4
x-Milwaukee	41	40	.506	8½
Atlanta	34	46	.425	15
Chicago	29	52	.358	20½
Toronto	24	56	.300	25
Cleveland	16	64	.200	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	59	21	.738	—
x-Dallas	58	22	.725	1
x-Minnesota	50	31	.617	9½
x-Utah	47	33	.588	12
Houston	41	39	.513	18
Memphis	28	52	.350	31
Denver	17	63	.213	42

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Sacramento	58	23	.716	—
x-Portland	49	31	.613	8½
x-L.A. Lakers	48	32	.600	9½
x-Phoenix	44	36	.550	13½
Seattle	39	41	.488	18½
Golden State	38	42	.475	19½
L.A. Clippers	25	55	.313	32½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee 107, Indiana 98
Minnesota 119, Chicago 95
Portland 101, L.A. Lakers 99
Boston 94, Miami 86
New Orleans 94, Philadelphia 89
Detroit 110, Memphis 107, 2OT
Phoenix 92, San Antonio 85

Monday's Games

New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Little Dribblers

Major

Storm 32, Lady Raiders 10

Storm: Shaquita Sneed 14, Heather Newton 8, Tosha McGlouthin 4, Katy Spradlin 4. **Lady Raiders:** A'Lex Koonce 6, Ashley Swigert 2, Tayla Wesson 2.

Fast Break 46, Jazz 46

Fast Break: Jessica Sandoval 18, Veronica Solano 13, Lindsey Urias 10, Casey Williamson 6, Stacey Clifton 2. **Jazz:** Samatha Medrano 23, Brittany Mitchell 22, Briana Bryant 1.

Sting 31, Sonics 25

Sting: Teryn Sullenger 12, Megan Thompson 9, Micayla Redman 6, Lauren Zamora 4. **Sonics:** Avery Ware 10, Shandy McMullen 6, Bailey Richardson 6, Evian Oliver 2, Lolita Ramos 1.

Junior

Fever 25, Hot Shots 14

Fever: Sadee Bernal 17, Brook Bollinger 4, Skye Moffett 2, Taylor Garcia 2. **Hot Shots:** Brianna Perry 5, Kyla Freeman 4, Kanesha Anderson 4.

Mercury 27, Wildcats 22

Mercury: Lucero Espinosa 14, Elsa Gallegos 7, Lateisha Richardson 4, Samantha Rogers 2. **Wildcats:** Jessica Ibarra 18, Margaret Benitez 2, Tania Rodriguez 2.

Rockets 32, Swoopsters 26

Rockets: Rebecca Jones 18, Jentri Driggers 6, Amber Baker 6, Briana Rose 2. **Swoopsters:** Karissa Medina 12, Bridget Davis 6, Baylee Lewis 4, Caedra Robbins 2, Lauren Sullivan 2.

Hot Shots 14, Little Tigers 10

Hot Shots: Kanesha Anderson 6, Kayla Freeman 6, Brianna Perry 2. **Little Tigers:** Tara Gordon 2, Jenee Payne 2, Katie Perales 2, Kendra Peterson 2, Taylor Reed 2.

Starzz 30, Sharpshooters 15

Starzz: Sarah Parmer 12, Sydney Glass 6, Ashleigh Jenkins 2, Sadye Maizer 2, Samantha Mitchell 2, Lizeth Olivarez 2. **Sharpshooters:** Blaire Toombs 13, Ashley Kenner 2.

Magic 36, Comets 11

Magic: Savannah Valdez 18, Madison Guzman 16, Alisha Guzman 12, Amanda Villa 2. **Comets:** Carrie Harlan 6, Robyn Seitz 3, Kailey Glenn 2.

Eight-year-old

Suns 14, Hoopsters 10

Suns: Delinda Dacus 12, Jacinda Payne 1, Mindy Warren 1. **Hoopsters:** Heather Medrano 6, Ashlie Moon 2, Ashton Wilkinson 2.

Hornets 10, Hoopsters 6

Hornets: Vanessa Ornales 4, Towry Bingham 2, Courtney Pollard 2, Hayley Taylor 2. **Hoopsters:** Heather Medrano 4, Megan McWilliams 2.

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Man arrested in deaths of 5 prostitutes

PHOENIX (AP) — The discovery of a decomposing body in a camper led police to arrest a man in the deaths of five prostitutes found dead near Phoenix's red light district in the past nine months.

Police said the man arrested Saturday, Cory Morris, 24, admitted involvement in five deaths, including that of the woman his uncle found in the RV where Morris sometimes lived. He was being held on suspicion of murder and charges were pending.

Melva Willis, Morris' aunt who owns the property where the camper was parked, said her husband called police Saturday after finding the body beneath blankets and a sleeping bag. She said police told them the woman had been dead at least three days. The woman's name was not released.

"Everybody who has ever met Cory says this can't be real," she said. "I don't know, but there's just too much evidence. ... If he admits it, what else can I say?"

Since July, the bodies of six women have been found in the Garfield neighborhood north of the Arizona Diamondbacks' stadium — just blocks from Phoenix's red light district on East Van Buren Street.

Autopsies on four of the women show they died of cocaine overdoses.

"We believe Morris was basically picking up the women on Van Buren Street, taking them back to the RV, having sex and doing cocaine," said Phoenix Police Detective Tony Morales.

Morales said he could not yet discuss how the women were killed, but said investigators are certain the deaths are homicides.

Morales said police acting on an earlier tip had already been looking for Morris, who periodically stayed in the RV. He was arrested at a nearby bar, where he worked as a karaoke disc jockey.

Morris moved to Phoenix a couple of years ago from Oklahoma and began staying in the camper in the summer, about the same time the first body appeared, Willis said.

"Over the next weeks and months we will have to explore where Morris has been and where he's come from," Morales said. "There's a possibility, a chance this may have been happening somewhere else."

Willis said police seized the camper as evidence.

The first body, that of Janice Irvin, 43, was found July 14. Barbara Codman, 46, was found dead in a nearby alley Sept. 11.

One month after Codman's death, police found the body of 32-year-old Shanteria Davis just yards away. The proximity to Codman's and Irvin's bodies and the similarities in their deaths caught investigators' attention.

On Feb. 27, Jade Velasquez's body was found under a palm tree. On March 29, Sherry Noah, 37, was found dead across the street from a church.

All five bodies were found within two blocks of the RV where Morris stayed.

The death of a woman whose body was found Dec. 9 just a few miles south of the neighborhood is no longer believed to be connected to the case, Morales said.

Bouncer fatally stabbed in no smoking brawl

NEW YORK (AP) — A bouncer at a Manhattan nightclub died Sunday after he was stabbed in a brawl that police said began when he tried to enforce the city's new ban on smoking in bars and restaurants.

Dana Blake, 32, died about 11 hours after the late-night fight in an East Village nightclub.

Police arrested two brothers, Johnathan and Ching Chan, shortly after the fight and charged them with assault. Prosecutors had not decided Sunday whether to upgrade the charges because of Blake's death.

Blake approached the men about 2:30 a.m. to tell them they could not smoke in the bar, police spokesman Michael O'Looney said. It was unclear whether one or both men were smoking, he said.

Harsh words were exchanged and the brawl began when Blake tried to eject Johnathan Chan for disorderly behavior, witnesses told police. Blake was stabbed in the fight, but it was unclear who stabbed him or with what, O'Looney said.

The smoking ban took effect late last month.

It could not immediately be determined if the brothers had lawyers.

Blake's older brother, Tony Blake, said Sunday he blamed the death on the smoking ban. "I'm very bitter," he said. "It's a senseless murder because of this stupid cigarette law. That's the reason this guy was killed."

Ed Skyler, spokesman for Mayor Michael Bloomberg, said the mayor was pleased suspects were quickly arrested and that "his thoughts are with the family of the victim."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Go fo, 110

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 81 and plan to live to 110. My doctor tells me that I have too much iron in my system and has stopped me from taking iron pills or vitamins with iron. What effect could surplus iron have on my health?

DEAR READER: Iron is a vital mineral. A deficiency causes anemia because, in the absence of iron, the bone marrow cannot manufacture new red corpuscles.

Excess iron, however, is harmful. Once the body's iron-storage capacity is exceeded, any additional amounts of the mineral are deposited in tissues, such as glands, lungs, liver and heart. Known as hemochromatosis, or iron overload, this condition is virtually a form of iron poisoning that leads to cirrhosis (liver inflammation and scarring), bronze discoloration of the skin, diabetes, heart failure and other less common but equally serious disorders.

Treatment consists of reducing dietary iron and, in severe cases, removing iron from the body either by withdrawing blood (phlebotomy) or using a form of chelation therapy.

Adults on normal, well-balanced diets often mistakenly believe they need additional iron in vitamin supplements. Although such supplements are appropriate for menstruating women (who may lose significant quantities of iron each month), these supplements are inadvisable for men and postmenopausal women, unless prescribed by a physician. Therefore, your doctor was correct in discontinuing your iron in pill form.

Once you have reduced your intake of the mineral, your body will, in time, use the excess, stored iron for normal metabolism. Eventually, your iron level should fall and, with some good fortune, you may make it to 110.

You can obtain more information about hemochromatosis and its health risks by writing the Iron Overload Diseases Association, 224 Datura St., Suite 912, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 30-year-old husband was recently diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer. Please comment on the cause, the treatment and the prognosis.

DEAR READER: Papillary carcinoma is the most common thyroid malignancy, constituting about 65 percent of all thyroid cancers. The cause is unknown, but the tumor is frequently associated with a history of radiation exposure, such as X-ray treatments that were popular years ago for acne therapy. The cancer often affects people under 40, is more common in women and appears to be less malignant in younger patients than in the elderly.

Treatment consists of surgical removal of the malignancy, followed by thyroid suppression, meaning that synthetic thyroid hormone is used to deactivate the gland, thereby suppressing any natural production of thyroid hormone. This combined therapy is almost always effective and should give your husband a favorable prognosis. For obvious reasons, he should be under the care of an oncologist, because there may be newer treatments with which I am unfamiliar.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 15, 2003

Success in your important undertakings looks highly encouraging for you in the year ahead. There are a number of indications that what you put your mind to, you'll be able to pull off with relative ease.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Before making an important decision today, find someone you trust and respect to discuss it with. Hashing over the issues will reveal both the weak and strong points of all your options.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't hide your light under a bushel today. Make your talents and abilities known to those who can offer rewards or remuneration for work well done. There is always a need for quality skills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There is nothing motionless about you in either word or activity. Yet today your demeanor could command more attention and be extra attractive to those with whom you share your time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's possible that everyone in the family could be in harmony at this time regarding a common issue of a confidential nature. If each agrees, take the collective measures to act on it today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A consideration you have to make today should not be based solely on what's in it for you. Take in all the factors that are of equal importance, such as the sociological aspects involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The ways and means may become available to you today for making it possible to achieve something you've been wanting but couldn't afford. Take advantage of your good luck.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Should you find others supportive of your ideas or proposals today, act on them now while they are in your corner. Chances are their endorsement might not be enduring.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Sometimes keeping everyone guessing is the only right thing to do, and today may be one of those times. If the activities in which you're involved are sensitive or secretive, keep mum.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A close associate might share information with you today that you know would be helpful to others in your intimate circle. Get the facts to them as quickly as you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Subtle advantages can be gained today through someone who has your best interests at heart. What this person does for you could benefit you both financially and in image-making.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Take a long-range view of things today when it comes to formulating plans and arrangements. What you do now could have an effect upon what you'll be able to do tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't undersell your practical logical assessments today, but also give equal credence to your hunches or intuitive insights. Merged together, they could be dynamite.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. has completed the No. 15-N Northwest Ira, five miles southeast of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 102 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,020-032 feet, and location is in Section 8, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 125-4 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 17, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder-Morgan will drill the No. 71-8 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Also scheduled for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 160, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Permian Resources Inc. will drill the No. 1 J.L. Green in the Diamond M field, eight miles west of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 3,317 feet, location is in Section 213, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

RJD Management Co. Inc. will drill the No. 8-B Davis in the Post field, 12 miles east of Post. Planned depth is 2,900 feet and location is in Section 56, Block 2, T&NO survey.

RJD Management will drill the No. 7-B Davis in the Post field, 12 miles east of Post. Also planned for a depth of 2,900 feet, location is in Section 56, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Apache Corporation will drill the No. 18 Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, two miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 2,900 feet, drill site is in Section 128, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Brigham Oil and Gas has completed the No. 1-31 Shasta in the Patience field, two miles southeast of Knott. The well was completed to produce 16 barrels of oil and seven barrels of water. Perforations were from 10,303-340 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block 33, T2N, T&P survey.

Snyder, Texas - April 12, 2003
State Tournament Directors compliment Scurry County on having the best-lit horseshoe pitching courts in the state.

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FIRST PLACE CLASS C:
Bernhard Bartels and Clayton Henderson
FIRST PLACE CLASS D:
Don and Dorothy Duncan

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	3.64	2.96	3.10	—.20
AOL TimeWrn	12.45	12.22	12.33	+.03
AT&T Corp rs	14.15	14.04	14.05	
Albertsons	19.12	18.84	19.05	+.16
Alltel	46.39	45.42	46.33	+.73
AmEl Pw	24.31	23.94	24.24	+.24
AndarkPtr	45.20	44.76	45.04	+.24
ATMOS Egy	21.65	21.49	21.50	—.04
Aviall	7.76	7.68	7.76	+.08
BP PLC	38.79	38.51	38.78	+.43
BakerHughes	29.94	29.27	29.28	—.52
Bank of Amer	71.85	70.84	70.90	—.44
BellSouth	22.66	22.20	22.58	+.26
BurlNoSFe	26.01	25.78	25.91	+.10
Caterpillar	53.43	52.00	53.18	+.20
CenterPoint	7.60	7.48	7.51	+.01
ChevronTex	63.93	63.46	63.90	+.34
Citigroup	38.15	37.50	37.76	+.41
CocaCola	41.95	41.43	41.79	+.36
ColgatePal	56.90	54.53	55.91	+.39
CmclMetals s	14.69	14.60	14.61	—.08
ConocoPhill	51.29	50.87	51.08	+.01
Cooper Inds	37.24	36.90	37.05	+.19
DaimlrChry	31.50	30.84	31.44	+.44
DeltaAirl	9.70	9.35	9.51	—.08
Dillards Inc	13.07	12.87	13.02	+.15
DowChem	28.56	28.09	28.34	+.25
DuPont	39.80	38.50	39.66	+.18
EastmanChem	29.37	28.75	29.32	+.50
EstKodak	31.51	31.23	31.41	+.05
EDS Corp	16.89	16.39	16.88	+.29
Entergy	46.48	46.25	46.35	—.18
ExxonMobil	34.60	34.26	34.55	+.22
FootLocker	10.90	10.68	10.75	—.11
GenDynam	55.00	53.83	54.42	+.45
GenElec	27.61	27.27	27.56	+.20
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GaPacific	14.20	13.95	14.09	+.19
Goodrich	14.16	14.03	14.09	+.07
Goodyear	4.75	4.60	4.69	—.03
GtAtlPac	5.05	4.92	4.97	+.17
Halliburtn	21.75	21.34	21.51	—.09
Hanson ADS	26.40	25.80	26.30	+.95
HarteHanks s	18.04	17.84	17.98	—.02
HomeDepot	25.99	25.75	25.94	+.04
HoneywellIntl	21.94	21.61	21.85	+.24
IBM	79.35	78.16	79.17	+.42
IntlPaper	33.97	33.64	33.66	—.08
JohnsonJn	57.99	57.25	57.45	+.07
KinderMorg	44.76	44.30	44.60	+.18
Kroger Co	13.84	13.65	13.83	+.13
LockheedM	44.00	43.56	43.57	—.54
Lowes Cos	44.00	43.42	43.65	—.25
Lubys	1.24	1.21	1.24	+.03
LucentTech	1.53	1.48	1.49	—.03
MarathonOil	23.22	22.98	23.10	+.06
MayDeptStr	20.19	19.64	20.16	+.19
Medtronic	47.30	46.89	47.12	+.22
Motorola	8.09	7.88	7.90	—.10
NCR Corp	20.13	19.83	19.98	—.07
Navistar	26.45	25.15	26.43	+.36
PNM Rescs	22.25	22.13	22.13	—.01
Penney JC	17.76	17.18	17.53	—.36
PepBoys	7.90	7.85	7.88	+.08
PepsiCo	40.57	40.00	40.38	+.11
Pharmacia	44.60	44.19	44.50	+.61
PhelpDodge	32.70	32.41	32.55	+.15
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Praxair	57.24	55.47	56.96	+.54
ProctGamb	89.95	89.13	89.89	+.69
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RoyalDut	42.36	42.01	42.35	+.18
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SearsRoeb	27.15	26.56	27.12	+.41
SherwinW	27.38	27.00	27.28	+.27
SouthernCo	28.28	28.00	28.26	+.32
SwstAirl	14.95	14.63	14.74	+.04
SprintFON	11.79	11.59	11.74	+.12
SprintPCS	4.15	4.05	4.11	+.03
Sunoco Inc	37.26	36.72	37.25	+.56
TXU Corp	17.87	17.70	17.87	+.17
TempleInland	41.40	40.63	40.70	+.77
TexInd	19.40	19.24	19.28	+.04
TexasInst	16.46	16.14	16.45	+.22
Textron	29.14	28.68	28.95	+.32
TrinityInds	15.60	15.49	15.49	—.01
TylerTech	3.89	3.75	3.88	+.27
UnionPacif	57.65	56.88	57.43	+.48
USSteel	11.90	11.58	11.89	+.32
UnitedTech	61.75	60.95	61.75	+.50
Unocal	26.49	26.25	26.43	+.12
VerizonComm	34.30	33.91	34.18	+.20
WalMart	53.44	52.61	53.40	+.42
WellsFargo	46.74	46.11	46.34	+.10
WstnGasRs	33.00	32.80	32.96	—.01
WinnDixie	13.23	13.03	13.15	+.22
Xerox Cp	8.81	8.65	8.81	+.15
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Progress made in completing human genome sequencing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists who three years ago said they had virtually completed a map of the human genetic code now report progress in understanding the last few pieces of one of the world's most complex puzzles.

The sequencing of the human genome puts humankind on the verge of a new era of breakthroughs in treating disease, say researchers involved in the project.

Dr. Francis Collins, director of the federal National Human Genome Research Project, planned to announce the update today, with Dr. Elias Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health, and James Watson, who shared the Nobel Price for discovering the building blocks of life that have now been decoded.

The genome is the collection of genes that form the DNA that contains the instructions for life. In humans it's about 3.12 billion pairs of chemicals that form between 35,000 and 40,000 genes.

A gene is a group of those pairs, and each gene is a single instruction for the makeup of a being. Faulty genes can lead to various diseases; researchers hope that once they can read the entire code they can figure out where problems exist and, one day, correct them.

"We have caught a glimpse of an instruction book previously known only to God," Collins said when the nearly complete work was announced.

"The promise of this research is great for alleviating human suffering. If research continues to proceed vigorously, we can expect medicine to be transformed dramatically in the coming decades," he later told a Senate subcommittee.

In the earlier announcement, Collins said about 97 percent of the chemical pairs had been identified. He said researchers eventually hoped to sequence the genome to an accuracy of 99.9 percent. Because every human being has a unique genetic pattern, researchers are not expected to ever reach 100 percent.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman's investment in future marriage is paying no return

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Brian," and I are in our early 30s. In June we will have been dating for six years. We've lived together for four. I am ready for marriage and a family, but Brian considers marriage a "financial decision." He has told me more than once that he would gain nothing by marrying me.

Frankly, our living arrangement has never been financially ideal for me. At the time we moved in together, I had been making payments on a small home that would have been paid for by now. I sold it (taking a loss) and gave away all my furniture when I moved in with Brian. He had just purchased a pricey home, and I have always paid him rent and shared all living expenses.

So I have to ask myself: What does my live-in companion have to "lose" financially by marrying me? I continue to pay him rent. At my own expense I have painted the bedrooms, put up all new drapes and blinds, planted a beautiful garden ñ- all for a house that's not even mine.

Last June, I gave Brian one year to ask me to marry him. Here it is almost May, and he is no closer to proposing now than he was then. Am I being unreasonable to expect a serious commitment? Any advice would help. Sign me ... COLORADO LADY IN WAITING

DEAR LADY IN WAITING: Unreasonable, no. Naive, yes. Your boyfriend is a self-admitted cash-and-carry kind of guy. He is only interested in the financial benefits of your current arrangement.

You have stars in your eyes, and Brian is blinded by dollar signs. If you want a real partnership, find someone with whom you have more in common.

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DEAR ABBY: "Vivian" has been my best friend for 11 years. Our children are the same ages and our families have always been close. Last summer, Viv suddenly stopped talking to me and wouldn't return my phone calls. The last time we spoke was Christmas when she brought gifts over for the kids and acted like everything was fine. I haven't heard a word from her since.

I miss my friend and I am mystified as to why she won't return my calls and e-mails. I thought we were as close as sisters. I don't understand how a grown woman can toss out a longtime friendship like yesterday's garbage. What more can I do, Abby? — HURT AND CONFUSED IN OREGON

DEAR HURT AND CONFUSED: You have done all you can to preserve the friendship. The ball is now in Vivian's court. There may be something going on in her life that she's not willing to share with you at this time. Go on with your life and don't second-guess what you should or shouldn't have done.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Easter will soon be here. Many people regard it as an occasion to give pets to small children. A word of caution: If you plan to surprise a child with a duckling, a chick or a baby rabbit, please consider that living creatures need proper care. Unless you are absolutely certain that the little pet will receive the care it needs to survive, please give the child a stuffed bird or rabbit instead. Regardless of how cute baby birds and animals are, they should not be given to children on impulse.

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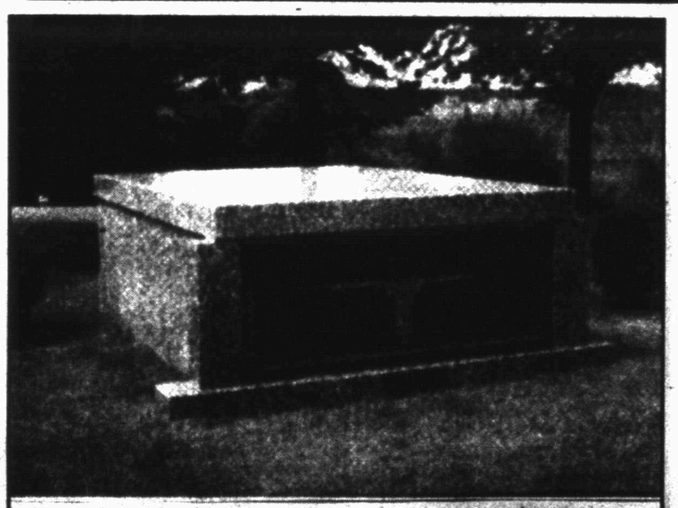

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Five arrested in Snyder

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a juvenile male in the 1000 block of 27th Street at 4 a.m. Sunday and escorted him to the juvenile detention center in Garza County.

DPS troopers arrested a 17-year-old man on FM 1611 near the gas plant for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old man in the 1100 block of 13th Street at 7 p.m. Sunday for Class A assault, family violence.

At 9 p.m. Sunday, officers responded to a fight at the Western Crest Apartments. Taken into custody were a 41-year-old woman on a warrant for theft by check and a man, age unknown, for Class B criminal trespass.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old woman in the 800 block of 27th Street at 11:30 p.m. Sunday for disorderly conduct and inappropriate language.

Thefts

Graciela Wells reported a break-in at her residence in the 1200 block of 26th Street Saturday and reported that jewelry was stolen. A report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

At 2 a.m. Sunday Dollie Montivias requested an officer at 2100 41st Street to report the theft of three bicycles. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 1:20 p.m. Sunday, Clinton Chesser reported the theft of several items from his property in the 2200 block of 44th Street, but requested no report be made.

Gerald Mireles reported the theft of stereo equipment at his parent's residence on 34th Street Sunday evening. A report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Assault

A man called 9-1-1 at 1:50 p.m. Saturday and reported that he had been assaulted. An offense report for Class C assault was filed and officers contacted several subjects to issue citations for the offense.

A man requested an officer to report that two juvenile females assaulted his 10-year-old daughter. Officers contacted the girls and advised them of the complaint, but no charges were requested.

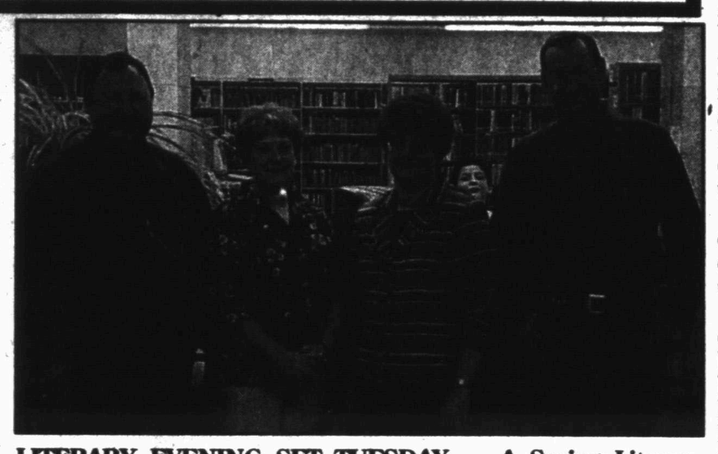
A woman requested an officer at a residence on 13th Street in reference to her step-brother threatening to assault her. A report for family violence was submitted.

Criminal mischief

A woman requested an officer in the 1300 block of 19th Street at 9:20 a.m. Saturday and reported someone throwing a chair through her father's picture window. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $25 at 1:15 p.m. Sunday.



LITERARY EVENING SET TUESDAY — A Spring Literary Evening will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Librarian Janie Romine said "Veterans will be sharing experiences of service for our country during our American Evening." The public is invited. Pictured at the Fall Literary Evening are presenters Jackie Greene, Romine, Ralphene Canon and Ray Courtney. (Contributed Photo)

Five college students die in fire

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Authorities were investigating reports that a fight broke out before a house fire near Ohio State University killed five students and injured three others.

The fire started early Sunday at a three-story home as a student's 21st birthday party was breaking up. That student was among the dead. Arson and homicide investigators were at the student-rented house.

"The cause has been ruled suspicious," Fire Department spokeswoman Kelly McGuire said.

Investigators expected to know by late today whether the fire was arson or accidental, Sgt. Brent Mull said.

Party guest Richie Delmont, an Ohio State junior, said an argument began when another guest tried to lift a refrigerator on a dare and one of the residents told him to stop. Delmont said the confrontation did not get physical.

About 80 people were at the party, Columbus police Sgt. Dana Norman said.

Machinists strike Lockheed Martin

FORT WORTH (AP) — Thousands of employees for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. are on strike early today, seeking better wages and relief from high medical insurance and drug costs.

Picketing began outside Lockheed Martin Corp.'s Texas aircraft manufacturing plant at 12:01 a.m., as the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers' contract with Lockheed Martin Aeronautics expired.

Record profits by the defense contractor aren't reflected in its economic offer to machinists, a union representative said.

"We have foregone a lot of raises over the last few contracts because our company had not been in a good position," Mark Hill, a strike captain for District Lodge 776, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said early today. "But this year we absolutely are in a different position. There are record profits at Lockheed Martin. We are asking for a fair contract."

The plant has contracts to make the F-16, which is sold to Israel and Greece, and the F-2, another fighter jet, for Japan. It also makes the center section of the F/A-22 , which will be used by the U.S. military, but is not in use yet. Production on the F/A-22 section began last year.

"Because we don't make anything for the military now, I don't think this strike has any bearing on the war," said Doug Grimes, a picketing 18-year employee with the plant.

Also, the union's production workers will begin building the new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter later this year.

The headline on the union local's Web site early today was, "On strike!" It's the second walkout in three years for the Fort Worth-based defense company.

Negotiators for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics and Machinists Local 776 met late into the night Saturday, but failed to reach agreement on a proposed three-year contract. Lockheed made a new offer, improving its wage and pension proposals slightly. But union officials said the general wage-increase proposal of up to 4 percent in the first year and 3 percent in the next two years was not enough to recommend ratification.

"Members are united," Hill said. "The single largest issue for the members is medical insurance and prescription drugs. The proposed raises in the contract will be eaten up by increases in medical co-pays and prescription co-pays."

He said the company had proposed that workers pay a percentage of prescription drug costs, with some co-pays for expensive drugs potentially reaching hundreds of dollars.

The union local's leaders, in a members' meeting Sunday at the Cowtown Coliseum in Fort Worth, explained the company's final offer, then requested a ratification vote.

Harvard grad student pleads innocent

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A Harvard graduate student pleaded innocent today to murder in connection with the weekend stabbing death of an 18-year-old hotel worker.

Alexander Pring-Wilson admits he stabbed Michael Colono early Saturday after an argument but says he acted in self-defense, said his lawyer, Jeffrey Denner.

Pring-Wilson, 25, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was held without bail until a hearing on Friday.

Prosecutors said Colono was sitting with a man and a woman in a car outside the pizza shop at about 1:45 a.m. when he exchanged words with Pring-Wilson. The two began fighting after Colono got out of the car and Pring-Wilson allegedly stabbed Colono five times.

Denner said Pring-Wilson and a group of friends had gone to a nearby nightclub, and Pring-Wilson was walking home alone when he encountered Colono.

Denner said Pring-Wilson didn't start the fight and was being attacked by Colono and a man.

Births

Don and Anita Turnbo announce the birth of their son, Donald Ray Turnbo Jr., weighing six pounds, nine ounces. He was born at 5:41 p.m. on April 11 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Ida Turnbo of Snyder is his paternal grandmother and Velma Massingill of Gail is his maternal grandmother.

Obituaries

Alan Rios

1974-2003

MIDLAND — Alan Ray Rios, a relative of several Scurry County residents, died Friday, April 11, in Midland Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Alan Rios

Mass for Mr. Rios, 28, is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Fr. Arturo Pestin officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 22, 1974 in Midland, Mr. Rios was a 1992 Midland Lee High School graduate.

Survivors include his parents, Andy and Aurora Rios of Midland; a brother, Arthur Lynn Rios of Midland; a sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Jarod McMorries of Parachute, Colo.; his grandparents, Nellie Rios of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Herrera of Hermleigh; his aunts and uncles, Sally and David Botts, Manny and Frances Rios, Josie and Jesse Hernandez, Bella and Lupe Lopez, all of Snyder; Tom Rios of Plano, Rick Rios of San Angelo and Rosie Vincent of Midland; Jesse and Anita Rios and Janie and Ted Mireles, all of Hermleigh, Martha and Bob Frick of Dunn, Maria and Abel Galaviz of Austin and Rosa Martinez of San Antonio; and 25 cousins.

Pallbearers will be Danny Duniven, Steven Viera, Marcos Almuina, Efrain Gonzales, Rick Rios and Keith Tiner.

A wake will be held at 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Eva Lujan

1928-2003

COLORADO CITY — Eva Lujan, the mother of Rachel Bass of Snyder, died Sunday, April 13, in a Colorado City care center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lujan, 75, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Fr. David Espita officiating. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

A rosary is set for 7 this evening at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 20, 1928 in Colorado City, she married Manuel Lujan in 1958 in Colorado City. He died in 1999.

A life-long resident of Colorado City, Mrs. Lujan was a dry cleaner and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors also include two sons, Felix Lujan and WTC computer programmer Sam Lujan, both of Colorado City; a brother, Jesse Valdez of Odessa; six sisters, Juanita Diaz of Midland, Ruth Madrid of Andrews, Mary Rentz of Long Beach, Calif., Rosa Fierro of Amarillo, Teresa Garcia of Garden Grove, Calif., and Cecelia Wilson of Abilene.

Don Newsom

1926-2003

BIG SPRING — Don R. Newsom, former owner of Don's IGA in Snyder and Big Spring, died Friday, April 11.

Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. William Fleming of Lubbock officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a 1949 graduate of Texas A&M University. He married Marilyn Keaton in 1949 and she died in 1992.

A resident of Big Spring for more than 50 years, he was in the grocery and restaurant business and was named Big Spring's man of the year in 1992.

Mr. Newsom was a member of the local A&M Club and chaired the annual scholarship barbecue for 50 years. He was founder of the Toastmaster's Club, a member of the chamber of commerce, Salvation Army and served on the board of regents for McMurry University for two years.

Survivors include two sons, Kent Newsom of Flower Mound and Dr. Gary Newsom of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

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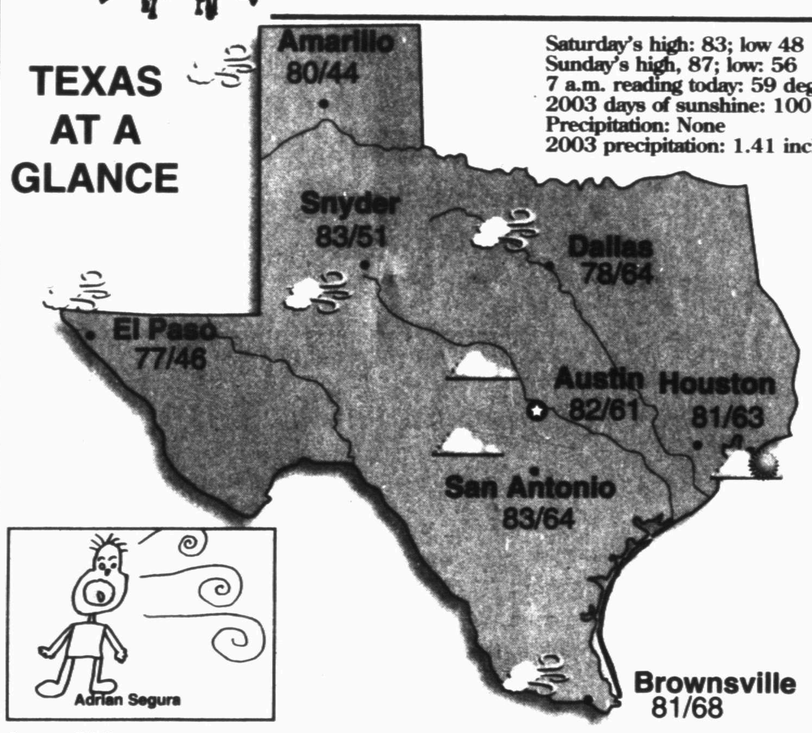

Area Cities

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Abilene	81	58	t-storm	El Paso	77	46	windy	Midland	87	50	windy
Amarillo	80	44	windy	Fort Stockton	91	52	windy	Raymondville	86	66	windy
Austin	82	61	cloudy	Gainesville	77	58	windy	Rosenberg	81	62	pt sunny
Beaumont	80	62	pt sunny	Greenville	78	59	windy	San Antonio	83	64	cloudy
Brownsville	81	68	windy	Houston	81	63	pt sunny	San Marcos	82	62	windy
Brownwood	85	59	windy	Kingsville	85	65	windy	Sulphur Springs	78	59	windy
Corpus Christi	81	66	windy	Livingston	81	60	pt sunny	Sweetwater	84	56	t-storm
Corsicana	79	62	windy	Longview	80	59	pt sunny	Tyler	81	61	cloudy
Dallas	78	64	windy	Lubbock	83	46	windy	Weatherford	78	60	windy
Del Rio	88	66	pt sunny	Lufkin	81	60	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	81	58	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	53	pt sunny	Houston	81	63	pt sunny	Phoenix	71	49	rain
Boston	78	56	windy	Los Angeles	64	49	pt sunny	San Francisco	58	49	pt sunny
Chicago	82	51	windy	Miami	81	69	cloudy	Seattle	57	40	cloudy
Dallas	78	64	windy	Minneapolis	71	43	cloudy	St. Louis	88	60	windy
Denver	69	35	t-storm	New York	79	53	sunny	Washington, DC	80	56	pt sunny

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AMERICA AT WAR

Two U.S. carriers to leave war zone this week

By The Associated Press

U.S. forces pushed into the last major Iraqi city with substantial resistance, as the rescue of seven American prisoners sent spirits soaring back home. Two Navy aircraft carriers will leave the war zone this week, officials told The Associated Press.

The Bush administration stepped up its criticism of Syria, where top members of Saddam Hussein's regime are believed to have fled. President Bush also contends Syria has chemical weapons. The Syrian Foreign Ministry denied both charges, and President Bashar Assad held talks with British and Saudi envoys today.

In Iraq, marines attacked Saddam's hometown of Tikrit from the south, west and north, Central Command spokesman Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said, capturing a key Tigris River bridge in the center of town and securing a presidential palace today as they searched for regime supporters. Everywhere they found military equipment apparently abandoned by the Republican Guard.

"There was less resistance than we anticipated," Brooks said, noting that Tikrit had been subjected to days of punishing airstrikes. He said there were no defenders at the palace.

Brig. Gen. John Kelly, the operation's commander, said many residents had come forward to point out members of the Fedayeen militia and Saddam's Baathist party. Coalition officials initially believed as many as 2,500 fighters had gathered to defend the town.

"This is the heartland of the beast," Kelly said. "The beast is Saddam Hussein. If you were a committed regime murder guy, I guess you'd come here."

First Lt. Greg Starace, of Paramus, N.J., estimated 3,000 U.S. troops were in Tikrit. Heavily armed U.S. soldiers could be seen throughout the town, some wearing pink blossoms given to them by welcoming residents.

"At first, they're scared out of their minds," Starace said. "But when we reassure them that we mean them no harm they're actually really friendly, supportive."

Unlike in other major Iraqi cities, the many portraits, banners and statues of Saddam remained undamaged.

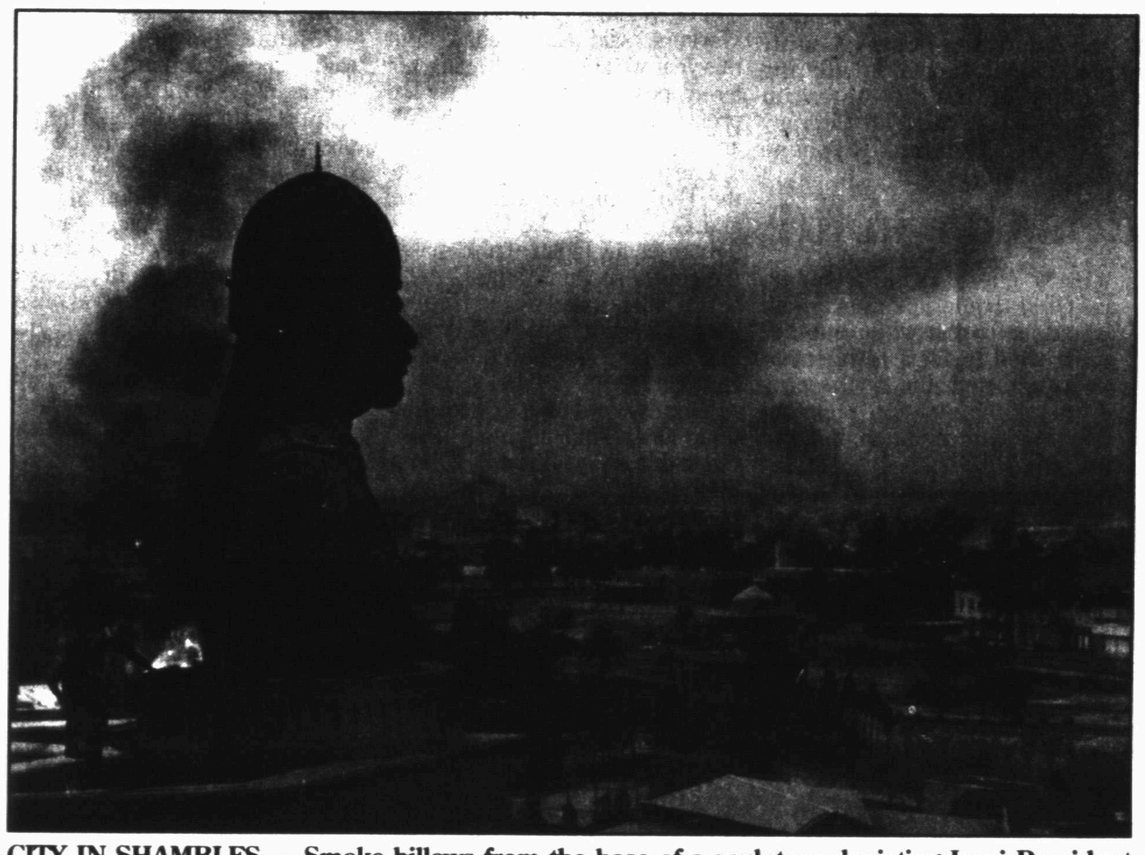
"We're not going to touch his picture. He's our leader," said Abdul Rahouf Khaled, a construction leader trying to get out of town. Khaled said he wanted the country's next leader to be "someone who is Iraqi and elected by Iraqis."

Two aircraft carriers and ships in their battle groups were ordered to return to their home ports, according to a U.S. defense official on today, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The USS Kitty Hawk will return to its base at Yokosuka, Japan, and the USS Constellation will return to San Diego, the official said.

Marines were also working to secure the town of Samarra, about 30 miles to the south, where seven American POWs were rescued Sunday. Bedraggled but in good condition after three weeks in captivity, they said they had been shuffled from one jailer to the next as the regime crumbled, until finally their location was disclosed to Marines advancing north from Baghdad.

"We were a hot potato," said Army Spc. Shoshana Johnson, 30, of Fort Bliss, who had been shot through both her feet by a single bullet. "It was getting to the point where I believed they were going to kill us."



CITY IN SHAMBLES — Smoke billows from the base of a sculpture depicting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein after looters set it on fire atop the roof of his Al-Salam Presidential Palace in Baghdad Sunday. Iraqi looters, taking advantage of the lawlessness of Baghdad after the city's fall, turned their attention to the symbols of Saddam's regime. (AP Photo)

Patriot missile friendly fire blamed for loss of U.S. jet

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar (AP) — The U.S. Central Command said today it believed that a Patriot missile downed a U.S. Navy F/A-18C Hornet fighter jet on April 2, killing the pilot in a friendly fire incident.

It would be the third known time a Patriot had failed to distinguish friendly from enemy targets in the war.

The Hornet was shot down as it was conducting a bombing run near Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad, on April 2. Lt. Nathan White, 30, of Mesa, Ariz., the pilot of the single-seat fighter jet, was killed, the Pentagon said.

At the time of the downing, there were conflicting reports about whether friendly or Iraqi fire was to blame. Today, Central Command said the Patriot battery had locked on the Hornet.

"Indications are that the F/A-18 went down as a result of being hit by a Patriot missile," said Capt. Frank Thorp, a Central Command spokesman. "An investigation is underway to determine why the Patriot missile battery engaged the F/A-18."

In the first friendly fire incident of the war, a U.S. Patriot missile battery fired March 23 on a British Royal Air Force Tornado GR4 aircraft as it was returning from a mission, killing its two crew members.

On March 25, an American F-16 fired on a U.S. Patriot missile battery south of Najaf after the battery's radar locked on the jet. The battery's radar was damaged.

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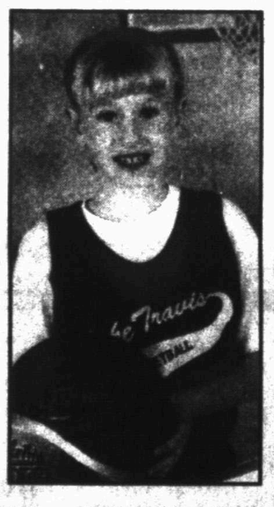

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