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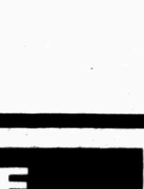
Home of Justin Clifton

One-act play seeking 14th state title

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Snyder High School drama students almost make it look easy, but in reality it takes long hours, dedication and determination to put together a one-act play and advance from the zone contest in March to the state meet Friday in Austin.

But that's what Brad Vincent and his thespians have done for the second consecutive year. Vincent and company also add to the school's reputation as the 2002 contest marks the 30th time Snyder has earned a shot at the one-act state title.



Brad Vincent

According to the UIL, Snyder is the only high school in the state to have achieved this status in the 76-year history of the UIL one-act play competition.

The records show SHS has won state 13 times since 1949. SHS has been state runner-up six times and has finished third on three occasions. In all, students have garnered 99 individual awards.

The years Snyder went to state include 1949, 1965, 1968, 1970-1972, 1975-1990, 1992-1997, 2001 and 2002. Snyder students will perform *Julius Caesar* around 10 p.m. Friday.

To win top honors, Snyder will have to outperform seven schools, including the first and second place winners in the 2001 contest.

Southlake Carroll captured first place last year and Denton was runner-up. Snyder's *Taming of the Shrew* finished third. Students received a standing ovation and so much applause that the performance was halted several times.

On Friday, Southlake Carroll will perform *La Bete* and Denton's play is entitled *The Beggar's Opera*.

In addition to those two plays, SHS' *Julius Caesar* will have the added challenge of competing against the same play being performed by Austin Johnston. However, Snyder's interpretation of Shakespeare's play is set after the Apocalypse.

Other plays include *The Life and Adventures of Nickolas Nickleby* by Conroe Oakridge; *M Butterfly* by Richmond Foster; *Over the River and Through the Woods* by Gregory-Portland; and Longview's *Pine Tree History of Tom Jones*.

Why set Shakespeare's play after the Apocalypse?

Vincent said he and the students knew the risk they were taking when they chose to put a different spin on the traditional Shakespearean play.

Vincent, who is in his second year as SHS' drama director, explained why he prefers the darker setting. Like his predecessor, the late Jerry Worsham, Vincent strongly believes in performing a play by Shakespeare for one-act competition. But neither man would repeat a play for six or seven years.

Vincent said he also wanted a play that would match the talents of his students, including the girls he considers strong actresses. In Shakespeare's plays, most of the strong female roles are in *Taming of the Shrew, A Midsummer Night's Dream and MacBeth*. Since Snyder has performed those plays in recent years, Vincent said he looked for a play that would allow them to switch the gender roles. He found what he was looking for in *Julius Caesar*.

Vincent described the play as "political drama that is not very exciting."

Changing the setting to after the Apocalypse and dressing the characters in black leather and chains and giving them big swords makes the production exciting, Vincent said.

Although he warned the students that they could run into a judge that is a Shakespearean purist, he noted that they "didn't care. They wanted to do something different and exciting. They don't care if they win or lose. That's a mark of excellence."

Vincent added, "When you take risks, that's when you find excellence. When you are more interested in finding art in a piece than winning a trophy I really think you have your priorities straight. I'm proud that they had that in the beginning. I did not have to teach them that or remind them during competition."

One of the actresses in *Julius Caesar* is Hayli Henderson who picked up her 10th high school career acting award as best actress at the region contest.

Other awards Henderson earned this year for portraying Cassius include being named to the zone all-star cast, best actress at district and to the area all-star cast.

Henderson noted that Cassius is the most challenging character she has played. Vincent added that one of the challenges is that Cassius was originally written for a man.

"It's difficult for a woman to play a man's role with the strength required for the character. If something is missing from the performance then you can notice the difference. Hayli does not miss anything, she has the strength," he added.

Clark Reed has also achieved success portraying Brutus, the man who kills Julius Caesar. He was named best actor at zone and to the all-star cast at the district, area and region contests.

Reed said that playing Brutus "is kind of like a dream come true. I like getting into the character's mind. He is a good man who is doing this one terrible thing for everybody's good."

Tanner Beard has also earned praise for Antony. He describes his character as a cross between *Braveheart* and *Mad Max*. He was named to the all star cast at the district and area contests and he received honorable mention at region.

In the beginning, Beard said Antony was a "sissy, a scrape your knees start crying sissy." He compensated by playing Antony "too strong." An added challenge was that his height made his performance too commanding. However when he backed off too much, Vincent said he was criticized for not doing enough with the role. Beard's challenge was to find the happy medium.

Bobby Sands, who plays Julius Caesar, said he prefers playing his character after he is killed and becomes a ghost, because that's when the character takes on a new aspect.

"Once I'm dead and don't have the lines, I'm almost always there [on stage] so I have to stay on track the whole time."

Sands earned all-star kudos at the zone contest and best actor at district.

Other zone awards include honorable mention for Jeff Scott and Sterling Millhollon and best sound for Justin Cox.

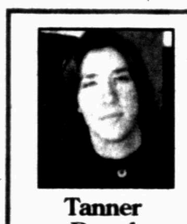
At district, Josh Proctor received the stage crew award. At area, Caleb Durham received honorable mention and Brandy Birkenfeld received best sound.

Others in the cast of *Julius Caesar* include Sara Cantu, Joanna Burk, Jeff Scott, Nicole Sloboda, Malorye Miller, RJ Sanders, Bret McClendon, Paul Jackson and Blake Robertson who is the alternate.

Members of the crew include Brandy Birkenfeld, Eric Courtney and Erin Cooley.



DESTINATION AUSTIN — Snyder High School drama students left Snyder Wednesday, bound for Austin where they will compete in Friday's 4A state one-act play contest. Sara Cantu, one of the cast members in *Julius Caesar*, is boarding the bus. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



Tanner Beard



Bobby Sands



Hayli Henderson



Clark Reed

SHS students to compete in state UIL meet

Seven Snyder High School students and three sponsors left this morning for the UIL academic state meet slated Friday and Saturday in Austin.

Three students will compete in accounting, both individually and as a team. SHS representatives are Kate Wright, Tyler Kerr and Charlie Gorman.

Anna Williams will compete in computer applications.

Three students are going as alternates, including Jacinda Judah in accounting; Jaci Smith in informative speaking; and Josh Kemp in number sense.

Sponsors making the trip include Phyllis Smith, accounting; Lynda Patterson, computer applications; and Lynda McCormack; informative speaking. Darlene Stokes is the number sense sponsor.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Just about time congress talks about pulling up the tax code by its roots, both Republican and Democrats just add more fertilizer."

This wire story item could renew your faith in the judicial system — or it could do the reverse.

America has long been known as a place where a citizen is free to say what he wants, vote as he pleases — and even shed his clothes in the backyard on a hot summer evening.

A 63-year-old gent in Pittsburgh, Pa., as a concession to hot weather, said he routinely dons a thong to mow his back yard. Also, on oppressive summer nights, he'd loll on the garage stoop, dressed in his birthday suit, work in the garden and puff on a smoke. Neighbors tolerated.

Exept a woman three back yards away. She called police. Seven months later, the man was on probation for indecent exposure and disorderly conduct.

Now, a three-judge panel on the state's superior court has tossed out the exposure conviction, saying key parts of the indecent exposure stature didn't cover the defendant.

They said his back yard couldn't be deemed a public place, he wasn't doing anything to call attention to himself and the complaining neighbor 65 yards away was too far off to be offended.

The absolved defendant says he may just again dress in nature's own, if the weather gets hot enough this summer.

The judges, however, say they don't endorse the man's behavior. "It may not conform with the norms of the neighborhood... while we do not condone this behavior...the commonwealth failed to prove a violation beyond a shadow of a doubt.

The man's former lawyer calls the unmarried retiree eccentric, but harmless. Four lawyers were fired during his legal proceeding.

The prosecutor says he won't appeal, but if complaints continue, there might be a new charge of disorderly conduct.

And with all the litigation in Houston surrounding Enron, Playboy's plan to photograph "The Women of Enron" will at least take minds off the lost jobs and lost pensions.

The magazine is hoping to entice the women who have already lost their shirts in the Enron scandal to reveal only a little bit more.

It was hot, but not a record for Snyder

This morning's low temperature of 52 might make one forget Wednesday's heat as it was 46 degrees cooler than the 98 recorded at the city's water treatment plant.

And while several cities around the state set record highs, Snyder was only two degrees short of the record century mark reached on the same day in 1948.

Cotulla had Texas' hottest reading Wednesday — a sizzling 107 degrees.

Several cities had their hottest May 1 on record. It got to 104 in San Angelo, breaking the old mark of 98 set in 1928. Last month, the city had three 100-degree days.

Other records for Wednessday were 104 at Del Rio, breaking a mark of 103 in 1948; 100 at Abilene, breaking the mark of 97 in 1948; 95 at Austin, breaking the old mark of 94 in 1948; and 94 in Waco, erasing the old record of 93 in 1948.

The scorching temperatures were the result of a trough over New Mexico that has slowly moved northeast, said Cody Lindsey, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland, where Tuesday's 96 degrees tied a 54-year-old high.

"We've just had a lot of warm temperatures in the mid-levels of the atmosphere and they just sort of bubble up in our area," he said. "They mix down during the afternoon" and temperatures climb.

In Lubbock, temperatures have gotten into the low 90s in late April in recent years so Tuesday's high of 92 wasn't really unusual, said NWS meteorologist Jose Valdez.

Amarillo, which in the first week of May has average temperatures about 8 degrees less than San Angelo, notched a 92-degree reading Tuesday and April 15. The record for Tuesday was 93 back in 1981.

"Record highs don't happen too much in any month of the year in Amarillo," said Lance Goehring, a NWS meteorologist in the Panhandle city. "We may average a record high in a year maybe a half dozen times. It doesn't happen that often."

The region can look forward to a cooling trend in coming days with a chance of showers in the Midland and San Angelo areas today. Forecasters say Scurry County has a chance of rain on Saturday.

Most hope that Snyder doesn't reach the record high for that date recorded in 1947 when it reached a sizzling 106 degrees.

With 84 candidates...

WTC graduation is Friday

The annual Western Texas College commencement ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the central courtyard on the college campus.

Some 84 graduates will be awarded degrees. In the case of inclement weather, the commencement ceremony will be relocated to Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

The college's outstanding male and female graduates — Paul Wilson and Jennifer Freeland — will give remarks, while Tammy Wesson, president of the Faculty Association will give the faculty response.

Lee Presswood, president of the WTC board of trustees, will present the degrees and certificates as awarded by deans Dr. Jim Palmer and John Gibson.

Invocation is to be given by The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of First United Methodist Church. Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, will give the welcome.

Dale Huff, minister of 37th Street Church of Christ, will present the benediction. The processional and recessional music is to be provided by Carla Thompson.

Members of the Phi Theta Kappa Society will serve as ushers.

Today in Colorado City, 18 inmates were to be awarded associate in arts degrees, the completion of a two-year program at WTC.

ASK US

Q—Are there more personnel changes coming in the Snyder school district?

A—Supt. Gayle Lomax would only say that personnel matters would be addressed by the board in next week's meeting.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 98 degrees; low, 52; 7 a.m. Thursday, 53; no precipitation; total for 2002, 6.32 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 50-55; E winds 5-10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, high in lower 80s, winds become SW 5-15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy, low near 60.



Skye Moffett
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:24 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:57 a.m.
Of 121 days in 2002, the sun has shone 115 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Anger blows out the lamp of the mind.
—Robert Ingersoll

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Talks end with no resolution in Andersen, Enron dispute

HOUSTON (AP) — Arthur Andersen LLP and lawyers for investors suing the firm have abandoned efforts to settle claims related to Enron Corp.'s collapse last year, both sides said.

"We regret that talks regarding a civil settlement with the lead class plaintiff, the Enron bankruptcy estate, and company creditors have ended," the Chicago-based firm said in a statement Wednesday.

Plaintiffs allege in the lawsuit that Enron officials and Andersen defrauded shareholders by inflating profits and hiding debt in a series of complex financial partnerships with guidance and financing from nine investment banks.

Andersen said talks aimed at settling the civil lawsuit were halted despite efforts over several months "to resolve these matters to the benefit of all parties."

Trey Davis, a spokesman for the University of California Regents, the lead shareholder plaintiff in the class-action lawsuit filed in Houston, said the court-appointed mediator, Eric Green, told U.S. District Court Judge Melinda Harmon in an e-mail Wednesday that there was an impasse.

"The possibility of a settlement with Arthur Andersen presented many complicated and interconnected issues that required the agreement of numerous parties," Davis said. "Despite our extensive efforts, in the end these simply could not be worked out."

Harmon oversees the civil litigation and the criminal obstruction case against Andersen, which is due to go to trial Monday. Negotiations between Andersen and federal prosecutors to settle that case broke off two weeks ago.

The government alleges that Andersen workers in Houston, Chicago, Portland, Ore., and London shredded documents and deleted computer records after the Securities and Exchange Commission began looking into Enron's questionable accounting.

Justice Department spokesman Bryan Sierra declined to comment on the statement.

Jury recommends life term without parole for Texan

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — An Oklahoma County jury is recommending life without the possibility of parole for an Amarillo man who said voices told him to kill the mother of his children.

The panel of nine women and three men deliberated for more than four hours Wednesday before convicting Nathan Lewis Crowell of first-degree murder.

Attorneys for Crowell tried to prove that the 24-year-old was insane when he stabbed Melinda Kay Grayless 11 times with a 3-foot samurai-type sword in a west Oklahoma City motel room on Nov. 24, 2000.

One wound went through the heart and another into the jugular vein of the neck of Grayless, who would have turned 21 today.

Crowell testified that he heard voices from the television telling him to kill his girlfriend and infant daughter because they had the plague.

As Assistant District Attorney Connie Pope questioned Crowell, she turned on TV monitors in the courtroom and started displaying photographs of Grayless' stab wounds.

"All these pictures are talking to you," Pope said. "You don't strike out in anger and kill someone."

A defense expert said Crowell was a paranoid schizophrenic, but a prosecution expert said he was a psychopath who was faking the tests.



PLAYS CONTINUE — Snyder Junior High School theater II students' one-act plays for elementary students continue today, Friday and Monday at the junior high auditorium. In this scene from *Aladdin*, genie Ginelda Lopez, left, helps the princess, played by Bianca Carrisalez, put on a sash while Scheherazade, played by Temi Thompson, tells the story of Aladdin. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

events

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $6 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 54 were: 2-13-22-23-33-43.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.

Pick 3

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

2-0-0

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Housekeeper's reputation is tarnished by dirty gossip

DEAR ABBY: We have a summer house on an island. For a number of years, we have employed a local woman, "Trudy," as our housekeeper. She does a fantastic job and has always been friendly, reliable and trustworthy.

A friend I'll call Madge has also used Trudy. At the end of last summer, she fired Trudy, insisting she had stolen clothes from a "third party," trespassed in their home during the winter, had been seen drunk, etc. Madge is now urging me to fire Trudy, even though the "third party" neighbor has not said a word to me about her. Madge has succeeded in convincing two other families to fire Trudy. The island is a very small community, and Madge is ruining Trudy's livelihood.

I don't believe what Madge is saying and feel pressured and bothered by her accusations. So far I am shrugging off her rabid ramblings. I plan to use Trudy again this summer, but Madge insists I am a fool ever to use her again.

Madge bad-mouthed the golf pro two years ago, saying how incompetent he was. I now hear he has been fired. I assume this gives Madge a feeling of power, but I feel sorry for her victims — and I don't want to be her next one.

I want to help Trudy. What would you suggest I do about this very sticky situation? — **PART-TIME ISLAND DWELLER**

DEAR PART-TIME DWELLER: Avoid Madge. She is a troubled and vindictive bully. Help Trudy to find a lawyer who can put a stop to this woman's character assassination before it completely destroys her business.

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DEAR ABBY: We've been sent an invitation to our nephew "Marshall's" high school graduation. Last night we found out he won't be graduating because he failed a couple of classes. Marshall's school allows all seniors to "walk across the stage" at the graduation ceremony, even though some of them may not be actually receiving a diploma.

When I asked Marshall's mother, my sister, whether he should receive graduation gifts and have a family party, she gave me a firm "no." His grandmother is upset and insists we still have a graduation party with presents. Personally, I don't think there should be a party with presents since Marshall is not really graduating. Who knows if he will ever graduate? What are we celebrating — his high school failure? What do you think? — **DISGUSTED AUNT IN FLORIDA**

DEAR DISGUSTED AUNT: It's too early to brand anyone a failure. Your nephew has only a few credits to make up. If Grandma wants to give him a gift, she should do so. However, since the young man's mother has vetoed a party, her wishes should be respected.

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DEAR ABBY: Please settle a difference of opinion between my wife and me.

My wife is a wonderful housekeeper. We have a dishwasher — me. I claim that rinsing the dishes in hot water and air-drying them is preferable to wiping them with a dish towel, which is usually damp after use and therefore a source of bacteria.

We will abide by your decision. — **ROBERT IN ORLANDO**

DEAR ROBERT: It may be that your wife — the perfect housekeeper — finds the sight of air-drying dishes on the counter objectionable. However, I see nothing wrong with air-drying dishes after they have been washed. And there are some elegant chrome baskets for that purpose that are meant to be displayed. But once dry, the dishes and flatware should be promptly put away.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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VOLUNTEER WEEK — Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees sponsored a reception for 51 CMH auxiliary members during National Volunteer Week . From left, first row, Juanita Raborn, Norma Lofton, Evelyn McCommon, Una Orms, Barbara McGee; back row, Jo Ann Peek, Alene Martin, Virginia Johnston, Margaret Glass, Connie Stom, Peggy Fowler, Texa Ball, Carolyn Cox, Sandra Robinson, Thadine Harless, Kathryn Dodson, Jo Ashley, Phil Kelley and Elree Baremore. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Getting more vegetables into meals

Pizza for breakfast? Why not? Mixing up your meal ingredients can be a delicious and nutritious way to add more vegetables to your diet.

Consumption is down, say survey respondents, because parents have less time to cook and kids are not necessarily wild about vegetables. Fortunately, a little ingenuity can add vegetables in ways so delicious that children may not even suspect they're eating food that's good for them.

A good way to sneak more vegetables to your kids is with salsa, which can be used as a take-out food topper, ingredient or as a dip. A half cup of salsa is equal to a full serving of vegetables. With 10 calories and no fat per two tablespoon serving, salsa can add flavor to meals without adding fat.

Here are three recipes full of salsabilities-Southwestern Potato Topper, Texas Chicken with Black Bean Salsa and Breakfast Pizza:

PACE SOUTHWESTERN POTATO TOPPER

Prep Time: 15 min.

4 large hot baked potatoes, split
1 cup chunky salsa
½ cup plain nonfat yogurt
¼ cup sliced pitted ripe olives
¼ cup sliced green onions

TOP each potato with salsa, yogurt, olives and green onions. Serves 4.

To bake potatoes, pierce potatoes with fork. Bake at 400F for 1 hr. or microwave on HIGH 10½ to 12½ min. or until fork-tender.

*Also delicious with Pace Cilantro Chunky Salsa.

TEXAS CHICKEN WITH BLACK BEAN SALSA

Prep/Cook Time: 20 min.

1 tbsp. vegetable oil
4 boneless chicken breast halves
1 jar (16 oz.) Pace Chunky Salsa
1 can (16 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (8 oz.) whole kernel corn
2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro

HEAT oil in skillet. Add chicken and cook until browned.

ADD salsa, beans and corn. Heat to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat 5 min. or until done. Stir in cilantro.

Serves 4.

BREAKFAST PIZZA

Prep/Cook Time: 25 min.

1 tbsp. butter or margarine
¼ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped Canadian bacon
1 (12") ready-to-eat pizza crust
8 eggs, beaten
¼ tsp. pepper
¾ cup Pace Picante Sauce
½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro

PREHEAT oven to 400F.

HEAT butter in skillet. Add onion, pepper and bacon and cook until tender.

PLACE crust on pizza pan or baking sheet. Place in oven to warm.

ADD eggs and pepper to skillet. Cook and stir until eggs are almost set. Spread over pizza crust and top with Picante Sauce. Sprinkle with cheese.

BAKE 5 min. or until cheese melts. Sprinkle with cilantro. Serves 6.

Kids will love this breakfast pizza, sizzling with flavor and packing a vegetable punch thanks to the addition of salsa.

Some plant heirlooms larger than others

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) — Even among heirlooms, some loom above the rest. Take plants and flowers as an example.

Certain horticultural heirlooms are the darlings of the DAR. Some are petal pioneers from the Lewis and Clark expedition. Others are culinary or herbal colonists cultivated by the nation's founders. Still others are tree seedlings taken from the properties of authors, rock stars and battlefields.

Want some slips from boxwoods that grew at Mount Vernon in George Washington's time? Visit the home of the nation's first president 16 miles south of his namesake city and buy a living souvenir.

Care for a seedling from the original tulip poplar at Thomas Jefferson's plantation at Monticello? Order from an extensive plant catalog.

For a pin oak that has its roots at Elvis Presley's Graceland mansion in Memphis, consider the American Forests' Historic Tree Nursery.

When Jefferson commissioned his personal secretary, Capt. Meriwether Lewis, to lead the Voyage of Discovery from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean in 1803, he also ordered him to collect plant samples and describe flora from the then little known area.

Jefferson could fill any number of job descriptions: author, politician, diplomat, engineer, scientist, educator. But first and foremost, he was a Virginia planter. More than that, he was one of the leading botanists of the day.

The former president is said to have schooled Lewis in natural history during a number of chatty strolls through his Monticello gardens. Jefferson believed no country gentleman should be without "what amuses every step he takes into the fields."

Lewis and Capt. William Clark were faithful to his order. They filled several journals with drawings, descriptions and specimens of plants new to residents of the settled East.

Jefferson later described the samples as curious — some ornamental, some useful and some that "may by culture be made acceptable on our tables."

Peggy Cornett is director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants at Monticello, just outside of Charlottesville.

"While a lot of commercial nurseries will have it (cultivating heirloom plants) as a sideline, that's our total mission here," Cornett says. "It's part of the preservation and education mission at Monticello."

The center directs much of its attention toward roses and perennial varieties like dianthus and bearded iris. "We've really devoted a lot of our nursery area to growing roses," she says. "Two or three acres."

To help commemorate next year's bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark expedition, her staff is marketing a seed sampler kit with several of the flowers mentioned in the journals. Those include Lewis' Prairie Flax, Clarkia, Blanket Flower, Snow-on-the-Mountain and Skunkleaf Jacob's Ladder.

Horticulturalists at Mount Vernon specialize in growing plants and flowers with 17th- and 18th century origins, spokesman Dean Norton says.

"But we're not set up like at Monticello," he says. "Our staff here concentrates on production and growth at the historic site. Whatever we sell (like boxwood) is icing on the cake."

Old Sturbridge Village, Mass., also is a good source of heirloom herbs, flowers and vegetables. The village operates a horticultural interpretive program that, among other things, develops seeds with the Sturbridge label.

Want a tree with historic origins? Select one or several from the American Forests' listings. Their authenticated tree kits are arranged in categories from "A," notable African Americans, to "W," for noteworthy women.

Collectors can choose a sycamore seedling from a tree that's a direct descendent of one fronting Brown Chapel at Selma, Ala., where Martin Luther King Jr. preached; a red maple from Henry David Thoreau's Walden Woods; a Japanese cherry from the Tidal Basin at Washington, D.C.; a southern magnolia from Helen Keller's girlhood home, or scores of others.

"We try to expand our listings every year," spokeswoman Karen Fedor says. "The challenge is to get the seeds and authenticate the trees themselves."

Plant historians credit the interest in heirloom plants to the continuing popularity of gardening and the rapid rise in home restoration.

A plant with a pedigree would seem to go with the territory.

On the Net:

Monticello/Historical Plants: http://www.twinleaf.org

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club will not meet this week. It will meet next Thursday for a field trip to native plant nurseries in Midland.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

May Day
Saturday—May 4th
The Scurry County Coliseum
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Scurry Co. Senior Center Fundraiser
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6:30 p.m.
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2—2:20 Sparkle City Line Dancers
2:30—3:15 Deep Creek Cloggers
3:30—4:30 Kitchen Band
5—6 Aubrey Wilson Band
Bar-B-Q 4:30—6 p.m. Tickets $6
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Take Out Plates Available

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
	♠ J 10 7 6	
	♥ A 4 3	
	♦ A J 6 2	
	♣ 7 5	
West		**East**
♠ 5 3 2		♠ A
♥ Q J 10 8		♥ 9 7 6
♦ 9 7 4		♦ K Q 10 8
♣ A 9 2		♣ 10 8 6 4 3
	South	
	♠ K Q 9 8 4	
	♥ K 5 2	
	♦ 5 3	
	♣ K Q J	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Failure to think leads to failure

By Phillip Alder

Francis Picabia, a French painter and poet, claimed, "The world is divided into two categories: failures and unknowns." So much for everyone!

Declarers fail in makable contracts for a variety of reasons. Here is a short list: not counting winners and losers, not winning the first trick in the right hand, winning a trick instead of ducking it, losing a trick instead of winning it, and not unblocking. No doubt you can think of some more. One of those is relevant in this deal. How would you plan the play in four spades?

North makes a limit raise, showing 10-12 support points with at least four trumps.

First, when in a suit contract, count losers. You are faced with one in each suit. Now check winners. There are only nine: four spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

If you win trick one and play a trump, East will win with the ace and return a heart, condemning you to those four losers. Instead, you must immediately attack clubs, which establishes a discard for one of dummy's hearts. Then you can ruff your heart loser in the dummy, simultaneously removing one loser and generating an extra winner.

However, a clever West will duck the first round of clubs. If so, you had better win the first trick in the dummy — no second hand low. Then you drive out the club ace. And when West plays a second heart, you can win in hand, discard dummy's heart loser on the third club, and take the vital ruff in the shorter trump hand. At last you can broach trumps and will eventually cruise home.

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—Eleanor Roosevelt

Births

Brian and Shea Spence of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Ethan Cole Spence, at 9:18 a.m. on April 30 in Lubbock Covenant. Ethan Cole weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Janet Spence of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Linda and Garland Henderson of Lubbock.

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ACROSS

1 Mixing need
5 Inflict
10 Treasures
12 Grow molars
13 Thing
14 Fish hawk
15 Garbage bin output
16 Fish-to-be
18 911 responder
19 Raced by, as clouds
23 Season-ticket holder
26 Orangutan
27 Marshes
30 Smoothly
32 Dim
34 Emerald's mineral
35 Writing tool
36 Fragrant blossom
37 Shoe-wiping place
38 Common abbr.
39 Foodstuff
42 Land parcel
45 Wine cask
46 RPM dial
50 Sniff
53 Insulation meas. (hyph.)
55 Pasture entrances
56 Gullible ones
57 Oater extras
58 Snug retreat

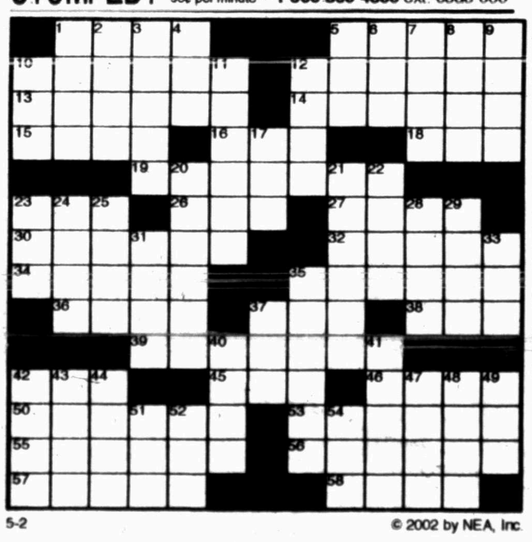
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2 Eight, to Caesar
3 Vibrates
4 Rent out
5 Montgomery of jazz
6 Sales agent
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8 Throat-clearing sound
9 Islets
10 — Speedwagon
11 Thick
12 — the line (obeyed)
17 Byron work
20 Phoned
21 Decadent
22 Faculty head
23 Winter mo.
24 Say firmly
25 "Quo Vadis?" role
28 Pleasant
29 Huff
31 Wall St. landmark
33 RN's forte
35 Measly
37 Business deg.
40 Folksinger Burl
41 Poker bet
42 Say "yeth"
43 Aware
44 "Now hear —!"
47 Pub pints
48 Sect
49 Guys and fellows
51 Unser and Gore
52 Actress Remick
54 Baron — Richthofen

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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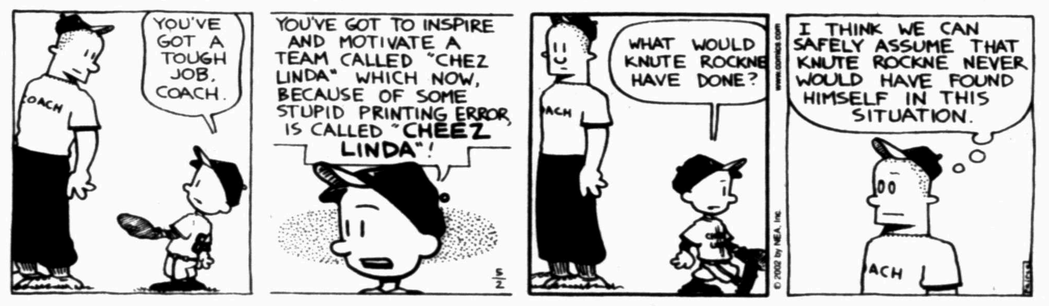
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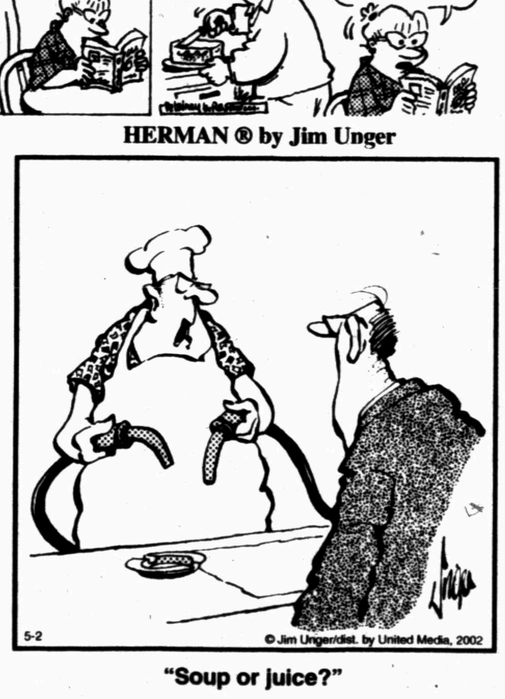
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SPORTS

Tigers hope to turn things around

The only guarantee heading into this weekend's bi-district series is that the Snyder Tigers will wear pinstripes. Everything else is anybody's guess.

Snyder squares off with the Pampa Harvesters in a best-of-three bi-district series starting at 7 p.m. Friday at O'Banion Field in Lubbock.

The Tigers (22-10-1) are the District 4-4A runners-up, but went 4-4 over the last eight games of the regular season. The Harvesters feature the Panhandle's leading hitter but mustered just a 13-16 record to this point.

"We're hoping we play like our old selves this weekend," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "We showed some of that old spark in the last couple of innings on Saturday. We need to get that spark back and play like we had been playing."

While Pampa's line-up centers around senior Evan Miller who's .533 average is tops in the Panhandle, Snyder's line-up will be somewhat diminished by the absence of senior Brandon McGuire.

McGuire, the Tigers' starting center fielder and third-leading hitter, remains hospitalized with viral meningitis. He could be released as early as Friday, but will miss the first-round series.

"I know Brandon is disappointed that he won't be able to play, but the top priority has to be making sure he gets better," Herrera stated. "He's a big part of this team. Whoever we decide to put in his place needs to really step up."

Snyder will send left-handed ace Tito Alaniz to the mound for Friday's opener. The senior is 6-5 on the year with an earned run average of 3.06.

The Tigers and Harvesters met in the first round in 1998 with Snyder winning the series and advancing all the way to the regional semifinals.

"I'm hoping it will be like in '98," said Herrera. "Maybe playing Pampa in the first round is a good omen for us.

"We just have to go out and play ball. We have to step up to that next level now and prove that we're a good ballclub."

The series resumes at noon Saturday with Game 3 to follow if necessary.

The winner advances to face El Paso Ysleta in the area round. A Snyder-Ysleta series is tentatively scheduled for May 10-11 at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Pampa Harvesters vs. Snyder Tigers

	(13-16)	(22-10-1)
What:	Class 4A bi-district playoff series	
Where:	O'Banion Field, Lubbock	
When:	Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday Game 2: noon Saturday Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2, if necessary	
Tickets:	Available at the gate; $3 for adults, $2 for students	
Notes:	Pampa finished third in District 3-3A, while Snyder finished second in District 4-4A. The last time these two teams met in the postseason was in 1998. The Tigers won the best-of-three series, 11-2, 3-2.	

Class 4A Baseball Playoffs

REGION I
Bi-district

EP Burges (16-10) vs. San Elizario (12-9)
To be determined
Andrews (19-4), bye
Canyon (21-7) vs. Frenship (20-8)
Game 1: 8:00 Friday at Bulldog Park, Plainview
Game 2: 1:00 Saturday at Wayland Baptist Univ., Plainview
Game 3: 30 minutes later, if necessary
Pecos (18-10), bye
Burkburnett (18-8) vs. FW Boswell (22-4)
Game 1: 7:30 Thursday at Graham
Game 2: 7:30 Friday at Graham
Game 3: noon Saturday at Graham, if necessary
Crowley (24-5), bye
FW Arlington Heights (16-10) vs. Burleson (12-13)
7:00 Friday at Arlington Heights
Southlake Carroll (21-7), bye
EP Riverside (17-9) vs. Fabens (14-8-1)
To be determined
Canyon Randall (23-5), bye
Pampa (13-16) vs. Snyder (22-10-1)
Game 1: 7:30 Friday at Lubbock's O'Banion Field
Game 2: noon Saturday at O'Banion Field
Game 3: 30 minutes later, if necessary
EP Ysleta (19-8), bye
WF Hirschi (15-11) vs. Grapevine (17-13)
Game 1: 7:30 Thursday at Grapevine
Game 2: 7:30 Friday at Wichita Falls
Game 3: 1:00 Saturday at Mineral Wells, if necessary
FW Western Hills (22-5), bye
FW Southwest (15-10) vs. Cleburne (18-10)
Game 1: 7:00 Thursday at Cleburne
Game 2: 6:00 Friday at Southwest
Game 3: 30 minutes later, if necessary
WF Rider (21-7), bye



ON THE DOTTED LINE — Snyder High School student athletic trainer Timothy Gutierrez signs a full scholarship Wednesday with Howard College. Looking on are his parents, Yolanda and Tomas Gutierrez, along with SHS principal Larry Scott, Howard head athletic trainer Jim Campbell and SHS head athletic trainer Steve Krueger. (SDN Staff Photo)

Spurs fall without Duncan

SEATTLE (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs learned an obvious lesson. Without Tim Duncan and David Robinson they are in considerable trouble.

The Seattle SuperSonics bolted to a 28-point lead in the first half and won 91-79 Wednesday night to even the first-round playoff series at two games apiece.

"It's now a one-game series," said Seattle's Gary Payton, who had a postseason triple-double for the second time in his career.

The Spurs expect to have Duncan back Friday night in San Antonio for the decisive Game 5, although they'll probably be without Robinson for the fourth straight game.

"We will prepare for Tim to be there," Seattle coach Nate McMillan said. "We feel confident we can win the game if we play our game."

The 7-foot Duncan missed the game because of his father's death Monday, and the 7-1 Robinson was out again with a sprained lower back.

So with the heart of the Spurs' middle sidelined, the Sonics broke to a 57-31 halftime lead. The closest the Spurs got in the second half was 10 points on Steve Smith's 3-pointer with 35.3 seconds to go.

"We knew they wouldn't give up even when they were down by 28," Payton said.

Payton finished with 28 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists. Rookie Vladimir Radmanovic scored 23 points, sinking five of seven 3-pointers for the Sonics.

Malik Rose led the Spurs with 28 points and 13 rebounds.

Duncan left the team during practice Monday after learning that his father, William, had been hospitalized after a long illness. He died later that day in North Carolina. Duncan was in the U.S. Virgin Islands on Wednesday with his family.

"The last time I spoke to him before he left, the plan was to try to get back for Friday's game," coach Gregg Popovich said. "I think Tim Duncan is a mature young man and my guess is he'll get back to the task at hand very quickly."

The Sonics held the Spurs to 13 points in the first quarter and held off San Antonio the rest of the way as the Spurs lost Danny Ferry and Charles Smith to injuries and Mark Bryant to an ejection.

Desmond Mason added 17 points for Seattle, while rookie Tony Parker had 14 points for the Spurs.

Without Duncan and Robinson, the Spurs shot just 33 percent.

"When you look down there and you don't see big 21, it's like not having Gary Payton," Bryant said. "Although Tony Parker is our point guard, everything goes through Tim Duncan."

Bryant, a 14-year veteran who started in place of Duncan, was ejected three minutes into the second half when he scuffled with Mason. Popovich came onto the court to hold back Bryant.

Bryant said he didn't think he should have been thrown out.

"I didn't throw a punch," he said. "I was just being aggressive."

With 1:46 gone in the game, the Spurs' Bruce Bowen threw a sharp elbow into the chest of Brent Barry. The pair had to be separated and three technical fouls were called.

Rangers stretch streak

TORONTO (AP) — Pitching a complete game meant a lot to Dave Burba. So much that the game ball is headed to his trophy case.

Burba pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game since last summer, leading Texas over the Toronto Blue Jays 8-1 Wednesday night and extending the Rangers' winning streak to a season-high four.

"Today was my day," said Burba, clutching the game ball in his right hand. "That's what you plan to do every time you take the mound, and to run out there in the ninth inning is a pretty good feeling."

Burba (2-0) struck out nine and walked one for his sixth career complete game, his first since last June 23 against Kansas City.

He allowed his only run on a third-inning single by Joe Lawrence, who went 2-for-3 in his first major league start.

Rusty Greer went 4-for-5 and Alex Rodriguez hit his 10th homer and drove in three runs.

The Rangers have won six of seven and improve to 11-16.

"Even after our slow start we always felt we could turn it around," Texas manager Jerry Narron said.

Sports Briefs

SHS sports banquet

The Snyder High School sports banquet is set for 6 p.m. today at Jack Greene's place off of Hwy. 208.

A hamburger supper will be served and award recipients for all sports will be announced. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the high school office.

Playoff series at Moffett Field

Colorado City and Post square off this weekend in a Class 2A bi-district series at Moffett Field.

The series opens at 6 p.m. Friday, with play resuming at 11 a.m. Saturday. Tickets are $3 for adults and students.

Flag football tournament

The Snyder Knights flag football tournament is scheduled for June 8. Entry deadline is May 22 and cost is $220 per team. For more information, call Earl Ware at 573-0800.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association will hold a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and perspective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

Golf send-off

A send-off for the SHS girls golf team is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday in the sophomore parking lot of the high school. The Lady Tigers compete in the state tournament Monday and Tuesday in Austin.

Ladies' match play tournament

A ladies' match play tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the country club golf course. Format is two-person, low ball, low total.

Cost is $25 per player. For more information, call the SCC 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.

Montreal edges Houston, 5-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero went outside the strike zone twice for home runs Wednesday night, driving in four runs and boosting his league lead to 32 RBIs, as the Montreal Expos defeated the Houston Astros 5-4.

Guerrero's homers helped Tony Armas Jr. get the victory.

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	17	10	.630	—
New York	17	10	.630	—
Florida	13	14	.481	4
Atlanta	13	15	.464	4½
Philadelphia	9	19	.321	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	17	9	.654	—
Pittsburgh	14	11	.560	2½
St. Louis	13	14	.481	4½
Houston	11	15	.423	6
Chicago	8	17	.320	8½
Milwaukee	8	19	.296	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	16	11	.593	—
Los Angeles	16	11	.593	—
San Francisco	16	11	.593	—
San Diego	15	12	.556	1
Colorado	11	16	.407	5

Wednesday's Games
San Francisco 2, Philadelphia 1
Montreal 5, Houston 4
Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 6, Florida 4
Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Mets 7, Arizona 1
San Diego 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Cincinnati 4, Los Angeles 0

Thursday's Games
Atlanta (Millwood 2-3) at Milwaukee (Husch 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 3-1) at St. Louis (Pearce 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Villone 2-3) at Colorado (Thomson 3-2), 3:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 2-2) at Houston (Redding 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-2) at San Diego (Tomko 2-1), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Estes 1-2) at Arizona (Batista 1-1), 9:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 1-3) at Los Angeles (Perez 3-1), 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Colorado (Chacon 2-3) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 4-1) at Houston (Mlicki 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Olsen 0-2) at Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 0-0) at St. Louis (Morris 4-2), 8:10 p.m.
Montreal (Chen 2-1) at Arizona (Schilling 5-1), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 3-1) at San Diego (Howard 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-5) at Los Angeles (Ashby 2-2), 10:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Rijo 2-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 3-1), 10:35 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	7	.708	—
New York	17	11	.607	2
Baltimore	12	15	.444	6½
Tampa Bay	9	16	.360	8½
Toronto	8	17	.320	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	10	.630	—
Minnesota	17	11	.607	½
Cleveland	13	14	.481	4
Detroit	9	17	.346	7½
Kansas City	8	17	.320	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	18	9	.667	—
Oakland	16	11	.593	2
Anaheim	12	14	.462	5½
Texas	11	15	.423	6½

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 7, Kansas City 6
Boston 15, Baltimore 3
Texas 8, Toronto 1
Anaheim 7, Cleveland 2
Oakland 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 3
Chicago White Sox 9, Seattle 2, 8 innings, rain

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-2) at Minnesota (Kinney 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Bell 1-0) at Toronto (Smith 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 2-1) at Cleveland (Finley 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 4-1) at Baltimore (Ponson 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Baldwin 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Rauch 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Anaheim (Sele 1-2) at Toronto (Miller 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 2-2) at Cleveland (Baez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rekar 0-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 2-0) at Tampa Bay (James 0-2), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 1-2) at Minnesota (Radke 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Fyhrie 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 4-2), 8:05 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

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CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, May 1
San Jose 6, Colorado 3, San Jose leads series 1-0
Thursday, May 2
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 3
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 4
St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 5
Montreal at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

By The Associated Press
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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)
Wednesday, May 1
Philadelphia 83, Boston 81, series tied 2-2
Seattle 91, San Antonio 79, series tied 2-2
Thursday, May 2
Indiana at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 3
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Saturday, May 4
Dallas at Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 6
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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Auction of unreleased music halted

DALLAS (AP) — An Internet auction of an uncirculated Merle Haggard cassette was halted Wednesday and details of the offering were removed after the country music star won a court order, claiming the tape was stolen off Haggard's tour bus.

Kathy Schroeder of Fredericksburg, a concert promoter and bed-and-breakfast operator, had offered the cassette for $325,000, according to The Dallas Morning News' editions today.

State District Judge Charles Sherrill ordered a May 13 hearing on the case in Kerrville.

After Haggard's representatives contacted eBay, the auction site confirmed that Schroeder was the person behind the sale. Haggard's lawyers say they plan to turn the case over to law enforcement for prosecution on theft or other charges, but the first priority was to halt possible proliferation of "bootleg" copies.

Haggard, who swore to the accuracy of the complaint, told the newspaper in an interview from his Northern California home: "The reason I am pursuing it is because this is obviously the nightmare we all fear. I had to defend myself. What's on the tape is a rough mix of an ongoing project. It's like she kidnapped my children."

A telephone message for Schroeder from The Associated Press was not returned early today. Her attorney said he couldn't comment because he hadn't seen a copy of the lawsuit or injunction.

"We take any order from a court very seriously," said attorney Walter Taylor of Austin, who has filed a separate lawsuit by Schroeder against Haggard for failing to appear at the Gillespie County Fair on Oct. 27, a gig that she arranged.

According to Haggard's suit, the 65-year-old entertainer, citing illness, didn't make that show, but his tour bus full of musicians and substitute performers did. The lawsuit says that when the bus returned to California, it was minus one cassette tape that had been on board when Schroeder stopped by for a visit, one of four copies circulated among Haggard's musician colleagues.

Haggard's Austin lawyers, Mark Davis and Nelson Nease, said the loss wasn't noticed until last week, when associates of the singer were making a routine sweep for Haggardabilia on the Internet. There, among signed concert posters and such, they found an eBay eye-popper: "MERLE HAGGARD CASSETTE RARE FIND!!!!!!!!!! $325,000.00."

There were no recorded bids. The songs matched exactly the tracks on the unreleased tape, which the lawsuit says has a commercial value exceeding $1 million. A quick check of the tour bus revealed the empty cassette case.

In an attempt to draw out the tape peddler, various associates of Haggard began inquiring about the cassette. The seller — expressing suspicion that a potential buyer claiming to be from England had an e-mail with a Pacific Time Zone stamp — declined to identify the source of the tape.

"I don't know where this came from, it was like finding a Monet at a garage sale," the seller wrote, adding that she had already fielded an offer of $175,000 that fell through.

The newspaper said the sellers later agreed to a phone conversation, giving a phone number that matched that of Schroeder, 48, and her husband, Michael Schroeder, 52.

Insurance representative defends malpractice rates

McALLEN (AP) — The head of the largest medical malpractice carrier for doctors in the Rio Grande Valley said premiums have soared because more and more lawsuits are being filed and juries are awarding ever higher settlements.

W. Thomas Cotten, president of Texas Medical Liability Trust, said the problem is worse in the Valley, where there are half again more malpractice claims filed than elsewhere in the state. The problem has caused many companies to stop covering Texas physicians, he said.

Doctors in the Valley closed their doors April 8 to draw attention to rising malpractice insurance rates. At an April 24 forum at South Texas Community College, some attorneys told doctors they were misdirecting their anger at attorneys. The culprits, they said, are insurance companies who have inflated their malpractice premiums.

One attorney said the walkout was orchestrated by insurance companies who are struggling financially and do not want to pay large settlements to victims of malpractice.

Whoever said that, Cotten said, "is right on one thing: Doctors are being played like fools, but it's by the attorneys, not by the insurance companies," Cotten said.

TMLT is a nonprofit group that sells malpractice insurance to more than half the doctors in the Rio Grande Valley and to 40 percent of doctors in Texas.

the state was invited to attend the forum, but did not attend, leaving primarily doctors and lawyers to debate.

Cotten told the Monitor of McAllen that representatives of his group have been to the Valley to discuss the malpractice lawsuit issue twice in the last two months, but could not get to McAllen for the forum at South Texas Community College. Cotten said he agrees that malpractice rates are rising too quickly, but denied the attorneys' claims that insurance companies organized the doctors' walkout or others like it around the state and country.

Cotten said attorneys aren't the only cause for the insurance increase, but said they are part of a larger system that needs to be fixed.

"To really fix it and bring down the cost of insurance, we need legislation," Cotten said. "There's nothing on the horizon to indicate that there are going to be fewer claims filed or that the claims that are going to be filed are going to cost less."

Cotten said he plans to testify at a legislative hearing Monday in Austin regarding medical malpractice insurance, and his group is studying potential legislation it wants introduced.

TMLT is one of four private companies that sell malpractice insurance to independent doctors in Texas, said Mark Hanna, spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Pleural effusion explained

DEAR DR. GOTT: In 2000, I was admitted to the hospital for gallbladder surgery. At that time, I was discovered to have a pleural effusion, which was drained. For four months thereafter, I required repeated drainages until, finally, the thoracic surgeon used talc to keep the lung expanded.

I have never been told what caused the effusion. Although, over the course of a year, I required the services of about 20 doctors, none of them discussed the problem with me. I was told simply that I have a hiatus hernia.

I am 75 years of age, a widow and would appreciate any answers you could give me.

DEAR READER: I'm afraid that I cannot give you any answers. Based on the information you supply, all I can say is this:

As part of an evaluation preparing you for gallbladder surgery, you had a chest X-ray that showed a significant accumulation of fluid around a lung, in what doctors call the pleural space, an area between the lung covering and the inner lining of the chest wall. Normally, the pleural space isn't a space at all; it is a potential space between two membranes. For example, if I take a partially air-filled balloon in one hand, and with the other make a fist and push into the balloon, I create a potential space between the two latex surfaces. In the chest, this area allows the lung to expand and contract.

In certain circumstances, however, fluid can leak into this potential space, causing compression of pulmonary tissue: a pleural effusion. In order to relieve constricting pressure on such a lung, physicians must withdraw the fluid. In the event the fluid re-accumulates, it must be re-drained. To prevent re-accumulation, doctors may choose to inject talc powder into the pleural space. This material inflames the membranes, causing them to adhere, thereby obliterating the space altogether and preventing fluid from leaking into what was once a potential problem area.

Thus, the therapy you had was appropriate. However, the doctors were negligent in not informing you of what happened and why. Pleural effusions are a common accompaniment of cancer, infection, heart failure and other disorders - not hiatal hernia. The doctors owed you the courtesy of an explanation. If they were unable to identify the cause of the effusion, they should have told you. Gallbladder inflammation is a possible cause, but yours was removed. Therefore, I cannot guess at what the basis of your recurrent problem is. In my opinion, your primary care physician should supply this information. Ask him to do so.

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DEAR READER: Possibly. In men, genital yeast infection could be an early sign of diabetes. Therefore, I recommend that your husband have an examination and blood sugar determination by his physician. If your spouse checks out, the doctor can prescribe stronger anti-fungus medication; if, on the other hand, diabetes is to blame, this issue will need to be addressed as a priority.

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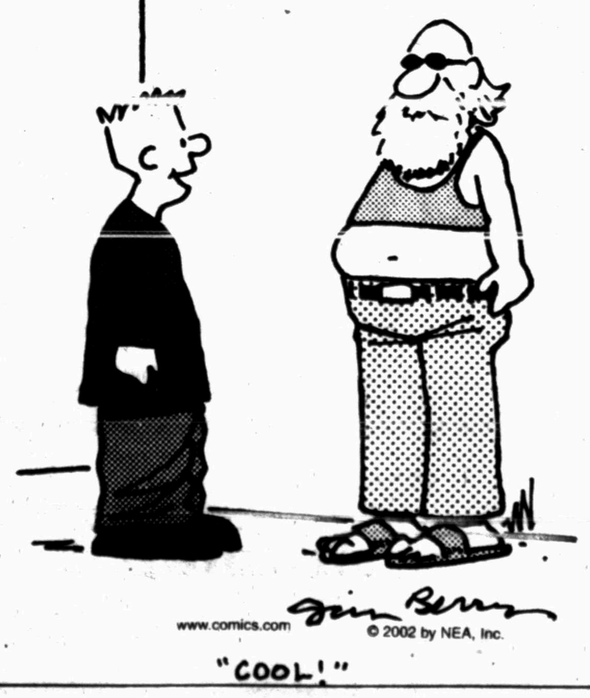
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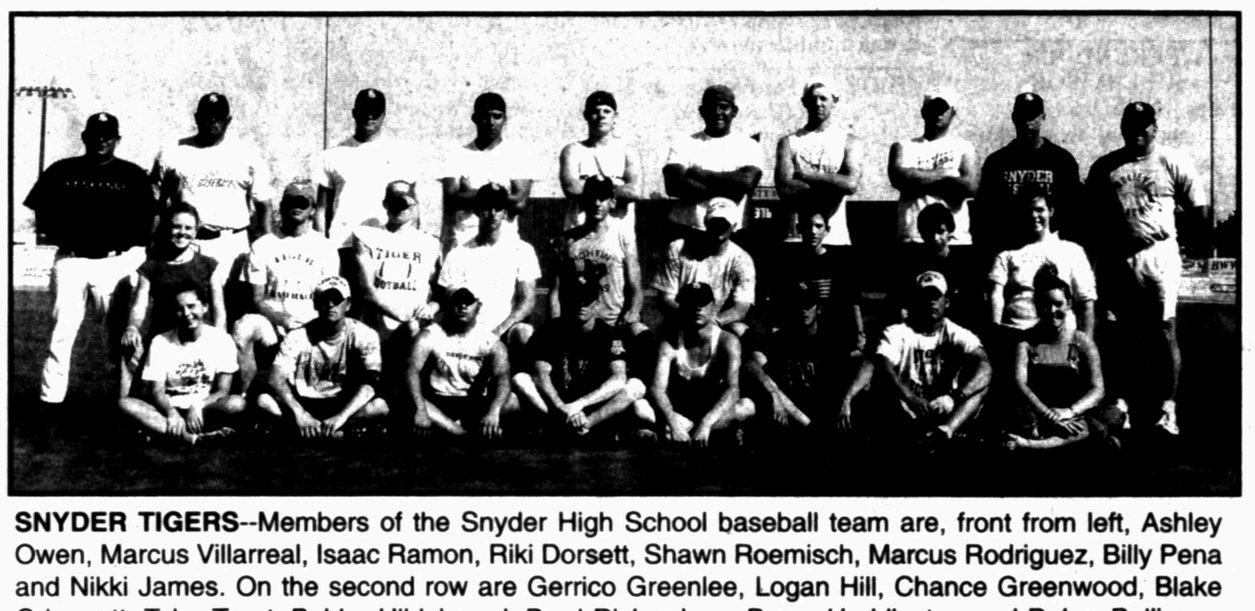
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SNYDER TIGERS--Members of the Snyder High School baseball team are, front from left, Ashley Owen, Marcus Villarreal, Isaac Ramon, Riki Dorsett, Shawn Roemisch, Marcus Rodriguez, Billy Pena and Nikki James. On the second row are Gerrico Greenlee, Logan Hill, Chance Greenwood, Blake Grimmett, Tyler Trout, Bubba Hildebrand, Brad Richardson, Bryan Huddleston and Debra Bollinger. On the back row are coaches Ralph Ramon and Roland Herrera, Zach Rollins, Tito Alaniz, Brooks Nunley, Stephen Ortegon, Shay Franks, Heath Conner and coaches Bill Bell and Charles Bollinger. Not pictured are Brandon McGuire and Michael Pendleton. (SDN Staff Photo)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS



UIL PEP RALLY — Seven Snyder High School students left town early this morning on their way to the state UIL academic meet slated Friday and Saturday in Austin. (See story on front page.) Students cheering are back row from left, Charlie Gorman, Tyler Kerr and Josh Kemp. In front are from left, Kate Wright, Jaci Smith, Jacinda Judah and Anna Williams. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

More coalition troops deployed

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — British troops are leading a force of 1,000 allied troops in a major new sweep in a mountainous region of southeastern Afghanistan that is thought to have been a key al-Qaida base, the British military said today.

The troops deployed four days ago by air and by land into the region — a "very rough terrain" of peaks between 8,000-13,000 feet high, British Marine Spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Harradine said, adding that the troops had not encountered any enemy fighters since the start of the operation.

The officials would not say exactly where the operation was taking place or how long it would last, but it appeared to open up a new front in the search for fighters from Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida movement.

Bush says he will sign the new farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today he will sign the election-year farm bill nearing final passage in Congress. It would boost spending by 70 percent and increase subsidies to grain and cotton farms while adding thousands of other producers to the federal dole.

Bush said the legislation isn't everything he wanted but will "help ensure the immediate and long-term viability of our farm economy."

The bill marks the reversal of the market-oriented policy of the 1996 Freedom to Farm law that was supposed to wean farmers from government subsidies.

A final House vote on the bill was expected by midday today. A Senate vote was possible in the afternoon.

"While this compromise agreement did not satisfy all of my objectives, I am pleased that this farm bill provides a generous and reliable safety net for our nation's farmers and ranchers and is consistent with the principles I outlined," Bush said in a written statement before the House vote.

The bill would authorize $180 billion in spending over the next 10 years, a $73.5 billion increase over existing programs. The legislation provides new payments for everything from milk and lentils to honey and wool.

There is an 80 percent increase in land-conservation programs that will benefit livestock farms and fruit and vegetable growers who have historically received little federal cash.

"This bill addresses multiple needs in a balanced way," said Daren Coppock, chief executive of the National Association of Wheat Growers.

The bill's subsidy boost has angered foreign competitors, and the European Union said today it was considering challenging the payments before the World Trade Organization.

Junk food vending machines must be removed by the fall

Big Brother has spoken again.

There shall be no FMNV in Texas schools.

Snyder ISD, along with Ira and Hermleigh, must remove junk food vending machines from all student eating areas or risk losing federal lunch subsidies, according to a state policy addressing childhood obesity.

Soft drinks, candy-coated popcorn, gum drops and other foods with minimal nutritional value (FMNV) must not be offered in or around cafeterias during mealtimes starting this fall, the Texas Education Agency policy states.

"We're certainly going to abide by the rules, and it will only require minimal adjustments on the campuses," said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

Lomax said the biggest change would be moving or eliminating soft drink machines at four or five campuses.

The ruling from the state is based on last year's U.S. Department of Agriculture newest nutrition rules for schools.

Most chocolate bars, potato chips and other high-calorie foods, however, meet those rules and are not banned.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Wednesday that hospital costs related to childhood obesity have more than tripled in the past 20 years, reaching $127 million.

About 13 percent of children and adolescents are overweight or obese, more than double the number two decades ago, according to the CDC. More children are suffering Type 2 diabetes, a dangerous disease that once struck mostly in middle age.

"It's a concern ... how much of their calories comes out of machines rather than from healthy foods," said Dr. Patti Patterson, a pediatrician with Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center.

Schools that don't comply with the TEA policy could lose money from the National School Lunch Program, which reimburses food service departments based on how many students eat school lunches.

Voters to pick candidates on Saturday

Area voters take to the polls Saturday to decide races — one on the Snyder city council and three in the Hermleigh school district!

In the city council election, voters will choose between incumbent David Harrell and Stephanie Ducheneaux for place 2.

Harrell is manager of Cain Electric and Ducheneaux is an instructor at Western Texas College.

Only 32 made their way to city hall during two weeks of early voting, with half of those early votes coming in the final two days.

Voting booths will open at 7 a.m. Saturday in the lobby at city hall and remain open until 7 p.m.

In the Hermleigh school board election, four candidates are vying for two full terms, including incumbents Larry West and Tony Lambaren. Challengers are Tony Molina Jr. and Roy Gill.

Three candidates are seeking a one-year unexpired term. They are Burton Sandefur, Joe Roemisch and Wes Shankles.

Hermleigh wrapped up early voting at noon Tuesday with 41 ballots cast.

On Saturday, Hermleigh voters will cast their ballots in the school cafeteria between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Bush and EU leaders consider trade issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration and European leaders meeting here hope to lessen tensions on a number of rising trade issues while stressing common ground on the fight against terrorism and the search for Middle East peace.

Both administration officials and the EU, in previewing today's summit, stressed areas of agreement while playing down some nasty fights on trade such as steel and a U.S. export tax break.

"Our objective is to take stock of progress achieved, take matters further and to look for solutions on difficult issues," European Commission President Romano Prodi told reporters in Brussels, Belgium, this week.

President Bush met today with a European delegation led by Prodi and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, whose country currently holds the rotating six-month EU presidency.

Bush was to explore with the Europeans a common approach to waging the war on terrorism and also review a growing number of cross-Atlantic trade tensions.

Administration officials briefing reporters on Wednesday praised actions various European countries have taken to choke off terrorist financing.

Woman arrested for assault Wednesday

Assault

A woman requested an officer at a residence on Ave. N Wednesday evening in reference to a man and woman fighting. Officers responded and filed a report for Class A assault and arrested the 35-year-old woman.

Theft

Stacey Holland reported the theft of her purse at Wal-Mart at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

Close patrols

A man requested a close patrol of his residence in the 2200 block of 43rd Street Wednesday after seeing a prowler in the area.

A woman requested an officer at her home and reported someone tried to break into the residence. A close patrol was initiated in the 1900 block of Ave. L.

Accident

Officers responded to a minor accident at College Ave. and 30th Street at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Involved were a 1996 Honda Accord driven by Lori Morin, 28, of 1112 N. Ave. L and a 1999 Plymouth Breeze driven by Nicholas Blythe, 43, of Tulia. No injuries were reported.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Allsup's on College Ave. reported a gas drive off Wednesday morning in the amount of $22.50.

A drive off worth $20 was reported from Town and Country East at 6 p.m. Wednesday. No descriptions were available in either instance.

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ONGOINGS

Apostolic Faith Church revival

Revival at Apostolic Faith Church continues today and Friday at 7 p.m. Vernon Groce is the speaker and the public is invited.

Ira kindergarten registration

Ira Independent School District is holding kindergarten registration today and Friday from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration is for students who will turn five before Sept. 1. At the time of registration, a birth certificate, social security card and updated immunization record is required.

Car show, cruise

Classic cars will be on display from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the American State Bank parking lot as the weekend's car show gets underway. The show will feature live music from the 1950s, '60s and '70s. The Snyder Wheels Sonic Drive In cruise will be held Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. following the swap meet and car show from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the square.

Hermleigh all-activities banquet

Hermleigh Booster Club will hold its annual all-activities banquet honoring HISD students at 7 p.m. Friday in the school cafeteria. Hamburgers will be served. Plates cost $5 each. All parents and community members are urged to attend.

BSA Big Bass Classic

The Boy Scouts of America will hold its Big Bass Classic Saturday at Lake Alan Henry. Call 574-2223 for more information.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

A Pyron Cemetery meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Hermleigh community center, followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira sports banquet is set for 7 p.m. Monday. Reservations can be made at the Ira school office.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Radical Religion," followed by "That You May be Sincere."

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.

Reception

A reception to honor State Rep. David Counts and out-going school trustee Janet Stribling will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. next Thursday in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

FBC services televised

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

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.

Fish-a-Thon

The Boy Scouts of America will hold its annual fish-a-thon from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at Towle Park Pond. There will be hourly prizes.

End of school dance

An Snyder 8th grade end of school dance with a Hawaiian theme will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club. There will also be games and cost is $5.

American Legion officers

The American Legion will elect officers Monday, May 13, in a 7 p.m. meeting at the legion hall. All members are urged to attend.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts who register for the 2002-2003 membership during May will receive a patch. Cost is $7. See your Girl Scout leader to register.

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.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552-7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

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.

ESL, GED classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

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MAYDAY PREPARATIONS — With MayDay fast approaching, Senior Center kitchen staffers are getting pinto beans ready for the annual barbecue meal. Workers are from left, Sherrye Cooper, Linda Rodriguez. Carolyn Faulkenbery. MayDay is the annual fundraiser for the center. The barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. Tickets are $6 each. Other activities include food and craft booths, the silent auction, the quilt auction, entertainment and an antique tractor display. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Children in NYC suffered post-traumatic symptoms

NEW YORK (AP) — Some admitted they had trouble sleeping. Others said they feared leaving the house. Most found their minds wandering back to images of burning towers and the horror.

Nine out of 10 New York City schoolchildren suffered at least one symptom of post-traumatic stress six months after Sept. 11, and almost 10 percent likely had the disorder, according to a study released Wednesday.

Mental health researchers participating in the report, which studied more than 8,000 children at 94 schools, were particularly surprised to find that children throughout the city — not just near ground zero — showed symptoms of several psychiatric problems.

"The school system, above all, has to be cognizant of the fact that they are trying to do a job with students who are very troubled, very troubled today because of 9/11," said Christina Hoven, a Columbia University psychiatric epidemiologist who led the study.

In the 1.1 million-student public school system, an estimated 75,000 children likely showed six or more symptoms of post-traumatic stress — enough to be diagnosed with the disorder, according to the Board of Education study.

Researchers said the study was groundbreaking in its comprehensive examination of children's response to a major disaster.

The study surveyed children in grades 4-12 in late February and early March, finding that 76 percent often thought about the terrorist attack, 24 percent had problems sleeping and 17 percent had nightmares. The study was based on questions posed to the children themselves.

Schools Chancellor Harold Levy said the study was a "wake-up call."

"That's powerful information for us to focus resources, and powerful information for us to focus the attention of the professionals so they keep their eyes out to pick out the kids who have this," Levy told reporters.

Fifteen percent of the children surveyed showed symptoms of agoraphobia — the fear of venturing outside the home. Hoven compared that with a 1996 study of several cities that showed about 5 percent of children on average suffer from agoraphobia.

The board of education study's agoraphobia findings suggest that an estimated 107,000 city schoolchildren suffer from the disorder after Sept. 11. Hoven said the fear could be heightened for children who travel through tunnels and over bridges to get to school.

"If they're scared of it, if they're worried about it, if it's distracting from their schoolwork, that's something that's of serious concern," Levy said.

Researchers said the study found that younger children, girls and those whose family members were at the World Trade Center — whether they were killed, hurt or unharmed — were more likely to suffer from psychiatric disorders.

2 die in fall from dorm room window

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Two college students were killed early today after tumbling from a third-story University of Kentucky dormitory window while wrestling, a school spokesman said.

One of the two male students, a 19-year-old freshman at the school, was pronounced dead at the scene. The second victim, a Western Kentucky University student who was visiting his brother at the dorm, died later at the University of Kentucky Hospital.

University President Lee Todd and his wife came to the scene 30 minutes after the 2:30 a.m. incident to comfort witnesses.

"As a parent, you dread that phone call," Todd said.

Woody Allen is alarmist not hypochondriac

WASHINGTON (AP) — Woody Allen says he isn't the hypochondriac he's often played in his movies.

"What I am unfortunately is an alarmist," the 66-year-old director and star of films such as "Bananas," "Annie Hall" and "Mighty Aphrodite" told AP Radio.

"That's just as bad or worse because if I wake up in the morning with chapped lips or a hangnail I think it's a fatal disease."

Allen, who stars in his latest comedy, "Hollywood Ending," also doesn't like to stand near the drain in the shower.

He's not afraid he'll fall in — "I just am never sure what will suddenly prance out of it."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, May 3, 2002

In the year ahead, someone who thinks you're terrific might become a benefactor who'll elevate you to new heights in your career. You will live up to this person's expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The fact that you're a nice person will enhance your image. Someone you want to impress may be among your admirers and a more meaningful relationship could develop. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Numerous pleasant experiences may be in the offing for you. In each instance something good will come out of them and make this a memorable day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — When it comes to people you like, you'll be an unselfish producer. You'll not only do what's necessary, but you'll add the extra deft touches that bring sparkle to life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your strong suit is your ability to deal cooperatively and effectively with people you're involved with. Much mutual good will come out of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Something you do well can be turned into a money-making sideline. This may be the time when it'll become clear to you how to go about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Do not hide your light under a bushel. Get out, socialize and mingle in fun places. Seeing and being seen will have a salutary effect on your image and popularity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Entertaining at your place will make you the star of the show. Your gracious hospitality and the way you handle people will earn you much applause.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't be reluctant to express your thoughts to anyone important to you. You're exceptionally good in the way you convey your thinking to others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You are an imaginative seller — and buyer — who can spot bargains. This makes your probabilities for profit exceptionally high.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Personal magnetism can best describe that which you emanate. It will become obvious to you as time ticks on by the way those in your presence are drawn to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Feast on romance, because it will be food for your psyche. Your meal should include a great deal of love, sincerity and devotion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Put on that special outfit you've been saving and try to look your best. There's a strong chance you could encounter someone you'll be most anxious to impress.

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Date Book

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Today is the 122nd day of 2002 and the 44th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1807, Congress abolished the slave trade as of Jan. 1, 1808.

On this day in 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico. The United States chose not to recognize the Republic of Texas, however.

On this day in 1877, Congress rewarded all 20 disputed electoral votes in the previous December's presidential election to Republican Rutherford B. Hayes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Catherine the Great (1729 - 1796), Russian empress; Vernon Castle (1887 - 1918), dancer; Manfred von Richthofen, "The Red Baron" (1892 - 1918), German World War I ace; Bing Crosby (1903 - 1977), actor/singer; Benjamin M. Spock (1903 - 1998), pediatrician; Theodore Bikel (1924 -), singer/actor, is 78; Christine Baranski (1952 -), actress, is 50; Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (1972 -), professional wrestler/actor, is 30; David Beckham (1975 -), soccer star, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, Lou Gehrig's streak of consecutive games played ended when he took himself out of the lineup against Detroit. Gehrig - who was suffering from the disease that would be named after him - never played again.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You philosophers are lucky men. You write on paper, and paper is patient. Unfortunate empress that I am, I write on the susceptible skins of living beings." - Catherine the Great

TODAY'S MOON: Between the full moon (April 26) and the last quarter (May 4)

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