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Home of Kevin Fritz

Bankruptcy will slow collection of back taxes

Lorber Industries of Texas files Chapter 11

Any hope that Lorber Industries of Texas would pay its $130,000 past due tax bill to the Snyder Independent School District in a timely manner has been dashed as the company has filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

"This is the worst thing for the district as it will now turn into at least a six-month process," said Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax.

"The district is now at the mercy of the bankruptcy judge," Lomax said this morning. "He will determine who gets paid first and last.

"We are certainly optimistic that the judge will see the need for the school district to be paid as soon as possible," added Lomax.

The reorganization action filed by Lorber also leaves unsecured creditors with little hope of collecting money from the company.

An Oct. 26 letter from the company's law firm, Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro of Los Angeles, said the prospects for any recovery of debt by unsecured creditors in the event that the company did become the subject of bankruptcy proceedings was doubtful.

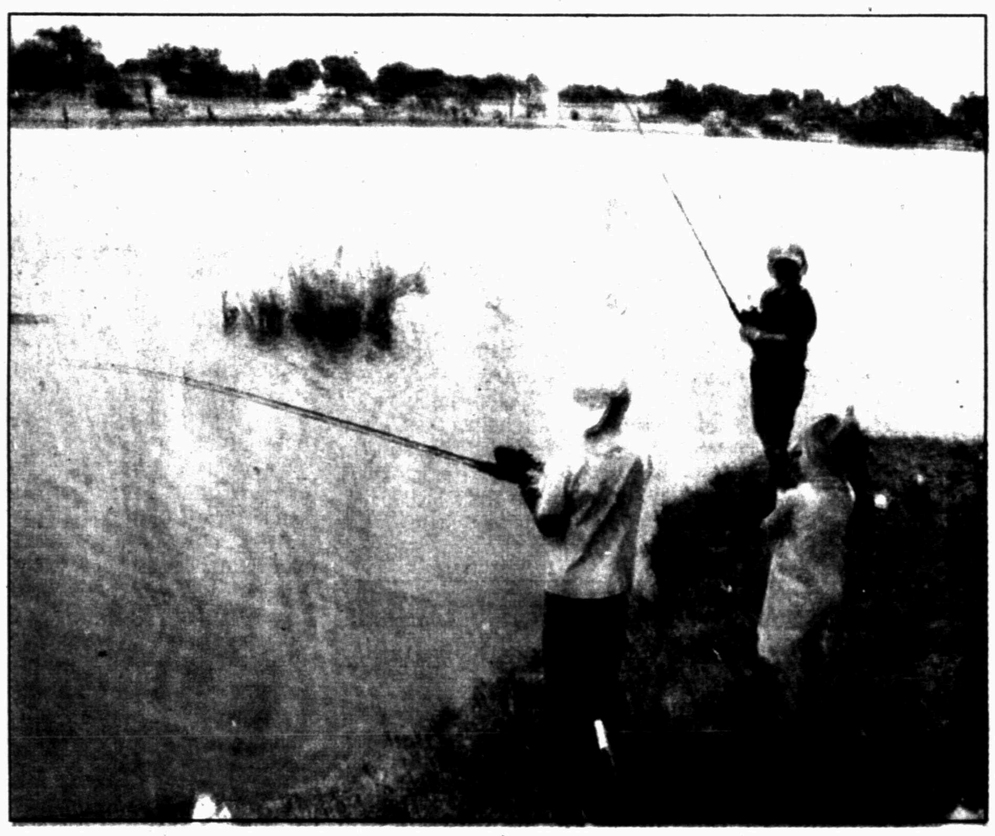
"Lorber/Texas has determined that in the event of a foreclosure or a bankruptcy proceeding, it is highly likely that unsecured creditors...would receive little, if any recovery on account of their claims."

The letter included a check for 10 percent on outstanding balances of unsecured creditors. "...endorsement or other negotiation of the enclosed check represents your understanding and agreement that no further payment will be made with respect to or on account of your claim."

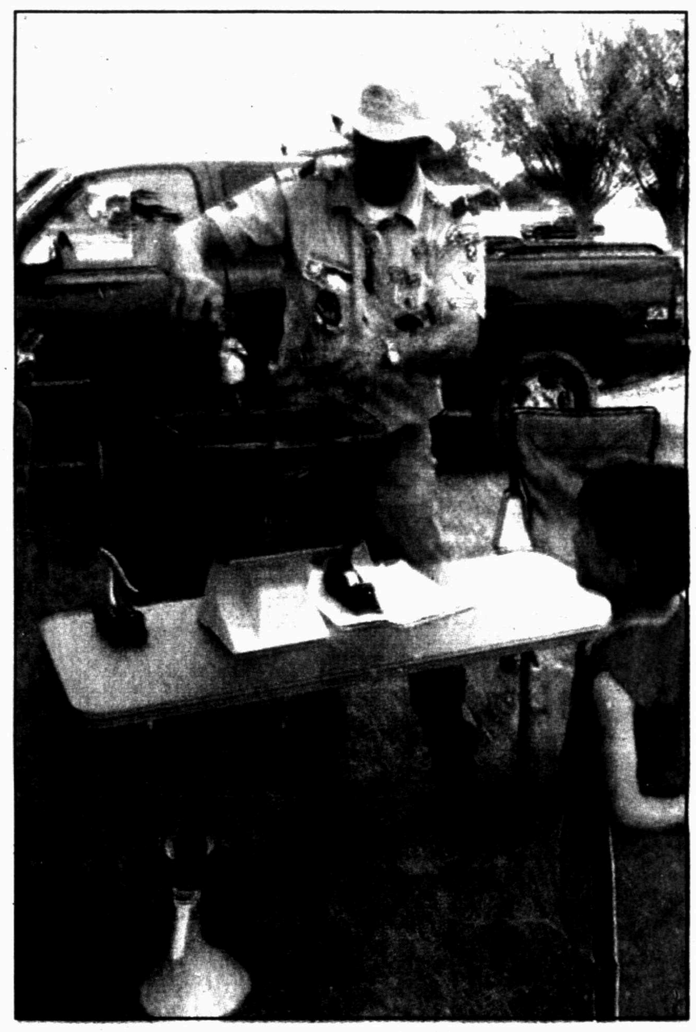
The letter concluded, "It is unfortunate that this chapter must close with creditors disappointed and claims not paid in full.

"Hopefully, some future operations might be salvaged and your disappointment ameliorated by such future opportunities."

Lorber Industries began operations in the Snyder Industrial Park in 1998 and at one time employed 75 in the open-end cotton spinning operation.



Fish on!



FISHING FUN — Towle Park Pond was a popular place Saturday as the Boy Scouts of America conducted its annual Fish-A-Thon. At top, Brantley Stephens, Abbey Stephens, and Dax Stokes, from left, are looking for a lunker, while T.J. Villa views the scales as Troop 2 Scout Master James Garvin weighs in the catch. (SDN Staff Photos)

Julie Rodriguez ranks second...

Sabrina Terry named top student at Hermleigh ISD

Two girls have been named honor students at Hermleigh High School.

Valedictorian is Sabrina Terry, who has a grade point average of 96.10 The salutatorian is Julie Mireles Rodriguez with a GPA of 90.06.



Sabrina Terry

Terry, the daughter of Cindy and Ronald Terry, has been active at HHS, serving as president of her freshman, sophomore and junior classes and she is the senior class secretary.

She has been a member of the Academic Challenge Team and she served as captain of this year's team. She has also been a member of the Beta Club for the past four years, serving as vice president her junior year and as president this year.

Terry has participated in the one-act play since her sophomore year and was assistant yearbook editor as a junior and yearbook editor her senior year.

Terry has been a cheerleader for the past four years and was an All-American cheerleader nominee her freshman through junior years. She competed in academic UIL contests her freshman through junior years and she has been nominated for Who's Who Among American High School Students for the past two years.

She was a homecoming sweetheart nominee as a junior and senior and was named Miss HHS her junior year. Terry has also been active in sports. She played softball her freshman year. As a sophomore, she competed in cross-country and basketball. She was on the basketball team her junior year, receiving honorable mention recognition.

Rodriguez is the daughter of Ted and Janie Mireles Jr. She competed in UIL competition her freshman and junior years. She was named a TAAS winner her freshman year. She was the junior class treasurer and serves as vice president of the senior class.

As a junior, she was a member of the drill team, worked on the newspaper staff and received a Hardin-Simmons Top Junior Award. She's been a member of the Beta Club for the past two years.



Julie Rodriguez

She has also been named to the National Honor Roll and she was a member of this year's Academic Challenge Team. She also participated in distance learning classes.

As a junior, she was a member of the basketball team and participated in track.

All Benson charges dropped

MIDLAND (AP) — Midland officials dropped the remaining two misdemeanor charges against Texas running back Cedric Benson today after deciding there wasn't enough evidence in the case.

Midland City Attorney Keith Stretcher said he dropped the charges after a review of evidence indicated authorities "could not meet our burden of proof" in drug paraphernalia and alcohol possession charges against Benson.

"Cedric's very happy about that," said Benson's attorney, Brian Carney of Midland. "The investigation done by the authorities has proven out his claims of innocence to be true. He has no hard feelings."

Benson, 19, and Melanie Robinson, 20, were arrested at Robinson's Midland apartment April 27 when police responded to a call about loud music.

Both defendants were charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

The drug possession charge against Benson, a Class B misdemeanor, was dropped last week for lack of evidence. It was the only charge against him that could have led to jail time. The other charges carried maximum fines of up to $500.

The case against Robinson is continuing, Stretcher said.

Police have released few details of the arrest despite formal requests from news organizations under Texas open records laws.

Attorney General John Cornyn's office on Wednesday ordered Midland police to release a more detailed report on the arrest.

Stretcher said the city has complied with the order.

"We have released all the documents that the Texas attorney general has determined should be released," he said.

SHS to name top students

Snyder High School will hold its annual awards ceremony at 7 tonight in Worsham Auditorium.

The school will recognize an outstanding student in each department, the top ten per cent of each class, and the A and AB honor rolls for each class.

Parents and other family members are invited to the ceremony, said SHS Principal Larry Scott.

WTC board to hear budget cut proposals

Western Texas College trustees, meeting tonight, will hear presentations on budget reductions and adjustments for next year as well as a response from the Faculty Association.

The administration will reveal proposed budget cuts for next year that include reallocations to overload pay for the faculty and evaluation of contact hours regarding the instructional staff.

The Faculty Association also has asked to be on the agenda to express its concerns with some of the proposals.

Also planned is an executive session to conduct the required annual evaluation of first-year president Dr. Greg Williams.

The board also is expected to accept the retirement letters of two long-time employees, vice president Bettie McQueen and government professor Jack Price.

In other business, trustees will consider nominees to the WTC Foundation board and also will form three board committees – budget, facilities and athletics.

Expenses for the National Finals Rodeo also will be requested, as will a co-host agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said the agreement, if approved, will allow a tuition waiver for TDCJ employees taking in-serve classes. WTC, however, will continue to receive contact-hour funding.

Information and discussion items include an update regarding Snyder ISD's tax suit against Lorber Industries of Texas, and the possible purchase of royalty interest.

Letters from Scurry County Parks head Scott Crenwelge and the WTC Relay for Life team also will be reviewed.

Minutes from a previous meeting and the financial report for April also will be presented.

The meeting will take place in the boardroom in the administration building.

ASK US

Q—Why has the city not honored the pick-up requests for the citywide cleanup?

A—Director of Utilities Carolyn House said every request on the citywide cleanup list has been honored.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 89 degrees; low, 71; high Sunday, 80 degrees; low 47; 7 a.m. Monday, 47; no precipitation; total for 2002, 7.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low around 50. Tuesday, partly cloudy, breezy; high, 75-80. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, low 55-60.



Amanda Villa
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:31 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:48 a.m.
Of 132 days in 2002, the sun has shone 126 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Speak little, do much.
—Ben Franklin

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Illegally parked cars getting the boot in some U.S. cities

CHICAGO (AP) — Signs warned Brad Kellner not to park in the lot behind The Bagel restaurant unless he was a customer. He did it anyway, and he ended up getting the boot.

When it became clear Kellner wasn't patronizing the store, Mark Ifill, hired by the restaurant to enforce the "customer-only" parking policy, slapped a metal wheel clamp known as a boot on his Audi, preventing it from moving. It cost Kellner $100 to get it removed.

"We needed to do something," said Michael Golenzer, an owner of The Bagel. "It was getting out of hand."

The Bagel is one of a small but growing number of businesses in Chicago whose owners are fed up with people who park in their lots but spend their money elsewhere.

Following the lead of local governments around the country that immobilize vehicles for unpaid parking tickets, merchants have turned to private companies to make sure only those who patronize their businesses park in their lots.

The companies have set up shop in other cities like New York and Denver, and there are plans to expand to Atlanta and elsewhere. In Chicago, an enterprise that was first allowed in only four of the city's 50 wards was expanded to a fifth this month.

Merchants say much of their business depends on the customers who use their lots, and they can't afford to have their limited space taken up by vehicles whose owners don't shop with them.

Towing companies also can be used to deal with offenders, but merchants say they are too slow unless people park long enough to take in a movie or catch a Cubs game.

"You could always play a cat-and-mouse game with tow trucks," said John Borovicka, an assistant to Alderman Bernard Hansen, whose ward allows booting. "If you didn't see a tow truck, you knew you could be back before one got there, and if you saw one, you knew he was busy."

But not everybody thinks booting is a good idea.

Tennessee student kills parents, sister

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A college student allegedly shot and killed his parents and sister after a dispute over credit card debt he had run up, authorities said.

Peter Bullington, 24, was charged Sunday with three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his father Nigel, 50; mother, Gerardinia, 49; and sister, Amanda, 22.

All three were shot to death Saturday in the family's home in Apison, an affluent community about 20 miles east of Chattanooga.

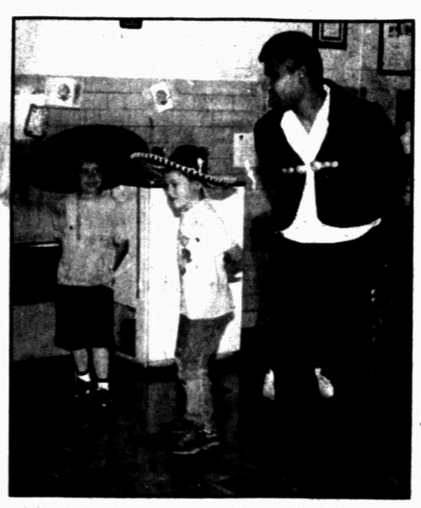
Sheriff John Cupp said Peter Bullington told investigators "there was a family discussion about his spending on the family's credit cards. He went upstairs and got his father's gun, came back downstairs and shot them in the kitchen area."

Cupp said Peter Bullington, a psychology student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, had "maxed out" credit cards, spending more than $5,000. He said the family was having financial problems.

East

Safe Child program







Luis Alaniz and other Folklorico dancers dropped by East's Safe Child Program last week to teach the students some of the dance steps. Jaysen Butler and Austin Morris are seen in the top and bottom pictures. In the bottom left photo, Victoria Molina practices one of the dance steps. The activity was in conjunction with Cinco de Mayo.



SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Man drowns in strong ocean currents

CLUTE (AP) — A Pearland man drowned and several other people were rescued because of powerful currents and strong winds in the Gulf Coast channel that divides Brazoria and Galveston counties.

Carlos Garcia, 21, was fishing when he drowned Sunday. He was pronounced dead in the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston's emergency room Sunday afternoon, a hospital official said.

Galveston County Beach Patrol Director Vic Maceo said Garcia and an 8-year-old had both been pulled under water by the current. The child was rescued and was uninjured, Brazoria County Sheriff's Lt. Diane Ricks said.

As Garcia was being taken to a hospital by rescue helicopter, beach patrol officers saw several people in the water who appeared to be in trouble.

Nine people, most of them children, were rescued by beach patrol personnel and bystanders. An adult, an 11-year-old and a 1-year-old were near-drownings, Maceo said.

The children were in good condition and the 19-year-old was in fair condition, according to the hospital.

In another incident, 12 people got into trouble before being rescued, Maceo said.

Unusually strong currents, 30 mph winds and strong tides directly contributed to the accidents, Maceo said.

Local beaches have seen several strong currents this year, Ricks said.

On April 21, Angleton resident Craig Dunker nearly drowned while surfing at Surfside Beach. A week later, a 35-year-old Angleton man, David Andrew Boles, drowned while wade fishing in the mouth of the Brazos River at Quintana Beach.

Singer Dionne Warwick arrested in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — Singer Dionne Warwick was arrested Sunday when baggage screeners at Miami International Airport said they found 11 suspected marijuana cigarettes inside her lipstick container.

Warwick, 61, of Miami Beach, was charged with possession of less than 5 grams of marijuana. She signed an affidavit promising to appear in court and was released.

Warwick was scheduled to fly to Los Angeles when screeners at Concourse D noticed a suspicious item in her carry-on bag at about 7:30 a.m. She missed the flight.

The five-time Grammy award winner and cousin to Whitney Houston became famous in the 1960s for such songs as "Walk on By" and "I Say A Little Prayer."

More recently she been a spokeswoman for the "Psychic Friends Network."

events

Lotto Texas

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $XXX million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 9-15-19-36-39-41.

Tuesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $22 million.

Pick 3

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

6-6-4

Berry's World



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Date Book

Monday, May 13, 2002

Today is the 133rd day of 2002 and the 55th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, President James K. Polk signed an official declaration of war against Mexico - two months into the Mexican-American War.

On this day in 1940, Winston Churchill gave his famous first speech to the British House of Commons after assuming the role of prime minister. He said: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

On this day in 1981, Pope John Paul II survived an assassination attempt at St. Peter's Square in Rome, Italy. Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca was convicted for the crime, which allegedly was a Soviet plot carried out by Bulgaria's intelligence agency.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Daphne DuMaurier (1907 - 1989), writer; Joe Louis (1914 - 1981), boxer; Ritchie Valens (1941 - 1959), singer; Bea Arthur (1926 -), actress, is 76; Harvey Keitel (1939 -), actor, is 63; Stevie Wonder (1950 -), singer, is 52; Peter Gabriel (1952 -), singer, is 50; Dennis Rodman (1961 -), basketball star, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Ron Necciai - a former first baseman who had only been converted into a pitcher the season before - struck out 27 batters in a nine-inning minor league contest. Four batters prevented him from having a perfect game - they reached on an error, a walk, a hit batsman and a passed ball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Writers should be read - but not seen or heard." - Daphne DuMaurier

TODAY'S MOON: Between the new moon (May 12) and the first quarter (May 19).

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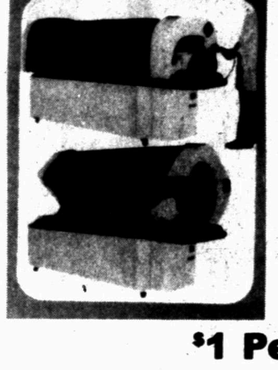
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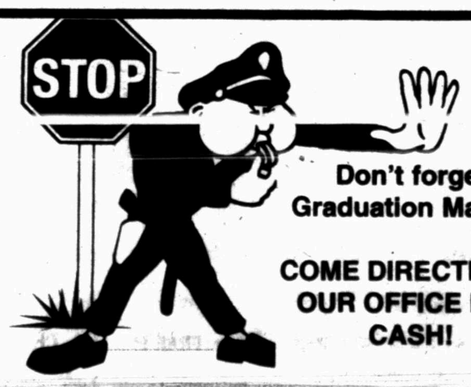
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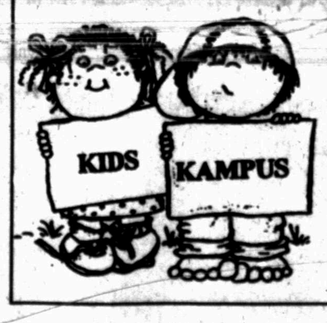
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

In pursuits that may have previously met with failure or rejections, you'll find it much easier to achieve success in the year ahead. Mostly it will be due to the determination you exhibit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Again, with a little effort, you stand a good chance of adding to your material resources. It won't just happen, however; you'll have to put your mind to the task. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You might have a tiger by the tail concerning an enterprise or venture you've conceived, so take the time to plan accordingly so that it doesn't exhaust you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The key to your success will be predicated upon your selflessness. The more you go out of your way for others, the more they'll back you up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Assert yourself more socially, because once you're out in the flow of things, you could link up with someone who might turn out to be one of your biggest boosters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The rewards you've been anticipating could be forthcoming. Even if outside events establish the timetable, hang in there, because it'll be worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Skills and knowledge you've developed will be well served. Your expertise will find a number of positive applications where the rewards can be high.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — One of your business dealings might take off and keep you quite busy holding up your end. The ramifications may be greater than you first thought.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A close friend may be right there when you need him/her the most. The two of you will handle your interests more effectively than you could have done on your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't be afraid to increase the number of ambitious objectives you plan for, because they won't bog you down. Instead, they'll serve to enhance your rate of progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Should you be asked to take on the task of handling a social event, know going in that you'll do a good job with it, which is something those who asked already knew.

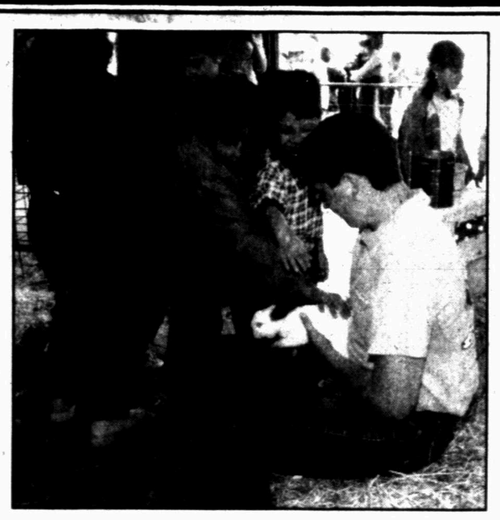
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Before moving on to a new endeavor or enterprise, first finish what you've already got started. You'll be more efficient when the decks are cleared.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Keep looking for that position or job you've been hoping to find. It is out there waiting for you. Today may be the day it could happen.

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Logan West lets Tara Harlan, Kyle Ward and Colter Smith make friends with this chicken.



Jake Harvey shows a rabbit to Bernice Soberon, Jordan Olvera, Miriam Arellano, Jessica Guardado, Beto Jaimes.

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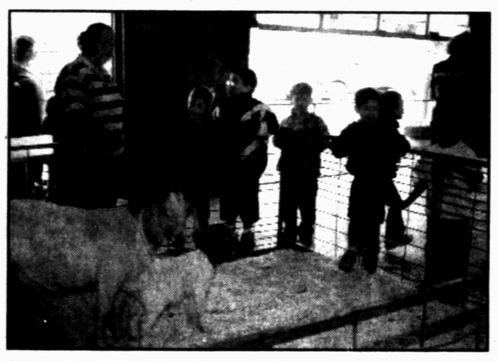


Allison Canon shows this horse to Beto Jaimes, Selena Guajardo, Andrea Miranda and Juliette Hernandez.



Julie Segura pets the dog Kelli Dodson is holding. Students in back are Leia Chester, Kristin Stice and Joel Torres.

Animal day



Tressie Martin shows the goats to Colter Smith, Joel Torres, Kyle Ward, Tyson Hester, Cyrus Hernandez.



Beth Parsley helps Jessica Guardado, Miriam Arellano, Valentine Medina, Juliette Hernandez and Victor Pena get acquainted with the sheep.

Snyder High School FFA students invite elementary students to visit during the annual Animal Day. Stanfield students pictured are either in Elvira Gonzales' or Lisa Hartzog's classes.

SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Five injured when helicopter crashes

HOUSTON (AP) — Three occupants of a helicopter that crashed west of Houston remained hospitalized today.

The 1989 Bell 206-B Rotocraft went down in an area off U.S. 90A near Rosenberg after a mechanical problem over the weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Tom Foster of Richards, the 57-year-old pilot, and a 52-year-old passenger, Norman Hubbard of Houston, were in good condition at Memorial Hermann Hospital. Another passenger, 53-year-old Christine Thompson of Houston, was in serious condition at the same hospital.

DPS trooper Chad Olive said two other passengers on the helicopter, Hubbard's daughter Carrie, and her boyfriend, Edward Gonzalez, suffered broken bones. They were taken to Polly Ryon Hospital in Richmond for treatment and later released.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Boy's spying eyes force skinny-dippers to cover up

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I purchased our new home, we made sure the swimming pool was private and concealed from the houses on either side. We enjoy skinny-dipping and didn't want to offend our neighbors. We believed we'd made the right choice until the boy next door began climbing the fence to spy on us.

Unfortunately, his parents refuse to discipline him. They insist that we cover up. We have since found out the previous owners had the same problem, but failed to disclose this to us when we bought our home. We had made it clear to our Realtor that we wanted to be nude in our back yard — and he assured us this was the "perfect" place for it.

Abby, we want to be able to enjoy our back yard — either naked or fully clothed — without being spied upon. The neighbors are threatening us with legal action because they think we are corrupting their son. Have you any advice? — **NO TAN LINE IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA**

DEAR NO TAN LINE: You are overdue for a talk with your attorney. In California, the law requires full disclosure about "problems" when property is bought and sold, and you may have a valid complaint against the former owners of the house.

Also, the neighbor boy who is preoccupied with your sunbathing to the extent that he's climbing the fence to spy on you appears to be a budding Peeping Tom. Rather than allowing him to get an eyeful, his parents should be giving him an earful about people's right to privacy.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend at school I've been close to for about a year. I'll call her Amy. Recently, she has become cruel toward me — making fun of my learning disability, hair, weight, etc.

My other friends and I sometimes joke around by teasing each other, but Amy takes things way too far. When she says hurtful things, there's a look in her eyes that says, "I want to damage you emotionally."

When I try to talk to Amy about it, she says, "Well, YOU started it," or "Why are you taking this so seriously — you let the other girls tease you!" Abby, I want to keep Amy as a friend because when she's not being rude, she's pretty cool. Please help. — **TEEN GIRL IN TEXAS**

DEAR TEEN GIRL: There is a difference between a teasing comment and one intended to wound. Teasing can be laughed off — and is often a sign of intimacy or affection.

What Amy is doing is not witty, nor is it well-intended. Tell her that unless she knocks off the wisecracks, you'll avoid her. And if she doesn't stop — follow through. You won't miss the pain.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letters you have printed about the "drunken geese." I may not know about drunken geese, but I know about drunken fish.

My Uncle John was a cook on a Mississippi River towboat, and one day he had planned to serve fried fish for lunch.

As the barges headed upstream on the Illinois River toward Peoria, the Hiram Walker distillery caught fire, and a great deal of whiskey suddenly flowed into the water around the boat.

Drunken fish flopped up onto the deck of the boat. The crew became so amused by their antics that when lunch rolled around, they refused to eat the fish that Uncle John had prepared! — **STONE SOBER**

DEAR STONE SOBER: I can understand why. There's something redundant about frying fish that are already fried to the gills. Thanks for the fish story.

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

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Coach's wife will run for U.S. Congress

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Barbara Dooley, a local radio talk show host and wife of legendary Georgia football coach Vince Dooley, says she plans to run for Congress.

Dooley, a Republican, said Saturday that she would make a formal announcement in a few weeks for the new 12th District that stretches from Augusta to Savannah. Georgia gained the new House seat after the 2000 Census.

"I would like to serve the district in order to bring the values we have in our area to Washington," she told the Athens Banner-Herald. She said education, tax cuts, prescription drugs and a strong national defense will be the main themes of her campaign.

Dooley, 62, had been encouraged to run by several Georgia Republicans.

Her only campaign experience has been a failed 1991 race for the state House of Representatives.

Nine Democrats are already in the Congressional race, including Savannah Mayor Floyd Adams Jr. and Charles "Champ" Walker, son of Senate Majority Leader Charles Walker. Only one other Republican, farmer Woodrow Lovett, has announced.

Irritant released in Hoston mall

HOUSTON (AP) — Six people were taken to the hospital after someone sprayed a substance similar to pepper spray or mace within a Houston area shopping mall, Houston Fire Department officials said.

The irritant was released within the shoe department of the Foley's store at Almeda Mall Saturday night.

The six individuals taken to local hospitals complained of eye, nose and breathing ailments, HFD spokesman Jay Evans said. Each of those who complained of ailments was treated and released by Sunday, he said.

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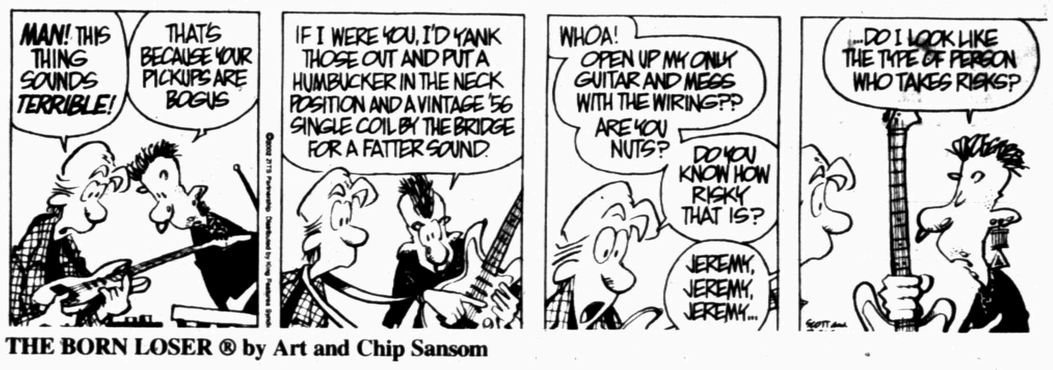
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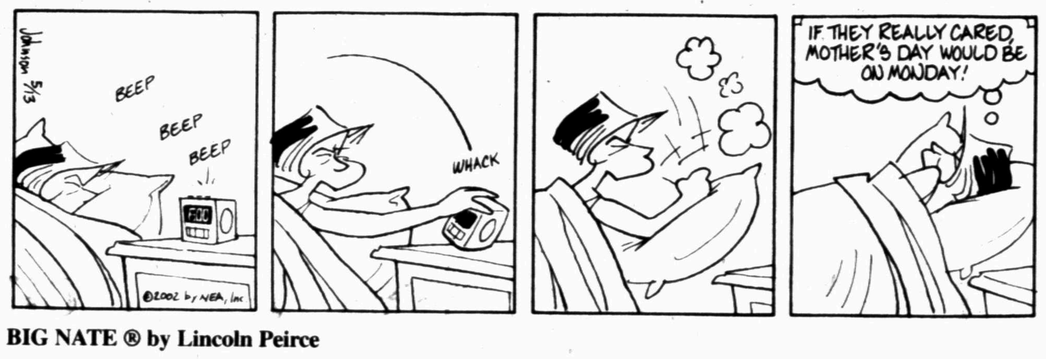
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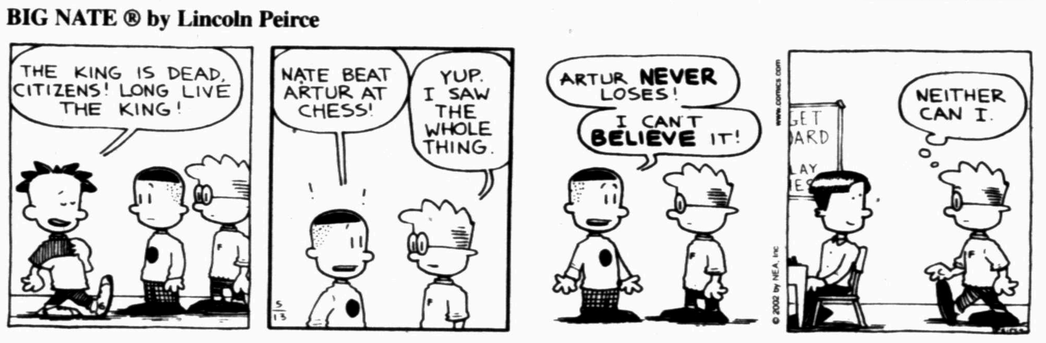
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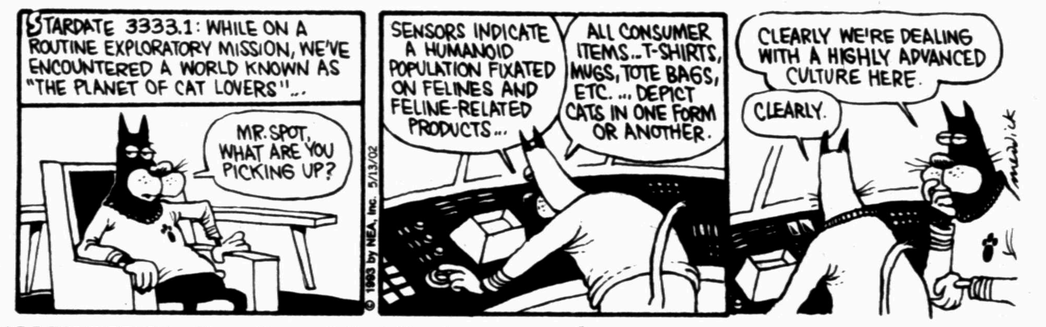
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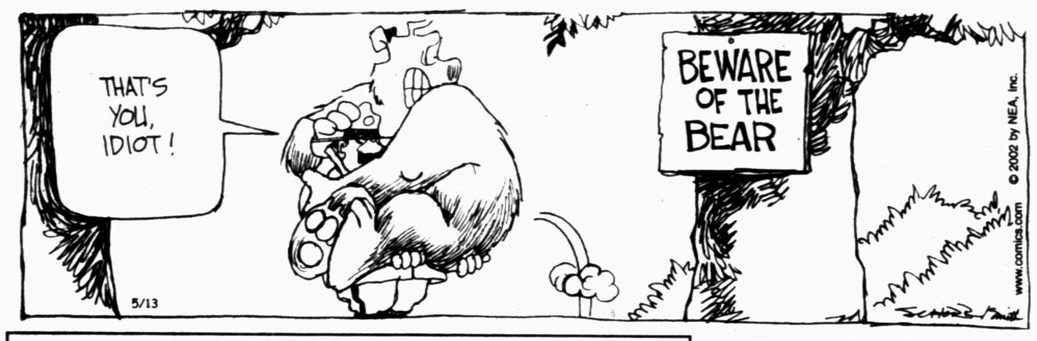


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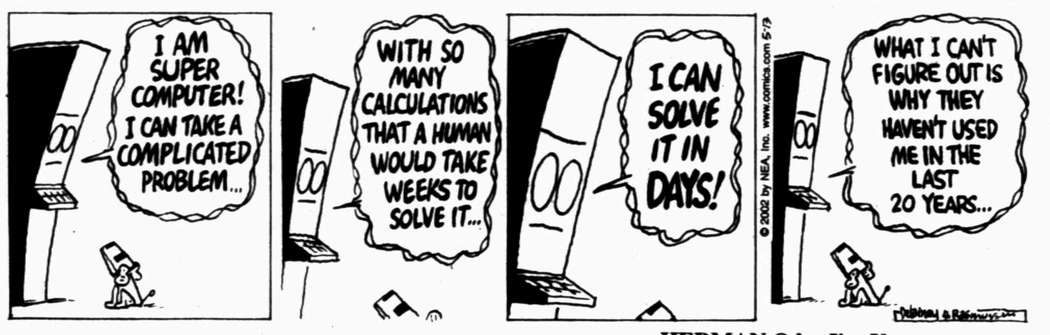


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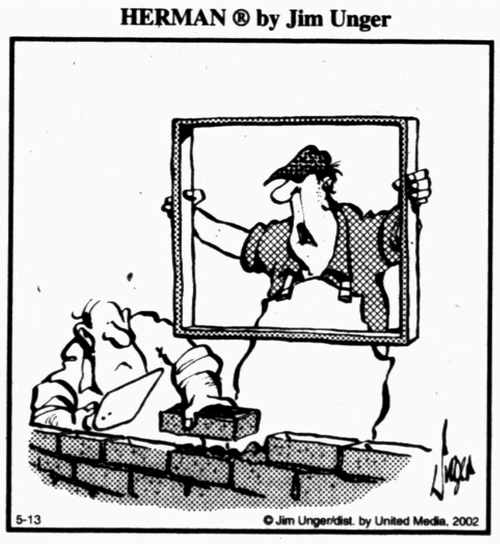
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8 Cadges
12 AC supply
13 Mouths, in zoology
14 Part of BTU
15 Ravioli filler
16 Beatty or Sparks
17 Groundless
18 Multitudes
20 Shampoo additive
21 Halter
22 Bottle cap
23 British sailor
26 Polish city
29 Bloodhound's clue
30 Seeks alms
31 Sundial numeral
33 Coffee alternative
34 Lampreys
35 Spat
36 House pet, e.g.
38 Facial features
39 Flower-to-be
40 Jabber
41 Actor Montand
43 Regarded as
46 "Star Wars" princess
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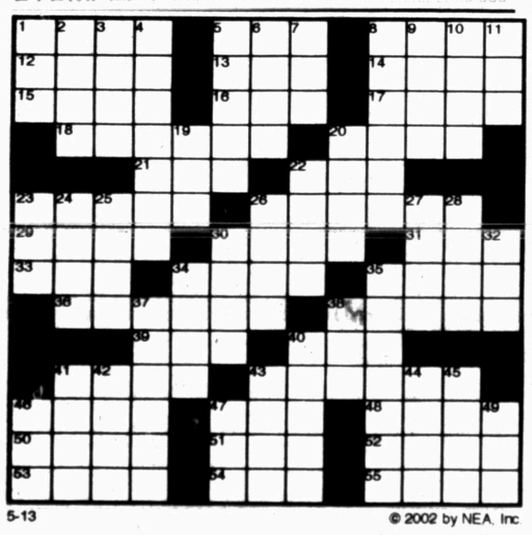
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4 "The Hunt for Red —"
5 Big name in workouts
6 Mine yields
7 Flit about
8 Fabricates
9 Disentangle
10 Distance measure
11 Fem. saint
19 Ironic
20 Freshens
22 Hangs back
23 Realty offering
24 "I had no —!"
25 Ghostly noise
26 Water source
27 Graph part
28 Spouse
30 Necklace part
32 Stipulations
34 Flightless birds
35 Highest
37 Steel girders (hyph.)
38 No, to a lassie
40 Shouts
41 Himalayan humanoid
42 Strove
43 Dreary
44 Adams or Brickell
45 Society newcomers
46 Freedom, in slogans
47 Actress Thurman
49 Sound-barrier breaker

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Ira, Rotan square off Tuesday at Moffett

The Ira Bulldogs square off with the Rotan Yellowhammers at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Moffett Field to decide the postseason's top seed.

The Bulldogs and Yellowhammers finished as district co-champions at 5-1. Both teams won on the other's home field during league play.

Tuesday's winner faces Menard in the bi-district round, while the loser must take on state-ranked Miles.

The Class A state baseball playoffs get underway Friday.

Spurs collapse in Game 4

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan covered his head with his jersey after the buzzer. Next time, he promises that when his team needs a big basket, the ball will be in his hands.

That was all elementary to Kobe Bryant.

Bryant rescued the Lakers again Sunday, rallying his team from a 10-point deficit for an 87-85 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 4.

The Lakers won both games in at the Alamodome and lead the best-of-seven series 3-1. Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals is at Los Angeles on Tuesday night.

Hemmed in late in the game by a collapsing defense, Duncan gave up the ball and looked to his teammates to make something happen. The result? The Spurs went without a field goal the final seven minutes.

Duncan, the NBA's Most Valuable Player, took only two of the Spurs' 18 shots in the last period, and missed them both.

"I tried to be patient, tried to find open people," he said. "I just should have been more selfish."

Bryant took charge in the fourth quarter, capping a 12-point burst with the winning putback with five seconds remaining. Charging down the lane, Bryant rebounded Derek Fisher's drive and flipped it in.

"He has an uncommon will to win," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He has the exact same will to win that Michael (Jordan) had."

Two days earlier, Bryant scored 11 points in the final quarter and the Lakers also erased a late deficit to win.

"I've dreamed of these situations countless times as a kid," Bryant said. "And I still dream of them today."

As good as Bryant's offense was late in the game, the Lakers' defense was outstanding.

After Bruce Bowen's 3-pointer put the Spurs up 82-72 with 6:57 left, San Antonio managed only three free throws by Duncan.

"We had five or six shots that were either ill-advised or not shot with confidence," Popovich said.

The Spurs ended the game ineptly. Terry Porter fell after receiving an inbounds pass with 3.2 seconds left, then got the ball to Duncan for a desperation 20-footer that wasn't even close.

Duncan led all scorers with 30 points on 9-for-15 shooting. Tony Parker added 15 and David Robinson 12. Duncan and Robinson each had 11 rebounds.

Shaquille O'Neal added 22 points and 11 rebounds for Los Angeles, which has won a record 11 straight playoff games on the road. Robert Horry contributed 13 points.

Duncan followed Bowen's 3-pointer with a pair of free throws to make it 84-74 with 6:15 left. San Antonio then came up empty on six straight trips down the floor, while the Lakers worked their way back from the foul line, making five of six in 51 seconds.

Horry said the Lakers get an edge on defense because the Spurs become predictable.

"They kind of run the same plays, and we get a feel for it," he said. "We run the triangle, but we'll throw something else in there."

Bryant hit consecutive 3-pointers, sandwiching a free throw by Duncan, to make it 85-85 with 2:05 remaining. Both teams fell short in their next two possessions, and Duncan was called for an offensive foul with 46 seconds remaining.

Healthy Park gives five strong innings in Rangers' 5-1 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Chan Ho Park took an important step toward becoming the ace of the Texas Rangers.

Park, who had been on the disabled list with a pulled right hamstring since losing the season opener six weeks ago, threw five strong innings in his return Sunday and the Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 5-1.

"After a long layoff like that, it shows what kind of pitcher he is," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "He was outstanding. He's going to be good for us all year."

Park (1-1) allowed one run and four hits with four strikeouts in his first AL victory after 80 wins in six seasons for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He threw 53 of his 78 pitches for strikes before reaching his pitch-count limit.

When he signed a $65 million, five-year contract last December, Park was immediately anointed as Texas' No. 1 starter. But he hurt his hamstring in his last spring training start and aggravated it in his Rangers' debut, the loss at Oakland on April 1 when he gave up six runs on nine hits over five innings.

There were no signs of hamstring trouble Sunday.

Damian Jackson grounded out on the first pitch thrown and Park retired nine of the first 11 batters he faced. The right-hander also made a nice defensive play, pouncing off the mound to field a grounder and throwing out a runner at third.

"My goal was to throw strikes. My focus was on throwing strikes and hitting the target. I feel really confident," Park said. "It's kind of embarrassing getting the win with five innings, but I'm so happy to be part of helping the team."

Herbert Perry had three singles and scored twice and Alex Rodriguez added an RBI double for the Rangers, who at 18-19 are within one game of .500 for the first time since Park's only other start.

Chris Michalak replaced Park to start the sixth and worked 2 2-3 scoreless innings. Todd Van Poppel got four outs for his first save.

Seth Greisinger (1-1), who missed three major league seasons after reconstructive elbow surgery, gave up four runs and seven hits over 4 1-3 innings.

"I couldn't locate my fastball and didn't give my team a chance to win," Greisinger said. "I couldn't get a grove going."

Park's next scheduled start is Saturday at Detroit. His goals for that game: "make a little better pitches and more innings."

Even though he labored through the fifth with 28 pitches, Park said he felt good. He struck out the side in the fifth, but also hit a batter, had a wild pitch and gave up his only walk.

Jackson had a two-out RBI single to score Jacob Cruz, who was hit by a pitch and advanced on a wild pitch. Robert Fick then took a called third strike on a nasty breaking pitch.

Maruyama wins Nelson Classic

IRVING (AP) — Comedy hour returned at the Byron Nelson Classic only after Shigeki Maruyama had secured a two-stroke victory, which was never seriously in danger but still had plenty of nervous moments.

Walking off the 18th green, he stopped to greet host Byron Nelson with a bow.

"Nobody ever played golf as a professional who smiles as much as Shigeki does," Nelson said. "I'm extremely happy to have him as our champion."

Then, Maruyama donned a cowboy hat and acted as if he were riding a horse.

Told that his victory Sunday — his second on the PGA Tour in the last 10 months — earned him a free pass to the U.S. Open, Maruyama slid a finger across his throat to show how he fared in his only other Open, rounds of 77-80 two years ago at Pebble Beach.

"I was born like this. This is my personality," Maruyama said through a translator. "If I could speak English, I could make you laugh harder."

Maruyama also managed to entertain with his golf, getting up-and-down four times on the back nine — once for a bogey — to survive a late surge from Tiger Woods and another one from rookie Ben Crane in winning the Nelson Classic.

Crane had a 65 and finished two behind, earning enough money ($518,400) for his card next year. Woods also had a 65 and finished four strokes back.

"My shot was 80 percent satisfactory all day, but I did a good job putting," Maruyama said after closing with a 2-under 68. "I felt like I have confidence in putting. That led me to the winning stage."

It also brought him to uncharted territory. Maruyama, who finished at 266 and earned $864,000, became the first Asian to win twice on the PGA Tour.

Astros gun down Pirates, 5-1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jeff Bagwell and Shane Reynolds made certain that a lost week for the Houston Astros didn't put them on the brink of losing something else — namely, their season.

In danger of going winless on a two-city road trip, and of falling eight games down in the standings, the Astros had just enough offense and pitching to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-1 on Sunday.

Reynolds shook off a nearly 11/2-hour rain delay in the third to limit the Pirates to an unearned run over six innings. Bagwell hit his fifth homer in nine games and a double to key an offense that scored only four runs in its previous three games.

A lineup with Bagwell and Lance Berkman (39 RBIs) in the middle seemingly shouldn't be scratching for runs, but that's exactly what the Astros did for most of their road swing to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

"I haven't done anything clutch all year, but eventually, we're going to have to come up with some big hits," Bagwell said. "I still think it's just a matter of time."

The victory — only their fourth in 12 games — prevented the Astros from falling eight games below .500, an uncomfortable situation for a team that won 93 games and the NL Central title last season.

They also would have slipped eight games out of the division lead if they had lost and Cincinnati had won, but the Reds couldn't hold an 8-0 lead and lost 10-8 to St. Louis.

"It was a much-needed win," Bagwell said. "It gives us a chance to go home with a good feeling after a bad road trip."

It didn't hurt that manager Jimy Williams followed his gut feeling by not lifting Reynolds with the Astros up 2-0 following the 86-minute rain delay.

Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon pulled his starter, Dave Williams (2-4), but Williams was convinced Reynolds could still pitch effectively — and he was right.

Reynolds (3-3) didn't allow a hit after returning, though Pittsburgh scored an unearned run in the fifth on a double steal following third baseman Morgan Ensberg's two-base throwing error.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	21	16	.568	—
Montreal	20	17	.541	1
New York	19	18	.514	2
Atlanta	19	19	.500	2½
Philadelphia	17	20	.459	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	21	15	.583	—
Pittsburgh	18	17	.514	2½
St. Louis	17	20	.459	4½
Houston	15	21	.417	6
Chicago	13	22	.371	7½
Milwaukee	12	25	.324	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	23	13	.639	—
Arizona	23	14	.622	½
Los Angeles	21	16	.568	2½
San Diego	18	19	.486	5½
Colorado	16	21	.432	7½

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, Colorado 3
Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 1
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Atlanta 6, San Diego 1
Pittsburgh 4, Houston 2
Los Angeles 3, Florida 0
San Francisco 3, Montreal 2
Arizona 6, Philadelphia 5, 10 innings

Sunday's Games
San Diego 6, Atlanta 5
Florida 11, Los Angeles 2
Colorado 4, N.Y. Mets 3, 13 innings
St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 8
Houston 5, Pittsburgh 1
Montreal 4, San Francisco 2
Philadelphia 3, Arizona 1
Milwaukee 13, Chicago Cubs 4

Monday's Games
Arizona (Schilling 7-1) at Pittsburgh (Benson 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Rijo 2-1) at Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-2) at Houston (Redding 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 4-2) at St. Louis (Morris 5-2), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Penny 3-1) at Colorado (Stark 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 2-4) at San Diego (Tomko 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Estes 1-4) at Los Angeles (Perez 4-1), 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 2-4) at San Francisco (Rueter 5-1), 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-5) at St. Louis (Stephenson 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 0-2) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 2-1) at Houston (Mlicki 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 3-1) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 0-2) at Colorado (Neagle 3-1), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Chen 2-2) at San Diego (Tollberg 1-4), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 5-2) at Los Angeles (Ashby 2-3), 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 1-0) at San Francisco (Jensen 3-2), 10:15 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	25	9	.735	—
New York	24	14	.632	3
Baltimore	18	19	.486	8½
Toronto	12	23	.343	13½
Tampa Bay	11	25	.306	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	22	16	.579	—
Chicago	21	17	.553	1
Cleveland	17	20	.459	4½
Kansas City	12	22	.353	8
Detroit	11	25	.306	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	26	11	.703	—
Anaheim	20	16	.556	5½
Oakland	18	19	.486	8
Texas	18	19	.486	8

Saturday's Games
Oakland 7, Toronto 4
Tampa Bay 6, Baltimore 4
N.Y. Yankees 4, Minnesota 2
Cleveland at Kansas City, ppd., rain
Texas 10, Detroit 6
Seattle 3, Boston 1
Anaheim 6, Chicago White Sox 3

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay 6, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 10, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 4, Cleveland 1
Texas 5, Detroit 1
Toronto 11, Oakland 4
Anaheim 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Boston 10, Seattle 4

Monday's Game
Minnesota (Radke 4-2) at Kansas City (Affeldt 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Seattle (Garcia 4-2) at Toronto (Lyon 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 3-4) at Boston (Burkett 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 3-1) at Detroit (Cornejo 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-3) at Cleveland (Baez 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (James 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 6-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Kinney 1-2) at Kansas City (Suppan 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

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CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 4
Sacramento 108, Dallas 91

Sunday, May 5
New Jersey 99, Charlotte 93
Detroit 96, Boston 84
L.A. Lakers 86, San Antonio 80

Monday, May 6
Dallas 110, Sacramento 102

Tuesday, May 7
New Jersey 102, Charlotte 88
San Antonio 88, L.A. Lakers 85

Wednesday, May 8
Boston 85, Detroit 77

Thursday, May 9
Charlotte 115, New Jersey 97
Sacramento 125, Dallas 119

Friday, May 10
Boston 66, Detroit 64
L.A. Lakers 99, San Antonio 89

Saturday, May 11
Sacramento 115, Dallas 113, OT, Sacramento leads series 3-1

Sunday, May 12
New Jersey 89, Charlotte 79, New Jersey leads series 3-1
Boston 90, Detroit 79, Boston leads series 3-1
L.A. Lakers 87, San Antonio 85, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-1

Monday, May 13
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14
Boston at Detroit, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15
Charlotte at New Jersey, 7 or 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 9:30 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, May 16
Detroit at Boston, 7 or 8 p.m., if necessary
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9 or 9:30 p.m., if necessary

Friday, May 17
New Jersey at Charlotte, 8 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 18
Dallas at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

Sunday, May 19
Charlotte at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
Boston at Detroit, TBA, if necessary

Sports Briefs

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.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is point system.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

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.

Sunday couples tournament

A couples golf tournament will be held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 at the country club golf course.

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.

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.

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Sears will acquire catalog retailer in $1.9 billion deal

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck and Co. is buying catalog retailer Lands' End Inc. for about $1.9 billion in an effort to revive its long-struggling clothing business, the companies announced today.

The announcement sent Lands' End shares up more than 20 percent in early trading while Sears shares slipped.

Lands' End, whose clothing attracts more upscale buyers than Sears, is the nation's largest specialty apparel catalog company and biggest Internet seller of apparel.

Under a deal expected to be completed in June, it will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Sears, but will keep its headquarters in Dodgeville, Wis.

"This transaction brings together two of the great names in American retailing, and in the process strengthens both companies and brands," said Alan Lacy, Sears chairman and chief executive.

"Needless to say it's a lot of money, but ... strategically it takes us another step on the journey of our turnaround at Sears," Lacy told analysts in a conference call.

Sears, one of the biggest U.S. retailers, is in the midst of an overhaul of its 870 full-line stores after years of lackluster apparel sales.

With discount chains such as Kohl's and Target having taken away some of its business in recent years, Sears is easing away from its traditional department-store model and adding more discounting and self-service, and increasing its emphasis on home appliances, a longtime strength.

Sears, based in suburban Hoffman Estates, will introduce a selection of Lands' End products into many of its stores by this fall and is expected to complete product rollout to stores by fall 2003.

Lands' End — with $1.6 billion in revenue in 2001 — will continue to offer its complete product line through its own catalogs and online at www.landsend.com.

Gary C. Comer, Lands' End's founder and chairman, will remain in charge of the business, and also will assume responsibility for Sears' customer-direct business, which includes sears.com, catalogs and specialty merchandise.

Sears will make a tender offer of $62 a share in cash for all of Lands' End stock. That is a 21.5 percent premium over Friday's closing price of $51.02 a share on the New York Stock Exchange.

In today morning trading, Sears shares fell 64 cents to $51.17 and Lands' End rose $10.70, or 21 percent, to $61.72.

Lacy said the transaction — which has approval of both companies' boards of directors — does not alter Sears outlook of a 17 percent earnings increase for the year.

Comer and other shareholders have agreed to tender their shares, representing about 55 percent of the outstanding common stock. Forbes magazine, in its latest ranking of the world's richest people, estimated Comer's wealth in March at $1 billion.

Cantaloupes from Mexico are recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — A McAllen, Texas, importer and distributor of Susie brand cantaloupe said Saturday it was issuing a voluntary nationwide recall of the product because it has been associated with outbreaks of illness in the United States and Canada.

In a statement, the I. Kunik Co. said the organism Salmonella poona has infected dozens of people and can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems.

Healthy people infected with the organism often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

The cantaloupes were sold in retail stores and restaurants and possibly other institutions, and they were advised to remove them from sale.

Kunik said recall was triggered after the Food and Drug Administration traced back the illness reports to the Susie brand fruit. The federal agency has acted to prevent the importation of any other suspect cantaloupe, it said.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is grazing good for you?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a question about grazing. From the standpoint of nutrition and how energized I feel, is it more beneficial to spread meals throughout the day or stick with the three squares? **— V.B., Cincinnati, Ohio**

Dear V.B.: If one looks only at nutrition, there appears to be no difference. Assuming that the same number of daily calories is consumed, several studies have shown that mid-morning and mid-afternoon meal breaks can enhance work performance, but the explanation is believed to be more psychological than nutritional. Interestingly enough, the subjects in those studies who had not eaten a nutritious breakfast were the ones showing the greatest improvement. Their typical "coffee and ..." morning meal gave them a jump-start for the day, but only enough dietary energy to last a couple of hours. For them, the mid-morning break provided a needed energy boost. Those who typically ate a complete breakfast — including protein, complex carbohydrates and a small amount of fat — did not realize any nutritional advantages by breaking that amount into two smaller meals.

Having a number of meals throughout the day was found to have potential benefits for dieters. The multiple-meal pattern, which was dubbed "grazing" in the mid-1980s, can make the body a bit less energy-efficient. Fewer calories are available from the meal because, while you're taking in calories, you're expending energy to eat and digest the food. Grazing has it drawbacks, however, in that the pattern makes it more difficult to keep track of the day's food intake. In addition, when anytime can be mealtime, one could be more susceptible to errant snacking — one of the major pitfalls of the unsuccessful dieter.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I appreciated your column on homeopathy. I have some concerns about such remedies being considered "harmless placebos." I guess it depends on how far you stretch the definition of homeopathy.

Some "nutritional supplements" used as part of the holistic medicine movement are known to interact adversely with other drugs. In fact, the American Society of Anesthesiologists and other medical organizations have put out alerts and printed brochures concerning the nature of some of these effects. This is an area that most of us in medicine don't pay much attention to, but I believe there are many accidents waiting to happen with these "harmless placebos."

One example that comes up frequently is that patients might not consider over-the-counter medicines (such as aspirin) as drugs, and they don't mention them when asked about their drug histories. This could be serious, because aspirin effects platelet function and may contribute to epidural hematomas (bleeding into the spinal space) and resultant paralysis following spinal anesthesia.

Unfortunately, the Food and Drug Administration and other government agencies probably don't find much publicity in studying such things. There wouldn't be as much front-page coverage as scaring people about anthrax or Hollywood stars discussing the "root causes" of AIDS and the evils of hamburger. **— Dr. F.Z., Shreveport, La.**

Dear Dr. F.Z.: There is no question that those taking herbals and other dietary supplements are inadvertently raising the risk of complications when having surgery. Patients need to be forthcoming about what they are taking, and anesthesiologists and surgeons, or their nurses, need to ask the right questions prior to any procedure. In the same way, a medical doctor needs to inquire about supplement usage before putting pen to prescription pad.

We continue to learn more and more about how substances work (or don't work) and what other elements of concern might be in the bottle. In the meantime, the watchword must be caution, Concerning homeopathic remedies, though, I don't feel it would be appropriate to include them in this formula, as there is little there to interfere with other medications.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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AT&T Corp s	13.79	13.47	13.71	
Albertsons	33.35	32.72	33.14	+ .48
Alltel	48.20	46.74	48.01	+ .74
AmEl Pw	45.55	44.54	44.59	—.47
AndarkPtr	52.99	52.47	52.51	—.49
ATMOS Egy	23.39	23.21	23.39	+ .24
Aviall	9.26	9.15	9.20	+ .09
BP PLC	51.61	51.26	51.50	+ .45
BakerHughes	36.98	36.64	36.96	—.17
Bank of Amer	74.78	73.85	74.76	+ .91
BellSouth	29.56	28.80	29.42	+ .67
vjBeth Steel	.41	.39	.40	+ .01
BurlNoSFe	28.50	27.93	28.38	+ .39
Caterpillar	53.00	52.09	52.79	—.02
ChevronTex	88.05	87.08	87.95	
Citigroup	44.05	42.80	43.78	+ .48
CocaCola	56.49	55.95	56.27	—.09
ColgatePal	55.85	55.26	55.58	+ .06
ComclMetals	45.03	44.90	45.03	—.18
CooperIn	43.66	42.50	42.63	—.78
DaimlrChry	48.08	47.35	47.73	+ .18
DeltaAirl	25.83	25.21	25.83	+ .64
Dillards Inc	23.80	23.32	23.80	+ .58
DowChem	33.42	33.08	33.25	—.07
DuPont	45.01	44.45	44.80	—.25
EastmanChem	45.40	44.77	45.29	—.20
EstKodak	34.14	32.70	33.70	—.60
EDS Corp	53.39	52.50	53.26	+ .86
Entergy	45.38	45.05	45.29	+ .07
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FootLocker	14.40	14.00	14.05	—.15
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PhilipPet	60.05	59.67	59.85	—.17
PilgrmPrd B	13.76	13.70	13.73	
Praxair	59.03	58.10	58.90	+ .20
ProctGamb	92.95	91.67	92.73	+ .33
RadioShack	34.33	33.75	34.18	+ .59
RoyalDut	54.66	54.22	54.43	+ .42
SBC Comm	31.59	30.59	31.48	+ 1.03
SaraLee	20.85	20.54	20.63	+ .01
Scripps EW	78.89	78.40	78.84	+ .34
SearsRoeb	51.75	50.65	51.31	—.50
SherwinW	31.65	31.45	31.55	+ .03
SouthernCo	27.98	27.64	27.93	+ .04
SwstAirl	17.34	17.14	17.33	+ .53
SprintFON	15.52	14.80	15.49	+ .64
SprintPCS	9.90	9.34	9.66	—.08
Suncco Inc	35.76	35.02	35.75	+ .23
TXU Corp	53.83	53.25	53.57	—.01
TempleInland	55.59	54.58	55.25	+ .04
Texind	37.64	37.25	37.64	+ .09
TexasInst	29.75	28.55	29.48	+ .78
Textron	49.07	48.30	48.43	—.64
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TrinityInds	21.24	20.89	21.10	+ .04
TylerTech	5.28	5.20	5.20	—.01
UnionPacif	59.22	58.20	59.18	+ 1.03
USSteel	18.99	18.60	18.97	+ .07
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Unocal	37.95	37.61	37.86	+ .11
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Xerox Cp	8.34	8.07	8.26	+ .24

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Doubts mount about caretaker's credibility

MIAMI (AP) — Doubts are mounting about the woman who says a child-welfare worker took 5-year-old Rilya Wilson from her home last year and never returned her.

An Associated Press review of court records from past criminal and civil cases involving Geralyn Graham shows that she has used at least 33 aliases and that lawyers in the past have questioned whether she was a con artist or severely mentally impaired. A judge in one case thought both might apply.

"She has certainly presented herself in a way that defies knowing her and understanding her," clinical psychologist James Butcher concluded in December 2000 after reviewing a mental assessment test taken by Graham in a lawsuit she had brought against a rental car company.

Rilya was sent to live with Graham, who claims to be her paternal grandmother, and Graham's sister Pamela in April 2000. She stayed with the sisters until January 2001 when, Geralyn Graham says, a state child-welfare worker took Rilya away for evaluation.

The girl was supposed to receive monthly state visits, but state workers didn't report the child missing until April 25 — 15 months after Graham says the child was taken from her.

Florida Department of Children & Families Secretary Kathleen Kearney has said the girl isn't anywhere in the state system.

When DNA samples on Friday ruled out that a body found in Missouri was Rilya, Miami-Dade Police Director Carlos Alvarez disclosed that the Graham sisters had each failed a polygraph test. He wouldn't say what questions were asked or where the sisters showed deception.

"Everybody involved in this case is being investigated. Nobody is immune," Alvarez said, answering questions of whether any charges were forthcoming.

Attorney Ed Shohat, who is representing the sisters for free, criticized the disclosure and said police "had to find a way to turn attention on someone else" to deflect concern that they are no closer to finding Rilya.

Court records involving Geralyn Graham show others have questioned her credibility, including her own sister.

In a landlord-tenant dispute after Rilya's disappearance, Pamela Graham sent a letter to the court saying she was Geralyn Graham's guardian because her sister "now suffers from dementia" because of a 1996 van accident, the court records show.

Geralyn Graham's memory was vague to nonexistent in a deposition with Alamo Rent-A-Car in a personal-injury lawsuit stemming from that 1996 accident, in which Pamela Graham backed over her sister. Geralyn Graham refused hospital treatment but later claimed debilitating head injuries.

In a January 2000 deposition in the case, Geralyn Graham said she couldn't remember her street address but had it written down. She didn't know her Social Security number because "somebody stole my purse."

In other depositions and doctors' reports in the case, she couldn't remember who her father was, her two husbands, details of the accident or whether she took a shower that morning.

A birth certificate found by Alamo indicates Geralyn Graham was born Geraldine Thomas in Greenville, Miss., on Jan. 14, 1946. Alamo also turned up an assortment of Social Security numbers and driver's licenses, along with 15 aliases.

Two licenses were obtained on the same day in 1990 under different names — Gerrilyn Pindling and Gerrilyn Cartwright. In the Pindling license photo, puffy chin-length hair is swept off her face and earrings dangle to her collarbone. As Cartwright, she looks prim, and most of her face is obscured by oversized eyeglasses.

"Clearly scammers and criminals can be injured and are entitled to damages from the party causing their injury," Geralyn Graham attorney Bambi Blum wrote in the Alamo suit in January 2001, the month Rilya disappeared.

Alamo attorney John Korf called her claim in the lawsuit that she needs round-the-clock care "an absolute falsehood." He said she received a $10,000 payment for a claim of head, neck and lower back injuries from a 1994 rear-end collision. She reported receiving Social Security benefits for a mental disorder in 1986, suffering a broken hip in a 1972 car accident and getting knee replacement surgery in 1999.

Albert Zbik, Geralyn Graham's psychologist, said she was "far too uneducated and unsophisticated" to fake symptoms she didn't have.

"You can't prove she's malingering," the judge in the case said, citing "a 25-year documented history of a major mental health problem" and no Alamo experts to discount her doctors.

That's when Alamo hired Butcher, who helped revise the MMPI, the standard diagnostic tool used by clinical psychologists to assess patients. Butcher said Graham's 567-item true-false test "fits the category of someone who just sits down and takes the MMPI to try to look psychologically disturbed."

Judge Norman Gerstein has refused to dismiss the lawsuit, and it has been on hold since Alamo filed for bankruptcy protection last November.

Shohat, the Grahams' attorney, said he had not reviewed the eight-volume Alamo file, but added, "I haven't heard any allegation that she's a scam artist." He said he doesn't believe Geralyn Graham has dementia, but that she suffers from severe arthritis pain.

Geralyn Graham has held several jobs over the years, including working as a lay pastor and a managed care worker, ran a business and was charged with bouncing checks in Miami. In Tennessee, she served a two-year prison sentence for a 1985 food stamp fraud conviction.

Richard Karn to host 'Family Fued'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Richard Karn, who played Tim Allen's sidekick on "Home Improvement," will become the new host of "Family Feud."

Karn is replacing Louie Anderson as the game show enters its fourth year in syndication, said FremantleMedia Productions North America, which produces the show.

Karn played Al on the long-running ABC sitcom "Home Improvement," which starred Allen as a family man and host of a fix-it show. The 46-year-old also produced and starred in the TV movie "Picture Perfect."

He'll join "Family Feud" when the show resumes production early this summer. Anderson's production company and FremantleMedia will continue to work together on developing projects, FremantleMedia said in a release.

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New program to help troubled youth

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Troubled youth of all ages in the area will soon have a way to seek help and guidance from local counselors, according to Mark Whitmire, organizer and executive director of Snyder's newest family agency.

Scurry County Youth Outreach Inc., located in the upstairs portion of the former Diamond M building, is "a brand new program formed to assist children and their families in crisis," Whitmire said. "We want to assist youth who are at risk of becoming involved in a negative way with the criminal justice system in Scurry County."

Young people will be referred to SCYO by various local agencies, the legal system, schools, churches and by family members.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd is a founding board member of the organization and said there has been a need for this type of agency in Snyder for a long time.

"I deal with truancy cases every week and I see a lot of these kids," the JP said. "Lots of times, truancy is the result of other issues in a student's life.

"I realized that we need someone in Scurry County who we can depend on to be there for these kids," she continued. "I like to send kids to counseling if I see that they have issues and I needed someone that can help with those issues."

Other board members are County Judge Ricky Fritz and Larry Thompson, chief juvenile probation officer.

Whitmire said those individuals approached him about the need for an agency like SCYO.

"They wanted something centralized in Scurry County," he said. "They want an organization that is interested in the well being of our youth and not some third party that is only interested in numbers."

Whitmire, minister of the Church of Christ in Jayton, is presently the only employee of SCYO, but said more counselors and other employees will be added when needed and as funds are available.

Whitmire has a bachelor's degree in business from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in ministry and family counseling from Lubbock Christian University.

The organization will operate on private donations and grant funding and all services and counseling will be free of charge, he said.

Whitmire said operating with outside funding allows the agency to work without limitations forced upon similar groups.

"We want to stay personable and family-oriented," he said. "We never want to get to the point where a family becomes a number. We're not going to let anyone fall through the cracks."

The goal of SCYO, according to Whitmire, is to reach out to reduce domestic violence and deter neglect, to help youth make wise choices and to deter gang violence and community decay.

"We will work with any age child and any family that is having problems, Whitmire said. "And if we feel that another agency could help them more, we'll refer them to that agency.

"This is a mission for me," he added. "This is a task that I feel like I've been put here to do and I aim to get this running solidly."

To refer a youth to SCYO, call Whitmire at 574-2590 or 338-3649.

More older people contracting AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly divorced after 23 years of marriage, Jane P. Fowler was hesitant to re-enter the dating scene. When the then 50-year-old woman finally began seeing someone, it was a man she had known for years — a man she now believes infected her with the AIDS virus.

"I had no idea what was out there," said the Kansas City, Mo., woman. "I was an older woman. I did not have to worry about becoming pregnant."

Fowler, now 67, is part of the new face of HIV — which increasingly is heterosexual, older and grayer.

"Women after menopause are not going to use condoms because they're not afraid of getting pregnant anymore. Viagra is spreading like chewing gum. Usually, medical providers don't even ask about their sexual life," said Monica Dea, a coordinator with the Center for AIDS Prevention and Studies at the University of California, San Francisco. "These people are continually getting infected."

While there is no nationwide system that tracks HIV infections, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that among Americans who have AIDS, the percentage who are over age 50 rose steadily in the 1990s.

It has concerned government officials enough that they are now collecting data to assess the situation.

"It is an area we want to be concerned about," said Robert Janssen, director of the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. "Potentially there is a risk of there being increases in new infections in older people."

Fowler and others complain that the government's prevention efforts rarely target older Americans. Posters and campaigns do not usually feature an older face, and doctors sometimes discourage the elderly when they question whether they should be tested, advocates say.

"One of our biggest problems is getting clinicians to take sexual histories of older people," Fowler said. "This is something we have to change. People my age, they'll ask me what an 'STD' (sexually transmitted disease) is. They think 'VD.' We were the venereal disease generation. We have to get everybody thinking about that."

Trucking industry recruiting 3 million drivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trucking industry plans to enlist 3 million of its drivers in the war on terrorism.

Industry officials said today that employees would be trained to spot suspicious activities that could indicate a potential terrorist attack. They would be given a toll-free number to call to report anything out of the ordinary, with the information forwarded to law enforcement agencies.

The drivers would be asked to monitor bridges, highways, tunnels and ports, and fellow truckers as well, said an announcement by the Trucking Security Working Group, a coalition of trade associations.

"The trucking industry wants to make a contribution to national security and the war on terrorism," said Mike Russell, a spokesman for the American Trucking Associations, lead organization in the coalition. "We think this proposal makes the best use of what we do every day, and that is travel across America, keeping our eyes on what is going on."

There has been concern that terrorists could use a truck hauling gasoline or other hazardous materials to kill thousands of people, the way hijackers turned four airliners into flying bombs on Sept. 11.

CIA official Robert Walpole told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee in March that terrorist groups or rogue nations were less likely to fire a missile at the United States than to use trucks, ships or planes to deliver chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is honey useful treatment for burns?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Two years ago, I fell against a hot wood stove, severely burning my forearm. I immediately applied honey to the burn, with the result of fast healing, no pain or scarring. I've also treated skin ulcers this way. Is there something to these findings?

DEAR READER: If it works for you, there must be something to it — although I must admit it sounds pretty far out. Burns are uncomfortable because sensitive nerve endings are damaged; the pain may be worsened by exposure to air. This is the reason doctors usually recommend that blisters be kept unbroken; the lymph fluid in a blister protects the sensitive tissue beneath until healing has had a chance to get started.

I suppose that a coating of honey might similarly insulate a burned area. In addition, the high content of sugar in honey could, I imagine, effectively diminish bacterial growth, thereby protecting a wound or burn from infection.

As you may have guessed, my conjectures about your sticky problem have no scientific basis. But I'm trying. Valiantly. For all I know, honey may be superb therapy for burns and skin ulcers in primitive cultures; it isn't in ours. Perhaps this is a topic that should be addressed. We could certainly learn a great deal from other civilizations, both old and new.

I recommend a book "Native Harvests" by Barrie Kavasch (Vintage, 1979) that describes recipes and botanicals of the American Indian. In particular, the section on wild medicines is fascinating. Numerous Indian tribes used clovers, comfrey, valerian and yarrow in soothing salves to treat burns. I do not know whether honey made from the flowers of these plants might contain medicinal remedies, but such a possibility exists. The Native American culture, at the time of the European invasion, was a proud, efficient, multi-tribal, successful and honorable conglomeration of nations. Even after we whites treated them so abominably, they may still offer us some traditional cures. Check out the book.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My gynecologist put me on Evista last October. My family doctor last week prescribed Fosamax. Do you think that I need both to combat osteoporosis? I am 78.

DEAR READER: Evista is a selective estrogen receptor modulator, meaning that it acts somewhat like estrogen (in that it decreases loss of calcium from bones) without the usual effects of the female hormone. It is used primarily to prevent osteoporosis.

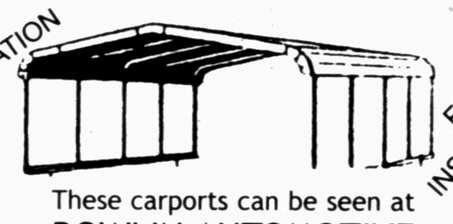
Fosamax, on the other hand, exerts a profound effect on bone because it not only retards calcium-loss, but actually forces the mineral back into the brittle bones. Therefore, if is more a treatment for osteoporosis than a preventive.

In my opinion, you probably don't need both drugs. The two are expensive and Fosamax is stronger.

However, I urge you to discuss this further with your primary care physician. There may be a compelling reason, of which I am unaware, for you to have double therapy.

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By Phillip Alder

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♠ 6 3
♥ A J 10 7
♦ A K J 10
♣ J 10 8

West
♠ 4
♥ 9 6 4 3
♦ 9 8 6 5 2
♣ A K Q

East
♠ Q 8 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 9 6 5 3

South
♠ A K J 10 9 7
♥ K Q 5
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Taking time to treat the trumps

By Phillip Alder

This week's theme, loosely, is the handling of trumps. When should you draw trumps? The answer is enigmatic, like the smile on the face of the Mona Lisa.

There is one key factor, though, which is highlighted in this deal. You are in four spades. West cashes three club tricks, then exits with a diamond to dummy's king. How would you continue?

North's two-no-trump response (unless you use the Jacoby Forcing Raise) shows a balanced 13-15 points with, in principle, no five-card suit. South, with a singleton and a known eight- or nine-card fit, goes for game in the major.

Regular readers will know that I am strongly against leading the king from both an ace-king and a king-queen holding. Bridge is hard enough without introducing unnecessary ambiguity. And leading an unsupported ace is usually a bad choice. But you might like to know that some pairs lead specifically the queen from a suit headed by the ace, king and queen. This is a sensible idea.

Since you have no more side-suit losers, draw trumps as quickly as possible. With eight spades missing the queen, you should plan to finesse. However, should you finesse now or cash the ace first?

If the missing spades are splitting 3-2, you will be all right if East has the queen. But if West has a singleton spade, cashing the ace works when it is the queen and loses when it is a low card. Since West is four times as likely to have a low spade than the queen, you should finesse immediately.

When the finesse wins, re-enter the dummy with a heart, finesse again, draw trumps, and claim.

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Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1685 SACROC unit in the same field, 5.5 miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1684 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, 5.25 miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Hollis R. Sullivan Inc. will drill the No. 1 Davis Ranch, a 6,000-foot wildcat located five miles south of Spur. Location is in Section 138, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Westport Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 39 Kloh in the Howard Glasscock field, 11 miles southeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 2,700 feet, drill site is in Section 16, Block 37, T2N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Rocker A Oil Company will drill the No. 40-B Connell Estate in the Post field, 13 miles east of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, drill site is in Section 123, Block 5, H&GN survey

Shenandoah Petroleum will drill the No. 120 Lott Trust in the Lazy JL field, 14 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,200 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 1, Jasper Hay survey.

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Sha-Jam Operating Corp. has plugged and abandoned the No. 2 Amanda in the Sha field, one mile north of Blackwell. Drilled to 3,862feet, location was in Section 205, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Duncan may be turning point in trial

HOUSTON (AP) — The man who pleaded guilty to leading Arthur Andersen LLP's destruction of Enron-related documents has maintained a public silence about the details of his actions.

That's expected to change this week with David B. Duncan, 43, a former Andersen partner, testifying on an alleged major effort to shred documents and delete computer records last year when the Securities and Exchange Commission began investigating Enron's complex web of financial partnerships and accounting methods.

Prosecutors have consistently declined to reveal whom they plan to question and when. Rusty Hardin, Andersen's lawyer, said questioning of other witnesses could push Duncan's testimony to Tuesday or later.

"We don't know what he's going to say," Hardin said.

Duncan was Andersen's lead partner on Enron's account, heading a staff of about 100 workers auditing the high-profile client's books. He was fired in January shortly after Andersen publicly acknowledged the shredding, and he pleaded guilty April 9 to obstruction for directing the shredding.

When Duncan pleaded guilty, he described how he ordered Andersen employees to comply with a policy to retain certain documents and destroy others on Oct. 21, two days after he learned that the SEC was investigating the company.

"I also personally destroyed such documents," he told U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon. "I accept that my conduct violated federal law."

But details of his recollections have remained under wraps. Duncan invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination before Congress in January and at a February deposition for shareholder lawsuits.

Law shielding children partially upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court partly upheld a law intended to shield children from online pornography, but said there are unresolved free speech questions that prevent the law from taking effect now.

The American Civil Liberties Union had challenged the law as unconstitutional, claiming that in protecting children the Child Online Protection Act also violates the rights of adults to see or buy what they want on the Internet.

A divided Supreme Court said that the law's use of what it calls "community standards" to define what is harmful to children does not by itself make the law unconstitutional, as a lower federal appeals court ruled.

The court went on to say that there are other potential constitutional problems with the law that were not addressed by the lower court.

Without taking a position on those other potential problems, the high court threw out the lower court's ruling and sent the case back for further review.

The high court action means the 1998 law is still on hold, and the government is barred from enforcing it.

The ruling is a partial victory for the Bush administration, but neither side got what it really wanted.

The law, known as COPA, makes it a crime to knowingly place material deemed harmful to children within their easy reach on the Internet. Violators may be fined up to $50,000, and sentenced to six months in jail.

The law also requires adults to use access codes and or other ways of registering before they could see objectionable material online.

The ACLU challenged the law on behalf of artists, sex therapists and others who post legitimate, if risque, material on the World Wide Web.

Eight justices agreed that the case should be sent back to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Jury selection resumes in 1963 bombing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — One of the nation's largest pieces of unfinished business from the civil rights era will play itself out as the final suspect in a 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls goes on trial.

Questioning of potential jurors resumed today, and opening statements were expected to begin as early as the afternoon in the trial of former Ku Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry. As happened last week, members of the jury pool were called one by one for private interviews with attorneys and the judge.

Cherry, 71, who now lives in Mabank, Texas, is accused of helping plant dynamite outside the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, a rallying site for demonstrators seeking an end to segregation.

The resulting explosion killed three 14-year-olds and an 11-year-old as they prepared for a Sunday morning service on Sept. 15, 1963. It was the deadliest act of violence during the civil rights era.

Cherry could get life in prison if convicted.

Prosecutor Doug Jones said it's time to put the case that has haunted Birmingham for 39 years to rest.

"It's been a long time. It's time this chapter comes to a close," Jones said.

Potential prosecution witnesses in the trial include Cherry's granddaughter Teresa Stacy and ex-wife Willadean Towns, who both have said Cherry admitted involvement in the blast. A son, Tom Cherry, has publicly contradicted one of his father's potential alibis in the bombing.

The defense is expected to call other relatives as witnesses to say they never heard Cherry admit involvement in the deadly blast.

"I have the most general of plans but my approach is largely, 'Stay as flexible as you can because you don't know how a case will try,'" attorney Mickey Johnson told The Birmingham News. "If I talk about anything in terms of trial strategy, that might change."

Cherry was indicted along with Thomas Blanton Jr. on murder charges in 2000.

Blanton was convicted of murder and is serving a life term. Another Klansman, Robert Chambliss, was convicted of murder in the bombing in 1977 and died in prison. A fourth suspect died without being charged.

Playmate's shooting death not accident, DeSoto police say

DeSOTO (AP) — A North Texas teen-ager who told a 911 dispatcher he had shot his best friend now says the boys were acting out video games before the discharge of a gun they reportedly didn't know was loaded.

The 13-year-old DeSoto boy's trial was set to begin today in juvenile court. He has been in police custody on a murder charge after the Dallas County medical examiner's office ruled the death of 13-year-old Jonathan Hogan was a homicide.

Hogan was shot in the head and in the chest March 5 while at the other boy's residence after they skipped school at DeSoto East Junior High. The pair were alone in the house at the time of the shooting.

Police investigators say Hogan's shooting was not an accident because evidence shows the gun was placed against his skin when it fired.

Ray Jackson, the defendant's attorney, said his client got his mother's gun after playing the video games. Playing with the gun was an extension of the games, and the weapon accidentally fired. Police seized numerous video games from the defendant's house.

"Video games are relevant as to what was going on in the kids' minds and why the gun was brought out in the first place," Jackson told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "The games had guns in them."

The youthful suspect, whose name is being withheld because of his age, was held at the Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center in Dallas. If convicted, he could face up to 40 years in prison.

"Children do mimic what they see on television and in video games," said Kathy Giuffre, a Colorado College sociology professor who teaches courses on the media and culture. "But blaming one aspect of society, such as the media, for a social tragedy doesn't do any good at preventing it from happening again because so many factors are at work."

Although anecdotal evidence suggests some link between media violence and violent behavior in children, she said the true link will never be known because it's unethical to study. To obtain scientific evidence, children would have to watch violence and then be observed.

Obituaries

Ramona Spires

1928-2002

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Ramona Keller Spires, longtime Scurry County resident, died Saturday, May 11, in a Ruidoso care center. She was 73.

Born Dec. 2, 1928. Sservices for Mrs. Spires are pending at LaGrone Funeral Home in Ruidoso.

The family suggests memorials to the Actors Collaborative Theatre Fund or the Scholarship Fund for the Tutorial School, P.O. Box 1043 in Ruidoso, 88355.

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Officers make several arrests over weekend

Arrests

Local officers arrested a 48-year-old man Saturday from the intersection of U.S. 84 and Hwy 180 on outstanding DPS warrants for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Just after 7 p.m., officers arrested a 25-year-old man in the 3000 block of 38th Street for evading arrest.

A man was taken into custody early Sunday morning in the 1800 block of Ave. R for public intoxication and was transported to jail.

At 2 a.m. Sunday officers arrested a 28-year-old man for public intoxication in the 2800 block of Ave. J.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old man and 17-year-old woman Sunday morning from the 2500 block of Ave. Y for public intoxication and foul language.

At 1:10 p.m. Sunday, a 20-year-old man was arrested on warrants for assault and causing bodily injury to a family member.

Accidents

Officers responded to two accidents over the weekend.

Involved in the first mishap, which occurred in the 3600 block of College at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, were a 2000 Pontiac driven by Dawn Thomas, 16, of 3403 Irving and a 1999 Chevrolet driven by Stefan Dean, 32, of 2302 Sunset.

Also Saturday on College Ave. near McWilliams Pharmacy was an accident involving a 1994 Mazda pickup driven by Michael Groce, 22, of 2912 Ave. V and a 2002 Dodge Stratus driven by Lora Garcia, 45, of 2006 Ave. N.

Criminal mischief

Rhonda Clements Sunday afternoon reported damage done to a 1993 Ford Explorer while parked at 2200 41st Street. The officer submitted an offense report for criminal mischief.

Laticia Yanez requested a deputy at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in reference to four subjects breaking into her residence. A report for theft was filed.

Close patrol

A man requested a close patrol of his residence in the 2100 block of 40th Street Sunday night due to heavy foot traffic in his alley and reported his dog was stolen over the weekend.

Reckless Drivers

A woman requested an officer in 2600 block of Westridge at 1:20 p.m. Sunday because of reckless drivers.

Officers responded to the 2800 block of 33rd Sunday evening after a pickup occupied by three male subjects was reported driving at a high rate of speed.

At 8 a.m. Sunday a woman reported hearing an accident on Old Lubbock Hwy. Officers advised a green Chevrolet Camaro slid off the road, but left the scene before their arrival.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country [illegible] reported a gas drive off in the amount $11 at 4 p.m. Saturday and provided officers with a description of the vehicle.

Another drive off was reported at 10:10 p.m. Saturday from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop worth $14.69. The clerk gave a description of the vehicle and its driver.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

American Legion officers

The American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary will elect officers today in a 7 p.m. meeting at the legion hall. All members are urged to attend.

SHS band boosters

A SHS band boosters meeting to elect officers and plan the end-of-year concert will be held at 6 p.m. today in the band hall.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "the Church as Part of God's Eternal Plan," followed by "Sin, Sinners & Salvation."

Open house

The public is invited to an open house at Scurry Community Services Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tours will be given for the Head Start and Early Head Start program, as wells as the Snyder Child Daycare. The facility is located 2800 2nd St. – the former North Elementary building. Refreshments will be served.

Alzheimer's meeting

A meeting for families and caretakers of Alzheimer's patients will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the library of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. For information call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377.

FFA banquet

The Snyder FFA banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

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.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Historic cemetery ceremony

Snyder Cemetery is a Historic Texas Cemetery. A ceremony for the unveiling of the medallion is set for 9:30 a.m. Thursday. A reception will follow at Scurry County Museum. The public is invited.

Texas Ablaze meeting

Texas Ablaze meeting with Keith Miller of Stand Firm World Ministries will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Thee Place, 904 26th St. The meeting is sponsored by His Joy Ministries.

St. Jude Bike-a-Thon

The St. Jude Bike-a-Thon will be from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the Scurry County Coliseum. Call Judy Hembree at 573-5273 for additional information on how to donate and participate.

Band spaghetti dinner, concert

A spaghetti dinner, followed by a free spring concert will be held starting at 5 p.m. next Monday. Tickets, $5 for adults and $3 for children under junior high age are available from any band student or at the door.

Technology booster club

SHS Technology Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, in the shop classroom to elect officers. Parents of 8th graders are welcome.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is pre-reregistering for the next fall. The school, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, is for children from two to five years old before Sept. 1. Registration fee is $30 and the monthly tuition is $45. Parents are encouraged to pre-register in order to assure a space. The school observes the same schedule as Snyder ISD. Registration packets may be picked up at the church office.

Trinity Methodist Church study

Trinity United Methodist Church will host the Beth Moore study, "Breaking Free," Sundays at 9:30 a.m. with Rebekah Thornton leading the discussion on Sundays. Melissa Petty will lead classes at 6:30 on Wednesdays beginning May 22, and Ellie Dryden is leading classes at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays beginning June 6. Everyone is invited. Call 573-3988 to reserve a study book.

Harley-Davidson items sought

The Scurry County Museum is looking for loans of Harley-Davidson items such as collectibles, clothing and mementos to complete the display of motorcycles. The small items are needed by May 23 and will be displayed in locked cases during the "Ready To Roll" exhibition. The museum will also feature Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and Cushman scooters from June 6 to Aug. 22.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts who register for the 2002-2003 membership during May will receive a patch. Contact [illegible] Girl Scout leader to register.

Colonial Hill VBS

Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the Amazon Outfitters for Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church June 3-7. Call 573-8596 for registration and transportation.

Avenue D VBS

Avenue D Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 10-14 and the theme is Amazon Outfitters: On Expedition with the One True God. It is for K-6th grade and will be held 9 a.m. until noon. Call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

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.