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$800,000 tentative pact with wind turbine compa-

Commissioners drive hard bargain

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Scurry County commissioners' court and representatives of Cielo Wind Power informally agreed Monday afternoon to a schedule of payments to the county in exchange for a 10-year-tax abatement.

Payments will total $800,000 in lieu of Scurry County granting an abatement with $60,000 paid annually for five years, and $100,000 per year for the remaining five years.

No action was taken on the agreement Monday as it was listed on the agenda only as a discussion item.

It is expected the court will formally act on the payment schedule on May 19.

Cielo representative David Groberg told the court that the amount would still have to be approved by his company, but he expected it would be.

Groberg added the company still had to work out an agreement with Western Texas College in order to secure an abatement.

"I understand why you want to drive a hard bargain," said Groberg, adding that his company actually expected to pay around $50,000 per year.

Groberg acknowledged that the fees to be paid to Scurry County is more than was paid in Borden County, or for similar projects around McCamey.

Following the discussion Monday morning, Groberg said he did not feel the project was close to being scuttled because of the court wanting more than Cielo originally offered.

"The county is getting more than it would in normal circumstances," said Groberg. "But we really want to get this thing done."

Cielo will be developing the project in concert with Orion Energy of California.

County Judge Rod Waller said late Monday that he is pleased with the agreement. "This will be especially good for the school district."

Eighty turbines are expected to be built in the county with an average cost of $700,000 each.

In other business, the court approved a budget amendment in the amount of $10,071. County Auditor Charlie Bell said the county received that much more tobacco settlement money than was budgeted.

Judge Waller presided at the meeting and all commissioners were in attendance to include Howard Limmer, Jerry House, Ralph Trevey and Chloanne Lindsey. County Attorney Mike Hartman also was in attendance.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

A lot of people are yelling for peace, so, here's one plan from a fellow named Robin Williams.

If it's the actor, it's refreshing 'cause at least one guy in Hollywood makes some sense.

1. The U.S. will apologize to the world for our "interference" in their affairs, past and present. We will promise never to "interfere" again.

2. We will withdraw our troops from all over the world, starting with Germany, South Korea and the Philippines. They don't want us there. We would station troops at our borders. No more sneaking through holes in the fence.

3. All illegal aliens have 90 days to get their affairs together and leave. We'll give them a free trip home. After 90 days the remainder will be gathered up and deported immediately, regardless of who or where they are. France would welcome them.

4. All future visitors will be thoroughly checked and limited to 90-day visits unless given a special permit. No one from a terrorist nation would be allowed in. If you don't like it there, change it yourself, don't hide here. Asylum would not ever be available to anyone. We don't need any more cab drivers.

5. No "students" over age 21. The older ones are the bombers. If they don't attend classes, they get a "D" and it's back home, baby.

6. The U.S. will make a strong effort to become self sufficient energy wise. This will include developing non-polluting sources of energy but will require a temporary drilling of oil in the Alaskan wilderness. The caribou will have to cope for a while.

7. Offer Saudi Arabia and other oil producing countries $10 a barrel for their oil. If they don't like it, we go someplace else.

8. If there is a famine or other natural catastrophe in the world, we will not "interfere." They can pray to Allah, or whomever, for seeds, rain, cement or whatever they need. Besides, most of what we give them gets "lost" or is taken by their army. The people who need it most get very little, if anyway.

9. Ship the UN headquarters to an island some place. We don't need the spies and fair weather friends here. Besides, it would make a good homeless shelter or lockup for illegal aliens. Or use the buildings as replacement for the twin towers.

10. All Americans must go to charm and beauty school. That way, no one can call us "Ugly Americans" any longer.

Now, that's a winner of a plan.

The Statue of Liberty is no longer saying "Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses."

She's got a baseball bat and she's yelling, "You want a piece of me?"



ANCHORS AWEIGH — A utility pole in the 3500 block of College Avenue was being anchored Monday by a crew from Dixie Electric of Odessa and SES Telecom of Bonham. Shown from left are Dennis Cheary, Cory Price and Matt Gryder. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chamber board approves three funds requests

Directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce approved a trio of hotel/motel requests Monday.

Scurry County Museum was granted $350 of the $750 requested for an upcoming exhibit.

The second request approved was $1,500 to the Scurry County Pilots Association's Fly-In set for June 21 at Winston Field. The event will begin with a 7 a.m. breakfast and airplane rides for children will be included in the activities.

The third request approved was for $5,000 to the West Texas Western Swing Festival to be held June 11-14. The other $5,000 of the $10,000 total request was granted in 2002. This is the seventh year for the show to be held in Snyder and the fourth year for the show to be sponsored solely by the chamber.

May activities include the Senior Center May Day at the coliseum and the Snyder Car Show at the courthouse Saturday. The 7th annual Fish-a-Thon will be held May 10 at Towle Park Pond.

Executive director Donna Fowler announced that decals for chamber members are in and may be picked up at the chamber office.

Assistant manager Sandra Salinas reported July 4 booths are being reserved and plans are being made for the two-day event to again include the carnival and conclude with the fireworks display.

Board members attending were Elois Pruitt, Darren Jackson, Greg Williams, Anita Talbott, Joni Gonzales, Jeffery Martin and David Boyd.



WIND DAMAGE — Kelvin Stagner of Abilene worked this morning to bring down a tree that was blown over by last night's brief storm. The tree landed on the home of his parents, James and Doris DeFreese, at 709 32nd Street. (SDN Staff Photo)

Western Texas College wrapping up semester

Faculty and students at Western Texas College are preparing for a busy week to wrap up the spring semester.

Graduation is set at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the WTC central courtyard. Family and friends will gather as 103 students have applied for graduation.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Also Friday is prison graduation to be held at the Price Daniel Unit at 10 a.m. Thirty-five students will be awarded degrees.

Graduates from Price Daniel, Smith, Wallace and Ware units will be combined for the ceremony.

Other activities begin at 7 tonight with an athletic appreciation ice cream social.

Members of the WTC rodeo, baseball and softball teams will be recognized and coaches of each sport will speak briefly. The public is invited to the gathering to be held in the cafeteria.

Wednesday at 9 p.m., faculty members will serve students a twilight breakfast to allow a break from studying during pre-exam week.

Finals begin Monday and conclude Thursday.

Two receive prison terms

Two persons entered guilty pleas in 132nd District Court Monday.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced James Edward Norman, 19, of 126 Milburn to serve seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the third degree felony charge last November of kicking Snyder police officer Brian Haggard.

The case had been set to go to trial Monday but the plea was entered before a jury was selected.

Norman also entered a guilty plea Monday for burglary of a habitation and was sentenced to another seven years in the TDCJ. The sentences will run concurrently.

Larry Dan Beard also entered a guilty plea Monday for the July 2002 offense of forgery.

Beard, 47, with a last-known address in California, was sentenced to 10 years in the TDCJ and ordered to pay restitution totaling $7,162 to several Snyder businesses and individuals to include United, Davidson's IGA, Town & Country, Allsups, Skinny's and Doris Beard.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.35
North of city	Shower
East of city	.40
West of city	Trace
Lake Thomas	.25
Hermleigh	.40
Fluvanna	.40
Polar	.30
Loyd Mountain	.20
Camp Springs	.30
Dunn	.75
Ira	.70
Dermott	.40
Union	.25
Gail	Shower
Gins	
Sc. County (W)	.50
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Totals as reported by area residents for Monday night

ASK US

Q—Will KSNY-FM broadcast the girls softball game Friday night?

A—No. There is a conflict as the station has a committment to broadcast the Tigers' games in the playoffs beginning about the same time.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Laurie Kindrick...

...is a teller at First American Bank and has lived in Snyder 12 years. Her husband, Randy, works for BJ Services. She has two children and four step-children, all grown. Laurie also has eight grandchildren. She spends most of her free time with her family and they enjoy volleyball, camping and doing things together.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Believe that you will succeed. Believe it firmly, and you will then do what is necessary to bring success about.

—Dale Carnegie

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Caregivers dinner

Odyssey Health Care Hospice will host a caregivers dinner at 5:30 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

4-H play day

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club fun day is set for 7 tonight at the coliseum annex. Entry fees are $5 per member. For more information, call Laura King at 574-1378 or 207-2756.

Genealogy Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 this evening in the library. The program is "U.S. Migration and Settlement, Patterns 1607-1900."

SISD parents meeting

Lucy Smith of the Region 14 Education Service Center will present a parent meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at the service center, 4200 College Ave. the hour-long session will explain parental involvement policies at Snyder elementary campuses.

Antique tractor, equipment club

Scurry County Antique Tractor and Equipment Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Jack's Roadboring on the Colorado City highway. All interested persons are invited. Call 573-4414 for more information.

Central seminars

Central Elementary will conclude its series of Thursday afternoon seminars at 3 p.m. Thursday and May 15. *Keep Them Reading This Summer* will be presented by Janie Romine, Scurry County librarian. *Bully proofing Your Child* will be the topic on May 15. Snyder school counselor Debbie Shaw will give parents tips on how to help children stand up to a bully. Child care will be provided.

FBC services televised

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

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels Car show featuring live music will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday in the American State Bank parking lot. Saturday's event will be from 10:30 to 4 p.m. on the Snyder square. The Saturday cruise will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 573-2171 or 573-3977 for more information.

Yard and bake sale

Snyder Healthcare Family Council will sponsor a yard and bake sale beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at 5311 Big Spring Highway (in back).

May Day

The Scurry County Senior Citizen Center May Day will be Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Booths open at 2 p.m. with the barbecue dinner from 4:30-6 p.m. Tickets are $6.

Antique tractor, equipment display

Scurry County Antique Tractor and Equipment Club's display and show will be Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Tractors and equipment will be set up from 9-10 a.m., and on display from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. A parade around the square will be from 1:30-2 p.m. Demonstrations will be from 2:30-5 p.m.

Midnight movie madness

Midnight movie madness, sponsored by the SHS senior class, will be held Saturday. Waiting on company bookings for Malibu's Most Wanted or Bullet Proof Monk. Tickets are $5 at the door and also are available at high school. All ages welcome and concessions will be open.

Lord's Acre lunch

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre chicken-fry lunch at noon on Sunday in Wesley Hall, 2700 College Ave. Adult tickets $7, children under 10, $4. Carryouts will be available.

Support group

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

FBC support groups

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

CNA class

A CNA class will be held from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. May 10-11 at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Orientation will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the center. No tuition will be charged and books can be purchased at the WTC Bookstore. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Boy Scouts Fish-a-Thon

Snyder Boy Scouts will hold the annual Fish-a-Thon from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at Towle Park Pond. $5 per person to enter and prizes will be given hourly for the largest fish. No fishing license is required.

Joy School fall registration

Fall registration for Joy School, 201 31st St., is from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. weekdays for birth to pre-K children. For more information call 573-3554.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Senate tax writers look for cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are under intense pressure to find room in their tax cut legislation for most of President Bush's program to jump-start the economy.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, told GOP leaders there will have to be a measure of bipartisanship and warned them not to put so much pressure on moderates that they might flee the party. Vermont Sen. Jim Jeffords left the Republican fold two years ago and handed control of the Senate to Democrats for 11/2 years.

"Republicans don't get everything they want, and if Republicans push too hard, you have what happens to us two years ago with Senator Jeffords leaving the party," Grassley said in a CNN interview today.

Grassley immediately clarified that he doesn't know of any lawmakers who have threatened to leave. "I don't expect that to happen, but you know, at least that's the reality of what happened two years ago. And I think that we should learn from history," he said.

Republican aides working on the Senate's tax cut said parts of the legislation will draw bipartisan support, such as aid to cash-strapped states. Helping the states would help draw backing from moderate Democrats, but aides said supporters may not get the $30 billion to $40 billion they want.

The White House will weigh in this week to make sure the bill includes items they want. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., will meet with the president Tuesday evening.

The White House has been lobbying the Senate to match the House and cut taxes by $550 billion over the next decade. Republicans do not have enough votes in the Senate to pass more than $350 billion in tax cuts, and Grassley said he will stick to that limit.

"I have to live within the land of reality, and that is it's going to be closer to $350 billion than it is the $550 billion that the House wants unless some people come up with some ideas that I've never thought of," Grassley said.

Hastert downplayed divisions among Republicans over the size of the tax cut by putting blame on the Senate's Democratic presidential candidates for shrinking by more than half the president's original proposal of $726 billion in cuts.

"You have four or five people who I'll call the prancing ponies of the Senate that all want to be a presidential candidate or a wannabe," Hastert said in College Station, Texas, after delivering a lecture at Texas A&M University. "It's to their advantage not to help this economy and have a bad economy going into a political year.

"I think that's shortsighted," he said.

But most people, given a one-time rebate, will use the money to pay down debt rather than invest in small business, said Tom Saving, director of the Private Enterprise Research Center at Texas A&M University.

Republicans are scrambling to find ways to offset the costs of cutting taxes more than $350 billion. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president will take a look at any proposals lawmakers have.

Aid to financially troubled states will have to compete with other items the White House favors and may end up as one of the items that will have to be offset despite its popularity, Republican aides said. In a vote last month, 80 of 100 senators endorsed giving the states $30 billion over the next 18 months.

Michael Bird, federal affairs counsel at the National Conference of State Legislatures, said budget woes are forcing states to cut spending, raise taxes and cut jobs. All of that will undermine any federal efforts at economic stimulus, Bird said.

Today's chuckle

Dog with 'three lives' can go home soon

CLEARLAKE, Calif. (AP) — Dosha, the dog who survived being hit by a car, shot in the head and thrown in a freezer, can go home soon.



The tenacious canine was given a clean bill of health by her veterinarian on Monday. She will be allowed to move back in with her owner, Louetta Mallard, as soon as a better fence is erected to keep her from escaping from Mallard's yard, according to Debra Sally, the owner of the Clearlake Veterinary Clinic.

Dosha has been at the clinic since April 15, when she escaped from her yard and was hit by a car. A policeman shot her because he said she was in pain. She was taken to an animal shelter and put in a freezer for disposal, but about two hours later, a worker at the center opened the freezer to find Dosha standing up in a plastic bag.

Dosha's head was x-rayed Monday to check her right ear, which Sally feared had been damaged by the bullet.

"Everything looked OK," she said.

Local animal welfare groups have raised enough money to cover Dosha's medical expenses, Sally said.

Military officials ask embedded reporter to leave unit in Iraq

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Military authorities have ordered an embedded newspaper reporter to leave his unit in Iraq, saying he revealed sensitive information in a story.

The commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, to which Brett Lieberman of The Patriot-News in Harrisburg was assigned, cited an April 25 story describing the unit's mission of patrolling Nasiriyah.

Lt. Col. Robert C. Murphy said the story included too much military detail, the Patriot-News reported.

"We were disappointed," Patriot-News Executive Editor David Newhouse said. "This seems to have been a disagreement with one or two officers. We are confident, based upon our conversations with other officers, that Brett's story in no way jeopardized our servicemen and women."

The paper said Lieberman was forced to leave over the weekend, when many Pentagon offices were closed, without an opportunity to appeal the order.

After arriving in Kuwait on March 30, Lieberman wrote 36 stories on subjects ranging from shooting incidents to sharing toys with Iraqi orphans, the paper said.

He had also published popular "postcards home," messages and photos from troops to their families.

Date Book

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Today is the 119th day of 2003 and the 41st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1913, the zipper was patented by Gideon Sundbach of Hoboken, N.J.

On this day in 1985, the Challenger was launched at Kennedy Space Center. On board were a crew of seven astronauts and a bevy of animals that included monkeys and rats. The craft landed back on Earth on May 6, 1985.

On this day in 1992, riots broke out in Los Angeles in response to the non-guilty verdict awarded to four Los Angeles police officers who were caught on film beating Rodney King.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951), newspaper editor and publisher; Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (1899-1974), jazz musician; Dale Earnhardt (1952-2001), NASCAR racer; Daniel Day-Lewis (1957-), actor, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Roger Clemens struck out a record 20 batters in a nine-inning game against Seattle.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "By and large, jazz has always been like the kind of a man you wouldn't want your daughter to associate with." — Duke Ellington

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 23) and new moon (May 1).

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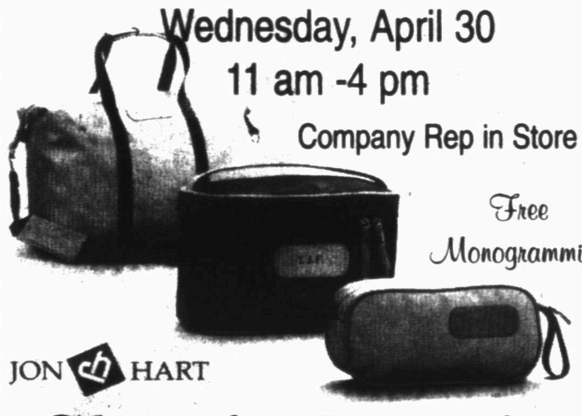
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A big "THANK YOU" for all donations made for the "Pink Ribbon Quilt" and the "Memory Maker" pictures at the Relay for Life.

CONGRATULATIONS
to Charlotte Rushing
for being the winner of the quilt

Thanks again for your continued support of our team project.

Friends for Life
Terrie Powell, team captain

Pizza Inn EVENTS
TUESDAY NIGHT 5:30-8:00 p.m.
SENIOR BUFFET SPECIAL
$4.49 with coffee or tea
WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5:30-8:00 p.m.
KIDS 99¢ BUFFET
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SHOWER HELD — A bridal shower honoring Vanessa Jones, bride-elect of Chad Arnwine, pictured center, was held Saturday at the East Side Church of Christ. Vanessa, daughter of Joe Dan and Linda Jones of Snyder, will be graduating May 17 from Texas Tech with a degree in early childhood education and has a teaching position with Arnett Elementary in Lubbock. Chad, a native of Roby, will graduate in May 2004 from Texas Tech with a degree in special education. They will marry May 24 at the church. From left are Tiffany Rodgers and Alicia Jones, the honoree's sisters from Lubbock; Glenna Jones, grandmother of the bride-elect; Linda Jones, her mother; the honored couple; Peggy Rasberry, mother of the prospective groom from Roby; Margaret Longino, his grandmother from Crowell; and Melissa Jones, the bride-elect's sister from Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Zach Greenlee will hold senior recital Saturday

Zach Greenlee, the son of Bob and Cecilla Greenlee, is a three-year graduate of Rotan High School.

He will present his senior piano recital at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rotan First Baptist Church. He is a student of Lynn Baldwin. The public is invited to attend the concert and following party.

He was elected as a representative to the Student Congress, secretary of the National Honor Society and treasurer of his sophomore class.



Zach Greenlee

Zach was also named "Most Likely to Succeed" his senior year. He participated in UIL, the Gifted and Talented program, football, power lifting, track, 4-H and FFA. His sophomore year, he was named MVP for power lifting. Zach participated in the Small Schools Academic Contest, and was on the KTXS Academic Challenge Team.

Named in the top 10 of his class, Zach has received Academic Recognition, the Academic Presidential Award, the Duke Scholarship Award, and the RHS Academic Excellence Award.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Baldwin, Zach has participated in National Piano Guild Auditions for the past 10 years. His guild activity will enable him to receive a High School Diploma from National Piano Guild, as well as make him eligible for the Paderewski Gold Medal for outstanding achievement in piano.

He has also received medals each year in the Texas Whitlock Theory Exam. For 10 years, he had advanced to the state competition for the Federation of Texas Music Teachers where each year he has received an outstanding or outstanding all-state rating. He has also performed in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Piano Competition, meriting superior ratings. He has competed at the state level of the Talent Find Contest for the Texas Farm Bureau Association for the past two years, receiving $2,000 in scholarships to the college of his choice.

Not only has Zach successfully participated in many competitions, but he has also performed on numerous occasions for churches, weddings, graduations, banquets, Christmas concerts, 4-H meetings and recitals. He has the versatility to perform in a variety of attire, from coon skin caps to clown costumes. He has performed as Scott Joplin in full regalia.

An active member of the Fourth and Elm Church of Christ in Sweetwater, he has participated in Work Camp, Leadership Training Conference in Dallas and various other youth activities.

Zachary plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station. He is looking forward to becoming involved in Aggies for Christ. And intends to major in mechanical engineering.

On May 10, he will compete in the Texas Federation Music Teachers All-State Finals. Zach performs in the Musically Advanced Class 2 Piano event, which is the last category listed for competition. He will compete May 26 at the UIL Piano and Solo Contest held at Southwest Texas University.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-29-03
♠ Q J 9 8 6
♥ K
♦ Q J 5 3
♣ Q 7 3

West
♠ 7 3 2
♥ A J 10 7 3
♦ 10
♣ K J 6 5

East
♠ K 5 4
♥ 8 6 5 4 2
♦ A 9
♣ 8 4 2

South
♠ A 10
♥ Q 9
♦ K 8 7 6 4 2
♣ A 10 9

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

You should count your entries

By Phillip Alder

Is bridge an art or a science? Many top players have scientific backgrounds, but there is something artistic about a deal like this one. It occurred during the 2003 Australian National Open Teams Championship. The declarer was Margaret Bourke, and her play was reported by husband Tim.

How would you have planned the play in five diamonds? West cashed the heart ace and shifted to his trump.

It is strange that West didn't overcall one heart. Since North was a passed hand, her two-spade response was a fit-showing jump promising five spades, at least four diamonds, and 10-11 points.

You need three trump entries in the dummy: one to take the spade finesse, one to ruff out East's spade king, and one to reach the established spade winners.

When West shifted to his diamond, declarer called for dummy's jack. (If she had played low from the dummy, East could have defeated the contract by withholding his ace.) East, after winning with his ace, switched to a club. Declarer rose with her ace and cashed the heart queen, discarding a club from the dummy. Now came the diamond seven to dummy's queen, a spade to South's 10, and the spade ace. The carefully preserved diamond two was overtaken by dummy's three, then the spade queen was led and East's king was ruffed with the diamond eight. Finally, the diamond four was played to dummy's five, and declarer's two club losers disappeared on the jack-nine of spades.

Part of Bourke's care wasn't vital. She could have ruffed the heart queen to generate the third dummy entry.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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



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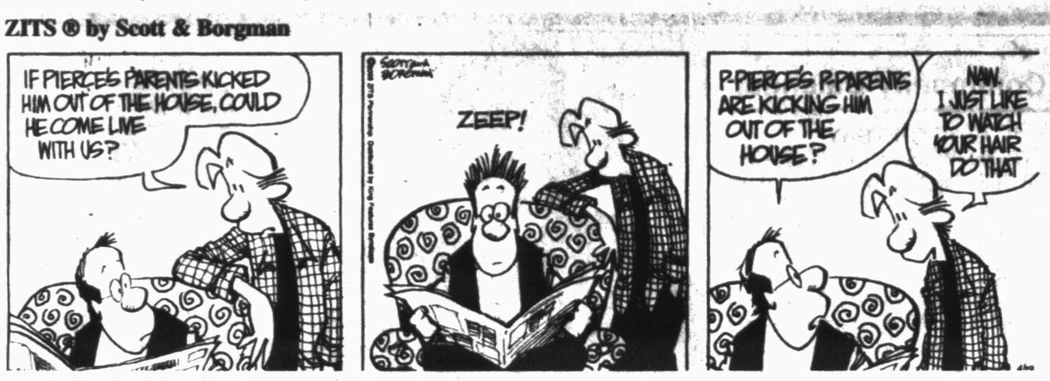
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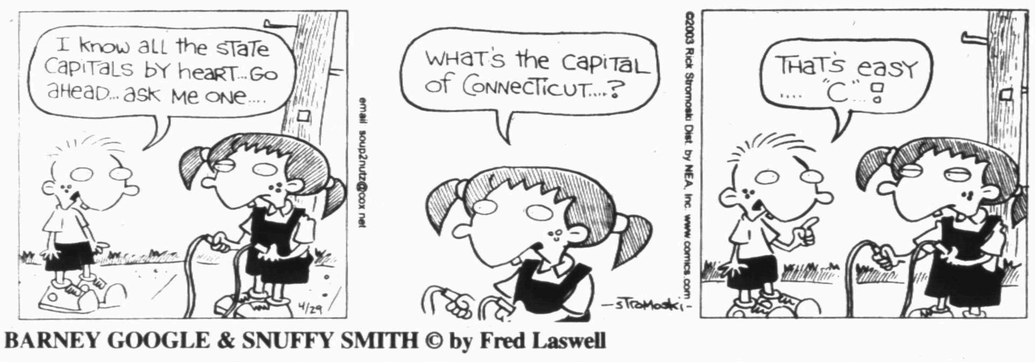
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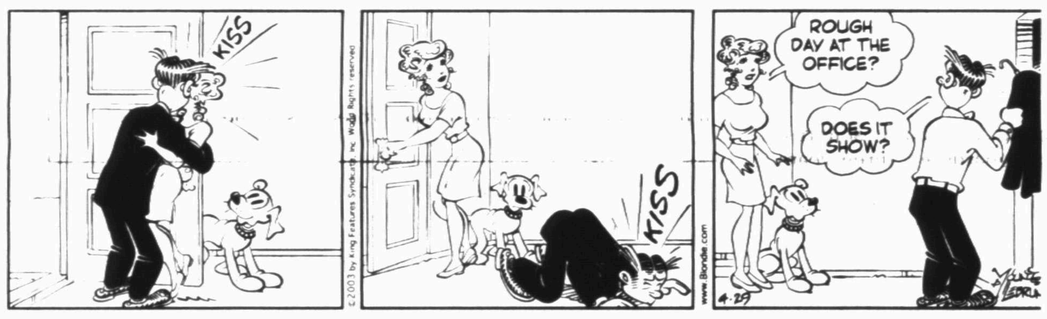
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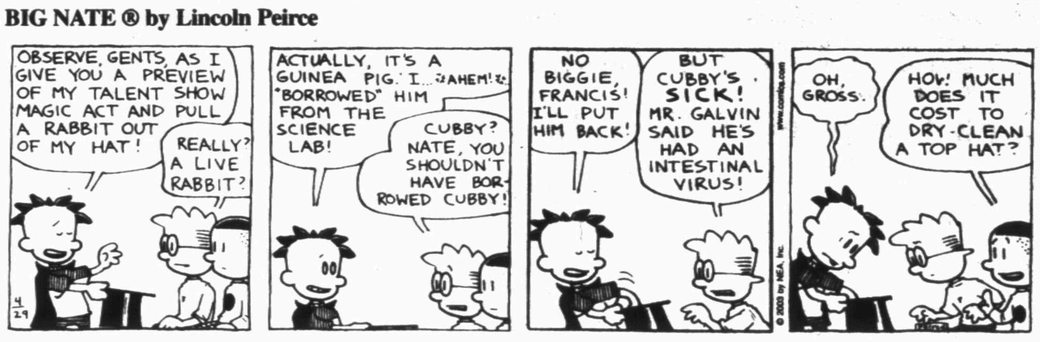
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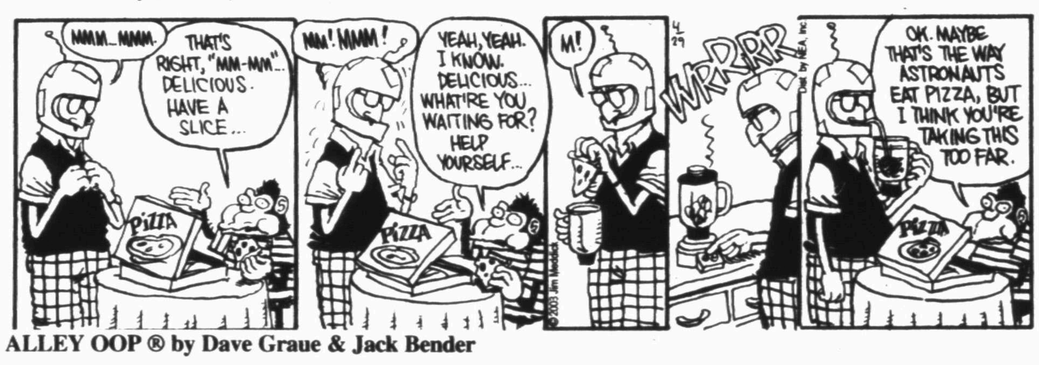
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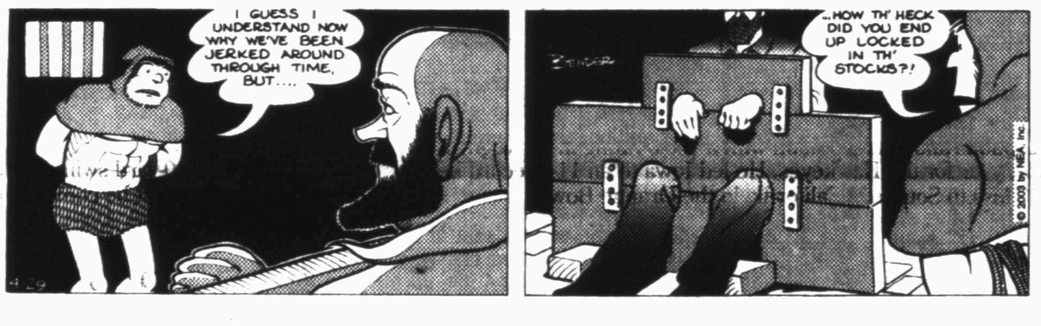
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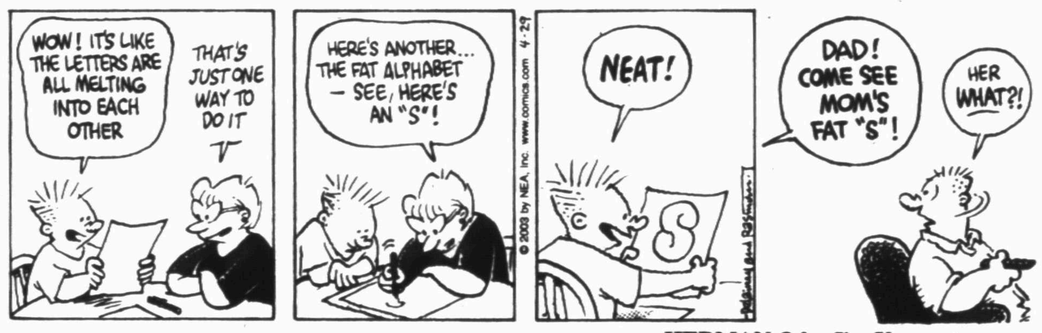
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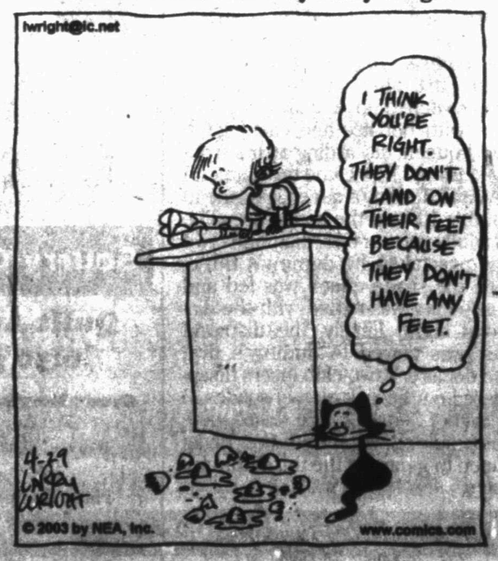


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ACROSS

1 Slalom need
4 "Little Women" role
8 Gulf st.
11 Menu phrase (2 wds.)
12 Burn soother
13 Nobleman
15 Chair part
16 Row of seats
17 Trickle down
18 Retirement plan
20 Droplets
21 Pastoral spot
23 To the —
24 Painful
27 "The Wanderer" singer
29 Flowery month
32 Baseball's Tommie —
33 Sound of perplexity
34 Livy's eggs
35 Pub suds
36 Wind dir.
37 Kind of lens
38 Sleeping place
39 Dietary need
40 Motels of yore
41 Good pilot
42 Make doilies
44 Important period
47 More polite
51 Tea herb
52 Gizzard
55 U.N. member
56 Pierre's head
57 Tad
58 "My, my!"
59 Closet need
60 Turn aside
61 Meet, in poker

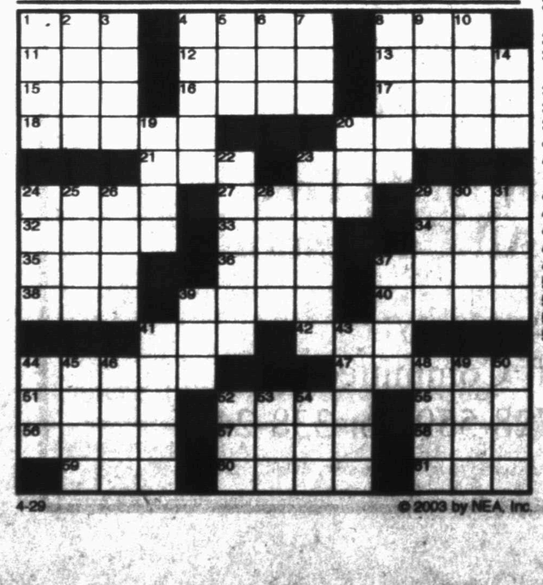
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1 Polio vaccine inventor
2 MOMA artist
3 "Othello" heavy
4 Wash
5 Yale

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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22 Stick to
23 Jiffy
24 Foreign car
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26 Cattail
28 "— — Excited"
29 Gaze dreamily
30 Cosmetics brand
31 Edible roots
37 Pasta type
39 I, for Wolfgang
41 Performed
43 El-Sadat of Egypt
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48 Slices
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SPORTS

For Toronto series...

Rangers taking SARS seriously

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez will be easy to find between the Texas Rangers' three games in Toronto this week.

"If you need me, I'll be in my room," Rodriguez said.

The All-Star shortstop won't be alone at the team's hotel.

Texas players plan to take all necessary precautions during their trip to Toronto because of the dangers of SARS. The Canadian city is dealing with more than 250 cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome and 21 deaths.

Major league baseball decided to continue with all scheduled games in Toronto, despite the World Health Organization issuing an advisory last week for travelers to avoid Toronto. The WHO said Monday, however, that the worst SARS outbreak is over in Canada.

The Kansas City Royals wrapped up a three-game series at Toronto on Sunday. The Rangers flew from Texas to Canada on Monday and begin their series at SkyDome today.

After Sunday's 10-7 home win over the New York Yankees, Rangers trainer Jaime Reed and other team medical personnel talked to players about the trip, the disease and the precautions they should take.

"We want to make sure they are educated about what is fact and what is fiction," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "I've never gone into a city with something like this. But I take great pride in washing my hands."

Among the suggested precautions are frequent washing of hands and avoiding crowded places where people come in extended contact with each other. Players have been advised to stay away from hospitals and public transportation and to use their own pens if they sign autographs.

"Our medical staff has assured us that it's pretty safe and been blown out of proportion a little bit," Rodriguez said. "But I still think we have to be precautionary, careful and just watch ourselves."

That means the Rangers will likely be spending more time than usual together while in Toronto. They will be there until Thursday night, then travel to Cleveland for a weekend series.

"There will definitely be a lot of extra time spent at the ballpark. We'll all be getting there early and probably staying pretty late," second baseman Michael Young said.

Jr. high girls claim C-City golf tourney

The Snyder Jr. High girls golf team won the Colorado City Invitational over the weekend, firing a team total 356 in the nine-hole tournament.

Kelby Seale paced the squad with a 67, while teammate Heather Dearington carded a 68 to take the second and third spots on the individual leaderboard.

Chelsae Hackfeld posted a 71, Tatum Norwood shot a 73, and Claire Morris stroked a 77.

Ryne Trout's 98 paced the Snyder I team, which fired a 407 for second place. Trout finished third on the individual leaderboard.

Josh Ornelas, Jordan Payne and Luke Robertson were neck and neck, recording scores of 102, 103 and 104 respectively.

The Snyder II team was third in the tournament, stroking a 453.

Kade Krueger led the team with a 106. Loren Toombs carded a 111 and Adrian Sosa finished with a 112.

Zach Key scored a 124 and Tanner Butler carded a 127.

Sports Briefs

Washington signs Iowa QB

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Iowa quarterback Brad Banks, the national player of the year and Heisman Trophy runner-up, was one of 12 undrafted free agents signed by the Washington Redskins.

Banks passed for 25 touchdowns, rushed for five, threw just four interceptions and led the nation with a 166.0 rating in the regular season last year for the Hawkeyes. He led Iowa to an 11-1 record before a 38-17 loss to Southern California in the Orange Bowl.

GCSAA golf tournament

The student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America will host a golf tournament Saturday at the WTC golf course. Format is two-man low ball/alternate shot/select shot, with a 9 a.m. tee off slated.

Cost is $100 per team. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira sports banquet will be held Monday at First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $7.50 for adults and $4 for children.

Call 573-2628 by Wednesday to reserve tickets.

SHS opens playoffs at home; Rangers will host next two

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

After a practice day devoted exclusively to hitting, the Snyder nine are getting geared up to face District 4-3A runner-up Midland Greenwood in a best-of-three showdown this weekend, playing two at Greenwood's home field Saturday following Friday night's opener at Moffett Field.



Bollinger

Having the opener in Snyder could help set the tone for the series, Tiger skipper Charles Bollinger said.

"It should be a great atmosphere," he said. "We didn't lose a district game at home, and we haven't lost any night games."

Monday's practice saw the team go through several hitting stations, including work on the curve-ball machine, in an effort to get the bats charged for the postseason.

"We took a lot of cuts," Bollinger said. "We worked at watching the ball, and hopefully we'll develop some muscle memory."

Bollinger said Snyder's offense has been hurt the last two contests by the absence of Isaac Ramon, the team's clean-up hitter. Ramon was declared scholastically ineligible the last grading period. His replacement in the batting order the last two games has been freshman back-up catcher Eric Martinez.

"It takes a good bat out of the lineup," he said. "It has affected us one to two runs per game. Hopefully, we'll still be playing when he's eligible to come back."

One trend that Bollinger hopes to see reversed Friday is the team's recent penchant for starting slow.

"It's important for us to jump out early. When something goes good we feed off it, but when something bad happens we go dead, and get a different mindset," he said.

Practices today and Wednesday will have a full slate of hitting and defensive drills, while Thursday's practice will be a light, pre-game workout.

The Tigers are preparing to face Rangers senior pitcher Shayne Moody, whom Bollinger said has a good breaking ball and throws hard.

The Midland offense is led by senior center fielder Dawson Wilbur, the starting quarterback for the Greenwood football team.

Bollinger said he wants his team to believe come 7:30 Friday night.

"We'll be confident," he said. "I think if we get that first win, we'll be tough to beat."

Snyder will hand the ball to Chance Greenwood, who has emerged as the ace of the Tiger staff.

Greenwood won his most recent start last Tuesday over Sweetwater, allowing one run on three hits in the 5-1 victory.

Rangers cut Park's catcher

ARLINGTON (AP) — Since catcher Chad Kreuter wasn't able to help Chan Ho Park regain his ace status, the Texas Rangers announced Monday they were dropping him from the team.

After Park struggled last season, the Rangers brought Kreuter to spring training as a non-roster invitee. He made the club and went 2-for-18 in seven games, including six starts.

Park, though, hasn't improved. He's 1-3 with a 7.16 ERA after allowing five runs on four hits and five walks in four innings Sunday. Texas overcame that to beat the Yankees 10-7.

Lifeguard course forming at WTC

A lifeguard training class is scheduled May 9-11 at Western Texas College.

The class requires two prerequisites: a 500-yard swim and a brick test.

The 500-yard swim is non-stop and non-timed. The first 200 yards are to be freestyle stroke with face in the water, the next 100 must be breaststroke, and the final 200 can be done using either stroke.

Candidates for the course get one chance at the 500-yard swim. The 500-yard swim must be completed to the instructor's satisfaction to continue in the course.

The brick test requires a person swim out 20 yards, dive down eight to 10 feet and grab a 10-pound brick. After resurfacing, the swimmer must swim the 20 yards back, holding the brick in both hands. The brick test can be repeated.

Students should bring two extra towels and if possible and extra swimsuit.

The class lasts approximately 26 hours, and once completed, students will be certified as lifeguards and also have CPR, first aid and automated external defibrillation (AED) certifications.

The cost is $100 per person, and there must be 10 students to hold the class. The cost to re-certify lifeguards for three years is $30 per challenge, and to re-certify for CPR, first aid and AED for one year is $30 per challenge.

Registration cut-off is next Tuesday. For more information, call Jackie at 573-9811 or Levi Lunsford at 806-632-0898.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Monday, April 28
Philadelphia 96, New Orleans 87, Philadelphia leads series 3-1
Sacramento 99, Utah 82, Sacramento leads series 3-1

Today
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 11 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
Indiana at Boston, 7 p.m or 8 p.m., if necessary
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m. or 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Detroit at Orlando, TBA, if necessary
Philadelphia at New Orleans, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at Utah, TBA, if necessary
Dallas at Portland, TBA, if necessary

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
WTP Energy	152	103
The Shack	147	108
Snyder Brick & Tile	147	108
Snyder Iron & Metal	141.5	113.5
Timely Finance	137	118
Blue Sunoco	137	118
Pin Busters	115.5	139.5
Anadarko	112.5	142.5
Robert Early's Weld	98.5	156.5
NAPA Auto	87	168

High series: Rick Mammolite, scratch, 590; David Carroll, handicap, 654.
High game: Lynn Smith, scratch, 218; Glenn Coy, handicap, 245.
Splits and special mentions: Gary Kinder 5-6-10; Damon Early 5-7.

Jack-N-Jill

Team	W	L
Quick Auto	37	23
WTP Energy	36	24
Timely Finance	36	24
Mama's Misfits	33	27
Snyder Iron & Metal	31	29
Square Pants	31	29
BCEC	29	31
Rogers Backhoe	27	33
JB's	26	34
Snyder Lanes	14	46

High series: Scratch: Butch Evans, 568, Daphene Thompson, 480; **Handicap:** Christopher Northcutt, 679, Michelle Nachlinger, 616.
High game: Scratch: Butch Evans, 214, Michelle Nachlinger, 192; **Handicap:** Christopher Northcutt, 247, Michelle Nachlinger, 247.

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Monday, April 28
Tampa Bay 4, New Jersey 3, New Jersey leads series 2-1
Dallas 2, Anaheim 1, Anaheim leads series 2-1

Today
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 4
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 3:30 p.m., if necessary

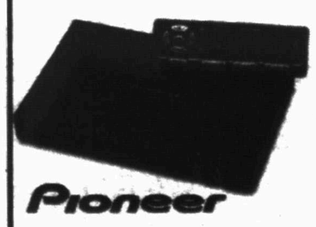

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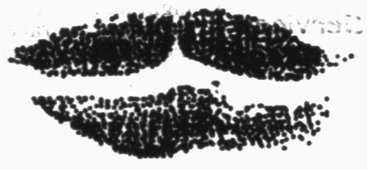
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Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D

Food coloring gets the all-clear

DEAR DR. BLONZ: We have been using a powdered drink mix for many years. Recently, I purchased it in the "raspberry ice" flavor. Immediately, I noticed a strong red coloring on our tongues and lips. On checking the label I see that "FD&C Red No. 40" is in its ingredients — and also present in many other foods. It got me to wondering how safe this and other food coloring might be. Are natural food colorings better than the artificial colors? — **F.C., Carlsbad, Calif.**

DEAR F.C.: Visual appraisal is an integral part of our evaluation of food. The presence or absence of specific colors is seen as an indicator of wholesomeness and ripeness as well as flavor and texture. This is not a new idea. In fact, archaeologists have identified the use of cosmetic colors dating back as far as 5,000 B.C. It is somewhat controversial at present because the purpose behind adding color to foods is to "artificially" change them so that they are more acceptable to consumers. Food companies have determined that people will more readily accept a food that looks "right." For instance, picture a gray hot dog or a brownish-gray maraschino cherry — the real colors of these processed foods. And fabricated foods such as your drink mix start out with virtually no color at all.

Research has shown that if the colors are "wrong," people have difficulty detecting specific tastes. One study found that volunteers struggled to identify strawberry flavoring when it was tinted green. And, in a classic work on how colors affect eating, people in the early 1970s were fed a meal of steaks, peas and French fries under lighting conditions that masked their true appearance. At the conclusion of the meal, the room lights were raised to reveal blue steak, red peas and green fries. Viewing the abnormally colored food caused such an aversion that a number of volunteers became ill. Color can also affect taste thresholds, with basic tastes (salt, sour, bitter and sweet) being perceived at different concentrations if the appropriate color is absent or present.

Intuitively, natural colors might seem preferable. It is important to appreciate, though, that such colors are rarely natural to the food in which they're used. Rather, they are color-rich chemicals that come from animal, vegetable or mineral sources. (Artificial colors, by contrast, are made from coal tar and tend to be destroyed during processing.) The components of natural red food color, for example, can be extracted from beets, but it also can come from carmine, a crimson pigment from the shell of a Central American insect. Both are considered "natural" red colors, and they're used in everything from fruit drinks to colored candy to strawberry ice cream.

Every batch of artificial color has to be certified safe by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) before it can be used. In 2000, for example, the FDA certified more than 13 million pounds of color additives. The "FD&C" in the name of an artificial color stands for the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the 1938 legislation that gave the government authority to regulate the dyes used in foods, drugs and cosmetics. The artificial colors used in foods are identified by number and appear on the ingredient statement as (for example) "FD&C Blue No. 2."

All things considered, food colors have an excellent safety record. A few colors have been pulled off the market when they were suspected of causing cancer in experimental animals. This sounds intimidating, but it should be kept in mind that connections have been tenuous at best. Massive amounts are used in studies while extremely small amounts of colors are used in foods. Another concern to consider, however, is allergies. The intake of tartrazine (FD&C Yellow No. 15), for instance, has been associated with allergic reactions and behavior problems in children; still, this occurred in a small segment of the population.

The bottom line is that for the vast majority the small amount of colors used in foods — whether natural or artificial — does not represent a measurable health risk. The idea, however, is to encourage people to focus on those foods in which color additives are neither used nor needed; which means fresh whole foods such as fruits, vegetables and grains.

For more information on food coloring, a complete list of natural and artificial color additives used in foods can be found at http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/opa-col2.html.

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.

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15-year-old slaying solved by police

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Central Texas law officers were able to solve a 15-year-old police murder case when a truck involved in the crime was found hidden in a shed at a southwestern Bexar County ranch.

The missing truck was the last clue detectives needed to solve the case. Its discovery led to the arrest of the driver, Pablo Guzman Salinas, who was sentenced Monday to 25 years in prison.

Salinas, 39, was found guilty of killing Lt. John Paul Frisco, 39, on Dec. 13, 1985.

Frisco of the Windcrest Police Department was in uniform working off-duty security at a Northeast Side country dance club, when he noticed a suspicious man in a dark-colored pickup.

Frisco chased the pickup and grabbed onto it. The truck, traveling up to 100 mph, dragged the officer down Walzem Road, witnesses said.

At least one passing car ran over the officer's body.

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TXU Corp	19.95	19.63	19.69	+.06
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Proposed bill requires 24 hour wait for abortion

AUSTIN (AP) — Women seeking an abortion would have to wait 24 hours before a doctor could terminate the pregnancy under legislation debated by the Texas House.

The bill also would require doctors to offer patients state-produced literature and color photos of fetal development at two-week increments before the mandated "reflection period."

Bill sponsor Frank Corte, R-San Antonio, said he authored the legislation in an attempt to empower women by making as much information as possible available to them.

The House adjourned early today evening, without voting on the legislation.

Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, tried to amend the bill to exempt victims of rape and incest from the requirement to view the materials, but members rejected the measure.

The legislation also would require written proof, signed by the abortion patient, that she has been offered standard information regarding risks and options available should she decide to carry her pregnancy to term.

The bill also requires that abortions performed after the 15th week of pregnancy can only be performed at an ambulatory surgical center or hospital licensed to perform the procedure.

BUDGET THREAT

Advocacy groups for senior and disabled Texans called on lawmakers today to practice "compassionate conservatism" and restore funding for services for the disabled and elderly in the next state budget, in part by forcing more businesses to pay taxes.

The AARP, the Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition, ADAPT and other groups said they would present 5,000 signatures to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick supporting the groups' call to fund services at the current level over the next two years.

The spending plans in the House and Senate would "balance the budget on the backs of the most vulnerable," said Gus Cardenas, state president of AARP Texas, which has more than 2 million members.

Tightening the state's business taxes to force more companies to pay would find much of the money needed to fund the threatened programs, the groups said. Business groups have vigorously opposed tightening the so-called "franchise tax" and a bill to get more companies to pay the tax has not moved in the House.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said he thinks the state should fund those services for the frail and elderly but that it has a limited amount of money. Tax bills must come from the House and he said he doesn't expect to see one this session.

SCHOOL FINANCE

A proposal by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst that would change the way public schools are funded took the form of a Senate bill today.

The bill was in rough draft form and was being looked at by potential co-sponsors, Dewhurst spokesman Dave Beckwith said.

"I expect a super majority will sign on as co-sponsors" to the legislation, Beckwith said.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee, will sponsor the legislation, which would replace the current school funding structure by cutting property taxes in half, expanding the state sales tax and getting rid of the state's wealth-sharing school formula.

The bill was expected to get introduced in the Senate Wednesday. Such a bill typically would be sent to the Senate Education Committee, but Senate leaders are looking at putting it on a fast track by putting it before a full meeting of all the senators.

In response to Dewhurst's plan last week, Gov. Rick Perry said more time was needed to study school funding alternatives. With five weeks left in the legislative session, Perry said he would be willing to call the Legislature into a special session at a later date.

EARLY GRADUATION

High school students would be required to take the middle or upper curriculum level to be eligible for a $1,000 Early High School Graduation Scholarship under legislation by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, approved in the Senate today.

Students are eligible if they graduated from an accredited high school within 36 months.

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

Legislation in the House that sets up provisions to regulate homeowners and auto insurance companies is designed to get homeowners quicker relief from high premiums, the bill's sponsor said today.

The Senate approved its version of homeowners and auto insurance reform this month. The House Insurance Committee was expected to vote on its version of the bill early this week.

The bills are similar in several aspects, said House Insurance Committee Chairman John Smithee, R-Amarillo, who is sponsoring the House version of the bill.

However, there are differences in the bills as they relate to a rate rollback. The Senate bill does not specifically provide for a rate rollback, but requires Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor to set new rates for companies within 60 days.

Enron executives want to go after bankers

HOUSTON (AP) — Executives of Enron Corp. have asked a bankruptcy judge for permission to hire more lawyers to sue 15 financial institutions that bankrolled transactions designed to boost the failed energy trading company's bottom line.

Enron, in its request to allow Houston law firm Susman Godfrey to possibly sue, contends that the financial institutions may have participated knowingly in transactions they knew were shaky.

Recent investigations in Congress have focused on the role in Houston-based Enron's complex, deceptive financial schemes of its big investment bankers, which have been sued by Enron shareholders seeking billions of dollars in damages.

So the potential for legal action by Enron against the banks is unusual to some observers who argue that the financial institutions were accused of being in league with the company. Shareholders have accused Enron management of artificially inflating the stock price with the help of compliant, fee-hungry bankers.

Former Enron executive Sherron Watkins, who wrote an internal memo warning of financial improprieties, has repeatedly testified that then-chief financial officer Andrew Fastow threatened and pressured the large institutions to invest in his off-the-books partnerships, lest they lose out on the company's lucrative investment-banking business.

But Henry Hu, a corporate and securities law professor at the University of Texas, said such a complaint should not be dismissed as frivolous. Hu suggested that Enron may be able to demonstrate some of the banks breached a fiduciary duty to the company's board of directors and noted that borrowers have successfully sued lenders under lender-liability laws.

Mother's Day
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Life with perfectionist is perfectly awful for family

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Tina in Tennessee" brought back memories from my past. Tina was upset because her husband's son had come to live with them, and his messy bedroom made her angry. She excused herself by saying she was a "perfectionist," waving it like a banner, as though it made her behavior OK.

I, too, was a perfectionist. I made my four children's lives miserable with my constant nagging and threatening. My crisis came one winter when, in the midst of a snowstorm, I made all of them stand on our windy back porch, strip naked from their wet, cold clothes, and wait until my floor had dried because I had just washed and polished it. It hit me like a ton of bricks!

For years, I had made my entire family miserable with my constant cleaning. I had been known to wake up in the middle of the night and clean or go outside and do yard work. I always said the clean house was for "them." The truth was, I didn't like myself. I cleaned house to prove to the world that I was all right.

What really needed cleaning was my SPIRIT, not the house. This may be too long to print, but I wanted to share this milestone in my life — the start of my recovery. — **NO LONGER "MOMMY DEAREST" IN CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIF.**

DEAR NO LONGER: You were perceptive to realize that you had turned the "virtue" of cleanliness into obsession and compulsion, to the point that it had become abusive to your family. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am the stepparent of a sloppy child. It used to drive me to distraction, until I realized the only person I could change was myself, and my harping and complaining only made ME the pariah in the household. Now I close the door to his room and ignore it. When he's grown up and gone, I can change the carpet, paint the walls and "live happily ever after." — **MARK IN GARLAND, TEXAS**

DEAR MARK: A wise parent (or stepparent) carefully chooses his (or her) battles, because you can't win 'em all.

DEAR ABBY: My philosophy on neatness is that I'll never look back on my life and think, "Thank goodness I did the dishes every day. I'm glad I spent so much time vacuuming." I will always wish for more time spent with my family and friends, enjoying the things I love. I would hate for that woman to find herself looking back on her life, regretting a miserable relationship with the boy and his father over dirty clothes and candy wrappers. She needs to reach a compromise. — **NOT SO NEAT IN N.Y.C.**

DEAR NOT SO NEAT: Your housekeeping may not win any awards, but you have your priorities in order.

DEAR ABBY: "Tina in Tennessee" should count her blessings. She has a wonderful stepson who is being bounced around like a ping-pong ball through no fault of his own. His father should rejoice in the opportunity to have a relationship with his son. This is also Tina's chance to have a relationship with the young man. Tell her not to ruin it because of a messy bedroom. Shut the door! — **A MOTHER IN MINNEAPOLIS**

DEAR MOTHER: Good point. There is so little the boy can control — his bedroom is "his space," and it should not be turned into a battleground. He should be praised for his strong points and given a little leeway. To quote a reader from Littleton, Colo., "Teens are 'neat' people, and it has nothing to do with the state of their bedrooms."

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

Don't be too quick to accept or turn down any proposals brought to you in the year ahead. The better you examine things, the less disappointment you'll experience later. Careful considerations can bring much success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're extremely adept today and well equipped to correct any negative developments that might pop up. Use your ingenuity to turn losing situations around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Keep your happy mood and don't be influenced by the behavior of others today, especially when involved with selfish people. Let your instincts dictate your attitude, not their conduct.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Should you find yourself coming up short in one area today, look to another to make your strides and gains. Everything should have a way of balancing itself out at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Friends will come through for you today, but not in situations where you're quite able to fend for yourself. Be sure your requests are reasonable and needed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you discover along the way that you had been going about things in a wrong manner, don't hesitate to make a big switch in tactics. It will be foolish only if you don't try.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There's no need to come unglued at the seams today should a problem develop with a temperamental associate. Keep your emotions intact, and you can calm him or her down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your intensity always makes you play to win, but today don't make winning all important or you'll end up losing admirers. Maintaining grace is more important than gamesmanship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It would be wise today to get your complicated assignments out of the way while your mind is fresh and alert. Later on, as you tire, your thinking abilities may wither and fade.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This can be a materially rewarding day for you, but you must not take anything for granted and let events govern your gains. Guess again if you think you'll be handed something for nothing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Sometimes you can spontaneously blurt out the truth without regard for the feelings of another. Should this happen today, make up by concentrating on candlelight and wine and roses.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Anything done for you today by another needs supervision. Misconceptions about how you want things might lead to unhappy results. Stay on top of the job and this won't happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be patient if you're negotiating something with associates today and you believe you're not being offered a fair market price. Leave things until another day, when people are more cooperative.

Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Snyder Oaks Corner



Hazel Sneed

The resident of the week is Hazel Sneed. She has been a resident of Snyder Oaks since October of 2002. She and her husband have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She went to the first nursing school here in Snyder, she is a LVN. She likes to work crossword puzzles, watch TV, play bingo and attend church. She was born in Bell County January 5, 1921. She is a very friendly lady.

Snyder Oaks Care Center

210 E. 37th St. 573-9377



Dale Huff, Minister

37th Street Church of Christ

2500 37th Street
Snyder, Texas 79549

Something Solid

If we are going to live a Christian life, we need to build that life on something solid. Troubles, trials and tragedies take their toll on our faith. This is not accidental. Peter writes to Christians and tells them that their enemy, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour, I Peter 5: 9. Choosing to follow Christ sets us on a good path and Jesus says that we will find rest for our souls, Matthew 11:28-30. Whoever wants to love life and see good days should turn from evil and do good! This was the apostle Peter's word in I Peter 3:11,12. It is still true today.

Trouble and trials still come into the life of a Christian. It is a good life, but things can get tough. God and the word of His grace can build us up and give us the strength we need for the trials of the Christian life, Acts 20:28. There are many solid things in that word of grace that give us strength. Some of these solid things are...

1. God loves me intensely, personally and unconditionally. He wants me to repent, be baptized and be saved. John 3:16 tells us God loves us so much He gave His own Son for us. We may feel unloved by the people in our life, but we are never unloved by God.
2. God will forgive me if I seek that forgiveness. This is true for those who come to Christ in baptism, Acts 2:38. It is also true for Christians who fall short of the will of God, I John 1:9. It is not a question of how big our sins are or how many there are. The question is whether I will seek forgiveness. If I will seek it, I will find it from God.
3. I can change. Jesus calls all to repent, Luke 13:1- 5. The apostles repeated that call. The command to repent means that I can change. You can change. All of us can change. Whether we will or not is up to us. God will help us, strengthen us and empower us for the process of becoming like Jesus, but we have to seek that change.

These things can make a difference if we believe them and put them into practice.

Dale Huff

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lucy Smith with Region 14 Education Service Center will present a parent meeting to explain parent involvement policies of Snyder Independent School District's elementary campuses on May 1, 2003. Please plan to attend this very important parent meeting at the Region 14 Service Center at 4200 College Avenue. The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Childcare will be provided. All parents are welcome.

Lucy Smith con el centro de servicio de la educación de la región 14 presentará una reunión del padre para explicar políticas del envolvimiento del padre en las escuelas primarias del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Snyder. Por favor haga planes de assistir a esta reunión del padre, que es muy importante, en el centro de servicio de la región 14 en la 4200 College Avenue. La reunión ocurrirá el 1 de mayo 2003 a las 5:15 P.M. y terminara aproximadamente en una hora. Los niños participarán en su propia clase. Todos los padres son invitados.

Mississippi county sues state over providing public defenders

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A financially anemic Mississippi Delta county is taking the state to court, saying it can't afford to properly represent poor people charged with crimes.

Quitman County sued the state in 1999 after it was forced to borrow several hundred thousand dollars in the early 1990s to defend two men convicted of killing four members of one family.

Paying the legal tab is a big deal in the county, where the per capita income is $10,817 for its 10,117 residents and some 28.6 percent of families live below the poverty level, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

"The state needs to take over funding for indigent defense rather than putting it on the backs of financially strapped counties," said Robert McDuff, a Jackson attorney representing the county.

The trial of Quitman County versus the state of Mississippi is scheduled to begin today in Marks, a town located about 150 miles northwest of Jackson.

The Mississippi Attorney General's office declined to comment on the case, saying it could not speak about ongoing litigation.

However, Special Assistant Attorney General Harold Pizzetta has argued that the court system shouldn't intervene in funding questions by telling lawmakers to spend more on public defenders.

In many Mississippi counties, public defenders are private attorneys who are under contract to take on indigent cases part time. The lawyers often have too many clients and are usually paid a flat fee, McDuff said.

Two lawyers handle all the indigent cases in Quitman County, where there are about 70 felony cases per year, McDuff said.

He said he studied all of the indigent cases in Quitman County from 1997-2002 and found that 57 percent of the time, pleas were entered the same day the defendant's attorney was appointed.

He said that showed there was little investigation, consultation or negotiation by attorneys with their clients, McDuff said.

"Even if we lose this case, the problem is still going to be with us, and eventually this state is going to have to create a statewide public defenders' system," McDuff said.

Such a program, which would have placed a public defender in each circuit court district, was first proposed in 1995 but officials estimated it would have cost $11 million. Only three counties have full-time public defenders.

"I think it's long overdue and the state needs to pick up the funding for felony defense," said Thomas Fortner, the public defender in Hinds County. "The state is obligated by our state and federal constitutions to provide effective counsel."

Fortner said the state has simply delegated the responsibility to each county without any oversight and "because of that you get this hodgepodge system."

The NAACP's Legal Defense and Education Fund recently released a report that claimed Mississippi's lack of a statewide system contributes to overcrowding in jails and congested court dockets.

Thomas Pearson, a former part-time public defender in Quitman and Tunica counties, said he spent 25 percent of his time or less on public defense cases.

"I tried not to overburden my time with the public defender work," Pearson said.

Pearson said he earned a little more than $3,000 per month from each county, but needed more than $100,000 a year to keep up with expenses, such as his office and secretary.

Missing soldier confirmed dead

LOS FRESNOS (AP) — Over the Easter holiday, the family of Army Spc. Edward John Anguiano gathered in this south Texas town, holding out hope that the last missing soldier in Iraq would be found alive.

The Pentagon dashed those hopes Sunday when officials confirmed that a set of remains found in Iraq last week was that of Anguiano, who had been traveling with the 507th Maintenance Company when their convoy was ambushed March 23.

"We will never forget the deeds of this brave young man," U.S. Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, said Monday. "The spirit and memories of Edward Anguiano will always be among us, to inspire us and remind us of the sacrifices of war."

The slain soldier's mother, San Juanita Anguiano, "is very sad. She was not expecting him to be found dead," said the soldier's aunt, Maria Anguiano.

Edward Anguiano, 24, was a mechanic in the 3rd Infantry Combat Support Battalion out of Fort Stewart, Ga. He was traveling with the 507th when it was attacked. Nine soldiers were killed and six, all with the 507th, were taken prisoner.

One prisoner, Pfc. Jessica Lynch, was rescued April 1. Five other soldiers were released April 13 and returned to the United States on April 19.

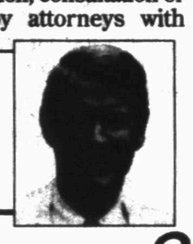
Seven of the dead soldiers found during Lynch's rescue were members of the 507th. An eighth was a soldier from a forward support group of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division.

The Defense Department said Anguiano's body was found Thursday. The remains were identified Sunday through DNA.

"What we heard is that he was ambushed," said Vicente Anguiano Sr., 72, the slain man's grandfather.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Coffee: yes or no?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I drink decaffeinated coffee because I've read that it decreases the risk of heart disease. Recently, I came across an article claiming that it actually increases the risk of cardiovascular disorders. Can you enlighten me?

DEAR READER: I'm just as confused as you are by conflicting claims concerning coffee. One week, regular coffee is bad and decaffeinated brew is OK; next week, the situation reverses.

I've tried to adopt prudent moderation in my advice to patients: a couple of cups per day of either type won't hurt. If you drink more coffee than this, you may — or may not — risk some major, or minor, health problems. All kidding aside, I hope future studies will clarify the relation — if one exists — between regular/decaffeinated coffee and health issues.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is fibromyalgia? Can it be treated and cured?

DEAR READER: Fibromyalgia is characterized by chronic pain, stiffness and tenderness of certain muscles, especially of the neck, shoulders, back and thighs. The cause is unknown, but the condition is often associated with stress, tension and Lyme disease in otherwise healthy young adults, particularly women. The disorder is marked by "trigger points" — areas of muscle that are exquisitely sensitive to gentle pressure.

The diagnosis is made by exclusion of other diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis or polymyositis (muscle inflammation from self-allergy.) There are no definitive tests for fibromyalgia. Symptoms often fluctuate, in conjunction with stress levels, and can be relieved by stretching exercises, application of heat, gentle massage, ibuprofen and anti-depressant drugs. Fibromyalgia does not affect health but can be an enormous nuisance. There is no cure.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on bee pollen as a vitamin supplement.

DEAR READER: In the past few years, entrepreneurs and health-food enthusiasts have aggressively endorsed the use of bee pollen for enhancing athletic performance, improving sexual ability, preventing infection and cancer, prolonging life and promoting weight loss or gain. No reputable scientific studies have confirmed these outrageous claims.

Bee pollen is 55 percent carbohydrate, 1 percent to 20 percent fat, 6 percent to 30 percent protein, with some vitamins and minerals. It has no known health benefits.

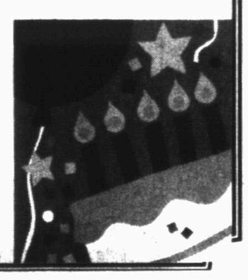
In fact, it can be exceedingly dangerous for people who are allergic to pollen and who may respond to bee pollen with rash, asthma, shock and death. For example, an estimated 6 percent of Americans are allergic to ragweed pollen. For such individuals, the ingestion of bee pollen could be catastrophic.

Present scientific evidence has failed to show that bee pollen supplements are anything more than another get-rich scheme foisted on the public by unscrupulous promoters.

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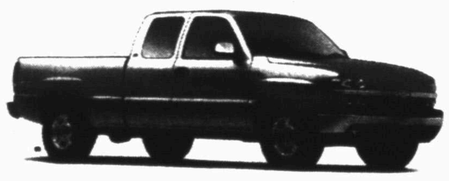
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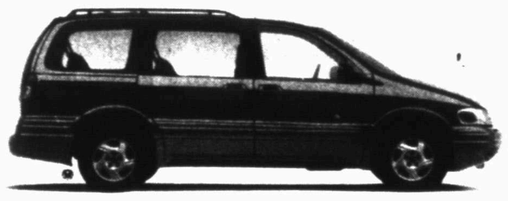
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House tries to repeal 'Robin Hood'

AUSTIN (AP) — As the House prepared to repeal the state's school finance law, GOP Speaker Tom Craddick today announced a select committee of 23 House members to look for a permanent and equitable school finance solution.

The legislation up for debate on the House floor today proposed to repeal Robin Hood by 2005, giving schools an additional $1.2 billion in funding to share while lawmakers figure out a new system. Many lawmakers, including the Republican leadership, campaigned on ridding the state of the divisive Robin Hood.

Craddick said that Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who would appoint four other members to the committee, would allocate $1 million in funding to bring in a project team from the University of Texas Charles A. Dana Center, an educational research unit, that would be housed in the Capitol.

The House Select Committee on Public School Finance will be charged with finding a cost efficient school finance system that supports student success, while overhauling the state tax system.

"Over the last few weeks, several plans have been outlined, but no one has offered a plan that is designed to sustain the next round of education reform," Craddick said. "So that is my No. 1 charge to the committee: Devise a school finance system that promotes success for all Texas children."

Craddick said the plan would include cost adjustments for uncontrollable variations in the costs of education caused by geography, scale and student needs.

"This is a great opportunity, we've got to do this," said Rep. Kent Grusendorf, chairman of the House Select Committee on Public School Finance. "There is no more important issue in the state of Texas."

Craddick said all measures would be considered, though he maintained that a state income tax would be highly unlikely to pass the House or Senate.

The Robin Hood repeal measure has strong support from Craddick. It was temporarily stopped last week because a witness affirmation form was not completed properly in the committee where testimony was taken on the bill.

Contractor hired without clearance to rebuild Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The agency awarding Iraq reconstruction contracts deleted its requirement for a security clearance after realizing it awarded a project to a company that lacked one, an internal report says.

The U.S. Agency for International Development justified the change by deciding the situation in Iraq made the clearance unnecessary for seaport rebuilding work.

The explanation didn't impress the agency's inspector general. USAID should have changed the requirement before selecting a contractor — not afterward, according to a report Monday by Bruce Crandlemire, the assistant inspector general for audit.

Meanwhile, USAID today awarded three grants in Umm Qasr to aid the new town council. The grants, totaling $76,000, will establish council offices; create a telephone and Internet center; refurbish sports and recreational facilities and provide sports equipment.

A number of Democrats have questioned other aspects of various Iraqi rebuilding contracts awarded by the agency.

"After discovering it had awarded a contract to a company without a security clearance, the agency changed the requirement," said Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. "I'm left wondering if these contracting procedures result in the best value for the American taxpayer."

The $4.8 million award to Stevedoring Services of America of Seattle was announced March 24 — the first USAID reconstruction contract for Iraq. Four contracts have been awarded since then and at least four others are awaiting a final decision.

The amount in this case was small compared to the main rebuilding contract for up to $680 million over 18 months. Bechtel National Inc. of San Francisco won that limited competition.

USAID has defended the fast-track procedure, arguing speed is essential and only experienced firms with proper security clearances can move quickly.

Agency spokeswoman Ellen Yount said the requirement was changed because "the circumstances on the ground had changed significantly enough that the security clearance was no longer warranted."

Stevedoring Services is the largest marine terminal operator in the United States. Between 1999 and 2002, the company and its employees made nearly $24,000 in political contributions — about 80 percent to Republicans, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Quake rattles several states

ATLANTA (AP) — A rare earthquake shook parts of the South early today, rattling windows and awakening nervous residents but causing no reports of serious damage.

The quake, which had a preliminary magnitude of 4.9, struck around 5 a.m. and was centered near Fort Payne, Ala., close to the Georgia line.

The quake was felt in seven states, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Emergency officials said they had not heard any reports of serious damage.

James Samples of Sylvania, Ala., about 10 miles north of Fort Payne, said when he awoke, "I thought somebody had run through my trailer. It was pretty strong up here."

He said his trailer was not damaged and that others had pictures knocked off walls and dishes broken.

The same was true in Atlanta, about 160 miles from the epicenter.

"My whole house shook. I could feel the whole wave go north to south," said Barry Goodno, a Georgia Tech structural engineering professor who specializes in earthquakes. "Everything was rattling through the room. It was not what I expected in Georgia.

"It's the kind of motion that could weaken structures or cause further damage," Goodno said. "It's not something to be overlooked. This could be a precursor, it could be a one-time release of energy, it could be an indication of things to come for several weeks."

Carolyn Parker of Gadsden, Ala., says the earthquake lasted about 45 seconds and woke her up.

"My husband jumped out of bed," she told WSB-TV. "He said he thought it was like the end of the world or something. He ran outside."

DNA tests to prove youngster's identity

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Authorities conducted DNA tests on a boy to determine whether he is a youngster who disappeared from his family's North Carolina home more than two years ago.

The boy shares the same facial features, scars and speech impediment as Tristen "Buddy" Myers, Sampson County (N.C.) Sheriff's Sgt. Darold Cox said. DNA samples were taken from him Monday. The boy had been taken into state custody in Illinois after the man caring for him raised suspicions with workers at a hospital.

Buddy hasn't been seen since he wandered away from his aunt's home on Oct. 5, 2000, with his two dogs. He was 4 at the time. The two dogs eventually returned home, but searchers didn't find the boy.

Investigators took a DNA sample from Buddy's mother, Raven, last week and performed a match test Monday, Illinois Department of Child and Family Services spokeswoman Jill Manuel said. It will take four to six weeks to receive the results.

Buddy's aunt, Donna Myers, said local investigators asked her to come to the sheriff's office in Clinton, N.C., on April 1 to look at a picture of the boy. She and her husband had been caring for the boy, who had been living with various relatives since he was born to a teenage mother, at the time he disappeared.

Donna Myers, whose house is decorated with yellow ribbons, told the Fayetteville Observer that she was told the man called the boy Eli Quick.

"There are so many things that point to it being him that we are just praying that it is," she said. "If it's not him, he's got a twin."

The boy's cousins in Sampson County, N.C., said today on ABC's "Good Morning America" that they hoped that DNA testing could be hurried.

"It looks like it could be him," said Jamie Richmond, adding that he was told that X-rays showed the boy had the same breaks in his leg as Tristen, who was injured in a car accident less than a year before he disappeared.

The boy had been with a man who was taken into custody after he brought the child to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston and asked doctors to do something about his "aggressive behavior," Manuel said.

The hospital staff became suspicious and called police.

Six arrested in Snyder

•Arrest

Officers arrested a 30-year-old man in the 100 block of 37th Street at 10:35 a.m. Monday for driving without a license, no liability insurance and an expired inspection sticker.

At 11:20 a.m., officers arrested a 19-year-old man in the 900 block of College Ave. on a warrant for possession of marijuana.

A 39-year-old woman was arrested at 4:05 p.m. Monday on a warrant for possession of marijuana.

Deputies also took a 25-year-old man into custody on warrants for disorderly conduct on Monday.

A 21-year-old woman was arrested on warrants for theft at 8:30 p.m. Officers arrested a 24-year-old woman in the 2800 block of Ave. J at 2:50 a.m. today for public intoxication.

•Accident

Snyder officers responded to a minor accident near Southern Electric Monday morning.

Involved were a 1990 GMC pickup driven by Charles Kerry, 19, of 362 CR 122 and a 1982 Ford pickup driven by Luis Lara, 36, of 113 Peach. No injuries were reported.

•Disturbances

Several officers and Snyder EMS were dispatched to a residence in the 2200 block of 44th Street at 11:37 a.m. Monday after 9-1-1 operators received a report of a man assaulting his mother.

The man was transported to Cogdell Hospital for injuries to his shoulder and an offense report for protective custody was submitted.

At 6:50 p.m. Monday, a woman requested officers at a residence on Ave. R for a disturbance. A subject was at the residence uninvited and a report for criminal trespass was filed.

•Criminal mischief

A man reported Monday that someone has been shooting his cows. He advised one cow was shot two weeks ago and another last weekend. Deputies advised a report for Class A criminal mischief would be filed.

•Close patrols

A woman on Ave. B reported damage to several mailboxes in the neighborhood and a close patrol was begun.

At 9 a.m. Monday, a woman reported damage to her vehicle.

Obituaries

Cecil Meredith

1950-2003

LIVINGSTON — Cecil Harrison Meredith died Friday, April 25, at his home in Livingston.

Funeral service for Mr. Meredith, 53, is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Fred Alford and Jerry Bennett officiating. Burial will be held Thursday in the Houston National Cemetery.

Born March 8, 1950 in Junction, Mr. Meredith served in the U.S. Air Force from 1974 to 1977. He married Elizabeth Neely, former Snyder resident, on June 17, 1993 in San Angelo.

A graduate of Angelo State University, he was teacher of the year at Livingston Junior High in 2002. Mr. Meredith was a member of the Blanchard Baptist Church and was a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Meredith of Livingston; a daughter, Trina Schmidt of Mason; four sons, Pat Meredith of Leakey, Troy Meredith of Uvalde, Will Neely of Seguin and Wesley Neely of Bonham; four brothers, Larry Truelove of Pearland, Hoyt Truelove of Poland, Barry Truelove of The Colony and Alan Truelove of Deer Park; and six grandchildren.

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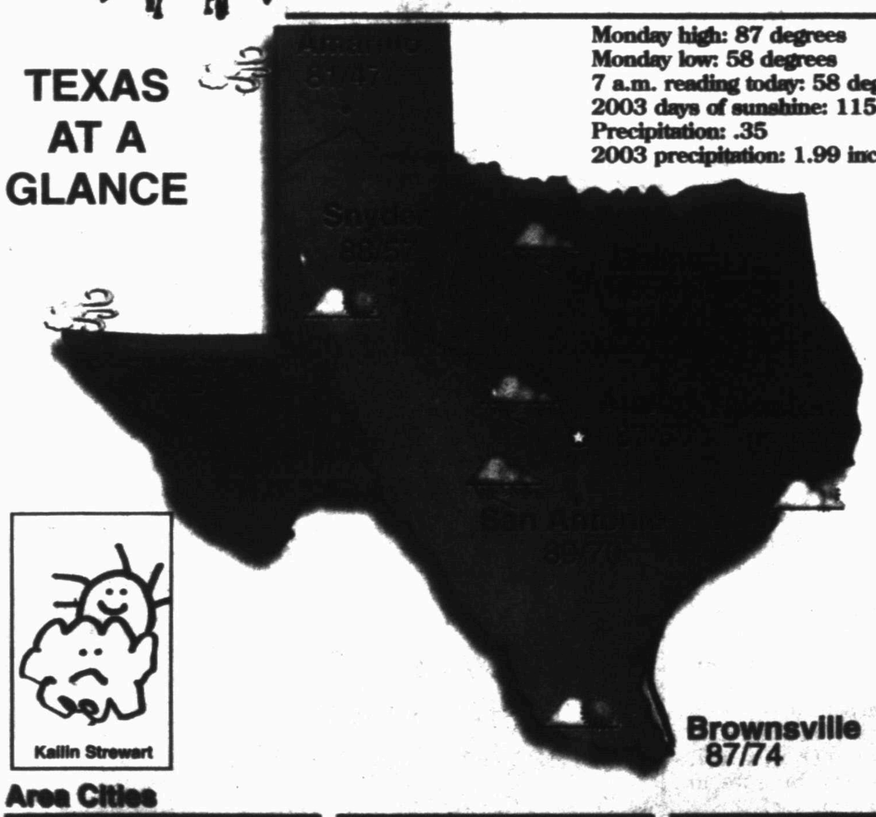
Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 4/30	Thu 5/1	Fri 5/2
88/57	87/52	85/56
Sun and a few passing clouds. High 88F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 50s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
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Precipitation: .35
2003 precipitation: 1.99 inches



Area Cities

Abilene	88	62	pt sunny	El Paso	83	54	windy	Midland	90	58	sunny
Amarillo	81	47	windy	Fort Stockton	91	60	sunny	Raymondville	89	71	pt sunny
Austin	87	68	t-storm	Gainesville	83	65	t-storm	Rosenberg	83	69	cloudy
Beaumont	81	68	cloudy	Greenville	83	65	pt sunny	San Antonio	89	70	t-storm
Brownsville	87	74	pt sunny	Houston	82	69	cloudy	San Marcos	87	69	t-storm
Brownwood	90	65	t-storm	Kingsville	87	71	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	65	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	72	cloudy	Livingston	83	65	pt sunny	Sweetwater	90	60	pt sunny
Corsicana	83	68	t-storm	Longview	83	65	pt sunny	Tyler	85	68	pt sunny
Dallas	85	70	t-storm	Lubbock	86	53	windy	Weatherford	84	66	t-storm
Del Rio	95	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	83	67	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	86	63	t-storm

National Cities

Atlanta	79	58	t-storm	Houston	82	69	cloudy	Phoenix	82	59	pt sunny
Boston	59	45	pt sunny	Los Angeles	65	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	48	cloudy
Chicago	68	60	rain	Miami	81	73	t-storm	Seattle	59	46	rain
Dallas	85	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	60	51	rain	St. Louis	79	65	t-storm
Denver	59	37	cloudy	New York	64	47	mst sunny	Washington, DC	70	54	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 23	May 1	May 9	May 16

UV Index

Wed 4/30	Thu 5/1	Fri 5/2
Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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