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GETTING READY — Snyder High School choir students practiced for tonight's annual Pops Concert. A cappella choir students shown practicing in the *Conga* include Malorye Miller and Ashley Jenkins in front and Beth Parsley and Carlos Martinez in back. (SDN Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Pops Concert tonight...

Time to rock and roll at dear ol' Snyder High

Snyder High School's 2002 Pops Concert will have something for everyone.

The annual musical event, which gets underway at 6:30 this evening in the Worsham Auditorium, will feature a variety of music including patriotic, rock, reggae, Latin and popular. Five choirs will perform, one trio and five duets.

Tickets are $5 each. A short intermission is also planned.

The combined choirs will kick off the concert with a patriotic festival. Kim Rivera and Strictly Treble will perform *I Love Rock and Roll* and the concert choir's number is *Born To Hand Jive*. The a cappella choir will perform *Conga* and Tiger Jazz's number will be *I'm Real*.

The first solos on the program will include Shannon Chambers, *The Star Spangled Banner*; Ashley Jenkins, *Jezabel*; Carlos Martinez, *U Got It Bad*; Sarah Crawford, *I'm Not a Girl, Not Yet A Woman*; Alex Neal, *I Wish You Were Here*; Janecia Zamora, *Standing Still*; and Melissa Maguire, *Emotion*.

Other solos include Logan Martin, *Where Were You*; Anna Henson, *Dreaming of You*; Jade Taggart, *There Will Come a Day*; Stephanie Crisp, *What I Really Meant To Say*; Malorye Miller, *I Do*; Ryan Ward, *Drowning*; Haley Holmes, *I Would've Loved You Anyway*; Beth Parsley, *On a Night Like This*.

Carlos Martinez and Felicia Ibarra will sing a duet, *Sera Porque te Amo*. Additional solos will include Afton Schwertner, *All You Wanted*; Bobby Sands, *Your Song*; Stefani Beck, *I Always Liked That Best*.

Following intermission the concert will feature other solos by RJ Sanders, *God Bless The USA*; Shannon Chambers, *Criminal*; Marcie Rodriguez, *A New Day Has Come*; Rachel Cave, *There You'll be*.

Bobby Sands and Jacinda Judah will sing a duet, *Come What May*; Hayli Henderson, *Everywhere*; Cole McLeod, *Hero*; Kristin Casas, *Overprotected*; C.C. Lara, *Amor Prohibido*; Debra Bollinger, *Fallin.'*

Sarah Carpenter, Stephanie Parmer and Heather Holmes will perform *When I Think About Angels*. Another duet will include Cole McLeod and Stefani Beck, *The Time of My Life*.

The final solos will include Molly Haire, *Underneath Your Clothes*; Patrick Alderete, *Tears in Heaven*; Taz Moorehead, *A Woman's Worth*; RJ Sanders, *Wrapped Up in You*; Jacinda Judah, *When I fall in Love*; and Krisi Early, *The Middle*.

The concluding duet will be *God Bless Ameriea* sung by Rachel Cave and Marcie Rodriguez.

Ronda Haire is the choir director.

Shannon Chambers

SISD students get out of class early Friday

Snyder students will get an early start on the weekend as classes will release at 2 p.m. Friday on all campuses.

Buses will run as usual and classes are to resume at regular time Monday.

Hermleigh and Ira students will observe regular schedules Friday.

Lack of quorum changes DCOS meeting time

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. today has been cancelled.

The meeting was cancelled due to the anticipated lack of a quorum.

The agenda for the rescheduled meeting is expected to be posted Friday.

One killed in bus shooting in Pecos during drug check

Two others airlifted to Lubbock

PECOS (AP) — A Greyhound bus passenger was shot and killed today after he pulled a gun and wounded a sheriff's deputy and a woman passenger in a shootout that began with a routine check for drugs, authorities said.

Reeves County Deputy Jaime Rodriguez, part of a multi-agency task force, was questioning a man on the bus during the interdiction at the Pecos bus station, the Pecos Enterprise reported.

During questioning, the man pulled a gun and shot the officer in the stomach and also wounded a nearby woman, hitting her in the back, authorities said.

Officers returned fire, fatally wounding the man. It was unclear early today whether Rodriguez or the other officer aboard the bus shot the man.

Both wounded people were being flown to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

The bus, bound for Los Angeles, was making a scheduled stop in Pecos. Its point of origin was unclear Thursday.

Greyhound is based in Dallas.

Meeting will focus on new farm bill

The 2002 Farm Bill will be the subject of a meeting set at 6 tonight at the Dunn Community Center, located 10 miles south of Snyder on Hwy. 208.

Dr. Joe Outlaw, associate professor and extension economist in management; Jackie Smith, professor and extension economist in management; and Joe Hefner, Farm Service Agency director; will present an overview of the farm bill.

Dr. Outlaw has recently been in Washington learning about the farm bill.

This meeting is for all producers in Scurry, Borden and Mitchell counties.

Health fair continues until 7 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Cogdell Memorial Hospital is holding its health fair today.

It began at 1 p.m. and will continue until 7 this evening.

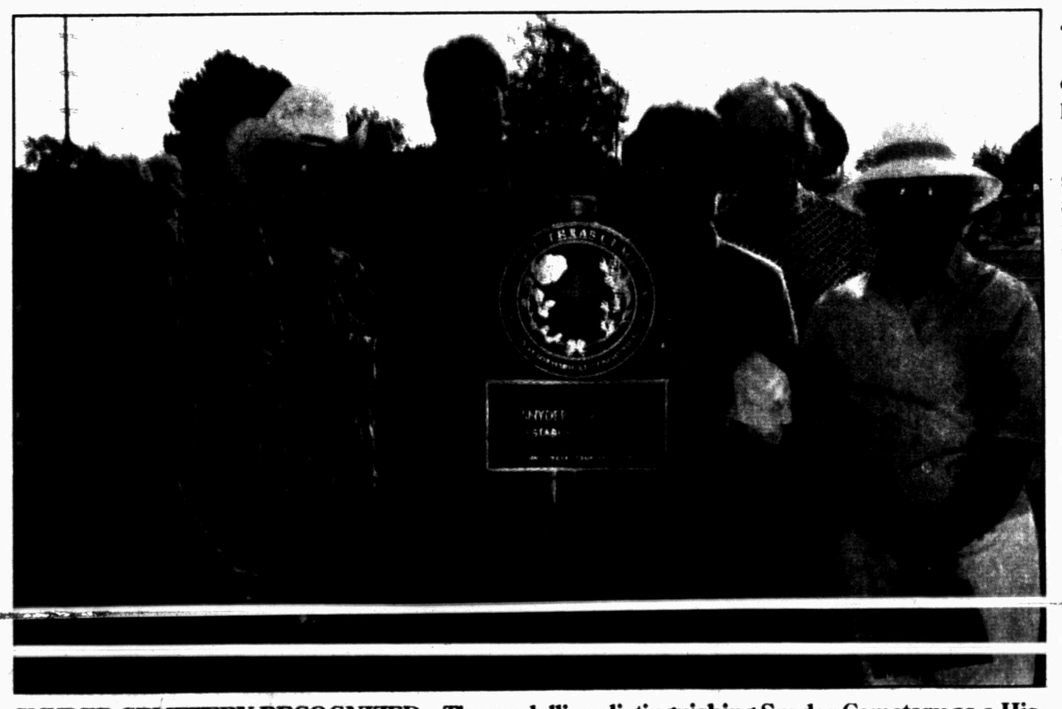
Many services related to health care are represented at the fair including Western Texas College, Harmony Family Services, Cogdell Home Health, American Cancer Society, Snyder area CADA and the Scurry County United Way.

Law enforcement and emergency services representatives include the Texas Department of Public Safety, Snyder Fire Dept., Snyder Police Dept., TxDOT, Snyder EMS and AeroCare.

Children and family service organizations participating are Head Start, Children's Protective Services, Gateway Family Services and Counseling Group, Inc., Home Medical Equipment, Scurry County Health Unit, Barbee Medical and Texas Care Partnership—CHIP.

Cogdell's Specialty Clinic will be represented along with many other health care services.

This event is an annual presentation at the hospital to showcase its services, as well as other health care related services in the community.



SNYDER CEMETERY RECOGNIZED – The medallion distinguishing Snyder Cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery was unveiled at a ceremony this morning at the entrance to the cemetery. Residents attending the ceremony included (from left): Elois Pruitt, Alton Davis, Judge Ricky Fritz, Opal Stout, Aline Parks and Mayor Francine Noah. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If women have such a good sense of right and wrong, why can't they understand east and west."

We heard about the husband who walked into the family room and found his other half stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing," he asked.

"Hunting flies," she responded.

"Killed any?"

"Yes, three males and two young females."

Intrigued, the husband asked, "How can you tell?"

"Three were on the TV remote control and two were on the telephone."

Due to the growing interest in survivor-type shows, we hear that a group of rednecks in Texas is planning to do its own, titled, "Survivor, Texas-Style."

Here's the way it will work.

The contestants will start in Dallas, travel to Waco, Austin, Houston and then down to Brownsville.

They will then proceed to Del Rio, on to El Paso and then to Midland, Odessa, Lubbock and Amarillo. From there, they will pass through Snyder on their way to abilene, Fort Worth and then hopefully returning to Dallas.

Each will be driving a pink Volvo with a bumper sticker that reads, "I'm gay, I'm a vegetarian, I voted for Al Gore, and I'm here to confiscate your guns."

The first contestant to make it back to Big D in one piece wins.

With end-of-school tests on the minds of many, we heard about a teacher who developed a plan to curb cheating.

The teacher asked students to sign a form stating they had not received any extra help during the exam.

One kid, unsure whether he should sign his name, admitted on his form that he had prayed and asked God for help on the test.

The teacher studied the student's answers on the exam and then wrote in red pencil:

"You can sign the form with a clear conscience. God did not help you."

ASK US

Q—Are there plans to convert the four-way stop at 24th Street and Ave. R into a two-way stop since the post office has moved?

A—Vic Chambers, of the city's planning and zoning office, said no changes are being considered.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 87 degrees; low, 57; 7 a.m. Thursday, 68; no precipitation; total for 2002, 7.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 65; S winds 10-20 mph; becoming N by sunrise. Friday, partly cloudy, breezy, cooler; High 80-85. N winds 15-25 mph. Friday night, cooler. High 80-85.

Roxana Arellano
Breezy

Sunset:
6:33 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:46 a.m.
Of 135 days in 2002, the sun has shone 128 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Peace is always beautiful.
—Walt Whitman

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Computing error gives Williams sixth place

Williams

According to the State Academic Director of the UIL, Bobby Hawthorn, there was an error in addition on the final scores for the UIL Computer Applications Contest at State.

As a result, Anna Williams of Snyder High School became the 6th place medallist in Conference 4A in the state for the computer applications contest. She received her medal this week, along with the written notice and congratulations.

Remains of fire chief identified

NEW YORK (AP) — The remains of Chief Ray Downey, New York City's most decorated firefighter and a victim of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, have been identified, officials said.

Downey, 63, was special operations command chief and an expert on urban search-and-rescue. He led a team of city firefighters who responded to the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and was one of three top fire department officials lost at the World Trade Center.

Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the city medical examiner, said Downey's remains were identified recently through DNA. His sons, Capt. Joe Downey and Lt. Chuck Downey, had spent nearly every day searching the trade center ruins.

Thousands of firefighters attended Downey's memorial service in December in the Long Island town of Deer Park.

White House: Bush was warned before attacks on Sept. 11

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence told President Bush a month before Sept. 11 that Osama bin Laden's terrorist network might hijack American airplanes, prompting the administration to issue a private alert to law enforcement agencies, the White House revealed as Congress studies whether the government failed to heed warning signs.

But officials said the president and U.S. intelligence did not know that suicide hijackers were plotting to use planes as missiles, as they did against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"There has been long-standing speculation, shared with the president, about the potential of hijackings in the traditional sense," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said tonight. "We had general threats involving Osama bin Laden around the world and including in the United States."

He said the administration, acting on the information received in early August, notified the "appropriate agencies" that hijackings "in the traditional sense" were possible. The warning was never made public, he said.

The development, first reported by CBS News, comes as congressional investigators intensify their study of whether the government failed to adequately respond to warnings before Sept. 11. It is the first direct link between Bush and intelligence gathered before Sept. 11 about the attacks.

Fleischer would not discuss when or how the information was given to Bush, but a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president was made aware of the potential for hijackings of U.S. planes during one or more routine intelligence briefings last summer.

The CIA would not confirm what it told Bush, but the agency said the issue of bin Laden's attempting an airline hijacking was among a number of terrorist methods raised to U.S. government officials at the time.

But there was no information that suggested hijackers would crash planes into American landmarks and there was no mention of a date, a CIA official said.

The information was based on intelligence obtained by the U.S. government, the official said, without specifying.

"I will tell you there was, of course, a general awareness of Osama bin Laden and threats around the world, including the United States; and if you recall, last summer we publicly alerted and gave a warning about potential threats on the Arabian peninsula," Fleischer said.

But he said Bush never had been told about the potential for suicide hijackers steering the planes toward U.S targets.

Still, acting on the information the government did have, the administration "notified the appropriate agencies. I think that's one of the reasons that we saw the people who committed the 9-11 attacks used box cutters and plastic knives to get around America's system of protecting against hijackers," he said.

Fleischer said he did not know what agencies were notified, what they were told or what they did in response.

A section of that classified memo also makes a passing reference to bin Laden, speculating that al-Qaida and other such groups could organize such flight training, officials said.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS — Snyder High School students who received departmental awards include back row from left, Alicia Bowlin, Haley Elkins, Cody Beaver, Jaci Smith, Trent Boyd, Brodie Pierce, Justin Stokes; front row, Hayli Henderson, Laura Billingsley, Stormy Clark, Kristina Mayer, Stacey Garcia, Erin Hackfeld, Sabrina Johnston. (Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Judge denies bail for man charged is priest's shooting

BALTIMORE (AP) — A judge has ordered a man charged with shooting a priest to undergo a psychological evaluation, saying he wants a doctor's opinion before deciding whether to grant the suspect bail.

Dontee D. Stokes, 26, asked Judge H. Gary Bass on Wednesday to release him so he could see his 20-month-old daughter and the rest of his family.

"I just want to say I'm not a flight risk and I'm not at risk to myself," said Stokes, who appeared in court by video transmission from the Baltimore's Central Booking and Intake Center. "Although I may be depressed, I'm not suicidal."

Bass told Stokes he might be telling the truth, but that he'd "be more comfortable hearing what the doctor says." Bass scheduled another bail review Friday.

Stokes' lawyer, Thomas McNicholas, asked Bass to release Stokes until his trial. He said Stokes was not a flight or suicide risk because he had family in Baltimore and a steady job and did not have a criminal record.

"He's lived an exemplary life up until these allegations," McNicholas told the court, which was packed with members of Stokes' family and friends. He also noted Stokes, 26, turned himself in to police.

Sylvester Cox, an assistant state's attorney, asked the judge to keep Stokes in jail. A spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office said it has a policy of requesting no bail in cases in which there is evidence of a deliberate attempt to kill someone.

Bass was told by police that Stokes had tried killing himself in 1996. Stokes disputed the claim, saying he tried to kill himself in 1993 or 1994.

McNicholas described the suicide attempt as "an aberration," although he said the recent news about the child sex abuse scandal in the Roman Catholic church "triggered all these emotions" in Stokes.

Stokes is accused of shooting the Rev. Maurice Blackwell outside the priest's home Monday after Blackwell refused to talk to him. Stokes' mother, Tamara Stokes, said her son was frustrated because he was unable to get an apology from the priest.

Margaret Burns, a spokeswoman for Baltimore State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy, told The Washington Post that police and prosecutors believed Stokes was telling the truth when he filed the complaint in 1993. Stokes also passed two polygraph tests, according to authorities.

However, there were no witnesses and not enough proof to charge Blackwell, police said.

"At no time did this office believe the victim was not telling the truth," she said. "He was totally believable in all of his statements. These allegations were not groundless."

In 1993, the Archdiocese of Baltimore concluded Stokes' claims of being molested by Blackwell for three years were not credible. The archdiocese removed Blackwell from priestly duties in 1998 because of accusations by another alleged victim.

Stokes turned himself in to police after walking into a service at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church and telling a clergyman he shot Blackwell, police said. He was charged with attempted murder, first- and second-degree assault and gun violations.

Blackwell, 56, remained in serious condition Wednesday. He was shot in the left hand and twice near the left hip.

If convicted of first-degree attempted murder, Stokes would face a maximum sentence of life in prison, with the possibility of parole.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $22 million.

The ticket was sold in Howe.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 3-23-24-30-31-34.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

3-0-3

Date Book

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Today is the 136nd day of 2002 and the 58th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, Congress voted to replace the half-dime piece with the nickel, the new five-cent coin.

On this day in 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented in Hollywood, Calif. "Wings" won the first-ever Best Picture award.

On this day in 1975, Japan's Junko Tabei became the first woman to climb to the top of Mount Everest.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Honore de Balzac (1799 - 1850), novelist; William H. Seward (1801 - 1872), U.S. statesman; Henry Fonda (1905 - 1982), actor; Woody Herman (1913 - 1987), musician; Liberace (1919 - 1987), musician; Billy Martin (1928 - 1989), baseball player/manager; Olga Korbut (1955 -), gymnast, is 47; Debra Winger (1955 -), actress, is 47; Janet Jackson (1966 -), singer, is 36; David Boreanaz (1971 -), actor, is 31; Tori Spelling (1973 -),actress, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, the New York Islanders completed a sweep of the Vancouver Canucks in the Stanley Cup Finals. The win made the Islanders the first U.S.-based team to win three consecutive Stanley Cups.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is easier to be a lover than a husband for the simple reason that it is more difficult to be witty every day than to say pretty things from time to time." - Honore de Balzac, "Physiologie du Mariage" (1829)

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental firm transportation rate and an interruptible transportation rate designed to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5-mile, 24-inch pipeline extending from the Bridgeport area in Wise County to the junction of Lines W and W7 in Denton County and then in an easterly direction to the junction of Lines D 17-9 and D9 in Collin County, hereinafter called the "Northside Project." The supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate are proposed to be charged upon the initiation of service on the Northside Project. The proposed supplemental firm rate constitutes a major change and will result in an annual increase in the revenues of TXU LSP of approximately $9.8 million. These revenues will represent an 8% increase in the total revenues of TXU LSP.

The proposed supplemental firm transportation rate will be applicable to all firm transportation customers contracting for capacity on the Northside Project. The only current customer directly affected by the supplemental firm transportation rate will be TXU Gas Distribution. No other customer has agreed to contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project. The supplemental firm rate may, however, indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by TXU Gas Distribution in the state of Texas. The supplemental firm rate will be assessed to TXU Gas Distribution for its contracted capacity on the Northside Project in addition to the city gate rate approved in the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8976. The supplemental firm rate may then be passed on to TXU Gas Distribution's residential and commercial customers. If any other transportation customers contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project, those customers may also pay the supplemental firm transportation rate in addition to any other applicable rates charged such customers.

TXU LSP also proposes an interruptible transportation rate for the use of the Northside Project. To the extent that shippers other than firm transportation customers use the Northside Project, they will be charged this interruptible rate. TXU LSP proposes to reduce the proposed supplemental firm transportation rate charged to firm customers on the Northside Project through an annual revenue crediting mechanism based on revenues from the interruptible rate [illegible] in this proceeding.

Construction of the Northside Project is estimated to be completed in approximately 23 months after approval of this rate application. The proposed supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate will be effective on June 4, 2002, but will not be charged until the initiation of service on the Northside Project and will be charged for an initial seven year period. TXU LSP further proposes to reconcile the projected capital costs with those actually incurred and to adjust the supplemental firm transportation rate and interruptible transportation rate accordingly.

A Statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9292 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Gas Distribution. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before June 17, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be June 17, 2002.

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HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY MOSE

BRIDE-ELECT FETED — Cara Best, bride-elect of Tom Kerr, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Elouise Lambert on April 27. The couple will wed May 27. From left are Vicki Best, mother of the honoree; Cara, the honoree; Carol Kerr, mother of the future groom; Pamela Stelutti, his sister; and Barbara Satterwhite, Cara's aunt. (Contributed Photo)

LIONS DONATE TO BOY SCOUTS — Lions Club president David Holt presented a monetary gift to the Boy Scounts, represented by Rhonda Fletcher. The Lions Club and their families will meet for a hamburger supper in Towle Park Barn Tuesday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

VEGAS WINNER — Karen Kittles (center) and her husband, Charles, won the trip to Las Vegas given by Kinder Morgan at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The team "Salsa de Sacroc" sold chances on the trip valued at $800 as a fundraiser for the event. Also pictured are Kinder Morgan employees, Bertha Anderson, left, and Marsha Lovelady. (Contributed Photo)

WIC offers immunizations to children

The Outreach Health Services Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic in Snyder is doing its part to improve immunization rates in the state of Texas, which ranks last in the nation for age-appropriate vaccinations for children age 3 and under.

The Snyder WIC Clinic offers immunizations free of charge to the children of WIC families and at a cost of $20 per child per visit for non-WIC participants in Scurry County.

For regular immunization hours, or to arrange a time outside of those hours, call the WIC Clinic at 915-573-0191. No appointment is necessary during regular immunization hours.

Immunizations offered at the WIC clinic are: hepatitis B, polio, diptheria, tetanus and pertussis (DPT), haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib), pnuemococcal conjugate (prevnar), measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox), diphtheria (Td) and tetanus.

Children not being properly immunized is a growing problem across the country. According to the National Academies Institute of Medicine, approximately 300 children die from vaccine-preventable diseases each year. In Texas, Dallas County experienced an 81 percent increase in pertussis cases in 2000; two infants died from the disease.

WIC is a well-respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. In addition to immunizations, WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance and breastfeeding instruction and support.

Each month Outreach Health services offers WIC services to more than 33,500 clients in 59 Texas counties. Free WIC services are available to middle-to-low income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age. Income and residency requirements may apply. For more information, contact the WIC clinic at 915-573-0191 or visit www.outreachhealth.com.

WIC is an equal opportunity program that does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-16-02
♠ K J 7
♥ 6 4 3
♦ K 8 5 3
♣ 10 4 2

West
♠ 3
♥ J 10 5
♦ Q 10 9 7 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

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

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

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ♥ J

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Pull, pause, intermezzo, pull again

By Phillip Alder

Artur Schnabel, a German-born U.S. pianist, said, "The notes I handle no better than many pianists. But the pauses between the notes — ah, that is where the art resides."

That reminds me of humor, where the timing of both pauses and lines is vital.

In bridge, timing is often important. And we have pauses too. There should always be one after the dummy is tabled, while declarer and the defenders plan the play. And there is another type of pause in this deal. How would you try to land four spades after the defenders begin with three rounds of hearts?

South despite his hand having only 16 high-card points, is nearly good enough to start with a takeout double, planning to bid spades on the next round. (If South does double, North should bid two diamonds, naming his longest suit with 0-8 points and a hand unsuitable for one no-trump. Then, on the next round, North should raise two spades to four spades.)

There seem to be 10 easy tricks: five spades, two diamonds and three clubs. However, after ruffing the third heart and drawing two rounds of trumps, you must pause. If you draw all the trumps, when you drive out East's club ace, he will cash two heart tricks. Instead, you must shift immediately to clubs, continuing the suit until East wins with his ace.

Now, if East leads another heart, you can ruff it in the dummy, return to hand with a diamond, resume the removal of East's trumps, and note the plus score.

When analyzing a deal, ask yourself, "If I do that, what will happen?" If the answer is unpalatable, find a better plan.

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Moss slippery as name

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — Spencer Moss is as slippery as his name, according to deputies at the Ventura County Jail.

The inmate has made handcuff keys out of chicken bones, tin foil and pieces of cloth, and concealed the contraband in his ears and his shoes before getting the opportunity to tackle the locks, they say. In two years, Moss has had 58 jail security violations.

The jailhouse Houdini faces up to 12 years in prison for allegedly escaping his cell in the jail's most secure section.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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 5731141; 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.

99-year-old celerates birthday

NEILLSVILLE, Wis. (AP) — For his 99th birthday, Herbert Smith got what he had waited almost six decades for — a promotion to colonel.

The Wisconsin Army National Guard promoted the lieutenant colonel Thursday in a ceremony at the Neillsville National Guard Armory. Smith said he didn't know what to do with his new standing.

"It doesn't have any military duties associated with it," he said.

Maj. Gen. James G. Blaney, adjutant general of Wisconsin and commander of the Wisconsin National Guard, elevated Smith to his new ranking. Smith hadn't been promoted in 59 years and four months.

"It was entirely too long to be a lieutenant colonel," Blaney said.

Smith was 16 years old when he enlisted in the Wisconsin State Guard on June 12, 1919, while the Wisconsin Guard's 32nd Division was part of the occupation force in post-World War I Germany. During World War II, he fought in the Pacific.

Smith's service both in the peacetime National Guard and in the 32nd Division during wartime was exemplary, Blaney said.

Smith said his secret to a long life is drinking two glasses of burgundy wine a day.

"The doctor gives me at least two or three more years," he said.

Births

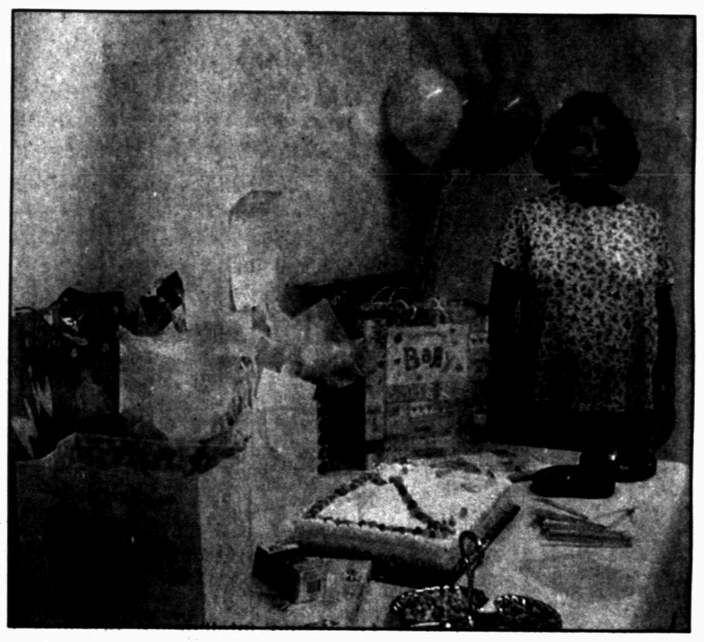
Don and Andrea Crane of Snyder are parents of twin daughters born April 25 in the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Erin Mackenzie Crane was born at 8:14 a.m. weighing six pounds, and Caitlyn Michelle Crane was born at 8:17 a.m. weighing five pounds, six ounces.

They have two sisters, Taylor and Lainey, and a brother, Brandon.

Paternal grandparents are Harold and Barbara Crane of San Jon, N.M., and maternal grandparents are Ben and Carol Veazey of Snyder.

Tara Allen and Blake White of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Brayden Scott White, at 12:15 p.m. on May 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 4½ ounces.

Grandparents are Pat and Art White of Snyder and Billy and Paula Allen of Ira.



BABY SHOWER — Mrs. Kenny (Miranda) Hancock of Hermleigh was given a baby shower by fellow employees of the Snyder Daily News. Kenny and Miranda are expecting their first child next Monday. (Contributed Photo)

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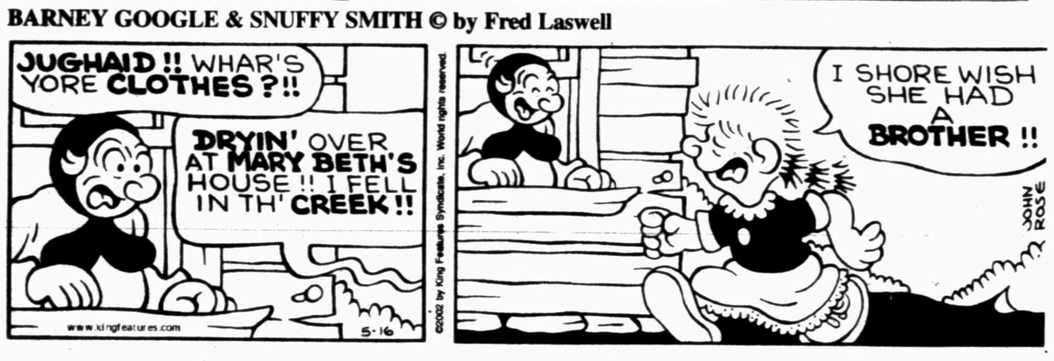

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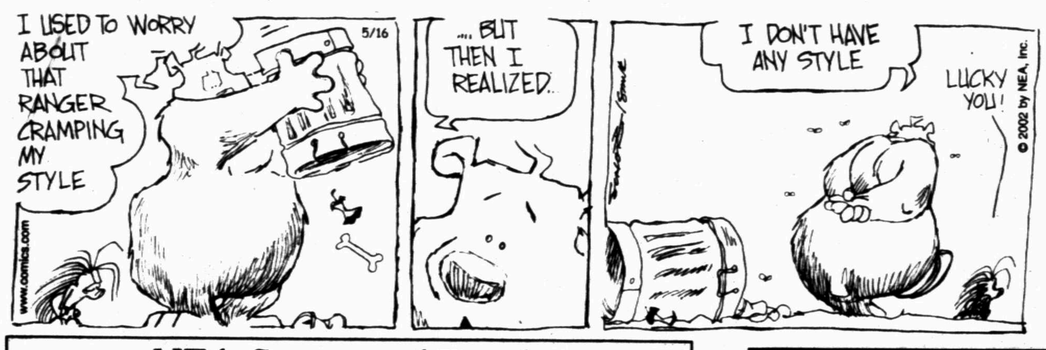

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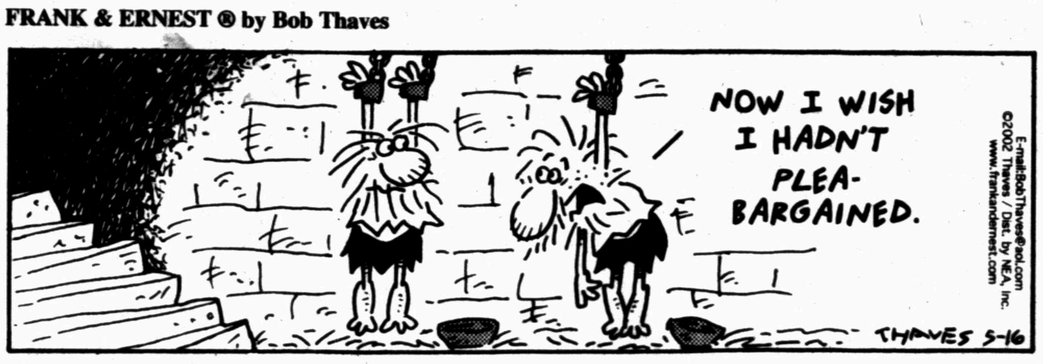

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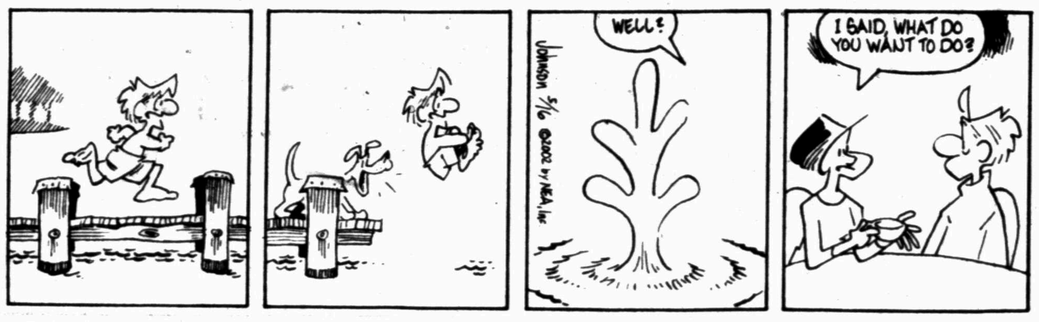

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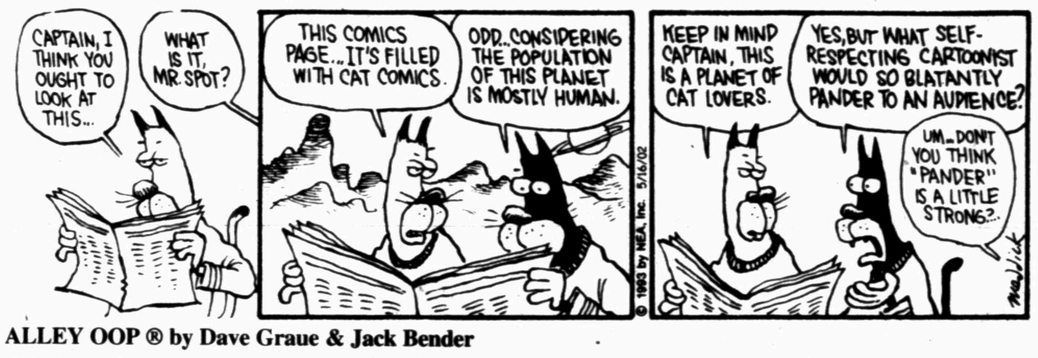

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11 Jibe
12 Solitary
13 Low voices
15 Kind of union
16 Bright bird
18 Festive night
19 Legal profession
21 — -game show
22 Ohio college town
23 Catch
25 Radiator part
28 People of Dublin
30 Literary miscellany
31 Exist
32 Atlas abbr.
33 Elevation (abbr.)
35 Tool box item
37 H. Rider Haggard novel
38 Mild onion
40 Budget item
41 Boxing's greatest
42 Summer quaff
43 TD passers
46 No matter what
48 Browns
50 Pressed
54 Estuary
55 Preface, for short
56 Trivial
57 What embers become

DOWN

1 Groovy
2 Turkish official
3 Tax org.
4 Vacation spots
5 Tea-leaves reader
6 Venture
7 Bullring yell
8 Tree-graft site
9 Deg. source
10 Yvette's head
14 Nurses a drink
15 Scrub
17 In baroque style
19 Yacht mooring
20 Licorice flavoring
22 Basinger and Carnes
24 Helium, e.g.
25 Got along
26 Dancer Castle
27 Salamander
29 Actor Linden
34 Slants
36 Kids' markers
39 Green-fleshed fruit
43 Swab brand (hyph.)
44 Femur or fibula
45 Take with a grain of —
46 Lawyer, briefly
47 Met highlight
49 Fix the table
51 To the — degree
52 Before, to Keats
53 Two, in Tijuana

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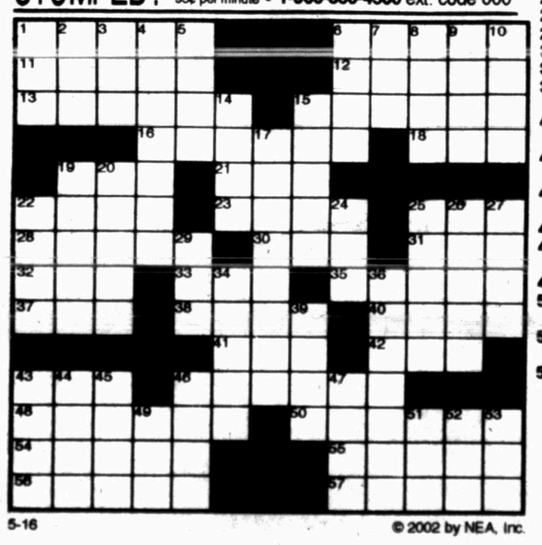

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SPORTS

Mickelson's seen it all at Colonial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Phil Mickelson has been on the winning and losing sides of a closing 63 at the Colonial.

Two years ago, Mickelson overcame a seven-stroke deficit with five birdies on the back nine to finish a 7-under final round and win the Colonial. He was two strokes ahead of Stewart Cink and Davis Love III, both faltering down the stretch.

Mickelson struggled at the end last year, blowing the three-stroke lead he took into the final round. Sergio Garcia, who began the day five shots behind, won by two strokes with a 63 for his first PGA Tour victory.

"It's the kind of course that if you're hitting good shots and you can make birdies, but if you're not, it seems like you're struggling for par all of the time," Mickelson said.

The 7,080-yard, par-70 layout is one of Mickelson's favorites. He says the course demands a variety of shots, and golfers must negotiate the wind and trees and difficult greens.

"It takes some creativity," he said. "The course tests a player's entire game."

There is also the history of Hogan's Alley, where only Ben Hogan won in consecutive years.

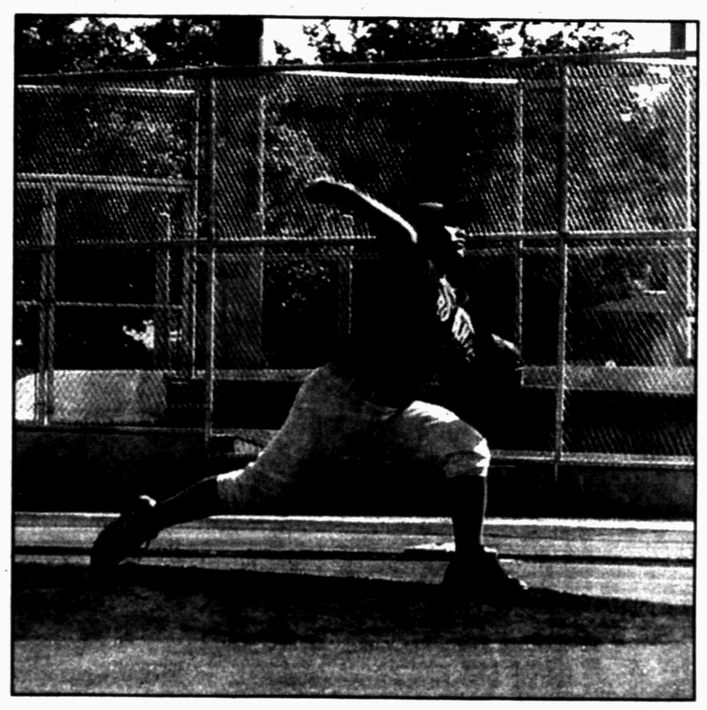
The last nine Colonial champions are in the field for the $4.3 million tournament. That includes Ben Crenshaw (1977, 1990) and Tom Watson (1998), who are skipping this week's seniors event in New Jersey.

Garcia is a defending champion for the first time on the PGA Tour.

"It's always something I've been looking forward to. Finally, I'm here to defend my first title in the States," Garcia said. "I want to try to do what Hogan did."

Garcia, just 21 when he won at Colonial, has since won twice more on the PGA Tour and last month won the Spanish Open for his first victory in his homeland.

Before teeing off for his first practice round this week, Garcia took an extra minute to admire his name on the Wall of Champions.



YELLOWHAMMER HURLER — Rotan pitcher Robert Helms delivers a pitch Tuesday during the Yellowhammers' setback to Ira. Rotan faces Miles in a bi-district playoff at 5 p.m. Friday at Merkel High School. (SDN Staff Photo)

Biggio fuels Astros' win

HOUSTON (AP) — No matter that he's in a slump or getting on in years — Craig Biggio can still hit.

Biggio had three doubles and made a gem in the field in the ninth Wednesday night, leading the Houston Astros to a 6-2 win and three-game sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies.

The 36-year-old second baseman broke out of a 4-for-44 slump. His 3-for-4 performance gave him his second three-double game. The last time he did it was in 1999 against Atlanta.

"Biggio's at an age where if he gets off to a slow start or goes into a slump, the first thing people point to is how old he is," catcher Brad Ausmus said. "They say he's slowing down. I don't think anybody here believes that."

Biggio made a great play in the ninth, diving to his left to stab a grounder and throw out Travis Lee at first.

"I've had a terrible three weeks and what made it worse was we were losing," Biggio said. "If you struggle and you're winning, you can handle that but if you're scuffling and losing, that's hard."

Biggio had been the Astros' leadoff hitter in 31 games this season. Shortstop Julio Lugo led off Wednesday and the Astros won their fourth straight game, their longest winning streak of the season.

"When Biggio gets hot things get scary," Jeff Bagwell said. "People always say when things aren't going well that he's finished. We knew better. We knew it was just a matter of time."

The Phillies swept a three-game set from the Astros in Philadelphia last week.

Carlos Hernandez (4-1) scattered four hits and gave up two runs over seven strong innings. After allowing Pat Burrell's ninth homer in the fourth, Hernandez retired the last 11 batters he faced in a row. He threw 106 pitches.

"He was a little hot and cold," Ausmus said.

Rodriguez gets ejected; Rangers nab 5-2 victory

CHICAGO (AP) — With four of their All-Stars injured and Alex Rodriguez getting ejected, the Texas Rangers needed somebody to have a big night.

Gabe Kapler and Ismael Valdes did the job.

Kapler went 4-for-4 and made a spectacular catch to save a home run, and Valdes combined with two relievers on a two-hitter Wednesday night as the Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 5-2.

It was the 12th win in 16 games for the Rangers, who have Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez and Carl Everett on the disabled list. Rafael Palmeiro is hobbling, too.

"You can't predict injuries," said Rusty Greer, who drove in a run. "Everybody knows four potential Hall of Famers in your lineup makes you better."

Rodriguez was tossed in the seventh inning for accidentally bumping umpire Mike DiMuro as he protested a close call at first. The Rangers led 4-2 at the time, but that's the kind of thing that can give the opponent momentum.

And sure enough, Royce Clayton hit a liner to left in the eighth that looked like a sure home run. But Kapler made a leaping grab, snagging the ball just before it went over the wall.

"I just figured if I couldn't hit any home runs, I wasn't going to let anyone else hit any either," said Kapler, whose four hits were a career high.

The White Sox didn't get a ball out of the infield their final four outs. Valdes (3-4), John Rocker and Hideki Irabu held Chicago hitless over the final five innings.

Valdes (3-4) gave up two runs — one earned — in six innings, striking out three and walking one. Irabu pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Todd Ritchie (3-4) gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings, but he didn't get run support as he lost his second straight to Texas.

The White Sox's two hits were a season low, and they didn't have a baserunner after the fourth inning. When Valdes loaded the bases in the fourth, all Chicago got was Jose Valentin's RBI.

With the game tied at two in the sixth, Kapler doubled and then scored on Kevin Mench's RBI single. Michael Young added an insurance run with a leadoff homer in the seventh.

That's when things got really interesting. Rodriguez hit an infield grounder, and reliever Rocky Biddle appeared to reach first base about the same time as the sliding Rodriguez.

DiMuro called Rodriguez out, and the Texas star jumped up to protest. He tripped, falling into DiMuro. Rodriguez grabbed DiMuro to catch himself, and DiMuro tossed him.

"My mistake was that I tripped," Rodriguez said. "As I said sorry, he threw me out of the game."

High School Baseball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I Quarterfinals
Midland Lee (21-9) vs. Lubbock Monterey (24-10)
Arlington Martin (23-8) vs. Carrollton Smith (22-3)
Amarillo (19-11) vs. Midland (23-7)
Hurst Bell (24-8) vs. Duncanville (21-9)
Region II Quarterfinals
Rockwall (27-10) vs. South Garland (22-7)
Houston Cypress Falls (21-6) vs. Round Rock Westwood (25-8)
Richardson Lake Highlands (23-10) vs. Plano East (20-8-1)
Klein Oak (24-6) vs. A&M Consolidated (23-9)
Region III Quarterfinals
Fort Bend Elkins (29-1) vs. Katy Taylor (20-9)
League City Clear Creek (25-5) vs. Freeport Brazoswood (22-8)
Katy (21-7) vs. Houston Bellaire (25-5)
Humble Kingwood (25-7) vs. Pearland (25-6)
Region IV Quarterfinals
Austin Westlake (23-11) vs. SA Reagan (26-3)
CC Moody (27-5-1) vs. Laredo Alexander (21-7)
SA Holmes (21-10) vs. Austin Bowie (25-4-1)
La Joya (24-5-1) vs. CC Carroll (27-3-1)
CLASS 4A
Region I Quarterfinals
Andrews (22-4) vs. Frenship (23-8)
Crowley (26-5) vs. Southlake Carroll (24-7)
Canyon Randall (23-5) vs. Pampa (17-17)
FW Western Hills (22-7) vs. WF Rider (23-8)
Region II Quarterfinals
Denton (19-11) vs. Hewitt Midway (28-5)
Highland Park (24-10) vs. Mount Pleasant (25-9)
Dallas White (20-7) vs. Denton Ryan (21-8)
Wylie (21-8) vs. Mesquite Poteet (20-6)
Region III Quarterfinals
Belton (23-12) vs. Lumberton (20-9)
Bay City (21-7) vs. Santa Fe (21-8)
Jasper (21-7) vs. Nederland (21-9)
Willis (22-6) vs. Houston Forest Brook (25-7)
Region IV Quarterfinals
San Marcos (16-16) vs. Kerrville Tivy (21-8)
Mission Sharyland (23-3) vs. Robstown (20-12-1)
SB Smithson Valley (21-5) vs. Austin Anderson (27-5-1)
CC Calallen (27-6-1) vs. SA Alamo Heights (23-8)
CLASS 3A
Region I Quarterfinals
Monahans (21-4) vs. Kermit (17-13)
Kennedale (23-2) vs. Alvarado (12-14)
Shallowater (23-5) vs. Perryton (17-5)
Lake Worth (23-3) vs. Abilene Wylie (23-5)
Region II Quarterfinals
Lake Dallas (20-10) vs. Crandall (18-9-2)
Mineola vs. White Oak (22-6)
Forney (23-6) vs. Little Elm (21-5)
Lindale (23-6) vs. Winnsboro (19-8)
Region III Quarterfinals
China Spring vs. Taylor
Buna (16-8-1) vs. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson
Giddings (19-7) vs. Lorena (25-1)
Mont Belvieu Barber's Hill vs. Bridge City
Region IV Quarterfinals
Bellville (21-6) vs. Llano
Cuero vs. Sinton (25-4)
Columbus vs. La Grange (24-4)
Odem (21-11) vs. Yoakum (24-1)
CLASS 2A
Region I Quarterfinals
Mason (14-8) vs. Wall (20-3)
Abernathy (15-5) vs. Olney (11-9)
Sonora (16-5) vs. Tahoka (16-10)
Holliday (18-4) vs. Lockney (21-0)
Region II Quarterfinals
Celina (25-3) vs. Peaster (16-7)
Clifton (26-4) vs. Cooper (17-11-1)
Comanche (17-9) vs. Bangs (18-4)
Whitewright (12-9-1) vs. Crawford (16-7)
Region III Quarterfinals
Arp (27-3-1) vs. Elysian Fields (21-8-1)
Buffalo vs. Nacogdoches Central Heights
Como Pickton (16-4) vs. DeKalb
Colmesneil (17-6) vs. Jewett Leon (23-5)
Region IV Quarterfinals
Salado (17-2) vs. Wallis Brazos
Skidmore Tynan (16-6) vs. Premont (17-12)
Weimar vs. East Bernard
Bloomington (17-9) vs. Banquete (20-4-2)
CLASS A
Region I Bi-District
Fort Davis (5-14) vs. Crosbyton (10-8)
Claude (14-1) vs. Shamrock
Windthorst (19-2) vs. Knox City (7-8)
Ira (17-6) vs. Menard
Marfa vs. Nazareth (12-2)
Boys Ranch (8-5) vs. Follett (14-3)
Petrolia vs. Aspermont (21-4)
Rotan (12-10) vs. Miles (15-5)

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	22	18	.550	—
New York	21	19	.525	1
Montreal	20	20	.500	2
Atlanta	20	21	.488	2½
Philadelphia	17	23	.425	5
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	24	15	.615	—
St. Louis	20	20	.500	4½
Pittsburgh	19	19	.500	4½
Houston	18	21	.462	6
Chicago	13	25	.342	10½
Milwaukee	12	28	.300	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	25	14	.641	—
Arizona	25	15	.625	½
Los Angeles	22	18	.550	3½
San Diego	21	19	.525	4½
Colorado	18	22	.450	7½

Wednesday's Games
Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 2
Atlanta 6, San Francisco 1
Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 4
Houston 6, Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 1
Colorado 7, Florida 2
San Diego 2, Montreal 1, 14 innings
N.Y. Mets 2, Los Angeles 0
Thursday's Games
Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-3), 1:05 p.m.
Florida (Tavarez 1-2) at Colorado (Hampton 1-5), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 2-2) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 5-1) at Houston (Oswalt 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Coggin 0-1) at Arizona (Johnson 6-1), 9:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-2) at San Diego (Lawrence 4-2), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 3-2) at Los Angeles (Brown 2-3), 10:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	27	9	.750	—
New York	25	15	.625	4
Baltimore	18	21	.462	10½
Toronto	13	24	.351	14½
Tampa Bay	12	26	.316	16
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	24	17	.585	—
Chicago	22	18	.550	1½
Cleveland	19	20	.487	4
Kansas City	13	24	.351	9
Detroit	11	27	.289	11½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	27	12	.692	—
Anaheim	22	16	.579	4½
Texas	19	20	.487	8
Oakland	18	21	.462	9

Wednesday's Games
Seattle 8, Toronto 6
Boston 8, Oakland 2
Anaheim 10, Detroit 1
Cleveland 3, Baltimore 1
Tampa Bay 10, N.Y. Yankees 7
Texas 5, Chicago White Sox 2
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 6
Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Lohse 2-2) at Kansas City (George 0-3), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 3-2) at Boston (F.Castillo 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 3-0) at Toronto (Prokopec 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 2-4) at Detroit (Weaver 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Maduro 2-3) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 3-4) at N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

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CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, May 15
New Jersey 103, Charlotte 95, New Jersey wins series 4-1

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 18
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19
Boston at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 20
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21
Boston at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 24
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 25
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 26
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 27
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, May 29
Boston at New Jersey, 9 p.m., if necessary
Friday, May 31
New Jersey at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, June 2
Boston at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

Sports Briefs

API golf tournament

The Snyder chapter of the American Petroleum Institute hosts its annual scholarship golf tournament June 1 at the country club.

Format is four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50. Cost is $340 per team, and play begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Randy Glasscock at 575-6709, or Giles Kemp at 725-1852.

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 prospective 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 queen of the hill.

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.

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.

Astros get Toronto pitcher

TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays traded left-handed pitcher Pedro Borbon to the Houston Astros for a player to be named.

Baseball strike on the horizon

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's labor talks are stalled, and some players think it is inevitable the union will set a strike date for August.

Stars to name new head coach

IRVING (AP) — Dave Tippett, an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Kings the past three seasons, is expected to be hired today as the coach of the Dallas Stars, The Associated Press learned.

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John Lindh defends his right to associate with al-Qaida

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Most criminal charges against John Walker Lindh should be dismissed because they seek to punish him for merely associating with unpopular groups including the al-Qaida terror network, his lawyers argue.

There's no proof that Lindh intended to further illegal aims of al-Qaida and another group identified by the United States as a foreign terrorist organization, the written motion said Wednesday.

Lindh's defense team has filed a series of pleadings this week that, together, seek dismissal of the entire case against the former Taliban infantryman.

He is accused of conspiring to murder U.S. nationals, providing support to foreign terrorist organizations and using firearms during crimes of violence. Three counts carry maximum life sentences, and the others have combined penalties totaling 90 years imprisonment.

Jury selection begins in the case on Aug. 26 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria.

"Central to First Amendment freedoms is the right to associate with unpopular and disfavored groups," said the written motion.

The motion asserted the Supreme Court, at least five times, has held that an individual cannot constitutionally be punished based solely on association with an organization.

In charging the 22-year-old Californian with aiding al-Qaida and Harakat ul-Mujahidin, a group that has operated in Kashmir, the indictment alleges that Lindh received training from the groups and served in combat against the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance, the motion said. This association was not illegal, the defense asserted.

"The indictment does not allege that Mr. Lindh provided al-Qaida with anything," the motion said.

"The government seeks to penalize Mr. Lindh ... for allegedly providing himself" to the two organizations, it said.

In a separate pleading, the defense challenged the constitutionality of the last count, charging Lindh with carrying firearms during crimes of violence. Since the allegations of aiding terrorist groups do not allege crimes of violence, the firearms count should be thrown out, the defense said.

On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

More on homeopathy

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I'm not an expert on homeopathy, but I do know that it saved my son's life. I was offended at the language you used to describe it — that it relies on the noble concept that the body has an inherent defense and healing mechanism. The body does! We were created that way. Some bodies, unfortunately, don't do that as well as others, so they need more help, hence homeopathy. It helps the body help itself. Contrary to your comments that it is not a valid therapy, I have personally seen it work in my own life and in the lives of my family members. Mainstream science is skeptical about homeopathy because they can't find any evidence that it works, but this skepticism is ridiculous. They don't want to find evidence, as there is no money in it. The most disturbing comment you made was in your conclusion, that homeopathy is nothing more than a harmless placebo. How misinformed you are! I suggest that if you are going to continue to claim to have credentials in nutrition that you do more research on your own and not through the scientific community only, because there is so much more to learn. - **S., Wixom, Mich.**

Dear S.: Self-healing is not a theory: It is a fact of life. I consider it to be a noble concept, and I attempted to make that point in a straightforward manner. I apologize if it came across otherwise. Where we differ is in our view of whether homeopathic medicine can play any role in stimulating the body's natural healing process. I am pleased that your son is better, and I would never attempt to say what did or did not work for him. My column attempted to explain what homeopathy is about and reflect on the difficulty in mounting a scientific defense of the practice.

It might be instructive to learn how the medications are prepared, and that according to homeopathic theory, the medicines get more potent the more they are diluted. On the label of a homeopathic medication it states the potency, which is a number followed by the letter X, C or M. Let's look at some examples.

An X represents a dilution in which one drop of active ingredient is diluted by 10 drops of water. If the label says 6X, it means that the substance was diluted 1:10, six successive times. It's the equivalent of having a medicine made by diluting one drop with 13 gallons of water. C represents a 1:100 dilution. If the label says 6C, it means it was diluted 1:100, six successive times. It's the equivalent of diluting one drop with 13 million gallons of water. M represents a 1:1,000 dilution. If it says 6M on the label, it means that the substance was diluted 1:1,000, six successive times, which is the equivalent of having a medicine made by diluting one drop with 13 trillion gallons of water.

With such massive dilutions (at or greater than 8M, 12C or 24X), it is physically unlikely that even one molecule of the original substance remains. The question becomes, how can such a "medicine" stimulate the body's natural healing powers when there is nothing there? According to homeopathy, the curative power of the medicines is not based on the material presence of an active ingredient. Rather, it relies on a BELIEF that an "energy signature" remains in the water, which is supposedly what stimulates the healing response within the body.

It is fine to believe this, but homeopathy is not a religion. It is a scientific theory seeking to explain how the body heals itself. As such, it must enter the court of objectivity and make its case. You imply that scientists are not interested in studying homeopathy because there is no money in it. I doubt that is true. Homeopathic practitioners and those selling homeopathic remedies certainly make money from it.

Granted, there are those who are insecure with the advent of new discoveries, but, as a scientist, I would be thrilled if we could find a new way to encourage healing. There is so much we don't understand about the way the human body works. We have yet, for example, to understand the workings of the placebo effect, where results can be achieved simply because one expects them to occur. Although frustrating from a scientific point of view, the placebo effect is a marvelous testimony to the wonders of the body and the positive power of the mind. As for my conclusion, I was careful to qualify it by stating "until there is definitive evidence to say otherwise." I remain open and am always willing to learn.

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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HoneywellIntl	39.36	39.00	39.30	+.24
IBM	85.13	83.40	84.94	+.44
IntlPaper	45.20	44.75	44.95	—.04
JohnsonJn	60.55	60.25	60.30	+.06
vjK mart	1.15	1.07	1.13	—.04
KinderMorg	46.60	45.86	46.28	—.22
Kroger Co	22.36	22.10	22.24	—.18
LockheedM	60.73	60.15	60.66	—.11
Lowes Cos s	44.08	43.[illegible]	43.99	—.02
Lubys	7.00	6.88	6.90	—.10
LucentTech	4.85	4.62	4.83	+.11
MarathonOil	28.60	28.39	28.57	+.37
MayDeptStr	37.08	36.41	37.08	+.68
Medtronic	44.28	44.02	44.27	+.09
Motorola	16.68	16.32	16.55	+.26
NCR Corp	38.90	38.20	38.29	—.12
Navistar	39.40	38.25	38.90	—1.10
PNM Rescs	27.06	26.68	26.80	—.15
Penney JC	25.08	24.65	25.08	+.16
PepBoys	16.98	16.40	16.90	+.06
PepsiCo	52.57	52.10	52.35	+.15
Pharmacia	41.30	40.40	40.83	—.57
PhelpDodge	38.50	38.25	38.25	—.05
PhilipPet	60.91	60.50	60.85	+.60
PilgrmPrd B	14.20	13.80	13.89	—.41
Praxair	60.09	59.94	60.03	+.03
ProctGamb	92.79	92.06	92.62	+.47
RadioShack	35.63	34.92	35.62	+.62
ReliantEngy	16.00	15.49	15.78	—.14
RoyalDut	56.34	55.86	56.21	+.85
SBC Comm	34.94	33.63	34.85	+1.44
SaraLee	20.84	20.65	20.79	+.14
Scripps EW	79.05	78.25	78.67	+.92
SearsRoeb	56.56	55.48	56.56	+.87
SherwinW	32.49	32.15	32.49	+.29
SouthernCo	27.78	27.38	27.48	—.20
SwstAirl	17.99	17.60	17.69	—.22
SprintFON	16.63	16.05	16.62	+.67
SprintPCS	10.34	10.10	10.30	+.15
Sunoco Inc	35.48	34.85	35.32	+.40
TXU Corp	53.71	53.10	53.67	+.07
TempleInland	57.64	56.95	57.10	—.29
TexInd	39.85	39.49	39.61	—.14
TexasInst	31.96	31.05	31.55	—.15
Textron	49.10	48.57	48.57	—.22
TriconGlbR	65.31	64.93	65.07	+.17
TrinityInds	19.94	17.99	19.94	—2.23
TylerTech	5.55	5.44	5.44	—.02
UnionPacif	60.32	59.90	60.25	+.25
USSteel	19.40	18.94	19.30	+.05
UnitedTech	70.81	70.25	70.57	+.12
Unocal	38.65	38.10	38.36	+.62
VerizonComm	43.50	42.65	43.50	+1.30
WalMart	58.25	57.44	58.17	+1.40
WellsFargo	52.54	51.80	52.50	+.24
WstnGasRs	38.20	37.56	38.08	+.34
WinnDixie	18.86	18.53	18.78	—.06
Xerox Cp	8.88	8.46	8.79	+.19

In Memory

Celebrating the 56th Birthday of I.V. Villarreal at the Snyder Cemetery. He was an employee of B & F Well Service.

Happy Birthday
from his wife Mary Villarreal,
Jerry, Rudy, Nora & Lila
~His birthday was May 15~

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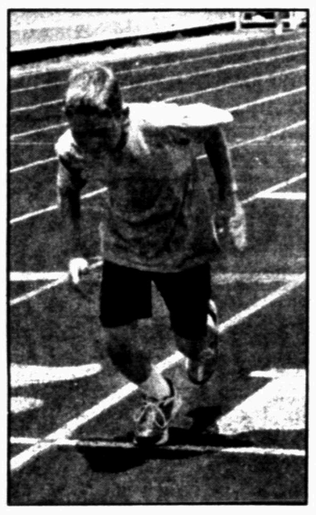
EAST PLAY DAYS

Kindergarten students in front are Lauren Floyd (left) and Dawna Pyburn.

John Culwell (left) and Bobby Martinez make it to the finish line in the sack race.

The sack race is hard work. Just ask Kalob Arteaga (left) and Andrew Velasquez.



Jessica West (left) and Mitchell Marcon run the 50-yard dash.

Jose Depaz won third place in the 400 run. In back from left are Gus Gonzales, Matthew Velasquez, Juan Estrada, Mitchell Marcon.

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Antivenin shortage creating concern

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Warm weather is luring rattlesnakes from their holes and tourists to the wilderness, creating potentially deadly confrontations at a time when the drug used to treat bites is in short supply.

Shake season in Western states generally runs from about April through October. The snakes are most active in early spring, when it is warm enough for them to bask without frying, and in late fall after breeding, when they are hunting and fattening up for winter hibernation.

California's dry spell — rainfall is a third of normal for the season — has drawn snakes to some foothill communities where they don't usually show up until early summer. The snakes head for water sources that attract rats, squirrels and other prey.

Kathy Jenks, director of the Ventura County Department of Animal Regulation, recently came across a baby rattler by the front door of her foothill home in Ojai.

"We've been getting calls for about a month, which is way early," Jenks said. "I think it's going to be an exceptionally frightening year, as far as rattlesnakes go."

Dozens of bites have been reported in Western states so far, none fatal. But a nationwide shortage of a new antivenin concerns hospitals in prime rattlesnake country.

"There's been a zero supply" of antivenin this spring, said Diana Bond, pharmacy director at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas. "Let's hope we can make it to Memorial Day."

The hospital had enough serum on hand Wednesday to treat six patients, she said.

A normal snakebite can require five to 12 vials of antivenin but a serious one could take 50, experts said.

Because of a production delay, the drug CroFab won't be shipped until early June and "we have none in stock," said Russell LaMontagne, a spokesman for New York-based Savage Laboratories, the U.S. distributor.

The only other manufacturer of a rattlesnake antivenin stopped making the older drug last year.

Loma Linda University Medical Center had enough of the new antivenin to treat four or five normal bites, although a serious case or two "could wipe out our supply," said Dr. Sean Bush, an emergency physician and snakebite specialist.

The hospital gets snakebite cases from the arid, snake-rich deserts and mountains east of Los Angeles, handling as many as four dozen a season.

So far there have been about a dozen cases, including two "near-deaths" that required antivenin treatment, Bush said.

One woman's blood pressure plummeted after she was bitten by a hidden snake while turning an irrigation valve. She had "wormlike twitching of the muscles. She looked pale as a ghost," Bush said.

Fugitive financier Martin Frankel pleads guilty

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Martin Frankel's admission that he looted insurance companies of more than $200 million doesn't end the case of one of the most brazen swindles on Wall Street.

Next comes the search for the missing money — and any accomplices.

To date, prosecutors said, the government has recovered between $70 million and $80 million, including $30 million Frankel told authorities was hidden in a Swiss bank account.

Prosecutors expect Frankel, who pleaded guilty Wednesday to 24 counts of securities fraud and racketeering, to help them find the missing cash and other conspirators.

"The book is not closed in this case. We'll continue to work on it. Those involved in it should not rest, because we won't," U.S. Attorney John Danaher III said.

Frankel, 47, could get up to 150 years in prison and $6.5 million in fines at sentencing next year, though federal prosecutors said they will probably give him a break if he helps recover the missing money.

Defense attorney Jeremiah Donovan admitted the government had a "ton of evidence" against Frankel.

"I sure hope he's a free man one day," Donovan said.

Three others charged in the indictment are awaiting trial: aides Mona Kim and Sonia Howe, and accountant Gary Atnip. Another aide, German national Kaethe Schuchter, is wanted by the FBI.

A pale and gaunt Frankel politely answered "yes" or "no" as he was led through the plea bargain by the judge. He admitted buying insurance companies, then stealing their assets.

The case went public on May 5, 1999, when firefighters went to Frankel's Greenwich estate and found a blazing file cabinet and two fireplaces stuffed with burning documents.

Among the papers, authorities said, was a to-do list with "launder money" listed at No. 1. Also discovered was an astrological chart intended to answer the question, "Will I go to prison?"

Four months later, after an international manhunt, Frankel was captured at a hotel in Hamburg, Germany, with nine fake passports and 547 diamonds. He was returned to the United States last year.

A short, skinny figure with thick Woody Allen-ish eyeglasses, Frankel began cultivating his image as a brilliant money manager as he worked out of his parents' home in Toledo, Ohio. Authorities said he dropped such names as Lee Iacocca and Walter Cronkite to dupe investors across the country.

Frankel was accused of gaining control of small insurance companies in Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee and stealing cash from the company reserves. The FBI said he put the money in banks around the world.

He ran the scam from a two-mansion compound in Greenwich that he turned into a warren of offices with more than 80 computers and wide-screen televisions tuned to financial news channels.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Lifeguard needs parents' help keeping kids safe in the pool

DEAR ABBY: I am a lifeguard at a public swimming pool. Please inform parents that the presence of a lifeguard does not guarantee the safety of their children.

Young children don't have the maturity to understand the risks posed by water and often will not stay in the depth that is safe for them. Besides giving verbal warnings that can go unheeded, there is little a lifeguard in a tower 30 feet away can do to keep a child out of deep water. Also, drowning is silent. Victims can hardly breathe and therefore cannot scream for help.

One day last summer, my co-workers and I rescued five children. They were all under the age of 6, all unattended, and all were drowning within a few feet of other swimmers. No one but us realized anything was wrong. One of those kids was a 5-year-old girl whom I had repeatedly told to stay in the shallow pool.

Parents, PLEASE don't let the eyes of a lifeguard be all that stands between your child and death. We do our job well, but we're only human. Swim with your inexperienced younger kids, and stay within arm's reach at all times. — **CONCERNED LIFEGUARD IN THE ROCKIES**

DEAR CONCERNED: Children should be taught to swim as early as possible. And they need to be taught the rules of water safety. Even then they should be supervised AT ALL TIMES at both public and private swimming pools. To do anything less is [illegible]

And while we're on the subject of near disasters in the water — read on:

DEAR ABBY: While swimming at a New Jersey beach, my husband became caught in a riptide. He struggled to swim toward land, but the current pulled him farther and farther out to sea.

There were several adults nearby. He pleaded for help several times, but got no response. He was later told that they thought he was only kidding!

Luckily, a boy about 12 years old took him seriously. The boy swam toward my husband and extended a boogie board for him to grab. By then, my husband was completely exhausted and out of breath. With the boy's help, and later that of a lifeguard, my husband was brought safely back to shore.

Abby, please inform your readers that when a person pleads for help in ANY situation, the person should be taken seriously! It is far better to offer assistance or to seek additional help than to assume it's only a joke. My husband firmly believes that if that boy had not tried to help, he would not be here today. — **ELEANOR M. GLENSIDE, PA.**

DEAR ELEANOR: Your husband is a lucky man. His experience proves that sometimes children are smarter than adults. The boy who came to his rescue is a true hero.

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DEAR ABBY: I love my boyfriend very much and am planning to offer him a proposal of marriage. We have a child together, and I feel it's time for me to grab life by the horns and run with it.

Is there any rule of etiquette that says I have to buy him a gift — and if so, what should it be? I'm clear on where our wedding should take place, the decorations, guest list, etc., but it's this last detail of gift-or-no-gift before I pop the question that I'm not sure about. — **HOPEFUL BRIDE-TO-BE, COLUMBIA, MO.**

DEAR HOPEFUL: I think the child was gift enough. Give him nothing extra unless he says yes to your proposal.

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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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Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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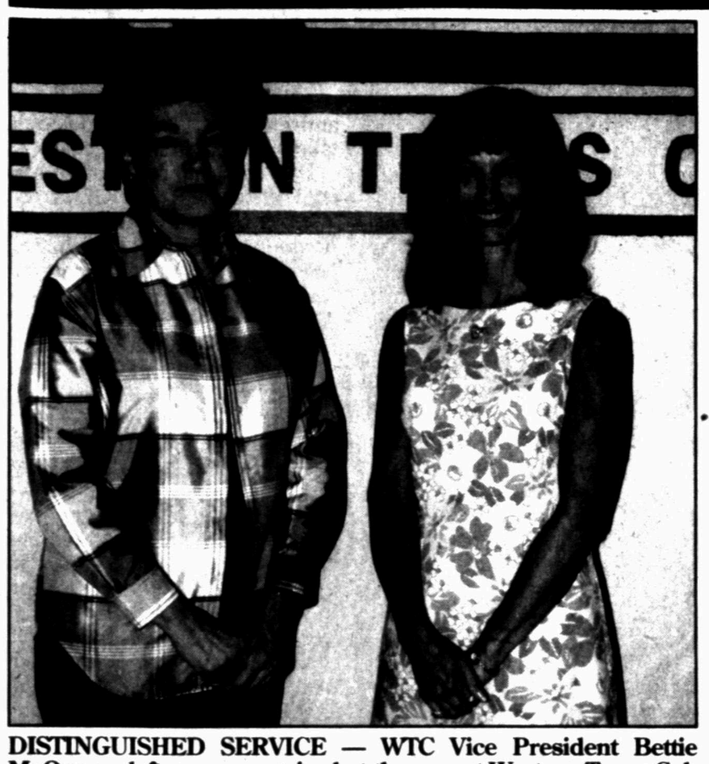

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE — WTC Vice President Bettie McQueen, left, was recognized at the recent Western Texas College faculty awards dinner for 25 years with the college, while Cindy Fritz, technology technician, was honored for 20 years of service to the school. (SDN Staff Photo)

Laura Bush is now visiting in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — First lady Laura Bush met today with Hungarian women leaders in government, arts, sports and media to cheer the power of women activists. Running for office, however, is something she's ruling out for herself.

At a luncheon spiced by paprika, Mrs. Bush told some 60 prominent women of post-communist Hungary that they "lead the way toward making women full partners in this vibrant new society you are creating."

Just one day earlier, while the first lady wrapped up three days in Paris, this country's parliament elected a woman its speaker, Katalin Szili.

Before leaving France, Mrs. Bush told French TF1 television that she will never consider holding public office. Yet she expressed an affinity with her predecessor, Hillary Clinton, who went from the White House to the Senate.

"I have a lot of things in common with her. She's been a very generous friend since we moved into the White House," Mrs. Bush said.

As she closed out the three days in Paris that launched her first solo trip abroad as first lady, the former schoolteacher once so averse to the spotlight said she has a new calling.

"I have the opportunity — rather, the responsibility — to talk about things dear to my heart like the situation of women in Afghanistan. ... As long as my husband is president, I'll try to defend causes that are dear to me," she told RTL radio in Paris.

Congress OKs aid for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Afghanistan would receive more than $1 billion in U.S. aid over the next four years under House legislation that exceeds what President Bush requested.

The president asked Congress for an additional $250 million this year only to rebuild and redevelop Afghanistan, but House sponsors say it would be better to provide for multiple years of dedicated funding for needs ranging from education to eradication of opium poppies.

"In the months and years ahead, the United States will play a central role in helping Afghanistan recover from its darkest period," said a statement by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House International Relations Committee.

The House had planned to take up the legislation today, but it was postponed when debate on an unrelated welfare measure took longer than expected. It would authorize more than $1 billion in aid from 2002 to 2005. The actual amounts to be spent would have to be approved by Congress in later appropriations bills.

The assistance would take many forms, including urgent humanitarian needs such as food aid and disaster relief. Over the longer term, money would go to improve Afghanistan's education system, promote a democratic and stable form of government and rehabilitate such basic infrastructure as roads and bridges.

Father convicted of killing infant set to die tonight

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Ronford Styron was booted out of school for fighting and let go from the military for punching a sergeant.

Court records showed he beat up a neighbor, kicked and shot his own car and brawled with another motorist on the side of a Houston freeway.

When the same kind of aggression was meted out to his 11-month-old son and left the defenseless infant dead almost eight years ago, Styron wound up on death row.

The 32-year-old laborer from Dayton in Liberty County was set for execution today evening.

He would be the 12th Texas inmate put to death this year and second this month. Three more executions are set for May, including one next week.

After a request by Styron's lawyers to the U.S. Supreme Court to review his case was denied in February, Styron himself filed an appeal with the high court. That appeal, which state attorneys said raised issues already rejected by the justices, was turned down earlier this week.

Another appeal before the Supreme Court on today contended it would be unconstitutional to execute Styron because he did not intend kill the baby.

Lee Hollace Styron was one month shy of his first birthday when he died Oct. 28, 1993, at Houston's Texas Children's Hospital, three days after he was brought into an emergency room in Liberty.

Obituaries

Jane Bollinger

1926-2002

ROSCOE — Jane Bollinger of Roscoe died Wednesday, May 15, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bollinger, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Roscoe First Baptist Church. Dr. Rick Willis will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery and arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 26, 1926 in Pyron, she married Dorwin Lee Bollinger on Dec. 24, 1949 in Hermleigh. He died in 2000. A homemaker and farmer, Mrs. Bollinger was a member of the First Baptist Church of Roscoe. She had lived in Roscoe since 1977 and in the area all her life.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Royce Lynn Bollinger in 1968; a daughter, Judy Gay Lund in 1997; and four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Killian of Oval, Amy Bollinger of Roscoe and Sue Smith of San Angelo; two sons, Kevin Bollinger of Snyder and Todd Bollinger of Roscoe; three sisters, Merle Glass and Mable Glass, both of the Pyron community, and Geneva Smith of Plainview; a sister-in-law, Oleta Glass; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Pedro Tercero

1909-2002

ODESSA — Pedro Gameros Tercero, the father of Jose Tercero of Snyder, died Tuesday, May 14, in Medical Center Hospital.

Mass for Mr. Tercero, 92, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church with the Rev. Frank Chavez officiating. Burial was to follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born June 29, 1909 in Marfa, he was married to Dometilla Rodriguez who preceded him in death. Two sons, two grandsons and a great-grandson also preceded him in death.

Mr. Tercero was a painter.

Survivors also include two daughters, Maria Elena Natividad of Dallas and Lucy Fuentes of Odessa; 26 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

Bennie Quintana

1934-2002

O'DONNELL — Benita "Bennie" Quintana, the sister of Rebecca Perales of Snyder, died Wednesday, May 15.

Rosary for Mrs. Quintana, 67, is set for 7 this evening at the White Funeral Home Chapel. Mass is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the St. Pius X Catholic Church with the Rev. Rey Sorgon officiating. Burial will follow in the O'Donnell Cemetery.

Born Dec. 10, 1934 in Laredo, she married Eugenio Quintana on April 29, 1956. He died in 1995.

Mrs. Quintana, a member of the St. Pius X Catholic Church, owned and operated a child day-care center in O'Donnell for 25 years, retiring in 2000.

Survivors include a son, Gene Quintana of San Antonio; three daughters, Elsa Losoya and Chastity Saenz of Lamesa and Esther Smith of O'Donnell; four brothers, Gregorio, Cristobal and Veto Cantu, all of Laredo, and Carlos Cantu of San Antonio; six other sisters, Nena Cantu, Blanca Perez and Zula Martinez, all of Laredo, Pola Addison of San Antonio, Dora Johnston of Schertz and Cruz Cantu of California; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Josephine Snyder

1907-2002

ENNIS — Josephine E. Snyder, former Snyder resident, died Thursday, May 16, in the Alterra-Sterling House in Ennis.

Service for Mrs. Snyder, 96, will be held at noon Saturday in the Ennis First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Joe Dwinnell officiating.

Interment will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of J.E. Keever Mortuary of Ennis.

Born Dec. 22, 1907 in Atchison, Kan., she graduated from Atchison High School and attended Chilakotha Business College. She married Charles Nelson Snyder on Jan. 2, 1929. He died March 11, 1979. They moved to Snyder in 1952. Mrs. Snyder was a legal secretary for Gene L. Dulaney and Renal B. Rosson for 20 years. In 1986 she moved to Ennis and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Eastern Star and she had served as Worthy Matron in Atchison and Snyder.

Survivors include a son and his wife, Drake and June Snyder of Bonham; a daughter and her husband, Jodi and Bill Chapman of Ennis; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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2 arrested for car burglary

Arrests

Local police arrested two men for burglary of a vehicle at 4 a.m. Wednesday from the Beacon Lodge. The men were taken into custody in connection with two females arrested Wednesday on the same charge.

Police responded to a call from the Best Western Motel regarding several people in a dark colored vehicle going through toolboxes. Officers located the vehicle at the Beacon Lodge a short time later and the two women and two men were taken into custody.

Missing Patient

Officers responded to a call from Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 12:36 a.m. Thursday regarding a missing patient from the fourth floor. The caller advised the patient was an 88-year-old woman and she was located a short time later.

Theft

Larry Thompson reported the theft of a rabbit just before 8 Wednesday morning from the 5000 block of Ave. V. Officers advised an offense report for a Class B theft was submitted.

Fight

At 7 p.m. Wednesday officers responded to call about a fight at the Western Texas College pool. The subjects had left the area before officers arrived.

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Texas Ablaze meeting

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

Word is Life garage sale

The Word is Life Church will have a garage sale beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday at 602 30th to benefit youth going to church camp at Dry Gulch USA near Tulsa.

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.

Noah's Ark Church

Randy and Delia Asebedo from Lord's Church in Gomez will be ministering at the Noah's Church at 119 36th St. for the morning and evening service Sunday.

Jury call rescheduled

The jury panel called to report Monday in 132nd District Court has been rescheduled to report at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28.

Hermleigh kindergarten pre-registration

Hermleigh kindergarten pre-registration will be at 2:45 p.m. Monday in the kindergarten room. Bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records and social security card. For more information, call 863-2452.

Band spaghetti dinner, concert

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

Presswood retirement

A retirement reception for Lee Presswood will be 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Wolf retirement reception

A retirement reception for Rita Wolf, kindergarten teacher at Stanfield, will be from 4-5:30 Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

Technology booster club

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

SHS baseball booster club

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the film room.

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room at the high school.

Lions hamburger supper

In place of the regular noon meeting Tuesday, Snyder Lions and their families will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Barn for a hamburger supper.

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.

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.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for SHS teachers Kay Kennedy and Patsy Williams will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the SHS library.

Barkowsky, Grimmett and Thompson reception

A retirement reception for Judy Barkowsky, Judy Grimmett and Betty Thompson will be next Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

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 Wednesday, 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. Cost is $7. See your 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.

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Two suspects are held in burglary in East Texas

GLADEWATER (AP) — Charges of impersonating a peace officer have been added to other charges a man faces in connection with a botched burglary of the residence of a longtime East Texas law enforcement officer.

Kenneth Freeman, a retired highway patrolman and 16-year constable in the Gladewater area, was not wearing his uniform when he drove up to his rural residence Tuesday and saw his front door open and an unfamiliar car in his driveway.

A man in the car and another man coming out of Freeman's garage were in fatigues, Freeman said, and the man coming out of the garage opened his camouflage shirt to display a black T-shirt with "SHERIFF" printed on the front.

"He said, 'I'm with the sheriff's department,' and I said, 'You wouldn't mind me calling to check you out?'" Freeman said in a story in the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Freeman said when he asked why his front door was open, the man replied, "We gotta go; we'll see ya."

The car was forced to plow through a barbed wire fence to escape since Freeman had blocked his driveway with his vehicle. Freeman drove after the burglar's car, but lost sight of it, he said.

The vehicle crashed into an embankment down the road, and after a manhunt that included state prison tracking dogs and helicopters from the Texas Department of Public Safety, the men were captured.

Allen Ray Alexander, 23, of Tyler was arrested about 8 p.m. Tuesday in a wooded area about two miles south of Gladewater, and Alan Dale Boone, 38, of Bullard was taken into custody about four hours later, officials said.

Both were charged with burglary of a habitation and evading arrest, and Boone was also charged with impersonation of a police officer.

Authorities said three long-barrel shotguns and a television found in the men's car had been taken in another burglary shortly before the attempted heist at Freeman's house, which is about 15 miles west of Longview and about 25 miles northeast of Tyler.

Nothing was taken from his home, Freeman told police.

Freeman, a widower who lives with his 17-year-old son, said his house previously was burglarized in 1984.

JUNIORS HONORED — The top ten percent of juniors were honored at Snyder High School Monday. They include (front, from left): Whitney Jones, Catherine Whitworth, Sara Cantu, Kristina Mayer, Aaryon Stewart, Afton Schwertner. (back, from left) Amanda Hartzog, Cozy Jones, Erin Cooley, Zach Starnes, Jason Guynes, Matt McCormick, Tyler Kerr and T.J. Jones. (Not pictured) Cameron Brown, Bonnie Cleveland, Kellie Dodson, Jacinda Judah, Wendy Proffitt, Lilli Valdez and Kasay Wemken. (Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Falsifying records in state now a felony

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Responding to the case of a 5-year-old girl in state care who was missing for 15 months before welfare workers noticed, Gov. Jeb Bush signed a bill that makes it a felony for state workers to falsify records.

Under the new law, falsifying documents related to children, the elderly or disabled in state care would be punishable by up to five years in prison. If the person is seriously hurt or dies because of the records fraud, it would be a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The bill that Bush signed Wednesday was introduced during a special session this month in response to the case of Rilya Wilson and accusations that a Department of Children & Families caseworker falsely claimed to be keeping up with the girl who vanished in Miami months ago.

"To falsify records, which is a part of the case of Rilya Wilson, won't happen again without penalties," Bush said.

No one noticed for 15 months that Rilya was missing because her caseworker falsified reports about monthly visits to make it appear that she had visited the girl and her caretaker, Geralyn Graham, officials say.

Graham claims someone who identified herself as a state welfare worker picked up the girl 16 months ago for an evaluation. The state reported Rilya missing April 25.

Despite the troubling case, the governor expressed confidence in the agency and its workers, saying the alleged falsification was likely isolated.

"There are thousands of really, really good public servants that work in the Department of Children & Families," said Bush.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Causes of hip and back pain

DEAR DR. GOTT: My problem is a constant but varying pain in my hips and back. The discomfort is always there but, at times, can be quite severe. Routine examinations, blood tests and standard X-rays were all negative. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Your question is too general to permit a specific answer. For instance, you don't mention your age and what blood tests and X-rays you had. Therefore, I would be presumptuous to list the affliction causing the pain you described.

Nonetheless, I have a couple of thoughts. Pain in the hips and back often reflects arthritis or a herniated lumbar disc.

Osteoarthritis, the age-related gradual wearing down of joint surfaces, is a common cause of hip and back pain, due to erosion of the cartilaginous joint lining. In addition, arthritis often affects the spine. This malady is usually quite evident on standard X-rays of the back (and hips) and appears as narrowing of the joint spaces and the presence of calcium deposits ("lipping") at the ends of the bones. Such X-ray changes do not always correlate with the degree of pain, however; patients with minimal changes can experience severe pain and stiffness that is out of proportion to the X-ray changes. So, before blaming your symptoms on simple arthritis, I'd have to see the X-ray reports.

In addition, standard X-ray examinations are a poor way of diagnosing soft tissue injury: by this I mean nerves, muscles, tendons and discs (the doughnut-shaped structures that separate the spinal bones). It is possible that you could have a disc that has slipped out of place and is now pressing on the spinal nerves (to your hips and legs) or, worse yet, on the soft spinal cord itself, a condition called spinal stenosis.

Consequently, despite your "normal" X-rays, the story is not over. In my opinion, you need an MRI scan to get a good look at the soft tissues, especially the nerves and the spinal cord.

Ask your doctor about this. If you have already had an MRI and it is normal, you should be referred to a specialist in disorders of the back. If not, the MRI should be performed. The test will give vital information and will help your physician arrive at a diagnosis and suggest appropriate therapy.

Back and hip pain is a common complaint. The cause is usually easy to identify with suitable testing.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly "Winning the Battle of the Bulge") that includes my No Flour, No Sugar diet, send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Just thought I'd share my cure for toenail fungus. I apply full-strength Lysol on a cotton swab, rubbed into the nail twice a day. Saw results in a week. Completely gone in a month. Worked for me.

DEAR READER: This inexpensive and innovative therapy is new to me, but I am publishing it in hopes that it is successful for people who suffer from this common condition. Readers, let me know if it works for you.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, May 17, 2002

Many new opportunities will come your way in the year ahead through people you pal around with. They can open doors for you both socially and professionally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your leadership qualities are superior, so if you can, involve yourself in activities that can produce positive results for yourself and your followers. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's a time for making things happen, and a time for letting events unfold on their own. The latter is likely to be your best course of action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Something is in the wind that could usher in the beginning of a new wave in your affairs. It will offer the possibility for fulfillment of several desires.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you carefully look around a bit, you'll discover you have an effective friend upon whom you can depend to help further your personal interests. This pal may be standing in the shadows.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You could run across someone who may take an immediate interest in a matter that is of importance to you. This person's suggestions will be very constructive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — That pleasant manner of yours allows you to fit yourself into a beneficial arrangement that others have going for them. They will welcome you instead of resenting your presence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — As long as you and a partner make a concerted effort to protect each other's interests, any arrangement you collectively make should work out very favorably for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Even though you won't encourage it, appreciative recipients of your thoughtfulness will eventually do more for you in return than you now do for them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It looks like a relationship with someone you find appealing and who thinks highly of you could escalate to a new level and become a very important friendship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Utilize this day for wrapping up projects or ventures around the home that have yet to be completed. It is a promising time for producing desirable end results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Get together with that person with whom you have a need to discuss an important matter. It might be wise to make it a social setting where each of you can relax.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Make adding something new to your home a priority. It's one of those times when anything you do to spruce up your surroundings will turn out great.

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North Carolina man arrested in sexual attacks

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Federal agents have arrested a North Carolina man wanted on outstanding warrants accusing him of sex offenses against children.

Joel Morris Cooper, 56, of Belmont, N.C., was arrested after a U.S. Customs Service inspector using a national crime database confirmed the man had multiple outstanding arrest warrants in connection with sex offenses in Mohave County, Ariz., said Customs spokesman Rick Pauza.

Cooper, who was arrested Sunday, also faces nine counts of indecent assault and battery in Massachusetts in connection with five victims, four of whom are under the age of 14, Pauza said in a prepared statement.

He said U.S. Customs Inspectors from Brownsville to Del Rio, have apprehended 696 fugitives in 2002.

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