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Home of Randy Seaton



BOUND FOR REGIONAL — Twenty Snyder High School students will compete in the Region 1-4A UIL Academic Contest Saturday in San Angelo. Students boarding the bus are from left Tyler Kerr, Eric DeLeon, Kate Wright and Ashley Tucker. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

UIL students competing Saturday in San Angelo

Twenty Snyder High School students will compete in Region I-4A UIL academic events Saturday at Angelo State University.

Two students, Alex Best and Wendy Proffitt, will compete in spelling and vocabulary.

Three students are entered in literary criticism — Joanna Burk, Haley Elkins and Emily Vinson. Burk will also compete in headline writing.

Matt Coronado will compete in prose interpretation.

Three students are in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, including Lyndell Lee, Jaci Smith and Will Davis, alternate.

Persuasive speaking has two contestants, Will Davis and Lyndell Lee.

Two students, Eric DeLeon and Ashley Tucker, are in feature writing.

Dustin Whitson will compete in science and Eric DeLeon and Haley Elkins are in editorial writing.

Josh Kemp is entered in number sense and mathematics.

Three students — Tyler Kerr, Leslye Starntes and Kate Wright - will compete in accounting.

Computer applications has two contestants, Jeremee Lester and Anna Williams.

Ryan McAnally is an alternate in ready writing.

Cole McLeod and Jaci Smith will compete in informative speaking while Ashley Tucker is in the news writing contest.

Sponsors accompanying the students will be Becky Johnson, Shad Nachlinger, Lynda McCormack, Ron Hester, Katie Henson, Darlene Stokes, Phyllis Smith, Lynda Patterson and Thomas Strayhorn.

Region I consists of eight districts and 59 schools. The meet is conducted by regional director Michael P. Ryan, vice president for University Relations and Development, and his staff at Angelo State.

Lynda Patterson commended the job Ryan and his staff have done in past years. "We are looking forward to a very outstanding meet."

FFA team looking for state's top spot

Seven Snyder High School FFA teams are competing in state contests Saturday and five will be competing next Saturday at Texas A&M.

FFA teacher David Frazier said the teams have been in practice meets over the last several months in preparation for the state contest.

Competing Saturday will be the poultry team of Cliff Beights, Megan Anderson, Riley Tatum and Jacinda Judah.

This team ended the season as the first place judging team in the Lone Wolf District that consists of 11 schools. The team also won first place in the area contest competing against some 100 West Texas schools.

Also competing Saturday will be the meats team of Morgan Miller, Pace Millhollon, Cassie Callaway and Alicia Bowlin.

The team ended the season with the top rating in district and a second place finish in area competition.

The dairy products team of Beth Parsley, Dana Stribling, Shannon Chambers and Jennifer Williams captured first place in district competition and second place in area.

Other teams competing include the undefeated farm business management team of Brodie Pierce, Marci Kruger, Bradley Bynum and Emily Long.

The horticulture team consists of David Beard, T'Leah Eicke, Amanda Greenwood and Brandy Birkenfeld.

The marketing plan teams consists of Dana Stribling, Shannon Chambers and Kasey Wemken.

The SHS marketing plan teams have won state six of the last seven years.

The teams have also won three national championships.

The food science and technology teams consist of Cindy Nachlinger, Chance Tatum, Beth Parsley and Joe Pechacek.

"We have our hopes high for some state championships," said Frazier. "The students have worked hard leading up to the contests and have represented Snyder High School very well."

DCOS meets briefly

The Development Corporation of Snyder met briefly Thursday afternoon and heard a report by Executive Director John DeLille on the recent visit by AHNTECH representatives to the community.

AHNTECH is the private contractor that will be operating the bomber training in the area for the U.S. Air Force.

DeLille said the company will move some 25 families to the community by the end of the year.

He also said the company had expressed an interest in hiring and training local people for jobs as they became available.

"Western Texas College will be invaluable in this capacity," said DeLille.

Relay for Life is today

The annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life gets underway with registration beginning at 5:30 this afternoon at Tiger Stadium.

The opening ceremonies will be at 6 o'clock.

This includes the invocation given by Bill Looney, a flag-raising ceremony by the Snyder Boy Scouts, and the singing of the national anthem by Cindy Nix.

The popular auction gets underway at 8 tonight.

Wanda Falls is the coordinator of the auction and Sam Robertson will serve as auctioneer.

Two autographed basketballs from Texas Tech will be among the auction items.

One is signed by coach Marsha Sharp and the Lady Raiders, while the other is autographed by new men's coach Bobby Knight.

In addition, the Dallas Cowboys have donated a team pennant autographed by owner Jerry Jones and head coach Dave Campo.

Other donors to the auction include Wade and Tara Hatter who are donating a framed picture and scorecard of golfer Tom Kite, Bob O'Day is donating a dozen golf balls, and Ricky Williams of Williams Woodshop is donating a mantle clock.

A special donation is being made by Mamie Patterson who is a cancer survivor.

She is donating pieces of painted chinaware.

Mrs. Patterson had kidney cancer in 1959. In September, she will celebrate 42 years of freedom from the disease.

"I want everyone to support the cancer crusade," said Mrs. Patterson. "Scurry County needs to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and continue to do a lot of praying for cancer victims."

Relay for Life continues throughout the night with the closing ceremonies and the final lap set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday.



Cancer survivor, Mamie Patterson

RELAY FOR LIFE 2001 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

5:30 p.m. REGISTRATION AT TIGER STADIUM
6:00 OPENING CERMONIES
Invocation - Bill Looney
Flag Raising - Boy Scouts
National Anthem - Cindy Nix
SURVIVORS' VICTORY LAP
Glenda Hollingsworth - song
6:30 "BLUFF CREEK EDITION"
Ken Robinson, Ross & D'Ann Preston
7:15 "STAR CHEER SQUADS"
Directors Sandra Fulford & Neika Porter
8:00 RELAY AUCTION
Auction Coordinator - Wanda Falls
Auctioneer - Sam Robertson
9:00 HALEY HOLMES
9:30 "BLUFF CREEK EDITION"
w/CINDY NIX
10:00 LUMINARIA CEREMONY
With a song from Cindy Nix and the community choir and names of Luminaria honorees to be read by of the members American Cancer Society Board of Directors
10:30 "BLUFF CREEK EDITION"
11:00 MARCUS RIOS, LEXIE BEARD & JOSH BURNEY
MIDNIGHT MADNESS SURPRISE PARTY!
TERRY BOWDEN
Mr. Bowden will be playing CDs and tapes from midnight to 8:30 a.m.

Saturday

6:30 a.m. JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ, JUAN RODRIGUEZ & JORDAN RODRIGUEZ
9:30 CLOSING CEREMONIES & FINAL LAP!

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A baseball umpire is the original strike arbitrator."

Hats off to the city of Snyder for its effort in the Snyder clean-up campaign.

The city's offer to pick up unwanted items and to allow citizens to haul debris and other items to the landfill at no charge helped in a clean-up that is badly needed around town.

Sometimes those of us who drive in an area each day fail to notice the weeds and other clutter that offends visitors. It was a good start, but more efforts like this are needed.

There are plenty of weeds up and down the street and on street corners that need to be chopped or mowed down.

With warm weather, perhaps we'll see more of the public service work details out and about helping make Snyder brighter.

The regional track meet is just a week away, and regional qualifiers are in Wall this weekend for a special qualifiers meet.

SHS senior **Mark Medley** had had a remarkable year in the field events. He took first in both the discus and shot put to advance to regional for the second year in a row. He has captured the top spot in every track meet he has entered this spring.

Also advancing to regional for the Tigers will be **Jared Thornhill** who won first in the pole vault. He also is a repeat at regional.

Also making it to regional is the sprint relay team composed of **Edwin James, Matthew Grimmett, Josh Arizmendi** and **Jared Thornhill**.

Rudy Martinez placed first in the 1,600 and second in the 3,200 run while **Wade Pinson** was second in the 110 hurdles. **Jesse Haines** was second in the pole vault.

Ira and Hermleigh will have athletes representing them at the Class A regional meet.

Competing for the Cardinals will be **Chris McClure** in the long jump and **David Digby** in both the 300 hurdles and the shot put.

Bulldogs competing at regional will be **Morgan Clements** in three events – high jump, sprint relay and 200 sprint. Joining her for the relay will be **Mikanna Herring, Michelle Nettles** and **Lindsey Wilson. Eric Dickerhoff** will compete in the 400.

Ira will have one individual and a girls team competing in the regional golf meet. **Jeff Fine** advanced as runner-up medalist while the girls team also finished second. Team members are **Lindsey Wilson, Tosha Walker, Mikanna Herring** and **Lacie Thompson.**

SHS golf and tennis teams will be in regional competition next week, the Lady Tigers softball team has garnered a playoff spot, and UIL academic folks are competing tomorrow in San Angelo.

And adults win, too!

Congratulations to **Pauline Walton** for her first place quilt and baby afghan in the Texas Extension Education Association district meeting. Her entry will now advance to state.

ASK US

Q—How much does the Snyder Chamber of Commerce charge daily for RV spots during the West Texas Western Swing Music Festival?

A—$13 per day. The event runs June 6-9.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 85 degrees; low, 55; 7 a.m. Friday, 62; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.35 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 60, S wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, cloudy, breezy, high mid 80s, SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty. Saturday night, cloudy breezy, 30% rain chance.



Delbert Redman
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:16 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:10 a.m.

Of 109 days in 2001, the sun has shone 97 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

What convinces is conviction.
—Lyndon Baines Johnson

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Lower bail for mom charged in escape

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has reduced the bond for a woman accused of helping the seven Connally Unit escapees in their state prison breakout that cost the life of a Fort Worth police officer.

Patsy Gomez has spent the past 21/2 months confined to a jail cell 30 miles from her San Antonio home, but it appears she may be headed home soon, at least until trial. A judge reduced bond by a half-million dollars to $200,000.

After a brief hearing Thursday at Karnes City, her attorneys said they were confident their client's relatives will soon raise the $200,000 it will take to set Gomez free until her trial.

"Ms. Gomez has never been in trouble a day in her life," Bill Berchelmann told the San Antonio Express-News outside court after Gomez was escorted back to jail. "She has children at home."

Gomez and Raul Rodriguez, her co-defendant and longtime friend, face life in prison if convicted of the charges against them, which include seven counts each of permitting or facilitating an escape and 16 counts each of aggravated robbery and kidnapping.

Both are being held responsible for the alleged crimes the escapees committed during the Connally Unit breakout.

Gomez's bond reduction was her first real hope of being reunited with her four children, the youngest of whom is 5.

Arriving from the Wilson County Jail, where she has been held since her arrest on Feb. 2, the 42-year-old former flower vendor, who is accused of providing the escapees with a getaway vehicle, appeared for the brief hearing wearing handcuffs, an orange jail uniform and white sneakers.

The hearing came more than six weeks after Rodriguez, father of escapee Michael Anthony Rodriguez, was released on a $200,000 bond.

Visiting Judge Ron Carr had also agreed to reduce the elder Rodriguez's bond by a half-million dollars.

Tougher rules recommended

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard is recommending tougher regulations for commercial divers after investigating a 1996 accident that killed a 23-year-old diver inspecting a Gulf drilling rig.

Coast Guard Adm. James Loy said the recommendations were helped by the persistence of the dead diver's father.

"I truly appreciate your persistence," Loy wrote Peter Pilkington. "Without it, we certainly would not have taken the closer look this casualty deserved and we could not begin to make the changes that clearly need to be made."

Brian Pilkington died March 4, 1996, after becoming disoriented during a dive in 28 feet of water to inspect an offshore rig.

An initial investigation concluded that Brian Pilkington was to blame for his death because he panicked when water entered his diving helmet through fittings he had failed to tighten.

Peter Pilkington never accepted the conclusion and launched his own investigation.

The builder from Bellevue, Wash., campaigned to vindicate his son and to make sure that other divers could work in safer conditions.

"Financially, I've lost my shirt," Pilkington said in Friday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "Would I recommend it to somebody else? Probably not. But I have no other choice," he said of his campaign.

"If I can help see that other divers don't have to work in such dangerous situations, then my son didn't die in vain."

Fast-food chain talking leverage buyout proposal

MIAMI (AP) — Under pressure from franchise owners to go private, new Burger King CEO John Dasburg said Thursday that the second-largest fast-food chain has talked with a leveraged buyout firm.

The Diageo PLC subsidiary has been talking for months about a Burger King spinoff in the next few years. Whatever the form, Dasburg said it will be next year.

Restaurant owners initially suggested a sale to get speedy change but have been pushing more recently for an LBO to allow the home of the Whopper to improve slowly and quietly outside the Wall Street glare.

"It is true that I have had a conversation with Texas Pacific Group," a Fort Worth, Texas, company known for turnarounds, Dasburg said. "One of the other responsibilities I have is to review the alternatives and present a view to Diageo."

Texas Pacific spokesman Owen Blicksilver said, "The firm does not comment on rumors, only on transactions."

Steven Lewis, president of Burger King's National Franchisee Association, agreed Thursday that he had been pushing for a stand alone company but said, "I can't comment on it at this point in time."

On the day of Dasburg's appointment, Burger King, a perennial second to industry-leading McDonald's, issued a poor financial report: operating profits down 7 percent to $143.5 million and comparable store sales down 6 percent in the last half of 2000 from the year before.

Hogtied man asphyxiated

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Harris County deputy sheriff has testified that he and his partner did not hogtie, punch or mistreat a Houston man after forcing him into a back office at a Dillard's store.

That conflicts with the testimony of Dr. Raul Lede who testified Wednesday in the wrongful death case filed by Darryl Robinson's family. The pathologist contends the 37-year-old Robinson died of asphyxiation following an altercation with a store manager, security guards and Houston police.

Police said Robinson came to the Houston Dillard's store on June 1, 1994 screaming of demons and officers had to subdue him to keep him from hurting himself or others. According to testimony, shortly after being hogtied, Robinson lost oxygen and was brain dead. He died two days later at Ben Taub Hospital.

But Collier Bridges, now a Houston police officer, said he and Deputy Jeff Robinson only wrestled with Robinson and sat on his back to try to control him.

Bridges, however, testified that he and his partner lacked probable cause to arrest Robinson after observing him get on a counter and say something.

An autopsy by Marilyn Murr-Doyle, a former pathologist with the Harris County Medical Examiner's office, concluded Robinson died of a heart attack.

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RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

16-17-19-28-36

Pick 3

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

7-9-9

Date Book

Friday, April 20, 2001

Today is the 110th day of 2001 and the 32nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1812, Vice President George Clinton died at the age of 73. He was the first vice president to die in office.

On this day in 1959, Dolly Parton's first single, "Puppy Love," was released.

On this day in 1964, William L. Laurence, in New York City, and Donald Shaffer, in Anaheim, Fla., spoke to and saw each other during the first transcontinental Picturephone call.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marcus Aurelius (121-180), philosopher-Roman emperor; Daniel Chester French (1850-1931), sculptor; Adolf Hitler (1889-1945), Nazi dictator; Harold Lloyd (1893-1971), comedian-actor; John Paul Stevens (1920-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 81; Ryan O'Neal (1941-), actor, is 60; Jessica Lange (1949-), actress, is 52; Don Mattingly (1961-), baseball player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, Ted Williams, playing for the Boston Red Sox, made his first appearance at a major-league game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it." — Marcus Aurelius

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 15) and new moon (April 23).

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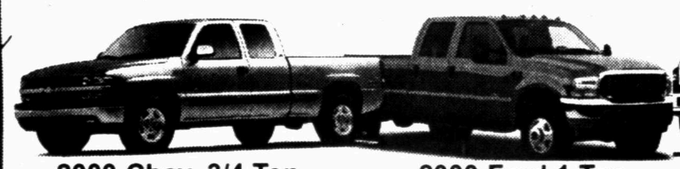
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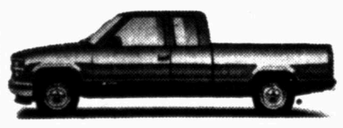
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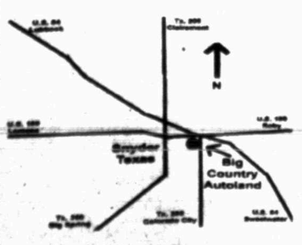


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AIRPORT OF THE YEAR — Winston Field was named airport of the year by the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation during a recent awards banquet in Austin. Attending the awards presentation were from left Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer, County Judge Ricky Fritz, Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, Janie Sullenger, airport manager Rodger Sullenger and State Rep. David Counts. Winston Field is owned and operated by Scurry County. (Contributed Photo)

Lawyer sues cellular phone firms, alleging health risks

BALTIMORE (AP) — A lawyer known for suing the tobacco and asbestos industries is now going after cellular phone companies, alleging in new lawsuits that the companies have known about health risks for users of the phones but failed to warn them.

Peter Angelos filed class-action lawsuits Thursday in Maryland and three other states. The suits seek to force the wireless industry to cover the cost of headsets that Angelos says would protect users from possible radiation hazards.

"Use the earpiece, and you avoid the hazard," said Angelos, who is perhaps best known as the owner of the Baltimore Orioles. "And if we get that far, at least the public knows that the potential hazard exists, and they know a way to avoid that potential."

The suits claim there are links between cellular phone use and a host of health problems, including damage to basic brain function. Two Baltimore-area residents named as plaintiffs in the Maryland case don't claim any health problems caused by cell phones but want the companies to pay for headsets as a preventative measure.

Cell phone makers insist there is no scientific evidence that their product poses any health risks. They cite two studies published last December that found no evidence of increased incidence of brain tumors in people who use cell phones.

"There is absolutely no credible evidence of any health risks associated with the use of wireless phones," Norman Sandler, director of global strategic issues at Motorola Inc., told The Washington Post.

Such claims have been raised in previous lawsuits across the country — including some others in which Angelos' firm is involved. Federal agencies are studying the issue but have not ruled on cell phone safety.

Angelos wants the new lawsuits certified as class action, which could bring all current and future cell phone users under their umbrella. In addition to asking the companies to provide headsets — which sell for $20 to $100 apiece — the lawsuits also seek unspecified punitive damages.

Companies named in Angelos' lawsuits include Motorola, Ericsson, Sprint PCS, Nextel, AT&T and Verizon.

LAPD could now face greater liability

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge presiding over about 100 federal police corruption lawsuits has ruled the city's police department can be sued as a racketeering enterprise.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Feess could lead to a sharp increase in the city's financial liability from the police corruption scandal in which some members of the Rampart station's anti-gang unit allegedly robbed, beat, framed and shot suspects.

Legal experts say the ruling is groundbreaking because no police department or major police official has ever been held liable under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

The RICO law originally was enacted to fight organized crime, but has been used over the past three decades in cases ranging from stock manipulation to health care fraud.

In addition to presiding over about 100 Rampart cases, Feess is overseeing the consent decree between the city and the federal government that was formulated to avert a civil rights lawsuit planned by the U.S. Justice Department.

Feess' written ruling, issued late last week, came as part of a lawsuit filed by Los Angeles resident D'Novel Hunter, who claims he spent four years in prison after being framed on a charge of possessing cocaine for sale by former Officer Rafael Perez.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Price for widow's hand is more than man will pay

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a widow who lives in the home she shared with her husband. His will allows her to live there as long as she wishes or until she remarries. At that time, the title will pass to the children from her husband's first marriage.

Some time ago, the stepchildren offered to "buy her out" for a substantial sum. It was a one-time offer, and she did not accept. Now she's taken the position that anyone who marries her must pay her the amount that was offered her.

Abby, I own my own home and would like to marry this woman, but I cannot bring myself to accept her terms. I feel I may as well shop for a wife by catalog, which I would never do.

Please tell me what you think about this. I don't want to be taken advantage of. — **CONFUSED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR CONFUSED: Your lady friend's demand gives new meaning to the term "creative financing." A person who insists on a real estate deal before agreeing to marriage is negotiating a business deal, not a lifetime commitment. My advice: Run for the hills!

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DEAR ABBY: I am a brand-new mom, excited about celebrating my child's first birthday. My mother-in-law is an extremely creative person and has decorated all of her grandchildren's birthday cakes. I know she will insist on making the cake and decorating it the way she would like. However, I'd really like to make the cake myself because I'm the mom, and it's my child's first birthday.

There will be a lot of relatives and friends at the party, and I don't want the cake to become an issue. Do I let my mother-in-law carry on her tradition, or would it be OK if I bake and decorate the cake for my child? — **NEW MOM IN OHIO**

DEAR NEW MOM: Plan the party, decide on the theme, tell your mother-in-law what the theme of the party will be, and let that wonderful woman do what she does best. Then thank the Lord you have such a generous and creative person in your life. You are fortunate, indeed.

P.S. Ask your mother-in-law to show you how it's done so the tradition doesn't die when she is gone.

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DEAR ABBY: Ever since I saw the movie "Schindler's List," I have been curious about why small stones were placed on the grave markers in the Jewish cemetery. I wish it had been explained at the end of the movie, but it wasn't. I'm sure many other people wondered about it just as I did. Can you tell me the reason? — **CURIOUS IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR CURIOUS: According to Rabbi Bentzion Kravitz in Beverly Hills, there are two reasons — practical and mystical. Practically speaking, stones signify that someone has visited the grave to honor the deceased. The stones are placed in lieu of flowers, the money going to charity.

Looking at it from the mystical perspective, the body returns to dust, and the soul returns to God.

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DEAR ABBY: You periodically print letters about "random acts of kindness," and I'd like to share my experience.

A few years ago I had to use a walker before having hip replacement surgery. A young man in the post office parking lot saw me struggling to get my leg into the car. He ran over, lifted my leg into the car, and went one step further — he tucked my long coat under my bottom! — **PATRICIA IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR PATRICIA: All I can say is, that young man had his HEART in the right place.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	04-20-01
	♠ 10 6 5	
	♥ 9 8 5	
	♦ K Q J 10 9	
	♣ 9 4	
West		**East**
♠ K J 9 2		♠ Q 4 3
♥ Q 3		♥ K 10 7 6 4
♦ A 7 3		♦ 8 5 2
♣ 10 8 7 3		♣ 6 2
	South	
	♠ A 8 7	
	♥ A J 2	
	♦ 6 4	
	♣ A K Q J 5	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♠ 2

Friday, April 20, 2001

Make the count count when it counts

By Phillip Alder

When against no-trump,
Fourth best from your longest suit
Is a good first lead
— Dino O. Fieni, Severna Park, Md.

We have been looking at attitude signals. But there are two other signals one might make: count and suit preference. If attitude is either known or irrelevant, perhaps a count signal should be given.

First, though, how do you give count? You play your lowest card with an odd number of cards in the suit. Playing high-low shows an even number. ("Low" has three letters, as does "odd." "High" has four letters, as does "even." Thanks to Phyllis Palmer of North Palm Beach, Fla., for that aide-memoire.) With four cards, play the second highest first, followed by the lowest.

When should you give a count signal? When that is the key piece of information you believe partner needs to know. This deal features a textbook situation.

Against three no-trump, West leads the spade two.

After South wins with his spade ace, whether it be on the first, second or third round, he should immediately play a diamond. (If needing a misdefense, go for it as quickly as possible.) West must duck and note his partner's two. This shows an odd number of diamonds. If it is a singleton, West cannot kill the diamond suit, so he assumes it is from three. He wins with the diamond ace on the second round of the suit, cashes his spade winner(s), and exits with a heart or club. Declarer has only eight tricks. If West ducks two rounds of diamonds ("just being careful, partner"), South makes his game.

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Regulators open probe into alternative power providers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An independent group of small power generators that provides about one-fourth of the state's energy has been scaling back or shutting down as debts owed by California's two largest utilities pile up.

State regulators, hoping to prevent California's power crisis from getting worse, launched an investigation Thursday to determine if the reduced output is due to legitimate business reasons or market manipulation.

The alternative power generators, known in the industry as "qualifying facilities," or QFs, are owed an estimated $700 million by bankrupt Pacific Gas and Electric and financially crippled Southern California Edison.

Some small generators say the unpaid bills have forced them to defer much-needed maintenance, leading to more equipment breakdowns that reduce electricity output. Others say they simply can't afford to keep operating.

The California Public Utilities Commission is worried some alternative generators are trying to take advantage of the power crisis to get out of long-term contracts that require them to sell electricity at prices far below the current market rate. Several small companies are suing to get out of those contracts so they can cash in on the open market, said Commissioner Carl Wood.

The alternative generators simply want to be paid for bills that date back as far as November, said Jack Raudy, a spokesman for the Renewable Energy Creditors Committee, which consists of 10 alternative power producers owed a combined $410 million. Those 10 generators produce about 3,000 megawatts, which Raudy said was enough electricity for 3 million homes.

"We are outraged (by the PUC's investigation)," Raudy said. "We have heard so much rhetoric over the past five months and still haven't been paid a dime. That is what we are worried about."

Raudy estimated his group is operating at about 95 percent of capacity.

After the temporary closure of several alternative generators contributed to rolling blackouts around the state last month, the PUC ordered PG&E and SoCal Edison to begin paying them for energy purchased since March 27.

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
Sausage Dinner Complete With All The Trimmings
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Sunday, April 22
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St. Elizabeth Parish Center
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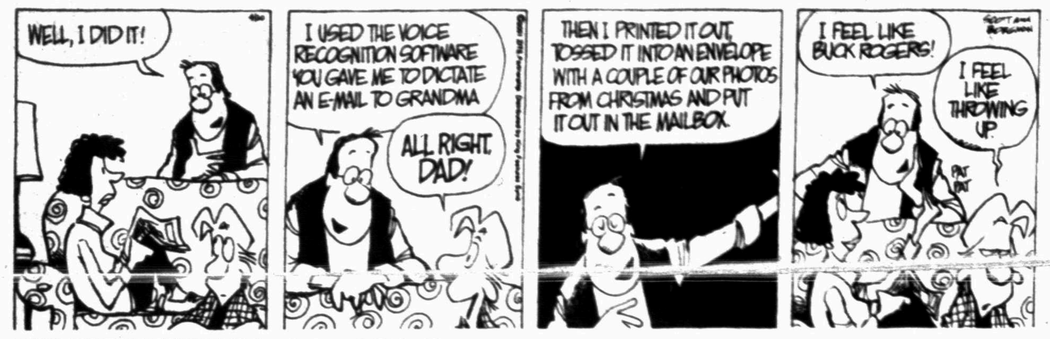


Jessica Deleon
competed in an individual cheerleading competition at the
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She placed tenth out of 24 competitors.
Jessica is the daughter of Frances Deleon and the granddaughter of Josie Cerbantes

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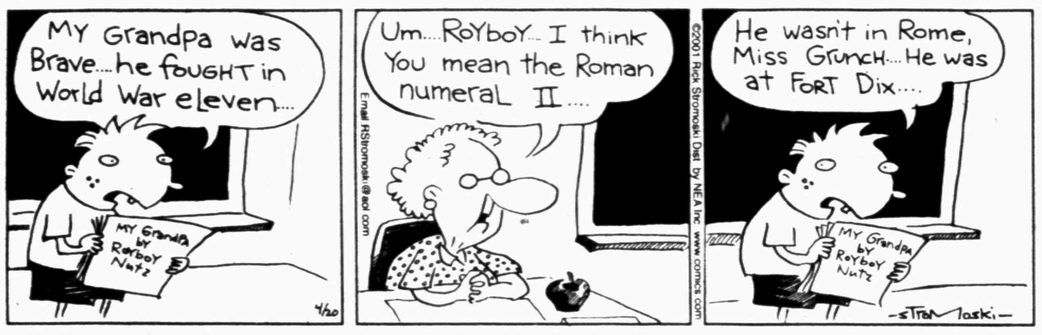
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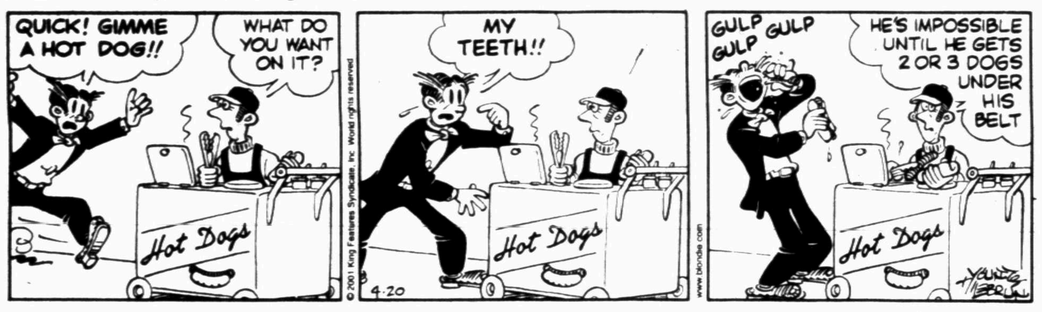
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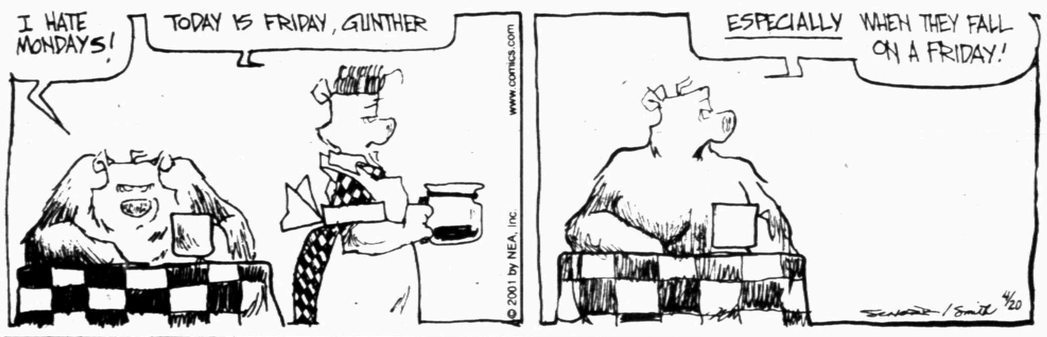
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ACROSS

1 Bleach
7 Grand — Island (resort area)
13 Medicine-cabinet item
14 Old-time delivery person
15 Wrape
16 Lower in status
17 Slippery one
18 Head to —
20 No longer working (abbr.)
21 Chest of drawers
25 Disgrace
28 Anemone holders
32 German sub
33 Call off a space mission
34 Crawled
35 Singer Ross
37 Broom user
39 Noisy sleepers
41 Ms. Thurman
44 Go bad
45 Playwright Betti
48 Snake noises
51 Scotch cocktail (2 wds.)
54 International org.
55 Citrus fruit
56 On this
57 Muscle

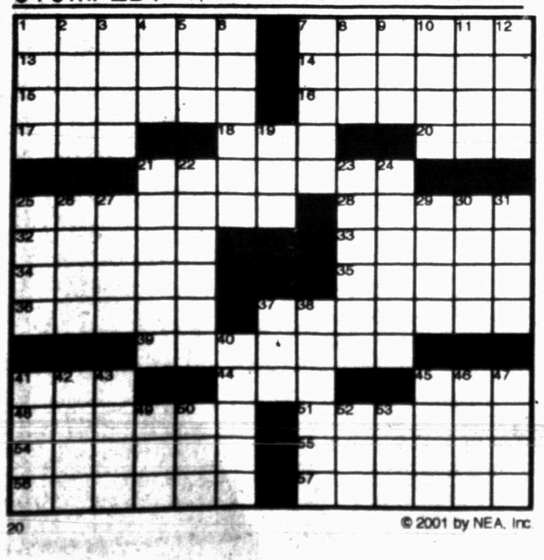
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3 Matinee man
4 Sesame seed
5 Chemical suffix
6 Made a home
7 — one's time (waits)
9 Dress bottom
10 God of love
11 Spouse
12 Work without chances)
19 "Verb" finish
21 Window coverings
palm
23 Escapee
24 Mad dog's disease
25 Quacker?
26 River in Spain
27 Patron
29 It's in a bar
30 Seabird
31 Julia Roberts, for one
37 Box-office sign
38 Timber decay (2 wds.)
40 Actor Welles
41 "No!"
42 Belonging to me
43 Jacob's son
45 Pots
46 Type of dancer
47 Court hearing
49 Opp. of NNW
50 Author Umberto —
52 Native metal
53 Forbid

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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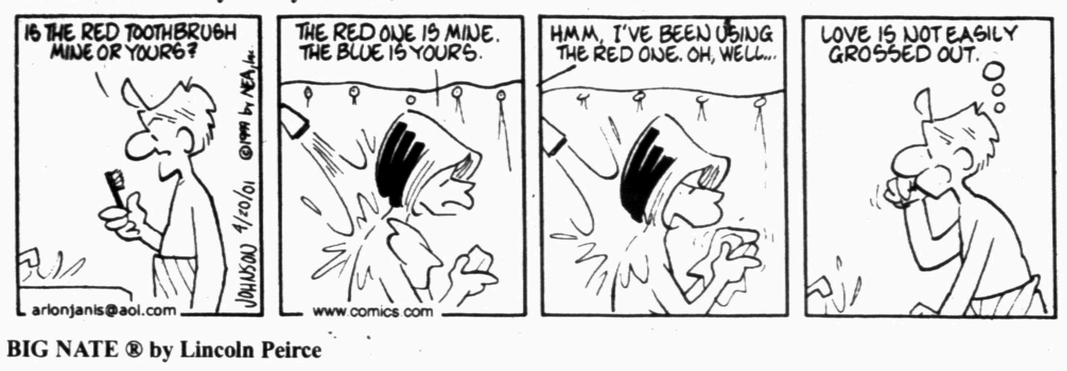


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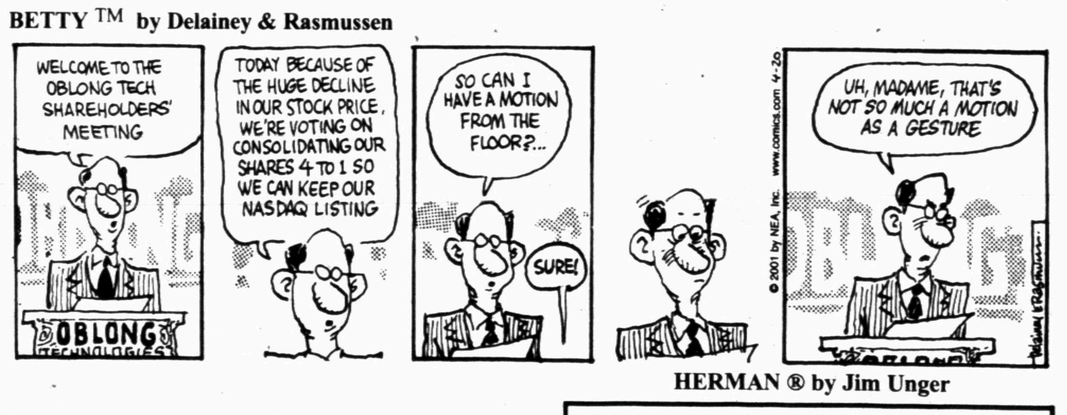
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Toronto at New York, 8 p.…
Sunday, …
New York at Toronto, 12:3…

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Minnesota at San Antonio, …
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San Antonio at Minnesota, …

L.A. LAKERS vs…
Sunday, …
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 5:…

SPORTS

Mavs not intimidated by Utah's home arena

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Michael Finley and the Dallas Mavericks won't be intimidated at the Delta Center, especially after what has happened to the Utah Jazz at home this season.

Long one of the NBA's most boisterous arenas, the home of the Jazz recently has become a paradise for visitors.

Utah lost nine of its last 10 at home to opponents bound for the playoffs. In their final regular season game, the Jazz had to rally from a six-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat the lowly Los Angeles Clippers.

So when the Mavericks arrive Saturday for Game 1 of their first-round playoff series, Utah will try to ignore its 28-13 home record, the most homecourt losses in eight seasons.

"All that stuff's done with," Jazz center Olden Polynice said. "Everybody starts fresh, zero-and-zero."

That's a good thing in this series, where each team won twice on the other's court during the regular season. But the split has more meaning for the Mavericks, whose two wins this season followed a 25-game losing streak in Salt Lake City.

"We're confident, but we're not overconfident," Finley said. "We know Utah is a quality team, but we've beaten them twice there and that gives us confidence. It's going to be a physical series, we know that. We're prepared for that."

The goal for Dallas, of course, is to win one of the first two games in Salt Lake. In the best-of-five series, one victory on the road would nullify Utah's homecourt advantage.

"We have to play hard from start to finish," Mavericks guard Juwan Howard said. "We have to be the aggressor. That is the only way we are going to get a win in Utah."

The Jazz bring their aging but formidable lineup which is led by 17-year veteran John Stockton and 16-year pro Karl Malone, both of whom have spent their entire careers in Utah.

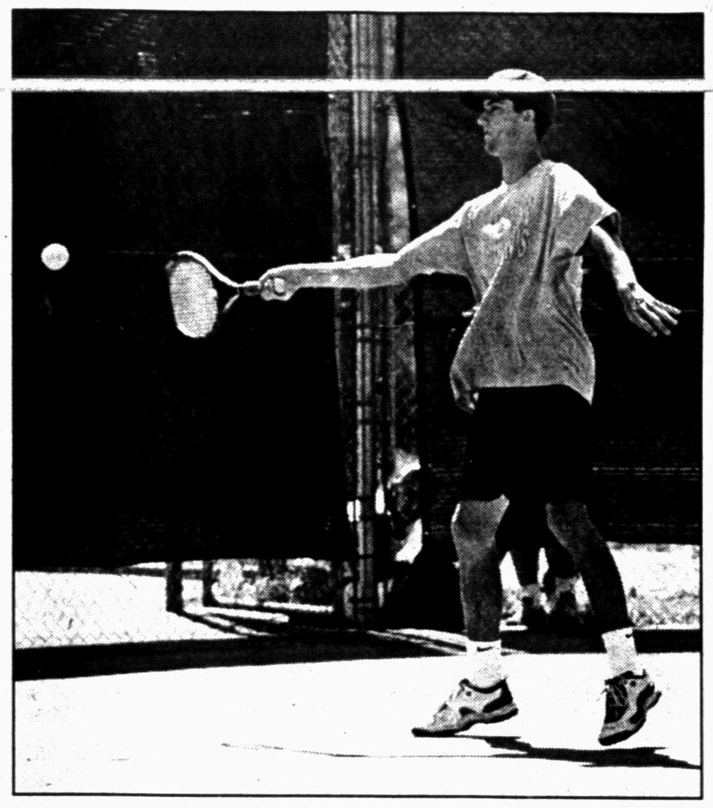
The emerging Mavericks have an international presence. The roster includes Steve Nash (Canada), Eduardo Najera (Mexico), Dirk Nowitzki (Germany), Obinna Ekezie (Nigeria) and Wang Zhizhi (China).

Whomever coach Don Nelson puts on the floor, Stockton said they'll have Utah's respect.

"They present a lot of matchup problems," Stockton said. "They have big guys who can run the floor."

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Baseball
Estacado at Snyder, 5:30
Ira at Abilene High JV, 5 p.m.
Softball
Snyder at Andrews, 7:30
Track
Snyder at Wall regional qualifiers' meet
MONDAY
Golf
Snyder girls at 4A regional tourney, Riverside GC in San Angelo
Snyder boys at 4A regional tourney, Quicksand GC in San Angelo
Ira at 1A regional tourney, Maxwell GC in Abilene
Tennis
Snyder at 4A regional tourney, Bentwood CC in San Angelo
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FOREHAND — Snyder's Allen Smith delivers a shot at last year's regional tennis tournament. Smith returns to the regional event Monday and Tuesday, along with doubles partner Ryan Gibson and singles player Patricia Vargas. The regional tourney is held at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers host Matadors this evening

The Snyder Lady Tigers end the regular season tonight, while the Snyder Tiger baseball squads hopes to put an end to it's winless drought.

The Lady Tigers travel to Andrews tonight for the District 4-4A softball finale. Game time is set for 7:30.

Meanwhile at Moffett Field, the Tigers host the Estacado Matadors for a district baseball contest at 5:30.

The Lady Tigers (18-11, 11-2) wrapped up second place with their victory Tuesday over Plainview. Snyder will face either Canyon or Canyon Randall in next Friday's bi-district playoff round.

Andrews will also advance to the postseason as the No. 3 seed. The Lady Mustangs will square off with Borger in the first round.

The Lady Tigers downed Andrews, 11-6, in the first meeting.

On the baseball diamond, the Tigers hope to turn things around against the Matadors.

After going 3-0 to start district, Snyder has dropped seven of its last eight games, with the lone win coming over Estacado.

The Tigers are sixth in the district standings and carry an overall record of 11-11 into tonight's action.

Following today's contest, the Tigers are on the diamond again Tuesday when they host Plainview. Snyder closes out the season next Friday at Andrews.

The Lady Tigers' bi-district game will be held next Friday in Lubbock, regardless of the opponent.

Sports Briefs

Golf send-off

A send-off for the SHS boys' and girls' golf teams will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in the sophomore parking lot at the high school. Both squads begin competition Monday in the regional golf tournament in San Angelo.

Tumbling meet

The Ready, Set. Go tumbling meet will be at the Scurry County Coliseum Saturday. Competition starts at 8 a.m.

Horseshoe tournament

Snyder Slingers horseshoe pitching club will host the Duncan Classic at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Bass tournament

Snyder Bass Club will host a tournament Saturday and Sunday at Lake Allen Henry. Fishing will begin at daylight both days, with weigh-in at 4 p.m.

To sign-up, call 573-3951 or go by Scifres Tire.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be low net twosome.

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player,.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
First Round
(Best-of-5)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
PHILADELPHIA vs. INDIANA
Saturday, April 21
Indiana at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24
Indiana at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Philadelphia at Indiana, 12:40 p.m.

MILWAUKEE vs. ORLANDO
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Milwaukee at Orlando, 8:30 p.m.

MIAMI vs. CHARLOTTE
Saturday, April 21
Charlotte at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, April 23
Charlotte at Miami, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 27
Miami at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

NEW YORK vs. TORONTO
Sunday, April 22
Toronto at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
Toronto at New York, 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 29
New York at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO vs. MINNESOTA
Saturday, April 21
Minnesota at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 23
Minnesota at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
San Antonio at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.

L.A. LAKERS vs. PORTLAND
Sunday, April 22
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 29
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 5:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTO vs. PHOENIX
Sunday, April 22
Phoenix at Sacramento, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 29
Sacramento at Phoenix, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 21
Dallas at Utah, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24
Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 28
Utah at Dallas, 3 p.m.

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Rangers bow to Athletics, 9-5

ARLINGTON (AP) — A change of scenery has been good for the Oakland Athletics.

After eight straight losses at home, the Athletics have won three of the first four games of their longest road trip of the season. Oakland won 9-5 at Texas on Thursday night after taking two-of-three at Anaheim earlier in the week.

Oakland had 15 hits against the Rangers, 11 in the first six innings off Kenny Rogers (1-1), who hadn't lost to the Athletics in 11 appearances since 1994.

Miguel Tejada had three hits for the Athletics and Johnny Damon had his second straight two-hit game, including a three-run homer.

After hitting .292 in his six seasons with Kansas City, Damon was traded to Oakland during the offseason and hit just .175 (10-for-57) in his first 14 games with the A's. He is over .200 for the first time this season (.212).

Damon led off with a single and put Oakland ahead to stay when he scored on a sacrifice fly by Olmedo Saenz. His first homer of the season, a three-run shot off Rogers in the sixth, gave the A's a 7-2 lead.

He also drove in a run with a groundout in the fourth inning.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	8	6	.571	—
Atlanta	8	8	.500	1
Montreal	8	8	.500	1
Florida	6	9	.400	2½
New York	6	9	.400	2½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	10	5	.667	—
Houston	8	6	.571	1½
Cincinnati	8	7	.533	2
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	3
St. Louis	7	8	.467	3
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429	3½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	9	6	.600	—
San Francisco	9	6	.600	—
Los Angeles	8	8	.500	1½
Arizona	6	9	.400	3
San Diego	6	9	.400	3

Thursday's Games
Colorado 4, San Diego 0
Florida 5, Montreal 2
Los Angeles 10, San Francisco 1
Friday's Games
Montreal (Armas Jr. 0-3) at Florida (Grilli 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 0-2) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Martinez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 0-2) at Philadelphia (Daal 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Ankiel 1-1) at Houston (Elarton 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Beharion 0-2) at Arizona (Cumming 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 1-0) at Los Angeles (Brown 1-1), 10:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 1-1) at San Francisco (Gardner 0-1), 10:35 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	4	.750	—
Toronto	11	5	.688	1
New York	9	7	.563	3
Baltimore	6	10	.375	6
Tampa Bay	4	12	.250	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	11	3	.786	—
Cleveland	8	6	.571	3
Chicago	6	8	.429	5
Detroit	5	9	.357	6
Kansas City	4	11	.267	7½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	12	4	.750	—
Texas	8	9	.471	4½
Anaheim	7	9	.438	5
Oakland	5	11	.313	7

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 11, Baltimore 5
Chicago White Sox 3, Detroit 1
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 3
Oakland 9, Texas 5
Seattle 3, Anaheim 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 5, 17 innings
Friday's Games
Boston (Nomo 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 1-1) at Cleveland (Finley 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Roberts 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-1), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 0-3) at Texas (Oliver 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 1-1) at Kansas City (Suzuki 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Rapp 0-2) at Seattle (Halama 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

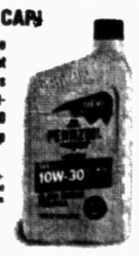
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Monday, April 16
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 2
St. Louis 6, San Jose 3
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Pittsburgh 3, Washington 0
Colorado 4, Vancouver 3, OT
Tuesday, April 17
New Jersey 4, Carolina 0
Buffalo 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
Edmonton 2, Dallas 1, OT
San Jose 3, St. Louis 2
Wednesday, April 18
Toronto 3, Ottawa 1, Toronto wins series 4-0
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT, series tied 2-2
Carolina 3, New Jersey 2, OT, New Jersey leads series 3-1
Colorado 5, Vancouver 1, Colorado wins series 4-0
Los Angeles 4, Detroit 3, OT, series tied 2-2
Thursday, April 19
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 1, Buffalo leads series 3-2
St. Louis 3, San Jose 2, OT, St. Louis leads series 3-2
Dallas 4, Edmonton 3, OT, Dallas leads series 3-2
Friday, April 20
Carolina at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
Pittsburgh at Washington, 3 p.m.
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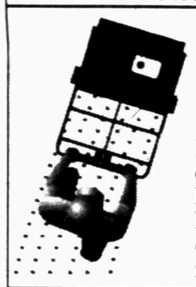
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Cage needed practice

LONDON (AP) — Nicolas Cage had to study more than just a script for his role in the upcoming film "Captain Corelli's Mandolin." He spent hours preparing for his on-screen musical performances.

"I dedicated myself to going home every night and practicing the songs for hours," Cage told reporters Thursday before the film's premiere in London. "I have had no musical training in my life but I do come from a musical family."

Cage plucks the mandolin in the film, in which he plays an Italian officer who woos a village doctor's daughter in World War II Greece.

The 37-year-old actor said he fell victim to a local curse while filming on the Greek island of Cephallonia.

"There is a curse that says if you stay any length of time you get bad dreams," he said. "I had some fairly violent dreams while I was there. I had dreams about soldiers killing each other."

O'Donnel to return

NEW YORK (AP) — Rosie O'Donnell is returning to "The Rosie O'Donnell Show."

The TV host has been out since April 4, under doctor's orders, recovering from an infected hand. She returns Monday but will make a brief appearance on her show Friday.

O'Donnell cut a tendon in her hand last August while trying to cut a price tag off a fishing pole. She's had three surgeries since then, spokeswoman Laura Mandel said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	39.01	38.67	38.79	—.41
AOL TimeWrn	49.89	48.25	48.63	—1.27
AT&T Corp	23.20	22.71	22.93	—.28
Albertsons	29.78	29.30	29.56	—.22
Alltel	52.01	51.14	51.35	—.37
AmEl Pw	49.65	48.80	49.10	+ .09
AndarkPtr	64.80	63.53	64.25	+ .70
ATMOS Egy	22.00	21.39	21.49	—.46
Aviall	7.95	7.83	7.95	+ .04
BP Amoco	52.35	51.82	52.07	+ .52
BakerHughes	34.75	33.45	34.35	+ .88
Bank of Amer	56.39	55.30	55.55	—.85
BellSouth	41.96	40.60	40.94	—.94
Beth Steel	2.80	2.63	2.64	—.16
BurlNoSFe	30.82	30.38	30.41	—.07
Caterpillar	47.50	46.86	47.27	—.41
Chevron	93.40	92.50	92.93	+ .18
Citigroup s	50.29	48.90	49.10	—1.20
CocaCola	47.25	46.75	46.84	—.66
ColgatePal	53.00	51.90	52.90	+ .33
ComclMetals	25.59	25.25	25.25	—.35
CooperInd	35.30	35.00	35.04	—.52
DaimlrChry	49.95	49.70	49.82	+ .87
DeltaAirl	44.30	43.81	43.85	—.45
Dillards Inc	16.94	16.50	16.61	—.35
DowChem s	35.44	34.75	35.30	+ .55
DuPont	45.90	45.08	45.64	—.30
EastmanChem	54.99	53.60	54.78	+ .66
EstKodak	43.35	42.90	43.01	—1.19
EDS Corp	64.18	62.50	63.27	—.75
Entergy	38.80	38.25	38.64	+ .29
ExxonMobil	85.10	84.30	85.09	+ .64
GenDynam	73.45	71.96	72.47	—1.03
GenElec s	48.05	47.50	47.77	—.74
GenMills	39.10	38.43	38.55	—1.16
GenMotors	56.20	55.20	55.36	—1.33
GaPacGP	30.75	30.11	30.33	—.14
GlobalMar	25.84	25.00	25.72	+ .74
Goodrich	39.80	39.15	39.63	+ .45
Goodyear s	25.93	25.50	25.61	—.18
GtAtlPac	9.17	9.00	9.10	+ .19
Halliburtn	36.80	35.50	36.67	+ 1.44
Hanson ADS	34.60	34.25	34.60	+ 1.04
HarteHanks	22.99	22.45	22.65	—.35
HomeDepot	46.10	45.29	45.66	—.42
Honeywellntl	47.25	46.60	46.88	—.72
IBM	116.40	113.75	115.05	+ .35
IntlPaper	38.78	37.55	38.42	—.07
JohnsonJn	92.30	91.05	91.36	—1.49
K mart	9.34	9.21	9.25	—.10
KinderMorg	56.50	54.75	54.91	—1.79
Kroger Co	22.78	22.25	22.30	—.14
Litton	79.80	79.77	79.77	—.03
LockheedM	35.46	34.35	35.18	—.02
Lowes Cos	59.10	57.30	57.65	—1.31
Lubys	7.42	7.30	7.30	—.05
LucentTech	10.40	8.56	9.94	+ .90
MayDeptStr	38.80	38.40	38.61	+ .11
Medtronic	47.08	46.50	46.69	—.28
Motorola s	16.40	15.56	15.97	—.12
NCR Corp	48.44	47.38	47.40	—1.60
Navistar	26.21	25.67	25.75	—.46
Penney JC	18.85	18.39	18.77	—.31
PepBoys	5.08	5.00	5.02	
PepsiCo	42.04	41.77	41.93	—.54
Pharmacia	48.90	47.65	48.34	—1.36
PhelpDodge	44.33	43.70	43.91	+ .04
PhilipPet	58.10	57.19	58.00	+ .65
PilgrmPrd B	10.20	10.10	10.20	—.01
Polaroid	3.82	3.60	3.61	—.20
Praxair	48.10	47.38	47.54	—.24
ProctGamb	59.62	58.11	59.39	+ .43
PubS NwMx	32.26	31.94	32.20	+ .10
RadioShack	29.47	28.76	29.21	+ .22
ReliantEngy	49.79	48.80	49.26	+ .17
RoyalDut	57.60	57.04	57.36	+ .55
SBC Comm	41.54	40.51	40.63	—.72
SaraLee	20.54	20.00	20.21	—.42
Scripps EW	62.60	61.95	62.05	+ .05
SearsRoeb	36.47	35.90	36.05	—.54
SherwinW	22.08	21.51	21.86	+ .26
SouthernCo s	22.80	22.20	22.47	+ .16
SwstAirl s	19.04	18.72	18.78	—.32
SprintFON	22.05	21.27	21.91	—.11
SprintPCS	26.38	25.80	26.08	—.60
Sunoco Inc	36.49	35.65	36.05	+ .08
TXU Corp	42.39	41.70	42.00	+ .05
TempleInland	49.21	48.10	48.61	+ .44
Texaco	70.25	69.40	69.82	+ .52
TexInd	29.08	28.35	28.41	—.67
Texasinst s	39.18	36.70	37.32	—1.49
Textron	56.60	55.25	55.73	—1.03
TriconGlbR	40.80	39.90	40.56	+ .56
TrinityInds	18.95	18.72	18.75	—.20
TritonEngy	23.75	23.05	23.08	+ .48
TylerTech	1.50	1.50	1.50	
USX-Marathn	29.83	29.13	29.81	+ .68
USX-USS	16.05	15.71	15.78	—.13
UnionPacif	59.50	59.27	59.29	—.21
UnitedTech	77.15	76.10	76.98	—.32
Unocal	37.06	36.51	36.87	+ .59
Venator Grp	13.75	13.55	13.55	—.16
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1 dead, 3 injured in chase

BAYTOWN (AP) — One person was killed and two others injured in a 40-mile chase of a stolen truck in which the driver bumped or sideswiped at least three vehicles before he was stopped when police shot him.

The tractor-trailer cab's driver, hit with a shotgun blast during the hourlong chase along busy freeways and interstate highways through the nation's fourth-largest city, remained in critical condition early Friday.

Clifford Lemelle, 39, underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to the hip Thursday night at Ben Taub Hospital. A state trooper fired at Lemelle after he swerved across Interstate 10 and toward an officer attempting to put out a row of spikes to slow the speeding tractor-trailer rig, Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Richard Vasser said.

"He tried to run over an officer on foot," Vasser said.

That's when officers involved in the pursuit fired two rounds at the rig to stop it and hit Lemelle, the trooper explained.

"It was a dangerous pursuit," Vasser said. "The fact that he was using a massive vehicle to force his way through traffic and in an attempt to run over officers or to disable other vehicles and possibly injure or kill civilians — the officers took what they thought was appropriate action."

Officers with guns drawn handcuffed Lemelle, who crawled out the passenger side door of the rig and went face-down in the weeds on the shoulder of Interstate 10 east of Baytown.

A witness said the man didn't want to come and that it took several minutes before he did. He was bloody as they put him on a stretcher.

Vasser said five agencies were involved in the pursuit, which began in Houston and ended in Chambers County, more than 35 miles away. He said he heard other agencies fired upon the rig as well, but couldn't confirm how many shots or when they were fired.

As officers scoured the area where the truck came to rest on the shoulder of the interstate, at least six shots were visible in the rig's windshield. Another half dozen shots were visible in the rig's driver's side door.

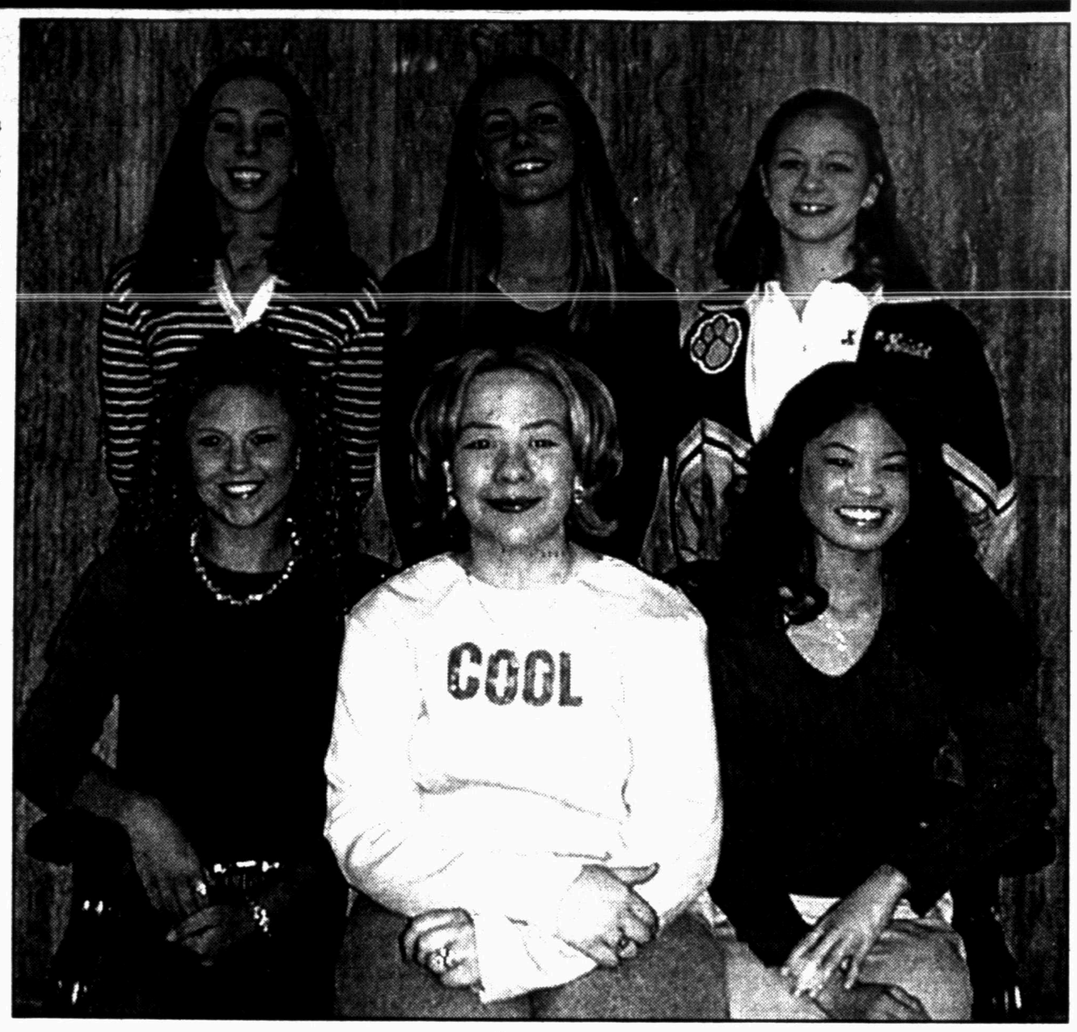
"He wasn't stopping for anything," Vasser said.

Alfonso Vellencia died at Memorial Hermann Hospital after his pickup truck crashed into an 18-wheeler which had been clipped by the stolen rig. Vellencia hit the second truck after its driver stopped to check the damage to his truck on an inside lane.

Two others from the vehicles hit by the stolen tractor-trailer were transported by helicopter ambulance to Memorial Hermann Hospital. Their injuries and conditions were not available.

Vasser said the chase began shortly after the rig's owner saw someone jump into his truck at a service station.

"He was attempting to fuel his vehicle and he looked up and saw the subject ... steal his vehicle," the trooper said.



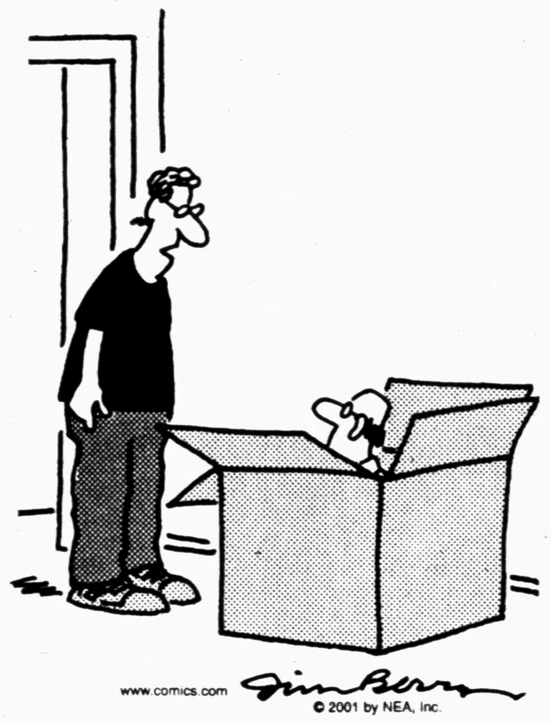
JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — Snyder High School's junior varsity cheerleaders for 2001-2002 are from left, back row, Sara Thornhill, Katie Chandler, Kristell Fitts; front row, Gerrico Greenlee, Molly Mason, Ashlye Amox. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Officer accused of assaulting woman

DALLAS (AP) — An off-duty Dallas narcotics officer kidnapped a woman at gunpoint and sexually assaulted and robbed her in his truck, police said in court records.

Senior Cpl. Norman Bell III, 39, who was arrested April 13 on charges of aggravated sexual assault, has been placed on paid administrative leave. He was released from jail Tuesday after posting $10,000 bond. He joined the department in 1987.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Tics are stress-related

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes periodic, pulsating twitches under my eye? What can I do about them?

DEAR READER: I suspect that your twitch is a tic — repetitive, brief, involuntary muscle contractions that are stress-related and often begin in childhood. Tics frequently affect the muscles of the face. The twitches always feel more pronounced than they really are; that is, they may not be obvious to an observer. Tics require no treatment, and they do not constitute a health hazard; they come and go, depending on fatigue and tension.

In contrast, a specialized form of a tic is called Gilles de la Tourette's syndrome. This is much rarer and more serious than are common tics. It consists of sporadic, uncontrollable, random complex muscle movements, in association with vocal utterances, which are often obscene. Treatment with a drug such as clonidine is often helpful in blocking the unwanted muscle movements and the vocal outcries.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Tourette's Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 80 years old and suffer from severe pain in my right hip. X-rays were negative. I'm otherwise in good health. My doctor has concluded that I have age-related arthritis, but I would value your opinion.

DEAR READER: Hip pain has many causes ranging from bursitis and arthritis to tendonitis and nerve compression from a ruptured disc in the spine. All of these conditions are treatable; many are curable.

I'm not happy with your doctor's tentative conclusions. Before you can be relieved of your pain, you need to know the cause of it. X-rays are not sufficient for diagnosis. They often indicate the presence of osteoarthritis, which is marked by calcium deposits in and around joints; however, X-rays will not show inflammatory arthritis or most soft-tissue irritations that can produce hip pain. To diagnose these ailments, you would need an MRI scan. Therefore, I recommend that you obtain a second opinion from an orthopedic specialist — an M.D. trained in the diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders.

Meanwhile, taking an anti-inflammatory, over-the-counter remedy, such as ibuprofen or Aleve might help you. In addition, physical therapy and special exercises could reduce your discomfort.

In the event that testing reveals significant hip disease, you may require prescription anti-inflammatory medication — such as Vioxx, Celebrex, or Arthotec — cortisone injections or, as a last resort, surgery to replace a diseased hip or to decompress a pinched nerve. An orthopedist can advise you; ask your doctor to refer you to one.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is Peyronie's disease?

DEAR READER: This chronic ailment, which commonly affects adult males, refers to the formation of scar tissue in the covering of the erectile tissues of the penis. In its mildest form, Peyronie's disease causes the erect penis to be crooked or bent. Severe forms are associated with painful erections and inability to have sexual relations. No one knows the cause of the disorder. Treatment should be administered only by qualified practitioners, preferably urologists, and consists of cortisone injections, ultrasound therapy, or surgery to release the constricting bands of scar tissue.

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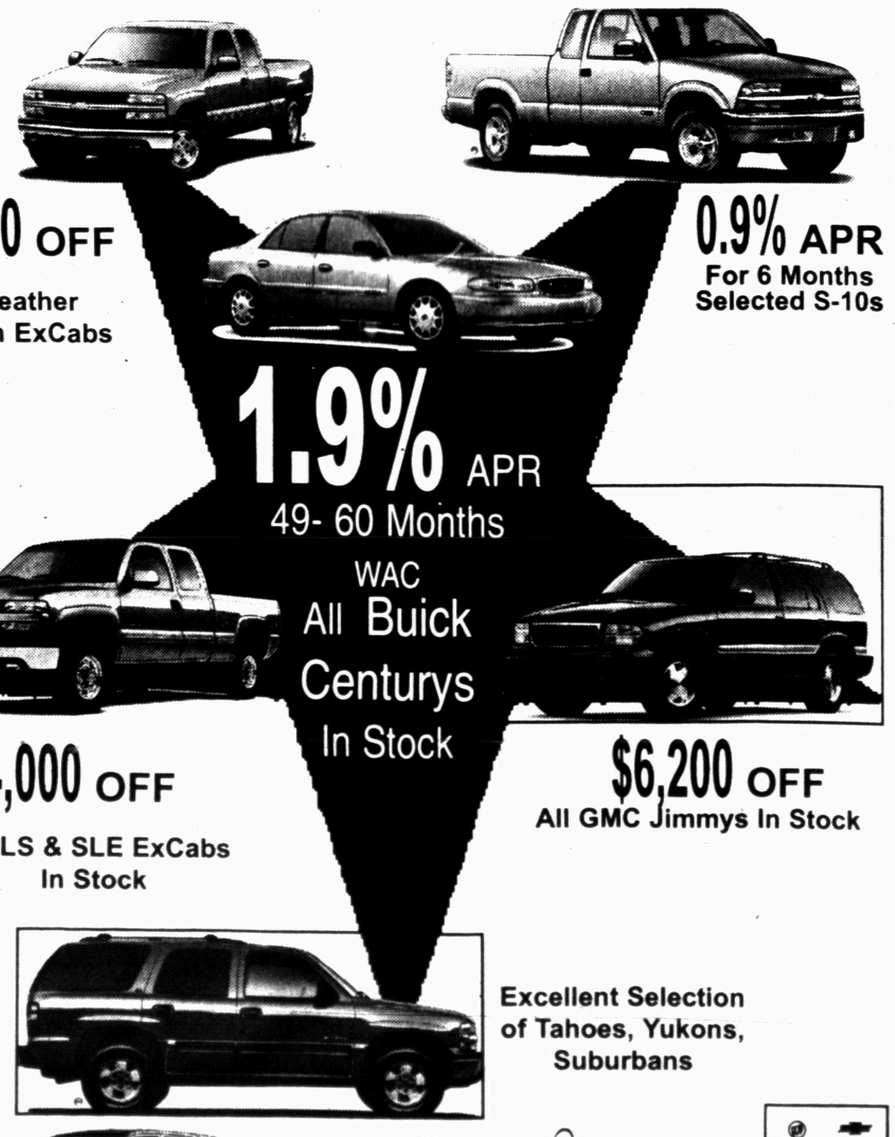
SEATTLE (AP) — The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will give more than $3.2 million to 14 state schools.

The money is part of the foundation's high achievement model school grant program. It will go to improving teaching and increasing access to technology, the foundation announced Wednesday.

"It was clear to me when I visited the principals of these schools that all have adopted some successful strategies for improving their students' education," said Kyle Miller, program officer of school grants for the foundation.

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Shuttle closing in on space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour closed in on the international space station today as its crew prepared to install a massive billion-dollar robotic arm at the 240-mile-high outpost.

The crew awakened to a rendition of "Then The Morning Comes" by Smash Mouth.

"Welcome to another world," Mission Control said.

The arm, Canada's major contribution to space station Alpha, is essentially a high-tech construction crane that can move end-over-end on the orbiting complex.

At 57 feet, 9 inches and 3,618 pounds, the arm, made of aluminum, stainless steel and graphite epoxy, cannot support its own weight on Earth. It had to be disconnected at the elbow and was supported by a massive rig for pre-flight testing.

NASA has planned two spacewalks, Sunday and Tuesday, for Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield and U.S. astronaut Scott Parazynski to install the arm.

"We are going to move it agonizingly slow at first, I think until we start to get a feel for whether or not it behaves like our simulations have predicted," Hadfield said before the mission. "We're actually going to run it through its initial paces during our flight."

Time for a third spacewalk was built into the mission schedule in case astronauts need it to complete the intricate work.

That includes hooking up wiring to power up the arm and installation of a UHF antenna to enable members of the station crew to talk to spacewalkers and improve shuttle-to-station communication.

Defense motion to bar FBI tape rejected

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A Supreme Court justice on today rejected a defense motion to bar an FBI tape from the murder trial of a former Ku Klux Klansman in a 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls.

Without a written opinion, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy turned back the emergency appeal of the lawyer for Thomas Blanton Jr.

Blanton, 62, is charged with murder in the dynamite bombing at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on Sept. 15, 1963. The blast killed 11-year-old Denise McNair and 14-year-olds Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson.

The church had become a gathering place for civil rights activists.

Blanton's attorneys turned to Kennedy, who handles emergency motions involving Alabama, after the state's appeals courts refused to block the tape from being used as evidence in the trial. Jury selection began this week, and testimony is expected to begin next week.

The defense contends the recording device secretly installed in Blanton's apartment in 1964 was done illegally in violation of privacy laws.

"The government did not have proper authority to place a listening device inside Blanton's apartment," the emergency motion said. "Due to the media attention and public interest in this trial, the recordings will be forever deemed public knowledge once they are played for the jury and the press. Blanton will have no recourse on appeal because the damage caused by playing the tapes at trial is irreversible."

U.S. Attorney Doug Jones, who is prosecuting the state murder case under a special arrangement, has argued in preliminary hearings that no law was in place in 1964 to prevent the secret taping in Blanton's kitchen.

Defense attorney John Robbins has argued that the tapes, among other things, violate a 1967 Supreme Court ruling against illegal secret taping by FBI agents.

Administration mulls pulling peacekeepers out of Sinai area

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is considering withdrawing U.S. troops from the multinational force along the border between Israel and Egypt.

There are 865 Americans in Sinai, a mountainous desert region between Israel and Egypt that was a battleground in several Arab-Israeli wars. They serve in an observer force of about 1,850 soldiers from 11 countries at a cost to the United States of about $16 million a year and have been in place since 1982. Under the agreement that sent them there, Egypt and Israel would have to approve a U.S. withdrawal.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld has approached Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, whose nations signed a peace treaty in 1979 that has survived strains and conflict elsewhere in the Middle East.

Neither Sharon nor Mubarak apparently is keen on the idea of an American withdrawal, and a final decision has yet to be made by the administration, the Pentagon and State Department said Thursday.

Rumsfeld approached Sharon during the prime minister's visit to Washington last month and Mubarak on his trip here in early April. The Israeli defense minister, Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, could bring his government's formal reply when he comes to Washington next month for talks.

"We are looking at all troop deployments around the world. Where we can reduce troops without creating instability, we will do so," President Bush said at the White House.

Noting he had taken this position during his presidential campaign, Bush said: "I've always felt that we're overextended, which creates morale problems" in the military.

"On the other hand, we have made commitments. We won't walk away from our commitments," he said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, for instance, assured the NATO foreign ministers at their annual winter meeting in Brussels, Belgium, last month that U.S. peacekeeping troops would remain in the Balkans.

Obituaries

Aubrey Williams

1917-2001

Aubrey Williams, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Thursday, April 19, at his home near Hermleigh after a lengthy illness.



Williams

Funeral service for Mr. Williams, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

The Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor; The Rev. Danny Williams, a nephew; and the Rev. Tommy Williams, a brother; will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 28, 1917 in Hermleigh, he married Rosie Kuss on Oct. 15, 1939 in Sweetwater.

A lifetime Hermleigh area resident, Mr. Williams was a retired farmer and carpenter and a member of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church.

The third of 14 children, he was preceded in death by his parents, Ross and Delia Reed Williams; a sister, Mary Lee Williams; and three brothers, G.B. Williams, Roscie Williams and Bob Williams.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie Williams of Hermleigh; two sons, David Williams of Snyder and Aubrey Williams of Hermleigh; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Virginia Williams of Hermleigh, Janie and Rodger Sullenger and Betty and Derwin Thompson, all of Snyder, and Ruby and A.E. "Ned" Gates of San Antonio; four sisters, Loreta Hallman of Inadale, Sybil Minyard and Juanita Grover, both of Snyder, and Izora Browning of Midland; five brothers, F.R. "Bear" Williams of Snyder, Wint Williams and Fred Williams, both of Odessa, Tommy Williams of Belgrade, Mont., and Ted Williams of Post; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Michael Williams Stephen Sullenger, Jeffrey Gates, Travis Gates, Samuel Gates, all grandsons, and nephews, Ricky and Randy Williams, will serve as pallbearers.

Friends are contributing to the Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring in Midland, 79705.

Lunch for the family will be served at noon Saturday at the Hermleigh First Baptist Church.

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R. Quintanilla

1958-2001

ROTAN – Robert Quintanilla, the brother of Alice Avinia and Carmen Ribera of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 18, in the Anson Healthcare Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Quintanilla, 42, is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Johnrose Hayden officiating. Burial will follow in the Hamlin East Cemetery.

Born June 14, 1958 in Hamlin, Mr. Quintanilla was a laborer and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his mother, Hermenijilda Quintanilla.

Survivors include a daughter, Crystal Quintanilla of Tye; another sister, Elva Galvan of Anson; two brothers, Larry Quintanilla of Hamlin and Pete Quintanilla of Jamestown, N.C.; and his father, Robert Quintanilla Sr. of Hamlin.

Lorena Burleson

1918-2001

Lorena May Burleson, a longtime Hermleigh area resident, died Thursday, April 19, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Burleson

Funeral service for Mrs. Burleson, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born May 15, 1918 in Iowa Park, Mrs. Burleson had been a resident of Scurry County since 1949. She was a housewife and attended Victory Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Claudann and Travis Morgan of Bandera; three sons, Corylane Burleson and his wife, Julie, of Snyder, Carroldon Burleson of Fort Worth and Carl Burleson and his wife, Gayle, of Snyder; a brother, Earl Clark of Fresno, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Man arrested for Class A assault

• ***Arrest***

A crying woman called the police department this morning at 12:33, gave her address and then hung up. Officers responded to the Kingswood Apartments and at 12:47, arrested a 28-year-old male for Class A assault, family violence.

• ***Theft***

Joy Bastow requested an officer at 3307 23rd St. shortly after noon Thursday in reference to money being stolen. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

• ***Fight***

Officers responded to a report of a fight at 3:21 p.m. in the area of 28th Street and Avenue M. Two juveniles were taken to the police station and citations issued for disorderly conduct-fighting

• ***Disturbance***

At 3:50 p.m., officers were called to Central Elementary in reference to a juvenile creating a disturbance in the office. The juvenile was taken to the police station and later released to his parents.

• ***Found bicycle***

Officers were notified at 2:35 p.m. Thursday that a bicycle had been left at Lone Star Cleaners.

Hospital

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ONGOINGS

New Hope anniversary

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Ave. L, will celebrate its 39th anniversary and homecoming tonight through Sunday. The Rev. L. Smith of Morning Star Church in Wichita Falls will speak at 7:30 tonight. Rev. Mark Smith of New Generation in Fort Worth will speak at 3 p.m. Sunday.

CHIP sign-up continues

Parents may sign-up their children for the CHIP (children health insurance program) from 2-7 p.m. today in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Community garden

A community garden spring planting and workday is set Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed and should wear hat, gloves and bring a hoe to 26th and Ave. C. Food from the garden supplements the Food Cupboard. Also anyone wishing to grow a small family garden is welcome, and needs to contact Belu Boren at the garden or call 574-1967.

Reading event

National Poetry Month will be observed at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Library. Parents are welcome. The event is part of Snyder ISD's community-wide reading program. The last event will be May 12 at the Sonic.

Vincent Baptist Church anniversary

The Vincent Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary Sunday. Services will be at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at noon at the church.

Crystal River concert

Crystal River will present a concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at North College Baptist Church, 208 North College.

First Church of Nazarene

Mike Howard, pastor, will preach from the roof of his church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday to fulfill his pledge as more than 100 people attended services Easter Sunday. The church is located at 2462 S. Highway 208.

8th grade parents meeting

A meeting of 8th grade parents will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Tiger Health and Fitness to finalize plans and make decorations for the 8th grade party. Bring scissors.

Ira project graduation

A Project Graduation organizational meeting for all 8th-12th grade parents will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Ira school cafeteria.

Hometown performances

Snyder High School's drama department will present four performances of *Taming of the Shrew* in Worsham Auditorium. The UIL one-act play will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Tickets are $3 for adults and $2 for students.

SHS boosters

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the high school student center for planning the all-sports banquet to be held May 3. A representative from each booster club needs to be present. For information, call Chris Thornhill at 573-2272.

Community Care Hospice

Community Care Hospice is sponsoring a Care Givers dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Garden Room of First Baptist Church. Call Laura Jones at 573-4296 if you plan to attend.

West family night out

West Elementary's family night out will be Tuesday at Snyder Lanes Grill.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room in the Scurry County Library. Members will read narratives written about their paternal grandfathers. Visitors are invited and membership dues are $12.50 per person, or $15 per couple.

Cancer Society meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

MAWC Game Day, Luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon will be held Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Call 573-3427.

Discovery School

Next Friday is the final day to register for the summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church. Fee is $12 for the session that begins Monday, May 21. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each weekday and is for children ages six weeks through pre-kindergarten. Pre-registration for the fall session are also being accepted.

Men's Conference

The Word Is Life Deliverance Church will sponsor a Men's Conference at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28. David Fees will be the guest speaker. Barry Knight will be in charge of music.

Farm Bureau seminar

The Scurry County Farm Bureau is sponsoring Scurry County students to attend the student citizenship seminar at Angelo State University June 4-8. Applications must be in the Farm Bureau office by Friday, April 27. Information is available at each high school's counseling office. Call the Farm Bureau for additional information at 573-9963.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge will have a called meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, to honor the widows of Masons. Two 50-year Masonic Service Awards also will be given. All Master Masons and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served by the Eastern Star.

SHS football booster club

The Snyder High School football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, in the student center. Parents of high school and junior high players are urged to attend. The upcoming fundraiser and the all-sports banquet will be discussed. The public also is invited.

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Highlights Thursday from Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Clashes continue over hate crimes legislation.

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff disagreed with Gov. Rick Perry, a fellow Republican, on Thursday about whether the Senate should have voted on the hate crimes bill the day before.

Plans to bring up the bill were halted in the House and the Senate after Gov. Rick Perry voiced concerns that two Republican senators wouldn't have been present for the vote Wednesday.

But Ratliff, the presiding officer in the Senate, disagreed with Perry, saying Thursday that he would have gone ahead with the vote since neither of the senators who were absent asked him to wait.

"In my 12 years here, I don't think I've ever had the occasion where someone advocated that all members have to be here for a particular vote," said Ratliff, who presides over the Senate. "The author has certain prerogatives to run with the bill when the author believes that he or she has the votes. But the other senators have the prerogative of asking me to hold it and I will honor that."

Perry's spokeswoman had no comment.

The bill's sponsor Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, decided not to debate the bill Wednesday, claiming he didn't have enough votes because Perry had pressured some Republicans to pull their support.

Perry denied the allegation, explaining that he was only voicing his concern that "you have 31 senators and when you don't have a full contingent, it could completely change the complexion of this legislation."

The hate crimes bill would strengthen penalties for crimes motivated by race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry. The sexual orientation part of the bill has been the sticking point for conservatives.

ALL DRIED OUT

With Texas facing predicted water shortages over the next 50 years, the Senate approved legislation to help prioritize future water projects. Most of the bill's major funding, however, had dried up long before it ever got to a vote.

When the bill was first introduced, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, had hoped to raise $500 million a year with sales taxes on domestic water and sewer use and other sources to help pay for water projects.

But Brown said he realized the political reality of such a proposal — he said it would be impossible to pass such a tax increase this year — and nearly all of the funding was removed.

Instead, the Senate agreed only to charge water bottling companies a 5 cents-per-container fee on bottled water produced in Texas. The money would be placed in a trust fund for later water projects.

Brown said his office hasn't calculated how much the surcharge would raise, but said it falls far short of the money he originally wanted.

LIFE SENTENCE

Texas juries could sentence capital murder defendants to life in prison without parole, a choice they don't have now in the nation's No. 1 death penalty state, under a bill narrowly approved Thursday by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

The committee voted 4-3 to approve the bill by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, and sent it to the full Senate.

Current law allows Texas juries two options for capital murder convictions: death or a "life" sentence that allows for parole after 40 years.

BUDGET WORK

The red pen re-emerged at the Capitol as members of the House and Senate met to work out differences in their respective budget proposals.

The committee has 39 days to work out the dollar details of many of the sessions top issues, including a statewide school employees health insurance program and several Medicaid reforms.

Those decisions have been tough in the tightest budget cycle in a decade. A slowing economy, limited revenue and skyrocketing health care costs have tied budget writers' hands.

The Senate approved a $111.7 billion proposal that included $814 million for across-the-board salary increases to state workers. The House passed a $109.7 billion budget that provided $134 million for targeted pay raises, including to correctional officers.

Other major differences are the amount of funding to education and Medicaid and other social services.

SPACEPORT

The House gave final approval to a bill passed earlier by the Senate that would create a spaceport trust fund.

The bill by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, would establish a fund to consist of money from gifts, grants or donations or any other money designated by the Legislature for developing spaceport infrastructure.

The spaceport would be home to a fleet of reusable space vehicles that aim to launch commercial satellites and other cargo into orbit.

OPEN RECORDS

The Senate gave tentative approval to allow consultant reports prepared for governments in connection with pending or expected lawsuits to be withheld from the public.

The sponsor of the measure, Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said it puts into law a recent state Supreme Court ruling that said such documents could be exempted from Texas open records laws.

News organizations have criticized the ruling as harmful to their ability to serve as government watchdogs.

HUMAN CLONING

Those caught cloning or trying to clone a human being would be subject to a first-degree felony or civil penalties up to $10 million under a bill approved unanimously by the Texas Senate. The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

"While it is important for us to support the miraculous advances in medicine today, the miracle of making a child should be left to the real experts: moms and dads," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound.

The bill would give Texas the strongest anti-human cloning law in the nation, according to Nelson's office.

NO GUNS

A bill to keep guns out of the hands of people convicted of domestic violence for five years was sent to the governor Thursday for his approval.

State law already prohibits firearm possession after a felony conviction. The bill passed by the House on Thursday would include misdemeanor domestic assault as well as anyone served with a protective order.

The bill by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, will become law if signed by Gov. Rick Perry.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"That does not happen with Crime Stoppers. People just don't go to 7-Elevens to hang out there and see if there's going to be a robbery." — Rep. Robert Puente responding to criticism that his proposal to offer to pay rewards for reporting environmental violators would turn citizens into bounty hunters.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, April 21, 2001

Lady Luck could be the one masterminding your material affairs in the year ahead. What she puts together might be situations you would never have the courage to attempt on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Give that person with whom you're involved in a joint venture the reassurance that he or she needs today, even if you think it's totally unnecessary.

You can never know another's fears and sensitivities. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today's cycle offers achievement in an endeavor important to you, even if the control is in the hands of another. Don't disturb the arrangements nor rock the boat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's because you have all the right factors going for you today, such as ambition, motivation, tenacity and luck, that almost anything you want to tackle will be a success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your chart indicates that today you might be given a second chance at something where you previously met failure. This time around you will succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Devote your efforts today to any coalition that can potentially offer you the greatest rewards. You're especially lucky at this time in joint venture involvement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — One of the things you can do best is bring divergent interests together for beneficial purposes. Step in today and make the arrangements that will be to everyone's benefit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — What you have in mind to implement a change you feel that could improve your working conditions or offer larger profit potential is right on track. Give it a try today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Provided the common objective of everybody is given prominence over individual interests, a partnership arrangement can turn out to be very fortunate for all today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today's aspects are especially lucky for you in finalizing matters of importance. To be on the safe side, work in this area and don't leave any loose threads hanging.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Something quite helpful might develop today through an old friend or contact. What transpires could turn this into a most fortunate day for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This is not the time to lower your expectations regarding something material you have in the works. Conditions are changing today in your favor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although it might call for a bit of modification, an idea you've recently conceived that is grand in scope has excellent chances of becoming a reality. Work on it today.

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Texas beef now has new logo

HARLINGEN (AP) — Spurred by quality concerns, Texas beef producers are introducing a new statewide logo for meat products.

The here's-the-beef logo — a red checkmark with a bull's head painted in white inside it and the word "beef" in black to its side — is already in use within recipe booklets issued by the Texas Beef Council and by some food companies selling ready-to-eat meals at supermarkets, industry representatives told the Valley Morning Star in Harlingen for Friday's editions.

"We want to use this new logo to promote quality in the beef industry," Ted McCollum III, a beef extension specialist, said at a Texas beef quality producer program Thursday at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show grounds in Mercedes.

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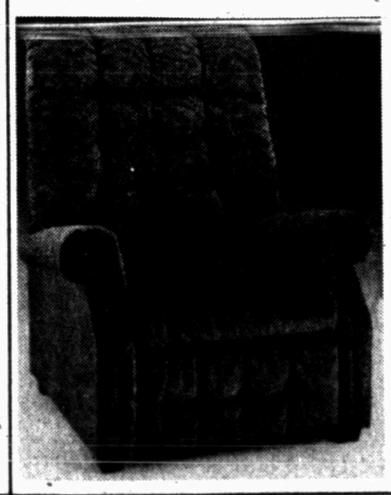
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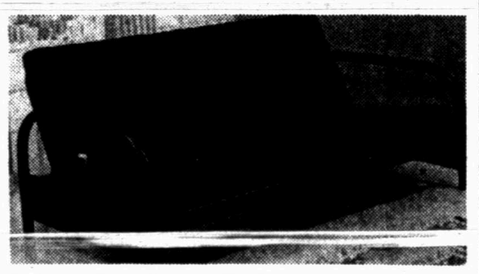
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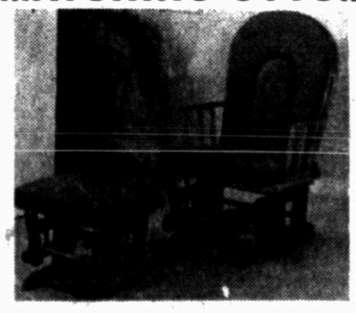
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