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Home of Janie Carroll



LITTLE GIRLS, BIG HOOP — Abby Tate, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Tate: (left) and Jordan Ruiz, 6 and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sunny Ruiz, spent some time at the Relay for Life with a hula-hoop considerably larger than both. Relay-for-Life organizers will have a wrapup meeting Tuesday evening. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Kemp paces SHS team to state in accounting

Snyder High School's accounting team captured top honors at the regional UIL Academic contest Friday and Saturday at Odessa College.

The SHS team is composed of Josh Kemp, Matthew Kerr, Josh Payne and Seth Cooper.

Also, three team members earned individual accolades — including Kemp — who turned in a perfect paper for the first place individual award, marking the first time one of sponsor Phyllis Smith's students has achieved that feat.

Kemp didn't find out until later because he was taking the mathematics test when the accounting awards were announced.

As for the perfect paper, Kemp said this morning that he was "waiting for it to happen sooner or later because I would get very close during practice sessions."

Kemp added that it was lucky that he had the perfect paper at the regional contest and not a practice assignment.

Kerr called winning "lots of fun." Cooper said earning first place "was exciting," and Payne added winning was "pretty cool."

Kerr and Kemp practice at home and Payne and Cooper get to practice during Mrs. Smith's accounting class.

Kerr came in third and Josh Payne garnered fifth place. Seth Cooper also is a member of the team.

Kemp also placed fourth in mathematics and fifth in number sense and Kerr received third place in current issues and events.

Other winners include Megan Fletcher who placed fourth in computer applications. Blake Robertson took home fifth in prose interpretation and Erin Burleson earned sixth in ready writing.

Gretchen Hollis earned fifth in editorial writing and sixth in headlines.

On Friday, three SHS drama students won awards in the one-act contest including Coleman Welch and Logan Martin, all-star cast, and Corie Hernandez, honorable mention all-star cast.

The SHS one-act play, however, did not advance.

The state UIL Academic contest will be held in Austin May 6-8. Students on the accounting team and in current issues and events will participate. The computer applications winner is an alternate to the state contest.

Other sponsors are Lynda Patterson, computer applications; Ron Hester, prose interpretation; JoAnn Cotton, ready writing; Diane Arnold, journalism; Darlene Stokes, number sense and mathematics; Beth Bowen, current issues and events; and Michael McQuerry, one-act play.



SHS REGIONAL WINS — Snyder High School students won awards at the UIL regional meet Friday and Saturday at Odessa College. Starting at the top row, accounting team members from left are Josh Payne, Matthew Kerr, Josh Kemp and Seth Cooper. On the second row are Erin Burleson and Megan Fletcher. On third row are drama students Logan Martin, Corie Hernandez and Coleman Welch. On bottom row are Gretchen Hollis and Blake Robertson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Mike Ward, veteran Snyder officer, promoted to sergeant

There's a new man in charge of overnight law enforcement, Mike Ward has been promoted to sergeant, the supervisor for nights.

Ward has been serving as a corporal since achieving that rank with the Snyder police department in October 2002.

He has lived in Snyder since he was in the fifth grade and served with the police department here for a total of nine years. He spent 10 months away from the department working with the Scurry County sheriff's office.

Sgt. Ward and wife, Sandy, have two sons —Christopher, 11 and Hunter, 8. His mother, Velma Ward, also lives in Snyder.



Mike Ward

Ward says it isn't the pay or the hours that makes him want to be an police officer."I like to do it because I can make a difference. Whether it's unlocking a car or saving a life, it helps people," he said.

The patrol sergeant is in charge of the entire shift, which rotates on a regular basis.

"We selected Mike because of his ability to understand and do the job, his dedication in working extra when needed," Police Chief Steve Warren said. "He is loyal, dedicated and has high integrity. He is going to make us an outstanding sergeant."

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.15
East of city	1.00
Lake Thomas	Sprinkle
Hermleigh	.80
NE of Hermleigh	1.00
Loyd Mountain	.80
Camp Springs	.20
Dunn	.10
Dermott	1.25
Union	Shower
Gail	Trace
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	.30
Inadale	.50

Totals as reported by area residents for the weekend.



ONE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL — Trooper Larry Escamilla investigated a one-vehicle mishap this morning near U.S. 84 and FM 1611. Lionsio Mendez of Ralls may have fallen asleep while eastbound on U.S. 84. The 18-wheeler veered off the road and jack-knifed. Escammila was taken to Cogdell Hospital with a laceration to his head, back pains and breathing difficulties. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

U.S. military in search for possible chemical munitions

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An explosion leveled part of a building as U.S. troops searched it for suspected "chemical munitions" today, an American general said. Two soldiers were killed and five wounded, and a cheering mob of Iraqis looted their wrecked Humvees, taking away weapons, a helmet and a bandolier.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt did not say what sort of chemical munitions were believed to be produced at the site. After the blast, there was no sign in the area of precautions against chemicals.

"Chemical munitions could mean any number of things," including smoke grenades, he said.

In Fallujah, U.S. troops and insurgents battled around a mosque in fighting that killed one soldier and eight militants, shaking the area with heavy explosions a day after U.S. officials announced a fragile cease-fire in the besieged city was being extended.

In the south, U.S troops rolled into a base in Najaf to replace Spanish forces who are withdrawing and to increase pressure on the militia of anti-U.S. Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Some Baghdad residents said the building that exploded today was a perfume factory, while others said it had once been a scrap metal workshop that repaired weapons and recycled old ammunition.

Asked about reports that the raid team included members of the Iraq Survey Group, Kimmitt said only: "The inspection was by a number of coalition forces."

He said the owner of the site was "suspected of supplying chemical agents" to Iraqi insurgents, but did not elaborate.

Incumbents stay on board at Big Country

All three incumbents on the Big Country Electric Cooperative board of directors were re-elected during Saturday's annual meeting in Hamlin.

James Seidenberger was unopposed in District 3, while District 4 incumbent, Carl Thompson, and District 7 incumbent, Mickey Sterling, were re-elected in contested races.

"It was a good crowd and everyone was happy with the turnout," said David Boyd, Snyder district manager.

"It was a good meeting," added Boyd.

Skeeter attack now underway in community

Spraying for mosquitoes is to get underway at sunset today in an area west of College Avenue and south of 30th St.

On Tuesday, the spraying will be west of College Avenue and north of 30th St.

Wednesday's schedule is in the area east of College Avenue and south of 30th St, and on Thursday, spraying will be east of College Avenue and north of 30th St.

Citizens are reminded to keep areas where mosquitoes breed mowed down, and standing water removed.

ASK US

Q—When is May Day?
A—May Day, the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center's annual fundraiser, is May 8 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Korey Burns...

...has lived in Snyder for 11 years. She and husband, Kenny, have two daughters - Sydney, 6 and Chloe, 4. Korey is the owner of Shear Madness Salon and likes to spend her free time with her family.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It's a rich man's war and a poor man's fight.
—popular description of the Civil War

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

TSA Booster Club

The Snyder High School Technology Students Association booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the shop building.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "What is Baptims of the Holy Spirit?" followed by "The Prayers of the Church."

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.

Stanfield parent council

The Stanfield parent council will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the school's conference room.

Relay for Life meeting

A wrap-up meeting for Relay for Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Desperado classroom of the First Baptist Church.

Hospice caregivers dinner

Odyssey Hospice will host a caregivers dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall.

Senior citizens dance

A dance for citizens 60 or older will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by Prowlers and cost is $4 per person.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have work in the fellowcraft degree at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Genealogy Society

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the county library. Kathy Nelson will speak on famous women.

MAWC luncheon, game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day will be held Wednesday with serving starting at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. Reservations are required by Tuesday evening by calling 573-3427.

Cigarette tax hike eyed for school money

AUSTIN (AP) — It takes smoker Linda Martinez only a split second to voice her opinion about the governor's proposed $1-per-pack cigarette tax increase.

"I'll pay it," said Martinez, a 54-year-old Austin woman who has smoked for 35 years. "Plain and simple — nicotine is an addictive drug, and just like any addict on the street, we are addicted."

"I'd rather pay it on the cigarettes than on the house taxes," Martinez added.

Those views may resonate with some Texas legislators who returned to the Capitol last week for a special legislative session. Republican Gov. Rick Perry called the session, he said, to reduce Texans' property taxes while eliminating the state's share-the-wealth education funding system, known to some as Robin Hood.

One Perry proposal to replace lost property tax revenue is a $1 increase in the state's cigarette tax, to $1.41 per pack.

Health advocates applaud the plan. Along with generating revenue, they say, it could help control health care costs by reducing smoking.

"People don't like taxes, but this is one that does have a good public health benefit and certainly fits well with some of the state's goals, certainly on education and on health," said Kelly Headrick, a lobbyist for the American Cancer Society's Texas division.

But the tobacco industry claims raising the tax would send smokers to neighboring states, Mexico or onto the Internet, or lead to illegal cigarette smuggling.

"That obviously threatens legitimate retailers and wholesalers in the state of Texas," said Jamie Drogin, spokeswoman for Philip Morris USA. "As the cigarettes get more expensive, consumers seek out alternative venues from which to buy cigarettes."

Opponents say the increase would impose a larger burden on the poor. They also say it would be a dwindling and unpredictable revenue source because of continuing declines in the number of smokers, even as education costs rise.

Texans Investing in Healthy Families, a coalition pushing for the cigarette tax increase, contends the higher prices would convince an estimated 179,000 adult smokers to quit and would decrease youth smoking by almost 20 percent.

As part of the proposed tax increase, the coalition wants a nickel of the increase dedicated to anti-smoking programs.

Perry estimates his cigarette tax proposal would generate $2.4 billion over the coming three fiscal years. He says the tax would be a reliable money source because his estimate factors in the probability that some people will stop smoking.

"I think we'd start spending a whole lot less money in our health and human services side of things if people quit smoking," he said. "I'd love to see people quit smoking."

The increase would give Texas one of the highest cigarette taxes in the nation. Texas is currently 37th, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

New Jersey has the highest state tax at $2.05 per pack. In New York City, smokers must pay $3 a pack because the state and city each tax at $1.50 per pack. Tobacco-producing states like Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina have the lowest taxes, at a nickel or less per pack.

Already several bills calling for a cigarette tax have been filed by Texas legislators of both political parties.

The state comptroller's office has estimated the tax would generate $1.5 billion over a two-year budget period, close to the estimate by Perry's office.

That projection factors in some "tax avoidance," a reference to smokers who would try to buy cigarettes out of state, said Headrick of the American Cancer Society.

Tax avoidance, or quitting smoking, isn't an option for Martinez, she said as she prepared to sit down with a "cheapo" cigarette at her teen-age son's baseball game.

"You'll have some people who'll say it's not worth it — not me," she said.

Martinez, who works as a parent support specialist at an elementary school, said she knows the money is needed for schools. But she would rather see the funding come from an increased sales tax because it would more evenly distribute the burden.

"Everybody would pay," she said.

Graduation project set up by PTK chapter

Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa organization is conducting Project Graduation Feed a Body, Feed a Mind, an international service project aimed at fighting hunger and illiteracy.

The organization is asking the community to participate by donating can goods as well as new and used books between now and the WTC commencement exercise on May 7.

The main collection event will be graduation, but donations will be accepted at the WTC Student Center and at a receptacle located at United Supermarket.

All collections will be donated to Gateway Family Services.

Billy Joel in third accident

BAYVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Singer-songwriter Billy Joel was slightly injured and mostly embarrassed when he lost control of his car on a rain-slicked road and banged into a house, the Grammy Award-winning artist's third car accident in two years.

There was no evidence of alcohol or drug involvement and Joel was not suspected of any crime, said Nassau County police Officer Joan Eames, a police spokeswoman.

Witnesses said the accident occurred at about 4 p.m. Sunday, when Joel, driving a burgundy and black car, crashed through a row of bushes and banged into a small beige home one block from the beach.

"He seemed embarrassed that he lost control of the car," said witness Thomas Phillips Jr. "He said, 'I can't believe I got in another accident.' He was just going out to get a pizza."

The accident left a crack in the house's foundation and 6-foot-long skid marks in the sand in the street, witnesses said. Joel suffered a small cut on his left ring finger but refused medical attention, Eames said.

World Almanac

Monday, April 26, 2004

Today is the 117th day of 2004 and the 38th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1865, Union soldiers in Virginia killed John Wilkes Booth, Abraham Lincoln's assassin.

In 1937, Nazi planes bombed the town of Guernica in Spain.

In 1986, a major accident occurred at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in the Soviet Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Defoe (1660-1731), writer; John J. Audubon (1785-1851), naturalist; Eugene Delacroix (1798-1863), artist; Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951); philosopher; Carol Burnett (1933-), comedian, is 71.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1980, Philadelphia's Steve Carlton defeated St. Louis, 2-0, for his sixth career no-hitter.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The best of men cannot suspend their fate: the good die early, and the bad die late." — Daniel Defoe

TODAY'S FACT: In 2001, 36 percent of all U.S. households owned a dog and 32 percent owned a cat.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,450 — Height in feet of Chicago's Sears Tower, the tallest building in the United States.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 19) and first quarter (April 27)

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Today's chuckle

Message in bottle finally reaches land

HONOLULU (AP) — A message-in-a-bottle apparently dropped in the ocean by a Japanese student 12 years ago has finally reached land, washing ashore on U.S. soil.



The glass bottle with algae growing on it and a brittle note inside surfaced Wednesday at Hanauma Bay, a popular snorkeling site on Oahu's eastern shore.

According to the note, an eighth-grader at a school in Iwate, Japan — Kazumasa Miura — cast the bottle into the ocean at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 11, 1992, while on a boat off the Miyako Islands, which are south of Japan, southwest of Okinawa and east of Taiwan.

"In order to research the current of the sea, we threw away the bottle," Miura wrote.

There's no telling what path the bottle took after that, but its discovery here — by park ranger Sarah Hurst on a routine patrol of the shoreline — has generated excitement.

Alan Hong said this was the first message in a bottle that has come ashore at Hanauma Bay in the 14 years he's been the park manager. The find was also uncommon because things from Japan rarely make their way to Hawaii via ocean currents, experts said.

Hurst said she would comply with Miura's request for information and send it to the school along with a photograph of Hanauma Bay.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Parallel Petroleum Corporation will drill the No. 14 Thurston in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 183, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 139-2 McLaughlin in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 182, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 142-2 McLaughlin in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 182, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 141-2 McLaughlin in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Also planned for a 3,500 feet, location is in Section 182, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Chaparrel Energy will drill the No. 209 Rock Canyon, a 9,650-foot wildcat located six miles northwest of Gail. Location is in Section 9, Block 31, T5N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration has completed the No. 9-K TXL in the Hylton field, seven miles south of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 83 barrels of oil. Location is in Section 21, Block Z, T&P survey.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 08-18-25-31-36 . Bonus Ball: 42.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: $0.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 23. Prize: $1,403.

Number matching four of five: 690. Prize: $100.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 581. Prize: $105.

Number matching three of five: 25,710. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 7,821. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 35,305. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $37,000,000.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 06-11-21-26-28.

Number matching five of five: 3.

Prize per winner: $12,512.

Winning tickets sold in: Food Town, Spring; Big Diamond 1042 San Antonio, Circle K 9393, Rockport

Matching four of five: 176. Prize: $96.

Matching three of five: 4,459. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 43,577. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-1-2
(Night) 0-4-3

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U.S. reconstruction monies helping pay for security in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Because of the surging violence, U.S.-financed contractors rebuilding Iraq are spending a quarter of their money to protect workers and insure their projects, according to American officials monitoring the work.

Coupled with the current instability, the siphoning of resources from reconstruction to security is slowing work on projects like building roads and refurbishing electric plants, the officials said.

President Bush and Congress approved $87 billion last fall for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. That included $18.4 billion to restore Iraq's economy and government by repairing and building facilities and training Iraqis.

Stuart W. Bowen Jr., inspector general for the Coalition Provisional Authority, cited estimates that contractors were spending 10 to 15 percent of their money for security costs earlier this year.

That figure "could go as high as 25 percent" due to the recent anti-American violence, said Bowen, a figure that is in line with estimates by other provisional authority officials.

"All I can say is the substantially increased threat level has obviously added a drag on construction project execution," Bowen told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Baghdad. The provisional authority is the U.S.-led agency that has been administering Iraq since the downfall of Saddam Hussein.

In what officials fear could be a vicious cycle, the slowdown in the work means fewer jobs and essential services for the Iraqi people. That, in turn, could feed the dissatisfaction that has helped spawn hostility toward the American occupiers.

"One of the things that would help the security situation is for us to move forward with this work, to employ Iraqis, to provide work for Iraqi contractors and Iraqi suppliers," Navy Capt. Bruce A. Cole, spokesman for the provisional authority's program management office, said from Baghdad.

"The sooner we can provide people an opportunity to support their families and improve their local areas, the faster there will be a positive impact on the security situation here," he said.

Last week, giant construction companies Siemens AG, Bechtel and General Electric said they had suspended work on some projects because of the instability.

Bowen said those companies' decisions to halt work are "isolated instances."



TOP STUDENT — Brian Hernandez was Stanfield Elementary's Principal For A Day last Thursday. He earned the honor by being the top CEI student. Brian's duties included sorting through flyers for a parental involvement workshop. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Researchers practice for possible Mars mission in desert

HANKSVILLE, Utah (AP) — While robots have been scurrying around Mars for months, researchers here on Earth have been trying to make a little bit of Utah seem more like the Red Planet.

Six-member teams have spent weeks in a silo-shaped module here trying to simulate what astronauts might endure should they ever wander Mars. Researchers even strap on air packs and 30-pound boots when they step outside.

The Mars Desert Research Station is one of two living laboratories operated by the Mars Society, an organization dedicated to Mars exploration. The society's other operating habitat is in an equally remote section of Canada. Another is planned for Iceland, and more could be in the works.

The society locates the habitats in areas similar to Mars — both in climate and geography. The Hanksville station stands in a vidid red landscape of cracked dirt, loose soil, rolling hills and jutting cliffs — bearing a striking resemblance to the Mars photographs retrieved from NASA's rovers.

"It looks alien, and it's in a desert with infrequent rain," said Tony Muscatello, project manager of the desert habitat. "Some of the land forms there are remarkably similar in a lot of ways."

The goal of the habitats, participants say, is to stimulate public interest in manned Mars missions by replicating the potential experience on Earth.

NASA doesn't directly sponsor or fund the habitats, but often sends its researchers to participate. Habitat findings are offered to the space agency and other professionals to support exploration research.

During the roughly six-month testing season, the habitat is staffed by revolving six-member crews that spend two weeks apiece in "space." It hosts working geologists, physicists, biologists and engineers from companies and colleges all over the world.

Crew members make outside contact with colleagues and family only through e-mail and online chat. Cell phones don't work on Mars, and the crew's satellite telephone hasn't lately, either. A delivery man from Hanksville, roughly four miles away, is the crew's sole link to packages and parts.

That remoteness, Muscatello said, helps make the simulation feel more authentic. It's part of the reason NASA is using the center to test communication systems for a Mars simulation.

Parts of the $1.5 million facility appear to be deteriorating — and crew No. 27 is spending most of its time trying to fix and diagnose problems.

Many of the problems deal with communication. The cable connecting a satellite dish to the habitat module is frayed somewhere and routinely malfunctions. Plenty of dead spots exist in field communication when crew members are out exploring.

Crew members sleep in roughly 5-by-12-foot quarters, and spend most of their time in the habitat in one room which functions as a kitchen, computer lab and living room. There is a healthy collection of books and DVDs, including two copies of "Red Planet" — a 2000 science fiction thriller about Mars exploration.

Great lengths are taken to ensure that the simulation feels realistic. Crew members rarely leave the habitat module without full space gear. They spend 20 minutes before entering and exiting the module in a mock decompression chamber to simulate the routine they'd have to perform in space.

Besides upkeep, the current crew is working on new variations of space gloves and reducing algae in the water system.

Alex Diaz, a Boeing employee, was charged with developing the gloves to help astronauts better use his company's parts in space. The gloves have to be thick and stiff enough for protection, but nimble enough to allow workers to perform delicate tasks.

"I came to get an understanding of how humans live in this type of habitat," Diaz said.

Jim Russell, who is pursuing a doctorate in aerospace engineering sciences at the University of Colorado, has been overhauling the water system.

The problem: Water used in showers should be available for reuse in flushing toilets, but it always grew too much algae when placed in storage. So Russell is trying to develop bacteria in the water that will dissolve the soap and out-compete the algae for oxygen.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman in love with liar is ready to face the truth

DEAR ABBY: I am helplessly in love with a man who treats me like dirt. I'll call him "Brad." We have been together for eight years.

During that time, he has told me he was married (he has been divorced for the past five years), and lied about having cancer. Everything that comes out of his mouth is pretty much a lie.

Last year, Brad and I had a baby girl. He wanted no part of having a baby and avoided me during the entire pregnancy. To top it off, when I was in my ninth month, I found out he was seeing someone else. He swears nothing happened. He says he just needed someone to talk to.

For the baby's sake, I placed her for adoption, and she is with a good family. Now that the baby is gone, Brad has come around acting sweet and caring. Yet he still excludes me from family functions and cares more about his ex-wife's feelings than mine.

Am I sick in the head to be in love with Brad? How do I stop loving him and find a normal relationship? — **HELPLESSLY IN LOVE**

DEAR HELPLESS: Are you sick in the head? If galloping masochism is a classifiable illness, the answer is yes. Somehow you have confused pain and anxiety with love. How do you stop loving him and find a normal relationship? A psychotherapist can help you understand why you have tolerated the abuse, and help you rebuild your self-esteem and learn to form healthy relationships. Your physician can refer you.

Fill your time with worthwhile activities to distract you from loneliness while you're getting your head straight. One rewarding activity is to volunteer your spare time to a worthy cause — working with animals, the elderly or a charity of your choice. It's also a way to meet constructive people.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 22-year-old woman. When I was 11, my parents divorced. Because Mom was an alcoholic and a drug addict, my brother and I lived with our dad.

I know a 16-year-old boy named "Sam" who is experiencing the same thing. His parents are divorced and he lives with his mother. She, her boyfriend and his friends smoke a lot of weed in the home and are stoned most of the time. Sam has tried to talk to her about it, but she only yells that he can't tell her what to do because he's the kid, not the mother. He wants to move out, but his brother is only 9, and Sam can't support them both.

Sam has thought about telling his father what his mother is doing, but he's afraid his mother will never forgive him.

Abby, I care for both the boys. I don't want to sit idly by and do nothing. Should I tell someone, or keep my trap shut? — **ON THE FENCE IN RHODE ISLAND**

DEAR ON THE FENCE: Get off the fence. Contact Sam's father and fill him in on what's going on. It will give him a chance to intervene and take custody of his children — which could be a step in the right direction for all concerned. If his father is a responsible adult, Sam and his brother will have a more normal home environment, and the mother will be put on notice that there are consequences for her actions. Let's hope it helps her clear her head.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Monday, April 26, 2004

Players and readers, place your bets

By Phillip Alder

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Alder Bridge Casino, where all week you will be able to bet — virtually, if not physically — on the ABCs of bridge. In every deal, you must decide whether to place your money on South, the declarer, or on East-West, the defense. Here is the first deal: faites vos jeux.

The contract is four spades. Who will triumph: the declarer or the defenders? As a side bet, can North make four hearts?

In the auction, maybe North should have insisted on making hearts trumps, but (unlike with spades) he couldn't guarantee an eight-card fit there.

West cashes two top diamonds. Then, to defeat the contract, West must continue with any diamond. Let's suppose he leads the queen. Declarer, looking through the backs of the cards, ruffs on the board, plays a heart to his jack, and leads a low spade toward the dummy. However, West goes in with his queen and plays a fourth diamond. If declarer discards from the dummy, East ruffs with the spade nine to uppercut declarer's ace. Alternatively, if South ruffs in the dummy, East discards. In either spin, the defenders take two diamonds and two spades.

Four hearts cannot be defeated if declarer (North) guesses the spade position correctly. Suppose the defense begins with three rounds of diamonds. North ruffs, draws trumps, plays a club to South's ace, and calls for a low spade. If West ducks, his queen falls under South's ace on the second round. If West wins, East can be finessed out of his spade king.

Did you win on day one?

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	North	04-26-04
	♠ J 10 7 6	
	♥ A K Q 4 3 2	
	♦ 8 3	
	♣ 5	
West		**East**
♠ Q 2		♠ K 9 5
♥ 9 6		♥ 10 8 7
♦ A K Q 6 5		♦ 9 4 2
♣ K 7 6 3		♣ 10 9 8 4
	South	
	♠ A 8 4 3	
	♥ J 5	
	♦ J 10 7	
	♣ A Q J 2	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Boeing Co. orders 7E7 dreamliners

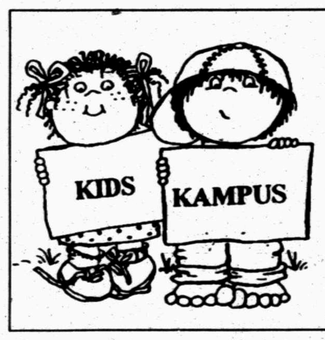
SEATTLE (AP) — The Boeing Co. board of directors has approved production of the 7E7 Dreamliner with a company-record launch order of 50 planes by All Nippon Airways, the manufacturer and carrier announced Monday.

The order is worth $6 billion at list prices, although airlines typically negotiate substantial discounts for large orders. The precise dollar figure of the order was withheld.

Dreamliner production is scheduled to begin in 2006. The first flight of the planes — billed as a lighter, roomier, more fuel-efficient airliner — is anticipated the next year and deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2008, according to the news release.

The deal set a record for the number of planes ordered from Boeing by a single customer to begin production. The old record was set in 1960 when Eastern Airlines and United Airlines each ordered 40 727s.

More 7E7 orders are likely in the coming weeks and months but "probably not on the order of magnitude of this order," Boeing Commercial Airplanes spokeswoman Yvonne Leach said.



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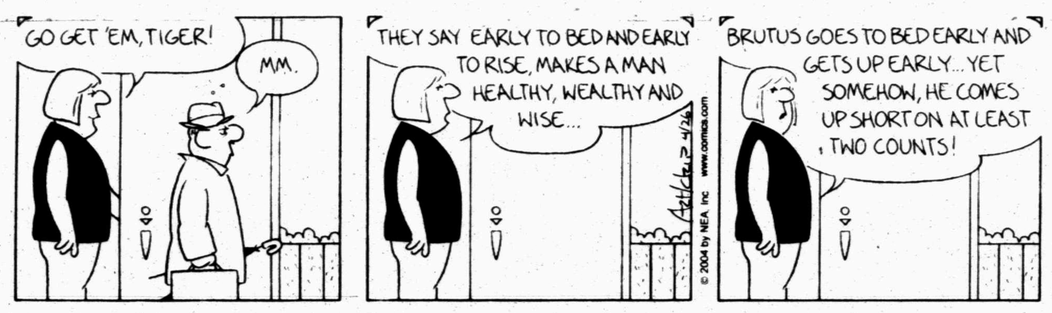


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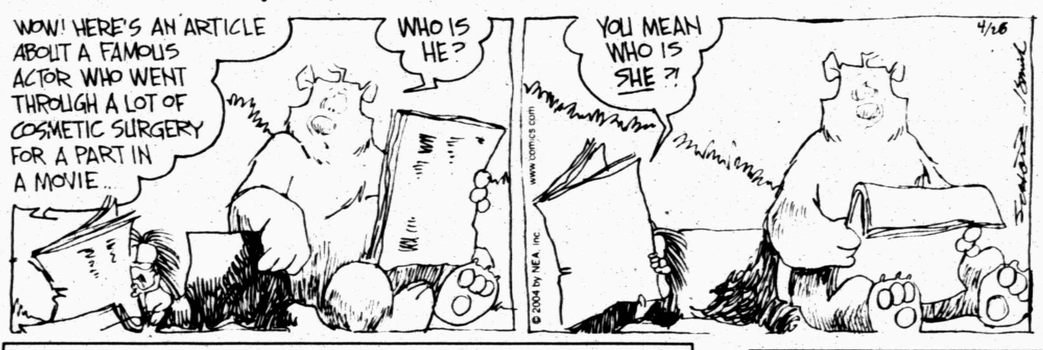
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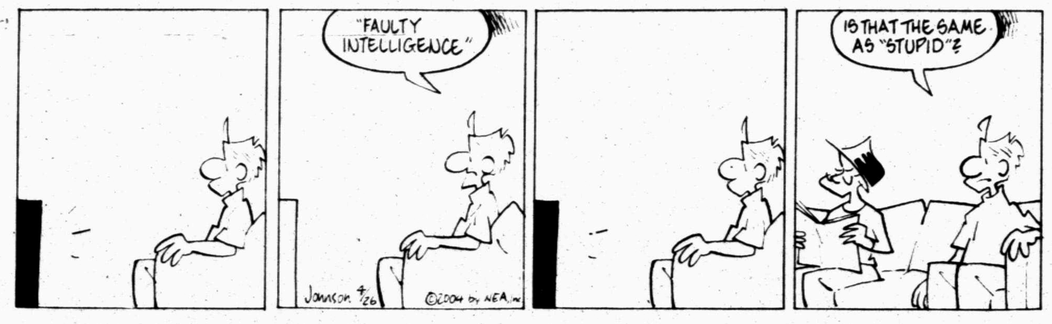
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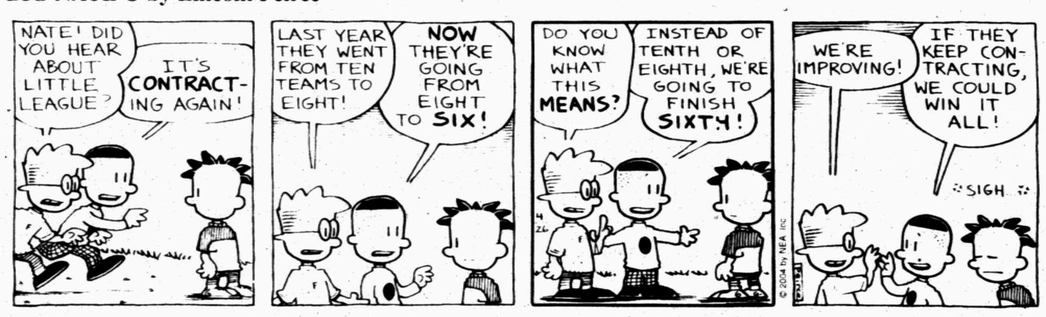
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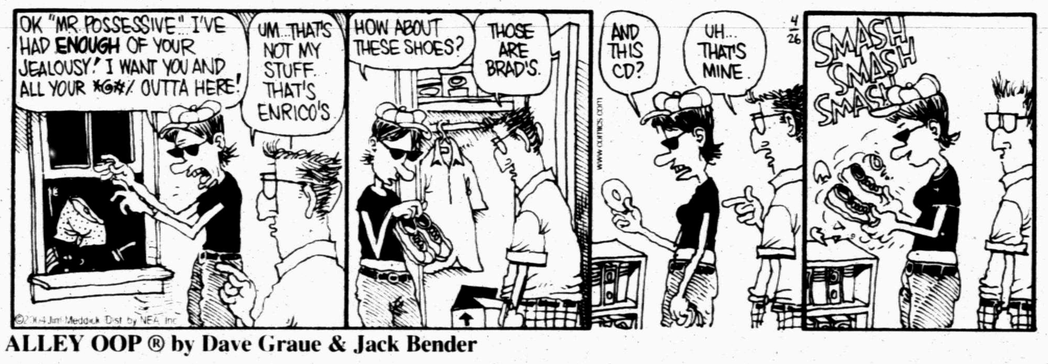
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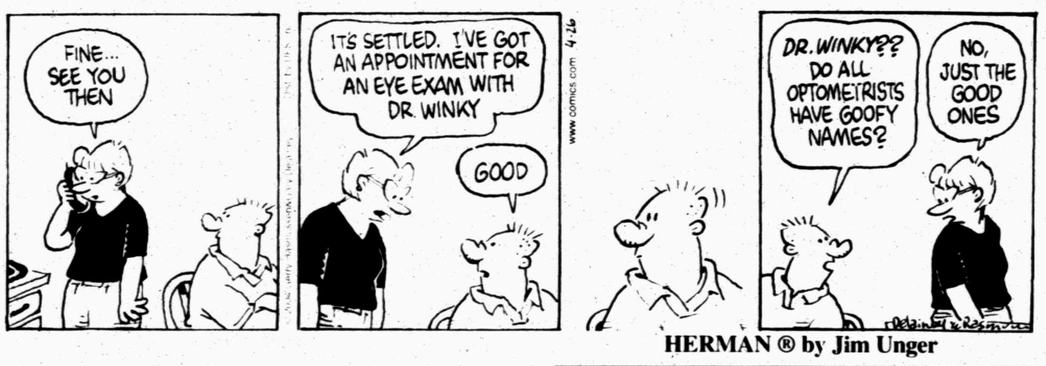
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13 "— — Ramblin' Man"
14 Kill time
15 Cowboy's charge
16 Tease
17 Ike's ex
18 Choose
20 Queens ballpark
21 A Gershwin
22 Feel grateful
23 Holds down a job
26 Clearer
29 Shake — —!
30 Par for the course
31 Tennis stroke
33 Indent
34 Mink and sable
35 Movie canine
36 Gas-pump platform
38 Accumulate
39 Carder's demands
40 Scamp
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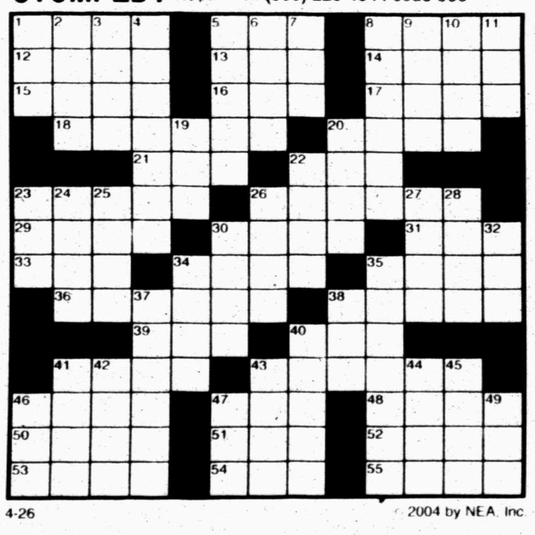
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10 Arm bone
11 Jellyfish habitat
19 Hesitant sounds
20 Keep afloat
22 Galley mover
23 Have supper
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SPORTS

WTC ends rodeo season, sends four to college finals

STEPHENVILLE — The Western Texas College women's team secured a second-place standing in the Southwest region, and the men's team placed fourth after concluding the spring rodeo season last weekend at Tarleton State University.

WTC will send five hands to compete in the national rodeo finals June 13-19 at Casper, Wyo., and have one rider qualified as alternates and another potential alternate.

Sabrina Lay, who finished first in the championship round and first in the average at TSU, won the region in barrel racing and will represent WTC at the finals.

She will be joined on the women's team by breakaway roper Jamee Roach.

Clay Bunney, second in the average at Stephenville, will compete in the finals in bareback riding. Sam Spreadborough earned a spot in nationals in saddle bronc and Tate Stratton will compete in bull riding.

Julie Jones is listed as alternates for the finals in goat-tying, and Trent Cormier is a potential alternate.

Including Lay, WTC had four top-five finishes at Stephenville, with Bunney taking fourth in the short go with a 75.

Saddle bronc rider James Irish was third in the short round with a 71 and third in the average, while breakaway roper Ashley Hadley placed fourth in the average with a 3.1.

Teammate Jennifer Weeding scored a 3.2 in the short round.

WTC rodeo coach Greg Rhodes said it was a memorable and competitive year.

"Coaches that have been in the region for 20 to 25 years said it has never been as tough as it was this year," he said. "It's been an unbelievable year. The quality of competition in the region was phenomenal."

West Texas A&M won the region followed by TSU, Odessa College and WTC. The teams all finished within 300 points of one another.

"We had four men's teams going back an forth, and normally it's not that tight."

Rhodes said the women's division also was tough, but not as close as the men's side.

"We had a great year, and we'll finish it up at the finals," Rhodes said. "I appreciate all the support from the community and college."



SIGNING DAY — Cami Trout, center front, signed with Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla., at the regional golf tournament in Odessa last week. Back row, from left, is Kevin Steele, Redlands athletic director and golf coach, and parents Cathy and Richard Trout. Front with Trout are Snyder golf coaches Cody Cox and Ricky Hunter. (Contributed Photo)

Dallas active on day two of draft

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys had just five picks and plenty of needs when the NFL draft started.

When they finished Sunday after an active second day, the Cowboys had added nine players — eight draft choices and a fullback acquired in one of four weekend trades — and an extra No. 1 pick next year.

"Our goal was to get more than the five picks, and we did accomplish that," owner Jerry Jones said. "We think we've been able to have a chance to really improve our roster and address our needs."

Without a starter opposite last year's No. 1 pick, Terence Newman, the Cowboys took three cornerbacks among their five picks Sunday. Mario Edwards started every game for Dallas last season, but signed with Tampa Bay earlier this month.

Dallas got cornerbacks Bruce Thornton of Georgia (fourth round), Nathan Jones of Rutgers (seventh round) and Jacques Reeves of Purdue (seventh round) among their five picks Sunday.

The Cowboys also added Boston College tight end Sean Ryan (fifth round) and Northwestern Oklahoma quarterback Patrick Crayton (seventh round), who they list as a receiver and see as a kick returner.

Coach Bill Parcells has had success throughout his career with late-round picks.

On Saturday, Dallas had filled more pressing needs by picking Notre Dame running back Julius Jones and two offensive linemen: Southern California tackle Jacob Rogers and LSU guard Stephen Peterman.

No running backs were gone when the Cowboys came up in the first round. They instead traded the No. 22 overall pick to Buffalo for a fifth-rounder Sunday and a No. 1 next year, then dropped 21 spots for Jones.

Parcells didn't talk to reporters Sunday, a day after speaking in a public forum for the first time in more than three months.

"I'm just looking for solid guys that will come in and compete and do what they're told, like the ones we had last year," he said.

Texans draft Symons

HOUSTON (AP) — B.J. Symons can't say he doesn't play well at his new professional home.

Symons, the Texas Tech quarterback who set the NCAA record with 5,833 passing yards last season, capped his extraordinary year with a 497-yard performance in a 38-14 Houston Bowl victory over Navy at Reliant Stadium.

Now he's headed back with the Houston Texans, who selected him in the seventh round of the draft Sunday with the 248th overall pick.

"I feel like it's a great situation for me," Symons said. "Being from Houston, I know the excitement the Texans have brought to the city. I'm really just looking forward to the situation."

What made Symons' 2003 season all the more remarkable is that he played the final seven games with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, an injury he didn't reveal until after the bowl game.

Texans general manager Charley Casserly said the offseason change to the practice squad, increasing it to eight players from five, gives Houston room to keep him inactive.

Spurs sweep aside Grizzlies

MEMPHIS (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs swept through the first round of the playoffs. Now the defending champions' only worry is staying fresh during their layoff before the second round.

The Spurs needed only four games to end the Memphis Grizzlies' breakthrough season, sweeping them from the playoffs Sunday night with a 110-97 victory. San Antonio shot a season-best 58.7 percent, including 11-of-17 from 3-point range.

Tony Parker matched his career high with 29 points and had a postseason-best 13 assists, Tim Duncan celebrated his 28th birthday with 26 points, Robert Horry had 14 off the bench, and Bruce Bowen and Manu Ginobili each added 10.

"We are playing well, but we can't be satisfied," Parker said. "We have to keep working hard. We were here last year, so we know we have to work hard."

The Spurs won their 15th straight game, and they couldn't have been more sharp against a Memphis team making its postseason debut after a franchise-best 50-32 record in the regular season.

Pau Gasol led the Grizzlies with 22 points, but had only two rebounds. James Posey added 20 points, and Earl Watson and Jason Williams each had 13.

San Antonio beat the Grizzlies by an average of 14 points in this series, and the Spurs were at their best Sunday night with the chance to clinch. They hit a season-best 11 3s, never trailed after taking the lead at 14-12 and made it look easy by knocking down open shot after open shot.

"The thing that surprised me is the way we played," Ginobili said.

Rain suspends Houston Open

HUMBLE (AP) — Heavy rains left the Shell Houston Open waterlogged, and the leaderboard all jammed up.

John Huston, Joe Ogilvie and Vijay Singh were the leaders on the course at 7-under par Sunday when thunderstorms that have plagued the event returned and forced play to be suspended for a third consecutive day at the Redstone Golf Club in suburban Houston.

"It's hard to say when actually the third round is actually over, where everybody will stand," said Huston, 42, who most recently won at the Southern Farm Bureau Classic last fall, his seventh PGA Tour victory.

"It's all bunched up, and if you lose one shot you're going to fall back," added Singh, who won earlier this year at Pebble Beach and won the Houston event two years ago.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY
Softball: WTC vs. Howard College, DH, noon
TUESDAY
Baseball: SHS varsity at Sweetwater, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY
Track: Regional meet, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
SATURDAY
Track: Regional meet, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Golf: Sammy Baugh Tournament, WTC

Sports Briefs

Little Dribblers score sheets

Coaches wishing to submit Little Dribblers scores for publication should turn in legible copies with correct spellings for player names, and with scores and divisions for each team.

Ladies play day

The WGA hosts a ladies play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Scurry County golf course. Format is swingers.

Friday swingers

The SCGA hosts a couples play day at 5:30 p.m. each Friday. Format is handicap scramble, and the cost is $10. Call the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Sammy Baugh tournament

The Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Sammy Baugh Golf Course at WTC. Format is three-man scramble and cost is $105 per team, with proceeds to benefit the high school golf program.

A silent auction of signed Sammy Baugh memorabilia will be held in conjunction with the tournament. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Klitschko pounds Sanders for WBC belt

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vitali Klitschko stopped Corrie Sanders late in the eighth round Saturday night to win the WBC title vacated by the retirement of Lennox Lewis.

Gordon beats Dale Jr. at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Jeff Gordon seized the lead from Dale Earnhardt Jr. with six laps remaining and barely beat him in a controversial finish Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway.

With Earnhardt making a strong move to pass for the lead coming off turn four on lap 184 of the 188-lap Aaron's 499, rookie Brian Vickers and Casey Mears collided, sending Vickers sliding and bringing out the 11th caution flag of the race.

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, April 25
Indiana 90, Boston 75, Indiana wins series 4-0
L.A. Lakers 92, Houston 88, OT, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-1
New Jersey 100, New York 94, New Jersey wins series 4-0
San Antonio 110, Memphis 97, San Antonio wins series 4-0
Monday, April 26
Detroit at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27
Miami at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Stanley Cup

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, April 25
Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1, Tampa Bay leads series 2-0
Philadelphia 2, Toronto 1, Philadelphia leads series 2-0
Monday, April 26
San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	12	6	.667	—
Atlanta	10	8	.556	2
Philadelphia	7	10	.412	4½
New York	7	12	.368	5½
Montreal	5	14	.263	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	6	.667	—
Cincinnati	11	7	.611	1
Houston	11	8	.579	1½
St. Louis	10	9	.526	2½
Milwaukee	10	10	.500	3
Pittsburgh	8	9	.471	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	6	.667	—
San Diego	10	9	.526	2½
Colorado	8	10	.444	4
Arizona	7	11	.389	5
San Francisco	7	12	.368	5½

Sunday's Games
Montreal 2, Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 0
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 2
Chicago Cubs 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Colorado 4, Houston 1
Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 0
Arizona 12, San Diego 7
Atlanta 7, Florida 2

Today's Games
Cincinnati (Harang 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Pavano 1-0) at Colorado (Elarton 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 2-0) at Arizona (Johnson 1-2), 8:35 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 1-2) at San Diego (Peavy 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ramirez 0-1) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-2), 9:15 p.m.

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	6	.667	—
Baltimore	10	7	.588	1
New York	8	11	.421	4
Tampa Bay	7	10	.412	4
Toronto	6	12	.333	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	12	6	.667	—
Chicago	11	7	.611	1
Detroit	11	8	.579	1
Cleveland	7	12	.368	5
Kansas City	6	11	.353	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	11	8	.579	—
Texas	11	8	.579	—
Oakland	10	9	.526	1
Seattle	6	13	.316	5

Sunday's Games
Boston 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Cleveland 3, Detroit 2
Toronto 15, Baltimore 3
Texas 14, Seattle 6
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Tampa Bay 5
Anaheim 4, Oakland 3

Today's Games
Seattle (Meche 0-2) at Baltimore (Riley 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Lilly 0-2) at Minnesota (Radke 2-1), 7:10 p.m.

Girls Little Dribblers

Majors
Sparks 24, Shock 21
Sparks: L. Urias 13; C. Cohcran 5; C. Williamson 5; T. Gordon 2. Shock: K. Anderson 14; B. Toombs 4; S. Rogers 2; S. Arizmendi 1.
Sting 35, Sonics 22
Sting: M. Thompson 19; R. Jones 6; L. Terry 3; A. Baker 2; R. Gualt 2; L. Reigh 2; K. Peterson 1. Sonics: J. Ibarra 10; B. Rose 6; L. Arellano 4; J. Ornales 2.
Magic 24, Panthers 20
Magic: A. Swigert 10; B. Perrut 6; J. Hamilton 3; J. Floyd 2; E. Nunley 2; J. Robbins 1. Panthers: M. Redman 11; M. Robbins 4; C. Harlan 2; X. Northcutt 1.
Storm 38, Nikes 22
Storm: A. Ware 23; A. Gutierrez 7; E. Gallegos 4; B. Nickerson 2; A. Browning 2.
Jazz 43, Mystics 10
Jazz: S. Medrano 21; J. Brooks 8; M. Clanton 4; A. Hand 4; S. Morris 4; E. Olvera 2. Mystics: H. Farmer 10; A. Hook 2; T. Tyrrell 2.

Juniors
Hot Shots 34, Fever 9
Hot Shots: A. Gutierrez 22; B. Dacus 6; T. Aguilar 4; S. Naizer 2. Fever: S. Mitchell 8; P. Holdren 1.
Starzz 35, Swoopsters 20
Starzz: S. Bernal 18; T. Garcia 13; T. Kubena 2; R. Martinez 2. Swoopsters R. Martinez 14; M. Cearley 6.

Eight-year-olds
Red Hots 18, Swifts 9
Red Hots: A. Hernandez 12; K. Pierce 6. Swifts: A. Claxton 4; P. De Luna 2; T. Harlan 2; W. Barrett 1.
Hoopsters 10, Suns 5
Hoopsters: B. Doucette 8; C. Browning 2. Suns: B. Barbee 2; A. Dunn 2; V. Diaz 1.

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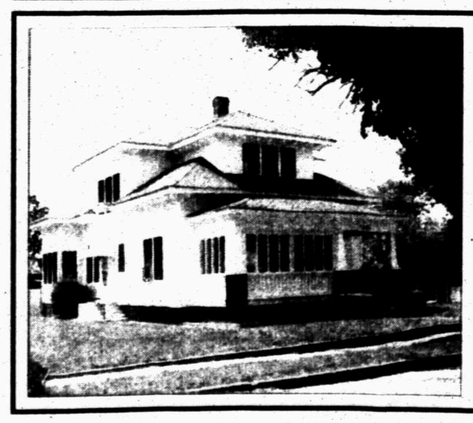
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Bush touts tax relief and tech changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tying high-tech innovation to prosperity, President Bush is using a speech in a swing state to address an election-year vulnerability: a sluggish job market that hasn't rebounded with the national economy.

In a speech today in Minnesota, Bush is urging Congress to slap a permanent ban on taxes consumers pay for high-speed Internet hookups called broadband. He also is touting proposals to make electronic medical records the norm and move hydrogen fuel technology from the lab to the showroom.

The White House on Sunday night released a 14-page summary of the remarks Bush is scheduled to make to about 2,000 community college, business and other leaders attending the American Association of Community Colleges annual convention in Minneapolis.

After the speech, the president attends a Republican fundraiser at a private residence in Edina, a well-heeled suburb in the Twin Cities.

Bush is announcing that the Energy Department has selected partners for more than $350 million in new research projects to remove roadblocks to developing hydrogen fuel technology. The projects will address the problem of storing hydrogen on vehicles; increasing consumers' knowledge about hydrogen energy and making hydrogen fuel cells that are both durable and affordable.

Bush also is setting a goal for most Americans to have electronic health records within 10 years. Paper ones, he says, can lead to errors, inefficiencies and poor communication among doctors and nurses. To help reach the goal, the president is creating a national health information technology coordinator, a sub-Cabinet-level position.

On broadband, the name for the high-speed Internet connections over phone, cable and satellites, Bush said in a speech last week that America is "lagging a little bit." To encourage more broadband connections, he believes users should not be taxed, and that the government should encourage competition among providers.

Bush has already signed into a law a two-year extension of the Internet Access Tax moratorium, which expired last fall. Now, he's calling on Congress to pass legislation that would extend the moratorium to broadband and make it permanent.

The House has passed a moratorium on user taxes levied against consumers who subscribe to broadband; the Senate is scheduled to address the issue this week.

Bush's eighth presidential trip to Minnesota, a state Al Gore won in 2000, comes as Democratic challenger John Kerry begins a three-day swing through West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan to focus on jobs.

As Kerry visited West Virginia today, Bush's campaign ran full-page ads in two Wheeling newspapers, listing the top 10 questions the GOP believes voters should ask Kerry. Bush's campaign also rolled out television ads accusing Kerry of opposing weapons such as Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Patriot Missiles, B-2 Stealth Bombers and F-18 Fighter. The ads will run nationally on cable networks, and versions also are tailored to nine states.

Democrats call Bush's job creation record the worst of any president since the Great Depression. Since Bush took office, 1.84 million jobs have been lost, but after months of dismal job growth, the nation's employers in March added workers at the quickest pace in four years, swelling payrolls by 308,000.

The unemployment rate inched up a tenth of a point to 5.7 percent as more people were encouraged to start looking for work again but failed to find jobs.

"Bush has spent the last four years making empty but convenient promises rather than offering real solutions to create new and better jobs," Stephanie Cutter, a spokeswoman for Kerry, said in a statement.

"The Bush broadband policies don't do anything to provide the new resources that will be needed to deploy broadband in rural and urban areas and they are not addressing the regulatory barriers that prevent deployment.

"There is a bill before Congress — that has been championed by John Kerry — that gives tax incentives to companies to deploy broadband in underserved areas," Cutter continued. "If Bush cares about this issue, he could have made it a priority in any of his three tax cuts or even today ask Congress to send him the legislation."

The administration has been criticized by some technology industry leaders as indifferent toward their business interests. Months from the election, this is perhaps an olive branch to the industry.

Kerry: Bush has not enforced trade deals

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — As he begins a tour of four industrial states, John Kerry says President Bush has failed to enforce trade agreements that protect U.S. workers.

The Democratic presidential candidate said Bush is not taking action to stop jobs from going overseas, such as aggressively filing unfair-trade cases with the World Trade Organization, or WTO.

"To engage and win in the global economy, we must not only open markets, we must ensure a level playing field for American workers," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery today. "As with most economic issues that impact American jobs and American workers, when it comes to enforcing our trade laws, this administration has been asleep on the job."

Kerry's speech kicks off a three-day bus tour through West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. The four states combined have lost more than 470,000 manufacturing jobs during Bush's presidency, according to figures by the Bureau of Labor Statistics cited by the Kerry campaign.

Democrats say Bush could be vulnerable in all four states because they have been hit particularly hard with job losses and record trade deficits. The states were hard fought during the 2000 election, with Bush winning West Virginia and Ohio and Democrat Al Gore winning Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Polls taken during recent weeks show Bush with a slight edge in Pennsylvania, but statistically tied with Kerry in the other three states.

A spokesman for the Bush-Cheney campaign, Steve Schmid, noted today that Kerry voted in the Senate for a number of international trade pacts, including the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"Now he has taken up an anti-free trade rhetoric because he believes it may benefit him politically. It's another example of John Kerry being both for and against a major issue," Schmid said.

Military says five Texas-based soldiers die in weekend attacks

KILLEENexas (AP) — Five soldiers of the Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division have died in weekend attacks in Iraq, military officials say.

A 1st Cavalry spokesman said a roadside bomb killed one soldier in Baghdad on Sunday.

Four soldiers killed in a mortar attack Saturday on a U.S. camp in Taji, to the Iraqi capital's north, also belonged to the division's task force, Lt. Col. James Hutton told the Killeen Daily Herald in a telephone interview from Baghdad.

Hutton said four 57mm rockets hit the tent area of Camp Cook where the soldiers were based. He said two of the rockets were duds but two others exploded, wounding six soldiers who were evacuated to a nearby military hospital.

"Some others also had minor injuries," he said.

In the Taji attack 12 miles north of Baghdad, the military said the rockets were fired around dawn from a truck that was then destroyed by U.S. helicopter gunships.

"They were able to fix the location from where the rockets were launched and they destroyed it," said Hutton.

Identities and units of the dead soldiers will be withheld until at least 30 hours after the families have been notified. The Pentagon does not release the names of the wounded.

The roadside bomb in Sunday's attack in Baghdad also wounded three soldiers, , Hutton said.

"The soldiers evacuated almost immediately, leaving their Humvee," he said.

Hutton said a firefight erupted when a second group of soldiers arrived to retrieve the vehicle.

"They arrived to find the vehicle being looted by children," he said.

Hutton said soldiers were being fired upon by attackers on rooftops.

"Most of our soldiers were pointed upward at buildings," he said.

Some children and other Iraqis, caught in the crossfire, were taken quickly from the scene by other Iraqis, said Hutton.

"It's not clear if the bullets came from us or others," he said.

He said the Iraqi capital remains dangerous as U.S. forces meet continued resistance from militiamen belonging to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who has vowed to force the U.S.-led coalition from Iraq.

Another 20,000 troops from Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry and III Corps were deployed to Iraq early this year as soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division have been returning to the Army post. They were deployed in March 2003.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What to do about an incorrect diagnosis

DEAR DR. GOTT: I cannot get health insurance, despite the fact that I am a healthy, 66-year-old mother of six. Upon my husband's retirement in 1996, we were without health insurance. That's when I discovered that I cannot get insurance because my doctor listed Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in my record. One cold in 20 years and I'm out of luck.

In July of last year, I requested an appointment with my M.D. to prove that I am healthy. I had a chest X-ray showing a little flattening at the lung bases that is normal for someone my age. The rest was normal. After spending more than $500 to prove I am healthy, I still can't get insurance.

So, I applied for catastrophic insurance; the company's representatives have yet to respond.

I feel my family doctor takes personal offense that I refuse to be poked, pricked and punctured. He is angered by my one or two cigarettes a day.

How can I clean up my medical records? This is not an issue of illegal information; it's simply inaccurate.

DEAR READER: First, request your family physician to delete whatever references he may have made about COPD in your medical record. Such an alteration is entirely permissible under the new HIPAA law. From your description, I doubt that you have a chronic pulmonary disorder anyway, so the deletion is appropriate.

If, for some reason or another, your doctor takes issue with this, you have every right to insist on a pulmonary function study to clear the record. Based on the information you supplied, I believe that you are entirely justified in seeking a resolution to your health insurance problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 58. Last year, on my primary care physician's advice, I went through a flexible sigmoidoscopy. It didn't go well. During the procedure, I felt continuous pain in my abdomen. X-rays revealed free air in my abdomen and chest cavity. I immediately underwent surgery. The doctor noted a half-inch tear in the colonic lining. This was repaired.

Now my family doctor and the gastroenterologist are suggesting that my problem was caused by a "weakness" in the colonic wall, despite any positive finding or biopsy.

How should I proceed?

DEAR READER: Colonic perforation is a recognized, uncommon complication of sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy. It does not necessarily reflect malfeasance or anatomical problems. Any invasive procedure can be complicated by one or more adverse outcomes.

I do not believe, based on the limited information you supplied, that your problem was the result of a significant weakness in the colonic wall, such as diverticulitis. Nor do I believe that your physicians behaved inappropriately; in contrast, I think they were right on target. You had an unexpected event that required surgical correction.

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GtAtlPac	9.12	8.94	8.98	— .09
Halliburtn	31.45	31.08	31.18	+ .33
Hanson PLC	39.70	39.62	39.62	+ .61
HarteHanks	24.76	24.42	24.60	+ .18
HomeDepot	36.84	36.45	36.48	— .01
HoneywellIntl	34.98	34.70	34.78	—.10
IBM	91.46	90.72	91.11	— .17
IntlPaper	43.43	42.80	42.80	— .40
JohnsonJn	53.97	53.57	53.71	+ .03
KinderMorg	62.71	62.25	62.36	+ .15
Kroger Co	17.74	17.53	17.55	— .20
LockheedM	46.60	46.20	46.45	+ .24
Lowes Cos	54.36	53.75	54.09	+ .46
Lubys	5.59	5.12	5.19	— .21
LucentTech	3.91	3.85	3.87	+ .02
MarathonOil	34.60	34.10	34.43	+ .35
MayDeptStr	32.02	31.57	31.73	— .21
Medtronic	50.37	49.95	50.07	— .15
Motorola	20.35	19.85	19.93	— .36
NCR Corp	47.64	46.75	46.80	— .49
Navistar	49.54	48.38	48.48	— .93
PNM Rescs	29.90	29.54	29.78	+ .12
Penney JC	36.47	36.26	36.39	— .15
PepBoys	29.00	28.52	28.72	
PepsiCo	55.10	54.78	54.83	— .21
PhelpDodge	71.80	70.64	70.87	+ .15
PilgrimsPride	25.76	24.40	24.72	+ .11
Praxair s	38.38	37.93	38.06	+ .24
ProctGamb	105.50	104.78	105.30	— .13
RadioShack	32.95	32.45	32.47	
RoyalDut	48.66	48.35	48.37	— .04
SBC Comm	25.64	25.36	25.52	+ .11
SaraLee	23.47	23.15	23.43	+ .11
Scripps EW	107.06	106.55	106.58	— .37
SearsRoeb	42.46	41.92	42.03	— .22
SherwinW	38.95	38.52	38.94	+ .17
SouthernCo	29.47	29.24	29.36	+ .03
SwstAirl	15.05	14.70	14.75	— .23
SprintFON	19.15	18.86	18.90	— .17
Sunoco Inc	64.90	63.86	64.51	+ .98
TXU Corp	33.90	33.64	33.64	+ 4.01
TempleInland	64.80	63.86	63.74	— .10
TexInd	36.54	36.17	36.36	+ .17
TexasInst	28.39	27.75	27.92	— .12
Textron	58.22	56.42	56.65	+ .55
TimeWarner	16.96	16.76	16.82	— .01
TrinityInds	33.26	32.61	32.67	— .33
TylerTech	9.75	9.59	9.67	— .03
UnionPacif	59.99	59.58	59.61	— .03
USSteel	35.93	35.00	35.29	+ .22
UnitedTech	89.73	89.04	89.05	+ .12
Unocal	38.73	38.47	38.56	+ .15
VerizonComm	37.92	37.41	37.62	— .30
WalMart	59.14	58.26	58.27	— .70
WellsFargo	56.94	56.33	56.51	+ .11
WstnGasRs	56.70	55.75	56.55	+ 1.35
WinnDixie	8.03	7.80	7.89	— .14
Xerox Cp	13.69	13.40	13.63	+ .45
YumBrands	39.11	38.33	38.45	— .60

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For a good cause.....Relay For Life



Northeast Elementary School's Relay For Life Team did anything to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Students bought tickets for the sponge and pie throw. In the left photo, Breanna Claxton gets ready to throw a wet sponge at Coach Chris Porter (far right). The other two targets are Malcolm Crawford and Ellen Welch. In the middle photo, Zane Sorrells gives the coach a pie in the face. In the right photo, Coach Porter gives the "thumbs up" sign. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Michael Jackson said replacing attorneys Geragos and Brafman

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than a week before his latest arraignment, Michael Jackson dumped his high-profile legal team in his child molestation case, in favor of a single well-known attorney.

Attorneys Mark Geragos and Benjamin Brafman "decided to step down" from representing the pop star, Brafman said Sunday. He said the decision was "based on recent developments and discussions with various persons in the Jackson camp" but declined to reveal exactly what prompted the move.

"We both wish Michael well," Brafman added.

Thomas Mesereau Jr., Jackson's new lawyer, represented actor Robert Blake in his murder case until they recently parted company, citing irreconcilable differences.

Mesereau has met with Jackson in the Orlando, Fla., area, where the singer is staying at a compound with his children. He said he would join the singer at a court date Friday, where Jackson will be arraigned on charges in a grand jury indictment handed down last week.

"I'll have no comment on the developments until I appear in court Friday," Mesereau said.

Jackson's spokeswoman, Raymone K. Bain, said she was unaware of the change when asked about it by a reporter. She was expected to release a statement today morning.

Geragos, who is currently in Northern California handling the Scott Peterson murder case, said he, Brafman and Mesereau will notify Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville of the substitution of counsel during a conference call today. He declined to discuss reasons for the change.

Dana Cole, an attorney who has worked closely with Mesereau on cases including Blake's, said Mesereau was approached by Jackson soon after he was charged with child molestation, but Mesereau was unwilling to consider taking the case because he was tied up with the impending Blake case.

"Michael Jackson has always been very impressed with the pro bono work and contributions Tom has made in the African-American community," Cole said.

Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson said the change could mean Jackson lost faith in his attorneys, or they in him. She also noted that Geragos' representation of Peterson could be a liability in trying to find an unbiased jury, and that Mesereau would bring less baggage to the case.

"Prospective jurors would be asked how they feel about Jackson being represented by someone who represents Scott Peterson," she said. "And Mark is also going to be very busy with the Peterson case."

Santa Barbara District Attorney Thomas Sneddon had no comment, according to Jason Karpf of Tellem Worldwide, a firm handling media inquiries for Sneddon in the Jackson case.

Jackson's case moved into a new phase last week when the grand jury secretly indicted him on child molestation charges. Contents of the indictment are not yet known and will be disclosed at the arraignment. The indictment means that a grand jury has decided there is probable cause to hold Jackson for trial.

The pop superstar is free on $3 million bail.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

A number of pleasant chances could be in store for you in the year ahead if you allow yourself to be flexible and open-minded. One alteration could mean added funds in your wallet, as well as a rise in prestige and status.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're in for a big disappointment today if you expect others to drop what they are doing and cater to your whims of the moment. Be careful not to be demanding of friends or family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do not attempt to lavishly praise others today in hopes of flattering them into doing your bidding. Your insincerity will be readily discerned by your companions and totally rejected.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Should you find yourself in the company today of people who are financially better off than you are, don't attempt to keep up with their spending habits. They won't think lesser of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — In order to achieve your goals today, your targets must first be clearly defined. Concentrate on trying to do one thing at a time and doing it well instead of scattering your forces.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Having a doubtful or negative attitude today will greatly increase your level of difficulties. If you see yourself as a fall guy, you'll act and behave in ways to prove yourself right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't ignore your better judgment today concerning commercial or business dealings you have with individuals whose motives are suspect. Chances are your suspicions will be correct.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's nice to be a cooperative good guy/gal, but don't carry this so far today that you allow yourself to be pressured into doing something that you know you shouldn't do. Play things smart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It will turn out to be more work and far more costly for you in the long run today if you try to get cheap, unskilled help to do something for you which it takes a polished professional to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Do not allow yourself to get in the middle of two friends concerning a complex financial or business problem today. Your input won't help, but it could hurt your relationship with them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You're going to have to be extremely selective today regarding who you consult for advice. An ineffective counselor could really steer you wrong and cause you additional problems and woes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Normally you're the type of person who doesn't dilly-dally when it comes to work that needs to be performed, but today you could get off to a slow start by ignoring your duties at hand.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Exercise self-control today where your expenditures are concerned or you could end up putting yourself in a deep hole. When it comes time to pay the bills, you'll regret it.

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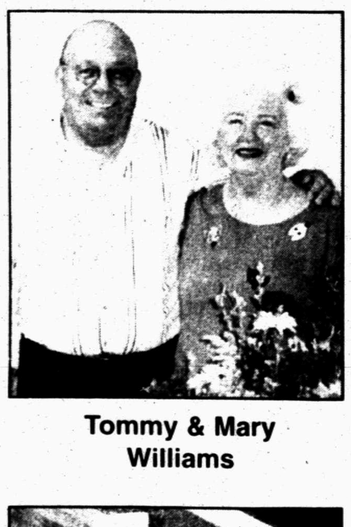
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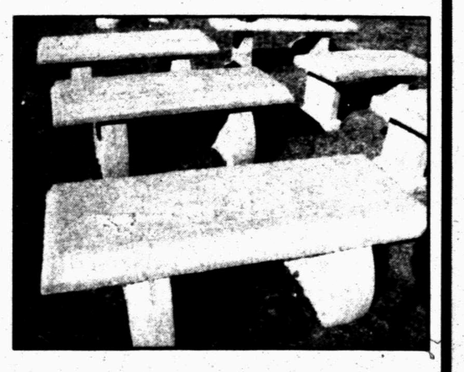
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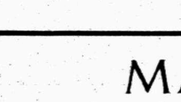
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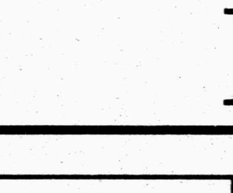


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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Court won't hear banned prayers case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said today it will not consider reinstating mealtime prayers at a state-funded military college, turning aside an appeal from Virginia officials who wanted to preserve the tradition.

Justice Antonin Scalia blasted his colleagues for refusing to hear the case, arguing that it raised important church-state and other questions. Leaving those issues unresolved is unfair to Virginia Military Institute, Scalia wrote in a dissent joined by fellow conservative Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

A lower federal court had found VMI's mealtime prayers violate the Constitution, and the high court's action means that ruling will stand.

VMI, part of the state university system in Virginia, lost a previous Supreme Court battle over its all-male admissions policy. The high court forced VMI to admit women in 1996, as Scalia noted dryly in his dissent today.

"VMI has previously seen another of its traditions abolished by this court," he wrote. "This time, however, its cause has been ignored rather than rejected — though the consequences will be just the same."

VMI's nightly prayers were recited by a student chaplain after cadets marched into the mess hall. The prayers, one for each night of the week except Saturday, mentioned God but not Jesus or other religious figures. All the prayers concluded with the phrase, "Now, O God, we receive this food and share this meal together with thanksgiving. Amen."

The case arose when two cadets asked the school to change the prayer ceremony, and sued when VMI refused. The American Civil Liberties Union represented the students.

"As we've said all along, a state institution may not endorse particular religious beliefs, and that constitutional principle has been clearly established for a long time," said Rebecca Glenberg, legal director for the Virginia ACLU.

New $50 bills to get colorful makeover

WASHINGTON (AP) —The $50 bill is getting splashes of red and blue, the second of the nation's paper currencies to sport new hues beyond the traditional black-ink fronts and green-ink backs.

The makeover, unveiled today, is part of an effort to make U.S. bills harder to counterfeit.

The extra color is subtle, similar to the look of the new $20 bill, which went into circulation last fall with a color treatment featuring touches of peach, blue and yellow.

"The new design is more secure than ever before. We believe it will be extremely effective in discouraging counterfeiters," said Treasury Secretary John Snow. "It's also a lovely piece of currency, maintaining the historic look and feel of a greenback while incorporating the elements of other colors that are very important to us in this country: red, white and blue."

The redesigned $50 is the same size and still features Ulysses S. Grant on the front and the U.S. Capitol on the back. But the borders around both Grant and the Capitol have been removed.

The new $50 features subtle background colors of red and blue. The stars and stripes of the U.S. flag are printed in blue and red behind the portrait of Grant on the front. A field of blue stars is located to the left of the portrait, while three red stripes are located to the right of Grant. A small metallic silver-blue star is located on the lower right side of Grant.

Like the new $20, the redesigned $50 includes tiny yellow number "50s" scattered in the background on the back of the note.

Security features include embedded thread that glows when exposed to an ultraviolet light; color-shifting ink that looks green when viewed straight on and black when viewed at an angle; and watermarks visible when held up to light. Some of those features included in the last redesign, in 1997, were enhanced.

Events to take the wrappers off the new $50 notes took place in Washington and in Fort Worth, Texas, where the Bureau of Engraving and Printing expanded its existing production facility and built a tour and visitors center. The new center will allow people to view the production of U.S. greenbacks west of the Mississippi River for the first time, the agency said.

"Adding color is a good idea. It kicks it up a notch and makes it more difficult to counterfeit and adds interest to the bill," said Len Glazer, director of Heritage Currency Auctions in Dallas. "Other countries have been doing it for a very long time."

The bureau expects to print 76.8 million new $50s this year. New bills aren't likely to go into circulation and start showing up in cash registers until fall.

Several arrests reported

• ***Arrests***

At 3:56 p.m. Saturday, police responded to a report of a male assaulting a female in a vehicle in the 1700 block of Ave. T. Police stopped the vehicle in the 1700 block of College Ave. and arrested Shelby James Jones, 51, Abilene, for felony driving while intoxicated.

A 31-year-old female was arrested on a Moore County warrant for theft by check at 8:55 a.m. Saturday in the 1300 block of 26th.

Police arrested a 34-year-old male at 5:49 p.m. Saturday for warrants out of Travis County for parole violation. Arrested was Joe Garza, 24, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B-1.

A 43-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication after police responded to a call at 11 p.m. Saturday concerning a man who had been sitting in the Town and Country North parking lot and drinking for some time.

At 1:20 a.m. Sunday, a 29-year-old female was arrested in the 1900 block of Ave M on an Ector County warrant for theft by check.

Police arrested a 20-year-old male at 3:05 a.m. Sunday at Town and Country East on charges of public intoxication.

A 9-1-1 call at 8:55 a.m. Sunday reported a disturbance at the Park Village Apartment. Police arrested a 31-year-old male on a warrant for motion to revoke probation for DWI and a Midland warrant for motion to revoke for driving while license suspended.

Police arrested a 17-year-old male for public intoxication after receiving a report of an intoxicated pedestrian in the 900 block of 24th Street at 9:56 a.m. Sunday.

A 32-year-old male was arrested at 11:02 a.m. on Highway 80 and U.S. 84 for driving while license invalid.

A 32-year-old male was arrested at 5:53 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of 27th St. on charges on public intoxication with three prior convictions.

At 7:15 p.m. Sunday at the sheriff's office, a 27-year-old male was arrested on a warrant for interfering with an emergency call.

At 9:59 p.m. Sunday, police arrested two men on charges of public intoxication in the 2800 block of Ave A, a 48-year-old male and a 30-year-old female.

At 2:53 a.m. Monday, a 21-year-old male was taken into custody on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor and minor in possession of alcohol.

• ***Criminal Mischief***

A call of papering trees and damage to a vehicle was received a call in the 2900 block of Park Ave. at 10:41 a.m. Saturday.

At 2:54 p.m. Sunday, deputies investigated a cut screen and raised window at the Union Community Center.

• ***Theft***

Theft of jewelry was reported in the 800 block of N. Ave P. The jewelry was later returned.

A close patrol was requested at 11:40 p.m. Saturday after the theft of a sprinkler was discovered in the 3000 block of Beaumont.

Births

Johnny and CeCe Pena announce the birth of Jerek Christian Pena at 3:38 p.m. on April 24 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

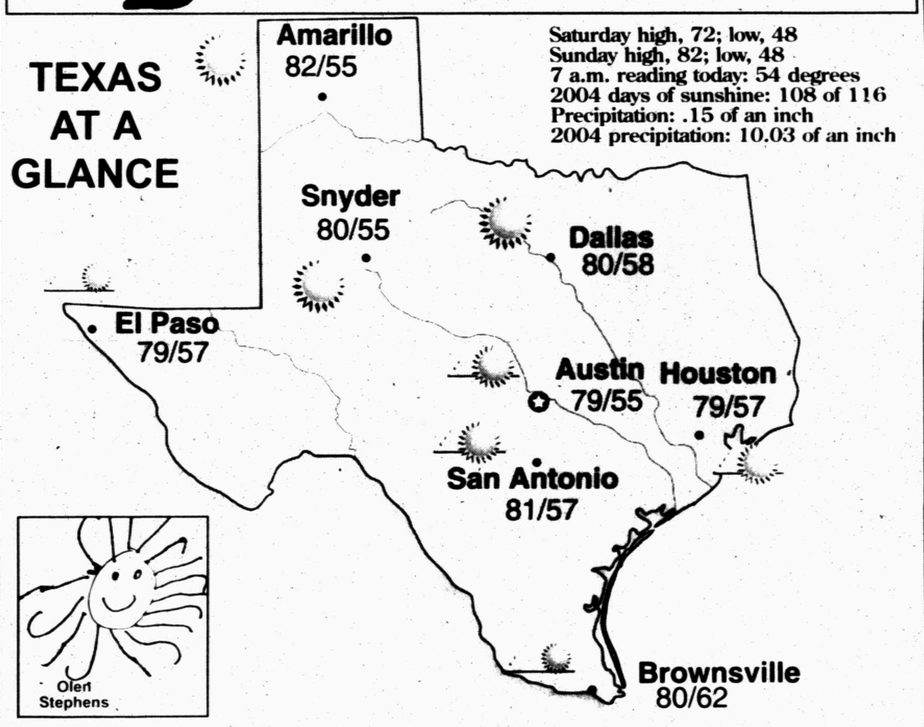
Paternal grandparents are Juan and Mary Pena, and maternal grandparents are Ramon and Rosa Valadez, all of Snyder.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 4/27	Wed 4/28	Thu 4/29
80/55	78/53	81/51
Mainly sunny. High near 80F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise 7:00 AM Sunset 8:23 PM	Sunrise 6:59 AM Sunset 8:23 PM	Sunrise 6:58 AM Sunset 8:24 PM

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Saturday high, 72; low, 48
Sunday high, 82; low, 48
7 a.m. reading today: 54 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 108 of 116
Precipitation: .15 of an inch
2004 precipitation: 10.03 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	57	sunny	El Paso	79	57	pt sunny	Midland	80	54	sunny
Amarillo	82	55	sunny	Fort Stockton	79	54	mst sunny	Raymondville	81	60	pt sunny
Austin	79	55	mst sunny	Gainesville	78	56	sunny	Rosenberg	80	56	mst sunny
Beaumont	78	55	sunny	Greenville	79	55	sunny	San Antonio	81	57	mst sunny
Brownsville	80	62	pt sunny	Houston	79	57	mst sunny	San Marcos	80	56	mst sunny
Brownwood	82	56	mst sunny	Kingsville	82	59	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	55	sunny
Corpus Christi	79	61	mst sunny	Livingston	80	52	sunny	Sweetwater	80	56	sunny
Corsicana	79	56	sunny	Longview	78	53	sunny	Tyler	79	54	sunny
Dallas	80	58	sunny	Lubbock	82	56	sunny	Weatherford	79	55	mst sunny
Del Rio	78	58	cloudy	Lufkin	80	53	sunny	Wichita Falls	81	57	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	43	sunny	Houston	79	57	mst sunny	Phoenix	96	71	pt sunny
Boston	59	41	rain	Los Angeles	89	63	sunny	San Francisco	83	55	windy
Chicago	53	41	sunny	Miami	83	69	t-storm	Seattle	66	47	pt sunny
Dallas	80	58	sunny	Minneapolis	60	50	mst sunny	St. Louis	67	51	sunny
Denver	77	49	sunny	New York	64	43	pt sunny	Washington, DC	64	42	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 19	Apr 27	May 4	May 11

UV Index

Tue 4/27	Wed 4/28	Thu 4/29
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Obituaries

Maxie McNew

1911-2004

Mary Maxie McNew, a retired school cafeteria manager, died Sunday, April 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. McNew, 92, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.


Maxie McNew

Born Oct. 1, 1911 in Mitchell County, she married J.O. McNew on Dec. 26, 1927 in Big Spring. He died April 21, 1983.

Mrs. McNew was cafeteria manager at Central Elementary for many years. She was past worthy patron of Eastern Star, had served on the Martha Ann Woman's Club board, was named Woman of the Year as a member of the American Business Women's Association, and had been a member of the Twilight Garden Club. She also was active in the Senior Citizens Center and was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, three sisters and a daughter-in-law, Mary McNew in January 1991.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Don and Jackie McNew of Snyder and Charles McNew of Mountain Home, Ark.; a sister, Blanche Berry of Garden Grove, Calif.; four grandchildren and spouses, Julia and Randy Reed, Lisa and Glenn Roberts, all of Round Rock, Joanna and Sam Lefler of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Charles McNew Jr. of Columbia, Mo; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church or to the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Family visitation will be held from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Jerry Bob Lloyd

1936-2004

GOODING, Idaho — Jerry Bob Lloyd, a Snyder native, died Wednesday, April 21, following a heart attack while driving a truck near Winnemucca, Nev.

Memorial service for Mr. Lloyd, 67, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in Gooding Demaray Chapel. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

Born Aug. 9, 1936 in Snyder, he married Lavell Hart on May 11, 1956 in Snyder. He was a 1954 graduate of Snyder High School.

He was a resident of Payette, Idaho and formerly lived in Gooding, Idaho. He was employed by Montana Express.

His parents, Raymond and Leta Lloyd; two brothers, Carl Ray Lloyd and Jimmy Don Lloyd, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife Lavell Lloyd of Payette; three sons, Greg Lloyd of Albuquerque, Tony Lloyd and wife, Laurie, of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, and Doug Lloyd of Payette; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Roger Casch of Oxbow, Ore.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Eltine and Truett Vines and Pat and Jimmie Cornett, all of Snyder, and Dot and Lane Beaty of Odessa; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Weldon Lloyd of Robert Lee, Keith and Carol Lloyd of Loraine, and Joe and Gale Lloyd of Kerrville; two aunts, Lorena Gibson of Snyder and Ivy Woods of San Angelo; several nephews and nieces, including Donnie Lloyd of Snyder; and six grandchildren.

Evelyn Wesley

1947-2004

Evelyn Wesley, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, April 25, in Bender Terrace in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Wesley, 56, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on May 5, 1947 in Taylor, Mrs. Wesley was a homemaker and had worked at the Plaza Restaurant for many years.

Three brothers, Luther, Rufus and Nappy Braziel; and one sister, Geneva Tealer, preceded her in death.

Survivors include four sons, Jamal Wesley of Chickasha, Okla., Anthony Wesley and Baron Wesley, both of Monahans, and James Wesley of San Angelo; three sisters, Ida Mae Nelson of Odessa, Burdie Anderson and Mozelle James, both of Snyder; three brothers, Robert "Cat" Braziel of Snyder, Rev. Carl Braziel of San Antonio and Bill Braziel of Pompano, Fla.; and 15 grandchildren.

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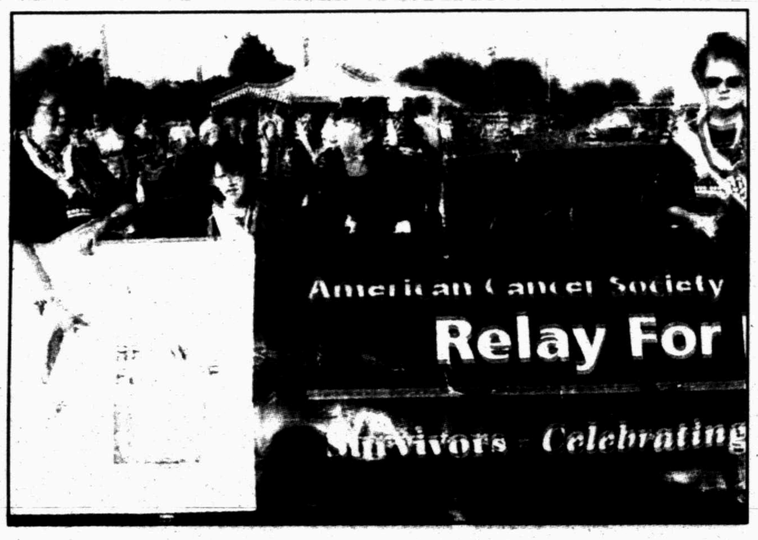
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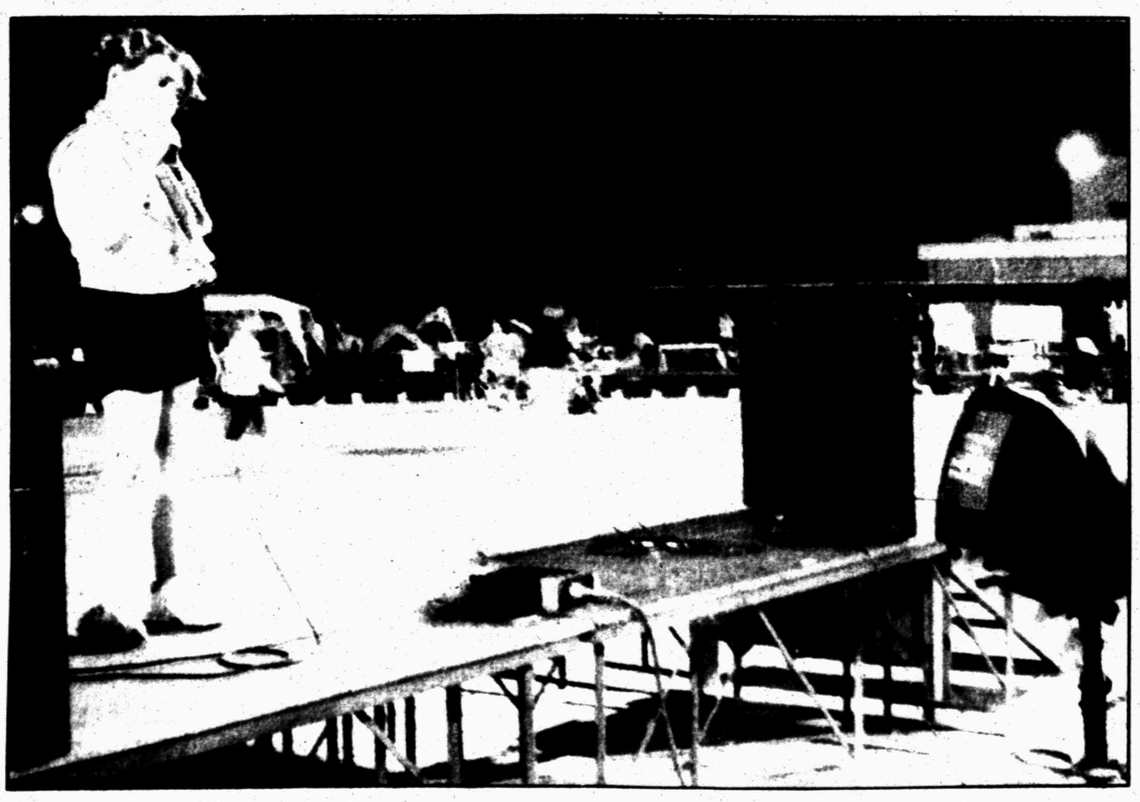




RELAY — (top left) Little Macy Bilano, 10, was one of the youngest survivors at this weekend's Relay for Life and made the walk of survivors behind the banner. The Kendallie Dance Group entertained the crowd Friday night along with the Snyder Cheerstars. The American State Bank booth was very popular when Amy Perez and other bank representatives handed out Mardi Gras beads. Meagan Smith tried her vocal talents with some kareoke. Kathy Beasley served Jack McGlaun some beans and barbecue. Matt Steelman, Matt Lowery, Richard Hardin and Steve Highfield of Calvary Baptist Church sang some gospel harmony.







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