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Home of Bobby Dale Sands

WTC OUTSTANDING STUDENTS — Reid Johnson and Lina Alvarez, far right, were named the college's outstanding male and female students during the annual awards ceremony this morning. Shown with the honorees are Bettie McQueen, left, vice president of the college, and Stephanie Ducheneaux, Faculty Association president. (SDN Staff Photo by JoAnn Nunley)

Johnson, Alvarez...

College recognizes its outstanding students

Reid Johnson was named the outstanding male student at Western Texas College for this school year, and Lina Alvarez was revealed as the outstanding female student.

The two, both Snyder High School graduates, were recognized at the annual awards day program at WTC this morning in the Fine Arts Theatre. Each will receive a $500 scholarship.

The awards were presented by Bettie McQueen, WTC vice president.

Other nominees for outstanding male student were William Atkins, Josh Burney and Kevin Gutierrez.

Also nominated for outstanding female student were Jennifer Bigham, Lisandra Bueno, Helen Fare and Connie Irvine.

Other scholarships announced this morning were President's Ambassador Scholarships in the amount of $1,000 to Christopher Metsgar, Corey Knipe, Robert Greer and Tiffany Ramirez.

Outstanding students recognized and their department were:

Freshman Art — Trey Shirley and Joe Romero.

Sophomore Art — Tony Martin, David Garcia, Lana Rice.

Freshman English — Romelia Hernandez, Patrick Coggins.

Sophomore English — Jennifer Bigham, Reid Johnson.

Mass Communications — Reid Johnson, Josh Burney, Joyce May, Helen Fare.

Print Journalism — Helen Fare, Joyce May.

Freshman Agriculture Academic Award — Amber Atkinson.

Sophomore Agriculture Academic Award — Matt Thackerson, Jeff Ellis.

Business Administration — Angela Stowe.

Excellent in Effort Math Award — Koichiro Okabe, Deborah Wilson, Floyd Reese, Mary Castillo, Julie Sentell, Deanna Stanfield, Shawna Wooldridge, Sciichi Noda.

Freshman Math — Dewayne Allred, Justin Guy.

Sophomore Math — Aaron Stansell, Lina Alvarez.

Life Science — Jason Tyler, Cinnamon Wood, Helen Fare, Johnnie Riggs, Kamie Stubblefield.

American Government — Christopher Metsgar.

U.S. History — Paul Wilson, Kay Lee Stubblefield.

Psychology 2314 — Johnnie Riggs, Vicky Lynn Rowland, Reid Johnson.

Psychology 2301 — Will Inman.

Physical Education — Rob Greer.

Spanish — Stephen Hill, Heather Hobbs.

Male Rodeo — Wes Stevenson.

Female Rodeo — Jamie Sandifer.

Freshman Computerized Business Technology — Jennifer Freeland, Renee Goswick, Terry Pina, Marcola Rios, Fredine Ward, Jazmin Garcia.

Sophomore Computerized Business Technology — Peggy Pigford, Lisandra Bueno, Charlotte Barrett, Connie Irvine, Susan Klein.

Criminal Justice — Romelia Hernandez, Will Inman, Kevin Gutierrez.

Early Childhood Education — Mandy Holdridge, Connie Ragan, Daphne Stacy, Tonya Morrison.

Emergency Medical Services — Charles Dunn.

GLT — Trevor Thompson.

Daniel Unit to hold graduation

A second prison graduation is set for 10 a.m. Thursday at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder.

Twenty-three from the Daniel Unit and six from the Smith Unit in Lamesa will be awarded degrees. Warden Vernon Pittman will give the welcome and Clayton Finch of the Windham School regional office will introduce the speaker, WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek.

John Gibson, WTC dean of vocational instruction, will present the diplomas.

At 7 p.m. Friday in the WTC Courtyard, some 62 students will receive diplomas. In case of inclement weather, the Friday commencement ceremony will be moved to Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

At WTC's graduation on campus Friday night, two graduates – Reid Johnson and Helen Fare – will give addresses while Stephanie Ducheneaux, president of the Faculty Association, will give the response.

Dr. Krenek and Bettie McQueen, WTC vice president, will present the diplomas.

Also on Friday, State Rep. David Counts will be present to make a special presentation.

This morning in Colorado City, 19 inmates were awarded associate degrees from WTC.

Testimony has started in trial

Testimony began this morning in 132nd District Court as a 17-year-old Snyder man is on trial for deadly conduct.

Michael Jason Garcia of 2006 Ave. N is charged with discharging a shotgun into a group of people on the parking lot of the Highland Shopping Center on Oct. 15.

Kellye Jasso, a student at Snyder High School, was the first person called to testify as she was on the parking lot at the time of the alleged shooting.

Sgt. Brian Peterson of the Snyder Police Department was also expected to testify today. Peterson was the arresting offi[illegible]

A five-man, seven woman jury was selected Tuesday afternoon.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding and District Attorney Dana Cooley is presenting the state's case.

Court-appointed attorney Peter Lopez of Sweetwater represents Garcia.

Prayer Day services set for Snyder

Local citizens have two opportunities Thursday to participate in the National Day of Prayer.

The East Side Church of Christ will hold a community prayer service at 7 a.m. in the multi-purpose building located at 201 31st St.

A continental breakfast will follow the service.

The First Baptist Church will sponsor a prayer service from 12:10 to 12:20 p.m. on the front steps of Snyder City Hall.

206 do early voting

Early voting ended Tuesday for the May 5 election with a total of 206 votes cast in the city election that will see Snyder citizens elect a new mayor.

James Ashley and Francene Allen-Noah are running for mayor as Dayton Robertson did not seek another term. Incumbent Terry Martin is running for one of two at-large council seats. Other candidates are John Reed and Carl Moon Jr.

For the Ira school board, 58 people cast ballots during the early voting period, and one person returned a mail-in ballot for a total of 59.

Dirk Dunn, Gilbert Sanchez and Doug White are running for Place 7, while Fran Farmer, Jeff Kellner and Kirby Sterling are seeking the Place 2 spot on the Ira board.

Shane Smith and Keith Clements are unopposed.

Election day is Saturday and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Those voting Saturday in the city election will do so at City Hall, and the Ira board election will be held in the Ira Community Center, located across the street from the schools.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Meaning of words change with age. Remember when parking had to do with romance. Now it has to do with a space close to the door."

Was talking to a young lady the other day who was planning on getting married. When asked what was the rush, she explained that she always wanted kids.

For her, and others, thinking about starting a family, here's a test to take to ensure that you're ready.

—Night test: Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8-12 pounds of sand. Soak it in water. At 3 p.m. begin to waltz and hum with bag until 9 p.m. Lay down bag and set alarm for 10 p.m. Get up, pick up bag and sing every song you have ever heard. Make up a dozen more and sing until 4 a.m. Set alarm for 5 a.m. Get up and make breakfast. Keep it up for five years and look cheerful.

—Ingenuity Test: Take egg carton. Use a pair of scissors and pot of paint, turn it into an alligator. Now take toilet paper tube and turn it into attractive Christmas candle. Last, take a milk carton, a ping-pong ball and an empty box of Cocoa Puffs. Make exact replica of Eiffel Tower.

—Auto Test: Forget the BMW and buy a station wagon. Buy chocolate ice cream cone and put it in glove compartment. Leave it there. Get a dime. Stick it into cassette player. Take family-size package of chocolate chip cookies and mash them into back seat. Run garden rake along both side of car.

Mess Test: Smear peanut butter on sofa and curtains. Place a fish stick behind coach and leave it all summer.

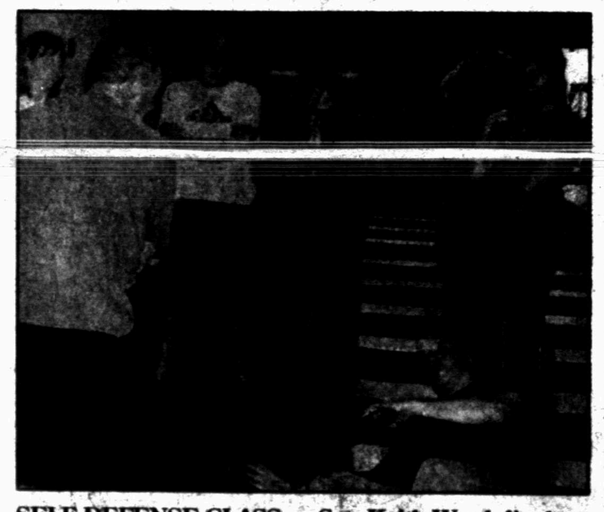
—Toy Test: Obtain 55-gallon box of Legos (or you may substitute roofing tacks). Have a friend spread them all over house. Put on blindfold and try to walk to bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream because this would wake a child at night.

—Grocery Store Test: Borrow one or two small animals (goats are best) and take them with you as you shop. Always keep them in sight and pay for anything they eat or damage.

—Dressing Test: Obtain one large, uphappy, live octopus. Stuff into a small net bag making sure that all the arms stay inside.

—Feeding Test: Obtain large plastic milk jug. Fill halfway with water. Suspend from ceiling with a cord. Start the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal into mouth of jug while pretending to be an airplane. Now dump contents of jug on floor.

If you fail this test, adopt a kitten.



SELF-DEFENSE CLASS — Sgt. Keith Ward displays a self- defense move at the class for women at WTC, sponsored by Gateway Family Services Inc.

WHAT NOW? — Sgt. Keith Ward demonstrates the best action to take in an attack situation. Judd Chapman portrays the attacker.

GOOD JOB! — Deputy Sheriff Kevin Roemisch helps Lea Ann Bell through steps of a self-defense movement. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—About how much money does tourism create in Scurry County per year?

A—The latest figures are from 1999 and the Texas Department of Economic Development, tourism division, says the total is $12,240,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 89 degrees; low, 58; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 65; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.40 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, low near 60, S wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high 80-85, S wind 10-20 mph.

Nan'kta Davis
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:24 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.
Of 121 days in 2001, the sun has shone 109 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.
— Norman Vincent Peale

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Cranes return

By The Associated Press

Ten of the 13 sandhill cranes that made a historic migration from the Midwest to Florida behind an ultralight plane last fall have returned to Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in east central Wisconsin, where they first fledged last June.

"It's really great news," said Larry Wargowsky, refuge manager. "It means that the cranes did just what we thought they'd do."

Researchers hope to duplicate the flight but with endangered whooping cranes, creating a second migrating flock of the huge birds in the process.

At 5 feet tall, whoopers are North America's tallest birds and one of the world's rarest. A wild flock of about 180 whoopers migrates from nesting grounds in extreme northwestern Canada to wintering grounds at Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas.

Scientists worry that a single catastrophic event such as an avian disease or a hurricane could wipe out that population.

If final permission is received this June, a plan for establishing the second migratory population of whooping cranes could soon lead to action, first to fledge a group of the whoppers at Necedah this summer and then to teach them to migrate to Florida this fall behind the ultralights of Operation Migration.

The returning sandhill cranes were hard to find among the hundreds of other wild sandhills returning to the vast central Wisconsin marshland to nest, but scientist Richard Urbanek had identified all 10 of the birds by their radio transmitters or leg tags by Sunday, Wargowsky said.

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COMPETE AT REGIONAL — Seven Ira School students competed at regional UIL competition. Back row from left, Tosha Walker, Colter Brown, Jessie Green, Kendra Krop; front row, Davi Barnes, Mikanna Herring, Morgan Clements. Morgan advanced to state in computer applications. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Clements advances to state

Ira School has qualified one student for the 2000-2001 UIL State Meet to be held Thursday through Saturday at the University of Texas in Austin.

Morgan Clements advanced by placing first in computer applications at regional UIL competition held April 21 at Hardin-Simmons University.

Six other students also competed in the regional meet. Tosha Walker was fourth in computer applications and is the alternate to state.

The spelling team of Kendra Krop, Colter Brown and Jessie Green garnered second place. Kendra also placed fourth and is the alternate to state.

Mikanna Herring, Davi Barnes and Morgan Clements competed in accounting and Colter Brown competed in ready writing.

Through participation in the state meet, students qualify for the Texas Ineterscholastic League Foundation scholarships.

Ex-Klansman convicted in church blast

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Nearly four decades after a church bombing killed four black girls preparing for worship services, a second ex-Ku Klux Klansman has been convicted in the deadly blast that galvanized the civil rights movement.

Even before a handcuffed Thomas Blanton Jr. was led from the courtroom Tuesday, questions were raised about when, and if, prosecutors would now attempt to try Bobby Frank Cherry — the only other living suspect in the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

A grand jury indicted both men last year in the girls' killings. They had been scheduled to go to trial at the same time, but Circuit Judge James Garrett delayed Cherry's trial because of questions about his mental competency.

"Now it's time to go after Cherry. I am tired of hearing about his mental competency. They have tried mentally retarded black men," said the Rev. Abraham Woods, a black minister who help persuade the FBI to reopen the church bombing case.

Prosecutor Doug Jones said the decision would not be made until an evaluation of Cherry's mental competency was completed.

On Tuesday, a jury of eight whites and four blacks deliberated for 21/2 hours before finding Blanton, 62, guilty of first-degree murder. They had heard a week of legal arguments and evidence, including photos of the girls and audiotape secretly recorded 37 years earlier. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Asked by the judge if he had any comment, Blanton replied: "I guess the good Lord will settle it on judgment day."

It was never made clear what Blanton did in either putting the bomb together or placing it outside the church, but the swift verdict was sweet news for many black Birmingham residents, who have lived with painful memories of the bombing.

"It's an emotional experience," said Estelle Boyd, a member of the church now and in 1963. Boyd said she is a friend of family members of the four girls: Denise McNair, who was 11, and Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson, who were all 14.

"This means a great deal to the families. If you have children, you are able to empathize," Boyd said.

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond said the Blanton conviction, the latest in a series of civil rights era crimes brought belatedly to court, was commendable.

"If Southerners want to put this era behind them, this is the best way to do it — by bringing to justice the terrorists who tried and failed to stop the movement for democracy," Bond said. "This is great news."

Of Cherry, he said: "As long as he's living, and if he's able to stand trial, then he needs to face a jury of his peers."

The cases against Blanton and Cherry are the latest from the turbulent civil rights era to be revived by prosecutors. Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in 1994 of assassinating civil rights leader Medgar Evers in 1963, and former Klan imperial wizard Sam Bowers was convicted three years ago of the 1966 firebomb-killing of an NAACP leader.

The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church had been a gathering place for civil rights protests in the weeks before the Sept. 15, 1963. The deadly blast forced moderates off the sidelines and gave the civil rights movement new momentum. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were passed by Congress.

Denise's parents, Chris and Maxine McNair, didn't comment as they left the courthouse after the verdict against Blanton was read Tuesday. Chris McNair was hugged by Jones, who fought back tears as he told reporters: "We're happy for the families. We're happy for the girls."

Carole's mother, Alpha Robertson, said she was "very happy that justice came down."

"I didn't know if it would come in my lifetime," she told The New York Times.

Defense attorney John Robbins he would appeal for a new trial, citing the judge's refusal to move it out of Birmingham and the use of tapes the FBI had had since the mid-1960s. Robbins contends the tapes were inadmissible, illegally recorded and violated Blanton's right to a speedy trial.

On one tape, Blanton was heard telling a Klansman-turned-informant he would not be caught "when I bomb my next church."

Robbins said the jury's speed in reaching a verdict showed it was caught up in the emotion of the infamous case. "This case has been going on for 37 years and there have been books written and magazine articles over that time saying my client was guilty," he said.

Jones said he didn't feel the verdict had been tainted by the decades.

"They say justice delayed is justice denied. Well, folks, I don't believe that at all," Jones said. "Justice delayed is still justice."

Blanton was among four Klansman identified as suspects within weeks of the bombing. Robert Chambliss was convicted of murder in 1977 and died in prison. Cherry's trial is pending. And Herman Cash died without being [illegible]

The Justice Department concluded 20 years ago that former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover had blocked prosecution of Klansmen in the bombing.

Black berets will not come from China

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army soldiers won't be wearing Chinese-made black berets, after all.

The Pentagon issued a brief statement Tuesday night announcing plans to recall whatever Chinese-made berets have already been delivered and distributed.

"The Army Chief of Staff has determined that U.S. troops shall not wear berets made in China or berets made with Chinese content," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz said in a brief statement. "Therefore, I direct the Army and the Defense Logistics Agency to take appropriate action to recall previously distributed berets and dispose of the stock."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki decided last year that all soldiers, except paratroopers and Special Forces soldiers, would wear black berets, beginning June 14, the Army's birthday.

With that deadline set for acquiring 2.6 million berets, the Defense Logistics Agency said it had to use foreign manufacturers along with American suppliers. When word got out that China was among the suppliers — scheduled to make approximately 600,000 of the berets — it created a problem among lawmakers who want the Army to buy American. A review was started in March.

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Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Today is the 122nd day of 2001 and the 44th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1923, Naval Air Service flyers Oakley Kelley and John Macready set out from Roosevelt Field, N.Y., on the first nonstop transcontinental airplane flight. They landed in California 26 hours and 50 minutes later.

On this day in 1932, "Of Thee I Sing," a two-act musical comedy, became the first musical to win a Pulitzer Prize.

On this day in 1970, Diane Crump, riding Fathom, became the first woman to jockey a horse in the Kentucky Derby.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Catherine the Great (1729-1796), Russian empress; Vernon Castle (1887-1918), dancer; Manfred von Richthofen, "The Red Baron" (1892-1918), German World War I ace; Bing Crosby (1903-1977), actor-singer; Benjamin M. Spock (1903-1998), pediatrician; Theodore Bikel (1924-), singer-actor, is 77; Lesley Gore (1946-), singer, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1876, the first home run in the National League was hit by Ross Barnes for Chicago.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The peak of tolerance is most readily achieved by those who are not burdened with convictions." — Alexander Chase

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 30) and full moon (May 7).

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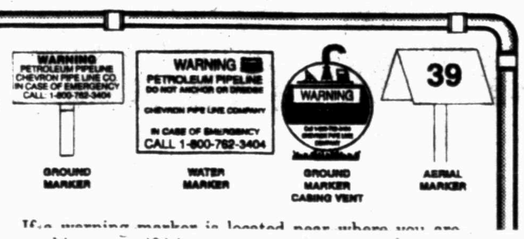

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Adoptathon finds good homes for orphaned pets everywhere

DEAR ABBY: Spring is here, and it's time to alert pet-loving people to the 2001 Pet Adoptathon. The slogan, "From the Golden Gate to the Empire State," says it all.

The North Shore Animal League America's Tour for Life, organized in conjunction with the San Francisco SPCA, began in the Bay City on April 12. On that day, the league's huge mobile adoption center transported pets from the animal shelter to centralized community locations in an effort to find loving adoptive homes for hundreds of orphaned pets.

From the Golden Gate, the 35-foot shelter-on-wheels motored southeast to Albuquerque, continued on to Dallas, traveled east and south to Fort Lauderdale, turned north to New York City and finally, on May 3, will arrive at the Empire State Building — a true lifesaving journey to help animal organizations along the way to find loving homes for their needy dogs and cats.

The Tour for Life does not end there: It actually signals the start of the North Shore Animal League America's worldwide Pet Adoptathon 2001 on May 5 and 6. This annual event is a spectacular lifesaving weekend during which more than 2,500 shelters in all 50 states and 29 foreign countries join together to find permanent homes for all the pets in their care. Since the league founded Pet Adoptathon in 1995, more than 100,000 orphaned pets have been placed in excellent adoptive homes. As impressive as this total sounds, NSAL America and Pet Adoptathon shelters want to do even more.

The league — and all participating organizations around the world — implore animal lovers to adopt a dog, cat, puppy or kitten during the Pet Adoptathon weekend on May 5 and 6. Last year, our combined efforts saved the lives of tens of thousands of pets worldwide. This year, we hope another 40,000 animals will be adopted by kind and caring folks.

For the name of the Pet Adoptathon shelter near you, call toll-free: 1-877-BE-MY-PAL (1-877-236-9725) or visit the Web site: www.petadoptathon.com. — **J. JOHN STEVENSON, PRESIDENT, NORTH SHORE ANIMAL LEAGUE AMERICA**

DEAR JOHN: Thank you for the exciting news about your pet adoption programs for 2001. Your mobile adoption center reminds me of the saying, "If Mohammad can't go to the mountain, the mountain will go to Mohammad." I'm sure your efforts will be greeted with enthusiasm by animal lovers everywhere.

Readers, if you have been longing for a pet and thinking about buying one, please open your hearts and homes to a loving shelter pet. They have so much love to give, and all of it can be yours if you participate in this year's North Shore Animal League's Adoptathon. Purr-purr, woof-woof! — and away we go!

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DEAR ABBY: My sister gave birth to her first child a few months ago. He was a beautiful baby, called home by God on the day he was born. My sister is an incredibly strong person, but I know she's hurting more than she lets on.

With Mother's Day approaching, I am wondering if it would be appropriate to give her a Mother's Day card. I don't want to make her sadder than she already is, but I also don't want her to think I've forgotten or don't care. I'm not sure what I should do. — **GRIEVING AUNT IN NEW YORK**

DEAR GRIEVING: I am very sorry you lost your precious nephew. My heart goes out to you and his dear mother.

Yes, by all means, acknowledge your sister's loss — but not with a traditional Happy Mother's Day card. Select a beautiful blank card and write your own personal message of remembrance.

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Panel reviewing V-22 Osprey submits recommendations to Senate committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Changes to make the V-22 Osprey safe for flight could take as little as a year to put in place, but rigorous testing is needed before the troubled aircraft can begin daily use, says a Pentagon-appointed panel.

"The most important thing we could say is that there's no evidence of any fundamental flaw" in the V-22's unique helicopter-like design, said Norman Augustine, a member of a panel assigned to review the Osprey program after 23 Marines were killed last year in two fatal crashes.

Serious concerns about the aircraft's safety and design led the panel to recommend the program continue production at a "minimum sustaining level" until changes can be made.

The Marines want to build more than 450, but only eight have been built and the few still capable of flying have been grounded since last December.

"This is an aircraft that in terms of reliability and maintainability is not ready for operational use or production," Augustine said during his testimony Tuesday before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Still, he and other panel members stressed that the Osprey was the best aircraft suited for Marine missions.

The Osprey uses what is called a tilt-rotor concept. It has the unique ability to take off like a helicopter, rotate its propellers 90 degrees and fly like an airplane. The Marine Corps hopes to use the Ospreys to replace its aging fleet of helicopters, which are considerably slower and louder.

"This thing is a national asset," said panel member James Davis, a retired Air Force general.

The Osprey, built by the Boeing Co.'s helicopter division and Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas, has been one of the Pentagon's most controversial programs. The experimental aircraft will have a price tag topping $30 billion should full production proceed.

Panel chairman John Dailey, a retired Marine general, called the Osprey a "breakthrough technology that is important to this country and our future."

Committee members generally agreed, although most expressed concern about the aircraft's safety record and questioned why certain mechanical problems discovered before the crashes were not addressed.

Among the problems cited in the panel's report were a glitch in the aircraft's computer software and a need to redesign the inside the plane's engine casing, where mechanics have found hydraulic problems. The plane also needs more rigorous testing before it can be considered for day-to-day use, the panel said.

Committee Chairman Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said the Osprey represents a unique technology.

"I must question, however, whether the increased performance is worth the additional costs, and apparently the increased risk, to those who must operate these aircraft," he said.

Quizzing each panel member on how long it would take before the Osprey could resume full production, Warner received nearly identical responses.

"Optimistically, I think it can be done in the neighborhood of a year. And pessimistically, I think it can be done in perhaps two years," said member Eugene Covert, professor emeritus of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who said the Osprey program was operating "under a significant cloud of doubt," repeatedly inquired about tactics military leaders may have used to get the aircraft into use.

"You do not believe that the amount of pressure to get this program to full-scale production was unusual or inappropriate?" he asked Gen. James L. Jones, the Marine Corps commandant.

Jones said he did not.

"We're certainly anxious to be able to provide the replacement aircraft for our aging aircraft, but I would draw the line that we would either knowingly or intentionally or recklessly accelerate the development of a program — thereby placing passengers at risk or crews at risk," he said.

A separate investigation is being conducted by the Defense Department's inspector general's office, which is looking into allegations that service members were instructed by their superiors to falsify Osprey maintenance records to cover up problems with the aircraft.

Airline: Survivor due less than $15 million

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A survivor of a jetliner crash in Arkansas claims his injuries have left him too traumatized to focus on his work and ruined elements of his marriage. But American Airlines says the man is entitled to less than the $15 million he seeks in compensation.

Joe Rustenhaven, 62, was in the process of moving to Maumelle to accept a transfer within a California-based aerospace company when Flight 1420 crashed while landing in a thunderstorm June 1, 1999, killing 11 people, including pilot. The jetliner broke apart and burned, and Rustenhaven sustained a head injury.

Rustenhaven and his wife did move to Arkansas but he was unsuccessful when he tried to return to work, his lawyers said in opening statements Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

Mary Rustenhaven said her husband couldn't sleep and lost much of his ability to function around the house.

"He's not the same person he was," she said.

The couple bought a king-size bed because Rustenhaven has nightmares and thrashes at night, she said.

The suit seeks compensatory damages for Rustenhaven's injuries, as well as punitive damages from the airline, which will be handled in a separate proceeding. The suit also seeks compensation for loss of consortium.

Mary Rustenhaven testified that her husband has had headaches, cannot work the television remote control and that he has generally avoided the telephone since the crash.

In opening statements, Rustenhaven's lawyers said their client has become child-like and antisocial, and that his memory has suffered.

Lawyers for Fort Worth, Texas-based American said Rustenhaven was treated for depression a year before the crash and had previous trouble sleeping.

The case is the fifth from the crash to reach trial. About two dozen unsettled cases remain and U.S. District Judge Henry Woods said he wants those cases to be over before the summer is over.

Testimony is to continue Wednesday.

CASTING CALL

GRAND CHAMPION, an independent film written and directed by Snyder's own Barry Tubb, is in production now through mid-June. **GRAND CHAMPION** is being filmed entirely in and around Snyder. It's a movie about a boy who raises a show calf, then must make an adventure-filled journey across Texas to save the calf's life. We are looking for **LOCALS** of all ages and sizes to be in the movie. If you are interested in being an **EXTRA, PLEASE** come to the **RITZ COMMUNITY THEATRE** located on the square at **1810 26th St.** in downtown Snyder, Saturday, **MAY 5TH** anytime between **9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** to meet with the extras casting director. Please feel free to bring the whole **GANG** — family & friends —Everyone is welcome!!!

PLEASE BRING A RECENT PHOTO OF YOURSELF THAT CAN BE LEFT WITH THE COMPANY!!!

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND CASTING CALL, PLEASE SEND PHOTO, NAME, AGE, SIZES, HT, WT, AND TELEPHONE #
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Attn: Casting
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Snyder, TX 79550

2 companies settle 'no call' violations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Regulatory Authority has accepted settlement agreements with two companies that violated the state's no-call statute.

Excel Communications Inc. of Dallas will pay a fine of $5,000 and Champion Carpet Specialist of Memphis will pay $2,000.

The companies were found to have done telephone solicitations to residential consumers listed on the state's Do Not Call registry.

You are invited to the annual
Community Prayer Service
Honoring the
National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 3, 2001
7:00 a.m.
East Side Church of Christ
MultiPurpose Building
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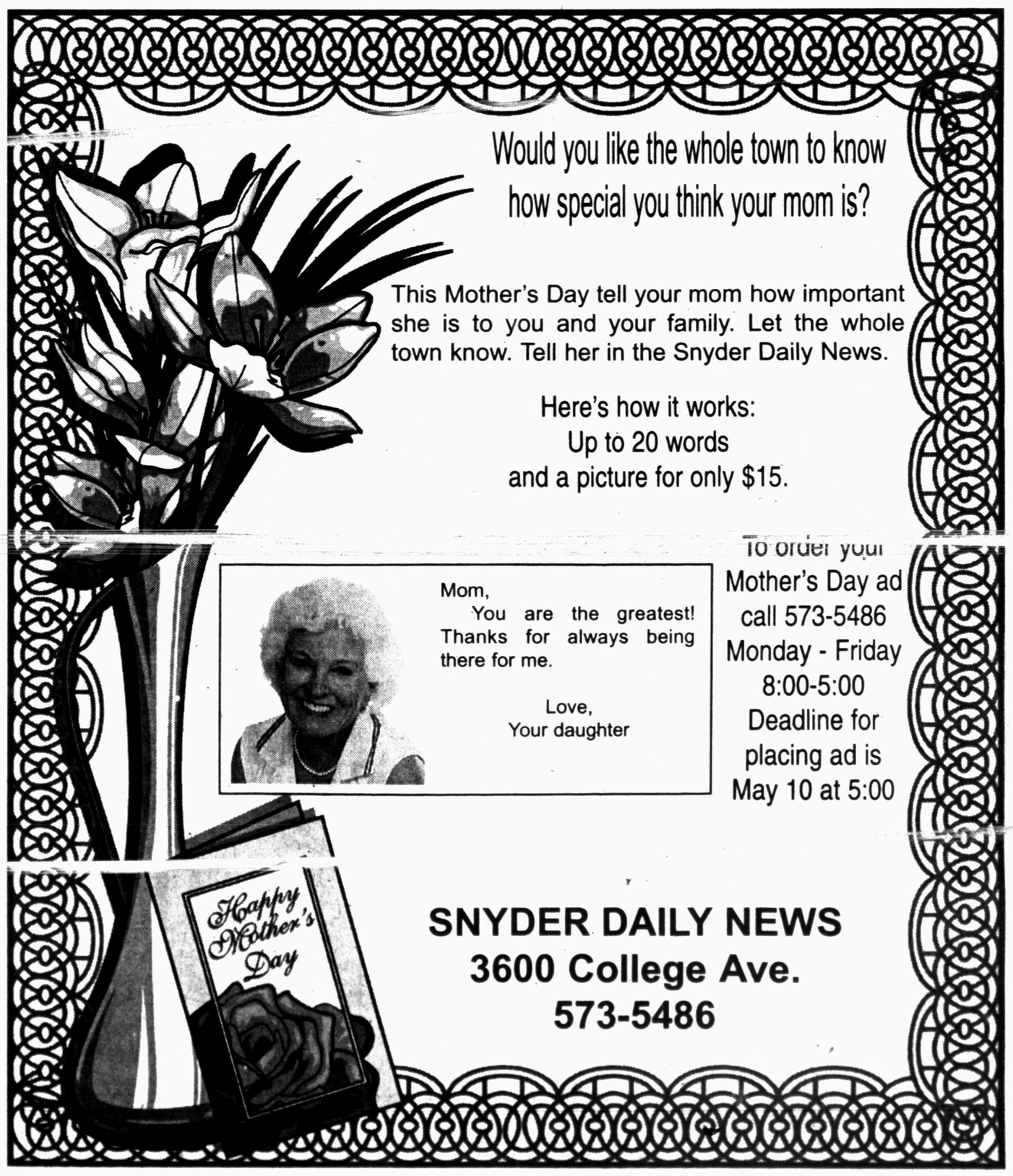

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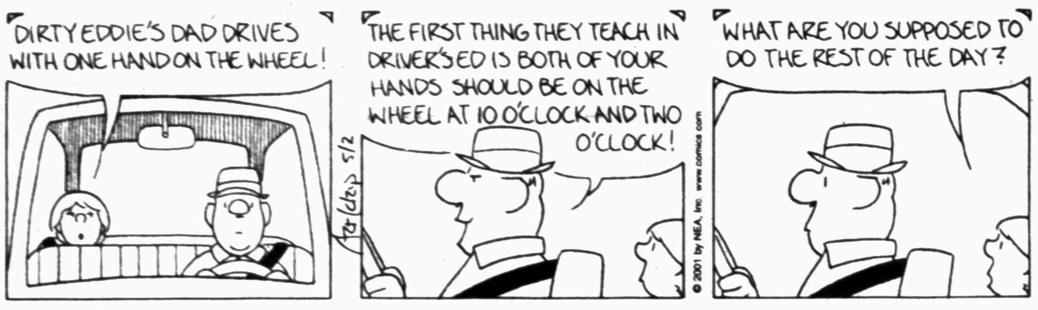

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Detour around
7 Of yore
13 Crystalline gem
14 Noosed
15 Sounded like a lion
16 Hot coals
18 Avail oneself of
20 Formerly named
21 Garden tools
23 Angry
24 Lime tree
25 Singer Anita —
27 "The — of Oz"
29 Navy ship pref.
31 Neighbor of S. Dak.
32 Average mark
33 "My — Sal"
34 Turn aside
37 Without fat
40 Negatives
41 12/31, e.g.
43 Not false
45 Bullfight cheer
46 Flock member
47 Spherical body
48 Venerate
51 Confuse
54 Says "cheese!"
56 Sign up for the army
57 Hate

DOWN

1 Genesis
2 "Hey!"
3 Frolicked
4 Melody
5 Sault — Marie
6 Rock plant
7 Suffering wounds
8 — Kippur
9 Tar
10 Key, e.g.
11 Sea nymph
12 Ford flop
19 Carpenter's need
22 Hollandaise and bearnaise
24 Writing pad
26 River in Belgium
28 Enthusiasm
30 Harshest
34 Like oaths
35 Boll — (beetle)
36 Mrs. Peron
38 Stir
39 Hospital workers
40 Scandinavian
42 Set firmly
44 Film critic Roger
49 Actor Wallach
50 Domicile (abbr.)
52 Before, to a bard
53 Small rug

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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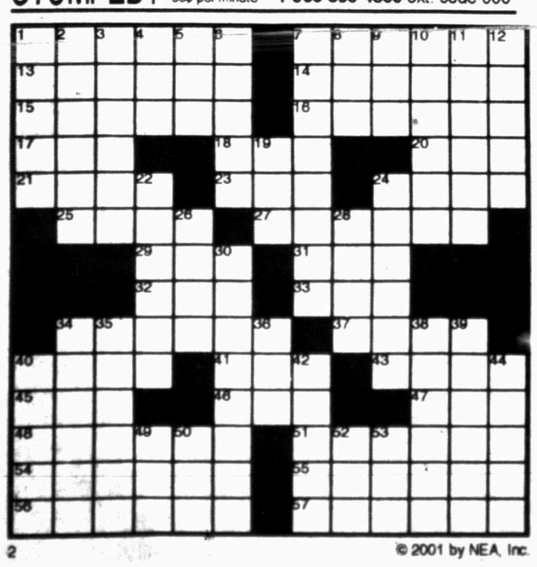

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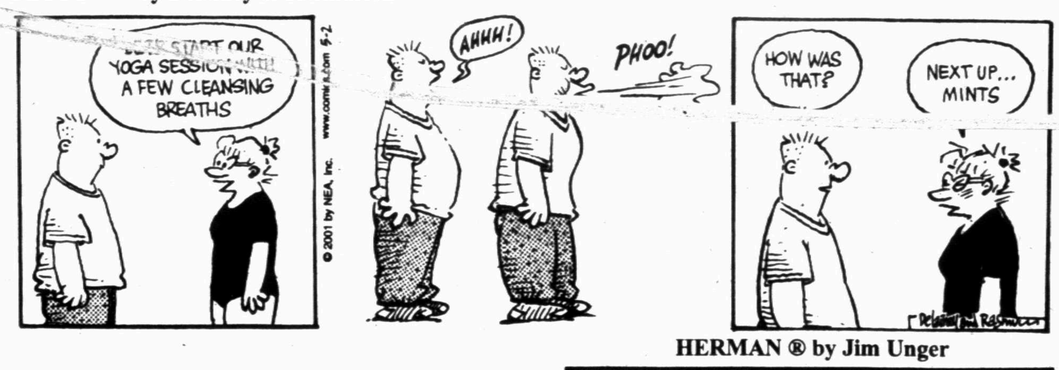

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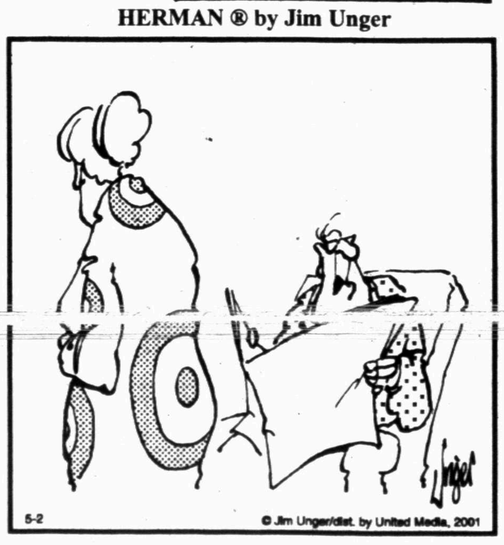

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"I KNOW HOW WE CAN SAVE SOME MONEY. WE COULD STOP BUYING CARROTS, AN' LIVER, AN' BROCCOLI, AN'..."

SPORTS

WTC riders seek trip to nationals

Under the old format, Western Texas men's and women's rodeo teams would have already qualified for nationals. But this year, WTC has to prove its worth in one more rodeo.

Nine Western Texas men and four women begin competition Thursday at Hobbs, N.M. in the conference finals of the College Rodeo Championship Series.

Western Texas won the women's regional title, and placed second in the men's regional standings. In years past, that would have been enough to earn a pair of spots at the national finals.

However, the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association changed the format. Schools no longer qualify for nationals as a team. Instead, the top two individuals from each region, and the top seven finishers from the conference finals, advance to Casper, Wyo.

Those individuals will comprise each school's team. One team might have only three members while another could have six, but that's the way it goes, according to WTC coach Greg Rhodes.

"This new format has its benefits and its downside," said Rhodes. "One good thing is that we have a possibility of getting more competitors to the national finals this year. In past years when we qualified as a team, I could only take six men and four women. But this year whoever qualifies gets to go.

"On the downside, we finished first and second in the region this year, so we would have already earn a spot at nationals. But now we have some people who still have to perform well this weekend to qualify."

Two WTC men and two women are guaranteed to compete at nationals, based on their finishes in the regional standings. Westerners Sean Willingham and Houston Hutto, and Lady Westerners Kassie Mowrey and Tibba Smith have already earned their invitations to the finals.

Lady Westerners Jamie Standifer and Jennifer Freeland will try to qualify for nationals at this weekend's conference finals, as will Tyson Thompson, J.W. Todd, Trevor LaValley, Rawley McFarland, B.J. Scott, Joseph Gernantz and Wes Dinwiddie for the WTC men.

"I look at this weekend's rodeo just like I do any other one," said Rhodes. "With the competitors that we have, I like our chances. But you never know what's going to happen. It depends on who puts together three good rides."

The first two rounds of the conference finals are Thursday and Friday, with the short round scheduled for Saturday.

The national finals are June 12-16 in Casper, Wyo.

REGIONAL CHAMPS — The Western Texas women's rodeo team captured the regional title this season. Members of the team are Jamie Standifer, Jennifer Freeland, Tibba Smith, Kassie Mowrey and Coach Greg Rhodes. (Contributed Photo)

REGIONAL RUNNERS-UP — The Western Texas men's rodeo team finished as runners-up in the Southwest Region. Members of the team are Sean Willingham, Rawley McFarland, Houston Hutto, Joseph Gernantz, B.J. Scott and Coach Greg Rhodes. (Contributed Photo)

Ira falls to Rotan, 8-4

ROTAN — The Ira Bulldogs were looking to lock up their first district baseball crown in school history on Tuesday, but the Rotan Yellowhammers weren't ready to relinquish the title.

Rotan exploded for five runs in the fifth, and Ira left seven men on base, as the Yellowhammers downed the Bulldogs, 8-4, in Class A district baseball action.

Ira now shares the top spot in the league standings with Rotan. The Bulldogs have completed their district scheduled while the Yellowhammers have two league games remaining.

Should the Yellowhammers win their final two contests, Ira and Rotan would be co-champions. A one-game playoff or a coin-flip would decide each teams playoff seed.

"We haven't decided yet whether we would have a playoff or a coin-flip," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "Either way we would be co-champions. We'll just wait and see what happens when the time comes."

Ira pitcher Eric Dickerhoff had a no-hitter through the first four innings, but the Bulldogs still trailed by two runs entering the bottom of the fifth.

Two doubles and two walks, combined with a pair of Ira errors and a hit batter, pushed across five Rotan runs in the fifth to stretch the tally to 7-0.

Ira trimmed the deficit in the top of the sixth. Singles by Terry Jamison and Seth Sterling, and a double from Josh Gutierrez, started the Bulldogs' rally. Jake Barnes and Jeremy Bowden sacrificed to plate two more runs for a 7-4 tally.

Rotan capped the scoring with a run in the bottom of the frame.

"We had too many errors and too many walks in the same inning," Edwards stated. "On the other side, Rotan didn't make many mistakes. We put the ball in play, but they didn't make many errors."

Dickerhoff, who surrendered two hits and five walks to go along with 12 strikeouts, gave way to Jase Olvera in the sixth.

Gutierrez led the Bulldogs' effort at the plate with three doubles.

Ira is in action again Friday when it hosts Klondike in a non-district contest.

The Class A playoffs begin May 17-18.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Rodeo
Western Texas at conference finals in Hobbs, N.M.
FRIDAY
Rodeo
Western Texas at conference finals in Hobbs, N.M.
Softball
Snyder vs. EP Ysleta, area playoff at Midland's Mugs Field, 4 p.m.
Baseball
Klondike at Ira, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY
Rodeo
Western Texas at conference finals
MONDAY
Golf
Snyder boys and girls at state tournament in Austin
Tennis
Snyder's Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith at state tournament in Austin
TUESDAY
Golf
Snyder boys and girls at state tournament in Austin
Tennis
Snyder's Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith at state tournament in Austin

Sports Briefs

Golf send-off

A send-off for the SHS golf teams is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the high school's sophomore parking lot. Snyder's boys and girls golf teams will compete Monday and Tuesday at the state tournament in Austin.

SHS sports banquet

The Snyder High School sports banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Jack Greene's Place. Parents and sub-varsity players must purchase tickets before 3:30 p.m. today. Tickets are $5. All parents should bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 25-28 at the SHS gym. Sessions are scheduled for incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls, and for incoming sixth through ninth grade girls only.

Cost of the camp is $60, and deadline to register is May 19. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS girls' athletic office. For more information, contact Coach Brent Parr at 574-6040 or 721-7930.

Umpires needed

Snyder Girls' Softball Association needs umpires for the upcoming season. A clinic for all new and returning umpires will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Dave Hanes at 573-3127.

Snyder Bowling Lanes

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Lanes	139	71.5
Snyder Iron	117.5	92.5
Blue Sunco	116.5	93.5
Cutting Edge	116	94
The Shack	106.5	103.5
Tinder Storage	98.5	111.5
YZ Systems	95.5	114.5
Timely Finance	94.5	115.5
Larry's Trucks	90	120
Tiger Mart	76	134

High series: Harold Kornegay, scratch, 543; Toby Roemer, handicap, 662.
High game: Elbert Klein, scratch, 208; Manuel Garcia, handicap, 254.
Splits and special mentions: Wayne Monroney and Bryan Brunson, 3-10; Don Pavlovsky, 5-7; Ray Jasso, 4-5.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Countryplace	35.5	20.5
Renegades	32.5	23.5
Snyder Iron	29	27
BCEC	26	30
Pool	24	32
J.Shea Jewelers	21	35

High series: Scratch: Roger Pavlik, 544; Mary Eime, 437. Handicap: Roger Pavlik, 640; Mary Eime, 605.
High game: Scratch: Kevin Jones and Cory Maxfield, 219; Mary Eime, 170. Handicap: Cory Maxfield, 252; Mary Eime, 226.

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Snyder Nat'l Bank	79	37
Snyder Machine	75	41
Martin Herefords	65.5	50.5
NAPA	61	55
Allen Compressor	59.5	56.5

High series: Cara Lindsey, scratch, 471; Michelle Ewing, handicap, 595.
High game: Donna Garvin, scratch, 189; Tammie Bassett, handicap, 227.
Splits and special mentions: Donna Garvin, 7-2.

Mavs rout Jazz to stay alive

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks came into their first postseason in 11 years looking for experience. So far they've learned about adversity on the road and success at home.

With a 107-77 runaway win over the Utah Jazz on Tuesday night, the Mavs have earned the chance to feel playoff pressure at its peak in a decisive Game 5 Thursday night in Salt Lake City.

The winner takes on San Antonio in the second round, starting Saturday.

"We're getting better with every game," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "You never know if that will continue or cease. But this is a great experience for us, win or lose."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 33 points, Steve Nash added 27 and Michael Finley 20 as the Mavs' Big Three were all clicking for the first time this series.

The young, athletic trio turned a 10-point deficit early in the second quarter into a 45-42 halftime lead. Dallas went up by 13 midway through the third, then used a 24-6 run to cruise to its most lopsided playoff win in franchise history.

The Mavericks were 13-of-25 on 3-pointers, the most they've made this season. Nowitzki was 5-of-10, Nash 4-of-8 and Finley 3-of-4. Utah took only nine and made just two.

"Tonight, we could've beaten anybody," said Nowitzki, who had 10 points in the second quarter and 16 in the third. "We were just on a roll. I don't think that they were tired. I just think we played a great basketball game."

Nowitzki is the poster child for the Mavericks' turnaround.

After struggling through a last-minute loss in the opener and looking worse in a boo-filled second game, he's been Dallas' leading scorer in the two wins in front of the loving fans at Reunion Arena.

But now Nowitzki, who offended an entire state by saying "Utah is a bad city," is headed back west.

"We've gotten better from game to game," said the third-year forward from Germany. "We grew as a team and hopefully we've grown enough to win on Thursday."

Finley was Dallas' lone star in the first two games, then he went 2-for-14 in Game 3. He was 7-for-13 this time, including a ferocious dunk over three Jazz that reignited the third-quarter blaze.

"The five-game series is now a one-game series," he said. "We know it's not going to be easy. It's going to be an intense game.

"But the crowd is not going to be a surprise. We know what to expect. The first two games kind of surprised us with the antics that were going on."

"We didn't expect this," said John Stockton, who should've known it was going to be a long night when he missed two technical foul shots in the first half.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
First Round
Tuesday, May 1
Milwaukee 112, Orlando 104, Milwaukee wins series 3-1
Dallas 107, Utah 77, series tied 2-2
Wednesday, May 2
New York at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 3
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
Friday, May 4
Indiana at Philadelphia, 6:30, 7:30 or 8 p.m., if necessary
Toronto at New York, 8 or 9 p.m., if necessary
Phoenix at Sacramento, 9:30 or 10:30 p.m., if necessary

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	15	10	.600	—
Atlanta	12	15	.444	4
Florida	11	14	.440	4
Montreal	11	15	.423	4½
New York	11	15	.423	4½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	10	.600	—
Cincinnati	15	10	.600	—
Milwaukee	14	11	.560	1
Houston	12	13	.480	3
St. Louis	12	13	.480	3
Pittsburgh	9	15	.375	5½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	11	.577	—
Arizona	14	12	.538	1
Colorado	13	12	.520	1½
San Francisco	13	12	.520	1½
San Diego	11	15	.423	4

Tuesday's Games
Arizona 8, Montreal 3
Philadelphia 7, Colorado 1
San Francisco 11, Pittsburgh 6
Cincinnati 7, Los Angeles 6
Milwaukee 5, Atlanta 3
Florida 4, St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 7, Houston 5
San Diego 10, Chicago Cubs 3
Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee (Rigdon 2-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 0-2) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 3-2) at Florida (Penny 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 3-1) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 0-3) at Philadelphia (Person 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 2-1), 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	9	.654	—
Toronto	17	9	.654	—
New York	15	12	.556	2½
Baltimore	13	14	.481	4½
Tampa Bay	8	19	.296	9½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	18	7	.720	—
Cleveland	15	9	.625	2½
Kansas City	10	16	.385	8½
Detroit	9	15	.375	8½
Chicago	8	16	.333	9½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	20	6	.769	—
Anaheim	11	15	.423	9
Texas	11	15	.423	9
Oakland	8	18	.308	12

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Minnesota 0
Cleveland 13, Kansas City 2
Detroit 6, Texas 3, 10 innings
Boston 2, Seattle 0
Anaheim 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 5, Oakland 4, 10 innings
Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-3) at Baltimore (Mercedes 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 0-2) at Minnesota (Mays 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Holt 2-2) at Texas (Oliver 4-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 2-1) at Kansas City (Suzuki 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Nomo 3-1) at Seattle (Sele 4-0), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 4-1) at Oakland (Mulder 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 0-0) at Anaheim (Washburn 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

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The proposed project limits are from Snyder South Limits to US 180 (25th Street), a distance of 2.106 miles. The project consists of adding sidewalks, rehabilitating the existing roadway, treating subgrade, adding storm drains, replacing a bridge, replacing curb and gutter, updating six traffic lights and adding safety improvements. At this time the project is scheduled for letting in December 2001, at an estimated cost of $4.248 million (combined roadway and bridge).

There will be an opportunity for the public to make oral and written comments and to ask questions. TxDOT wishes to solicit input from the citizens of Snyder on this proposed construction, especially those who live and work along College Avenue, on how to best make this project run smoothly, with the least inconvenience as possible to the people. Citizens not able to attend the public meeting may submit comments to Mr. Mike Molter, P.E., Snyder area engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 396, Snyder, Texas 79550.

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Education gets attention in U.S. House and Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education took center stage in Congress today with both House and Senate lawmakers discussing their versions of a major education funding bill.

Senate negotiators neared a compromise on national testing and other steps to raise student performance but were unable to agree on how much money schools should get.

Republican and Democratic aides reported progress late Tuesday on resolving the remaining differences on testing. Key senators were to meet mid-morning to review their work.

Meanwhile, the House committee that writes education legislation was to begin considering its version of the education bill today. House lawmakers in both parties anticipated deep divisions over President Bush's call to give families in failing schools $1,500 vouchers to attend private school.

"We think that the votes exist to get vouchers out," said Rep George Miller of California, a voucher opponent and the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

However, Bush told education writers from nine newspapers Tuesday that he accepts that he is unlikely to get his voucher program through the full Congress.

"There are people that are afraid of choice," Bush said. "They really are. And I'm a realist. I understand that. It doesn't change my opinion, but it's not going to change the votes, either."

But Bush said he is optimistic about getting most of the rest of his education program passed.

Rep. Bob Schaffer, R-Colo., said conservatives don't support Bush's ambitious testing plan without vouchers.

Bush favors more funding for reading programs and teacher improvement, and wants to couple increases with fundamental changes in the role the federal government plays in education.

Congress is working to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides most of the federal funding for K-12 education.

Legislation pending in both the Senate and House would give schools greater leeway in spending federal funds. It also would require student testing in grades 3-8, with mandatory improvement in test scores. Those that failed would forfeit control over a portion of their federal funds.

In the Senate version, families would be allowed to spend the money on tutoring or other education expenses. In the House version, families could spend the money on tutoring, private school tuition or transportation to another public school.

Bush's voucher plan was dropped from the Senate bill in the face of opposition from Democrats and some Republicans.

Last-minute negotiations centered on accountability — the precise yardsticks that would be used to identify failing schools.

Still, Democrats have been pressing for billions more in federal school funding than the White House or congressional Republicans are willing to commit.

Southwestern Bell raising some prices

ST. LOUIS (AP) — It will soon cost more for many phone customers in Missouri to see who's calling before they answer the phone.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. this week is raising the price of some calling services by as much as 8 percent. The rate increases affect a range of optional services including Caller ID, call-forwarding, call return, call-blocker and three-way calling.

Bell isn't changing the price of basic local telephone service nor that of some of its other optional services, including its most popular, call waiting.

Caller ID, first introduced in Missouri in 1993, is one of a number of lucrative services that telephone companies such as Southwestern Bell have marketed heavily to get more business from their existing customers. And an increasing number of customers have become hooked on the add-on services.

A recent survey by The Yankee Group shows that 40 percent of consumers with telephone service have call-waiting, which lets telephone users know if they have another incoming call. But Caller ID, a newer service, is coming along fast, with a penetration rate of 37 percent.

Aurica Yen, a Yankee Group analyst, said Southwestern Bell may be trying to increase profits where it can in advance of getting into the long-distance business. Telephone companies haven't been able to make much money on long-distance or basic local service because of increasing competition.

Southwestern Bell spokeswoman Emily MacDonald said the higher fees will offset rising operating costs as well as support development of new services. The prices for optional services haven't gone up in five years, she said.

Analysts say the selective rate increase targets customers who can afford extras rather than hitting all consumers across the board.

"Typically the people who order these services can afford to order them," said Jeff Kagan, an Atlanta-based analyst. "There's plenty of money made on these services."

Missouri Public Counsel Martha S. Hogerty agrees that Bell is targeting profitable services not subject to close regulatory scrutiny. Bell can raise rates for nonbasic services up to 8 percent a year just by filing tariffs with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

"Obviously, they can charge whatever the market will bear for these services," Hogerty said. "The costs for providing these services are practically nothing. I don't like it, but there's nothing we can do about it at this point."

SBC, Southwestern Bell's parent company, also is raising rates in several other states, but not in Illinois.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♠ A K 7 5 4
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Dealer: South

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Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Shakespeare has a lot to answer for

By Phillip Alder

To bid or not to?
That is the question. Whether
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— Jack Bitman, Denver, Colo.

How would you compare bridge with chess? I think chess is the harder game, even though chess players always see the whole board. However, if we played bridge with all 52 cards face-up on the table, we would quickly get bored. And if you lose at chess, you have only yourself to blame. Having to cooperate with a partner is a big plus — and sometimes a minus — for bridge. Also, bridge is much more sociable. You can chat with your opponents between deals, whereas in chess, it is always solid, quiet concentration. Finally, if you make a blunder in a chess game, that is usually that. In bridge, though, you can recover the loss on the next deal. One error doesn't end your day.

Still, good bidding judgment is important. Look only at the South hand. You open one spade. Partner raises to two spades. What would you do? Would it make a difference if your left-hand opponent, West, overcalled two hearts?

You have only 13 high-card points, but the two good suits mean you have game-going potential. In the uncontested auction, rebid three hearts, inviting game. Here, North, with only a singleton heart and four trumps, should jump to four spades.

However, if West has overcalled two hearts, that greatly devalues your hand. Now you should pass, not even making a game-try.

You have to guess the play, but can get home by ruffing out West's heart king. You lose one spade, one diamond and one club.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	38.00	37.68	37.95	+ .03
AOL TimeWrn	52.10	51.26	51.54	—.42
AT&T Corp	22.93	22.50	22.70	—.38
Albertsons	33.15	32.80	32.83	—.35
Alltel	56.70	55.50	56.20	+ .39
AmEl Pw	49.15	48.15	48.25	—1.18
AndarkPtr	63.06	60.75	61.13	—3.42
ATMOS Egy	23.30	22.86	22.87	—.18
Aviall	8.94	8.75	8.91	+ .26
BP PLC	53.54	52.76	52.89	—1.35
BakerHughes	37.65	36.06	36.30	—1.78
Bank of Amer	56.75	55.86	56.41	—.04
BellSouth	42.73	42.16	42.39	—.34
Beth Steel	3.50	3.35	3.41	—.09
BurlNoSFe	29.15	28.75	28.94	+ .04
Caterpillar	51.01	49.66	49.70	—1.08
Chevron	95.47	93.01	93.31	—3.14
Citigroup s	50.64	49.90	50.45	+ .05
CocaCola	47.90	47.15	47.42	—.21
ColgatePal	56.26	55.20	55.93	—.53
ComclMetals	26.20	25.95	26.17	+ .22
CooperIn	37.65	37.05	37.14	—.29
DaimlrChry	51.33	50.85	51.15	+ 1.27
DeltaAirl	44.66	43.40	44.66	+ .92
Dillards Inc	17.11	16.82	16.94	—.01
DowChem s	34.90	34.20	34.47	+ .47
DuPont	45.96	44.82	45.01	—.27
EastmanChem	52.89	52.20	52.40	—.34
EstKodak	44.74	43.78	44.74	+ .84
EDS Corp	66.35	64.79	64.97	+ .12
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ExxonMobil	87.66	86.72	86.91	—1.89
GenDynam	79.33	77.20	78.80	+ 1.10
GenElec	49.28	48.12	48.72	—.19
GenMills	40.66	40.00	40.22	+ .43
GenMotors	55.65	55.08	55.61	+ .49
GaPacGP	31.90	31.28	31.78	—.19
GlobalMar	26.91	26.10	26.50	—1.60
Goodrich	39.85	39.35	39.61	—.33
Goodyear s	24.69	24.10	24.19	—.53
GtAtlPac	11.91	11.26	11.90	+ .54
Halliburtn	41.50	39.90	40.25	—2.21
Hanson ADS	34.25	34.03	34.06	
HarteHanks	23.60	23.45	23.60	+ .01
HomeDepot	49.75	48.51	48.76	—.48
HoneywellIntl	49.20	48.10	48.72	—.23
IBM	118.95	116.25	117.20	—1.31
IntlPaper	39.50	38.31	38.75	—.75
JohnsonJn	96.89	95.82	96.18	—.82
K mart	10.75	10.45	10.67	+ .40
KinderMorg	58.01	56.37	56.37	—1.64
Kroger Co	24.45	23.92	24.22	+ .48
Litton	79.74	79.65	79.68	—.02
Lowes Cos	64.90	64.11	64.41	—.31
Lubys	7.75	7.70	7.73	+ .03
LucentTech	11.50	10.96	11.07	+ .17
MayDeptStr	37.75	37.04	37.27	—.03
Medtronic	45.95	44.90	45.46	+ .34
Motorola s	16.41	15.97	16.41	+ .52
NCR Corp	47.26	46.90	46.98	—.27
Navistar	27.90	27.10	27.40	+ 1.02
Penney JC	21.00	19.30	20.11	—.14
PepBoys	5.02	4.85	5.00	+ .23
PepsiCo	44.75	44.25	44.58	—.07
Pharmacia	51.98	50.10	50.65	—1.07
PhelpDodge	45.84	45.33	45.60	—.28
PhillipPet	58.41	56.87	56.87	—2.38
PilgrmPrd B	10.50	10.45	10.47	—.03
Polaroid	4.30	4.06	4.18	+ .18
Praxair	48.50	47.60	47.65	—.32
ProctGamb	64.85	63.50	63.91	—.27
PubS NwMx	37.25	36.16	36.21	—1.08
RadioShack	30.90	30.05	30.30	+ .15
ReliantEngy	49.62	48.80	48.85	—1.17
RoyalDut	59.60	58.60	58.94	—1.25
SBC Comm	42.73	41.80	41.80	—.93
SaraLee	19.93	19.60	19.60	—.25
Scripps EW	64.65	64.45	64.58	+ .28
SearsRoeb	36.90	36.55	36.70	—.32
SherwinW	21.35	21.09	21.27	—.26
SouthernCo s	23.21	22.80	22.87	—.48
SwstAirl s	18.20	18.02	18.18	+ .06
SprintFON	22.15	21.70	22.11	+ .49
SprintPCS	27.50	26.17	27.45	+ 1.29
Sunoco Inc	37.10	34.93	35.65	—2.59
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Temple-Inland	52.05	50.00	50.67	—1.43
Texaco	70.75	69.65	69.79	—2.41
TextInd	30.02	29.80	29.99	+ .01
TexasInst	41.00	37.50	40.50	+ .93
Textron	54.00	53.55	53.95	
TriconGlbR	43.76	41.00	41.67	—3.08
TrinityInds	20.02	19.97	20.02	—.07
TritonEngy	25.50	24.35	24.58	—.97
TylerTech	1.50	1.50	1.50	
USX-Marathn	31.57	30.00	30.25	—1.40
USX-USS	18.90	18.50	18.60	—.22
UnionPacif	55.24	54.83	55.10	+ .12
UnitedTech	79.90	78.10	78.33	—.12
Unocal	37.25	36.36	36.36	—1.64
Venator Grp	13.65	13.30	13.40	—.35
VerizonComm	56.69	56.15	56.49	—.20
WalMart	53.45	52.75	52.88	—.62
WellsFargo	47.19	46.52	47.19	+ .09
WstrnGasRs	38.40	37.26	37.90	—.64
WinnDixie	32.00	31.45	31.95	+ .10
Xerox Cp	10.21	9.95	10.05	+ .15

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Wildlife management may help landowners

LUBBOCK — Higher production costs and shrinking profit margins are leading many Texas landowners towards a greater appreciation of wildlife.

They wonder if their abundant land resources can be profitably managed for eco-tourism as well as traditional livestock production.

"Basically, there are two motivations managing wildlife on your property. One is for personal recreation. Either you enjoy seeing or viewing wildlife, enjoy having them on your place — or you, your family or guests intend to hunt them," said Dale Rollins, extension wildlife specialist based in San Angelo. "The other is a commercial situation, where you are charging someone for the trespass rights to enjoy deer, quail, turkey or other wildlife.

"We're seeing increasing interest in both segments of that audience. On the commercial side, more and more landowners are seeking ways to diversify their income. Especially in situations where the cattle market is down, o drought is prevalent. They've got another asset out there, and in many parts of the state the income potential from wildlife surpasses grazing values from livestock production."

A grazing lease worth $4 to $5 per acre may well be worth that much or more as a quail or deer lease, Rollins added.

That's where extension's wildlife appreciation days come in. These intensive, one-day seminars test landowners' wildlife knowledge while educating them on best wildlife management practices.

A recent Deer Appreciation Day in Stonewall County on the Rolling Plains attracted more than 50 landowners interested in expanding their knowledge of wildlife stewardship and management.

"We bank on the deer management triangle at these events. Habitat is the bottom leg of the triangle. One side is population management, such things as buck-doe ratios and harvest levels," Rollins said. "The other side of the triangle is people management ... especially when your dealing with leases.

"We teach landowners that habitat is the foundation. On habitat you build the deer population ... through sound management. Then you integrate or add people management by marketing wildlife through hunting or eco-tourism.

Aside from receiving an overview of deer management, landowners share their ideas on leasing land and managing land for hunting or tourism. They also get an up-close look at wildlife biology and anatomy.

Landowners also learn how to properly identify and age deer, the importance of genetics, and how nutrition plays a role in promoting and maintaining a healthy deer herd.

Then it's out to the field where discussions on habitat assessment, beneficial plant species, predators, brush control and grazing are the order of the afternoon.

"Every landowner or land manager should carry a camera, and use it to build a scrapbook of the vegetation on their place," Rollins said. "This habitat is the foundation of your land management plan. There are a number of resources available to landowners who want to improve their wildlife and land management, but don't know where to get started.

"Resources they can access locally include the county Extension agent, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists. These are free public resource. There are also consultants who can tailor-make land and wildlife management plans for a fee."

An often over-looked resource is the Internet. There is a wealth of background material, seminar information, and symposium proceeding on wildlife management available at non-profit and commercial Internet sites, Rollins said. The Texas Agriculture Extension Service offers several wildlife appreciation and management seminars throughout the state each year. At present, these seminars focus on two wildlife species: quail and deer.

"We talk about the critter, how to appreciate its habitat needs, and how to incorporate that into our overall land management scheme," Rollins said. "We haven't gotten into deer appreciation days full scale. We've spent a lot of time on quail, but there is a growing demand for deer information. I can see where we will be doing a lot more deer appreciation days in the future."

For more information on wildlife management, or the dates and locations for upcoming quail and deer appreciation days, landowners can call Rollins at 915-653-4576 or contact the local county extension office.

Brain damage, untreated jaundice linked

CHICAGO (AP) — An increasing number of U.S. infants are developing rare but permanent brain damage caused by untreated jaundice at birth, according to the agency that regulates hospital safety.

In an alert to be issued today to the nearly 5,000 hospitals it evaluates, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations said doctors are seeing a re-emergence of a condition called kernicterus.

"These cases are true tragedies, not only for the children, but also for the families," said Dr. Paul M. Schyve, the commission's senior vice president.

Kernicterus is not monitored by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but an informal physicians' registry suggests that about 90 cases have occurred since 1984, said Dr. Jeffrey Maisels, who heads an academy subcommittee that is revising 1994 guidelines for treating jaundice.

While that's a tiny portion of the estimated 4 million annual births nationwide, doctors suspect the numbers are higher.

Sending babies home soon after birth has contributed to the problem, which usually involves a severe form of cerebral palsy with poor muscle control, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Hearing loss, teeth malformations and other handicaps also may occur, said Maisels, who is chairman of pediatrics at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

It is especially troubling because it's preventable, Maisels said. Kernicterus can develop in nearly any infant with jaundice, which affects more than half of all U.S. newborns, he said.

Jaundice can cause a yellowing of the skin and involves an elevated level of bilirubin, which is a naturally occurring byproduct of decomposing red blood cells.

The liver filters bilirubin from the blood, but newborns' livers typically don't start functioning fully until a few days after birth, making them prone to jaundice.

Maisels said doctors aren't certain how bilirubin damages the brain, but autopsies of infants with kernicterus have found yellow staining in a region of the brain that controls movement.

Kernicterus is believed to have been somewhat common in the 1940s and 1950s, before the development of a jaundice treatment called exchange transfusion, which replaces a newborn's blood with adult blood.

The condition had become rare by the 1970s, when newborns routinely remained in the hospital for several days after birth, Maisels said.

Simple blood tests can detect elevated bilirubin levels and are recommended by the academy for all newborns who appear jaundiced.

But obvious jaundice may not appear until several days after a newborn has been sent home, making it crucial for doctors to be aware of risk factors for jaundice, the commission said.

Jaundice may resolve by itself or with treatment that now usually involves placing the infant under special fluorescent lights that make bilirubin more easily filtered by the liver. Blood transfusions are done only in severe cases.

Babies at increased risk for jaundice include those born a few weeks prematurely, those who may be improperly nourished due to inefficient breast-feeding, and those who have siblings who experienced jaundice.

The commission's recommendations include evaluations for all newborns with jaundice, medical follow-ups for newborns within two days after they are sent home, and educating parents about jaundice and its potential risks.

On the Net:
Joint Commission: http://www.jcaho.org
American Academy of Pediatrics: http://www.aap.org

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 810 head of cattle for the Saturday, April 28, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers steady to $1 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 138-139
400-500: 109-113
700-800: 82.50-86.75
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 110-113
400-500: 94.50-97
500-600: 88-89
600-700: 83.75-88.50
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 690-815
Aged cows: 550-675
Pairs: 790-900
Aged pairs: 670-760
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 42-45
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 44-47.50
Boners High Yielding 1150-1350 Lbs. 40-44
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs. 38.50-44
Under 800-1000 Lb. 37.50
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 53.50-58
High dressing 1500-2100 Lbs. 59
Low dressing 1000-1300 Lbs. 52.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 880 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 26, sale. Cows were $1 to $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $1 to $2 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-48.50
Canner and low cutters: 33-42
Slaughter bulls: 50-58.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-127.50
400-500: 90-109
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 83-89
700-800: 80-85
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 85-95
600-700: 82-89
700-800: 75-83
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-100
700-800: 75-84
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-935
Grade: 500-700
Springers: 425-710
Baby calves: 100-210
Doodlers: 225-285

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 3, 2001
The year ahead might finally alleviate some of your more serious obligations and permit more pleasurable adventures. It could turn out to be lucky for you both materially and socially.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Seek out activities today you can enjoy with your friends, but don't agree to expensive pursuits you can't afford. Besides, more money doesn't guarantee a good time. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. 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) — Focus your attention and efforts today on matters that are meaningful to you personally. However, if you did promise to do something for another, get it out of the way first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unless you are alert and refuse to play along, there's a chance you could get caught up in a one-upsmanship game today with a competitive cohort. It'll be a no-win situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There's nothing wrong with your financial picture today. In fact, it looks encouraging. However, your breaks are likely to come through business associates, not social contacts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you need someone to go to bat for you today, make your needs known without demanding anyone to do so. Let the desire to help you be self-inspired.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Timing could be critical today when striving for some type of private gains. Be careful you don't push things too forcefully or too fast, or you could stumble over your own feet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If your motivation is to be cooperative when dealing with others for mutual gains, your involvement should turn out quite successful. When placed on the "me" factor, it'll be a bummer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't wait on those with whom you're associating to start the ball rolling today when going after an important objective. It'll be up to you to establish the time and effort table.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Nurturing self-doubts will impede your progress today. It's important you be both hopeful and expectant when executing some plans. Positive thinking will determine the outcome.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The possibilities for gains through joint endeavors look promising today. However, the rewards you're expecting might not live up to your anticipation. Be realistic.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Sometimes no matter how hard we try, we can't please everybody. Your cooperative nature will be appreciated by most of your friends today, and that's what really counts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In order to get the cooperation you need on the job today, you must first prime the pumps a little. Just be careful you don't promise that which you can't deliver.

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Glenn says space tourism off in future

ORONO, Maine (AP) — Former astronaut and retired Ohio Sen. John Glenn says "the time for space tourism should still be off in the future."

Glenn was asked Tuesday during a visit to the University of Maine to comment about California millionaire Dennis Tito's trip to the international space station in return for a reported payment of $20 million.

"Thank heaven I didn't have to pay that," Glenn said to laughter from the audience at the Maine Center for the Arts.

Joking aside, Glenn said he believes only researchers should go into space.

Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962. In 1998, at age 77, he become the oldest space traveler in history during a flight aboard space shuttle Discovery. The Democrat retired that year from the U.S. Senate.

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Plan to prevent deaths launched by 'surgeon'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Broadcasters should run public service ads. Doctors and lawyers need to learn to spot warning signs in their patients and clients. And religious groups can help remove the stigma of talking about suicide, the government said today in its first national prevention guide.

The Surgeon General's report also calls for a uniform way for hospitals, police and coroners across the nation to identify and report suicides. The goals are all part of developing better strategies to address a problem that claims 30,000 lives a year, officials say.

"Suicide exacts an enormous toll from the American people," said Surgeon General David Satcher, who has focused attention on mental health issues.

The plan, promised in 1998 after a national suicide prevention conference, was debated by experts who compiled some 80 recommendations. Pared down to 68, the goals are set for 2005 and would be voluntary on the part of states, local agencies and anyone else who wanted to follow them, officials said.

"We're using the science to provide a foundation for policymakers," said Satcher's spokesman Damon Thompson. The report was compiled with help from doctors, nurses, counselors and other health experts.

The report points out the success of existing suicide-prevention programs. The Air Force reduced suicides by 60 percent in five years, the report said.

Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., is seeking $75 million for a program aimed at preventing suicide among children. Wellstone and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., are trying to expand laws that help people get better mental health coverage from their insurance plans.

A key report recommendation urges the creation of a national violent death reporting system that includes suicide; only 17 states require hospitals to use a special code for suicide and attempts, officials said. Often local coroners, doctors and health officials rule suicides as something else to spare a family embarrassment and pain, they said.

The report also asks the help of churches and community centers in spreading the word that suicidal thoughts and actions are signs of illness and nothing to be ashamed of.

"America is not yet fully facing the mental health needs of its citizens," said Michael M. Faenza, president of the National Mental Health Association. "In the majority of cases, suicide is the most tragic result from common and treatable mental illness."

Federal figures show that suicide is the eighth leading cause of death, killing 30,000 people each year. A third as many people die in homicides. A half million more Americans attempt suicide each year but survive.

The mental health group says 4 percent of American adults, or 8.4 million people, have possibly contemplated suicide.

Older Americans are among the groups most likely to commit suicide. The risk is also growing for black teen-agers, American Indians and gay and lesbian youth.

The surgeon general's report focuses on suicide causes and aggressive intervention for people at risk of attempting it. Factors that lead to suicide are complex: Schizophrenia, alcohol abuse, job loss or loneliness. Among the report's recommendations are:

— Adding more suicide-prevention programs in schools, college, jails, and in the workplace.

— Increasing the number of states that require health insurance plans to cover mental health and substance abuse on the level that physical illnesses are covered.

— Using public service announcements like those on car seats, smoking, and drinking.

Campaign aims to take stigma off country music

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The country music industry will try to overcome a persistent inferiority complex with a self-deprecating advertising campaign aimed at encouraging fans to be proud and vocal.

The slogan is "Country. Admit it. You love it."

The campaign is the result of consumer research that found that many music fans hesitate to admit they love the music of performers like Alan Jackson, the Dixie Chicks and Tim McGraw.

"There was one young woman in Dallas in one of the focus groups that said, 'I listen to country music in my car, but if I pull up at a traffic light and I see someone cool pull up next to me, I'll hit the button and change the station,'" said Ed Benson, executive director of the Country Music Association, the industry's trade group.

"People talk about music together, and we've always known in our business that word of mouth is really a prime way for people to find out about music."

The campaign by the CMA, targeting listeners between the ages of 18-34, will appear as soon as the fall in TV, print and billboard advertising. The association hopes country stars and other celebrities who enjoy country music will participate.

The CMA will spend more than $2 million on research and advertising buys, and is hoping record companies and other Nashville businesses will use the theme in their own ads.

The advertising firm GSD&M, of Austin, Texas, which was hired to do consumer research, put together focus groups in Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles and Nashville to determine just how country music stood with consumers.

Benson had feared that the very word "country" was a turnoff to many consumers because of rural stereotypes. That didn't turn out to be the case.

"Country music came up very, very strong on two things people look for from music — connection to their roots and helping them express emotion," he said.

Two other areas, how the music helped fans interact with others and the self-image of country music fans, got more troubling results.

"People didn't think their friends were country music fans," Benson said. "They didn't think that people who listened to country music were like them at all. ... These same people had country music songs and artists who they related to very strongly."

If the campaign is successful, Benson hopes it will push the industry to be more accepting of new, exciting talent.

"If you can make it more acceptable for younger audiences, what does that do?" he asked.

"They challenge the system. They challenge broadcasters. They're going to go exploring, and they're going to demand that people provide them with music that turns them on."

Berry's World

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Treatment varies for heart failure

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 90-year-old man with congestive heart failure. What is this? Can I overcome it? My doctor has me on Lanoxin, Lasix and Micro-K.

DEAR READER: Congestive heart failure is a common and serious manifestation of heart disease. When the cardiac muscle contracts ineffectively, excess fluid builds up in tissues, causing congestion. If the fluid pools in the feet, edema (swelling) of the toes, ankles and lower legs becomes a nuisance. More important, if the excess fluid fills the lungs — as it often does — patients will experience breathlessness, exercise intolerance and difficulty breathing at night.

Congestive heart failure is traditionally treated in three ways. First, doctors try to increase the strength of cardiac muscle contractions. Lanoxin (purified digitalis) is prescribed for this purpose. The drug has a proven track record and has been used for decades to stimulate more vigorous heart-muscle action, as well as to slow the pulse. It must be administered cautiously, because its side effects — notably, nausea and cardiac electrical-blockage — can present problems, especially in the aged.

Second, diuretic drugs — such as Lasix — force the kidneys to excrete far more fluid than they usually do. The regular use of these medications will often release excess water from tissues, improve breathing, eliminate edema and reduce cardiac work. Lasix and some other diuretics, however, do promote an inappropriate loss of potassium, a mineral vital for body metabolism. Consequently, physicians usually prescribe potassium supplements (such as Micro-K) to replenish these losses. Lasix and potassium are often given with Lanoxin; the combination works well.

Third, doctors may choose to treat heart failure with medications that reduce arterial resistance, thereby further reducing the work of the heart. Such drugs include nitroglycerine and angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, which are often administered with diuretics. Their major side effect is unacceptably low blood pressure, so they should be used under close supervision.

Evidently, your doctor has decided to prescribe Lanoxin, Lasix and Micro-K only, reserving ACE inhibitors for the future, should you require additional treatment.

Congestive heart failure cannot be taken lightly; it reflects irreparable cardiac damage. Without therapy, the situation could progress to pulmonary edema, a fatal form of heart failure. However, if you follow your practitioner's instructions and take the proper medicine, your congestive heart failure will improve and may stabilize for years.

Additional therapy includes stopping smoking and drinking alcohol, because both nicotine and alcohol interfere with normal cardiac functioning. Also, some patients are helped by limiting dietary salt. This mineral can aggravate hypertension in individuals with high blood pressure.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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: Can humans contract leukemia from animals? My daughter was diagnosed with acute leukemia after she played for weeks with a cat that tested positive for feline leukemia.

DEAR READER: Feline leukemia is caused by a virus that is common in cats and, to my knowledge, cannot be transmitted to humans. Nonetheless, there is a lot of current interest in viral causes of human cancer. Therefore, I wouldn't automatically slam the door on the possibility that your daughter's blood disorder may be related to the cat's disease, however unlikely that association may be. To date, feline leukemia has not been shown to affect humans.

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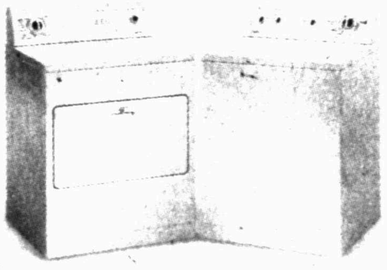

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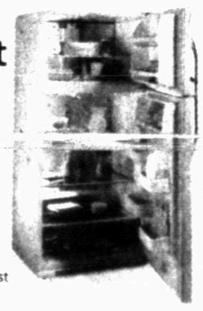

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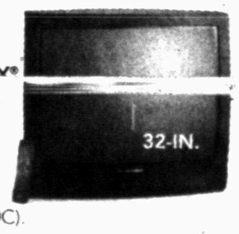

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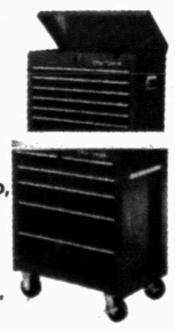

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Mideast negotiations may resume

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring Palestinian attacks on Israel were undertaken without Yasser Arafat's knowledge, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is offering the Palestinians hopes for concessions and an overall peace accord as he holds talks with the Bush administration.

Peres' meetings with Secretary of State Colin Powell on today and President Bush on Thursday could set the stage for a resumption of negotiations.

The energy-rich Persian Gulf emirate Qatar entered a pitch today for a resumption of peacemaking. After seeing Powell, the foreign minister, Hamad bin Jasim al Thani, said "the area has had enough problems" and there is now on opportunity to get back to the peace track.

The Qatari minister also said he was meeting in Washington with Peres.

Peres, who is the architect of agreements with the Palestinians that have given them control of 40 percent of the West Bank and most of Gaza, took a dovish stance on virtually all fronts before his meetings with Powell and Bush.

Describing Arafat as a peace partner, Peres said Israel "will be ready to make painful compromises" once negotiations with the Palestinians are resumed. The phrase echoed former Prime Minister Ehud Barak's frequent references to territorial and other concessions he offered Arafat while saying they would be painful to the Israeli public.

The peace talks broke down and Israeli voters elected a hard-line prime minister, Ariel Sharon, who gave Peres the post of foreign minister in a unity government.

His visit to Washington coincides with a noticeable shift in the Bush administration's hands-off policy and its focus on ending the violence to diplomatic efforts to also restart negotiations.

"We cannot solve anything with force," Peres said Tuesday at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a private research group.

Taking a soft line, Peres said no new Jewish settlements would be built on the West Bank or in Gaza and that while Israel would open talks with a proposal for an extended interim accord, it would not rule out negotiating an overall agreement.

"We want to help the Palestinians," Peres said. "The stronger they will be, the better partner they will be."

Sharon's government has blamed Arafat for deadly attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians. But Peres, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning architect of the Oslo accords that set the stage for Israeli pullbacks on the West Bank, said "some dissident groups and some forces under Arafat participated in the killings without the knowledge of Arafat."

"Arafat is our partner," Peres said. "He was elected. ... We don't demonize the Palestinians, who have gone through tragedies."

Peres reiterated a series of concessions the government was prepared to make designed to permit Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza to go freely to and from their jobs in Israel. He said the territories should be connected with a railroad running on existing tracks.

"There should be no collective punishment," he said. "We feel civilians should not suffer."

Peres also reiterated that an understanding, but not an agreement, had been reached with the Palestinians to end the fighting.

Freeh retiring next month as FBI head

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is searching for a new FBI director following Louis Freeh's decision to retire next month. His successor will inherit a bureau recently beset by allegations that one of its own spied for Moscow and under scrutiny for its own security practices.

During Freeh's eight years on the job he bolstered the bureau's ranks and enhanced its influence worldwide. But he also was bedeviled by a string of controversies, including the recent arrest of Robert Hanssen, a senior FBI counterintelligence agent alleged to have passed U.S. secrets to Moscow for 15 years.

Freeh met with President Bush late Monday afternoon to tell him the news. Though Freeh previously had indicated that he might leave before his 10-year term ended, Bush said, "It did catch me by surprise, and I'm disappointed."

The president said he thought Freeh had done a very good job and that he had hoped the 51-year-old director would stay on. But Freeh said he was ready for "new challenges" and also wanted to spend time this summer with his family. Otherwise, he announced no future plans.

White House officials said Bush wasn't close to naming a successor. A number of names surfaced immediately, including Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, a former FBI agent and Justice Department official who had been mentioned as a Bush pick for vice president and later attorney general. Keating was passed over for both jobs.

Keating is popular among conservatives, but questions about his acceptance of $250,000 for his family from a New York financier had seemed to cloud his chances for an administration job.

Keating said he doesn't expect to be offered the job but would consider it if he was.

"Anytime the phone rings, I'll pick it up," Keating said.

Former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, a close friend of Bush's and a leading GOP spokesman during last year's Florida ballot recount, also was considered a candidate. Racicot had been a contender for attorney general but took his name out of the running, citing family responsibilities. Racicot said he had not heard from the White House and wouldn't take the job if offered because of commitments he'd made when he joined a law firm in Washington.

Former New York City police commissioner Ray Kelly's name also surfaced. Kelly, a Democrat, had been offered the job by President Clinton in 1993, turned it down and was later named U.S. Customs Service Commissioner. Kelly, head of global security at Bear Stearns in New York, declined to comment.

Texan Oliver "Buck" Revell, a former FBI associate deputy director, was also thought to be a potential contender, but he said he wasn't interested. "It's time for the new generation," said Revell, 62.

Revell said there were a number of current and former FBI and Justice Department officials that he would suggest if the White House contacts him, including Tom Pickard, the deputy FBI director; Bob Mueller, acting deputy attorney general; and Bob Ricks, Oklahoma commissioner of public safety.

Freeh's term would have ended in 2003. He was praised as a strong leader who stressed core values and strengthened the FBI's high-tech and international crime-fighting capabilities.

UT student's condition guarded

AUSTIN (AP) — Adam Jacob says he would rather stay at his sister's apartment than spend the night in his room at the private University of Texas dormitory, where a fire broke out, killing one student and critically injuring another.

Anoor Hajee, 18, a freshman business major, died of smoke inhalation from the blaze. Zawardy Ab Latiff, 21, a sophomore petroleum engineering student from Malaysia, was in critical and guarded condition today at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio with burns over 45 percent of his body.

Police believe the men were roommates.

The cause of the fire, which was reported about 6:20 a.m. Tuesday at the private University Towers, was still unknown. Investigators believe the blaze started in an apartment's living room.

The dormitory, which houses about 600 residents, did not have a sprinkler system because it was built in 1968, well before a 1981 ordinance that requires all high-rise buildings to have sprinkler systems.

Under the rules, the building is required to have a 24-hour alarm system, smoke detectors in each room and pressurized stairwells, but not a sprinkler system.

"Grandfather clause, big deal," said Jacob, a freshman mechanical engineering student from Houston. Jacob questioned the decision to not have sprinklers in the building.

Austin Fire Department spokesman Gary Wilks would not speculate on whether sprinklers would have prevented the death in this fire.

No one at University Towers would comment on the fire, but issued a statement that said the company officials' prayers are with the victims and their families.

"Our staff responded to the emergency quickly and did all they could to assist our residents. Our fire system does meet all of the code requirements and did pass the recent city fire inspection," the statement said.

Fire officials found a smoke detector in the burned apartment, which had a living room, a bedroom and a bathroom. But officials were not sure if it was working.

The fire was under control in about 30 minutes. It occurred in a [illegible] story tower. University Towers, a two-tower complex, houses about 600 residents.

Fire officials said Ab Latiff was in the hall when they arrived. Hajee was in the room.

The heat of the fire melted the emergency lighting system and the fire alarm system in the hallway outside of the room where the fire erupted. Wilks said the alarm sounded before it was melted.

The building is located several blocks west of the UT campus.

Obituaries

Bruce Dennis

1921-2001

BIG SPRING – Bruce Dennis, the brother of Clyde Dennis Jr. of Snyder, died Monday, April 30, at his home in Lubbock following an extended illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Dennis, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Thurs- [illegible] Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Joel Miller, pastor of the North Birdwell Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 12, 1921 in Snyder, Mr. Dennis was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He married Marie Edens on July 7, 1950 in Big Spring.

Mr. Dennis worked for the [illegible] City of Big Spring and later moved to Lubbock where he worked for the City of Lubbock, retiring in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Dennis of Lubbock; a son, Kenneth Dennis of Phoenix; another brother, A.E. Dennis of Midland; three sisters, Helen Bolin of Colorado City, June Cessna of Toole, Utah, and Sara McCormick of San Jose, Calif.; one granddaughter; and two step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Husband indicted in woman's death

The husband of Daytina Hulslander, who attended Snyder High School in the late 1980s, has been indicted by a Midland County grand jury for her murder.

Alan Dee Hulslander remains in Midland County Jail in lieu of a $250,000 bond.

The woman's remains were discovered Feb. 25 by hunters in western Glasscock County. Dental records confirmed the identity of the mother of five, who had been missing since April 1998.

Homemade trailer theft investigated

• ***Thefts***

Lupe Gutierrez Tuesday morning reported the theft of a homemade trailer from the former Inadale Community Center. He told deputies that five "worker ahead" signs were in the trailer. An offense report for Class A theft was filed.

Melissa Wells told officers at 11:29 that her purse had been stolen from her vehicle in the 2300 block of 41st Street.

• ***Family violence***

Officers filed a report for Class C assault for family violence at 10:30 p.m.

• ***Overdose***

Officers were called to Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 4:12 a.m. today in reference to an attempted overdose by a 35-year-old male.

• ***Juvenile problems***

Deputies were called to [illegible] ant Hill Road at 12:29 p.m. as a juvenile refused to get on a school bus. The juvenile was transported to his home by the deputy.

• ***Protective Order***

Officers responded to a call from the 3800 block of Muriel Drive at 7:13 p.m. and filed a report for violation of a protective order.

• ***Arrests***

An 18-year-old female was arrested at the sheriff's office at 2 p.m. on a misdemeanor warrant for bond forfeiture. The original charge was driving while intoxicated.

Deputies arrested a 21-year-old [illegible] meanor warrant for theft by check.

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Summer childcare registration for Discovery School for school age children through seven years old has been extended through today. Summer activities begin May 21. Some spaces are open for ages six weeks to four years. For more information call 573-4770.

National Day of Prayer

Two observances will be held Thursday in Snyder. East Side Church of Christ will have a community prayer service at 7 a.m. at the East Side Multi-Purpose Building, 201 31st. A Continental breakfast will follow. First Baptist Church will sponsor a prayer service at 12:10 p.m. Thursday on the front steps of city hall.

West family reading night

West Elementary will have only two more family reading nights this school year. The sessions will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday and also Thursday, May 10. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

The yearly report for the Pyron Cemetery will be given at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hermleigh Community Center. A covered dish lunch will be served.

Mayday

The Senior Citizens Center's annual Mayday fundraiser begins at 2 p.m. Saturday. Activities include quilt auction, silent auction, barbecue dinner, crafts and food booths, flower show and antique tractor show. Barbecue tickets are $6 each.

Country and gospel music program

There will be a country and gospel music program beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Lucky 13 dance

Lucky 13 will sponsor a luau dance from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday at the Towle Park Barn. Admission is $3 per person or $5 per couple.

Church groundbreaking

Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th, will have a groundbreaking ceremony for a new sanctuary following Sunday's 10:50 a.m. worship service.

Abiding Life Conference

Michael Wells of Abiding Life Ministries International, will be featured Sunday through next Tuesday in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Author of "Sidetracked in the Wilderness," sessions are at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. weekdays.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception honoring Margaret Corkran will be held from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Junior High Library. The public is invited.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Rattlesnake Rodeo

The Caprock Peace Officers Association will hold the 53rd annual Rattlesnake Rodeo on Thursday, May 10, at the Clairemont 4-H Barn, 16 miles west of Jayton. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and includes a variety of competition and a chuck wagon lunch.

Fish-a-thon

The White Buffalo fish-a-thon is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Towle Park. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. There is a $5 entry fee. Multiple prizes for youths and adults will be presented every hour. Bait and concessions will be available. The pond will be stocked with 750 pounds of catfish and proceeds will benefit Snyder Boy Scouts.

Senior steak supper

Parents of SHS seniors should send $20 for the steak supper and all-night party for the Class of 2001 to P.O. Box 768 in Snyder.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Strike deadline passes but talks with writers continue

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Negotiations between Hollywood screenwriters and producers and studio heads ended today morning without a new deal but with promises to resume talks, temporarily averting a strike that would halt TV and movie production.

The 17-hour bargaining session concluded about three hours after the writers' contract expired at 12:01 a.m. The contract was not extended, and both sides were expected back at bargaining table later today.

Writers Guild of America spokesman Cheryl Rhoden would not characterize the state of the negotiations. Both sides have imposed a news blackout.

"We're working very hard to reach an agreement," Rhoden had said shortly after midnight. Barbara Brogliatti, spokeswoman for the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, joined Rhoden for the announcement.

Fears of a walkout have gripped the industry for months, but the writers guild has yet to call for a strike vote from its members. Progress has been difficult to gauge because both sides have maintained a strict news blackout since negotiations resumed April 17.

With no word of an agreement, the next step was anyone's guess.

Both sides could choose to extend the contract and continue negotiations, and members of the writers guild could also vote in the days ahead to authorize a strike, which could draw more pressure for a settlement.