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On College Avenue...

Right-of-way concerns are expressed

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

Safety, sprinklers and sidewalks were among the concerns of business operators along College Avenue Thursday who met with representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot).

Robert Lair of First Ag Credit said that some of his sprinkler system has been damaged by contractors when they tore out the curb and sidewalk in the area and he was wondering about who would pay to repair it.

"I'm a little frustrated, we may have to pay $1,000 for repairs and I feel I'm not due having to pay that $1,000.

TxDot district engineer Michael Molter said the construction is only taking place on state right-of-way.

"We like to get requests from utilities before they use our right of way. When asked, we will normally allow them to use the right-of-way at no cost, but with the agreement that if we have to repair or replace that area the utility will pay the cost of moving their lines," Molter said. "The state is not required to pay for damages inside its right-of-way."

Molter suggested owners might go ahead and cap their sprinker systems before construction to prevent damage to the whole system and then have it redone after the road work is complted.

Construction on College involves not only street repairs but curbs and sidewalks as well, partially because of requests.

"We have letters from the city, department of health and others requesting work on the sidewalks," Molter said.

He said the reason was to make the sidewalks more accessible to wheelchairs to make it easier for them to go from the various medical buildings to the retail stores in the area. People in wheelchairs shop, too," he said.

Some concerns were also expressed about the strip of grass that is often built between the sidewalk and street, and often go unattended.

Molter said that serves as a buffer for safety, but the state has an agreement with the city to maintain those areas. He did not know if any type of schedule was built into the agreements.

Representatives of Taco Bell expressed concern about access to their business and how it is marked. They said that a number of times near collisions have occurred because someone has pulled into their drive-thru exit thinking it was an entrance to Wal-Mart.

Molter said the state is required to provide access to businesses and he thought the contractor here is doing a good job in general but would look to see what could be done to better provide clear turning lanes. He also assured them that the sidewalk and curb would be replaced at their business, "exactly where it is now."

The deadline to finish construction is Jan. 25, 2005. Stacey Bryant of Jones Brothers Construction said he couldn't and wouldn't guarantee an earlier date, but he believes that if good weather holds the work could be finished by the end of fall.

Molter also pointed out some signs of progress as he has recently opened up some of the street around the square. He said signal lights are scheduled to go back up in that area the early part of May.

LANDSCAPE WOES – Representatives from several businesses on College Avenue met with highway department representatives Thursday afternoon. Robert Leherer, (far left) president of First Ag Credit, expressed frustration at his firm's irrigation system being damaged by road construction. TxDOT officials present were Jerry Beard and Mike Molter. (SDN Staff Photo)

Car show cruising into town

The annual Snyder Wheels Car Show gets underway at 9 p.m. today with a midnight poker run, benefiting Gateway Family Services.

Registration will be in the American State Bank parking lot and the cost is $1 per card, with five cards per hand.

The best poker hand will win $125, while the second best hand will receive $75.

The poker run is open to everyone and it is not limited to car show entries.

Registration for the car show begins at 8 o'clock Saturday morning on the square and will continue until 11 a.m.

The swap meet also opens at 8 a.m. and continues until 5 p.m.

At 11 a.m., the lawn mower drag races will be held and at 1 p.m., the popular burnout contest will get underway.

There is a $5 entry fee for the drag races and $10 for the burnout contest. There will be three classes in this category – stock, modified and professional.

At 4 p.m., the awards will be presented for the car show, and for the contests.

From 6-9 p.m., there will be a controlled cruise on 37th Street from College Avenue to Coliseum Drive.

The street will be closed for the cruise and those wanting to attend are urged to be parked along the curb beginning around 5:30 p.m.

Awards for the cruise will be presented at the Sonic at 9 p.m.

In conjunction with the car show, the Scurry County Antique Tractor and Equipment Club will have a display on the First Baptist Church parking lot.

There will be antique tractors, farm machinery and gasoline engines.

There also will be tractor games, a petal tractor pull and parade at 10 a.m.

In addition, the Ritz Theatre is offering a special presentation of "On Golden Pond" in conjunction with the car show.

There will be a limited number of tickets available for the 1:30 matinee.

The box office at the Ritz will open at 9 a.m. Saturday and $1 off coupons are available to car show participants.

The annual Car Show is sponsored by the Sonic Drive-In and Coca-Cola, and includes a $500 Best of Show award sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts.

TRYING TO LOCK UP A CURE — Volunteers around town were locked up at the DCOS offices for the MDA Thursday until their "bail" could be raised and donated to the charity. Real life prison guard Brent Bobb, right, tosses in from right Buddy Payne while David Boyd and Judy Garza look out through the bars. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Counterfeit bill pays for lunch at junior high

School officials have discovered a counterfeit five-dollar bill when counting lunch money Thursday.

"It's not a really good counterfeit, but it is definitely counterfeit," said police detective Terry Luecke.

He said school officials believe the bill was passed at the junior high cafeteria and was caught when a deposit was being prepared.

"It looks like this could have been done on a Xerox type copier or maybe with a computer scanner, it was printed on regular paper," he said.

The bill will be turned over to the Secret Service, which handles counterfeiting cases, and any further action would probably come from their office, Luecke said.

Police met with school officials and Tom Benson of Aramark, which provides cafeteria services for Snyder schools.

Profits tripled at Patterson-UTI

Patterson-UTI Energy Inc., headquartered in Snyder, announced Thursday said its first-quarter profits tripled, resulting in a decision to set quarterly cash dividends and approval a two-for-one stock split.

Patterson-UTI reported first-quarter net income of $20.7 million, or 25 cents per share, up from net income of $6.6 million, or 8 cents, a year ago.

The on-shore drilling company also said its board of directors approved a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock and a two-for-one stock split in the form of a stock dividend.

The cash dividends will aggregate 16 cents per share on an annual basis, or 8 cents per share after the split, with the first quarterly dividend of four cents per share to be paid on June 2 to shareholders as of May 17.

"Our confidence in the long-term strength of the company and its earnings leverage, and the industry trend, is underscored by the action of our board to initiate a quarterly cash dividend and declare a two-for-one stock split," said Chairman Mark Siegel.

"We believe our successful operating results and the prospects for the industry will enable us to generate sufficient cash flow to fund our current needs and our expectations for further growth," he added.

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THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren

Our friends Terry and Martha Martin relayed us some thoughts on the upcoming presidential election.

1: Let John Kerry become President of the United States (all 49 states).

2: George W. Bush becomes the President of the Republic of Texas.

So what does Texas have to do to survive as a Republic?

NASA in Houston (we will control the space industry).

We refine over 85% of the gasoline in the United States.

Defense Industry (we have over 65% of it).

The term "Don't mess with Texas" will take on a whole new meaning.

Oil — we can supply all the oil that the Republic of Texas will need for the next 300 years. Yankee states? Sorry about that.

Natural Gas — Again we have all we need and it's too bad about those northern states. Computer Industry — we currently lead the nation in producing computer chips and communications: Small places like Texas Instruments, Dell Computer, EDS, Raytheon, National Semiconductor, Motorola, Intel, AMD, Atmel, Applied Materials, Ball Semiconductor, Etc,Etc. The list goes on and on.

Health Centers — We have the largest research centers for Cancer research, the best burn centers and the top trauma units in the world and other large health planning centers.

We have enough colleges to keep us going: U.T., Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Rice, SMU, University of Houston, Baylor, UNT, etc. Ivy grows better in the South anyway.

We have a ready supply of workers (just open the border when we need some more).

We have control of the paper industry, plastics, insurance, etc.

In case of a foreign invasion, we have the Texas National Guard and the Texas Air National Guard. We don't have an army, but since everybody down here has at least six rifles and a pile of ammo, we can raise an army in 24 hours if we need it. If the situation really gets bad, we can always call the Department of Public Safety and ask them to send over a couple Texas Rangers.

We are totally self-sufficient in beef, poultry, hogs and produce and everybody down here knows how to cook them so that they taste good.

Don't need any food.

This is just a few of the items that will keep the Republic of Texas in good shape. There isn't a thing out there that we need and don't have.

Now to the rest of the United States under President Kerry: Since you won't have the refineries to get gas for your cars, only President Kerry will be able to drive around in his nine mile per gallon sport utility vehilce. The rest of the United States will have to walk or ride bikes.

You won't have any TV as the space center in Houston will cut off your communications. You won't have any natural gas to heat your homes but since Mr. Kerry has predicted global warming, you will not need the gas.

Signed, The folks in Texas.

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ASK US

Q—Why was the water pressure low for a while Wednesday evening?

A—A pump went out at the water treatment plant and it had to be replaced. The pressure was low for about 90 minutes.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Dianna Riggan...

...has lived in Snyder for 23 years and is married to Tim Riggan. They both work for Edward Jones Investments. The couple has two sons and a daughter. Tyler attends McMurry University, while Russell is on the road with the rodeo. Daughter Stoni Brooke is in the process of moving to Kentucky with a new job. Dianna spends her spare time with her family while they rodeo and team rope.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If your mind determines that something shall be, your body will surprise you in the way it bucks up and behaves.

—Katherine Stinson

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Revival

Jesus Rules Ministry, 3411 Ave. I, will hold a revival at 7 a.m. today and Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday. Tito Hernandez of Jal, N.M., is the evangelist.

Hometown performances

Snyder High School's drama department will continue home town performances of *A Mid Summer Night's Dream* at 7 tonight and Saturday night and 2:30 Sunday afternoon at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students.

Car wash

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre car wash from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Antique tractor, equipment show

The Scurry County Antique Tractor Club will hold a tractor and equipment show Saturday in the First Baptist Church parking lot.

WTC cheerleader tryouts

Western Texas College is adding a cheerleading squad next fall. Tryouts for cheerleading are to be held every Saturday in May — except May 29 — from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the WTC gym. Applications can be picked up at the human resources office at WTC or found at www.wtc.edu. Applications are due at noon Friday prior to the Saturday tryout. Mail applications to Cheerleading Sponsor, WTC, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, 79549. Scholarships are available.

Fluvanna cemetery work

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, a work day will be held at the Fluvanna Community Cemetery.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider three felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

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Family: Accused soldier treated unfairly

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — A soldier accused of abusing Iraqi war prisoners wrote that his commanders ignored his requests for rules of conduct and silenced his questions about harsh, humiliating treatment of inmates.

In a journal he started after military investigators looking into the abuse approached him in January, Army Reserves Staff Sgt. Ivan "Chip" Frederick wrote that Abu Ghraib prison, near Baghdad, was nothing like the Virginia state prison where he worked in civilian life.

The Iraqi prisoners were sometimes confined naked for three consecutive days without toilets in damp, unventilated cells with floors 3 feet by 3 feet, Frederick wrote in materials supplied to The Associated Press by a relative Thursday.

"When I brought this up with the acting BN (battalion) commander, he stated, 'I don't care if he has to sleep standing up.' That's when he told my company commander that he was the BN commander and for me to do as he says," Frederick wrote.

The writings were given to the AP by Frederick's uncle, William Lawson, who said the Army has treated his nephew unfairly. Lawson and Frederick's wife, Martha, said Frederick was being made a scapegoat for commanders who gave him no guidance on managing hundreds of Iraqis with just a handful of poorly equipped troops.

Lawson said Frederick started keeping a journal to keep track of what had happened before he was assigned a military lawyer.

Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Balice, spokesman for the Central Command, which is in charge of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, said he couldn't comment on Frederick's statements, but he said allegations against Frederick were appropriately investigated.

Frederick is one of six members of the 800th Military Police Brigade facing courts-martial for allegedly humiliating prisoners at Abu Ghraib. CBS's "60 Minutes II" broadcast pictures of the alleged abuse and an interview with Frederick on Wednesday; the other soldiers' names have not been released.

"They're trying to portray him as a monster," said Lawson, of Newburg, W.Va. "He's just the guy they put in charge of the prison."

Martha Frederick, of Buckingham, Va., said her husband, in Iraq since April 2003, told her his unit wasn't provided proper training and equipment.

"I feel like things are being covered up. What has come to light has fallen on the burden of my husband," she said.

Military officials said Chip Frederick, 37, and at least some of the others are from the 372nd Military Police Company, a unit of the 800th based in Cresaptown, in western Maryland. The charges against them include dereliction of duty, cruelty and maltreatment, assault and indecent acts with another person.

Some of the soldiers were smiling in the photographs obtained by CBS, which showed naked prisoners stacked in a human pyramid and being forced to simulate sex acts.

At a news briefing Wednesday in Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said the investigation began in January when an American soldier reported the abuse and turned over evidence that included photographs.

"That soldier said, 'There are some things going on here that I can't live with,'" Kimmitt said.

"60 Minutes II" reported that Frederick will plead not guilty, and that he claims the way the Army operated the prison led to the abuse of prisoners.

"We had no support, no training whatsoever, and I kept asking my chain of command for certain things, rules and regulations, and it just wasn't happening," Frederick told CBS. Frederick did not immediately respond to an e-mail from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Frederick's civilian lawyer, Washington-based Gary Myers, said he has urged the commanding general in Iraq to treat the case as an administrative matter, like those of seven officers who also were investigated.

"I can assure you Chip Frederick had no idea how to humiliate an Arab until he met up" with higher-ranking people who told him how, Myers said.

Myers said Frederick has had his Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a grand jury proceeding. Myers said he will next request a change of venue because "you can't try a case of this magnitude in a hostile war zone environment."

Martha Frederick and Myers said they know who the other accused soldiers are but declined to name them.

The (Baltimore) Sun's Thursday editions identified two other soldiers facing court-martial. The newspaper cited unidentified Army officials in naming Sgt. Javal S. Davis, 26. His wife, who also spoke to the newspaper, defended her husband.

"We really don't know how those prisoners are behaving," said Zeenithia Davis, who is in the Navy in Mississippi. "There's a line between heinous war crimes and maintaining discipline."

A (Baltimore) Sun reporter on Thursday showed a photo of one of the nude prisoner scenes to Terrie England, who recognized her smiling daughter, reservist Lynndie R. England, 21.

"Oh, my God," she told the newspaper from the stoop in front of her Fort Ashby, W.Va., trailer home. "I can't get over this."

The alleged abuses of prisoners were "stupid, kid things — pranks," Terrie England said. "And what the (Iraqis) do to our men and women are just? The rules of the Geneva Convention, does that apply to everybody or just us?"

Her family said Lynndie England is detained on a U.S. base, but declined to say where.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Friends on groom's guest list will not be welcome by bride

DEAR ABBY: "Chad" and I have been engaged for more than a year. Our wedding is in six months. While finalizing the guest list, I discovered that Chad wants to invite some people with whom I am not at all interested in sharing my special day.

"Michelle" was a close friend of mine through high school and college, but we have not spoken to each other in four years. I know Michelle's parents really like Chad, and I remember Michelle's mom telling me that if I ever broke up with Chad she'd like him to date Michelle.

Chad knows Michelle from high school and college only because he was dating me. He occasionally speaks to Michelle since they are in the same profession, and he likes her parents enough to take the time to visit them when he's in town.

I do not want to come across as the jealous fiancee, but I am uncomfortable with the fact that he so badly wants Michelle and her parents to be at our wedding. When I told him how I felt, he said he has known them forever and considers them good friends. Abby, I do not consider Michelle a friend at all, and her parents mean absolutely nothing to me and my family.

This is the only disagreement Chad and I have about our wedding. It's important to me to have only people there whom I truly care about. Should I put my foot down and deny them an invitation, or suck it up and pray they're busy that weekend? — **SICK OF THE LIST IN FLORIDA**

DEAR SICK OF THE LIST: Take a giant step backward and let's look at this situation:

(1) Chad and Michelle have a casual business relationship.

(2) Chad was never romantically interested in Michelle, regardless of how much her parents might have wished it.

(3) Chad wants to invite them all on HIS special day, so they can have the pleasure of watching him commit the rest of his life to you.

(4) If I were you, I'd offer them a front-row seat and popcorn!

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I both had failed relationships in the past. I thought we had learned from our mistakes, but we've been arguing a lot.

If I ask where something is or have a different opinion about something, he claims I'm trying to make him look stupid, that he's "always in the wrong," and that I accuse him of things "all the time."

Abby, I do not think my husband is stupid. I think he's smart. I have never thought the things he's accused me of thinking. He blows everything out of proportion to show how wrong, wrong, wrong I am. The most benign comment can start a fight that leaves me in tears. His previous wife belittled him relentlessly, but I don't.

We have five children under age 5, and for their sakes, history must not repeat itself. Please help. — **CONFUSED IN IOWA**

DEAR CONFUSED: There's an old saying, "Once burned, twice shy." Because of the way his first wife treated him, your husband is hypersensitive to what he perceives as criticism. He's playing old tapes over and over in his head and reacting to them, instead of what's going on with you.

With five children under the age of 5, this may be difficult, but I cannot stress enough how important it is for you both to find the time for marriage counseling. Do it for your children's sake. You may need to be more diplomatic, and he definitely needs to learn to live in the present. Please don't wait.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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In Next Week's
American Profile...

Motherhood is her first priority

Country music's Sara Evans is the first to admit her priorities have changed since becoming a mother. "It is what really matters," she says. "This is who I am. This is why I was born."

In Addition...
- Barbecue beef cups
- Health tips for arthritis

American Profile
Celebrating Hometown Life

World Almanac

Friday, April 30, 2004

Today is the 121st day of 2004 and the 42nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1789, George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, representatives of the United States and France concluded negotiations for the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1945, Adolf Hitler committed suicide in his underground bunker in Berlin, Germany.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cloris Leachman (1926-), actress, is 78; Willie Nelson (1933-), singer, is 71; Jill Clayburgh (1944-), actress, is 60; Kirsten Dunst (1982-), actress, is 22.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1993, tennis star Monica Seles was stabbed by a deranged fan who ran onto the court during a tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around." — Willie Nelson

TODAY'S FACT: The number of orphans admitted as immigrants to the United States has more than doubled, from 9,384 in 1995 to 19,087 in 2001.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 90 — Distance in miles between Cuba and Key West, Fla.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 27) and full moon (May 4)

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RESULTS

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-16-28-34.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $45,326.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

Matching four of five: 132. Prize: $154.

Matching three of five: 4,181. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 43,013. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Campaigns shadow each other, but Bush has more resources

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Democrat John Kerry visits a battleground state, he's far from alone.

It's a sure bet that supporters and surrogates of President Bush are already there and ready to talk in public in an effort to steal, or at least divert, the spotlight.

Ahead of Kerry's visit Thursday to Harrisburg, Pa., for instance, state GOP Chairman Alan Novak told residents of central Pennsylvania "to be on the lookout for a flip-flopping presidential candidate from Massachusetts."

It's a political technique known as bracketing. Both parties do it, but the Bush-Cheney team has far more resources at its command — more than $185 million raised for the campaign and the power of incumbency. Recent Democratic fund-raising has started to narrow the gap; but the Republicans still hold a big dollar advantage.

Prominent Republicans are dispatched to appear before and after appearances by the Massachusetts senator. The GOP circulates talking points. Conference calls are arranged with members of Congress and local officials on the day of Kerry's visit. Campaign ads are unveiled. Senior administration and campaign officials suddenly become available for local media interviews. Cabinet members drop in for visits.

"It's critical that we set the record straight before, during and after Senator Kerry visits a state," said Jennifer Millerwise, who oversees the Bush-Cheney campaign's outreach to local and regional media.

The campaign has divided the nation into five regions and has a spokesman for each region in its bustling Arlington, Va., headquarters.

Mark Kornblau, Millerwise's counterpart in the Kerry campaign, concedes that the Bush campaign has a financial advantage.

"But we have great support networks all around the country of local elected officials who have led in their communities. They'll go out and talk about differences between John Kerry and George Bush on a particular issue," Kornblau said. "These are mainly labor intensive things, where hopefully we have an advantage."

For instance, he said, when Bush went to Appleton, Wis., recently to speak about the economy, local Democratic officials — including Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton — were on hand to talk about job losses under Bush's watch. Some 1.8 million jobs have evaporated in the last three years.

"Appleton, coincidentally, is the home of Harry Houdini," Lawton told reporters covering Bush's speech. "We're wondering where the jobs disappeared to."

Former Clinton administration officials are also pressed into service.

Still, the Kerry campaign's efforts pale alongside the Bush campaign juggernaut, say veteran political observers.

"The Bush campaign is as good as it gets in this regard," said Stephen Hess, a scholar at the Brookings Institution who worked in several Republican administrations.

When Bush campaign officials learned Kerry was to give a speech in hotly contested West Virginia — a state with a high proportion of military veterans — they turned out an ad within 24 hours questioning Kerry's support for U.S. troops. Volunteers also were dispatched to distribute pro-Bush material.

Mother gets probation, must attend drug treatment program

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman originally charged with murder for allegedly delaying a Caesarean section that could have saved one of her twins was sentenced Thursday to 18 months' probation for lesser counts of child endangerment.

Melissa Ann Rowland also was ordered into a drug treatment program, which she will attend in Indiana, said her attorney, Michael Sikora.

Prosecutors dropped their capital murder charge against Rowland earlier this month based on her mental health history. Rowland pleaded guilty to two counts of child endangerment and admitted using cocaine in the weeks before she underwent the C-section in January that produced a stillborn boy.

Rowland smiled as she walked out of jail Thursday afternoon and was met by a cluster of television cameras.

Asked for her reaction to the case against her, Rowland said, "They shouldn't be able to charge someone with criminal homicide for not following doctor's instructions."

Earlier in court, Sikora spelled out Rowland's mental health history, dating from age 12 when she was first institutionalized. He said Rowland's self-destructive behavior has continued into adulthood, and there had been recent suicide attempts in jail.

District Judge Dennis Fuchs called it a travesty that the system "can't adequately deal with individuals like Miss Rowland." He described her as someone who has repeatedly fallen through the cracks.

Fuchs denied a request by the prosecution that Rowland be barred from contacting the surviving twin, a girl who was adopted shortly after birth. The child was found with cocaine and alcohol in her system, and Rowland's drug use while pregnant was the basis for the child endangerment charges.

Outside the courtroom, Sikora said the sentencing was appropriate. "It got her what she most wanted, which was to get out of jail," he said.

Salt Lake County prosecutor Robert Stott called the case a tragedy for Rowland's children.

The National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union and others have said prosecutors went too far in charging her with murder.

DQ franchise owners protest new upgrades

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A group of International Dairy Queen franchise owners is protesting restaurant upgrades and has erected a billboard in Omaha to chide company owner and billionaire investor Warren Buffett.

The sign was put up Wednesday before thousands of shareholders arrive for Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s annual meeting on Saturday. Berkshire bought Minneapolis-based Dairy Queen in 1998.

"Warren, your grill is killing our chill," reads the billboard, which sits on Interstate 480.

Harris Cooper, the executive director of the Dairy Queen Operators' Association and a former president of International Dairy Queen, said the DQ Grill & Chill concept introduced about two years ago demands too much money for upgrades for some rural and small town Dairy Queen franchise owners.

Rules being set up for the stores, which feature earth-toned dining rooms and offer menus that go beyond soft-serve ice cream and hamburgers, will put some franchise owners out of business, Cooper said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, May 1, 2004

Heavier than usual demands could be placed on you in the year ahead where your work or career is concerned. Don't shirk these extra duties, because Lady Luck will make sure you'll receive exceptional compensation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Usually you're very fair-minded and generous to the deserving, but today these qualities may be put on the back burner because you could be more concerned about getting than sharing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be your own person today, but do nothing to further your own interests at the expense of others. A failure to abide by the golden rule will create problems that could have been avoided.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Do not let someone's past grievance precondition your thinking and treatment today of a person you've never met. You could be passing up an opportunity to meet someone nice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Disappointment of you by friends is likely if you fail to reciprocate when you get a chance to do so today. The message will be that they should do for you, but you're above doing for them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When it comes to achieving your goals today you will be reasonably lucky, but your luck will have its limitations. Don't push it too far, or you'll be pushed out of the picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Plans about which you are quite optimistic and hopeful should not be discussed with a negative individual today. This person's dismal attitude and outlook will poison your efforts to try.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Early surface conditions may be extremely promising today, but proceed cautiously because there is a negative undercurrent stirring that could tow you under unless you spot it in time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Remain diplomatic at all times today, including the bad moments as well as good ones, especially when it comes to important relationships or with friends who are important to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be careful not to pick the easy tasks for yourself when working shoulder to shoulder with others today and leave all the distasteful or difficult ones to them. Your associates will turn on you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Just because someone you know is a big talker doesn't mean that he or she is a wise person or even one to be emulated. This person could be all sizzle, with no meat on the bone.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Honor your commitments today even if it should cause you a degree of inconvenience you hadn't considered. Others will judge you by how well you keep your word.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Look for virtues in your associates today, not their faults, and your relationships will be further strengthened. If you criticize another, this person will attack your less charming traits.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-30-04
♠ 8 2
♥ K J 7 6 4
♦ J 6 3
♣ A K Q

West
♠ A 7 4
♥ A 8 5 3 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ 2

East
♠ —
♥ Q 10 9
♦ Q 10 9 2
♣ 10 8 7 6 4 3

South
♠ K Q J 10 9 6 5 3
♥ —
♦ 8 5
♣ J 9 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
4 ♠	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ??

Friday, April 30, 2004

Penultimat chance to gain a profit

By Phillip Alder

Here is your fifth chance to win money from the owners of the Alder Bridge Casino. South is in four spades. Would you bet on the declarer or the defenders?

An opening four-bid usually shows a good eight-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points. That South hand is a textbook example.

West's double of four spades says that he thinks the contract will fail. Probably East should bid five clubs, but it would be a disaster here.

First, let's assume West leads the diamond ace. East should signal encouragement with the diamond 10. Since East's having a doubleton diamond is very unlikely, West should conclude that his partner has the diamond queen. Now West can see four potential tricks: one spade, two diamonds and a club ruff. So, at trick two, he shifts to the club two. (Trying to win a trick with the heart ace can wait.)

If declarer immediately plays a trump, West can win with the ace, underlead in diamonds to put East on lead, and receive a club ruff: one down.

However, South has a riposte. At trick three, he should call for dummy's heart king, and when East plays low, discard his remaining diamond. It is a classic Scissors Coup. East never gets on lead, so West never receives a ruff. South loses only one spade, one heart and one diamond.

So, the declarer wins? No way! West leads his singleton club at trick one. If South immediately plays a trump, West wins, underleads in diamonds, receives a club ruff, underleads again, and gets a second ruff for two down. South must execute the Scissors Coup to escape for one down.

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Today's chuckle

Man wins lottery with unwanted tickets

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — One man's trash was Tom Smith's ticket for cash.

Smith won $10,000 on a lottery ticket that another customer decided not to buy, lottery officials said Thursday.

Smith had stopped at a convenience store in Morgantown to buy his usual Powerball tickets, but was instead coaxed by a clerk to purchase two Hot Lotto tickets that another player decided he didn't want for the April 21 drawing.

"I really just bought them to help out, since they couldn't be canceled," Smith said. "The clerk told me how Hot Lotto is played like Powerball but has better odds of winning. And the next thing I knew I'd won the biggest prize I've ever had."

Smith, a pharmaceutical distributor, said he gave his prize to his wife and two teenage daughters.

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WALKING TALL
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Thurs 7:15

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MOVIES — Best of the Best

13 GOING ON 30 PG13

It is 1987 and Jenna is a 13-year-old girl on the brink of womanhood. The problem is that adulthood is just not arriving fast enough. Ignored by the hip kids in school--and the cute guy she has a crush on barely knows her name. Jenna makes an earnest wish. If only she could be all grown up, she'd have the life she's always wanted. Miraculously, her wish comes true. **Starring: Jennifer Garner, Judy Greer, Andy Serkis, Christa B. Allen, Sam Ball**

WALKING TALL PG13

In Walking Tall, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson plays Chris Vaughn, a retired soldier who returns to his hometown to make a new life for himself, only to discover his wealthy high school rival, Jay Hamilton (Neal McDonough), has closed the once-prosperous lumber mill and turned the town's resources towards his own criminal gains. **Starring: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Kristen Wilson, Neal McDonough, Ashley Scott.**

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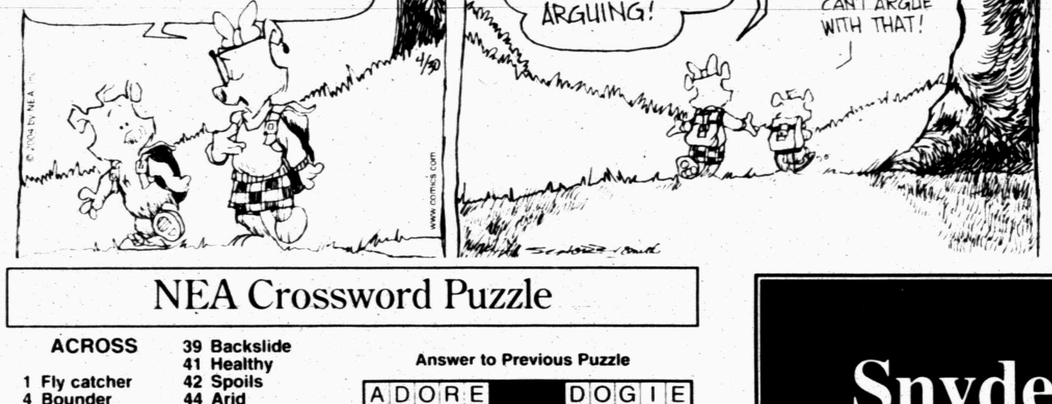

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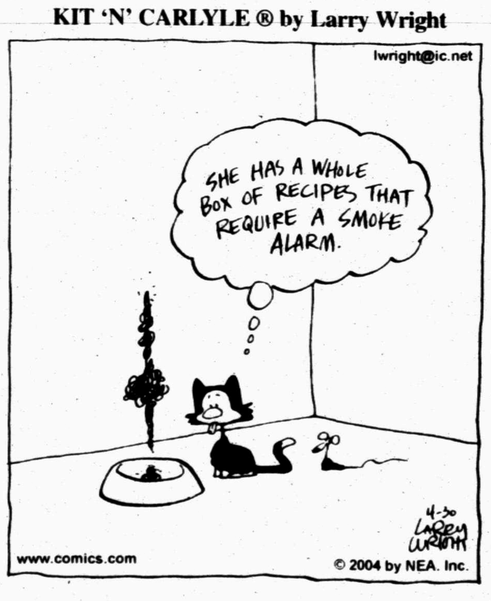

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Fly catcher
4 Bounder
7 VII doubled
10 Ms. Peron
11 Did great
13 Parisian papa
14 Part of RSVP
15 Hudson Bay tribe
16 Familiar auth.
17 Animal families
19 Frog's home
20 Roman road
21 Zen riddles
23 Laughs
26 Overly emotional
28 GP group
29 Cartoon shriek
30 Stable parents
34 "Luncheon on the Grass" painter
36 Metro RRs
38 Huntsville loc.
39 Backslide
41 Healthy
42 Spoils
44 Arid
46 Dweeb
47 Multitudes
51 Screenwriter James —
52 Ajar
53 Berlin pronoun
55 Eggy drinks
56 Computer whiz
57 Tai language
58 Spiral molecule
59 Hairpin curve
60 MIT grad

DOWN

1 Unseld of the NBA
2 Like Lex Luthor
3 Romantic island
4 Saguaros
5 Farmland
6 Big bucks?
7 Element 54
8 Hair curlers
9 Hawk
12 Office furniture
13 Yellow fruit
18 VCR adjuncts
22 Electrical units
23 Candied item
24 Ms. Thurman
25 Sunflower st.
27 Hawaiian strings
29 Coup d'—
31 A funny Charlotte
32 House addition
33 Actor — Mineo
35 Flees
37 Account books
40 Bridge tower
41 Mont. neighbor
42 Enthused about (2 wds.)
43 Rolex rival
45 Marmalade chunks
46 Mascara applicator
48 Fencer's blade
49 Cleopatra's river
50 MRI output
54 Glutton

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	D	O	R	E				D	O	G	I	E
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	B	A	T		V	O	N					
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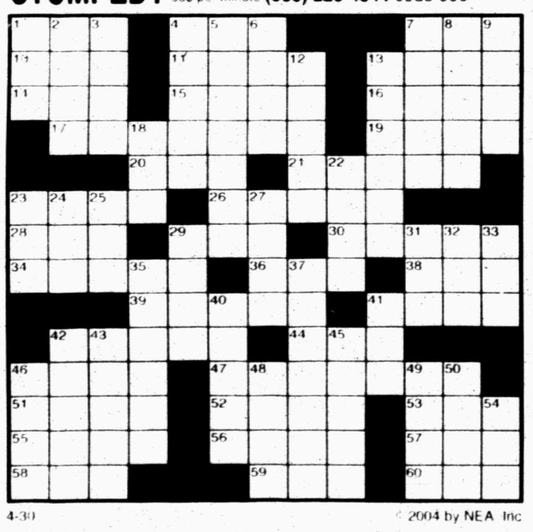

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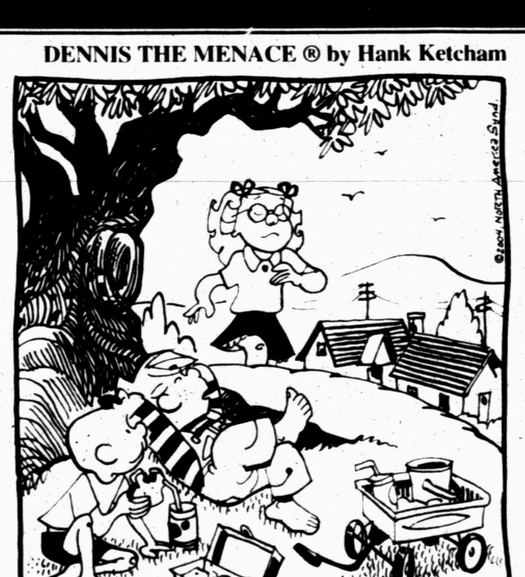

"UH-OH. HERE COMES 'LITTLE MISS RAIN CLOUD'."

SPORTS

Practice games set

The Lady Tigers will face a familiar opponent in the area round of the softball playoffs.

Perryton, which shocked Snyder, 5-3, in the first round last year, topped Dimmitt, 20-0, in the bi-district round.

The Lady Tigers (19-9, 11-1) were scheduled to host a practice game at 1 o'clock today against District 8-2A champion Idalou.

The Tigers will host a game against Post at 1 p.m. Saturday at Moffett Field. With the win over Sweetwater, the Tigers earned a bye in the first round. Their area round opponent will come from the winner of the bi-district game between Muleshoe, the runner-up in District 2, and the third-place team from District 1 — currently Amarillo River Road — which has one more game to play.

Anderson's lawyers want to retest seized steroid evidence

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Lawyers for Barry Bonds' personal trainer want to retest suspected steroids taken from his property in a raid last fall.

A document filed by prosecutors last week claims federal agents seized vials of suspected steroids and human growth hormone, as well as more than 100 syringes.

A hearing today in federal court was to focus on a bid by attorneys for trainer Greg Anderson to do their own chemical analysis of the materials seized from Anderson's apartment and car. Anderson is one of four men charged in a drug-distribution ring.

Among the items prosecutors said were seized included 10 vials labeled as Serostim, a synthetic human growth hormone, and a 30-tablet bottle of the steroid Andriol — with just one red pill inside. Also found was a vial labeled depo-testosterone and another labeled Enantat, both steroids.

Prosecutors previously have claimed they also found $63,920 in cash in a locked safe at Anderson's residence.

SILENT AUCTION — SHS varsity golfers Jake Cottrell and Cami Trout display some items that will be available at the silent auction to be held in conjunction with the Sammy Baugh golf tournament Saturday at WTC. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

Sammy Baugh tournament

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

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

Friday swingers

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

Ladies play day

The WGA hosts a ladies play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Scurry County golf course. Format is most fours-back nine.

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduating all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt, and forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp set for June

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Contact coach Rogers or coach Martinez at 574-6039 for more information.

Dallas' Fair Park is Cowboys' first choice for new stadium

DALLAS (AP) —The Dallas Cowboys want to return to their namesake city with a plan to build a $650 million stadium partly financed by taxpayers at Fair Park near downtown.

Dallas County and team officials say the Cowboys were expected to present a proposal today to county commissioners with more details on financing the project to replace the aging Texas Stadium in the Dallas suburb of Irving.

The site of the annual State Fair of Texas had emerged in the past several weeks as the team's first choice for a venue. The Cowboys want a new stadium with a retractable roof.

"We are committed to getting something done, to have a new stadium in this area," Cowboys' vice president Stephen Jones told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions. "We hope we can come up with something the county feels is good to put in front of the voters."

County Judge Margaret Keliher told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the Cowboys told her negotiations would now focus on building a new state-of-the-art, 100,000-seat stadium at Fair Park, where the team played at the Cotton Bowl from the its inception in 1960 to 1971.

County commissioners were briefed on the team's site selection late Thursday.

Jones wouldn't discuss the proposed financing for the stadium complex or a timetable for negotiations.

But Cowboys officials have earlier said they planned to ask for $400 million in public funds, raised through higher taxes on hotel rooms and rental cars.

The team's announcement coincided with a legislative effort in Austin to fix one of the hurdles to taxpayer funding for a Fair Park stadium. Sen. Royce West filed a bill Thursday that would allow cities and counties to tax hotels and car-rental businesses to build stadiums in city parks.

Current state law would prohibit use of such taxes for a Fair Park site because the grounds are operated by the Dallas municipal parks and recreation department. For a change to be enacted, Gov. Rick Perry must expand the scope of the current special session to include the stadium issue.

George Bayoud, a political adviser to the team, had talked with West about filing the bill.

"I don't foresee there being any difficulty" passing it, West, D-Dallas, told the Star-Telegram in Friday's editions. "We have a lot of support for a new stadium, not only across Dallas County but across the state."

The team, which made the playoffs last year for the first time since the 1999 season, wants to put a stadium referendum on the ballot in November, in the middle of football season.

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller, who met with Jones earlier this month to discuss the Fair Park site, said in later broadcast reports that she was surprised the Cowboys had not sought public support of its choice in advance of a ballot referendum. Some Irving officials say their battle to keep the team in the suburb will continue.

NCAA issues academic reform measures

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA's clock is ticking.

Proposals approved by the association's board of directors were the final pieces of an academic reform package designed to ensure athletes are better prepared when they enter college, better able to stay in school, and more likely to graduate.

Some of the measures will go into effect this year. Some won't be felt for another four years or more. All of them, when they are fully implemented, will hold the athletes and the colleges themselves more accountable for their academic progress.

Those that don't measure up will be penalized. Those that continue to fall below the standard will be penalized even more.

"This is landmark legislation," NCAA president Myles Brand said Thursday. "With this, the academic reform movement has now come to fruition. ... This is the beginning of a sea change in college sports."

At the heart of the new package. is a series of increasingly harsher penalties that may be imposed against schools that continue to fall below an academic "cut" line. Graduation rates will be one of many factors the NCAA uses in measuring progress.

That line, which has not been determined, will be the same in all sports.

"This is a critically important set of legislative measures, the strongest ever passed by the NCAA, and different in kind because it holds teams, as well as institutions, accountable," Brand said.

Brand added graduation targets for each school are being calculated. This fall each school will be notified "how much at risk it would have been" had the new standards already been in place.

Schools that fall below that line will receive warning letters beginning in 2006-07. Consistently poor performing teams could begin losing scholarships in 2007-08 and postseason eligibility and money from NCAA tournaments starting in 2008-09.

Also, if a scholarship athlete leaves school while not academically eligible, that scholarship may not be replaced for one year, as of this fall.

"We're starting immediately to make these reforms real," said Robert Hemenway, chancellor of the University of Kansas and chairman of the Division I board.

The Division I Management Council originally proposed waiting an extra year before putting the reforms in place, but the board decided to push it up to 2006 because it felt data wouldn't change much by waiting.

The board previously voted to increase the number of core courses needed for freshman eligibility and to increase the number of hours required toward graduation to remain eligible.

Wells qualifies for state in long jump

ODESSA — October Wells advanced to state as the second seed in Region I in the girls long jump at the Region I-3A track meet at Ratliff Stadium this morning.

Wells set a new personal record with a leap of 18-0.75. It is the second consecutive trip to state for Wells.

Also this morning, Justin Boyd finished fourth in the high jump, making it to the finals in clearing 6-4.

Wells

The regional track meet is continuing with running preliminaries this afternoon, and will conclude Saturday with the remainder of the field events and the running finals in the afternoon.

Fullmer foils Royals in ninth

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Brad Fullmer emerged from a deep slump in dramatic fashion.

Fullmer hit a two-run homer to cap Texas' three-run ninth inning, and the Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 9-7 on Thursday.

"I don't anticipate swinging as bad I have for the whole season," said Fullmer, who was in a 4-for-34 slide before his homer. "Normally, I get frustrated with myself. I'm trying to stay more even keel right now and not make it worse and prolong it. I'm just trying to get it right. It's a long year."

Michael Young tied it with a solo shot off Curtis Leskanic (0-3), and Hank Blalock followed with a triple before Fullmer hit a 1-0 slider into the right-field seats.

"It was a breaking ball up a little bit, not where he wanted it and you can pull it," Fullmer said. "It's good to get a big hit."

The Royals led 7-6 entering the ninth, but Young tied it by hitting a first-pitch fastball to center that bounced off the top of the fence.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	15	7	.682	—
Atlanta	11	10	.524	3½
Philadelphia	9	11	.450	5
New York	9	13	.409	6
Montreal	5	18	.217	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	8	.619	—
Cincinnati	12	9	.571	1
Houston	12	9	.571	1
Milwaukee	12	10	.545	1½
St. Louis	11	11	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	9	11	.450	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	8	.619	—
San Diego	14	9	.609	—
Arizona	9	12	.429	4
Colorado	9	12	.429	4
San Francisco	9	14	.391	5

Thursday's Games

Houston 2, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 4, 13 innings
Florida 4, San Francisco 3
San Diego 2, Montreal 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Los Angeles 1

Today's Games

Arizona (Dessens 1-2) at Philadelphia (Wolf 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 2-1) at Houston (Clemens 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 2-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 3-1) at St. Louis (W.Williams 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Hampton 0-2) at Colorado (Kennedy 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Yates 1-2) at San Diego (Lawrence 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Day 2-1) at Los Angeles (Ishii 3-1), 9:10 p.m.
Florida (Willis 3-0) at San Francisco (Correia 0-0), 9:15 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	15	6	.714	—
Baltimore	12	8	.600	2½
New York	11	11	.500	4½
Tampa Bay	7	13	.350	7½
Toronto	7	15	.318	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	14	7	.667	—
Chicago	13	8	.619	1
Detroit	12	10	.545	2½
Cleveland	8	13	.381	6
Kansas City	7	13	.350	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	13	9	.591	—
Texas	13	9	.591	—
Oakland	10	12	.455	3
Seattle	7	15	.318	6

Thursday's Games

Anaheim 12, Detroit 3
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 0, 1st game
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 3, 2nd game
Texas 9, Kansas City 7
Baltimore 9, Seattle 5
N.Y. Yankees 7, Oakland 5
Chicago White Sox 6, Toronto 4

Today's Games

Seattle (Garcia 0-1) at Detroit (Johnson 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 2-1) at Cleveland (C.Lee 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Anderson 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Redman 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Waechter 1-0), 6:15 p.m.
Boston (Arroyo 0-1) at Texas (Drese 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 1-2) at Minnesota (Silva 3-0), 7:10 p.m.

Stanley Cup

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, April 29

Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1, Tampa Bay wins series 4-0
Detroit 4, Calgary 2, series tied 2-2

Today

Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

Calgary at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 2

Toronto at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 3

Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, April 29

Detroit 91, Milwaukee 77, Detroit wins series 4-1
Sacramento 119, Dallas 118, Sacramento wins series 4-1

Today

New Orleans at Miami, 6 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

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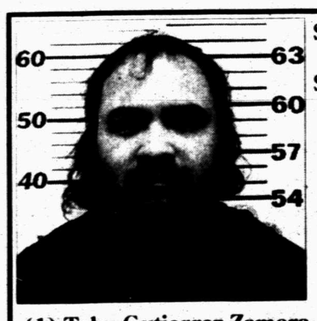

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April 20, 2004

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Toby Gutierrez Zamora, 30 years of age, male, 206 33rd Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Toby Gutierrez Zamora, Un hombre, 30 anos de edad, 206 33rd Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Asalto Sexual". La victima era nina, 15 anos de edad.

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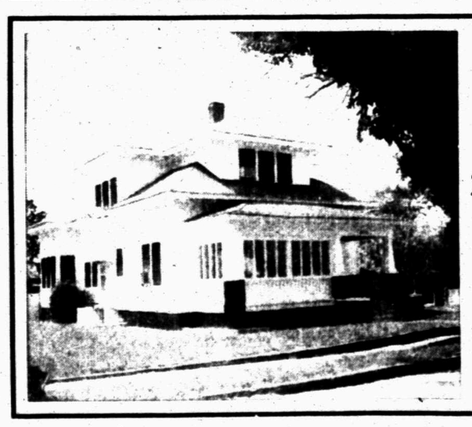

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Cancer discovery could help target drug to right patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gene test may one day help doctors predict just which lung cancer patients should try a new drug that helps some people significantly — but fails most.

Doctors have been flummoxed by the hit-or-miss success of the drug, Iressa, but two teams of Boston scientists reported Thursday that the drug appears to work only in lung cancer that has mutated a certain way.

The discovery is a step toward more tailored treatment that eventually could benefit thousands battling the nation's top cancer killer, if patients whom Iressa could help try it sooner, and others don't waste time and money or risk unnecessary side effects.

And it points the way toward more targeted therapies for other cancers.

"It's incredibly important," said Vanderbilt University lung cancer specialist Dr. David Johnson, president-elect of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. "This is just the beginning of personalized medicine."

But the research also raises some intriguing questions: The mutations aren't inherited, they just occasionally arise inside the cancer itself — yet they seem more common among Japanese patients, women and nonsmokers. Why? No one knows.

Iressa, which began selling a year ago, was designed to target "epidermal growth factor receptor," or EGFR, growth-spurring signaling posts for lung cancer cells. The idea was that lung cancer might make excess EGFR, and blocking it might slow growth with less toxicity than standard chemotherapy.

Doctors have reported terminally ill patients who lived months or even years longer than expected on Iressa.

But they're rare. Only about 10 percent of U.S. patients respond to the drug, frustrating doctors who felt they had to offer it to most advanced-stage patients to find the fraction it helps.

Now, scientists working separately at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute have made the same discovery: Blocking excess EGFR didn't matter. Instead, Iressa works in people whose lung tumors harbor certain gene mutations that make abnormal EGFR.

This growth protein contains a little pocket to capture an energy-spurring molecule called ATP, said Dr. Daniel Haber, who led the Mass General team. Iressa apparently targets that pocket, and when the protein is mutated, Iressa fits inside the pocket much better, blocking ATP and thus inhibiting cancer-cell growth, he explained.

"This was a targeted therapy before the target was really known," added Dr. Matthew Meyerson, who co-led the Dana-Farber team.

The research is reported in the journals Science and the New England Journal of Medicine.

There is no commercial test for the EGFR mutation yet. The Mass General scientists are negotiating with companies to create one, and large hospitals might also offer in-house laboratory testing. When testing is available, patients would need tumor samples on file after their initial lung surgery to get it.

The researchers already are planning studies to see whether mutation-harboring patients fare better if given Iressa early in the disease, maybe even before chemotherapy, instead of today's use as a last-ditch treatment.

Helping even a subset of patients is important because lung cancer is so prevalent, cancer specialists stress. Some 170,000 Americans will be diagnosed with it this year; it kills more than 150,000 annually.

Still, they caution the studies were small and need confirmation.

At Mass General, eight of nine patients who responded to Iressa had mutation-containing tumors; seven patients not helped by Iressa didn't.

The one other responder suggests there may be other Iressa-susceptible mutations to discover.

In 25 tumors from patients not given Iressa, Mass General found only two had the mutations.

Google files its IPO plans

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Internet search engine leader Google Inc. filed its long-awaited IPO plans Thursday, thumbing its nose at Wall Street's traditions even as the company prepares to cash in on its meteoric success.

Without specifying a price per share, Google said it hopes to raise $2.7 billion with an initial public offering that has created the biggest high-tech buzz since the dot-com bubble burst four years ago.

The IPO is expected to give Google a market value of at least $20 billion, creating scores of new Silicon Valley millionaires — including many of the Moutain-View-based company's 1,900 employees.

"Feels great!" Google employee Edwina Beaus said as she walked between buildings at the company's Mountain View headquarters — a hub known as the "Googleplex."

But even as it prepared to dance with the Wall Street bankers who will take it public, Google warned investors that it won't take its marching orders from the markets.

"Google is not a conventional company. We do not intend to become one," co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin wrote in an open letter included in the IPO filing.

As expected, Google said the price of its IPO will be determined through an auction designed to give the general public a better chance to buy its stock before the shares begin trading, most likely in late summer or early autumn. IPO shares traditionally have been restricted to an elite group picked by the investment bankers handling the deal.

Google picked two long-established investment bankers — Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse First Boston — to manage its populist IPO approach.

Although Google's stock won't be sold for several more months, the filing represents a significant milestone in the 51/2-year-old company's evolution from a fun-loving startup to a corporate adolescent that will be held more accountable for how it manages its money.

Google has done well so far, according to a filing that shined a light on the privately held company's finances for the first time.

Depending almost entirely on advertising linked to online searches, Google earned $105.6 million, or 41 cents per share, on revenue of $962 million last year. Google got off to an even better start this year, with a first-quarter profit of $64 million, or 24 cents per share — more than doubling its earnings of $25.8 million, or 10 cents per share, at the same time last year.

By going public, Google will be under greater pressure to produce steady earnings growth — an expectation that some executives say leads to shortsighted management decisions.

As a public company, "you become sharper in some respects, but it also can cause you to make some decisions just so you can show growth from quarter to quarter," said Steve Berkowtiz, chief executive of Ask Jeeves Inc., a Google rival and business partner.

But Google says it won't fall into that trap, striving to remain true to the vision of the iconoclastic Page and Brin, former Stanford University graduate students who founded the company in 1998. In one of its first rebellious steps, Google will refuse to project its earnings from quarter to quarter, according to the letter signed by Page and Brin.

"A management team distracted by a series of short-term targets is as pointless as a dieter stepping on a scale every half hour," they wrote.

Industry veterans, though, doubt Google will be able to buck Wall Street once it goes public.

"After the IPO, they're going to have to think in terms of predictable quarterly results and momentum," said Gordon Eubanks, who took software maker Symantec Corp. public in 1989 and now is CEO of Oblix Inc., a security startup. "You have to have a level of predictability and experience to warrant being a public company."

To insulate themselves from outside pressure, Page and Brin are creating a two-class stock hierarchy designed to give them effective veto power. The company is selling Class A common stock to the public, but Page and Brin will control Class B stock, which will have 10 times the voting power.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

'Normal' blood pressure varies with age

DEAR DR. GOTT: Whenever I go to a doctor, I am told I have low blood pressure. I always thought this was a good thing. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, "low" blood pressure is healthful, but the answer to your question depends on many variables.

For example, if you were a 28-year-old marathon runner, I'd be surprised if your blood pressure weren't below the normal cut-off of about 120/80. Similarly, if you were a teen, your normal BP might well be 100/60 or less.

In contrast, if you were an 80-year-old diabetic on therapy for hypertension, felt faint whenever you stood up quickly and had a BP of 125/70, I'd have to conclude that your pressure is too low.

So, the definition of low blood pressure depends on age, weight, degree of fitness and other factors. In my practice, I usually don't diagnose low BP unless my patient has symptoms of lightheadedness and "fuzzy thinking" in conjunction with low numbers.

If you are symptom-free and have low blood pressure, congratulation and keep up the good work. No one, it is said, ever died from low BP. If, however, you have symptoms or are worried about your blood pressure, you should check with your family physician for clarification and advice.

DEAR DR. GOTT: It's very confusing to know how to eat properly today. Some authorities say "no carbs," "no fat," or no such-and-such. Others recommend 2 percent milk, while others insist on skimmed.

I'm 50, female and pretty healthy. Please clear up my confusion.

DEAR READER: This is an enormously complicated issue that depends on several factors. For example, are you overweight? Hypertensive? Diabetic? Is your cholesterol level high?

Assuming that you would answer "no" to the above, I suggest that you meet with a registered dietician. Your local hospital can refer you to one. I believe that this approach is appropriate because you appear to need more than "Go easy on meat, dairy and sweets; eat plenty of vegetables and fresh fruit."

Most of us know pretty well how to eat healthfully. The problem is that most of the good-tasting food is too rich or too fatty. Therefore, you probably need an individualized program. The dietician can advise you.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight," which includes my no flour, no sugar diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A tough old cowboy once counseled his grandson that if the boy wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his cereal every morning. The youngster did this religiously and lived to the age of 93. When he died, he left 14 children, 28 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and a 15-foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

DEAR READER: This is truly explosive humor and I'm passing it on to readers who might well enjoy a chuckle.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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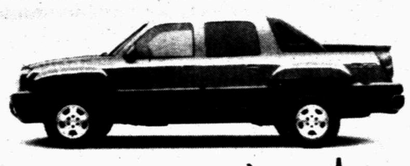

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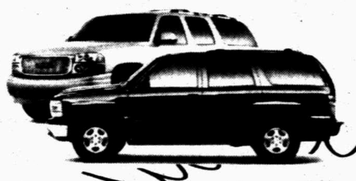

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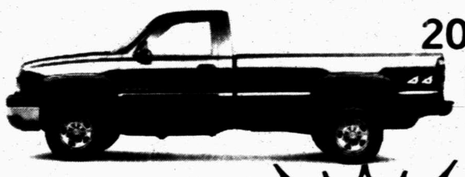

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Michael Jackson pleads not guilty

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson pleaded not guilty today to an indictment charging him with child molestation and a conspiracy count alleging child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion.

The indictment also included four counts of lewd acts involving a minor child, one count involving an attempted lewd act upon a child and four counts of administering an intoxicating agent.

The alleged child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion are not individual charges. Rather they are alleged as the circumstances leading to the conspiracy count.

Jackson, who was scolded by the judge for showing up late to his last hearing, smiled and waved to fans as entered the courtroom under an umbrella.

Police Chief Danny Macagni said 42 of Santa Maria's 107 police officers were assigned to the courthouse, along with about 50 sheriff's deputies, to handle the throng of fans and journalists. At least 130 members of the media were expected.

Thomas Mesereau Jr., a veteran criminal defense attorney, took over the case last weekend after Jackson decided to remove Mark Geragos and Benjamin Brafman, the two high-profile lawyers who had been directing his defense. The star said he wanted lawyers who could devote full time to his case.

At his first court appearance Jan. 16, Jackson had showed up 20 minutes late after taking time to greet cheering fans.

Five arrests reported in Snyder

• ***Arrests***

At 10:33 a.m. Thursday, a 31-year-old male was arrested on a warrant for probation violation in the 2500 block of College Ave.

A 23-year-old male was arrested at 2:41 p.m. Thursday two miles north of Dunn on charges of driving while license invalid and a fugitive arrest warrant for theft by check from Jones County.

Police arrested a female of unknown age at 3:57 p.m. Thursday in the 1300 block of 28th and is holding her for immigration officials.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at 7:29 p.m. Thursday on U.S. 84 on a warrant for theft.

Police arrested a 25-year-old male at 12:05 a.m. today at Austin and 40th St. on charges of driving while license invalid.

• ***Burglary***

A report of a stolen credit card was turned in at 2:23 p.m. Thursday in the 1300 block of Ave R.

• ***Welfare concern***

Police responded to a call about at a young girl playing in the street in the 3500 block of 39th at 6:39 p.m. Thursday. Police found the child on the sidewalk, but warned the parent about consequences.

• ***Suspicious persons***

At 10:49 p.m. Thursday, a report was received of five juveniles on the Central Elementary playground. Another report came in at 12:06 a.m. Friday about juveniles walking near Ave. O and 20th St. and at 12:25 a.m. a report of several unknown persons running across yards in the 3100 block of Ave. W.

• ***Horses at large***

Deputies received a call at 11:27 a.m. Thursday at Highway 180 and Randals' Corner west of Snyder concerning horses at large.

Births

Steven Jackson and April Garcia of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Steven Joe Ray Jackson, born at 7:18 p.m. April 29 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital weighing seven pounds, eight ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Gary Jackson of Hermleigh and Jeanine Jackson of Hollis, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Ricky and Lucy Garcia of Hermleigh.

Patterson report

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Revenues for the three-month period increased by 32 percent to $218.8 million, compared to revenues of $165.2

Cloyce Talbott, Patterson-UTI chief executive officer, said "The long-term upward trend in drilling activity, which commenced in the second quarter of 2002, has continued in 2004.

"During the first quarter of 2004, we averaged 197 rigs operating, including 183 in the U.S. and 14 in Canada, compared to the fourth quarter of 2003 average of 191 rigs operating, including 179 in the U.S. and 12 in Canada. We are especially pleased that we were able to achieve this utilization level despite unusually inclement weather during the first quarter.

"We estimate that our rig count will average approximately 200 rigs operating in April, including 196 in the U.S. and four in Canada. The Canadian rig count reflects the customary decline as a result of the spring breakup.

"During the week ended April 24, we averaged 207 rigs operating, including 204 in the U.S. and three in Canada. Customer inquiries remain strong, reflecting the impact of high natural gas prices and the expectation that such prices will continue, and for this reason, we expect our rig count will continue to increase throughout the year."

The company ended the first quarter with approximately $92 million in cash and cash equivalents, $192 million in working capital, and no long-term debt, after having completed the acquisition of TMBR/Sharp Drilling during the quarter.

Court rejects Moore's appeal

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A stand-in Supreme Court on today unanimously rejected Roy Moore's bid to be reinstated as Alabama's chief justice, the latest and perhaps final legal chapter in the saga surrounding his Ten Commandments monument.

Moore's spokeswoman, Jessica Atteberry, said court officials informed Moore's attorney that the court upheld his ouster 7-0. The court's written opinion was to be released today afternoon, and details were not immediately available.

Moore was expelled from office by an ethics panel for refusing to obey a federal court order to move his 5,300-pound Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of the Alabama Judicial Building.

Seven retired judges were selected to serve on the replacement Supreme Court that heard Moore's appeal of the ouster.

"The elected representatives of the people, the eight associate justices of the Alabama Supreme Court, hid behind the robes of an illegally appointed, politically selected court," Moore said in a statement. "It is political in nature. This is about the acknowledgment of God and many judges can't admit they are wrong and that they can enter unlawful orders.

Obituaries

Kenneth Lynch

1936-2004

Kenneth Ray Lynch, a former Snyder resident, died Monday, April 26, in Carl Hayden VA Hospital in Phoenix after a brief illness.

Service for Mr. Lynch, 68, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Michael Howard of Oklahoma, formerly of Snyder, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Kenneth Lynch

Born Feb. 11, 1936 in Snyder, Mr. Lynch was a lead guitarist in a number of bands.

His parents, John and Ethel Lynch; and two sisters, Ruth Land and Dorothy Lynch, preceded him in death.

Survivors include three sons, Tracy Alan Lynch of San Angelo, Christopher Lynch of Fort Worth and John Val Lynch of Globe, Ariz.; four daughters, Beverly Diggs of Snyder, Peggy Radelle Bird of Pleasant Grove, Patty Lunelle Southard of Flower Mound and Natalie Jo Sabastian of Globe, Ariz.; two sisters, Johnnie Murl Molinare of Snyder and Mary Helen Cunningham of Pecos; 23 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation is set for 6-7 this evening at the funeral home.

Mae Cline

1908-2004

Mae Elizabeth "Mama Mae" Cline of Snyder died Wednesday, April 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mae Cline

Service for Mrs. Cline, 95, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Plainview with Dr. Travis Hart officiating. Burial will follow in the Oddfellow Section of the Plainview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 3, 1908 in Crawford County, Mo., she was reared near the Meramec River in Crawford County where she attended school. In 1925, she went to work for the telephone company in Chandler, Okla., where she met Charles Beckham Cline. They married Feb. 3, 1928, in Shawnee and moved to Plainview in 1932. Mr. Cline died March 29, 1982.

Mrs. Cline retired from the telephone company after 30 years service and was active in the church and the Senior Citizens Center. She was well-known at the Nu-Griddle Restaurant in Plainview where she had breakfast and visited with friends almost every day. Mrs. Cline was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Mrs. Cline moved to Snyder in 1998.

Also preceding her in death are her parents, Samuel Jeremiah and Edna Bell Key Scantlan; an infant daughter, Beth Elaine Cline; and a son, C.B. Cline Jr. in 1997; three sisters, including her twin; and three brothers.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, John Edward and Linda Cline of Snyder and Paul Samuel and Connie Cline of Brownwood; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-greatgrandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Lois Burney

1923-2004

Lois Irene Duerksen Burney, longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, April 28, in the Methodist Hospital Central in Oak Cliff after a lengthy illness.

Lois Burney

Service for Mrs. Burney, 80, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Fay Downs, interim pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 13, 1923 in Corn, Okla., she taught school in Corpus Christi before her marriage to Albert Sidney Burney who died June 18, 1987.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters.

Mrs. Burney, a homemaker, was an avid artist, having paintings in the Scurry County Museum. She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Snyder Palette Club.

Survivors include two sons, Ric Burney of Dallas and Jay Burney of Coppell; three grandchildren, Taylor Burney, Blair Burney and Andrea Burney, all of Coppell; and a brother-in-law, Marvin Westburg of Littleton, Colo.

Mrs. Payne

1929-2004

SEAGRAVES — Geraldine Grace Payne, the sister of Bernice Crow of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 28, in Brownfield Regional Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Payne 74, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Seagraves with the Rev. Ronnie Hedges officiating. Burial will follow in the Gaines County Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 24, 1929 in Terry County, she married C.F. Payne on Sept. 9, 1950 in Seagraves. A homemaker, she was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Brownfield.

Survivors include her husband, C.F. Payne of Seagraves; five daughters, Laquita Hornung of Eastland, Pam Hulsey of Denton, Teresa Reece of Lubbock, Vicki Smith of Brownfield and Brenda Taylor of Seagraves; a son, Clinton Payne of Brownfield; a brother, J.W. Freeman of Denver City; 11 grandchildren; and several

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Sat 5/1	Sun 5/2	Mon 5/3
64/44	71/45	80/54
Cloudy with a few showers. High 64F. Winds N at 15 to 25 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise 6:56 AM, Sunset 8:26 PM	Sunrise 6:55 AM, Sunset 8:26 PM	Sunrise 6:54 AM, Sunset 8:27 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

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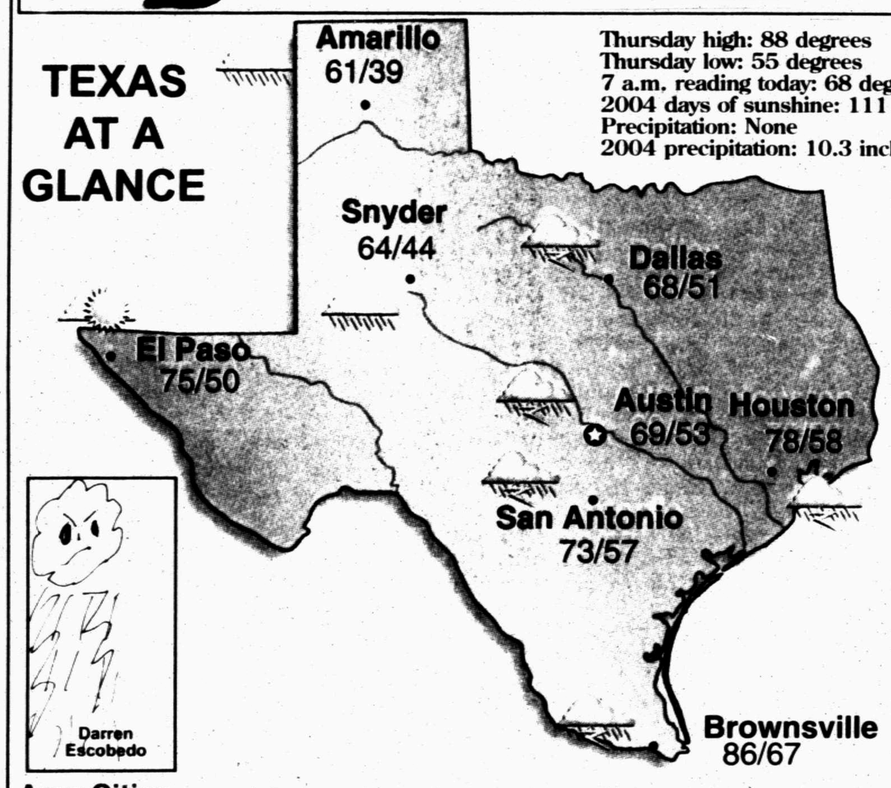
Thursday low: 55 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 68 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 111 of 119
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.3 inches



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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	46	t-storm	El Paso	75	50	mst sunny	Midland	70	46	rain
Amarillo	61	39	rain	Fort Stockton	73	47	rain	Raymondville	86	65	t-storm
Austin	69	53	t-storm	Gainesville	63	46	t-storm	Rosenberg	78	57	t-storm
Beaumont	78	57	t-storm	Greenville	66	48	t-storm	San Antonio	73	57	t-storm
Brownsville	86	67	t-storm	Houston	78	58	t-storm	San Marcos	70	54	t-storm
Brownwood	68	47	t-storm	Kingsville	84	62	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	66	48	t-storm
Corpus Christi	81	63	t-storm	Livingston	74	53	t-storm	Sweetwater	67	45	rain
Corsicana	68	49	t-storm	Longview	69	50	t-storm	Tyler	69	49	t-storm
Dallas	68	51	t-storm	Lubbock	63	42	rain	Weatherford	63	46	t-storm
Del Rio	75	57	t-storm	Lufkin	74	53	t-storm	Wichita Falls	64	43	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	63	t-storm	Houston	78	58	t-storm	Phoenix	93	68	sunny
Boston	72	58	pt sunny	Los Angeles	82	63	sunny	San Francisco	76	55	windy
Chicago	54	40	rain	Miami	82	75	pt sunny	Seattle	73	53	mst sunny
Dallas	68	51	t-storm	Minneapolis	54	33	pt sunny	St. Louis	61	44	t-storm
Denver	57	38	pt sunny	New York	71	62	cloudy	Washington, DC	78	66	rain

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Sat 5/1	Sun 5/2	Mon 5/3
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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