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Home of Micayla Redman



A FOND FAREWELL — Snyder city council member Ron Shaw, left, joined City Manager John Gayle and many others to wish Gloria Myers well at her retirement party Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo Jeff West)

Long-time city employee ends career after 20 years

A vital part of Snyder city hall has retired as administrative assistant Gloria Myers ended her career on Tuesday.

Myers has worked for the city since 1984 when she began working as a secretary to the city manager, John Gayle. She has continued to work for him rising to administrative assistant.

She is a graduate of Hermleigh High School and later went to beauty school where she got her license in 1968. In 1969, she and her husband, Ray, moved to Levelland while he went to college. They later moved to Lubbock where he received his degree from Texas Tech.

After he graduated, the family moved back to Snyder where he worked for Monsanto and she was busy raising her three children — Thad, Misty and Melissa.

In 1984, with all of her kids in school, Gloria began working at city hall.

While she began as a secretary, Gayle saw her potential and named her court administrator over city court, as well as continuing with her other duties.

While she may enter the work force again, she said for now, she and Ray are going to ride their motorcycle to Branson, and she wants to spend some time babysitting her grandkids in the Metroplex.

Conditions ripe for grass fires

Firemen busy with several calls Tuesday

The Snyder Fire Department had a busy day Tuesday even though some of the calls were short lived.

The first call of a fire came in from the Helm's Height addition on North Highway 208 caused by a "controlled" burn that got out of hand. About the time firefighters had climbed in their vehicles and started out to the scene, a call came in that persons at the scene had been able to put the fire out on their own.

At 3:27 Tuesday afternoon, another report of a grass fire came in. This fire was caused by a spark from a welder one mile west of FM 1611 on U.S. 84. Three trucks and eight firefighters responded to the scene and managed to put the fire out before it spread to a nearby wheat field. Approximately one acre of grassland burned.

Later in the evening, a pickup was reported on fire. At 9:21, firefighters responded to a location on U.S. 84 near the Royal Trailer Park. A pickup had transmission problems and fluid ignited after leaking from the transmission.

Less than an hour later, firefighters responded to the scene of another reported grass fire, seven miles north of Snyder on U.S. 208. As firemen responded, a call came in that Kinder Morgan employees had extinguished the fire.

Snyder Fire Marshal Cy Posey said the conditions are not good now for controlled burns and urged extreme caution.

"We like the humidity to be at least 30-40 percent and winds of less than 10 miles an hour before anyone has a controlled burn," said Posey.

Prosecutors ask jurors to use common sense to convict man

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Setting the stage for a largely circumstantial case against Scott Peterson, prosecutors asked the jury to use common sense when the time comes for them to decide whether he killed his pregnant wife, Laci.

In opening arguments Tuesday, the state gave an overview of what it intends to prove during the course of the trial: Peterson committed murder as evidenced by his lying — to family, friends, reporters, even his mistress — in the weeks after his wife went missing on Christmas Eve 2002.

Prosecutor Rick Distaso laid out how Peterson, 31, gave conflicting accounts of his whereabouts, brushed off his in-laws who were helping search for their daughter and failed to tell anyone he had bought a boat — the boat authorities say he used to carry his wife's body into San Francisco Bay.

The bodies of Laci Peterson and her fetus, a boy the couple planned to name Conner, washed ashore in April 2003, near where Peterson says he set out on a solo fishing trip the morning his wife vanished.

"Ladies and gentleman, this is a common sense case," Distaso told jurors.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman



Sad to say but we live in a world where children aren't always safe.

The Laura Recovery Center and Who's Shoes ID last Tuesday launched the "Child ID Challenge" web site at www.childidchallenge.com. The goal of this challenge is to provide in one year 500,000 children with a discreet and effective form of personal identification that attaches to a child's shoes.

"By tagging their shoes, we can help make sure the morgue doesn't tag their toes," said Mary Lynn Fernau, president of Who's Shoes ID.

Think about it. People will spend money and time buying their pets a tag to wear around their neck. Some 60,000 plus pets are lost or stolen each year.

But 10 times as many children — some 600,000 are lost from their parents each year and 98 percent don't carry personal identification. And, most of those children can't even remember their phone number.

If your child or a child that you know becomes one of the nearly 50 percent of missing children who are involuntarily lost or separated from their parents, what can you do to aid in their quick recovery?

A friend e-mailed this humorous story.

A farmer named Clyde had a car accident. In court, the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning Clyde.

"Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine," asked the lawyer. Clyde responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule, Bessie, into the..."

"I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question? Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'"?

Clyde said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road...."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the highway patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the judge was fairly interested in Clyde's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite mule, Bessie."

Clyde thanked the judge and proceeded, "Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side.

"I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ole Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident a highway patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her.

After he looked at her, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Then the patrolman came across the road, gun in hand, looked at me, and said "How are you feeling?"

"Now what the heck would you say?"

Power cut to many in Metroplex area

DALLAS (AP) — Thunderstorms packing winds more than 80 mph and tennis ball-size hail have pounded North and Central Texas, damaging buildings, halting flights at two airports and leaving more than a half-million utility customers without electrical power.

A tornado was spotted Tuesday night near Interstate 20 and U.S. 287 in southwest Arlington as the storm front moved through the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the National Weather Service said. An Arlington apartment lost part of its roof, forcing some residents to leave their homes.

Red Cross officials said they were opening two shelters, one in Arlington and another at Weatherford College. Emergency dispatchers in Parker County said they had reports of heavily damaged roofs and blown-over barns.

A roof was ripped off a Dollar General store in Burleson, with other damage reported elsewhere in Johnson County.

There were other scattered reports of building damage across the area, including a Discount Tire store in Arlington.

Ira ISD moves school ending date for 2005

Ira ISD's school board approved a change in the school calendar for 2004-2005 with the last day of school being May 20.

Supt. Larry Devitt also said graduation ceremonies would be on that date. The change was made to avoid graduation date conflicts with Snyder ISD and other schools.

"Our teachers also will like getting out of school a week early," said Dr. Devitt.

Trustees also had an hour-long training session with a representative of the Texas Association of School Boards.

Dr. Devitt said the session focused on a review of present board policies.

School district to hold two-day meet

Snyder ISD administrators will have a two-day retreat beginning Thursday to formulate plans for the various campuses for the coming school year.

The retreat will be held at First United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.



WORKING THE WIRES — Martin Rico of Odessa's Southwestern Bell office made repairs on telephone lines in Snyder recently. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

ASK US

Q—Who selects the "yard of the month"?
A—Members of the Snyder Garden Club.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Keith Hackfeld...

...has lived in Snyder for 27 years. He is the owner of Hackfeld's along with his wife, Jackie, who is the manager. He is also a real estate agent for Elizabeth Potts Realtors. He has two sons, Brandon in Midland and Brady who is a student at Tech and a daughter, Chelsea who is 15. He enjoys fishing and hunting and playing with his grandson, Korbyn.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them.
—Adlai Stevenson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Carol Garza, Texas Department of Human Services supervisor, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at the DHS office in Snyder Shopping Center.

Love and Logic classes

East Side Church of Christ will offer Love and Logic classes from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays through July 7. Pam Hart is the instructor. The classes are geared toward parents and grandparents. A meal will be served at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Family Life Building.

Class of 1989 reunion

The SHS class of 1989 is seeking addresses of graduates for the 15th year reunion on July 3.

Water aerobics

Water aerobics for seniors will be from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool.

GED, ESL classes

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College are held from 8 a.m. until noon every Tuesday through Thursday and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 30. Classes will then resume in August. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

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.

Attempted E. Texas prison break foiled

LOVELADY (AP) — Two corrections officers and a prison inmate remained hospitalized early today after a failed escape from an East Texas lockup.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials said two inmates, including one convicted in a Houston murder-for-hire, were being questioned in connection with Tuesday's predawn assaults at the Eastham Unit in Lovelady, about 30 miles northeast of Huntsville.

Correctional officers James D. Baker and Michael A. Mowry were in critical condition, said Assistant Warden Frankie Reescano. Both suffered severe head trauma and were airlifted to area hospitals. Baker, 55, underwent surgery at Memorial Hermann Hospital. Mowry, 46, was taken to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

Robert Michael Purtell, an inmate and kitchen helper, was hit in the head as he tried to help Mowry. A nurse at East Texas Medical Center in Trinity refused early today to release a condition on Purtell, 45.

The inmates in custody are identified as Dalton David Collins and Raymond Tyson Wingfield.

Law officers restrained Collins and Wingfield and placed them in pre-hearing detention while the Criminal Justice Department's Office of Inspector General investigates.

Collins, 32, since December 1996 has been serving a life sentence for murder out of Harris County. Collins pleaded guilty in October 1996 in connection with the 1992 murder-for-hire of Charles Farguson.

Wingfield, 33, came to prison last May from Collin County, where he was sentenced to 60 years for the murder of his wife, 20 years for attempted murder and 10 years for retaliation.

Mowry, a food service manager, was working in the prison kitchen commissary about 3:45 a.m. when he was struck by Collins with a pipefitting wrapped in an apron. Authorities said Collins stripped Mowry, tied him up and took Mowry's keys, state identification and uniform.

They ran into Baker as they were leaving the kitchen, hit him in the head, took his uniform and tied him up. They also took his keys and identification card.

The pair then went to the prison bakery where they tried to make a ladder out of milk crates tied together and get over a fence.

A commissary worker, however, got to a telephone to summon help and officers apprehended the two prisoners.

Prison officials noted the pair never made it out of the building.

Collins, from Houston, pleaded guilty in 1996 to capital murder for his part in a murder-for-hire scheme four years earlier. As part of the plea, he received an automatic life sentence and was not eligible for parole for 35 years.

Wingfield, from Celina and a former firefighter in Allen, pleaded guilty to fatally shooting his wife during a sniper attack in May 2002. Another woman was critically injured and left paralyzed in the shooting.

Amy Wingfield, 31, and her friend, Lisa Stewart, 41, both nurses, were shot as they returned from lunch to their offices at a medical center in McKinney. Prosecutors at the time said Wingfield never would say why he shot the women. He was arrested after what authorities said was a staged shooting at his wife's gravesite a day before he was scheduled to take a polygraph test related to the shooting.

The Eastham Unit is a maximum security prison in Houston County. Reescano said Eastham has a capacity of 2,474 inmates and had 2,448 incarcerated Tuesday.

Judge grants court of inquiry into director of DNA lab

HOUSTON (AP) — A state district judge granted a court of inquiry Tuesday and found probable cause that the former director of the Houston Police Department's DNA lab committed aggravated perjury.

It will be up to Judge Olen Underwood, a Montgomery County judge who presides over state court administrative matters as presiding judge of the Second Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, to appoint a judge who will oversee and determine the investigation's scope, according to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

But Underwood also could reject state District Judge Jan Krocker's court of inquiry recommendation, Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal said.

Krocker's court plans to send the entire trial transcript and a probable cause affidavit to Underwood in the coming days.

Krocker found Tuesday that probable cause existed for an allegation that former DNA director Jim Bolding allegedly perjured himself by testifying at a trial in 2002 that he had a doctoral degree.

Bolding retired last summer, avoiding a recommendation he be fired.

Harris County prosecutors said the court reporter made an error in transcribing the testimony. Bolding does not have a doctorate and did not lie about having one, prosecutors said.

Rosenthal said his office's investigation was presented to two grand juries last year. The grand juries that looked into problems at the lab returned no indictments but were critical of the lab's staff.

According to the trial transcript, Bolding testified: "I have a doctorate — doctor in bayou chemistry from the University of Texas."

Butch Bradt, the defense attorney in the sexual assault case, said it appears the court reporter incorrectly transcribed biochemistry as "bayou chemistry." Bradt said he told Krocker Tuesday he remembers finding it "curious" that Bolding testified he had a doctorate and wasn't referred to as a doctor.

Later during the trial, Bradt said he pushed the issue with Bolding, who testified he had a bachelor's and master's degree but "he didn't say anything about a doctorate," the attorney said.

Meanwhile, the statute of limitations is quickly ticking away, Bradt said. Perjury charges must be filed within two years of the alleged conduct, which Bolding is accused of committing on June 14 and 18, 2002. That leaves little time for the investigation, Bradt said.

Any findings made by the court of inquiry ultimately would be forwarded to a grand jury, which then would consider whether to issue an indictment.

Elephant attacks trainer in park

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A trainer at an amusement park was critically injured Tuesday when he was gored by an elephant, officials said.

Patrick Chapple, 39, was standing next to the 7,000-pound African elephant at Six Flags Marine World when she knocked him down and gored him, said Fire Department spokesman William Tweedy.

Chapple's abdomen was pierced but he was alert and talking when paramedics arrived, Tweedy said.

A handful of visitors witnessed the attack by Misha, a 23-year-old elephant who has been at the park since she was 2, including another trainer who quickly shooed the elephant away.

Misha remained in the park's elephant compound late Tuesday.

World Almanac

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Today is the 154th day of 2004 and the 75th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1897, Mark Twain denied New York Journal rumors of his death, saying "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

In 1924, Congress granted American Indians U.S. citizenship.

In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Okla.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Hardy (1840-1928), poet/novelist; Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934), composer; Johnny Weissmuller (1904-1984), swimmer/actor; Dana Carvey (1955-), actor/comedian, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1935, baseball legend Babe Ruth retired.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics." — Mark Twain

TODAY'S FACT: There are some 2.7 million American Indians in the United States today (including only those identifying themselves solely as American Indian).

TODAY'S NUMBER: 168 — number of people killed in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 27) and full moon (June 3).

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Today's chuckle

Young man survives 69,000-volt shock

CLARKSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A 22-year-old man who climbed an electrical tower survived a 69,000-volt shock, a jolt that's nearly always fatal, utility officials said.



Jason Grisham was in fair condition Tuesday in a hospital burn unit.

Police and a Cinergy/PSI employee found Grisham asking for help as he emerged Sunday from behind a building at a substation where the tower was scaled. Grisham "appeared to have extensive burn marks on his chest and his pants appeared to have exploded," police said.

Grisham scaled the fence around the tower about 6:30 a.m. and then started to climb the tower itself, rising 12 to 15 feet before he "received a dose of ... electricity and was knocked to the ground," said police, who were seeking a toxicology report.

"Contact with that level of voltage is almost always fatal," Cinergy/PSI spokeswoman Angeline Protegere said. She noted that household voltage is mostly 120 volts.

Protegere said the shock disrupted power to 6,800 customers. The fence Grisham climbed is 7 feet tall and has three strands of barbed wire on top of it.

Protegere said that to the left and right of the spot where he climbed over are "clearly visible signs" saying "Danger/High Voltage."

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TEXAS LOTTO

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $60 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's $50 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

There were five second-prize winners from Tuesday night's drawing. Those tickets are each worth $175,000. Twenty-two players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 7, 16, 17, 26, and 48. The Mega Ball number was 15.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 22-24-26-30-34.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $19,995.

Winning tickets sold in: PORT ARTHUR and HOUSTON.

Matching four of five: 119. Prize: $152.

Matching three of five: 3,321. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 35,470. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

12-13-16-26. Bonus ball 32.

Estimated jackpot: $525,000

Pick 3

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Family's dysfunction weighs heavily on woman's shoulders

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old woman in need of help. I used to live at my grandmother's house with my younger sisters and my parents. My father hasn't worked since I was born. My mom managed a local flower shop and made good money, but she was fired two years ago after she started using cocaine with Dad and her boss found out.

My grandma and my 19-year-old sister take care of my 12- and 14-year-old sisters because our parents are broke. To make matters worse, my uncle, "Ralph," moved here from Florida last year and now lives at my grandma's. Uncle Ralph has a jail record and is verbally and physically abusive to Grandma and to my sisters' cats and dogs. The police have been called, but they can't do anything unless Grandma says she wants him out. The thing is, she's terrified of him. She told my sister she wishes he would leave, but she's too scared to tell him.

Abby, Uncle Ralph is the reason I moved out. How can I get him out of that house, and how can I get my parents help for their drug problem? Most of my money goes to help out with my sisters. I need a car and I'd like to go back to college, but I can't until this burden is lifted off my shoulders. I suffer anxiety attacks from worrying about this. Please help! — **ANXIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DAR ANXIOUS: You may not like this message, but you need to hear it. You are not Wonder Woman, and you have placed far too much responsibility on your own shoulders. You are focusing so hard on other people's problems that you have forgotten to take care of yourself.

Isn't it time that your grandmother and parents took responsibility for themselves? You have already helped them as much as you can — more than anyone can reasonably expect. There's a reason why airline passengers are instructed that in an emergency they must first place the oxygen masks over their own faces, and THEN over the faces of their dependents. It's so they don't all black out at once.

My advice is to contact Al-Anon and learn how to separate other people's problems from your own. Get back in school and get counseling through the student health center. Once you are out of school and established financially, then you will be in a stronger position to help your siblings.

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DEAR ABBY: I was brutally raped a few months ago by a man I had thought was kind and gentle. Afterward, I learned that he had also been violently abusive to his ex-wife and former girlfriend.

He's in jail for now, but I will have to testify against him in court soon, and I'm scared to death.

Everyone tells me to be brave and speak out, but I just want to put this all behind me. It keeps preying on my mind, and I'm frightened at night when I'm home alone. I'm afraid I'll never feel safe again. I have these nightmares that he escapes and beats me to death. Did I do the wrong thing when I reported him? — **FRIGHTENED IN IDAHO**

DEAR FRIGHTENED: No, you did the right thing. Permit me to add my voice to the chorus of those urging you to be brave and testify. By standing up for yourself, you will also heal yourself. However, you should also be receiving support from a rape crisis center during this difficult time. And when you go to court, you should have a victim's advocate by your side. Pick up the phone and call (800) 656-4673. It's the toll-free number of the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network. They will guide you to the help you need.

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Formerly conjoined twins turning three

DALLAS (AP) — When Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim celebrated their birthday a year ago, the twins born joined at the tops of their heads were facing a risky separation surgery.

As the boys prepare for their third birthday today, they are as carefree as most any other toddlers, each exploring the world on his own. Quick with smiles and giggles, the boys play, talk and even get into mischief.

"This one is special for them because they're separated and we will have (the birthday party) in a normal house," said their mother, Sabah Abu el-Wafa, who will be with the boys on their birthday for the first time since they were born.

It's been nearly eight months since a 34-hour surgery separated the tangled web of blood vessels connecting the boys' heads. They spend a couple of hours a day at North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City for physical therapy and rehabilitation, and they still wear helmets as they await surgery to reconstruct part of their skulls.

Otherwise, life is pretty routine at the Dallas apartment where the twins live with their parents and older brother.

Their parents say Mohamed is much more likely to get into something he shouldn't and can crawl across the room. Ahmed, the quieter brother, is still working on crawling. For now he's content to lie on his back and watch what's going on.

"You have to watch (Mohamed) all of the time, you can't leave him alone," said their father, Ibrahim Mohammed Ibrahim. "Ahmed is very quiet. You can leave him in the same spot and he entertains himself."

Both boys are talking — using English and Arabic words. They easily repeat "No, no, no, no." And they're also quick to say "I love you."

Mohamed likes to play with toy cars. Ahmed enjoys his stuffed animals and watches anything on television, said family friend El Sayed "Joseph" Hassan.

While therapy continues, preparations are under way to help the family when they go back home, maybe by early next year. Hassan is organizing a golf tournament June 14 in McKinney to raise money for the family's first few months in Egypt.

Instead of returning to their tiny village, the family plans to move to Cairo to be closer to a children's hospital.

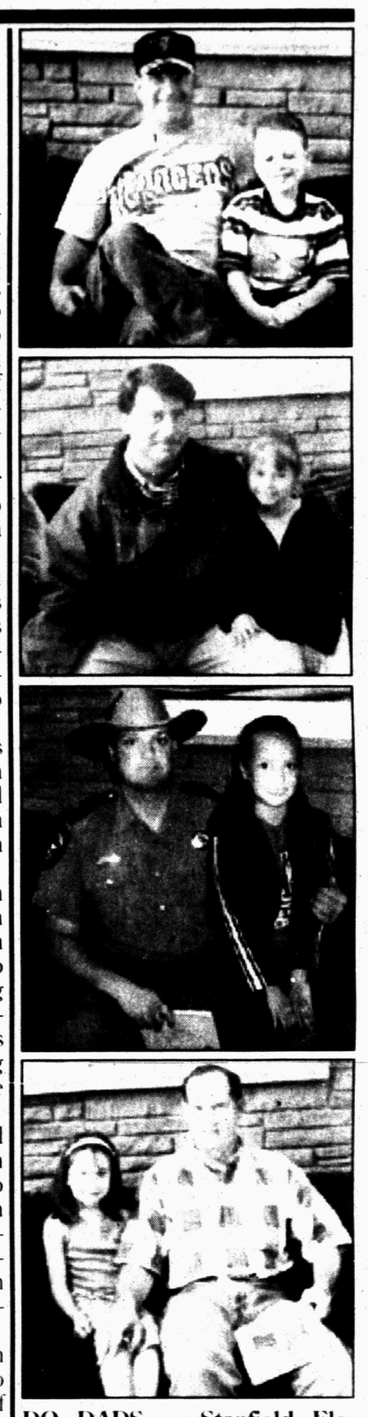
While doctors have donated the boys' medical care in Texas and all of their living expenses have been paid for by the Dallas-based World Craniofacial Foundation, in Egypt they will have to support themselves.

"The next big challenge is ahead, to rebuild their life when they return back home," said Hassan, who lives in North Texas but is originally from Egypt.

Hassan, his wife and their twin daughters became friends with the family after they arrived in Texas in 2002, inviting them to their Plano home and visiting them when they were in the hospital. In October, Hassan and his wife were among those waiting with the parents throughout the separation surgery.

The boys were born in a small town in southern Egypt, then taken hundreds of miles north to Cairo for care. They arrived in Texas to be evaluated for separation surgery in June 2002. Doctors had warned that one or both boys could die during the operation.

While their father arrived in Texas in the fall of 2002 to talk to doctors about the possibility of surgery, el-Wafa stayed in Egypt. She came to Texas with their 5-year-old son Mahmoud days before the separation surgery. She missed their first birthday because they were in Cairo and their second when they were in Texas and she was in Egypt.



DO DADS — Stanfield Elementary School Do Dads read a poem or story every Monday morning. Starting at top, are Do Dads Kyle Cox and Brandon Hall, Mike and Reagan Lee, Lynn and Kelsie Pierce, and Ryon Harrison and Ross Cornett. (Contributed Photos)

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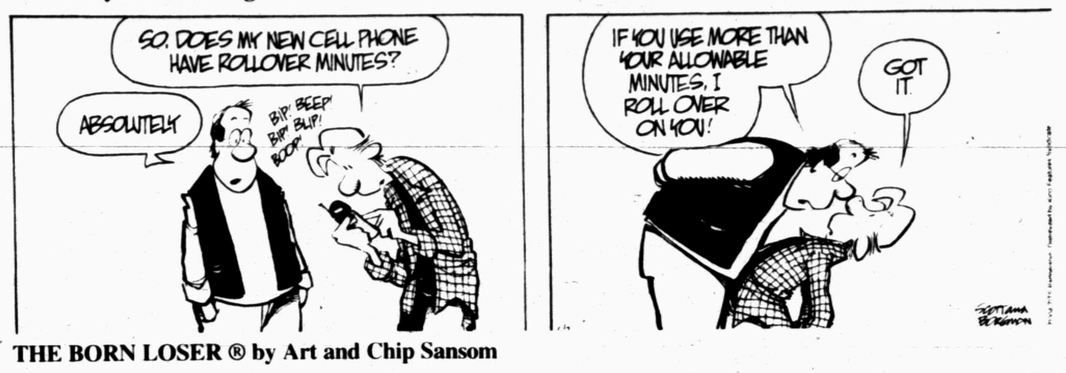
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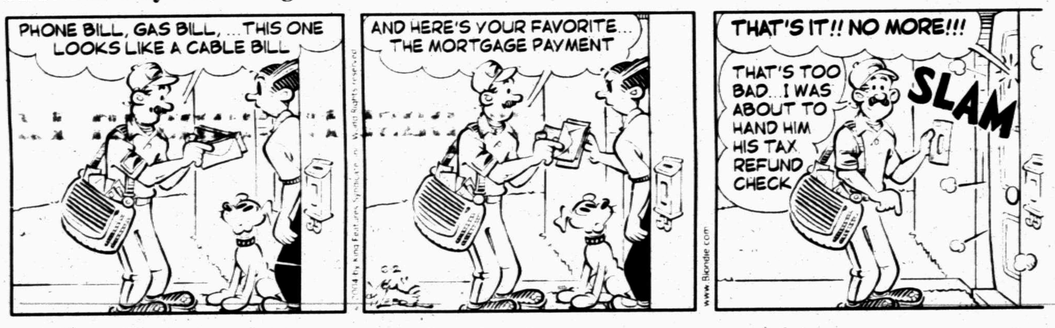
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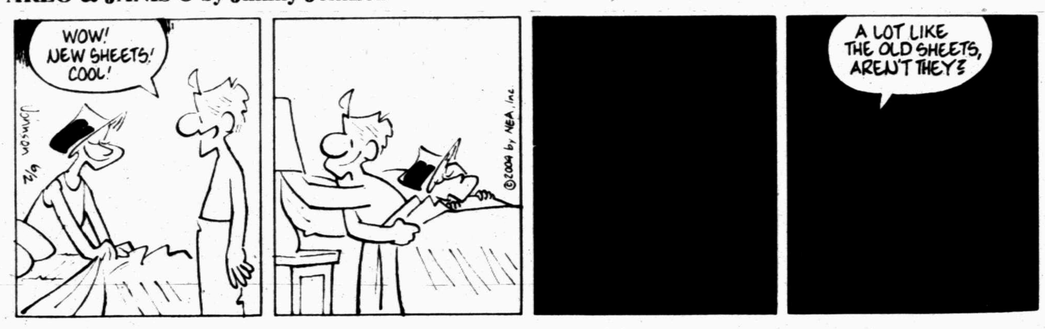
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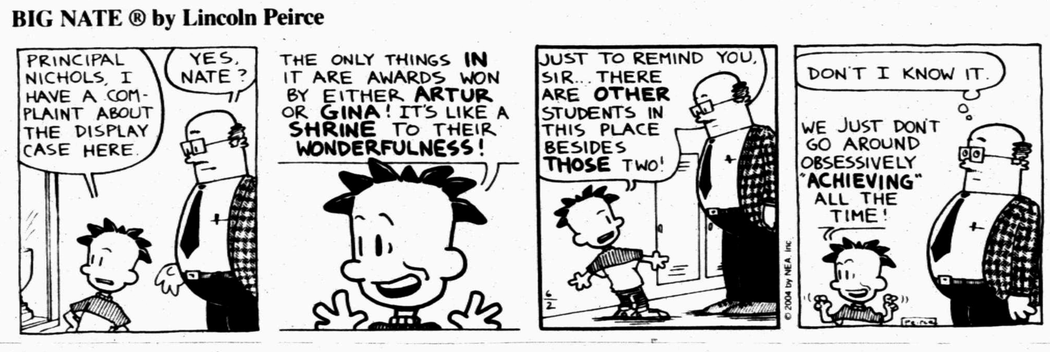
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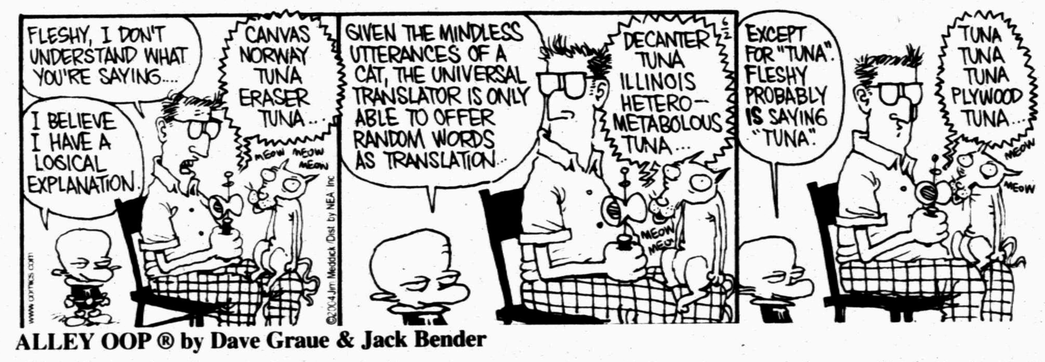
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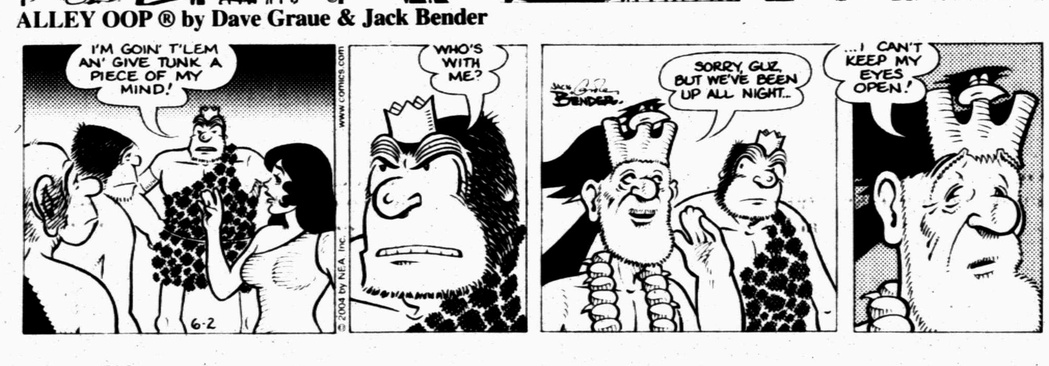
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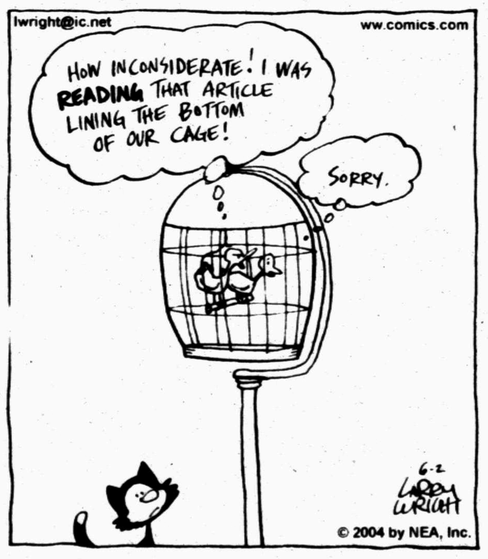


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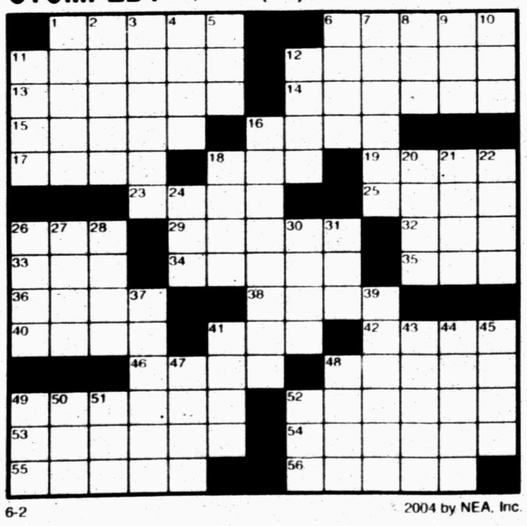
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SPORTS

Pistons emerge with conference title

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Eastern Conference finals ended with a ton of missed shots, stingy defense and a forearm shiver.

Fittingly, perhaps.

Richard Hamilton scored 21 points — four after being flagrantly fouled by Ron Artest — to help the Detroit Pistons advance to the NBA Finals with a 68-65 victory over Indiana on Tuesday night.

The defensive-minded teams set an NBA playoff record by combining for 60 points in the first half, eight days after they broke the mark for fewest points in any playoff half.

Both teams failed to even reach 37-percent shooting in the sixth and final game of the gritty series.

"I don't know if it was a classic in a lot of people's eyes," Pistons coach Larry Brown said. "But I guess if the series was going to end, this is the kind of game it should have ended with."

The Pistons will open the NBA Finals in Los Angeles on Sunday night against the heavily favored Lakers.

"The Pistons team is built the right way to play the Lakers," said Pacers coach Rick Carlisle, fired last year after two successful seasons in Detroit. "They've got big guys that can shoot the ball deep. They've got rebounding. They've got perimeter guards that can dribble, pass and shoot.

"They've got a great chance to win a championship."

This will be the Pistons' first trip to the finals since 1990 when the team nicknamed "Bad Boys" for its physical style of play won its second consecutive title.

It's 14 years later, and the Pistons will enter the championship round again with a team that relies on defense.

Detroit and Indiana combined for just 60 first-half points in Game 6, breaking the NBA playoff record of 62 set by the Pistons and New Jersey during the second round.

They finished with a combined total of 134 — just four more than the record.

Detroit's Ben Wallace had 12 points and 16 rebounds, Rasheed Wallace added 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Chauncey Billups scored 10.

With red, white and blue confetti flickering and fluttering in the air after the game, Rasheed Wallace and Hamilton jumped atop the scorer's table and celebrated with the fans.

They responded by chanting: "Beat L.A.! Beat L.A!"

"A lot of people don't expect us to win, but in our minds and in our hearts, we feel like we're going to win a championship," Detroit's Corliss Williamson said.

Finally drawing the coverage of Artest, the Defensive Player of the Year, Hamilton scored only one point in the first quarter before closing the game strong.

Especially, after Artest committed a flagrant foul against Hamilton by striking him in the face with a forearm, apparently in retaliation after Artest was hit below the belt.

"It wasn't intentional. He just ran into me," Artest said.

Hamilton pulled himself off the court and made two free throws to put Detroit ahead — for the first time — 61-59 with 3:57 left.

With Artest trying to stay with him around screens, Hamilton made a runner to put the Pistons up 65-61 with 1:13 to go.

"My teammates just told me to keep my mental part of the game. Don't let him get into my head," Hamilton said. "Sometimes it takes something like that to set you right."

Detroit won for the first time in seven games when trailing after three quarters, while the Pacers lost for the first time in 10 games when starting the fourth with the lead.

Jermaine O'Neal, slowed by a knee injury, scored 20 points to lead the Pacers. Reserve Austin Croshere scored 12 points, and Artest added 11 for the Pacers — held to 10 points in the second quarter, 17 in the third and 15 in the fourth.

O'Neal's basket with 2:42 left was Indiana's last field goal until 40 seconds remained.

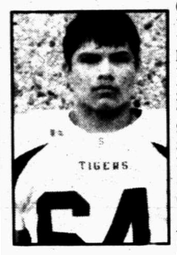
Indiana set a record for the fewest field goals in a six-game series with 156 on 447 shots (34.9 percent).

"I think more than anything, it is not our time," Carlisle said.

Tigers return to gridiron in FCA All-Star contest

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

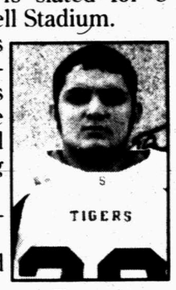
A pair of record-setting linemen and the District 3-3A defensive MVP will represent Snyder High School in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star game Saturday in Abilene.



Gutierrez

Graduates Brock Tyrrell, Isidro 'Sid' Gutierrez and Isaac Ramon will join roughly 80 other football players at the annual event, which is slated for 8 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium.

The teams began two-a-day workouts today at Wylie High School after getting equipment issued Tuesday evening.

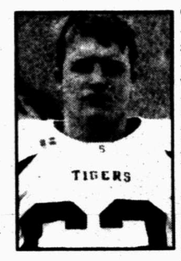


Ramon

Tyrrell and Gutierrez were the bookends on a Snyder offensive line that set school records for total offense (4,006 yards), points (332) and rushing in a season (2,749 yards).

The offense also set a single game record for yardage, gaining 545 in a blowout win at Fort Stockton.

Gutierrez was the first-ever recipient of the Grant Teaff Character Award and was a first-team all-district selection. Tyrrell was an all-district second-team selection and an academic all-state pick, and both have committed to play at Hardin-Simmons in the fall.



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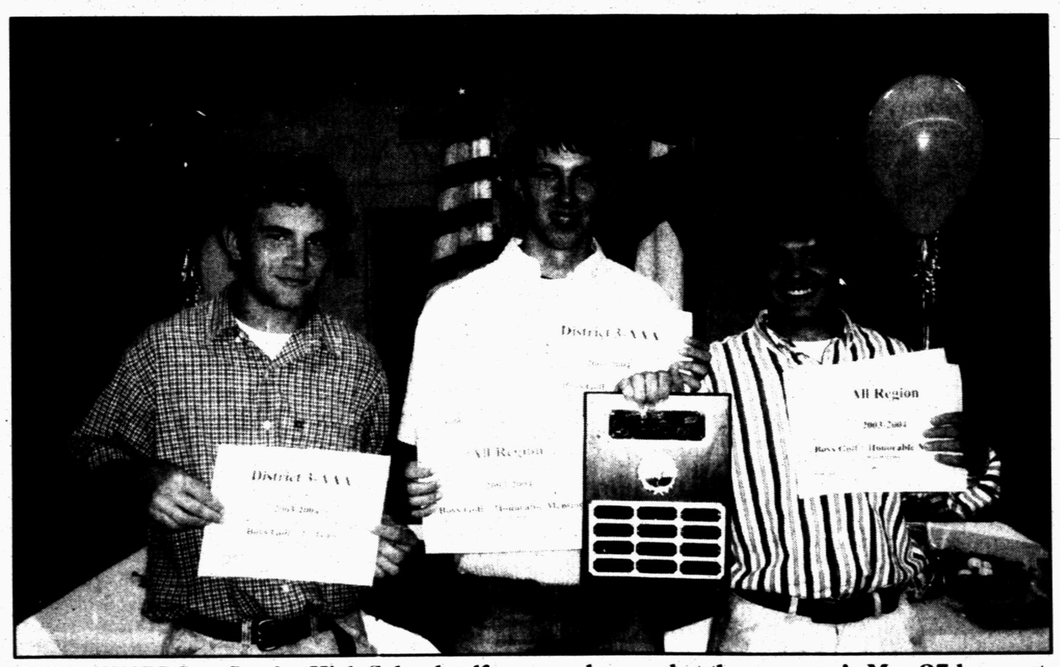
"Both are hard workers and conscientious," offensive line coach Roger White said. "You can't find two better kids. Both will go far in life because of their work ethic."

Ramon was the defensive player of the year in district and a second-team all-state pick at middle linebacker after racking up 97 tackles (14 for losses), seven forced fumbles, four fumbles recovered, three sacks and an interception.

Ramon was the main cog on a defense that set two records — most tackles for loss (101) and fewest passing yards per game (-4).

Head coach Chad Rogers, en route to Houston to work a football camp at Rice University, said, "They are all three outstanding young men and will represent our program well in the all-star game."

There is no charge for the game, but donantions will be accepted at the gate. Programs with photos and a biography of each player also will be available.



GOLF AWARDS — Snyder High School golfers were honored at the program's May 25 banquet. From left are Jake Cottrell, Tiger Heart and all-district; Jay Weaver, MVP, all-district medalist and all-region honorable mention; and Wyl Wiggins, Most Improved, second-team all-district and all-region honorable mention. (Contributed Photo)

Barajas' 2nd bomb pushes Rangers past Indians in 12

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rod Barajas hit his second homer of the game with one out in the 12th on Tuesday night to give the Texas Rangers a 6-5 victory over the Cleveland Indians, who had their four-game winning streak stopped.

Barajas, who also homered in the third, drove a 1-1 pitch from Rick White (2-1) into the Indians' center-field bullpen for his seventh homer and first career multihomer game.

"I wasn't thinking about hitting a homer," the Rangers' catcher said.

Or in this case, end a game that finished just 13 hours before the Rangers and Indians were to play again. Wednesday's first pitch is scheduled for 12:05 p.m.

Erasmo Ramirez (3-2) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the 11th and Francisco Cordero worked a perfect 12th for his 17th save in 17 tries. He tied John Wetteland (1999) and Jeff Zimmerman (2002) for the club record for consecutive saves.

Four other relievers — Ron Mahay, Jay Powell, Brian Shouse and Frank Francisco — helped Texas' bullpen pitch 5 2-3 scoreless innings after the Indians tied it at five with a three-run sixth.

Victor Martinez had three RBIs for the streaky Indians, who just completed a 13-13 May during which they won three in a row, lost five, won five, lost seven and won four.

Cleveland loaded the bases in the 11th on three straight two-out walks off Francisco, but they failed to score when Casey Blake was thrown out at the plate by third baseman Hank Blalock.

Sports Briefs

Region I finals at Moffett

The Class 3A Region I championship series between Perryton and District 5 champ Graham is set for Moffett Field beginning with game one at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Game two will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday, with a third game, if necessary, slated for 30 minutes after the conclusion of game two.

API scholarship golf tournament

The annual API scholarship golf tournament will be held Saturday at Scurry County golf course. Format is four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50. Cost is $300 per team with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The first 24 paid teams will be accepted. For more information call Randy Glasscock at 575-6709.

Strength and conditioning camp

SHS football coaches will host a strength and conditioning camp beginning Monday at the field house. The camp is free and is open to all SHS students, and will run from Monday through Thursday for each of the next two weeks.

Sophomores through seniors will lift from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and freshmen will work from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Junior golf camp

SHS coaches Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox will host a junior golf camp June 15-18 at Sammy Baugh golf course at WTC.

Seven through 11-year-olds will receive instruction from 1-3 p.m. and 12 to 19-year-olds will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost is $75 and $50 for siblings and clubs will be available. Space is limited, so campers will be taken in order of registration. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information or to sign up.

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. 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

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.

Snyder doubles tournament

The Snyder tennis booster club will host a doubles tournament July 3. Events include open men's, women's and mixed doubles. Entry fee is $5 per person per event, and players may enter two events. To enter contact SHS tennis coach Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Houston pen stifles Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Even with a little extra work, the Houston Astros bullpen was as dominant as ever.

Five relievers combined to shut out Chicago over six innings, and pinch-hitter Michael Lamb lined a late go-ahead double to lead Houston over the Cubs 5-3 Tuesday night.

Dan Miceli (2-2) and Mike Gallo both got out of a bases-loaded jams without surrendering a run as the bullpen combined to strike out eight and walk two. Miceli pitched two hitless innings, Brad Lidge pitched the eighth and Octavio Dotel earned his eighth save.

"When you have the bases loaded twice, nobody out and you get out of it without a run, that just tells you how well we pitched," Astros manager Jimy Williams said. "Everybody contributed. They made pitches."

They also got a big break on a Cubs blunder in the eighth.

With two outs and the score 3-3, Brad Ausmus hit a weak grounder to second base that looked like it would end the inning. But Todd Walker's throw sailed wide of first baseman Derrek Lee, pulling him off the bag to put runners on first and second.

Lamb then lined an RBI double into left-center off Kyle Farnsworth (0-3) for the go-ahead run.

"We had one of those games where it could have gone on for a while," Craig Biggio said. "That was a great piece of hitting by Lamb."

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	30	22	.577	—
Philadelphia	27	23	.540	2
Atlanta	26	25	.510	3½
New York	25	26	.490	4½
Montreal	16	35	.314	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	31	21	.596	—
Houston	28	23	.549	2½
St. Louis	28	23	.549	2½
Chicago	27	24	.529	3½
Milwaukee	26	24	.520	4
Pittsburgh	23	25	.479	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	27	23	.540	—
San Diego	28	24	.538	—
San Francisco	26	25	.510	1½
Colorado	20	31	.392	7½
Arizona	19	33	.365	9

Tuesday's Games

Cincinnati 7, Florida 6, 10 innings
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 1, 10 innings
Atlanta 7, Montreal 6
Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Arizona 6, San Francisco 5
Colorado 7, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 4, Los Angeles 1

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Lidle 4-4) at Florida (Willis 5-3), 12:05 p.m.
Houston (Clemens 7-0) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 6-3), 1:20 p.m.
Colorado (Estes 6-3) at San Diego (Lawrence 7-3), 2:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vargas 3-3) at Atlanta (Hampton 1-5), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 6-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 5-1) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 3-4), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Tomko 1-3) at Arizona (Johnson 6-4), 8:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Hendrickson 0-0) at Los Angeles (Jackson 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	31	19	.620	—
Boston	31	21	.596	1
Baltimore	24	24	.500	6
Toronto	23	29	.442	9
Tampa Bay	18	32	.360	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	21	.580	—
Minnesota	28	23	.549	1½
Detroit	23	28	.451	6½
Cleveland	22	27	.449	6½
Kansas City	18	31	.367	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	31	20	.608	—
Texas	28	22	.560	2½
Oakland	27	23	.540	3½
Seattle	19	32	.373	12

Tuesday's Games

Texas 6, Cleveland 5, 12 innings
N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 7
Kansas City 5, Detroit 3
Minnesota 16, Tampa Bay 4
Toronto 6, Seattle 5
Anaheim 7, Boston 6
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 4, 12 innings

Today's Games

Texas (Dickey 4-5) at Cleveland (Westbrook 4-2), 11:05 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 5-1) at Oakland (Mulder 6-2), 2:35 p.m.
Baltimore (DuBose 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Greinke 0-0) at Detroit (Johnson 3-6), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Waechter 2-5) at Minnesota (Radke 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Lilly 3-2) at Seattle (Pineiro 1-6), 9:05 p.m.
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Report: Pentagon estimates on nerve gas exposure were flawed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department and the CIA used flawed computer modeling to determine which and how many troops were exposed to chemical warfare agents during the first Gulf War, the General Accounting Office said Tuesday.

The Pentagon stood by its work, although it acknowledged some shortcomings in the computer modeling. It also agreed to stop performing computer models on the toxic plumes that occurred after some bombings during the war.

The Defense Department refused to accept a GAO recommendation to stop using the computer modeling data for studies on Gulf War illness. The investigators said the flawed computer modeling led to unreliable conclusions in Defense Department and Veterans Affairs studies that there is no association between chemical weapons exposure and rates of hospitalization and death of Gulf War veterans.

"The modeling was not flawed," the Defense Department said in a written response to the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, adding that not using the models for research would be reckless and would endanger the lives of service members.

"The data the DOD used was and is the best information available and any research that desired to use it would know the limitations of the data," the Defense Department said.

The CIA told the GAO it had not had enough time to review the report. The VA agreed not to use the computer models for future epidemiological studies, although it has three studies based on the model awaiting publication in journals.

Veterans of the 1991 Gulf War have suffered from illnesses they believe are linked to their service in Gulf. Among reported symptoms are chronic fatigue, diarrhea, migraines, dizziness, memory problems, loss of muscle control and loss of balance.

The GAO said that since the end of 1991 about 700,000 U.S. veterans have experienced undiagnosed illnesses. The Defense Department estimates that 101,752 service members were potentially exposed to chemical warfare agents.

Veterans and their advocates have been highly critical of previous government research, some which attributed the illnesses to stress. Some research, including studies by Dr. Robert Haley, a Dallas epidemiologist, has suggested that some of the illnesses could be attributed to soldiers' exposure to nerve gas and other toxic substances.

"Because the DOD produced this flawed modeling, it set Gulf War research back seven years at least," said Steve Robinson, executive director of the National Gulf War Resource Center, a Gulf War veterans advocacy group.

Reports on the number of troops exposed and who they were are based a model of a vapor cloud that resulted when U.S. troops blew up munitions in a bunker and open pit at Khamisiyah, Iraq. It was later revealed that some of the weapons contained sarin and cyclosarin.

The GAO said U.S. and coalition forces bombed other Iraqi sites known or suspected to have been used for chemical warfare research, materiel, storage and production.

Newspaper: Molester could go free

DALLAS (AP) — A former YMCA staffer sent to prison for molesting 40 children at day camp could be released after a hearing this week, a newspaper reported.

David Wayne Jones has served all the prison time related to his original 15-year sentence for the molestations in the early 1990s. If a new charge is thrown out during a hearing on Thursday, Jones will be paroled to a halfway house, The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

The former camp counselor, only the second inmate to undergo voluntary castration in Texas, said from jail that he is ready to be freed.

"I'm a better person today," Jones, 33, told the newspaper. "I'm grateful that I was caught when I was — there's no telling how much I could have escalated."

Parents of children he victimized and officials close to the case are unimpressed.

"My children had their childhoods taken away," said the mother of one of the original YMCA victims. "I have a real strong feeling that he needs to pay and pay big."

Jones claims prosecutors violated speedy trial laws by bringing an indictment against him more than two years ago but doing little to advance the charge through the courts until it became apparent he was about to be paroled.

Prosecutors, who declined to comment, have released few details of the most recent charge. Court documents say the allegation involves a child who was molested on a YMCA field trip to a White Rock Lake park.

Jones now says that he only supervised children older than 9 while at the YMCA camp and was never attracted to young children. But he said in 1994 that he routinely supervised boys as young as 5 and earlier admitted molesting a 6-year-old.

He told police investigators after his 1991 arrest that he was sexually aroused by "whatever pleases me," including men, women and boys. He says now that he's no longer gay or a pedophile.

Jones also denies now that he did more than improperly touch children at the YMCA, but in a 1991 written statement he acknowledged performing oral sex on a boy. When pressed by attorneys in 1994 about that incident and other more serious assault allegations, he said he couldn't remember writing the statement. He did not, however, deny making such statements to police.

"That man is lying, I'm sorry," said Jill Barney, whose son is among Jones' acknowledged victims. "There was aggravated sexual assault throughout the whole thing."

At the hearing, the defense must show that its case was hurt by the trial delay.

Dallas County prosecutors, according to Jones, are trying to put him back behind bars because they're embarrassed about the "good" plea deal he got in 1991.

Parents of his victims say a dismissal would add to a legacy of frustration and bad feelings about the justice system that arose through prosecutors' handling of the original case.

Michael Moore's 'Fahrenheit 9/11' finds U.S. distributor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Moore's award-winning documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" has picked up a U.S. distributor and will hit theaters June 25.

The film will be released by a partnership of Lions Gate Films, IFC Films and the Fellowship Adventure Group, which was formed by Harvey and Bob Weinstein specifically to market Moore's film.

Moore's film, which recently won the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival, criticizes President Bush's response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and connects the Bush family with Osama bin Laden's.

The Weinsteins, who run Miramax Films, bought the rights to the movie from The Walt Disney Co., which owns Miramax and refused to distribute "Fahrenheit 9/11."

The Weinstein brothers will personally finance and control distribution and marketing, they said Tuesday.

"I am grateful to them now that everyone who wants to see it will now have the chance to do so," Moore said in a statement.

"On behalf of my stellar cast — GW, Dick, Rummy, Condi and Wolfie — we thank this incredible coalition of the willing for bringing 'Fahrenheit 9/11' to the people."

Disney chief executive Michael Eisner said the company "did not want a film in the middle of the political process" because he believed that theme park and entertainment consumers "do not look for us to take sides."

In a settlement reached last week, the Weinsteins repaid their parent company for all costs of the film to date, estimated at around $6 million. Any profits from the film's distribution that go to Miramax or Disney will be donated to charity.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Treatment of acute diarrhea

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on the treatment of diarrhea. I am 86 and cannot get much help from my doctor.

DEAR READER: Tomes have been written about the causes and treatment of diarrhea, a subject too broad for this short column. Suffice it to say, diarrhea can result from any inflammation of the intestine, as well as from food sensitivities, poor circulation to the colon, tumors and metabolic disturbances. To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my newly revised Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." 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 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

When otherwise healthy people suddenly experience diarrhea (with or without vomiting), it is most commonly the result of a temporary viral infection. Called "gastroenteritis," this condition can usually be satisfactorily treated and cured within 24 hours by following these simple rules:

Confine your diet to clear liquids — water, tea, soft drinks (especially ginger ale) and beef broth.

If you are able to tolerate this without vomiting, in 24 hours begin a bland diet — no greasy or indigestible foods.

Use over-the-counter remedies, such as Pepto-Bismol or Imodium A-D, as needed.

If, within 48 hours, your diarrhea doesn't clear up, call your physician.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How can I control premature ejaculation?

DEAR READER: Premature ejaculation refers to the embarrassing situation in which a man achieves unwanted orgasm too early in the sex act — either before penetration or shortly thereafter. Traditionally, the condition has been believed to be caused by a deep-rooted fear of intercourse, or by other emotional problems.

I'm not so sure.

In the past, physicians counseled such patients to ignore the problem (which does not affect health) or to use methods, such as condoms, to reduce sensitivity. Predictably, these techniques weren't satisfactory and many men were ill-served by them.

Today, most premature ejaculators can be helped — even cured — by sex therapists, who have developed effective strategies to help such men control their orgasms more effectively.

Ask your physician to refer you to an appropriate resource or seek out a therapist yourself. Such professionals are generally available through large hospitals or teaching centers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes skin tags? I know a doctor can cut, burn or freeze them off, but is there any method of removal that can be done by the patient safely at home?

DEAR READER: Skin tags are just harmless little growths that, with age, can form anywhere on the body. While it may be preferable to have them removed by a doctor, some patients have had success by tightly tying a piece of thread around the bases of the tags. When deprived of their blood supply, the tags drop off in a few days.

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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RadioShack	30.35	29.91	30.10	— .08
RoyalDut	51.00	50.70	50.71	+ .35
SBC Comm	24.28	23.75	24.17	+ .43
SaraLee	22.90	22.72	22.87	— .03
Scripps EW	106.73	104.60	106.68	+ .74
SearsRoeb	38.32	37.91	38.25	+ .38
SherwinW	39.45	39.01	39.09	— .16
SouthernCo	29.24	28.99	29.02	+ .06
SwstAirl	15.65	15.33	15.55	+ .19
SprintFON	17.54	17.33	17.44	+ .06
Sunoco Inc	63.00	62.24	62.24	— .45
TXU Corp	37.35	36.85	37.03	+ .11
TempleInland	65.99	65.48	65.53	— .20
TexInd	38.45	36.60	36.77	— 1.57
Texasinst	25.95	25.26	25.30	— .56
Textron	55.87	55.34	55.73	+ .45
TimeWarner	17.18	17.00	17.11	+ .08
TrinityInds	28.75	28.54	28.64	— .06
TylerTech	9.09	8.96	9.02	+ .01
UnionPacif	58.50	58.17	58.42	+ .18
USSteel	30.74	29.95	29.98	— .71
UnitedTech	85.22	84.50	84.66	
Unocal	36.08	35.63	35.64	— .30
VerizonComm	35.25	34.75	35.15	+ .28
WalMart	55.63	55.19	55.51	+ .07
WellsFargo	58.81	58.19	58.28	— .35
WstnGasRs	56.76	56.19	56.52	+ .49
WinnDixie	6.44	6.34	6.35	+ .02
Xerox Cp	13.49	13.29	13.31	— .09
YumBrands	37.27	36.80	36.89	— .18

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Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

CREDIT CARD THEFT PREVENTION and PROTECTION

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it some day.

A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company:

• The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them.

• If someone takes your check book they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name but your bank will know how you sign your checks.

•When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, **DO NOT** put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

• Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use your work address.

• Never have your SS# printed on your checks (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But, if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

• Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad.

• We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards, etc.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieve(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily.

• File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never even thought to do this).

Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend. (Someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
Social Security Administration (fraud line) 1-800-269-0271

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Ornamental Grasses Ornamental Grasses Add Flair to Landscapes

There is a trouble zone in your landscape — a no-man's land between woods and yard, or between pond and garden. It is a transition area in need of plants that won't look out of place. They must be fast-growing, jumping from 2 to 6 feet in one season. You would like it to be disease — and drought-resistant too. It must be attractive, adding color and texture to your yard without costing a fortune.

According the American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA), ornamental grasses meet all these requirements. The trend toward naturalized landscapes is driving the increased use of grasses. From coastal regions to prairies to woodlands, there are grasses indigenous to your area. Many hardy native and adapted grasses will thrive under a wide variety of conditions.

Plant grasses responsibly, however, since a few varieties can become invasive in some areas. Confine invasive grasses to urban areas where seeds don't have as many opportunities to spread.

Ask the professionals at your nearby garden center which ones they recommend. Grasses are a natural choice to stabilize soil and control erosion. Many home owners use grasses as accents in the landscape, planting one or two as specimens. Achieve a stronger effect with mass planting. Try 20 grasses of one type rather than a few plants of different varieties. Plant grasses as a backdrop for perennials or to screen an unattractive view.

In winter, while your garden sleeps, ornamental grasses add color, texture, and movement. Back-lighting grasses is another way to wake up landscapes.

Ornamental grasses are easy to maintain, but a few pointers ensure their success. Grasses are susceptible to crown rot, especially in winter. The majority prefer well drained soils in a sunny location. In many regions, grasses fare best if planted in spring, rather than fall. Springtime planting allows grasses time to get established before winter. Nursery professionals can recommend planting schedules for your area. Cut back grasses to short clumps in early spring; consider dividing clumps every three years to benefit plant health. Maintenance is low, but the rewards are great when grasses grace your landscape.

NASCAR eyes New York as speedway site

NEW YORK (AP) — NASCAR is thinking about building a speedway in a city better known for traffic jams and taxicabs than for motorsports.

Racing promoters have held preliminary discussions with Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his administration about constructing a NASCAR track on Staten Island, The New York Times reported.

Markets

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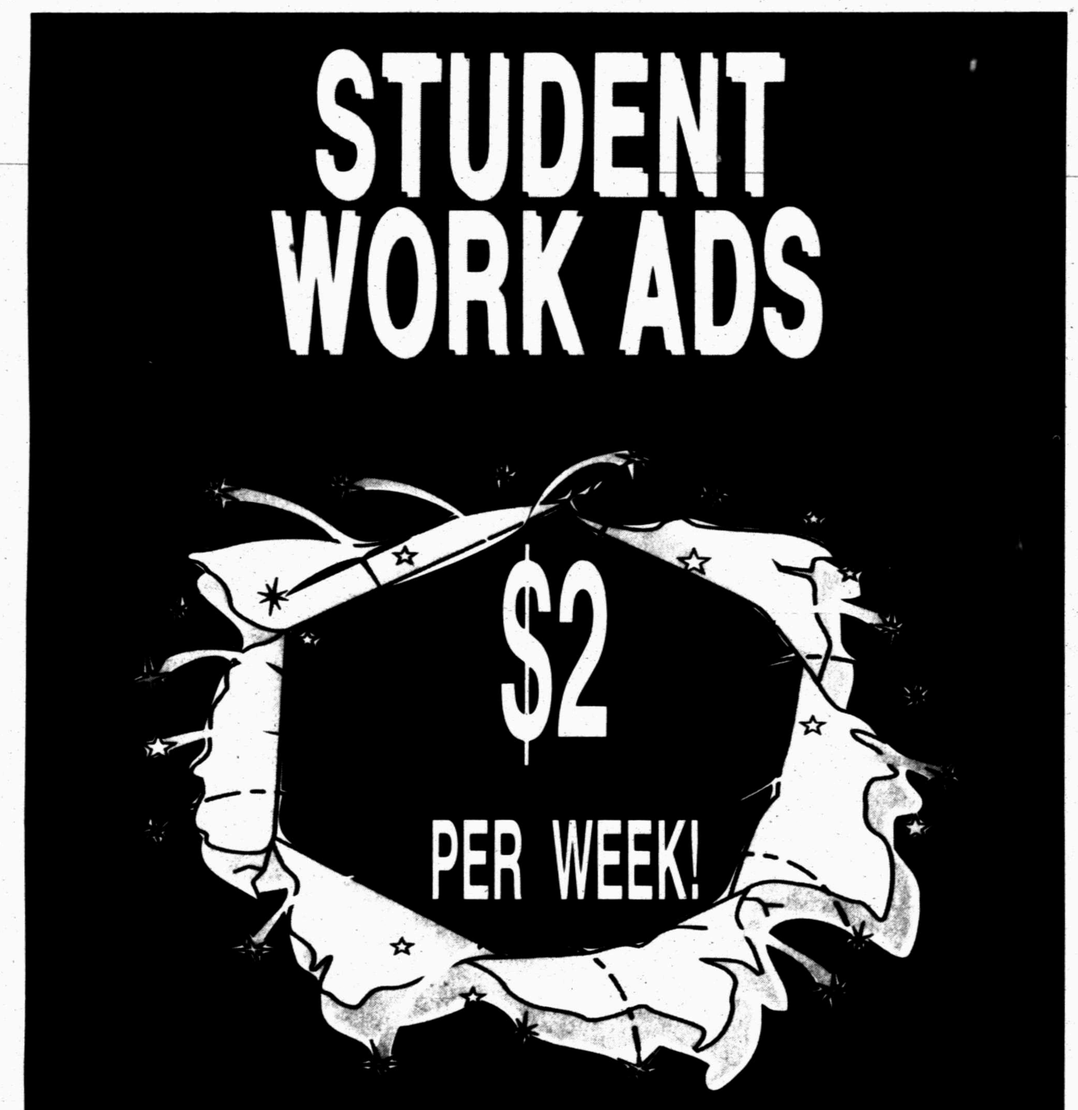
The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc had a run of 700 head of livestock for the Thursday, May 27, sale. Cows were $5 to $7 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing, cutters, utility) 45-52
Canners and low cutters: 37-45
Slaughter bulls: 55-63.50
300-400: 115-145
400-500: 105-128
500-600: 101-120
600-700: 95-110
700-800: 88-107
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 105-125
400-500: 100-120
500-600: 95-105
600-700: 92-105
700-800: 90-100
Feeder bulls - Good and choice
500-600: 90-110
700-800: 82-93
Cow and Calf Pairs
Good: 750-950
Grade: 600-750
Springers: 450-800
Baby Calves: 100-200
Doodlers: 200-290

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 403 head of cattle for the Wednesday, May 26, sale. Market was active and demand good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady to weaker due to dry conditions. Packer cows were $3 to $7 lower. Packer bulls were $2 to $6 lower.

Feeder Steers:
300-400: 110-134
400-500: 105-121
500-600: 102-113
600-700: 98-113
Feeder Heifers:
400-500: 106-113
500-600: 104-110
600-700: 99-105
Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 600-800
Pairs: 725-920
Packer cows: 42-51.50
Old and Shelly: 35-41
Packer bulls: 55-68.25



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COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5-30-03	LAST WEEK 5-23-04	THIS WEEK 5-30-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	15.88	18.08	17.84
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	15,660	19,882	19,388
PERCENT FULL	7.81	9.91	9.66
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5-30-03	LAST WEEK 5-23-04	THIS WEEK 5-30-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	32.72	39.39	39.11
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	23,871	39,940	39,142
PERCENT FULL	4.61	7.72	7.57
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.30

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 5-30-03	LAST WEEK 5-23-04	THIS WEEK 5-30-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	25.12	25.29	25.02
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	188,721	190,276	187,807
PERCENT FULL	34.04	34.32	33.88
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 5-23-04 5-17-04	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 5-30-04 5-24-04	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 5-30-04 5-24-04
BIG SPRING	6,544,286	6,669,143	7,430,000
ODESSA	27,726,143	29,592,729	34,060,000
SNYDER	2,918,157	2,585,743	3,556,400
MIDLAND	27,663,600	28,342,271	31,302,600
SAN ANGELO	17,181,229	17,499,900	19,943,400
STANTON	454,429	358,714	419,000

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?Weather Whys?

Topic: Rating Tornadoes

Q: You sometimes hear that tornadoes are ranked at F-2 or F-4. What does that mean?

A: "Tornadoes are ranked according to their destructiveness and strength, and this ranking started over 30 years ago," says Michael Hammer of Texas A&M University.

"The most commonly used and accurate rating system is the Fujita Scale, named for Theodore Fujita, a professor at the University of Chicago who devised the system in the early 1970s," says Hammer. "The system is based on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most powerful (from 260 to 300 miles per hour). Thankfully, most tornadoes — about 75 percent — are rated F-1 or lower. Only 1 percent are rated an F-4 or F-5, but yet these two classifications account for almost 70 percent of the fatalities caused by tornadoes."

Q: What is the breakdown of the rankings?

A: "F-0 tornadoes have winds of 40-72 miles per hour and are capable of light damage (such as toppling of trees and chimneys).

"F-1 tornadoes have winds of from 73-112 miles per hour and can cause damage such as roofs being torn off of homes, mobile homes destroyed, etc.," says Hammer.

"An F-2 tornado (winds of 113 to 157 miles per hour) can cause considerable damage to structures. An F-3 (winds of 158 to 206) can cause severe damage, while F-4 (winds of 207 to 260) and F-5 (260 to 300) can cause catastrophic damage and can even lift homes and cars high into the air. It's interesting to note that the U.S. averages about 1,000 tornadoes a year — more than any other country — with Australia coming in second," notes Hammer. "Tornadoes have occurred in all 50 states."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Past and current topics can be viewed via the web at http://rev.tamu.edu/weather-whys/. For more information, please contact Keith Randall at (979) 845-4644 or kr@univrel.tamu.edu. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to news@univrel.tamu.edu.

SJHS Seventh Grade Awards

(Editor's Note: Snyder Junior High School's seventh graders received the following awards for 2003-2004.)

Teacher awards are listed as "O" for outstanding performance; "BE" stands for best effort.

To make the A Honor Roll, a student must make A's (90s to 100) in each subject every six weeks.

To be listed on the A-B Honor Roll, a student must made A's or B's (80-100) in each subject for every six weeks.

The President's Award For Academic Excellence recognizes outstanding achievement and is presented by the U.S. Department of Education and the president of the United States.

This certificate is awarded for outstanding grades during the 2003-2004 academic year. To receive this award, a student must have an average of 90 or above in each class and display exceptional character.

Consuelo Acosta: BE, Texas History 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Mary Alaniz: BE, Texas History 7.

Robert Albarez: O Math Improvement 7.

Ryanna Alexander: A-B Honor Roll.

Brian Allred: A-B Honor Roll.

Bianca Alvarado: O, Math 7.

Chase Arrendale: BE, Woods.

Frankie Benitez: BE Boys Physical Education – Sem I.

Kira Bilano: O, Language Arts 7; BE, Theatre Arts I – Sem I; A-B Honor Roll.

Jessica Bilderback: O, Girls Choir 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Larissa Blackard: A-B Honor Roll.

Jared Cave: BE, Boys Choir 7; A Honor Roll; President's Award for Academic Excellence.

Ted Cerda: BE, Life Management Skills – Sem I.

Aaron Chaidez: BE, Boys Physical Education – Sem II.

Jesse Conner: O, Boys Athletics 7.

Taylor Davidson: A-B Honor Roll

Dusty Davis: BE, Language Arts 7; A Honor Roll,

President's Award for Academic Excellence.

Jaclyn DeLeon: A Honor Roll; President's Award for Academic Excellence.

Janie Delgado: O, Girls Physical Education – Sem II.

Brenna Fletcher: O, Language Arts 7; BE, Math 7.

Amy Fogleman: BE, Band 7; BE, Texas History; A-B Honor Roll.

Taylor Gibbs: A-B Honor Roll.

Dayton Grice: A-B Honor Roll.

Chase Guynes: A-B Honor Roll.

Ashley Hagins: O, Band 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Lora Harris: O, Life Skills 7; A Honor Roll.

Gina Hermosillo: BE, Girls Physical Education – Sem I; A Honor Roll; President's Award for Academic Excellence.

Emanuel Hernandez: A-B Honor Roll.

Melanie Hernandez: O, Life Management Skills – Sem I;

O, Language Arts 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Clayton Hirt: BE, Theatre Arts II – Sem II; A-B Honor Roll.

Rubi Jaimes: O, Life Management Skills; O, Advanced Language Arts 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Lesa Jones: O, Theatre Arts II – Sem II; A-B Honor Roll.

Kirk Krop: O, Boys Physical Education – Sem I.

Kayla Liccardi: A-B Honor Roll.

Jeramy Lindsey: BE, Language Arts 7.

Kari Lord: O, Life Science 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Erica Maldonado: A-B Honor Roll.

Alex Martinez: O, Tennis 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Arthur Martinez: O, Boys Physical Education – Sem II; BE, Math Improvement 7.

Connie Martinez: O, Girls Physical Education – Sem I .

Clinton McFatridge: A-B Honor Roll.

Chantell McGaha: O, Career Investigation .

Patrick Meighen: BE, Boys Athletics 7.

Amber Mills: O, Careers Investigation – Sem I.

Meranda Mills: BE, Math 7.

Brittany Mitchell: O, Girls Athletics 7.

Savanah Molina: A-B Honor Roll.

Tyler Porter: O, Texas History; O, Life Science 7; A Honor Roll; President's Award for Academic Excellence.

Bailey Richardson: O, Math 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Britney Rivera: O, Theatre Arts II – Sem I.

Brittany Scott: A-B Honor Roll.

Kailea Shaw: BE, Girls Athletics 7; A Honor Roll President's Award for Academic Excellence

Mark Silva: BE, Language Arts; BE, Math 7.

Josh Sorrells: O, Life Management Skills – Sem II; A-B Honor Roll.

Will Stewart: A-B Honor Roll; BE, Tennis 7; O, Algebra ½ 7.

David Strayhorn: O, Texas History 7; O, Boys Choir 7;

A Honor Roll; President's Award for Academic Excellence.

Teryn Sullenger: A-B Honor Roll.

Jessica Timora: BE , Language Arts 7.

Kenneth Turner: O, Language Arts 7.

Tommy Vasquez: BE, Language Arts 7.

Yvette Villalobos: BE, Girls Physical Education, – Sem; O, Math 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Weston Von Roeder: BE Life Science 7; BE, Advanced Language Arts, A Honor Roll; President's Award for Academic Excellence.

Hunter Waldon: BE, Theatre Arts I – Sem I. 7.

Ashlee Wallace: BE, Theatre Arts I — Sem II; BE, Algebra ½ 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Britney Webb: A-B Honor Roll

Anne Winder: BE, Girls Choir 7; A-B Honor Roll.

Chris Witte: O, Language Arts 7; BE, Life Science 7.

Fastow not on prosecution list

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors do not intend to call former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow as a witness in the first Enron criminal trial, even though he allegedly played a role in a shady deal at the case's center, according to a list of government witnesses obtained by The Associated Press.

Fastow pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy in January, admitting to engineering schemes to make Enron appear healthier than it was while enriching himself on the side. With the plea, Fastow became the government's most high-profile cooperating witness, agreeing to help prosecutors pursue other cases and testify in court when needed.

Several attorneys for the six defendants slated to go on trial next week on charges of conspiracy declined comment Tuesday about Fastow's absence from the government's list of nearly 20 witnesses, which can be pared down.

Prosecutors, who faced a Tuesday deadline to give the defendants the witness list, have declined to comment on the case.

But Christopher Bebel, a former federal prosecutor now practicing law in Houston, said prosecutors may want to save Fastow for higher-profile cases, such as the pending conspiracy, fraud and insider trading trial against former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling and Richard Causey, Enron's former top accountant.

"This shows that the government has confidence in its case," Bebel said. "It's the equivalent of saving your best pitcher's arm for the big game and not wasting it on a less important adversary."

Prosecutors could summon Fastow to testify as a rebuttal witness once the defense rests its case, he said.

Potential witnesses on the list include the first former Enron executive to plead guilty and the first to go to prison.

Michael Kopper, Fastow's former top lieutenant, pleaded guilty in August 2002 to two counts of conspiracy and led prosecutors to Fastow, who was initially indicted in October that year. He remains free on bond.

But Ben Glisan Jr., Enron's former treasurer, went straight to prison to serve a five-year sentence immediately after pleading guilty last September to one count of conspiracy.

At the time, prosecutors said he wasn't cooperating and they didn't need his help. Bebel said if he cooperates within the first year of his sentence, prosecutors can ask a judge to reduce his prison term if they are pleased with his help.

Early Monday, 100 prospective jurors are scheduled to fill out questionnaires and be questioned by U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein before a panel is chosen. The jury will decide whether four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and two former Enron executives conspired to help manipulate the energy company's books in December 1999.

Specifically, the six are charged with conspiracy for allegedly taking part in pushing through a sham sale of Nigerian barges to Merrill to help the energy company appear to have met earnings targets.

Fastow's initial indictment alleged he wiped out the legitimacy of the deal by secretly guaranteeing that Enron would buy back the barges within six months. He followed through on his promise in June 2000 when one of several partnerships he set up to hide Enron debt and help the company inflate profits — LJM2 — bought the barges.

The former Enron executives charged in the case are Dan Boyle, a former finance executive on Fastow's staff who reported to Glisan; and Sheila Kahanek, a former in-house Enron accountant.

The former Merrill Lynch defendants are: Daniel Bayly, former global head and chairman of investment banking; James A. Brown, former head of Merrill's Strategic Asset Lease and Finance group; Robert Furst, former managing director who answered to Bayly; and William Fuhs, former vice president who answered to Brown.

All have pleaded innocent and are free on bond.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-02-04
♠ 9 4 2
♥ A K 5
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 9 6 4 3

West
♠ —
♥ J 7 6 4 3 2
♦ 9 7 6 3
♣ J 10 5

East
♠ J 8 3
♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ K J 10
♣ A K 8

South
♠ A K Q 10 7 6 5
♥ —
♦ A 5 4
♣ Q 7 2

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
			1 ♣
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Can't do it? Get them to help

By Phillip Alder

It helps to have imagination to play bridge well. Most bridge players do not lack imagination, but they play too quickly to use it. Would your imaginative play make this four-spade contract?

After East opened one club, South took a two-way shot: If four spades made, great; if not, maybe the opponents would have done well in hearts.

The defenders began with three rounds of clubs. If you had been South, what conclusions would you have drawn?

When the clubs split 3-3, declarer realized that East had started with exactly 3-4-3-3 distribution. So, to reach those two heart tricks, there was no chance of drawing trumps in two rounds and reaching the dummy with the spade nine.

Imaginatively, at trick four, South led the spade 10. If East had won with his jack, dummy's spade nine would have become an entry. However, East, who now knew South must have a heart void (else he would have claimed), didn't cooperate, playing his spade three.

East was marked with the diamond king for his opening bid, but as we have already noted, it couldn't be singleton or doubleton. So, drawing trumps and playing the ace and another diamond, ducking in the dummy, couldn't work. Was the contract therefore unmakable?

No. South cashed his spade ace and continued with a low spade, giving East a trick with his jack. This endplayed East. He had either to lead a heart to dummy's honors or to play away from his diamond king. He selected the former, holding declarer to 10 tricks: six spades, two hearts, one diamond and one club.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, June 3, 2004

There are many opportunities of which you can take advantage in the year ahead from current situations or endeavors. You don't have to reinvent the wheel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you're considering a procedural change at work today, carefully analyze all contingencies before making the move. Be sure it'll be a step up instead of merely a lateral shift.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take the initiative to get out and mingle with new groups today if you feel your social life isn't living up to your expectations. Don't wait for the mountain to come to Mohammed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Bring to a satisfactory conclusion today any projects you currently have underway before jumping feet-first into a new one. Letting endeavors overlap could cause a monumental mess.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The answer you're looking for to fulfill a certain need today is right there in your mind. Your thinking cap is still in good working order, but you may have to turn it around to a new direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There are indications that you haven't fully utilized a channel open to you that could enhance your material security. Stop dawdling and do something about putting your oars in the water.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Situations not subjected to the approval of others that you can take personal control over have excellent chances for success today. Be your own person and make things happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Because you are innately endowed with keen powers of perceptions, you often arrive at accurate conclusions when you rely on intuitive factors. Trust and depend on these gifts again today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take pains to be certain your participation in group endeavors is positive and not negative, because what you say will have a greater influence over your peers today than you may realize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A project you've been mulling over in your mind could have far-reaching beneficial effects where both your career and finances are concerned. Make it your primary objective today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Review all that valuable knowledge and skill you've acquired over the years — that you're not presently using — to your maximum advantage to see where they can be marketed to your benefit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't be resistant to alter your course of action today should shifting conditions occur. Even though they may not appear to be a blessing, they could contain several hidden benefits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Of course all decisions you make that affect others as well as yourself should be carefully considered, but ponder even the nondescript ones. A miscall could have far-reaching effects.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

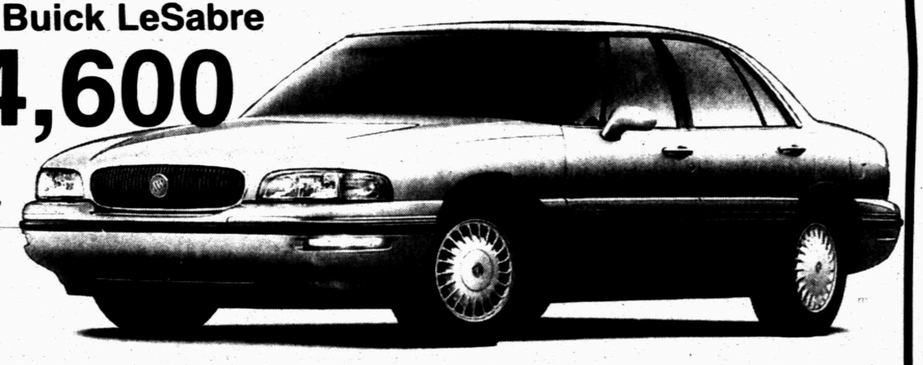
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Air pollution monitoring system planned

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's fourth largest city, which has competed with Los Angeles for the smoggiest skies, is getting an environmental makeover of sorts.

Gov. Rick Perry today was to announce a new monitoring system that will bring Houston closer to the day when smog can be prevented before it becomes hazardous.

The Environmental Monitoring and Response System — which has been years in the making — went online Tuesday. It will alert state regulators and industry within the hour if four highly reactive chemicals that are critical to the city's rapid smog formation reach levels that can create severe pollution.

The system is based on the idea that industry, the major source of these chemicals, may be able to stop it.

"The current ozone alert system assumes that every metropolitan area will generate ozone under certain conditions," Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioner R.B. "Ralph" Marquez, told the Houston Chronicle in an interview Tuesday. "Houston is different because of its large concentration of industry.

"This is addressing that industrial contribution and trying to alert industry so maybe ozone exceedances can be prevented."

Houston previously had the nation's worst ozone problem, an unwelcome distinction since reclaimed by Los Angeles.

State officials say that such up to the minute analysis will provide a better yardstick for measuring Houston's progress toward cleaner air. They also say it will go beyond typical ozone warnings, which are based on weather conditions and general air chemistry — not the industrial pollutants that cause Houston's ozone to spike.

Pollution data will be sent by computers from 48 existing monitoring stations in Harris, Brazoria and Galveston counties to the TCEQ's headquarters in Austin.

The information will be instantaneously analyzed and compared to historic levels of pollution, as well as the reactivity of the atmosphere — something that did not happen in the past.

Pollution data has in the past been analyzed at year's end or after a severe pollution event.

Militants, U.S. troops exchange gunfire

KUFA, Iraq (AP) — Militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr clashed today with U.S. forces near a mosque in this Shiite holy city and in Baghdad, and officials said six Iraqis were killed and 40 others wounded.

A third fatal car bomb in as many days exploded in a Sunni Muslim district, killing at least five people and wounding about 33 others, police said.

West of the capital, insurgents fired mortars at a police stations near the guerrilla stronghold of Fallujah, killing an Iraqi civilian and wounding three people. Marine. The mortar rounds hit the station in the Fallujah suburb of Kharma.

Explosions rocked the industrial sections of Kufa, where Shiite leaders have been struggling to save a shaky cease-fire. Many of the injured suffered shrapnel wounds from a mortar round that missed a U.S. convoy, witnesses said.

Gunfire reverberated through the largely deserted streets as fighters loyal to al-Sadr took positions near the mosque. Tanks and Humvees rolled into the center of the city at midmorning, prompting terrified civilians to scramble for cover.

Five people were killed in the fighting, hospital sources said. In skirmishes lasting about an hour, two militiamen were injured, fighters said.

Near sunset today, several strong explosions and bursts of gunfire resounded through Kufa. Al-Mahdi militiamen crouched behind walls of residential buildings, waiting to see if the Americans would advance into their area.

At a Kufa hospital, officials said about 30 people were admitted for various wounds. One of them, 16-year old Malik Ali, lay in a hospital bed, his face and clothes covered with blood. Neighbors said he was shot outside his home.

Al-Sadr's forces and U.S. troops also exchanged gunfire in the Shiite district of Baghdad known as Sadr City, killing one fighter and injured three, officials in al-Sadr's office said.

Fighters threatened to conduct suicide operations if talks failed.

"We will use explosive belts to attack the U.S. tanks," said one fighter, Ali Hussein.

Clashes have rocked Kufa nearly every day since Shiite leaders announced an agreement by al-Sadr to end a 2-month-old standoff with the Americans here and in nearby Najaf.

One proposal under discussion calls for al-Sadr's militia to withdraw from Najaf over a 72-hour period. American troops would stay away from Shiite holy sites in Najaf and Kufa.

Ahmad al-Shibani, an official from al-Sadr's office in Najaf, said al-Sadr's movement will likely have objections to the deal because it calls for them to surrender their weapons.

New allegations against suspect not part of Supreme Court case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices read the newspapers, and they cannot help but ponder powerful new allegations that the subject of one of their biggest cases this term was heavily involved in terrorist plots against U.S. civilians, lawyers say.

The Bush administration gave a detailed accounting Tuesday of the alleged terrorist connections and training of Jose Padilla, a New York-born former gang member and convert to Islam.

That information is not part of the Supreme Court case called Rumsfeld v. Padilla, in which the government wants the high court to sign off on Padilla's indefinite detention without charges or trial.

Similarly, the images of prisoner abuse at the U.S.-run Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq are not part of another important case this term testing the legal rights of detainees at another U.S.-operated prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Both cases are tough calls for the court, which traditionally has sided with presidents in wartime examinations of power and civil liberties.

In both these pending cases, circumstances changed after the court heard arguments from the attorneys involved, and public opinion may have changed as well, lawyers said. And in both instances, the justices will not ignore the new information even if they do not address it in the eventual ruling, several lawyers said.

"The outside events have got to weigh very heavily on them," said Michael Greenberger, a former Clinton administration Justice Department official. "When all is said and done, they are human beings like the rest of us."

University of Virginia law professor Robert Turner gives the government the benefit of the doubt.

"I don't assume the administration is releasing this in the hopes of slipping into the Supreme Court by the side door," Turner said. "My guess is this is primarily aimed at informing the American people, reassuring people we're not taking a poor kid off the street and locking him up without reason."

The Supreme Court is deciding whether the war on terrorism gives the government power to seize Americans such as Padilla and hold them without charges for as long as it takes to ensure they are not a danger to the nation.

Padilla and another U.S. citizen, Yaser Esam Hamdi, are in military custody at a Navy brig in South Carolina. They have been interrogated repeatedly, and until recently were not allowed to meet with their lawyers.

Three arrests reported

• ***Arrests***

Police responded to the 100 block of 24th Street at 6:54 p.m. Tuesday on a report of a disturbance. A 32-year-old male was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and fighting.

At 12:07 a.m. Wednesday police responded to a report of a loud party involving juveniles at the La Posada Apartments. An 18-year-old male was arrested on charges of minor in possession of alcohol.

A request for an ambulance in the 800 block of 27th Street resulted in the arrest of a 30-year-old female for disorderly conduct-vulgar language.

• ***Theft***

Theft of a trailer license plate was reported near FM 1611 and CR 226 at 8:34 a.m. Tuesday.

• ***Assault***

Police responded to a report of a domestic assault in the 500 block of 25th Street at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Disturbance***

At 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, officers responded to a report of a man curing a neighbor at a residence in the 200 block of 29th Street.

Obituaries

Devin Villa

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Devin Villa, infant son of Otaviano and Amanda Villa of Snyder, was stillborn Sunday, May 30, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Graveside service for Devin will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery. Deacon Robert Ramirez will officiate.

His maternal grandmother, Aurelia Almanza, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his parents, Otaviano and Amanda Villa of Snyder; three brothers, Dilland Almanza, Tavy Villa and Zachary Villa, all of Snyder; his grandparents, Frank Almanza, Vicente and Joanne Villa and Carlos and Rosa Martinez, all of Snyder; seven aunts; eight uncles and 16 cousins.

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Penalty phase opens in T. Nichols' trial

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Prosecutors began making the case Tuesday that Terry Nichols deserves to die for his part in the Oklahoma City bombing, putting on the stand a father whose 6-month-old son was so mutilated in the attack that he had to be identified by his fingerprints.

Kevin Gottshall said his son, Kevin Lee Gottshall II, was in the federal building's second-floor day-care center when the bomb went off on April 19, 1995. A photo of the smiling baby was beamed over television monitors to Nichols' jury as Gottshall described the child's death.

A total of 168 people were killed in the bombing, including 19 children.

"Lee was healthy and happy. He was 6 months old and full of potential," Gottshall said. "He had a wonderful smile, and he had six teeth."

But his family never had a birthday party for him.

"All we get to do is go to the cemetery and put stuff on his grave," Gottshall said.

Gottshall was the first prosecution witness to testify in the penalty phase of Nichols' trial. Nichols was convicted today of 161 counts of murder.

Testimony began after Judge Steven Taylor ordered prosecutors to have their witnesses avoid irrelevant information about victims — or gruesome details of their fates.

"There will be no memorial service for the victims in this courtroom," Taylor said. "I am here to guard against emotion taking over this trial."

Still, witness Clifford Cagle brought jurors and spectators to tears when he testified about the loss of his left eye and other injuries. Cagle worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on the building's seventh floor.

"The left side of my face was crushed," said Cagle, who wept as he said he's had three operations to repair the damage.

In opening statements, prosecutor Sandra Elliott said Nichols deserves to die by injection. Elliott said Nichols "constitutes a continuing threat to society." She also reminded the jury that "there were many, many, many others who came close to dying that day as well."

Among them was Regina Bonny, a former police officer who was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration and was working on the building's ninth floor.

Bonny testified she dug her way out of a pile of debris after the explosion and helped two Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents who were in an office next door.

One, Vernon Buster, had a piece of metal sticking out his side that she pulled out, Bonny said. The other, Jim Skaggs, had a hole in his head that she covered with a shirt.

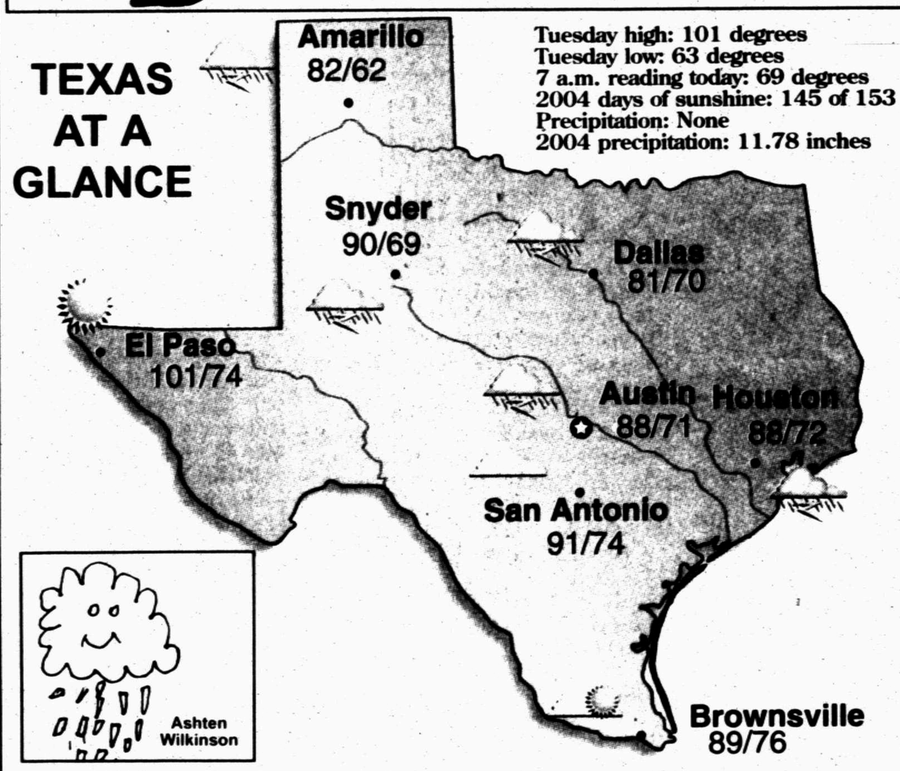
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 6/3	Fri 6/4	Sat 6/5
90/69	93/70	96/69
Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms should diminish as the day progresses.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:48 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:49 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:49 PM

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Tuesday low: 63 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 69 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 145 of 153
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 11.78 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	69	t-storm	El Paso	101	74	sunny	Midland	95	71	sunny
Amarillo	82	62	t-storm	Fort Stockton	96	69	windy	Raymondville	90	74	pt sunny
Austin	88	71	t-storm	Gainesville	79	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	88	72	t-storm
Beaumont	87	71	t-storm	Greenville	81	67	t-storm	San Antonio	91	74	cloudy
Brownsville	89	76	pt sunny	Houston	88	72	t-storm	San Marcos	89	72	t-storm
Brownwood	85	69	t-storm	Kingsville	90	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	88	75	pt sunny	Livingston	85	68	t-storm	Sweetwater	88	69	t-storm
Corsicana	82	69	t-storm	Longview	83	67	t-storm	Tyler	83	68	t-storm
Dallas	81	70	t-storm	Lubbock	88	67	t-storm	Weatherford	79	66	t-storm
Del Rio	92	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	69	t-storm	Wichita Falls	80	65	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	84	62	mst sunny	Houston	88	72	t-storm	Phoenix	110	80	sunny
Boston	66	51	rain	Los Angeles	81	64	sunny	San Francisco	72	54	windy
Chicago	67	48	sunny	Miami	88	78	t-storm	Seattle	76	54	sunny
Dallas	81	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	73	54	mst sunny	St. Louis	75	58	mst sunny
Denver	82	58	t-storm	New York	73	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	80	60	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
May 27	Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 17

UV Index

Thu 6/3	Fri 6/4	Sat 6/5
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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