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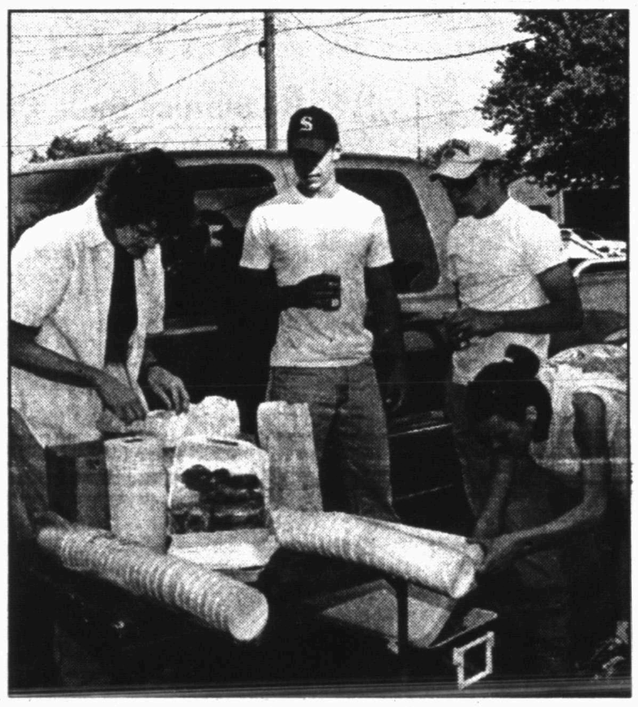

BUSY WEEKEND — Many events took place in Snyder over the weekend, including Snyder Neighbors Sharing and the Relay for Life. Representing Relay For Life are, from left, Kathy Brooks, Katherine Higgins, Carolyn Hamby and Laura Hamby. Cara Best and Duane Allred scrape a house in prepration for painting by Snyder Neighbors Sharing. Beverly Robinson serves workers Justin Phillips, Allred and Christina Holder. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Early voting will end Tuesday for elections

The early voting period for the May 6 local board elections ends Tuesday.

There are contested races for spots on the Ira ISD school board, Western Texas College board and the Snyder city council.

Voting has been light with a total of 17 people going to the polls at Ira through Friday. Fifty voters had turned out as of Friday to cast a ballot at WTC while the City Council election had attracted only 17 voters.

Ira early voting is taking place in the superintendent's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Early voting at the WTC administration building continues between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

City Hall is the early voting location for the city council election from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election Day is Saturday

Gilbert Sanchez and Dennis D. Taylor are vying for the Place 4 post on the Ira school board.

Dirk Dunn is seeking another term in Place 5 on the Ira board and is unopposed.

On the Western Texas College ballot, three people are seeking the Place 6 post currently held by R.C. Patton.

John Zalman III, Scott Richburg and James Hanks are board hopefuls.

Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood are unopposed in their bid for another term on the college board. Presswood holds Place 5 and Peterson holds Place 7.

Jason Scott Spradlin is challenging I.E. Martin in District 4 of the city council.

Co-Op elects officers

Big Country Electric Cooperative held its first annual meeting Saturday in Stamford, electing officers for three board positions.

District 9 incumbent Sue Herring defeated Jimmy Stribling, retaining her place on the board. This will be Herring's fourth year to serve.

Members elected incumbent Carl Williams to the District 8 spot. He was running against incumbent John Ward. Both were on the former Midwest board, Williams having served 21½ years and Ward 5½ years.

In District 2, members chose J.F. Dozier for the board over Billy Middlebrook.

Dozier is a 10-year member of the board while Middlebrook has served 12 years.

The elections reduced the number of directors on the Big Country board from 16 to 14, and is the first step in reducing the total number of board members to nine, as planned following the consolidation of Midwest Electric Cooperative and Stamford Electric Cooperative in 1998.

General manager Jerry Stapp said the plan is to reduce the board over a three-year period from 16 directors to nine directors.

Big Country Electric is divided into nine districts. Elections will be held in three districts in 2001 and three more in 2002 to eventually narrow to one the number of representatives each district has. Currently, some districts have two board representatives.

In 2001, elections will be held in districts 3, 4 and 7 and in 2002, elections will be held in districts 1, 5 and 6.

Stapp said districts and their election years where selected at random.

The meeting will be held in Snyder in 2001.

Other directors include Jimlee Baucum, Lewis Corzine, Jerry Upshaw, Walter Buerger, Bobby Gruben, Carl Thompson, John Ben Glover, Mickey Sterling, Vance Lakey, Wilbert Klose and James Seidenberger.

ARCING DEMONSTRATION — Jayson Steelman with Big Country Electric Cooperative does an arcing demonstration at the company's first annual meeting Saturday in Stamford. Steelman is using 5,000 volts of electricity and a sausage. (SDN Staff Photo)

Of five suspended SJHS students...

Parents, school personnel to meet

The parents of five Snyder Junior High eighth graders will meet with the school's administration this afternoon to consider what additional action, if any, will be brought against the boys.

The five have been suspended from school since Thursday pending the investigation of threats the boys allegedly made at the school Wednesday. The initial suspension ends today.

The five were taken into custody at the junior high Wednesday afternoon and taken to the police department, said Lt. Jerry Parker.

Parker said the investigation centers on the five being overheard talking about overpowering the school resource officer, taking his gun, and inciting a riot at the school.

"They were also overheard stating they intended to take over the school office and shoot people," said Parker.

Parker said they confiscated one piece of written material during the investigation.

P[illegible]r and Snyder superinte[illegible]e Lomax said no t[illegible]ever made directly b[illegible]n other stu[illegible]talking, they [illegible] principal's office.

Parker said the five were also overheard talking about the riot at the Lamesa prison unit that occurred on Tuesday afternoon.

After being interviewed at the police station, the five were released to their parents and suspended for three days.

The case has been referred to District Attorney Dana Cooley.

Lomax cited the school's "zero tolerance" policy toward threats for the school's action, and possible legal action against the boys.

Suzanne Barrow, attendance clerk at the junior high, said today that there were not an unusually high number of students absent following the threat report.

"We had the average number absent," said Barrow.

County to send CMH $140,000

Scurry County Commissioners' Court took care of two items of business when it convened this morning.

The tobacco settlement check was mentioned briefly near the end of the meeting.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the court would send Cogdell Memorial Hospital a check for $140,000, the full amount budgeted the hospital, despite the fact that the county received only $104,636 instead of the estimated $160,000 in tobacco settlement funds.

"It will just be a shortfall in revenue," Fritz said. "It won't take court action, we just have to give them a check."

The court approved a bid from West Texas Equipment of Abilene, a Caterpillar dealer, for the purchase of a motorgrader for Precinct 1.

The bid total was $159,000 with a trade-in allowance of $111,000 for the county's five-year-old motorgrader, reducing the price to $48,000.

The county received two other bids on the motorgrader, one from Bee Equipment of Lubbock for $102,500 with no trade-in allowance and one from Yellowhouse Machinery of Lubbock, a John Deere dealer, for a total of $151,600 with a trade-in allowance of $80,000.

Commissioners also signed a proclamation declaring this week as Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

Commissioners also approved a line-item transfer and a budget amendment related to changes in the status of a county clerk's office employee from part time to full time.

The transfer moved $4,539.46 from the part time line into general payroll while the amendment added $6,500 to the general payroll budget, $450 to social security tax and $700 into retirement.

The bills were also approved for payment.

SHS choirs slate spring show tonight

Members of two Snyder High School choirs — Mastersingers and Tiger Jazz — will combine their talents for a spring show to begin at 7 tonight at Worsham Auditorium.

A dessert will be served during the intermission for *Reflections: Music From The Past.* This is the first time the SHS choirs have done a concert and dessert performance, said Ronda Haire, director. The show will include a variety of musical selections.

Tiger Jazz, the SHS Show Choir, will begin the evening with selections from the 1930s and 1940s with several Big Band "swing" songs.

The SHS Mastersingers will conclude the concert with solo and group selections from Broadway shows. Haire said the audience will enjoy hearing tunes from *Phantom of the Opera, The King and I, Cats, My Fair Lady, West Side Story, South Pacific, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Paint Your Wagon, The Sound of Music, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Man of La Mancha,* and a medley of Rodgers and Hammerstein on Broadway.

Holocaust survivor to speak at SJHS Tuesday afternoon

Snyder Junior High School students will have a chance to learn about the horrors of the Holocaust from one of the survivors of the Dachau Death Camp — Helene Levi Shiver of Lubbock, who will speak in the school auditorium at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

She is the sole survivor of her family, 108 people in all. In 1942, as family members were celebrating Shiver's great-great-grandfather's 104th birthday, they were abducted from their home and taken to the Dachau Death Camp in Germany.

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Q—What happened to the arts and crafts show that had been scheduled for the coliseum this past weekend?

A—Chamber officials said the organizer cancelled the show citing poor attendance at past spring shows.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 90 degrees; low, 60; high Sunday, 92; low, 53; 7 a.m. Saturday, 53; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.64 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, upper 40s. Light NE wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny, cool. High mid 70s. NE wind 5-15 mph.

Jarred Rascon
Sunny and Cooler

Sunset:
8:24 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:58 a.m.
Of 121 days in 2000, the sun has shone 118 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you want to succeed and you prepare to do so, you will achieve your dreams.

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Shooting suspect made 'outlandish' comments

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A neurologist who befriended the man arrested in a killing spree that left three immigrants, a Jewish woman and a black man dead said he often expressed paranoid ideas and sometimes believed he was being followed.

"Some of the things he said were just so outlandish," Dr. George Naruns of St. Petersburg, Fla., said Sunday about Richard Scott Baumhammers, 34.

Police searching the home where Baumhammers lived also found a three-page manifesto indicating he was trying to form a political party opposed to immigration, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported.

The document, which included Baumhammers' signature as "chairman" of The Free Market Party, advocated the rights of European Americans and denounced Third World immigration, according to a prosecution source whom the newspaper didn't name.

Mike Manko, a spokesman for District Attorney Stephen Zappala Jr., said Sunday he had no comment on the Post-Gazette report that Baumhammers had been trying to recruit members for an anti-immigrant party just days before the shooting Friday.

Naruns befriended Baumhammers in an Internet chat group about the eastern European country of Latvia, where Baumhammers' parents were born, and had traveled with him. Naruns said Baumhammers would come across as normal in one conversation and express strange ideas in the next.

He also appeared to have personality problems, including "braggadocio," that made people uneasy and may have interfered with his attempts to get a job and make friends, Naruns said. But the doctor said he never saw Baumhammers enraged.

"The sad thing is that he could have gotten some counseling or some help, he could have dealt with some of these minor issues before they turned into all of this," Naruns said.

Naruns said he started keeping a "polite distance" from Baumhammers 21/2 years ago after he heard from other friends that Baumhammers had been critical of him.

Investigators believe Baumhammers walked into his neighbor's house and fatally shot Anita Gordon, 63, a Jewish interior designer. They believe he then drove to her synagogue and fired at the front doors.

Will blame be assesed for bonfire collapse?

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Administrators of Texas A&M university are promising a bonfire collapse report that examines what went wrong as 12 Aggies were killed and 27 others were injured, but others say the special commission's conclusions aren't detailed enough.

Findings from a special commission's five-month, $1.6 million investigation into last year's collapse are due out Tuesday.

But the report will not answer one of the most frequently asked questions — concerning the Aggie tradition's future — or recommend any ramifications in the aftermath of A&M's deadliest accident, according to the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

It reported that university President Ray Bowen must decide whether the bonfire, which has drawn more than 70,000 people on pre-game nights before the Aggies face the University of Texas, will continue.

Bowen has said he will draw on input from students, both former and current, as well as opinions of administrators, regents and families of those affected by the tragedy to make that determination in coming weeks or months.

"We all want to know what happened; the families especially need to know," Donald Powell, chairman of the A&M system board of regents, told the newspaper in today's editions. "The families of those who died and those who were injured are foremost in our minds right now. Our hearts and our minds continue to be with them, and, of course, will be on Tuesday."

The commission's five members, who have a single charge of determining what caused the tragedy, will meet for the last time starting at 1 p.m. Tuesday at A&M's Reed Arena. Members will listen to a detailed report from its chiefs of staff, who organized four teams of engineering and other consultants for the inquiry.

The "best people in the world" have been assigned to the investigation, said Leo E. Linbeck Jr., a Houston construction executive who is leading the special commission.

Linbeck said he is sure that the report will be thorough and without bias.

University of Kentucky professor John Thelin, an expert in policy- and decision-making by universities, said the commission will probably conclude there was no malice or intent in the collapse.

"They will confine it to technical remarks. But the problem isn't technical. The problem is cultural," Thelin told the Austin American-Statesman. "Can you really anticipate that anyone wants to clean house on this?"

The newspaper said some questioned whether an outside investigation not paid for by the university will be conducted to determine if any blame needs to be assessed.

Two other outside investigations still pending are also limited in scope, the newspaper said.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. has completed the No. 1 Fluvanna in the Fluvanna southeast field, one mile southeast of the townsite. The well was finaled to produce 60 barrels of oil and 35 barrels of water. Location is in Section 485, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzenergy Exploration will drill the No. 1AW-B Bishop in the Kelly-Snyder field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 650 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzenergy will drill the No. 2AW-F Joe Falls in the Kelly-Snyder field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 650 feet, and drill site is in Section 178, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzenergy will drill the No. 1WS-G Guerra in the Kelly-Snyder field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 650 feet, location is in Section 178, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzenergy will drill the No. 1WS-R Rudd in the Kelly-Snyder field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Also set for 650 feet, location is in Section 178, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzenergy will drill the No. 1WS-H Hester in the Kelly-Snyder field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 650 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzenergy will drill the No. 1AW-F Joe Falls in the Kelly-Snyder field 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Also planned for 650 feet, location is in Section 178, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Manti Operating Co. will drill the No. 1-A Clayton in the Mesquite Creek field, five miles northwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 9,800 feet, location is in Section 5, Block 31, T5N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Wheeler Operating Corporation will drill the No. 1 Guthrie-Post-Montgomery in the H&L field, eight miles northwest of Post. Contracted for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 19, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Kent County

Hollis R. Sullivan Inc. will drill the No. 2-242 Branch, a 5,000-foot wildcat located six miles northeast of Jayton. Drill site is in Section 242, Block F, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 114 Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 1882 Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 1881 Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles southeast of Coahoma. Also planned for 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration will drill the No. 6 Texaco Fee in the Mulberry Canyon Field. Planned depth is 4,200 feet, and drill site is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

R.L. Adkins will drill the No. 190 Dickson, a 7,500-foot wildcat located six miles northwest of Maryneal. Location is in Section 90, Block X, T&P survey.

Police say Vietnam veteran killed himself, granddaughter

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A Vietnam War veteran plagued by flashbacks left home in a rage before driving into Lake Michigan, killing himself and his granddaughter, near where a ceremony was held marking the 25th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Murray Bernstein, a psychologist who counseled Christopher Tyler at the Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center, said Sunday he could not speculate whether the lakefront ceremony aggravated Tyler's state of mind.

The ceremony "was supposed to be a healing effect," Bernstein said. "But there's a lot of people who just can't let go of the war."

Tyler, 47, had physical and mental health problems and had left his Milwaukee home in a rage Saturday afternoon, according to police and a medical examiner's report. The child was identified as Tashiaunna Tyler.

"He was intending to go down to the lakefront for ceremonies commemorating the end of the war," said police Capt. Joseph M. Purpero.

The ceremonies had ended by the time witnesses saw Tyler speed through a boat storage area at the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center and plunge into the lake.

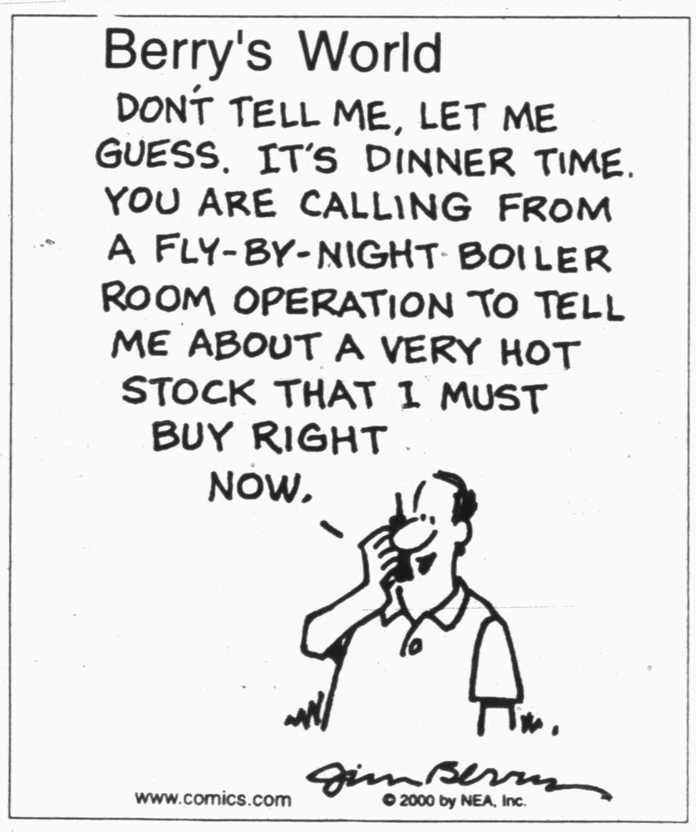
Investigators said Tyler clutched his granddaughter to his chest, keeping her from would-be rescuers as the car sank into the lake. Both were pronounced dead at a hospital.

According to the medical examiner's report, Tyler was disabled, unemployed and had had shrapnel removed from his feet within the past six months.

His wife, Janet, told investigators that he had been drinking and smoking marijuana, and that he was in a rage before he left home, talking about how society had been taken over by evil and that children were suffering.

For the past two years, Tyler was among eight to 12 war veterans whom Bernstein counseled weekly as a group for post-traumatic stress syndrome. Bernstein said Tyler was doing well but still suffered emotionally.

Berry's World



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

In the year ahead, you could find yourself concentrating on furthering your aims with more vigor than usual. This initiative and push will help you develop your ambitious needs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you don't prejudge people today, you'll be more open for good things to happen to you. Give friends half a chance, and they'll treat you as considerately as you would treat them. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Doing things you like with people you like will make for an enjoyable day. Conversely, if you stick more to yourself, it's likely to turn out to be just another humdrum day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although at first you might be inclined to avoid competition today, once involved, you could find it pretty stimulating. Don't duck developments; face up to challenges squarely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Consider situations for their future effects and not merely in the context of the immediate today. By looking ahead a bit, it makes you prepared for when things unfold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make joint ventures your priority projects today, because your best avenues for gain lie with endeavors where more than one person is involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The best decisionmaking today will come from putting your head together with someone who is bold in thought. This initiative can give you a fresh perspective on things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Others will be inspired to follow your ambitious example as they watch the zeal you express in performing your assignments today. You'll attract supporters through initiating the action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, again, you'll be making your impact felt on others, especially in social situations. Get out and mingle; you could meet someone exciting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make family issues your major concern today, even if there are other demands attempting to pull you in different directions. Put your loved ones first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Speak up today if you have a cause you're trying to espouse. Unless you make your thoughts heard, others cannot give them the consideration they deserve.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Innately, you're a very unselfish person who always looks out for others, but today you should place more attention on your own needs, such as acquiring something you desire.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There is nothing wrong with focusing on an endeavor today that would advance your own self-interests — so long as it isn't done at the expense of someone else. Go ahead and do your own thing.

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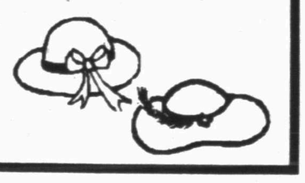

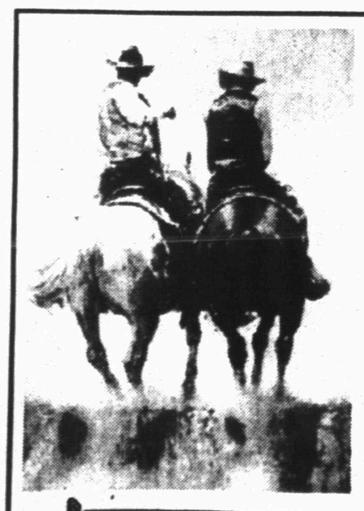

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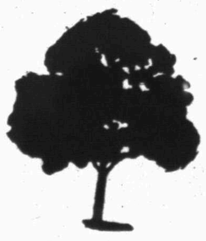

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Death penalty sought in no-body murder case

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — When Girly Chew Hossencofft failed to show up for work at Bank of America nearly eight months ago, her co-workers knew they would likely never see her again.

Her boss called police. Within hours, her bloody clothing was found along a rural highway and her purse was found in the middle of an Albuquerque street. Damp carpet with bleached-out bloodstains was found at her home.

Her estranged husband, Diazien Hossencofft, and his 46-year-old girlfriend, Linda Henning, are charged with murder in a case that has made headlines in Mrs. Hossencrofft's native Malaysia. Bail for each was set at $2.5 million.

In November, a grand jury handed down a 27-count indictment against Hossencofft and a 20-count indictment against Henning, that includes charges of murder, kidnapping, conspiracy and evidence-tampering. No trial date has been set.

The defendants could face the death penalty if convicted, prosecutors say, although the defense disputes that. It is rare for defendants to face execution when the alleged murder victim is missing.

Both defendants maintain their innocence.

FBI agent John Schum said bank employees told him that Mrs. Hossencofft, 36, reported threats by her 34-year-old husband of six years over the couple's final years and "that if she ever disappeared, they should expect the worst."

"She was very afraid of him. She feared for her life," said her boss, Kathy Freeman.

Hossencofft, who also vanished when his wife disappeared, was arrested Sept. 21 in Charleston, S.C.

A witness told grand jurors that Hossencofft twice tried to get him to help kill Mrs. Hossencofft, who had left her husband in February 1999 and obtained a restraining order against him.

"When she didn't show up, I knew something was wrong," Freeman said, recalling the day she disappeared, Sept. 10.

Weeks passed, and fellow employees were sure she was dead, Freeman said. They set up a floral shrine in her memory.

"She had a teller cage that no one had touched since she left," Freeman said. "There were flowers all over her cage."

Freeman says Girly Chew apparently met Hossencofft while vacationing in California. She had worked at two banks in Malaysia and often visited America as a tourist. She married Hossencofft about a year before she began working in Albuquerque. The couple had no children.

Her father, who lives on Penang island in northern Malaysia, was hesitant to talk much about his only daughter's disappearance, saying it wouldn't help.

"My daughter's gone. There's no hope. She's no more," he told The Associated Press from Kuala Lumpur. "Although she's missing, the chances are very slim that she's still alive."

On Sept. 10, a highway worker found her bloody blouse, shorts and panties along with a blood-stained tarpaulin along U.S. Route 60, just west of Magdalena.

Police have scoured the windswept area, 100 miles southwest of Albuquerque and also have searched the foothills of the Sandia mountains east of Albuquerque.

Assistant District Attorney Paul Spiers said the continuing search is about to intensify again in an area he declined to identify. Prosecutors have asked for blood samples from the family to compare DNA with blood evidence.

Hossencofft, who was born in Houston and raised in Texas, Oklahoma, California and Arizona, denies killing his wife or dumping her body, defense attorney Ron Koch said.

Airlines battle for business passengers

DALLAS (AP) — The world's second largest airline is battling an upstart competitor for business travelers as the two carriers compete on long-haul flights from Dallas Love Field.

American Airlines today resumed long-haul flights from the regional airport for the first time since 1974.

That was when American and the other major airlines left Love Field for the newly completed Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The longer flights from Love have followed a three-year legal battle with the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas.

Although federal law had long restricted such service at Love Field, a recent court decision cleared the way for planes with 56 seats or less to make those flights.

An American flight departed early today for Chicago and another plane was scheduled to fly to Los Angeles. The Fort Worth-based airline is competing with startup carrier Legend Airlines Inc. for the Love Field-Los Angeles route, with American offering four daily flights and Legend three.

Competition is fierce, with flights by the Love Field-based upstart Legend and established American featuring all-first class seats and coach prices.

American, to make room for the service, has halted its flights from Love Field to Austin.

Legend, which also flies to Washington Dulles International Airport and Las Vegas from Love, is appealing to fliers with free satellite television, a new $20 million Love Field terminal, wider seats and more leg room.

Meanwhile, American is appealing to passengers with its popular frequent-flier program and connection to its global network of flights.

"This is the first time we've seen this much activity in Dallas in a long, long time," Tom Parsons, editor of the BestFares.com Web site and magazine, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "The competition here is so aggressive that the winners here will probably be the consumer."

Other features of the competing flights are leather seats and gourmet meals.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Pet adoptathon is matchmaker for orphaned pets, new owners

DEAR ABBY: Please tell your animal-loving readers everywhere to mark their calendars. Pet Adoptathon 2000 will take place on May 6 and 7. The first Pet Adoptathon of the new millennium promises to be the biggest, most exciting lifesaving weekend the world has ever experienced. Last year's event was unbelievable — more than 37,000 animals' lives were saved through the hard work and dedication of more than 2,400 animal organizations around the globe.

What began as a local event at North Shore Animal League has flourished into a huge international celebration — the foremost occasion in the 21st century for all animal groups to join forces and find loving homes for more orphaned pets. This year, the league and shelters across the country and around the world are working tirelessly toward one goal — to increase the number of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens placed with loving, caring adopters during Pet Adoptathon 2000.

North Shore Animal League is calling on all animal lovers to start off the century on the right foot and paw. Open your hearts and homes to the innocent animal orphans available for adoption. Their lives depend on it. — **J. JOHN STEVENSON, PRESIDENT, NORTH SHORE ANIMAL LEAGUE**

DEAR JOHN: I'm pleased to help spread the word. Readers, for the name of a participating shelter near you, call the North Shore Animal League's toll-free number: 1-877-236-9725. Many shelters will be open extended hours — some through the night — to help you find that special pet, that perfect furry friend who will give you a lifetime of love and devotion.

That said, I would like to add: Before you rush out to adopt one of these orphan pets, please take a moment to be sure you are ready to make a commitment that will last for many years. Pets are wonderful, but they require proper care and attention, and many require training to be the pleasurable companions you may be seeking.

If you are ready for this responsibility, get to the shelter early — and select the pet who was born to be loved by you!

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DEAR ABBY: Have you ever heard of a "weight-loss shower"? The premise of the shower is a celebration of weight loss. The individual hosting the shower has lost 30 pounds, and this definitely is cause for celebration.

The "catch" to this shower is that the guests are expected to bring monetary gifts so the hostess can buy a new wardrobe to fit her smaller figure.

I would love to hear what you and your readers think about such a shower. — **AMBIGUOUS IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR AMBIGUOUS: Weight loss certainly is a positive reason for supportive family and friends to get together and help the hostess celebrate. However, she has no business hosting her own "shower." Furthermore, I'm taken aback by the idea that guests will be expected to foot the bill for a new wardrobe. If such a shower is successful, what's to stop someone who has put on a few pounds from using a shower to raise money for a wardrobe for his or her fuller figure — or a kitchen shower to replace broken dishes, or a bedding shower because the sheets are getting thin? Readers, care to comment?

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-01-00
♠ 10 2
♥ A K J 10
♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ A K Q

West
♠ A K Q 9 7
♥ 6 5 3
♦ K J 9
♣ 7 4

East
♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ J 10 9 6 2

South
♠ J 5
♥ Q 9 8 7 4
♦ A Q 8
♣ 8 5 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♠	Dbl.	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Monday, May 1, 2000

Color or party may be critical

By Phillip Alder

Whoever is president will have critics. Yet if he were from the opposite party, probably these same naysayers would be singing his praises. It is the party, not the man and his policies, that is relevant.

How does that apply to bridge? It doesn't! The closest I could come was: If you cannot follow suit while declarer is drawing trumps, discard from the other suit of the same color. That recommendation led to an amusing incident in this deal. How should the play go in four hearts?

South's three-heart jump advance of his partner's takeout double shows some 9-11 points.

West took two spade tricks before exiting with a club.

Declarer couldn't afford to lose two diamond tricks, yet the finesse was bound to fail given West's opening bid.

After winning trick three, declarer drew trumps and cashed the other clubs. Then, at trick nine, came a low diamond from the dummy. If East plays low, declarer covers with his eight. This endplays West; he must either return a diamond away from the king or concede a ruff-and-discard. However, one of my students put in the diamond 10. This got West off the endplay and defeated the contract.

As I was congratulating East on his great defense, the truth came out. Having to discard twice as South pulled trumps, East threw two diamonds: red on red. So, he had only the diamond 10 left! (And, yes, declarer should have played his eight under East's 10, making the contract when East must concede a ruff-and-discard.)

Since this deal revolved around a red suit, I thought it appropriate for May Day.

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Region I-4A Track Meet

Regional Qualifiers

Jared Thornhill
Rudy Martinez
Mark Medley
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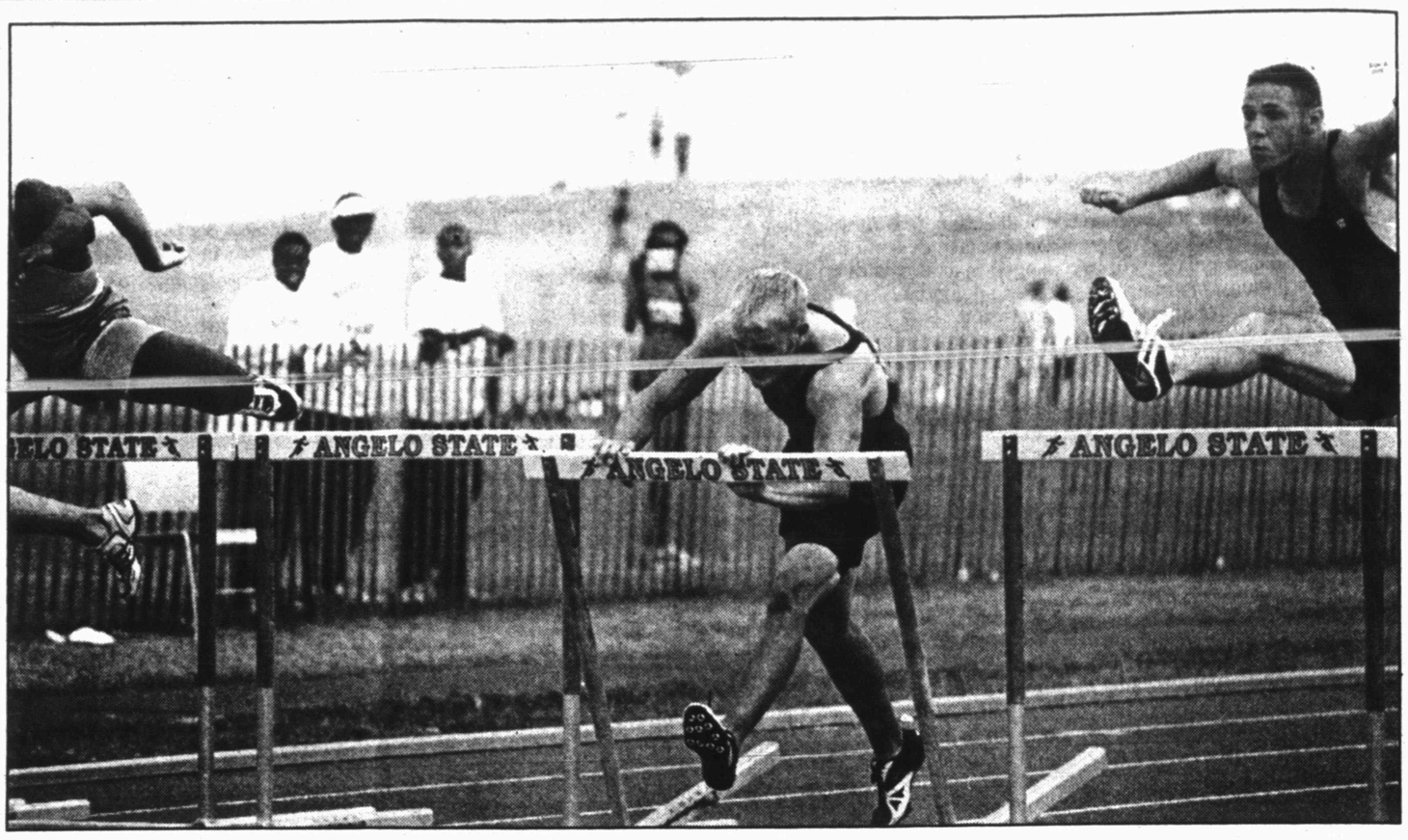
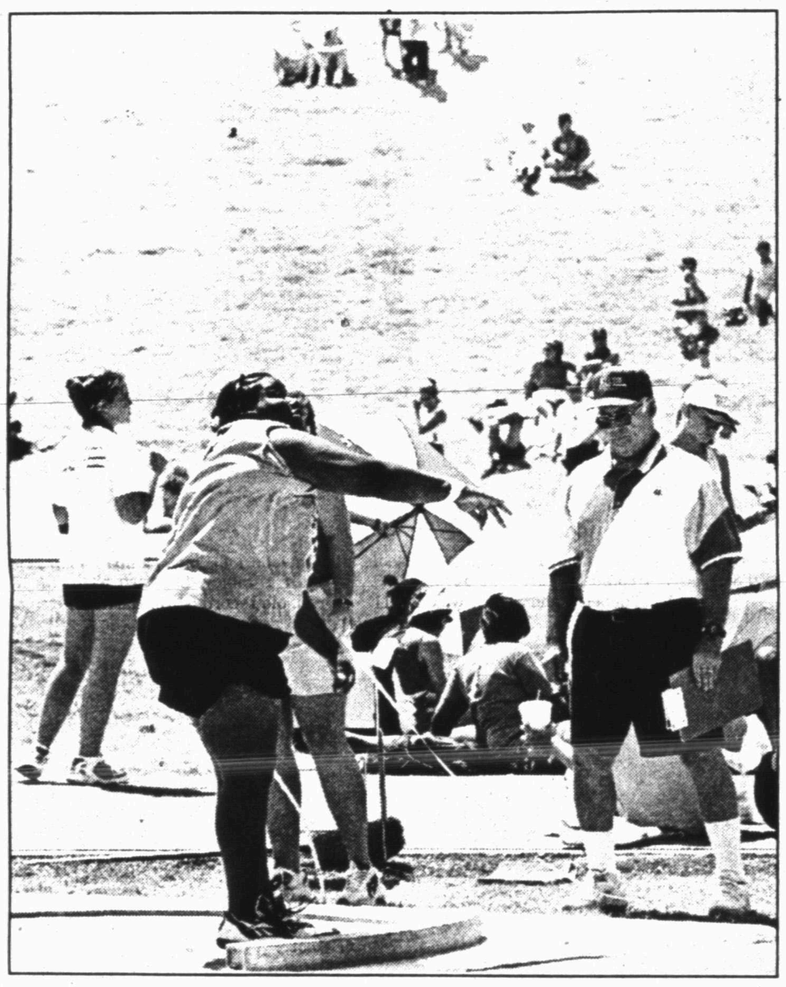
Loryn Brown
Amy Braziel



TROUBLE — Snyder's Wade Pinson pushes over a hurdle, after losing his balance in the finals of the regional track meet in San Angelo. Pinson, a sophomore, competed in the high jump and the 110-meter high hurdles. (SDN Staff Photo)



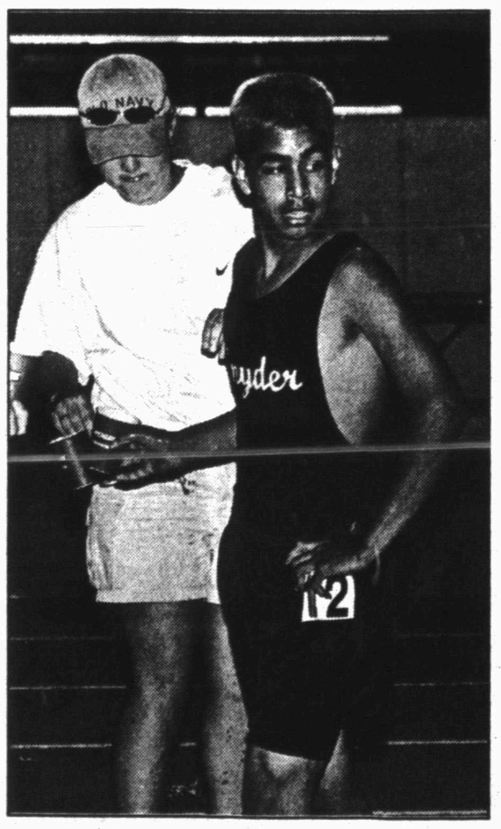
THERE IT GOES — Snyder's Amy Braziel hurls the shot during girls' action Saturday at the regional track meet. Braziel made the finals, finishing fifth in the event. (SDN Staff Photo)

POST-MEET POSE — Snyder High School tracksters take time for a photo, after the regional track meet Saturday night. Pictured are, from left, Loryn Brown, Wade Pinson, Jared Thornhill, Joe Esparza, Rudy Martinez (kneeling), Jesse Haines, Amy Braziel and Mark Medley. (SDN Staff Photo)

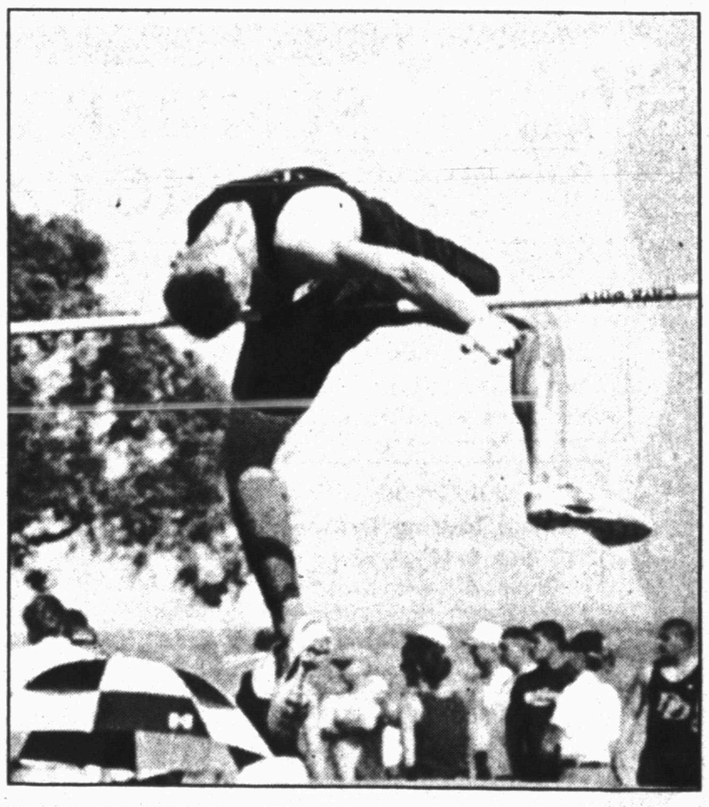
Snyder's State Qualifiers

Jared Thornhill — pole vault
Rudy Martinez — 3,200-meter run
Mark Medley — shot put

AUSTIN BOUND — Snyder's Mark Medley heaves the shot Saturday during the regional track meet. Medley grabbed second place in the shot put to earn a spot in the state meet May 12 in Austin. (SDN Staff Photo)



CATCHING HIS BREATH — Snyder's Rudy Martinez gets a drink of water, after taking second in the 3,200. (SDN Staff Photo)



BENDING — Snyder's Wade Pinson clears the bar during the high jump competition Saturday at the regional track meet in San Angelo. (SDN Staff Photo)

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SPORTS

Tigers advance three, fall short in team race

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — For Snyder High School, the close of the Region I-4A Track and Field Meet was a bittersweet experience.

On one hand, there was the excitement of sending three competitors on to the state meet in Austin.

But on the other, there was the realization that the Tigers had come so close to finishing in the top-three as a team, only to fall short in the end.

"It's hard to feel down, because these kids have come so far this year, and three of them are going to state," said Snyder coach Chad Rogers. "But at the same time, it hurts to get so close to a team trophy, and then not get it."

Snyder failed to garner points in its final two events to finish seventh, only eight points out of third place, and only 14 out of second.

Lake View won the meet with 63 points, followed by runner-up Estacado with 44. Everman was third at 38 points, while the Tigers nabbed seventh with 30.

Lady Tigers Loryn Brown and Amy Braziel got Snyder started on the final day of competition.

Brown set a personal record, sailing 35 feet, 2 inches to finish ninth in the triple jump.

Braziel followed suit with a personal best of 36-4 in the shot put to grab fifth place.

"Our girls competed extremely well," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "They both set personal records, and there's no better time to do that than at regionals. There were a lot of good athletes here, and our girls held their own against the best."

Snyder's boys, leading the meet after the first day, padded their lead early on Saturday, thanks to a runner-up finish from Mark Medley in the shot put.

After finishing a disappointing third in the discus on Friday, Medley responded with a personal best throw of 58-4 ¼ in the shot put to qualify for state.

"I had to just try and forget about the discus, because I still had another event," said the SHS junior. "I knew I would have to throw farther than I ever had to get to state, and I did.

"It feels great. My goal at the first meet of the year was to throw 50 feet, and now I'm going to state. It took a lot of work and a lot of time, but I made it."

At the same time Medley was finishing second in the shot put, Wade Pinson grabbed seventh place in the high jump.

Two events into the running finals, Snyder still held the meet lead. Despite not having a relay team entered, the Tigers seemed poised to finish in the top-three on the strength of Pinson in the 110 hurdles, and Rudy Martinez in the 1,600, both of whom were considered favorites for the top spot.

But disaster struck first in the hurdles. With the eventual winner from Weatherford in the lane next to him, Pinson tried to get the early lead, but clipped two of the first three hurdles, before stumbling to the ground.

The Snyder sophomore got to his feet, but didn't have enough momentum to clear the next hurdle and was forced to push it over to finish eighth.

"Those things happen sometimes in track," said Rogers. "He was trying to keep up with the Weatherford kid over the first few hurdles and he stumbled. You can't fault Wade for running to win. When you try to run faster than you ever have, things like that happen. But he still had a great year, especially for a sophomore."

With second place out of reach, the Tigers could still grab third with a top-two finish from Martinez in the mile. The Snyder sophomore owned the fastest qualifying time coming into the meet, but couldn't find his way to the front.

Martinez was in a pack behind the leaders for the first two laps. By the time the group thinned out, the leaders were long gone, leaving Martinez in eighth place.

Marco Gallegos won the race, his second of the meet, with a time of 4:26.37.

Two meet records were set Saturday. Wichita Falls Hirschi set a mark in the boys' sprint relay with a time of 40.75, and Everman's Licretia Sibley was clocked at 53.81 to post a record in the girls' 400.

Medley will be joined at the state meet by teammates Jared Thornhill in the pole vault, and Martinez in the two-mile run.

The state track meet is May 12-13 at Mike A. Meyers Stadium on the University of Texas Campus in Austin.

STAYING COOL — Snyder's Loryn Brown (left) and Amy Braziel look for relief from the heat Saturday at the regional track meet in San Angelo. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC wins regional rodeo titles

Western Texas headed to nationals

STEPHENVILLE — It's official. The Western Texas men's and women's rodeo squads are headed to the national finals.

WTC held onto its regional leads Saturday at the Tarleton rodeo, earning the Westerners and Lady Westerners a shot at the national title.

For the Western Texas women, it will be their third straight trip to the finals, while the WTC men will be back at nationals after a one-year absence.

The national finals are June 12-17 in Casper, Wyo.

Region I-4A Track and Field Meet

BOYS

Team standings: 1. Lake View 63; 2. Estacado 44; 3. Everman 38; 4. Denton High 37; 5. (tie) Weatherford and WF Hirschi 33; 7. Snyder 30; 8. Sweetwater 28; 9. Dumas 25; 10. (tie) EP High and Stephenville 20; 12. WF Rider 18; 13. Clint 17; 14. (tie) Cleburne and Mineral Wells 14; 16. (tie) Burkburnett and Brownwood 12; 18. Frenship 11; 19. (tie) Azle, Fort Stockton and Granbury 10; 22. (tie) Canyon High and Hereford 8; 24. (tie) Fabens, WF High, Palo Duro and Denton Ryan 6; 28. Joshua 5; 29. Canyon Randall 4; 30. EP Parkland 3; 31. (tie) FW Brewer, EP Mountain View and Borger 2; 34. Amarillo Caprock 1.

Field Events

High jump: 1. Cope, Weatherford 6-8; 2. Daniells, Dumas 6-7; 3. Loya, Clint 6-6.

Pole vault: 1. Thames, Frenship 16-2, meet record, old record 16-1, Stewart, Everman, 1995; 2. Thornhill, Snyder 15-0; 3. Payne, Joshua 14-6.

Long jump: 1. Hamilton, Sweetwater 23-7 ¼; 2. Fuller, Cleburne 23-6 ¾; 3. Smith, WF High 23-1 ¼.

Triple jump: 1. Kinney, Estacado 47-7 ½; 2. Brown, WF Rider 47-4; 3. Mims, Palo Duro 46-11 ¾.

Shot put: 1. Duckett, Mineral Wells 61-11 ¾; 2. Medley, Snyder 58-4 ¼; 3. Harmon, Stephenville 54-5 ½.

Discus: 1. Rowden, Fort Stockton 156-11; 2. Flood, Hereford 156-2; 3. Medley, Snyder 155-6.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Gallegos, EP High 9:32.18; 2. Martinez, Snyder 9:40.08; 3. Ontiveros, Fabens 9:45.66.

4x100 relay: 1. WF Hirschi 40.75, meet record, old record 40.78, Estacado, 1983; 2. Lake View 41.09; 3. Everman 41.79.

800: 1. Linthicum, Lake View 1:55.32; 2. Ponsonby, Denton High 1:55.74; 3. Roy, Denton Ryan 1:55.76.

110 hurdles: 1. Moore, Weatherford 13.75; 2. Timsley, Everman 14.41; 3. Crawford, Brownwood 14.60.

100: 1. Williams, Lake View 10.38; 2. Lanier, WH Hirschi 10.56; 3. Williams, Everman 10.63.

400: 1. Martin, Stephenville 47.55; 2. Manuel, Denton High 48.57; 3. Talley, WF Rider 49.84.

300 hurdles: 1. Amos, Sweetwater 36.68; 2. Moore, Weatherford 37.83; 3. Crawford, Brownwood 38.44.

200: 1. Chance, Lake View 21.11; 2. Williams, Lake View 21.13; 3. Shepherd, Estacado 21.88.

1,600: 1. Gallegos, EP High 4:26.37; 2. Brown, Dumas 4:26.89; 3. Roberts, Burkburnett 4:29.78.

4x400 relay: 1. Estacado 3:18.50; 2. Denton High 3:21.84; 3. Everman 3:23.14.

GIRLS

Team standings: 1. (tie) Pampa and Canyon High 68; 3. Everman 60; 4. Denton High 41; 5. Levelland 31; 6. Burleson 30; 7. Weatherford 29; 8. Palo Duro 27; 9. (tie) Castleberry and Stephenville 24; 11. Brownwood 18; 12. Burkburnett 17; 13. (tie) Big Spring and WF Hirschi 16; 15. (tie) Borger, Boswell, Lake View and Cleburne 14; 19. (tie) Hereford and Estacado 12; 21. Azle 10; 22. Springtown 7; 23. Denton Ryan 6; 24. WF Rider 4; 25. Frenship 3; 26. (tie) Snyder, Plainview, EP Ysleta and Dumas 2; 30. (tie) Andrews and Fabens 1.

Field Events

High jump: 1. Casillas, Big Spring 5-5; 2. Murray, Palo Duro 5-5; 3. Hartman, Pampa 5-4.

Long jump: 1. Williams, Denton High 18-9 ¼; 2. Menchaca, Weatherford 18-8 ½; 3. Sauls, Borger 18-4 ¾.

Triple jump: 1. Sibley, Everman 39-2 ¾; 2. Palmer, Palo Duro 38-5 ½; 3. Sauls, Borger 37-1.

Shot put: 1. Phillips, Pampa 39-9 ½; 2. Ayers, Canyon 39-3; 3. Williams, Big Spring 38-4.

Discus: 1. Pearson, Castleberry 132-2; 2. Ayers, Canyon 132-0; 3. Lanergan, Stephenville 123-10.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Lee, Pampa 11:03.60; 2. Marable, Canyon 11:24.44; 3. Mascas, Denton Ryan 11:54.80.

4x100 relay: 1. Everman 47.90; 2. Denton High 48.61; 3. Weatherford 49.12.

800: 1. Leonard, Burkburnett 2:17.55; 2. Long, Burleson 2:21.12; 3. Wallace, Cleburne 2:22.18.

100 hurdles: 1. Morton, Pampa 14.90; 2. Shugart, Castleberry 15.09; 3. Goltl, Lake View 15.34.

100: 1. Bayne, Boswell 12.02; 2. High, Estacado 12.28; 3. Smith, Burleson 12.29.

4x200 relay: 1. Levelland 1:43.35; 2. Brownwood 1:43.86; 3. Pampa 1:43.97.

400: 1. Sibley, Everman 53.81, meet record, old record 54.70, Harrison, Levelland, 1991; 2. Wright, Lake View 56.95; 3. Thomasson, Burleson 57.74.

300 hurdles: 1. Baker, Canyon 44.76; 2. McGee, Stephenville 44.79; 3. Byrom, Azle 45.76.

200: 1. Lewis, Burleson 24.85; 2. Evans, Pampa 25.14; 3. Williams, Denton High 25.28.

1,600: 1. Marable, Canyon 5:04.92; 2. Lee, Pampa 5:09.27; 3. Leonard, Burkburnett 5:14.87.

4x400 relay: 1. Everman 3:55.21; 2. Canyon 3:57.28; 3. Hereford 4:04.05.

Tigers' opponent for bi-district still unknown

The Snyder Tigers know they are in the high school baseball playoffs. But they won't learn until Tuesday who they'll face.

Brownwood, Granbury and Joshua finished the District 6 season in a tie for second place, forcing two more games to be held today and Tuesday to decide the playoff seedings.

Brownwood squares off with Granbury tonight at 7 o'clock in Stephenville, with the winner advancing to face Joshua at the same site on Tuesday.

Snyder, the District 5-4A runner-up, will face the loser of Tuesday's contest in the bi-district round of the postseason. The opening round will be played Friday and Saturday.

The bi-district series is tentatively scheduled for Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Lake View, the 5-4A champion, received a first-round bye, while Andrews will face the winner of Tuesday's game.

Rangers cage Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez ended his slump, and so did the Texas Rangers.

In both cases, it seemingly was only a matter of time.

Rodriguez broke out of a 2-for-22 drought with two homers and a double as Texas snapped a four-game losing streak by beating the Baltimore Orioles 8-4 Sunday.

Rodriguez, the 1999 AL MVP, was 0-for-2 before hitting a double in the sixth inning, a solo homer in the seventh and a two-run shot in the ninth.

"There's not enough good things you can say about him," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "He's just an unbelievable player."

Rodriguez had just two hits in his previous five games before breaking out in a big way.

Kenny Rogers (3-3) allowed four runs and nine hits in 7 1-3 innings for the Rangers, who got at least one hit from every starter and banged out six doubles in winning for only the third time in 13 games.

After Rogers departed, Texas relievers Jeff Zimmerman, Mike Venafro and John Wettleland shut down the Orioles without a hit. The Rangers also played solid defense, giving Oates reason to believe that Texas might be on the road to reversing its awful 8-15 start.

"Today is more indicative of what we should be doing on the field," he said.

Mark Lewis drove in two runs for the Orioles, whose nine-game home winning streak came to an end. Baltimore, which held an early 3-0 lead, had not lost at Camden Yards since opening day.

Pat Rapp (3-1) absorbed his first defeat for Baltimore.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	15	8	.652	—
Baltimore	14	10	.583	1½
Boston	12	9	.571	2
Toronto	12	14	.462	4½
Tampa Bay	9	15	.375	6½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	17	8	.680	—
Cleveland	13	8	.619	2
Kansas City	12	13	.480	5
Minnesota	11	15	.423	6½
Detroit	6	17	.261	10
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	13	10	.565	—
Anaheim	13	13	.500	1½
Oakland	12	13	.480	2
Texas	9	15	.375	4½

Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox 2, Detroit 1
Cleveland 3, Boston 2
Baltimore 3, Texas 1
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Oakland 6, Minnesota 2, 10 innings
Seattle 11, Kansas City 3
Anaheim 7, Tampa Bay 6

Sunday's Games
Boston 2, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 1
Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 12 innings
Oakland 8, Minnesota 2
Texas 8, Baltimore 4
Kansas City 6, Seattle 3
Anaheim 5, Tampa Bay 2

Monday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 2-2) at Cleveland (Wright 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nitkowski 1-4) at Boston (Fassero 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Olivares 1-3) at Kansas City (Durbin 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	18	6	.750	—
New York	16	10	.615	3
Montreal	14	9	.609	3½
Florida	13	13	.500	6
Philadelphia	7	17	.292	11
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	17	8	.680	—
Cincinnati	12	12	.500	4½
Houston	9	14	.391	7
Milwaukee	9	15	.375	7½
Pittsburgh	9	15	.375	7½
Chicago	10	17	.370	7½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	16	9	.640	—
Los Angeles	14	10	.583	1½
Colorado	11	14	.440	5
San Diego	11	14	.440	5
San Francisco	10	13	.435	5

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 5
Houston 10, Milwaukee 3
Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 13, Colorado 6
San Francisco 2, Montreal 1
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 6, 10 innings
Los Angeles 13, Florida 12
Atlanta 7, San Diego 4, 12 innings

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee 4, Houston 3
Arizona 6, Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 14, Colorado 11
Montreal 4, San Francisco 3
Los Angeles 7, Florida 1
Atlanta 7, San Diego 4

Monday's Games
Cincinnati (Neagle 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Dotel 0-2) at Milwaukee (Woodard 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 3-1) at Colorado (Jarvis 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 1-2) at San Diego (Williams 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 2-0) at Los Angeles (Gagne 0-1), 10:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pulsipher 0-0) at San Francisco (Estes 0-1), 10:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NBA Playoffs Glance

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)

Saturday, April 29
Miami 91, Detroit 72, Miami wins series 3-0
Phoenix 101, San Antonio 94, Phoenix leads series 2-1
Seattle 89, Utah 78, Utah leads series 2-1
Indiana 109, Milwaukee 96, Indiana leads series 2-1

Sunday, April 30
New York 87, Toronto 80, New York wins series 3-0
Minnesota 94, Portland 87, Portland leads series 2-1
Sacramento 99, L.A. Lakers 91, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

Monday, May 1
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA
Portland at Minnesota, TBA
San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA

Wednesday, May 3
Utah at Seattle, 9 p.m.

NHL Playoffs Glance

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Saturday, April 29
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh leads series 2-0
Colorado 3, Detroit 1, Colorado leads series 2-0
New Jersey 1, Toronto 0, series tied 1-1

Sunday, April 30
Dallas 1, San Jose 0, Dallas leads series 2-0

Monday, May 1
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Ira sports banquet scheduled

The Ira High School Sports Banquet will be at 6 p.m. May 15 at the National Guard Armory. A brisket meal will be catered for $6.25 a plate.

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'U-571' remains afloat as top movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The submarine film "U-571" remained buoyant at the box office despite an onslaught of new movies.

"U-571" was North America's top-grossing film for a second week, taking in $12.3 million, according to industry estimates Sunday. The movie has made $38.2 million in 10 days.

Final weekend figures were to be released today.

"The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas," the second live-action comedy based on the TV cartoon series, debuted in second place with $10.8 million.

The sci-fi tale "Frequency" premiered at No. 3 with $9.1 million. Jim Caviezel stars as a cop communicating with his dead father (Dennis Quaid) via time-traveling radio waves as they track a serial killer.

"It works on the science-fiction level, it's got a little bit of 'Sixth Sense' in it, it's a family picture and a murder mystery all at the same time," said David Tuckerman, executive vice president of distribution for New Line, which released "Frequency."

"Where the Heart Is," a melodrama starring Natalie Portman as an abandoned pregnant teen, opened in fourth place with $8.3 million.

Next weekend is shaping up as the unofficial kickoff to the summer blockbuster season, with the Roman spectacle "Gladiator," starring Russell Crowe, hitting theaters.

"This is the calm before the storm," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. "The summer starts in earnest next week, when you'll get new movies every weekend looking for bigger and better results."

"Viva Rock Vegas" had a quiet opening compared to its 1994 predecessor "The Flintstones," which took in $28 million in its first three days.

"That's what happens with sequels," said Nikki Rocco, Universal's head of distribution. "It's a little family film, and our expectations were fulfilled."

Two new movies scored well in limited release. The experimental "Time Code" had a solid debut, grossing $95,000 and averaging an impressive $13,571 in seven theaters. Directed by Mike Figgis ("Leaving Las Vegas"), "Time Code" was shot by four cameras in single, 93-minute takes and plays out on four separate frames on screen.

Kevin Spacey's "The Big Kahuna" opened in eight theaters and took in $88,000 for an $11,000 average. Danny DeVito and Peter Facinelli co-star in the story of three salesmen at ideological odds as they try to land a big customer at a convention.

"Time Code" and "Big Kahuna" expand to more theaters over the next two weeks.

Disney's "Fantasia 2000" ended its four-month run at most large-screen Imax theaters with $63.8 million worldwide and one week left in Japan. The movie begins a four-week engagement at regular theaters June 16.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

1. "U-571," $12.3 million.
2. "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas," $10.8 million.
3. "Frequency," $9.1 million.
4. "Where the Heart Is," $8.3 million.
5. "Love and Basketball," $5.5 million.
6. "Rules of Engagement," $4.8 million.
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8. "28 Days," $4 million.
9. "Erin Brockovich," $3.8 million.
10. "Final Destination," $2.5 million.

Connecticut ARC workers OK strike

FARMINGTON, Conn. (AP) — American Red Cross workers in Connecticut went out on strike early today after overwhelmingly rejecting the relief agency's latest contract offer.

About 75 strikers set up a picket line outside the Red Cross headquarters in Farmington shortly after midnight, officials said.

The strike, the first by Red Cross workers in Connecticut in 25 years, may reduce daily blood collection in the state by 80 percent. But any shortfall will be made up from a national inventory, said Red Cross spokeswoman Lynn Townshend.

"We're disappointed, but we remain committed to our mission of supplying blood and blood products to Connecticut's hospital patients," Townshend said shortly after the strike vote was announced. "No patient needs will go unmet."

The workers, members of AFSCME Local 3145, voted 168-19 to reject the last contract offer after meeting for several hours in New Britain. Some of the Red Cross workers called the contract offer insulting.

The strike involves about 200 employees who conduct blood drives around the state. It will not affect the work of Red Cross chapters, such as disaster relief, Townshend said.

Townshend said management will step in and hold only one blood drive a day, reducing daily collection from 600 units to about 125. The Red Cross has some 6,500 units in storage, about an 11-day supply. A unit is slightly less than a pint.

The Red Cross has said a strike would not immediately affect Connecticut's blood supply, but a prolonged walkout could "seriously affect the region's ability to collect and distribute blood."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Depression may deepen on anniversary

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from bipolar mood disorder: Sometimes I'm happy, often I'm sad. My "down times" seem to occur on anniversaries of particularly emotional times in my life. Please discuss the "anniversary reaction."

DEAR READER: Anniversaries are an important part of our cultural milieu and are often very influential. Most of us accept the inevitability of anniversaries with varying degrees of deference and enthusiasm. We tend to be happy at certain times — such as Christmas, birthdays and wedding anniversaries, and sad at other memorable times, such as the anniversary of the death of a loved one or a public figure. Such anniversaries mean more — or less - to each of us, depending on the type and strength of the emotional investment we have in them.

Patients with emotional disorders, such as yours, are sometimes affected too greatly by anniversaries. An important event, far from becoming dim with time, may seem to take on a life of its own; it may become increasingly influential, even though it is merely a date on the calendar. To the extent that such people focus on anniversaries to the detriment of their lives and emotional outlook, therapy may be necessary. As you know, obsessive behavior in any context is abnormal.

Anniversary reactions do frequently occur in many people, even those who appear well-adjusted. In my view, such reactions must be treated as any other behavioral malfunction, depending on their seriousness. For example, I once knew a woman who regularly became suicidal on the anniversary of her divorce, even though the event occurred several years previously. Every year, on that date, she became a threat to herself. Fortunately, with therapy and the judicious use of antidepressant medication, she was finally able to overcome her intense and cyclic feelings of rage, guilt and insecurity. She completely recovered once a balance had been achieved in her life and the bitter divorce put into a more healthful perspective.

If your anniversary reaction is a debilitating problem for you, I advise you to ask your family physician for a referral to an appropriate mental health resource. On the other hand, if you are already in therapy, you should discuss this issue with your psychiatrist. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with Frey's syndrome. What is this?

DEAR READER: Frey's (auriculotemporal) syndrome is an exceedingly rare condition, characterized by redness and sweating of one of the cheeks during eating. It is usually associated with certain diseases of the parotid gland, the same salivary gland that swells up from mumps. Evidently, some parotid lesions affect the nearby auriculotemporal nerve, so that when the gland is stimulated by food, the nerve is also stimulated to cause skin changes. Once the parotid problem resolves, the syndrome vanishes.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter just gave birth to an infant with Lenz's syndrome. For the life of us, we cannot find any information on this unusual condition. Can you help?

DEAR READER: You really sent me scurrying for the books on this one.

Lenz's syndrome is a hereditary disorder, transmitted in the X chromosome, marked by small eyes (or absence of the eyes), abnormalities of the fingers (such as double thumbs), narrow shoulders and bone/heart defects. The syndrome usually constitutes a severe handicap. Affected children usually require a great deal of help and attention. The syndrome is irreversible and incurable.

Because your daughter certainly has her work cut out for her, she should connect with a knowledgeable pediatrician who can help her obtain the community resources that she and the child will require.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband injured his knee in high school. Now, whenever he bumps it, the knee fills up with fluid. The first time this happened, our local doctor removed the fluid with a needle. However, this was not successful, and my husband insists that the procedure was so painful that he'd never have it done again. What options do we have?

DEAR READER: The condition you describe is probably traumatic bursitis, a fluid buildup in the knee joint due to repeated injuries. Under the circumstances, your husband will likely have recurring swelling ("water on the knee") whenever he strikes his knee.

Excess fluid in the joint is not harmful; it is nature's way of protecting the area from further damage. The fluid need not be drained. Nonetheless, your husband will be more comfortable if he has his knee "tapped" and the fluid removed to reduce painful pressure. Frankly, I'm surprised that he had pain from the procedure, which is ordinarily a relatively painless technique that can easily be performed in the office with little or no risk.

I think that your husband would benefit from being examined by an orthopedic surgeon; the specialist can obtain further tests (such as an MRI scan, to make sure that the knee cartilage is still intact), explain the abnormalities and consider treatment options. For instance, a kneepad would afford added protection from further injury and might prevent future fluid accumulation.

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Citigroup	60 7-16	59 1-16	60⅜	+ 13-16
Coastal	50 11-16	50	50 1-16	— ⅛
CocaCola	47	46½	46 11-16	— 9-16
ColgatePal s	56½	55¾	56	— 1⅛
ComclMetals	29½	29 5-16	29 7-16	+ 1-16
CooperIn	34 7-16	33¾	33 15-16	— ⅜
DaimlrChry	57 15-16	57 9-16	57⅞	+ 5-16
DallSemicn s	45⅛	42 1-16	44⅞	+ 1 15-16
DeltaAirl	54⅛	52¼	54	+ 1¼
Dillards Inc	14⅜	13¾	14¼	+ 5-16
DowChem	115	112 9-16	114¼	+ 1¼
DuPont	48 7-16	47 9-16	48	+ 9-16
EastmanChem	53	51 15-16	52 9-16	+ ¼
EstKodak	56 7-16	56	56 1-16	— 5-16
EDS Corp	68¾	62	62⅞	— 5⅞
Entergy	25¾	25 5-16	25⅝	+ 3-16
ExxonMobil	79 1-16	78 1-16	78½	+ 13-16
Flowers	15 5-16	15 1-16	15 3-16	— 1-16
FordMotor	54 15-16	53½	54⅛	— ⅝
GTE Cp	70 1-16	68⅝	69½	+ 1½
GenDynam	57⅝	56⅜	57⅛	— 1⅜
GenElec	160¾	157¾	160 11-16	+ 3 7-16
GenElec wi	53½	53	53½	+ 15-16
GenMills s	36 11-16	36	36 11-16	+ 5-16
GenMotors	93⅝	90¾	91 1-16	—2 9-16
GaPacGP s	37 7-16	36⅝	36⅞	+ ⅛
GlobalMar	24⅜	23 5-16	23 9-16	— ½
Goodrich	32½	31¼	32¼	+ ⅝
Goodyear s	28⅝	28	28 7-16	+ 13-16
GtAtlPac	19 5-16	18 11-16	19 3-16	+ ⅞
Halliburtn	44⅛	43 1-16	43 5-16	— ⅞
Hanson ADS	36 7-16	36 5-16	36 5-16	— ¼
HarteHanks	25	24⅝	25	+ ¼
HomeDepot s	56¾	56⅛	56 9-16	+ ½
HoneywellIntl	55¼	54¾	54¾	— 1¼
IBM	112½	111⅛	112 7-16	+ 15-16
IntlPaper	37 5-16	36 15-16	37⅛	+ ⅜
JohnsonJn	83	81⅞	83	+ ½
K mart	8 3-16	8 1-16	8⅛	
Kroger Co s	18 11-16	18	18⅝	+ 1-16
Litton	44 9-16	43½	43½	+ 1-16
LockheedM	25 7-16	24⅛	25 7-16	+ 9-16
Lowes Cos	50 7-16	49⅛	50 7-16	+ 15-16
Lubys	9¼	9 1-16	9⅛	+ ⅛
LucentTech	64⅛	62⅞	63 15-16	+ 1¾
MayDeptStr	27 11-16	27⅛	27½	
MediaOne	76 5-16	75	76 3-16	+ 9-16
Medtronic s	53⅛	50⅛	51¼	—11-16
MorganJP	128¾	126¼	128¾	+ ⅜
Motorola	123⅝	120½	123¼	+ 4¼
NCR Corp	39 11-16	38½	38 13-16	+ 3-16
Navistar	34 13-16	34½	34⅝	— ⅜
Penney JC	14 7-16	14	14 5-16	+ 7-16
PepBoys	6 5-16	6⅛	6 3-16	— ⅛
PepsiCo	36 9-16	36⅛	36½	— 3-16
Pharmacia	49⅞	48 11-16	48¾	—1 3-16
PhelpDodge	46 9-16	45½	45 9-16	—11-16
PhilipPet	48 9-16	47 11-16	48⅜	+ 15-16
PilgrmPrd B	7 9-16	7⅜	7 9-16	+ ⅛
Polaroid	20 5-16	19 9-16	20 3-16	
Praxair	44⅜	43⅜	43⅞	— 9-16
ProctGamb	60	58¾	60	+ ¼
PubS NwMx	17 15-16	17 7-16	17 9-16	— 7-16
ReliantEngy	26¾	26 9-16	26 11-16	+ 1-16
RoyalDut	57½	57	57 3-16	+ 51-256
SBC Comm	44¼	43 11-16	44⅛	+ 5-16
SaraLee	14 15-16	14 9-16	14 13-16	— 3-16
Scripps EW	46 11-16	46½	46½	— 3-16
SearsRoeb	38 11-16	37¼	38⅝	+ 1⅞
SherwinW	25 5-16	24 15-16	25 3-16	+ 5-16
SmithklBchm	68 15-16	68⅛	68½	— ¼
SouthernCo	25⅛	24 5-16	24 7-16	— ½
SwstAirl s	22	21 7-16	21⅞	+ 3-16
SprintFON s	63 11-16	61½	63½	+ 2
SprintPCS s	55 11-16	54 11-16	55½	+ ½
Sunoco Inc	30 15-16	30 7-16	30 15-16	+ 9-16
Tandy s	58 11-16	56⅝	58½	+ 1½
TempleInland	51 7-16	50	50¾	+ ¾
Texaco	50½	49 3-16	49 13-16	+ 11-16
TexInd	32⅝	32 7-16	32⅝	+ ⅛
TexasInst s	165 7-16	162	163 7-16	+ 15-16
Tex Util	34⅜	33 11-16	33⅞	+ 3-16
Textron	62¾	61¼	62 11-16	+ ¾
TriconGlbR	34 3-16	33⅝	34 1-16	+ 3-16
TrinityInds	22¼	22	22	— ¼
TritonEngy	37½	36 9-16	37⅜	+ 15-16
TylerTech	5 5-16	5 1-16	5¼	— ⅛
US West Inc	72⅞	71 7-16	72 5-16	+ 1 1-16
USX-Marathn	23⅝	23 1-16	23⅝	+ ⅜
USX-USS	25 3-16	24 15-16	24 15-16	— ⅛
UnCarbde	59 15-16	58⅝	59½	+ ½
UnionPacif	42¾	41 11-16	42½	+ ⅜
UnitedTech	62 7-16	61	61 11-16	— ½
Unocal	33 1-16	32 9-16	32 15-16	+ ⅝
Venator Grp	11⅞	11¾	11¾	— ⅛
WalMart	58¼	56 3-16	58 3-16	+ 2 13-16
WellsFargo	41⅞	40 11-16	41⅝	+ 9-16
WstnGasRs	16¾	16 9-16	16¾	+ 1-16
WinnDixie	16 15-16	16 9-16	16 15-16	+ ⅜
Xerox Cp	27⅛	26⅝	26 15-16	+ 7-16

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Patterson	28	-1/4
Dell	50 1/16	-1/16
Wal Mart	58 1/4	+2 7/8
Compac	28 15/16	-9/16
Dol. Gen.	22 11/16	-3/16
GTE	69 5/16	+1 5/16
SBC Comm.	44 1/16	+1/4
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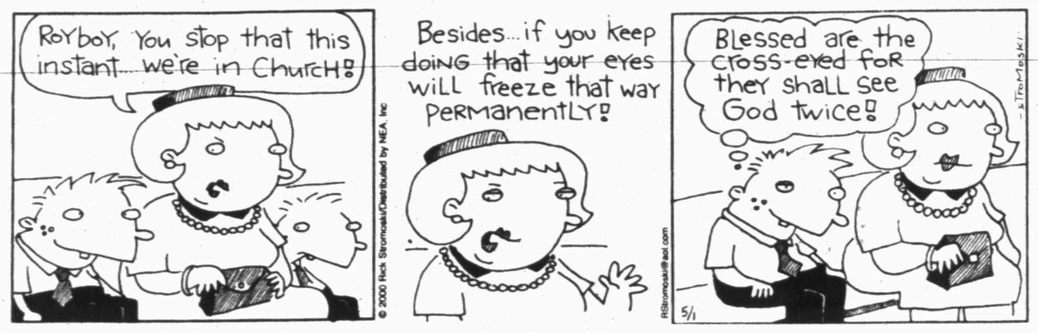

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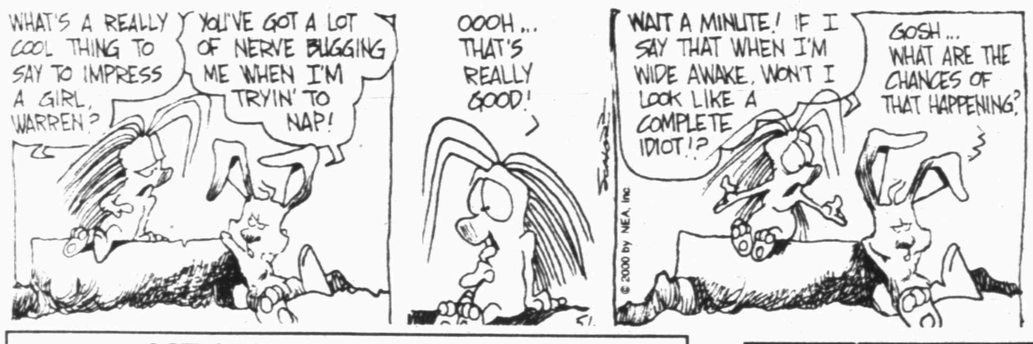

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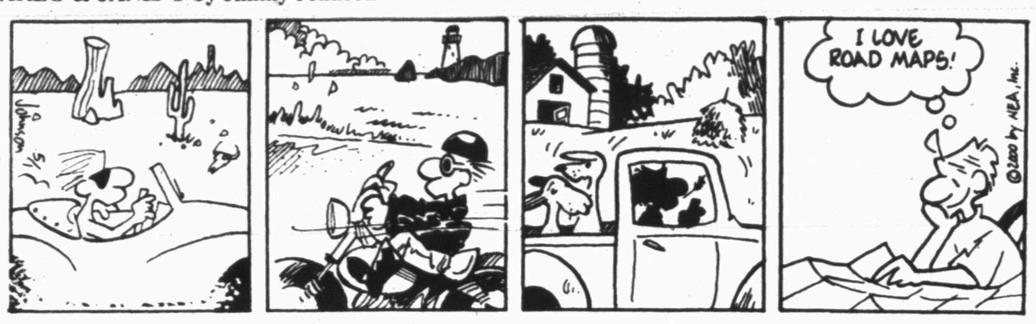

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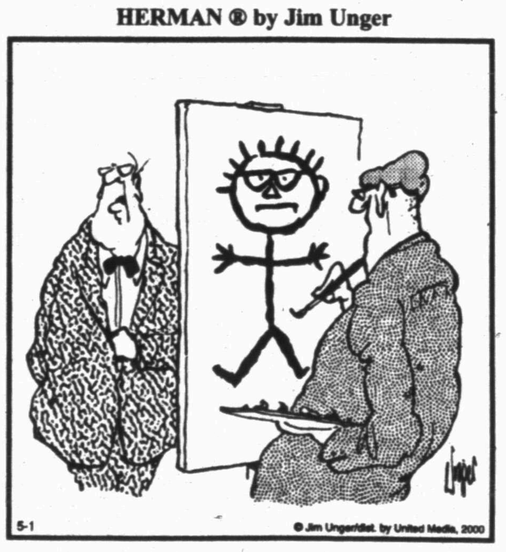

"Is it OK if I scratch my ear?"

NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 Halloween figures
7 Halloween figures
13 Of a major artery
14 — borealis
15 So far (2 wds.)
16 Inclined
17 — out (use thriftily)
18 Genetic material (abbr.)
20 Timber tree
21 "Absolutely!"
23 Gender
24 Photocopy
25 "Hey there!"
27 Baking tin (2 wds.)
29 Actress Charisse
31 House wing
32 Unclose (poet.)
33 Take to court
34 Exit
37 Luau gifts
40 Sand
41 Airline to Norway
43 Opposite of all
45 JFK info
46 Uncle
47 Actress Ullmann
48 More depressed
51 Lively
54 Sign up for the Army
55 Brightness
56 Soaks
57 Like a hard metal

DOWN

1 Microsoft head
2 Attach (2 wds.)
3 Commands
4 Type of lizard
5 Map abbr.
6 Winter vehicles
7 Astronomer's concerns
8 Shade
9 Man-mouse connector
10 Musical composition
11 Heavy boring tool
12 Egypt's Anwar —
19 Fiber cluster
22 Accompany
24 Bad temper
26 Use a keyboard
28 Hebrew month
30 Cake and mousse
34 Given to wandering
35 Flexible undergarment
36 Actor Waterston
38 Crystalline gem
39 Whine
40 Vapors
42 Closes tightly
44 Each
49 Stop working, like a battery
50 Seer's forte
52 Use a scissors
53 Mao — -tung

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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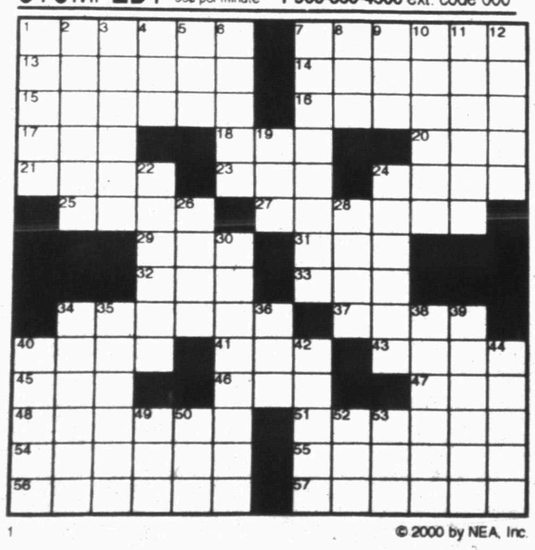

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U.S. Chamber to set up war reparation fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will solicit donations from U.S. corporations to compensate slave laborers and others who were forced to work in German factories owned by American companies or their subsidiaries during World War II, authorities said Saturday.

The chamber, which represents more than 3 million businesses worldwide, decided to establish the fund after being approached by the Clinton administration and a number of major U.S. corporations that have been threatened with lawsuits by survivors and their heirs.

Several large American corporations, including Ford and General Motors, have acknowledged having benefited from slave labor during the war.

Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat and chamber officials plan to announce the project Monday at a conference on corporate responsibility in Washington.

"If we can assist member companies in resolving a humanitarian situation, while at the same time preventing trial lawyers from getting their hands on the money, we would like to help," Chamber spokesman Frank Coleman said.

The fund would allow companies to pool resources to respond to many humanitarian challenges around the world, including disaster relief. Attorneys are scheduled to meet later in the week to determine how funds specifically for war reparations will be structured within the foundation, Coleman said.

The fund would be led by Craig Johnstone, a senior vice president of the chamber, a former ambassador to Algeria under President Ronald Reagan and a former director of the State Department's office of policy and plans under Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

"American companies are looking for a way to do the greatest amount of good for real victims," Johnstone said.

In December, U.S. and German negotiators, at the behest of President Clinton and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, announced a deal to establish a $5.2 billion German fund to compensate hundreds of thousands of people forced to work for the Nazis and German companies during the war.

Under that agreement, German companies would pay roughly half the restitution and the German government would make up most of the rest. American firms that had German subsidiaries during the war have said they would contribute.

The U.S. Chamber's project would be a parallel American "shadow fund," but Coleman said it is too early to tell how much the chamber could raise or whether the figure would approach that offered by the Germans.

TSTA seeking higher salaries

FORT WORTH (AP) — Members of the Texas State Teachers Association are pledging to fight harder for higher pay, improved benefits and better working conditions for public school employees in the next five years.

A group of about 600 educators met Saturday for the association's 121st annual convention at the Hyatt Regency DFW hotel.

"We've been so passive as a group," said Lauri Rule, a 24-year educator at O.D. Shackelford Junior High School in Arlington.

"That's why we still lack in benefits and pay. It's time to take an active role," she is quoted as saying in Sunday editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

State lawmakers have pushed to boost the salaries.

Last year, the state gave a $3,000 raise to all public school teachers. But Texas still ranks 35th in the nation in teacher pay. The average salary of a Texas public school teacher is $35,178 a year.

Association members said the increase is not enough to compensate teachers and other school employees for their work.

North Texas leaders said they would welcome collective bargaining, in which teachers would sit at the negotiating table with area school boards.

But Texas teachers generally have considered collective bargaining synonymous with political conflict, said Michael Miller, a reading specialist at Silver Lake Elementary School in Grapevine.

"What people need to know is that there are thousands of contracts settled every year without a strike," said Miller, who is president of the association region that includes the Arlington, Birdville, Grapevine-Colleyville, Hurst-Euless-Bedford and Keller districts. "And it's been the perception that it was because of those teachers, when it could have been a stubborn school board that didn't bargain in good faith that caused the strike."

At the meeting, members also approved a new mission statement for the association. It urges members to "organize all public education employees at the site, local and state levels to effect ongoing change ..."

A handful in the audience wanted the mission and vision statements amended to include the word "children." They said they became teachers because of their love for children and that they want that reflected in the language.

Date Book

Monday, May 1, 2000
Today is the 122nd day of 2000 and the 43rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1916, the Chicago Herald became the first newspaper to describe a then-new form of music as "jazz."

On this day in 1963, James W. Whittaker became the first citizen of the United States to reach the top of Mt. Everest.

On this day in 1992, riots began in Los Angeles after the acquittal of four Los Angeles policemen who were accused of beating motorist Rodney King.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary "Mother" Jones (1830-1930), labor leader; "Calamity Jane" Burke (1852-1903), frontierswoman; Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955), paleontologist-philosopher; Mark Clark (1896-1984), U.S. Army general; Kate Smith (1909-1986), singer; Glenn Ford (1916-), actor, is 84; Jack Paar (1918-), TV personality, is 82; Joseph Heller (1923-1999), novelist; Judy Collins (1939-), singer, is 61; Bobcat Goldthwait (1962-), comedian, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1901, Herb McFarland of the Chicago White Sox hit the first grand slam in the history of the American League.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living!" — Mary "Mother" Jones

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 26) and new moon (May 4).

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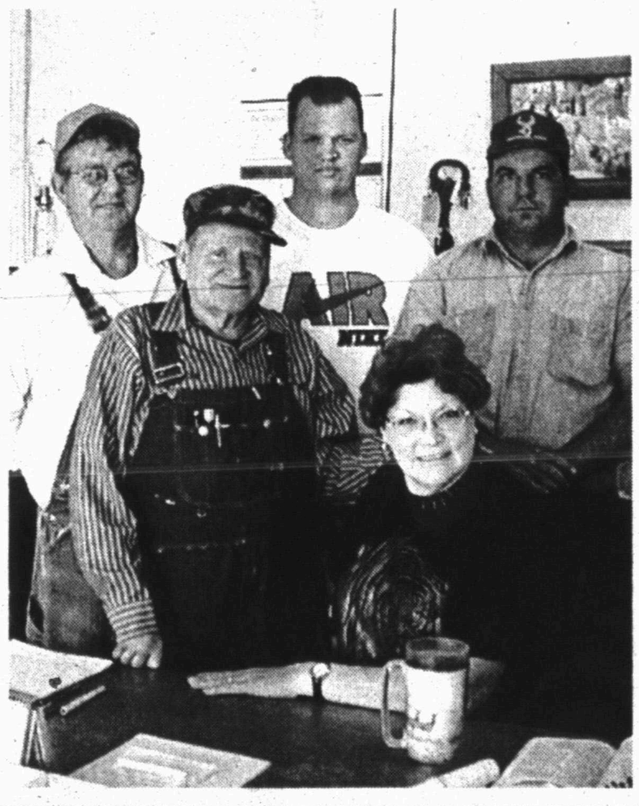

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

BIG COUNTRY ELECTRIC BOARD — The first annual meeting of Big Country Electric Cooperative was held Saturday in Stamford. Board members include (seated from left) Jerry Upshaw, Lewis Corzine, Sue Herring, J.F. Dozier, Mickey Sterling and Bobby Gruben. Standing from left are Jimlee Baucum, Walter Buerger, James Seidenberger, Wilbert Klose, Carl Thompson, Carl Williams and John Ben Glover. (SDN Staff Photo)

Small, NW Texas town hit by tornadoes

By The Associated Press

A small Northwest Texas town in the path of one of at least four tornadoes that went on a weekend rampage has lost its cotton gin and other businesses as well as several homes.

At least three mobile homes were destroyed, as was the Elbert Gin, in Sunday night's storms. Several homes were also moved off their foundations.

The twister tore down power lines to the town of 150 people and crews worked to restore electricity.

"We've got the power crews out there right now trying to get things working," said Ron Sadler, dispatcher for the Throckmorton County Sheriff's Department.

Barns in the town about 50 miles southwest of Wichita Falls were also destroyed. Golfball-size hail accompanied the fast-moving line of thunderstorms that swept an area from the Oklahoma-Kansas border to South Texas.

There were no reports of serious injuries. But Sadler said a truck was blown onto its side by the high winds. The driver, whose identity was not yet available, was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment of minor injuries then released, he said.

The twister hit around 6 p.m., "but we got plenty of warning, got everybody notified," said Sadler. "We got word to them and got them into cellars."

Three twisters were also confirmed by the National Weather Service in neighboring Young County, with one reported to be a half-mile-wide funnel cloud near Olney.

Two tornadoes moved past the town of 3,300 and another touched down in the western part of the county, said Steve Fano, a weather service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

Gary Barnett, deputy chief of the Young County Sheriff's Office, said damage was minor. He said fallen electrical lines blocked routes into the towns.

Obituaries

Refugio Sanchez

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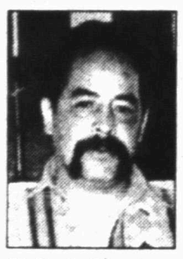
Rosary for Refugio "Cuco" Sanchez of Sweetwater is set for 7 this evening in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.



Refugio Sanchez

Funeral service for Mr. Sanchez, 43, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the St. John's Catholic Church in Hermleigh. The Rev. Gerald Leatham will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Mr. Sanchez, a former Scurry County resident, died Friday, April 28, when two tractor-trailer rigs collided about three miles west of Cameron.

Born March 18, 1957 in Floresville, Mr. Sanchez was a 1976 graduate of Hermleigh High School and he was an employee of Roadrunner Trucking of Roby. He married Victoria Martinez on Aug. 17, 1998 in Sweetwater.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria Sanchez and an unborn child of Sweetwater; two sons, Abel Sanchez of Loveland, Colo., and Steven Sanchez of Dime; one daughter, Amanda Sanchez of Loveland; two stepdaughters, Stacia Thomasson and Emily Martinez, both of Sweetwater; four sisters, Adelpha Sauceda of Hermleigh, Silvia Quiros of Snyder, Gloria Sosa of Sweetwater and Irene Saucedo of Dallas; six brothers, Andrew Sanchez, Louis Sanchez Jr., Arthur Sanchez, all of Snyder, Dionicio Sanchez of Hermleigh, Mario Sanchez of Sweetwater and Rosendo Sanchez of Levelland; his mother, Modesta Sanchez of Hermleigh; and three grandchildren.

His father, Louis Sanchez Sr. died Sept. 8, 1995.

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Court to rule if cops can block suspect from home

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to clarify whether police can keep people from going inside their homes alone while officers seek a search warrant.

The court said it will hear Illinois prosecutors' argument that they should be allowed to use as evidence the marijuana seized from a man's home. Illinois courts said police violated the constitutional ban on unreasonable searches and seizures by temporarily keeping him outside.

In a 1997 episode, two Sullivan, Ill., police officers accompanied Tera McArthur to retrieve her belongings from the trailer home she shared with her husband, Charles McArthur. When she came outside, she told police he had marijuana under the couch.

An officer knocked on the door, and McArthur came outside, denied he had drugs and told police they could not search without a warrant. During the two hours it took to get a warrant, police did not let McArthur re-enter his home unless an officer accompanied him and stood inside the door.

Police then conducted a search and found marijuana and drug paraphernalia. McArthur was charged with possessing less than 2.5 grams of marijuana and possessing drug paraphernalia.

McArthur conceded that if he had been allowed to go inside his home alone he would have destroyed the marijuana. He asked a state trial judge to bar use of the marijuana as evidence, contending the officer violated his Fourth Amendment rights. The trial judge ruled for him, and an Illinois appeals court agreed.

The officers essentially evicted McArthur from his home, the appeals court said, adding that no special circumstances justified the officer's entering the trailer with McArthur.

The appeals court noted that other courts have let police keep someone outside when the person was under arrest, subject to arrest on arrival, or when the person consented to stay outside.

In the appeal acted on today, prosecutors said the government had an interest in keeping McArthur from destroying evidence.

Texas woman wins millions

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Texas woman says she's going to buy her son that $13,000 Babe Ruth-autographed baseball he's been wanting.

The 13 grand is pocket change now for Vernia Thora, 51, of Midlothian, which is about 35 miles south of Dallas. Thora won $3.9 million Sunday on a Wheel of Fortune Mega-Jackpot at The Mirage hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Thora says she was being flip when she told her son she'd buy him the coveted baseball to add to his collection. That was before she hit the big jackpot. Now, she says she'll buy the baseball, and will continue working at her job as accounting manager for Speed Release gun locks.

She says the big jackpot just gives her more freedom to enjoy her family, and to put away some money for college for her children and grandchildren.

Thora hit her jackpot less than 24 hours after a 45-year-old man from Brightwater, N.Y., won $2.7 million playing a Wheel of Fortune jackpot machine at the new Paris-Las Vegas hotel-casino.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 28 — Melba Cooper, Ricardo Hernandez, John Boren, Kathy Freeman, Marie Rhone; April 29 — Judy Russell and Bernadine Walker.

DISMISSALS: April 28 — Juanita Cadena, Juanita Chaidez, Barbara Head, Edna Mearse, Agnes Sorrells, Bernadine Walker, Irene Beinhauer, Bobbie Cuppet, Debbie Elder, Kathy Freeman, Kenneth Rinehart, Margaret Weaver; April 29 — Ricky Early, Janie Graham, Priscilla Holden, Juanita Moran and baby boy, John Boren and Marie Rhone.

CENSUS: 30 (Med./Surg.-5, Long-term Care-25)

Weekend activity light for officers

Weekend activity was light for local law enforcement personnel with only one arrest made and two offense reports filed.

A 72-year-old male was taken into custody shortly after midnight today in the 300 block of 34th Street on an outstanding Mitchell County warrant for Class B theft.

Damon Early notified officers at 2:26 p.m. Sunday that his vehicle had been burglarized while parked at Snyder High School. He reported stereo equipment and assorted tools missing. An offense report for burglary of a motor vehicle was submitted.

A report was taken for cat bite at 4:43 p.m. Sunday.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a small grass fire at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, some six miles north on U.S. Hwy. 84.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ira kindergarten signup

Kindergarten registration for Ira students will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily through Wednesday. Students must be five before Sept. 2 and will need to bring birth certificate, social security card and updated immunization record.

Band boosters

SHS band boosters will meet at 6:30 this evening in the band hall to finalize banquet plans and to take scholarship applications.

SJHS 7th grade program

Snyder Junior High will have a program for incoming 7th graders and their parents at 7:30 tonight in the school auditorium.

Fellowship for missionaries

Paul and Kathy Savage, missionaries to Tanzania, will be in Snyder today. A potluck dinner is set for 6 this evening in First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Bring a dish.

VFW Auxiliary installation

VFW Ladies Auxiliary will have installation of officers at 7:30 tonight at the VFW Hall.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 7 this evening to make plans for the sports banquet.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "What Does It Take to be One of God's People," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 11."

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. The next topic is "Expanding Your Child's Reading Ability." Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Hermleigh Cemetery meeting

The Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited.

Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are invited.

5th grade band signup

A one-day registration for 5th graders wanting to be in the 6th grade band is set from 3:45 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Northeast Elementary auditorium. A parent or guardian must attend with student.

Class of '75 reunion

The SHS Class of 1975 will have a 25th reunion planning meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Pam Underwood Gibson, 2707 36th. Call 573-2386.

Ira First Baptist revival

Ira's First Baptist Church will have a revival at 7 p.m. starting Thursday and ending Sunday. Wes Massey is the evangelist.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

Annual meeting of the Pyron Cemetery Association will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Inadale Community Center, followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Senior Center May Day

The Senior Citizens Center's annual May Day fund-raiser begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at the coliseum. Activities include silent auction, crafts, baked goods, entertainment and barbecue from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are $6 each and may be purchased at the center, from seniors or at May Day.

Retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon next Monday at The Shack.

East retirement reception

A retirement reception for East Elementary's Wayne Kennedy, Billie Adams and Kay Echols is set for 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in the First Baptist Church Garden Room. Photos and stories of Kennedy as a principal, teacher or co-worker are being sought for a special memory album to be presented at the reception. Contact Christy Smith at 2901 37th St. or 574-6870 (fax), or 573-1769 (office).

New CHIP program

The new CHIP program is designed to provide medical coverage for children whose parents can't afford private insurance. A CHIP representative will be in Snyder on Tuesday, May 9. Applications and assistance will be available. Applicants will need to bring their last two months income verifications, or a letter from their employer, and verification of day-care expenses. If you have any questions, call 1-800-592-7433.

SHS Pops Concert

Snyder High School's Pops Concert will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $4 each and will be sold at the door.

Amateur radio club

The Rolling Plains Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the Scurry County Library. Anyone interested is invited. For more information call 573-2222 or 573-8182 after 5 p.m.

Pick 3

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

1-6-3

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $4 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 7-8-14-15-26-36. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.