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By city council...

Staff additions dominate budget workshop

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

The proposed $10.1 million city budget calls for the addition of five new employees — two at the new animal shelter, one sewer plant operator, a new municipal clerk and another worker at the city garage.

The original request called for six additional employees, including two workers and another animal control officer at the animal shelter, but Police Chief Steve Warren said the new animal control officer would spend part time working at the shelter and part on the streets in the truck.

Councilman Terry Martin questioned the need for a second employee in the city garage.

Jeanne Johnson, director of finance, said that only one person currently works at the garage. Often other workers who go there for parts have to wait.

Johnson said that the city recently implemented an inventory control system that also requires more paperwork.

"If the work is getting done now, even if it requires the current staff to be busy, then I don't see the need to hire someone else," Martin said. "I think a new employee in the street department would be a better use of money."

City Manager John Gayle said that it is often street crew members who have to wait to get parts from the garage, a situation another garage employee would solve.

Martin also questioned replacing two police cars with pickup trucks as part of the city's rotation program. Three vehicles were listed as being up for rotation and Warren requested two pickups, one to CID (detectives) and one he would drive himself.

Asked why he wanted the pickups, he said they were much better for hauling things.

"We have to carry everything from liquor to meth labs and a lot of other things that don't fit in the trunk of a car very well," Warren said.

"I just don't feel that pickups are as versatile as patrol cars," Martin said. "You can't use them as patrol vehicles like you can a car."

Mayor pro-tem Vernest Tippens questioned why a 1998 Crown Victoria with only 55,543 is being considered for trade.

"This one doesn't have anti-lock brakes or cruise control — and it's painted blue, which means it would have to be repainted in order to be put into the patrol fleet," Warren said.

Martin asked if the cars that would be retired would be sold at auction, and Warren said that was the usual procedure unless some other city department wanted them.

Snyder Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said he had two cars with more 100,000 miles each and might want one. "We have done that before, taken police vehicles that are being taken out of rotation."

"We won't get anything for it at auction anyway, so we might as well take the one with 100,000 miles," Martin said.

The fire department had a bigger vehicle in mind when he addressed the council, a $150,000 booster fire truck. The truck would be used to replace a 1976 booster that was originally scheduled to be replaced 10 years ago, he said. Instead, the truck got a paint and patch job and returned to service.

"Is that the one that the pump doesn't always work?" asked councilman Ron Shaw."

"The pump fails quite often," Westmoreland said.

Westmoreland said the new truck would be used for most fires in the county as well as car fires, grass fires and the like. He said that a fire engine, that has to attach to a hydrant, would be used first at structure fires in the city, but the booster would go there as well.

"This truck would be used three to five times as much as any other truck in the department," Westmoreland said.

The council will meet again July 6, both in regular session and a budget workshop.

HOW ABOUT A REALLY BIG SMILE — Ola Delce buys a Lotto Texas ticket this morning that will award the winner $120 million at Skinny's on 37th Street. Store clerk Linda Davis hands her the ticket. Lotto outlets in Snyder and across the state are expected to be busy up to the deadline tonight for the record jackpot. (SDN Staff Photo)

New warning system to be installed here

A new emergency warning siren system could be installed within 60 days after the Snyder city council approved the purchase Tuesday night.

The system will cost at least $45,750 with another $2,000 set aside to replace a motor on one of the sirens if it can't be repaired.

The contract includes a new encoder and radio for the fire station to activate the sirens, new decoders and radios for the nine sirens, software to run and maintain the system, some new sensors, wiring and servicing of the existing sirens.

Snyder Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said that since the sirens themselves are fairly simple electric devices, he didn't think the sirens themselves would require replacement, but new controllers that activated them would be needed.

City planners already had put the purchase of a new warning system into next year's proposed budget, but a lightening strike at the fire station last month destroyed the last controller used to activate the system. A lightening strike last year destroyed another one.

Westmoreland said that Gifford Electric of Fort Worth made the best offer and they told him they had installed the city's current system. The company said it would probably have the parts in 45 days and could have the system operational in approximately 60 days.

The council also approved replacing a part-time position in the municipal court with a full-time clerk. The part-time position is vacant because the city couldn't find anyone who was qualified for the job that wanted part-time work. The position will cost about $28,000 a year, including benefits.

Before reviewing the proposed the budget, the council also agreed to put stop signs on Coleman at 18th Street to control north/south traffic at the intersection.

The council also met in executive session to discuss a lawsuit filed in 1996 after sewage backed up into a house. No action was taken following the closed session.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman

It's hard to always eat the right things.

Today's fast-paced lifestyles usually mean eating on the run, grabbing something quick, regardless of fat, sugar, sodium or calorie-content.

In a world of fast food restaurants, grocery aisles filled with sumptuous morsels and a plethora of mouth-watering food commercials, eating nutritionally is very hard to manage.

Let's face it. Food is the great comforter. It's our "friend." Not really, but try to convince yourself of that when you have had a *lousy* day.

But consider this. Weight Watchers offers the following tips for parents on how to create a healthy lifestyle within the family setting:

(1) Boost your child's self-esteem. Positive reinforcement and praise from a parent greatly affects how children perceive themselves. Praise healthy habits and avoid negative comments and critiques about weight and appearance.

(2) Keep the "food police" at bay. Too often, certain foods are labeled as "bad" and are set as completely off limits — a philosophy that can encourage extreme behaviors, instead of sensible habits. Rather than demonize certain foods, parents should emphasize a flexible diet for their families where there are no bad foods and moderation is the key.

(3) Say no to the "clean your plate" club. Cleaning your plate does not equate to good nutrition. For children especially, allow them to decide when they are full. Encouraging overeating will only develop poor eating habits.

(4) Get moving. Physical activity is a key component to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, so the next time you spend quality time with the family, spend it outdoors. Take a nature walk, visit the park, or strap on your head gear and go for a bike ride.

(5) Turn off the television. Watching TV during mealtime might tune out internal cues and signals that tell us we're full. Paying less attention to what we eat can influence how much we eat. Besides, there's very little family interaction while watching television and mealtime presents a great opportunity for the entire family to socialize.

(6) Become familiar with your child's individual habits. The better you understand your children, the greater the chance of effectively communicating to them the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Remember: a method that works with one child may not work with another.

(7) Think "home-cooked" instead of dining out or fast food. Cooking at home allows complete control of a meal's nutritional value. Consider using a cookbook that offers fast, healthy entrees. Or, prepare dishes that are nutritious and require less prep time, such as frozen or canned vegetables.

(8) Be selective when dining out. It may prove helpful to limit restaurant dining to a minimum, indulging only on special occasions. Also, choose restaurants offering healthy menu selections, while avoiding super-size portions and balancing high-calorie selections with leaner, healthier ones.

(9) Make meal preparation a family affair. Meal preparation presents a great educational opportunity for the entire family. Have the kids participate, even if just minimally; they can set the table or mix the salad. Even something this simple can set a strong example for years to come.

Fly-In offers variety

There will be airplanes of all sizes and shapes at Saturday's Fly-In at Winston Field, as well as other attractions for the fourth annual event.

Snyder Wheels once again will have a car show, and the Scurry County Antique Tractor Club will have a display.

There will be Young Eagle flights for youths ages eight through 17, along with exhibits from the Texas Air Museum.

Entertainment will be by Ironweed of Midland, and weather permitting, world-class acrobatic flights around 10 a.m. Saturday.

There also will be an exhibit of World War II items displayed in a traveling exhibit in the main hangar.

And for model airplane enthusiasts, there will be an exhibition of control line combat.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 8 a.m. for $3.50. A change in the breakfast format this year will provide faster serving, said John Rogotzke, a member of both the local pilots association and the air museum.

The event is sponsored by the Scurry County Pilots Association, Texas Air Museum and the Snyder chamber of commerce.

Foul ball brings benefits

ARLINGTON (AP) — A 4-year-old boy who lost a foul ball to a not-so-grown-up adult is getting a windfall worthy of a game-winning home run hitter.

A man sitting behind Nick O'Brien at a Texas Rangers baseball game Sunday knocked the boy against the seats as he dived to get a foul ball. Fans started chanting "Give him the ball!" but the man wouldn't give it up.

"I couldn't believe someone would do something like that to a 4-year-old boy," said Nick's mother, Edie O'Brien.

O'Brien said she swatted the man with a cardboard fan and called him a jerk, among other names. "I said, 'You trampled a 4-year-old boy to get this ball,' and he said, 'Oh, well,'" she told ABC's "Good Morning America" today, adding that the man seemed proud he got the ball.

Video shows Nick was standing up as the man dived across the boy's seat to grab the ball at Nick's feet. The Rangers and the St. Louis Cardinals quickly made sure Nick got souvenirs of his own — two bats and four baseballs.

ASK US

Q—Is there a law being considered in Congress that would ban criticism of Jewish people?

A—U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm says there is no proposed legislation regarding religious expression.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Angela Sosa...

...has lived in Snyder 23 years. She is married to Adam and has a stepdaughter, Alyssa. Her mom is Leticia Martinez, her dad is John and she has a sister Juliet and a brother J.R. living here as well. She is a cake decorator at United Supermarket and enjoys working with the Royal Rangers youth program at her church.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Courage can achieve everything.

—Sam Houston

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

East Side VBS

East Side Church of Christ will have Vacation Bible School from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday nights through July 7. Call 573-3583 for more information.

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.

Thee Place women's ministry

Thee Place women's ministry, 904 26th Street, will begin a seven-week study, "Forever Ruined for the Ordinary – The Adventure of Hearing and Obeying God's Voice," at 6 this evening. For more information call 574-0455 or 573-8401.

Lodge meeting cancelled

The Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 called meeting for Thursday has been postponed.

SISD computer, ESL classes

SISD is offering free classes in basic computer skills and beginning ESL from 8 a.m. to noon in the Region XIV Service Center every Friday in June. Call 574-6012 for more information.

Water aerobics

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

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.

Man suspected in niece's death dies

McKINNEY (AP) — A man suspected in the strangling death of his niece 19 years ago has died.

Jose Leos Sosa's death, following AIDS-related pneumonia, comes just months after a Collin County grand jury indicted him in connection with the slaying of 8-year-old Mary "Angela" Camacho.

Prosecutors said Sosa always was a suspect in the case, but investigators didn't have enough evidence to secure an indictment until they reopened the case this year.

Investigators linked Sosa to the crime using DNA testing and an interview.

Officials would not disclose details of the interview.

"Based on our investigation and interview with him and evidence at the scene, we had enough information to convict him if we went to trial," District Attorney John Roach told The Dallas Morning News.

Sosa's death in Nuevo Leon, Mexico brought closure to the case for Angela's relatives.

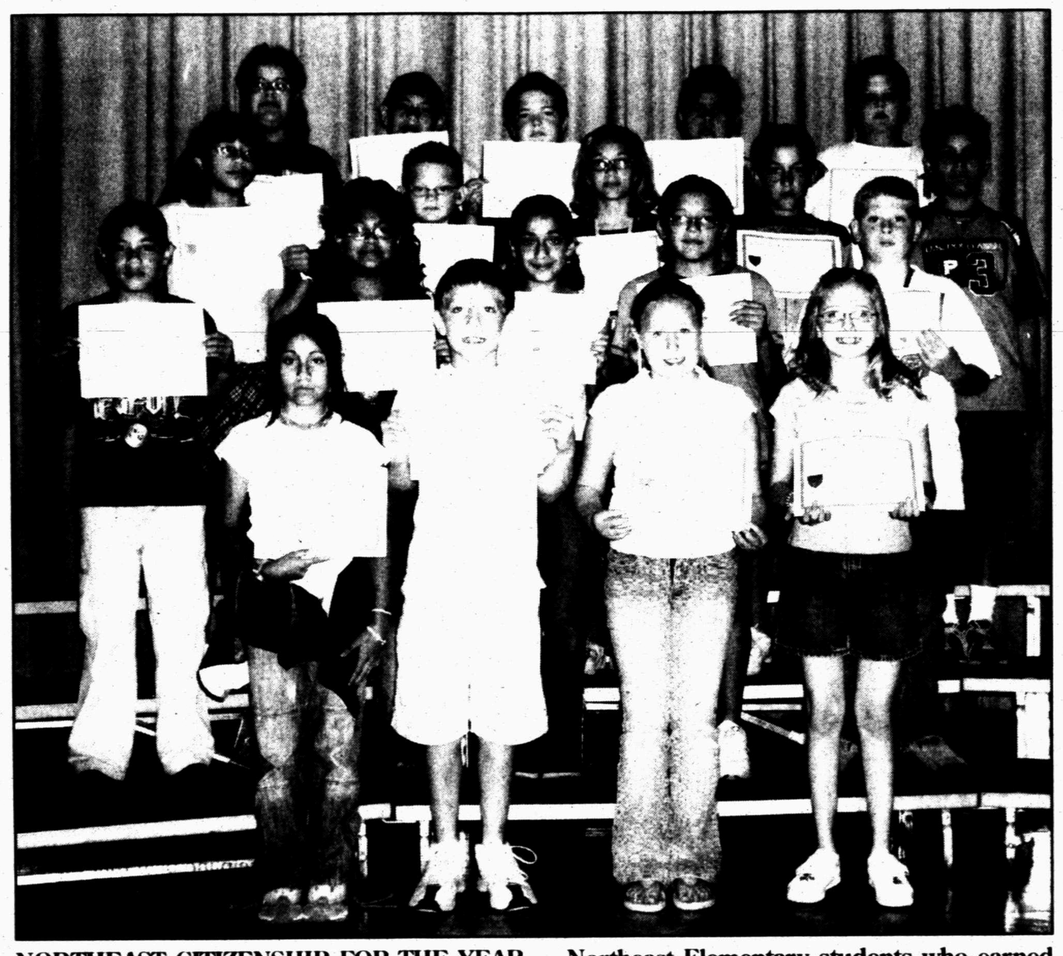
"He was always a suspect," said Fernando Camacho, 26, Angela's younger brother. "We couldn't prove anything. We didn't want to think a family member did it."

Angela's body was found in Doe Branch Creek near the Celina football stadium in May 1985. She had been strangled and weighted down with rocks. There was no evidence of sexual assault.

The case is one of several unsolved homicides that have been reopened since the district attorney's cold case unit formed late last year.

A Collin County judge has dropped the case against Sosa because of his death.

EAST TOP 15 AR — These East Elementary students were the top 15 Accelerated Readers for 2003-2004. Back row from left are Heraclio Juarez, Armando Monroy, Regan Head, Amber Steelman, Timothy Iglehart, Jessica Guardado and Miriam Arellano; front row, Kaitlin Stewart, Robby Luna, Micah Henson, Justin Torres, Adalberto Jaimes and Cole Etheredge. Mercedes Navarette is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)



NORTHEAST CITIZENSHIP FOR THE YEAR — Northeast Elementary students who earned citizenship recognition for the past school year are bottom row from left, Rosa Torres, Chance Young, Kaylee Lord and Lindsey Reston; second row, Carlos Aparacio, Brandi Espinoza, Lucero Espinoza, Priscilla Molinar and Bryson Elliott; third row, Adrienne Gonzales-Keller, Brayden Caldwell, Krysha Burleson, Shade Roemisch and Edward Yruegas; top row, Sabrina Moss, Alex Jaramillo, Sam Blythe, Jordan Rodriguez and Colten Clark. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Kerry says he would increase amount of child care tax credit

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry wants to give parents more money to help cover child care costs, to the tune of $20 billion over 10 years.

Kerry says he will raise the child and dependent care tax credit to cover up to $5,000 in expenses, up from the current $3,000 maximum. And he would extend the benefit to some parents who currently are not eligible, including stay-at-home parents and some lower-income families who cannot get the nonrefundable credit because they do not owe any tax.

Kerry also said he would create a federal program that would pay to keep schools open until 6 p.m. to help working parents.

"All across this country there are families who would like to enroll their kids in after school and child care programs, but they can't because budgets are tight," Kerry said in a statement issued today.

Kerry was announcing the increase in the credit during a campaign stop in Ohio today before heading back to Washington for private meetings. Kerry's campaign was coy about whom the Massachusetts senator would see during four hours in his Capitol office, but several possible vice presidential candidates will be close by if he decides to hold any interviews.

"He's meeting with colleagues," was all Kerry spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter would say.

Kerry has just six weeks until the Democratic National Convention, where he and his running mate are to be nominated for the ticket. But he remains tightlipped about his choice.

Possible selections from Capitol Hill include Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Sens. John Edwards of North Carolina, Bob Graham of Florida and Evan Bayh of Indiana. Govs. Tom Vilsack of Iowa and Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas, also mentioned as possible picks, will also be in Washington with several other governors to talk about problems of the uninsured.

Kerry's campaign said that under his child care tax credit plan, a couple earning $60,000 and spending $10,000 on child care for two children would get an additional $800 cut.

The credit is available for child care expenses for children up to age 13, as well as for care for dependents with disabilities. Parents currently can get a credit for up to 35 percent of their first $3,000 in expenses for one child or $6,000 in expenses for two or more children. The percentage of expenses that can be credited decreases with higher incomes, so middle-class families typically can claim 20 percent.

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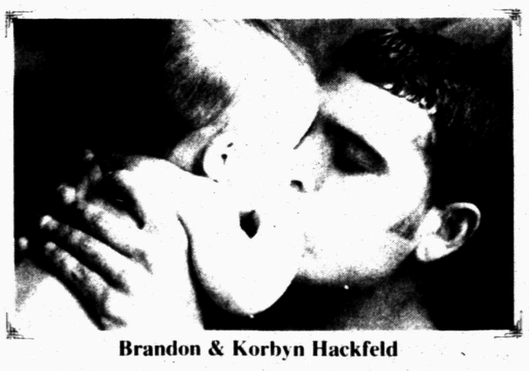

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Spirit wheel has problems

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Mars rover Spirit has developed a problem with one of its six wheels, but NASA officials said Tuesday they believe the robot geologist can continue working.

The right front wheel has become balky, requiring more electrical current to turn, said Mark Adler, mission manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Engineers are considering whether to simply continue using the wheel until it fails or drive on five wheels and use the problem wheel only when necessary. The Spirit rover also had a problem last week receiving commands from Earth.

World Almanac

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Today is the 168th day of 2004 and the 89th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1903, the Ford Motor Company was incorporated.

In 1963, cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman in space.

In 1966, the Miranda rights were established.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stan Laurel (1890-1965), actor/comedian; Joyce Carol Oates (1938-), novelist, is 66; Laurie Metcalf (1955-), actress, is 49; Tupac Shakur (1971-1996), rapper/actor.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1989, four golfers scored a hole-in-one on the sixth hole of the U.S. Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The worst cynicism: a belief in luck" — Joyce Carol Oates

TODAY'S FACT: The narrative of James Joyce's masterpiece "Ulysses" unfolds entirely on June 16, 1904.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 20 — approximate number of months in an elephant's gestation period — one of the longest in the animal kingdom.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 9) and new moon (June 17)

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LOTTO TEXAS

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RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $121 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's $100 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

There were fourteen second-prize winners from Tuesday night's drawing. Those tickets are each worth $175,000. Sixty-four 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: 18, 23, 27, 29, and 44. The Mega Ball number was 24.

Texas Two Step

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

15-16-17-24. Bonus ball 4.

Estimated jackpot: $325,000

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-14-17-22-28.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $19,070.

Winning tickets sold in: HOUSTON, HOUSTON.

Matching four of five: 141. Prize: $122.

Matching three of five: 4,210. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 39,526. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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HERMLEIGH A-B (2-6) Hermleigh second through sixth graders named to the A-B honor roll for 2003-2004 are front row from left, Walker Barrett, Charlsea Jones, Johnathan Nixon, Tyler Nachlinger and Cari Berry, all second graders; Jacob Beaty and Kendall Benitez, both third graders; second row, Felix Martinez, Larissa Nachlinger, Barney Ramirez, Ricky Williams, Spencer Williams, Matthew Jones and Zachary Harris, all third graders; third row, Catie Anderson, Carly Gill, Aaron Jernigan and Susan Lee, all fourth graders; Samantha Coronado, Kelton Garcia and Jacob Nachlinger, all fifth graders; back row, Duncan Sorrells, Jordan Williamson, Caroline Granados, Melanie Kariainen, Fatima Padilla, Brailee Sanchez and Shaye Williams, all sixth graders. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE — Northeast Elementary students who had perfect attendance for 2003-2004 are bottom row from left, Mellissa Rodrigez, Eddy Herrera, Rosa Torres, Ana Cabrera, Geovanny Facio and Nick Flores; second row, Michelle Vasquez, Margaret Benitez, Erica Chaidez, Lucero Espinoza, Scott Smith and William Davis; third row, Lindzey Larrea, Tania Rodriguez, Kanesha Anderson, Laura Tarter, Samantha Shankles and Moses Morin; top row, Angela Hernandez, Brittany Miller, Jordan Tippens, Colton Clark, Laura Reigh and Briane Perry. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

HERMLEIGH A-B (7-12) — Hermleigh students named to the A-B honor roll for the past school year are front row from left, Marissa Davis, Maria Padilla and Casey Williamson, all seventh graders; Brett McClure, eighth grader; Isidro Padilla, ninth grader; back row, Robby Anderson, Gabrielle Ivey and Danni Webb, all 10th graders; Justin Kelley, 11th grade; Valerie West, Dustin Williamson and Justin Williamson, all 12th graders. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Catholic bishops authorize abuse audit

By The Associated Press

America's Roman Catholic bishops voted overwhelmingly to authorize more evaluations of sex abuse prevention plans in all U.S. dioceses, despite earlier attempts by some church leaders to delay further audits.

The bishops announced their decision in a statement Tuesday from their private spiritual retreat in suburban Denver, where victim advocates and lay activists had flocked to pressure them to open the weeklong meeting.

Two years ago, the bishops responded to the clergy sex abuse crisis by adopting a toughened discipline plan that mandated annual reviews of whether the 195 U.S. dioceses were doing enough to protect children.

The first onsite audits were conducted last year and found 90 percent of dioceses were in compliance with the new policy. This year, several bishops said that annual onsite audits were time-consuming, expensive and unnecessary and should be done every few years instead.

But the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Sex Abuse and the National Review Board, the lay watchdog panel the bishops formed, pushed for yearly audits. Church leaders voted 207-14 with one abstention to approve the second round of onsite evaluations, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said in a news release.

The bishops also voted to continue with annual audits until they completed a separate review of their discipline plan to see if revisions were needed. That examination was to begin shortly, but it was unclear how long it would take.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Student deaths take their toll on school classmates

DEAR ABBY: I live in a small town and attend a local high school that has about 1,400 students. In the last three years, there have been an outrageous number of student deaths. It has become so common that the student body is no longer shocked.

We have lost a student who was run down by a drunk driver, two were murdered in drive-by shootings, two drowned in boating accidents, one died in a car accident that was triggered by an aneurysm, another dropped dead during class due to an undisclosed medical condition, and three others died in car accidents. Three days ago two more students were in a car wreck that left both in critical condition.

Has our school fallen under a terrible curse? We have suffered enough. There is only so much grief one school can handle. Please, Abby, tell me what can be done to lift the spirits of the students. — **GRIEVING IN LOUISIANA**

DEAR GRIEVING: The first thing to do is recognize that their feelings (and yours) are normal. To be confronted with the fact that life isn't infinite at your tender age can be shocking. It is normal to be sad, angry, confused and frightened when someone close to you dies.

Everyone must cope with the reality of death in his or her own way. A giant step in that direction would have been for the principal of your school to have brought counselors to the campus to help the students work through their grief. Writing letters to the parents of the students who died is another way to get your feelings out, and the parents would treasure them.

A memorial to your deceased classmates might help the rest of you to move on — a mural, a garden, something tangible to ensure they will not be forgotten. Please consider it if you haven't already done so.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old woman with AIDS. Before I was diagnosed, I worked — usually as a secretary — in various parts of the country. I had no problem finding work. Then my health deteriorated, and I wasn't able to work for a long time. Recently I was given new medications and I'm now healthier than I have been in a decade.

I am able to work and want to get off disability, but I now have a 10-year gap in my work history. If I mention the reason on a job application, I'm afraid no one will hire me. I could lie and say I was "staying home with the children," but I don't have any children.

Can you advise me on how to handle this? — **WANTS TO WORK IN MILWAUKEE**

DEAR WANTS TO WORK: Certain questions are illegal in the job hiring process, including a person's general medical condition, state of health or illness, and/or physical or mental disabilities. You are not legally required to discuss your health. If you are asked, you are within your rights to say that you didn't work for personal reasons.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl and haven't had my period for almost five months. What does that mean? — **NEEDS TO KNOW IN MIAMI**

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: There could be several reasons for it. However, the person to determine the cause should be your doctor. Please do not wait to discuss the problem with him or her. Ask your mother to schedule an appointment and accompany you. It will put your concerns to rest.

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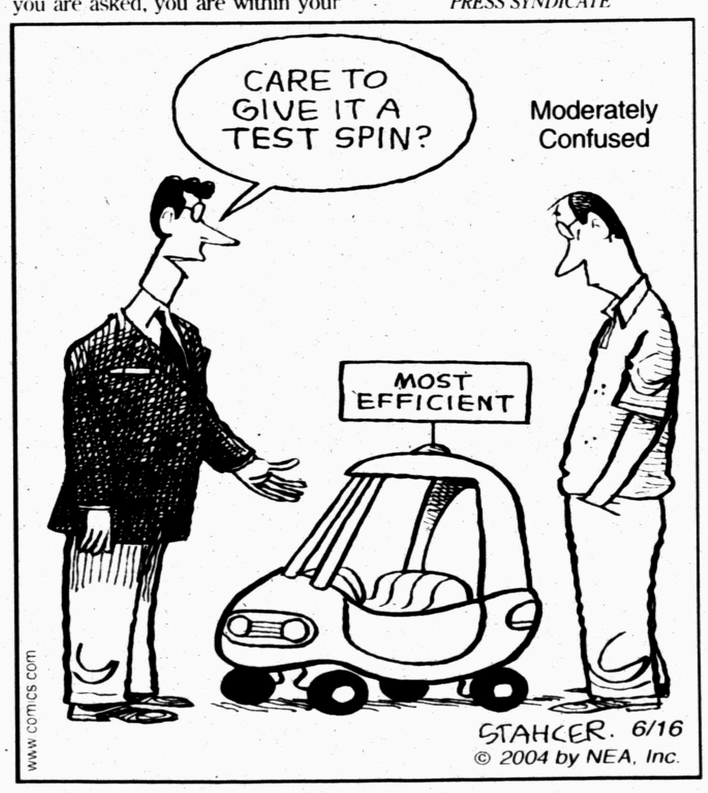

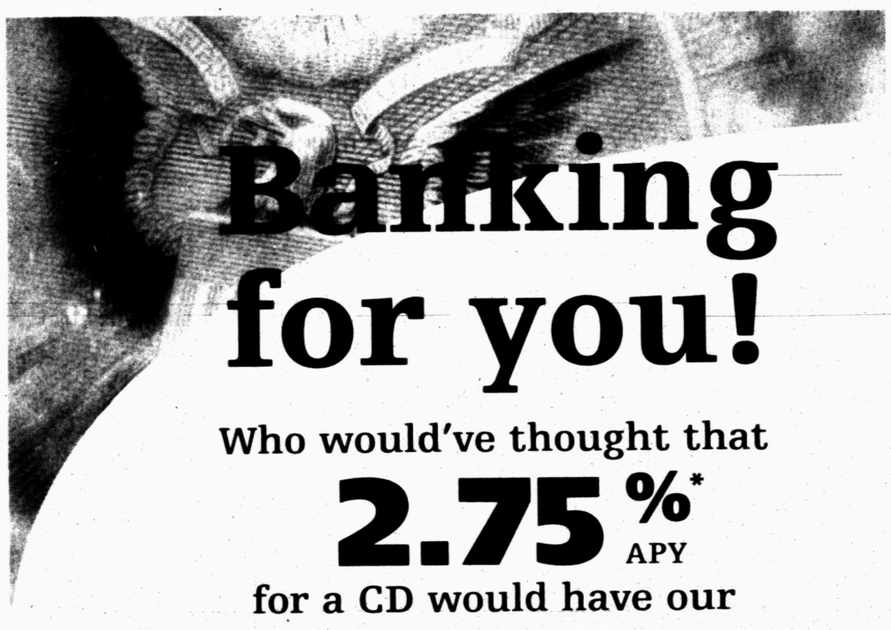

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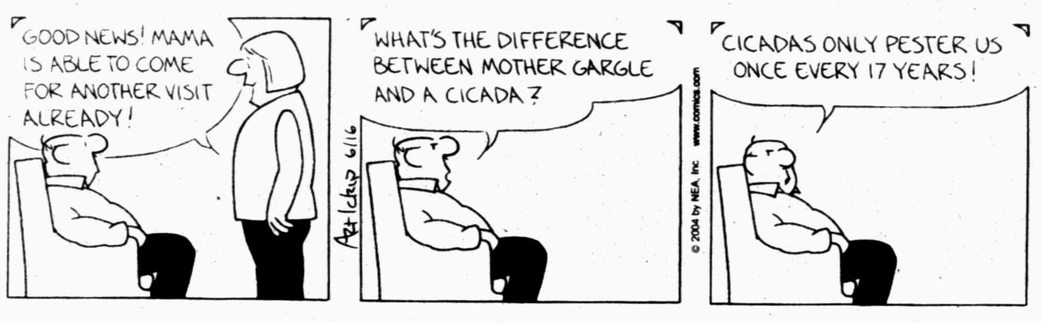

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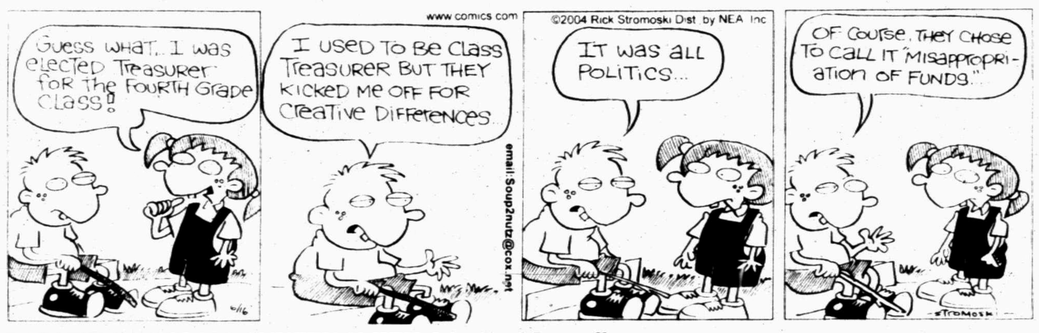

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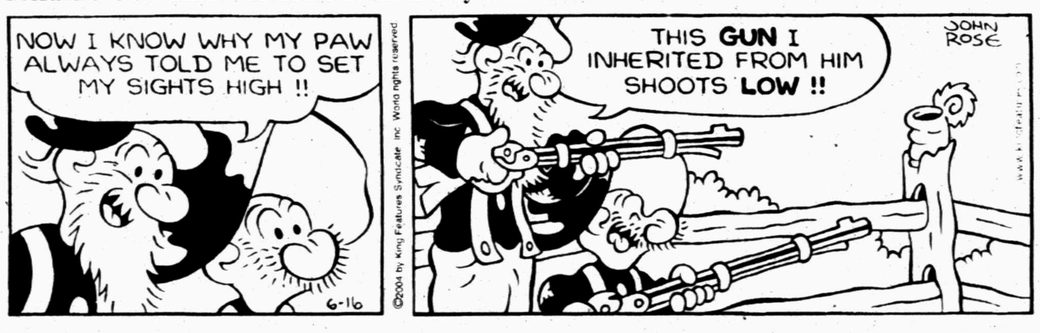

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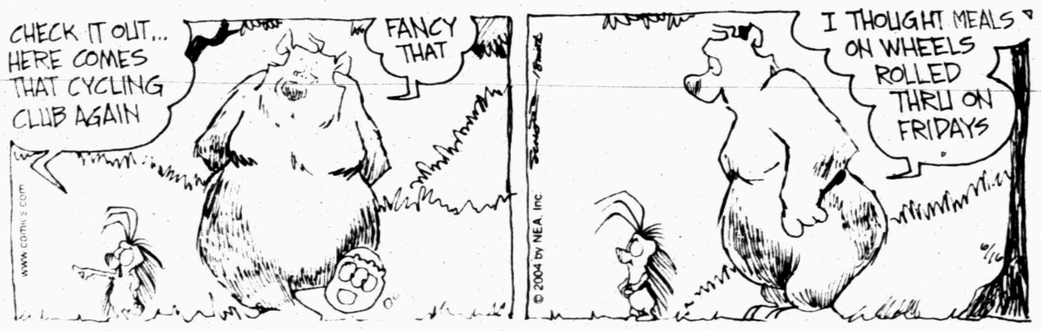

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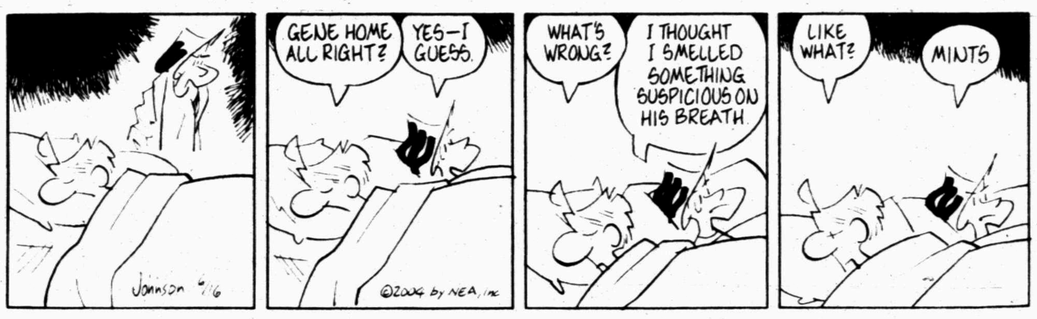

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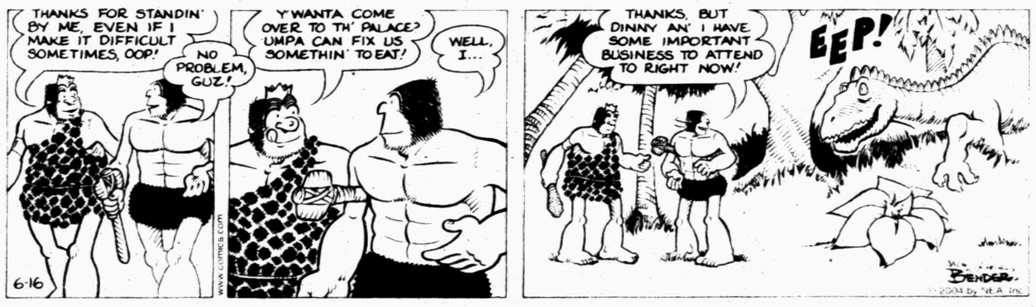

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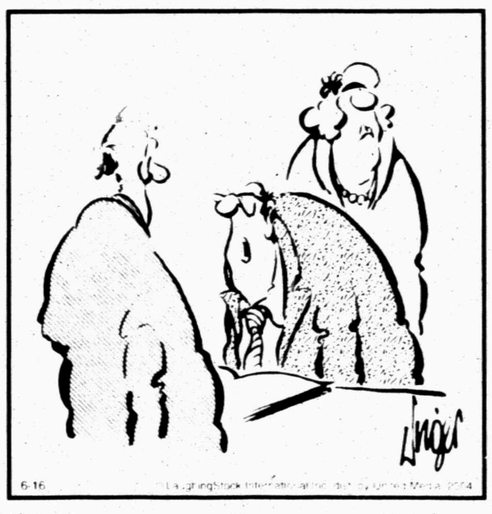

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ACROSS

1 Ceremony
5 Shower
10 Footman's attire
12 Chimp cousin
13 Oath
14 Sports complexes
15 Loch — monster
16 A Vanderbilt
18 New Jersey fort
19 "— We Dance?"
21 Jumbo
25 Hunt
29 On the train
31 Neither good nor bad
33 Nearer
34 Soft hat
35 Cultural
37 Red-spotted creatures
38 Split up
40 Round veggie
43 Before, in combos
44 Troubles, to Hamlet
48 Loose rock
50 Like a card played
52 Suffused
53 Porous
54 Stitch loosely
55 Finales

DOWN

1 Upset
2 Folksinger Burl —
3 Nugent and Danson
4 Unit of work
5 Lounge
6 Sleeping
7 Writer — Morrison
8 Mare's-nest
9 Coast Guard off.
10 Med. staffer
11 Slangy affirmative
12 Cooking herb (2 wds.)
17 More, to Pablo
19 Venus' sister
20 Mournful poem
21 Natural resin
22 Proficient
23 Cheer on
24 Cut
26 Did not walk
27 As the — flies
28 Male deer
30 Melted, as icicles
32 Vegas lead-in
36 Freeway clogger
39 Arbiters
40 Fierce feline
41 Tidal motions
42 Lie adjacent
44 Mouse hit?
45 Advance, as money
46 Totes
47 Secret agent
48 Barbecue tidbit
49 Singer Brenda —
51 Imitate

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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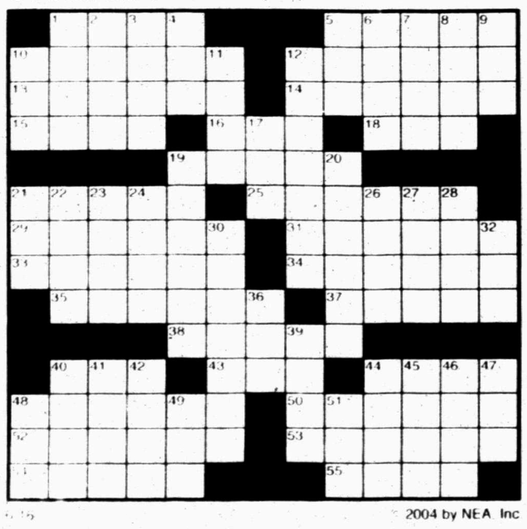

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"I'M SURE HE'S OKAY. LOTS OF PEOPLE FLOAT ON THEIR BACKS."

SPORTS

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

Because of the constant movement of franchises during the turbulent growth of the NBA to a major sports league, basketball names often make the least sense.

Two teams started in San Diego, which currently has none, and another migrated from Milwaukee to Atlanta along with a baseball team.

Houston Rockets — Ironically, the name has no connection at all to NASA. Originally formed in San Diego, the Rockets' name comes from the optimism of city leaders of a "city in motion" and its "space-age" industries.

Indiana Pacers — Despite its connection to the Indy 500, the name of Indiana's only professional basketball team came from ownership, who wanted to "set the pace" in the league.

Los Angeles Clippers — Another team that began in San Diego, the Clippers took their name from the giant clipper ships that used to line the docks of San Diego in the 19th century.

Detroit Pistons — The team was not named in honor of the auto industry, but rather after the product produced by the company of the team's founder. Fred Zollner owned a piston factory in Fort Wayne, Ind., naming his team the Zollner Pistons. He moved them to Detroit in 1957.

Los Angeles Lakers — The team took its name from its first home, Minneapolis — the largest city in "The Land of 10,000 Lakes." Minnesota.

Sacramento Kings — Began as the Cincinnati Royals before moving to Kansas City in 1972. Since the city already had a baseball team with the same moniker, ownership changed the name to Kings. They moved to the California capital in 1985.

Washington Wizards — The D.C. team was known as the Bullets from its inception. It was named after a nearby munitions factory that supplied American troops during World War II. Ownership changed the name in 1997 as a nod to political correctness.

New Jersey Nets — The team began in New York, and adopted the name to rhyme with the Mets and the Jets.

New York Knicks — Short for knickerbockers. the type of pants worn by Dutch settlers in the 1600s.

Orlando Magic — Think Disneyland.

Atlanta Hawks — Started in 1948 as the Tri-City Blackhawks in western Illinois, this team name was in honor of Sauk Indian chief Black Hawk, who fought settlers during the 1831 Black Hawk war. The team moved to Milwaukee in 1951 and shorted the name to Hawks. They made a stop in St. Louis, where they won an NBA title, before moving on to Atlanta.

Togetherness over talent pays off for Pistons, NBA champs

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Lakers left the court in pieces. Karl Malone kept his head down, Shaquille O'Neal absently slapped a few high-fives and Kobe Bryant jogged in late, encased in his own thoughts.

The Pistons celebrated in concert, pulling their wives and children and entourages onto an increasingly shaky stage at the center of The Palace. They crowded around coach Larry Brown, who stood next to the Larry O'Brien Trophy — a small, golden monument to the glories of teamwork.

"We did it the right way: working hard, working together," said president of basketball operations Joe Dumars, who built the first championship team in Detroit since his playing days. "This isn't a star system we've got here. I just think this is the ultimate team."

Detroit's 100-87 victory in Game 5 Tuesday night ended one of the most surprising NBA Finals in the last half-century — the triumph of togetherness over talent, collaboration over celebrity.

Richard Hamilton scored 21 points, Ben Wallace had 18 points and 22 rebounds and Chauncey Billups got six assists in the runaway clincher. The Pistons surged ahead together, maintained the lead together and held a long, sweet celebration together.

"Nobody gave us a chance, but we felt we had a great chance," said Billups, the finals MVP with 21 points and 5.2 assists per game. "They had Shaq and Kobe, but we just felt we were a better team."

The Pistons won three straight home games to finish off the franchise's first title in 14 seasons, the third in franchise history. These Pistons are more Good Guys than Bad Boys, much less iconic than the star-studded Lakers, but much better friends and teammates.

Detroit is the first champion from the Eastern Conference since Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls in 1998, ending the West's five-year reign over the league with a demonstration of the biggest difference between the conferences: consistent, hard-nosed defense.

"This team is built on defense, everybody knows that," said Wallace, who finished five incredible games of defense on O'Neal, held 10 points below his career NBA Finals average. "They've got a lot of offensive weapons, but we got up in them pretty good."

The clincher was the most one-sided game of a lopsided series, essentially ending when the Pistons made a 17-4 run in the third quarter. Each player got a curtain call of sorts, with Hamilton removing his distinctive clear face mask and pointing at it triumphantly, no longer concerned for his oft-broken nose.

The team announced its Thursday parade schedule with 2:56 to play, drawing more cheers. Owner Bill Davidson was one of the first people on the floor as the confetti fell, celebrating the third championship in eight months for his sports empire.

Reds break seven-game skid at expense of Texas Rangers

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. couldn't have felt any better if he'd just hit homer No. 500.

Griffey remained stuck at 499 homers, but the Cincinnati Reds broke their seven-game losing streak Tuesday with a dramatic comeback. Barry Larkin's infield single in the 11th inning brought a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

With the bases loaded and the Rangers using five infielders, Larkin hit a grounder up the middle that bounced off Alfonso Soriano's glove and ended the Reds' week of misery.

"Sometimes, that's what you need to get when you're struggling," Griffey said.

The Reds got everything except the one thing the 36,501 fans came to see — a little hometown history.

Griffey got an ovation every time he came to bat. He hasn't been so warmly received in his hometown since he came to the Reds in 2000, before a series of injuries turned the cheers to jeers.

"When I first got here, that's how it was," said Griffey, who went 2-for-4. "For them to do that, that was greatly appreciated."

So was a rare meltdown by the Rangers' bullpen and a fluke play that turned the game.

The Reds rebounded from a disastrous 0-7 trip by rallying to tie it in the ninth off closer Francisco Cordero, who had been perfect in 19 save opportunities. Jason LaRue's run-scoring single tied it at 4.

LaRue also started the winning rally with a leadoff single in the 11th off Erasmo Ramirez (3-3), who then hit Jermaine Clark with a pitch. Ryan Freel singled off Doug Brocail to load the bases with one out.

Manager Buck Showalter brought in outfielder Eric Young to play second base and moved Soriano up the middle. He charged Larkin's grounder to the right of the mound, but had to pull up when Young cut in front of him, leaving Soriano with a tough play he couldn't make.

Chicago sinks Astros, 4-2

HOUSTON (AP) — Ramon Martinez had been waiting anxiously in the dugout for an opportunity just like this: the game tied, bases loaded and the opposing crowd on its feet.

The Chicago Cubs shortstop baseman didn't miss his chance to send Octavio Dotel and the Houston Astros sinking a little further down the NL Central standings.

Martinez's two-run single capped a three-run ninth inning, helping the Chicago Cubs rally past the Astros 4-2 on Tuesday night.

"I like to be in those situations," said Martinez, who also hit his first homer of the season in the third. "When you want to be in those situations, it helps you come through."

The Astros helped things along by completely falling apart in the ninth for their fourth loss in five games.

They've now dropped into a fourth-place tie with Milwaukee in the Central division, a remarkable disappointment for a team that was a preseason favorite to go to the World Series.

Sports Briefs

Ladies scramble

Scurry County Golf Course will host a ladies scramble with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Entry fee is $180 per team and entry deadline is Saturday. There will be cash prizes and no minimum team handicap. Fee includes golf, cart, breakfast at 8 a.m. and lunch.

Friday Swingers

The SCGA hosts a couples play day at 5:30 p.m. each Friday at Scurry County Golf Course. Format is handicap scramble and cost is $10. Call 573-7107 for more information.

Strength and conditioning camp

SHS football coaches are hosting a strength and conditioning camp at the field house. The camp is free and is open to all SHS students, and will run from Monday through Thursday this week and next.

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.

Baseball builders camp

SHS baseball coach Charles Bollinger is hosting the third annual Snyder Baseball Builders camp June 21-24 at Lewis Field.

Eight-year-olds through incoming freshmen will receive instruction from 9 a.m. until noon, and children seven and under will go from 1-2 p.m.

Cost is $75 for eight and up and $50 for seven and under and includes a camp T-shirt. Pre-registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. Monday before the start of the camp. Contact Coach Bollinger at 573-5734 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp starting Monday.

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.

Athletic physicals

Physical exams, paid for by Snyder ISD, for high school and junior high athletes should be taken by July 28. Those requiring a physical will be incoming 7th and 9th graders and all third year SHS students. Others are all new to Snyder ISD, any student who has never participated in athletics or who may have answered yes to questions on the medical history form.

To arrange for a physical, call the Covenant clinic at 573-1300 or the rural health clinic at 574-2488.

MLB at Glance

American League
At a Glance
By The Associated Press

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	21	.661	—
Boston	37	26	.587	4½
Baltimore	27	33	.450	13
Tampa Bay	27	34	.443	13½
Toronto	28	36	.438	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	34	26	.567	—
Minnesota	35	28	.556	½
Cleveland	30	32	.484	5
Detroit	30	33	.476	5½
Kansas City	23	38	.377	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	37	25	.597	—
Anaheim	36	27	.571	1½
Texas	34	27	.557	2½
Seattle	25	37	.403	12

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim 4, Pittsburgh 2
Minnesota 8, Montreal 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Cleveland 2
Chicago White Sox 7, Florida 5, 10 innings
Atlanta 3, Kansas City 2
Milwaukee 3, Seattle 0
Cincinnati 5, Texas 4, 11 innings
St. Louis 8, Oakland 4
Detroit 10, Philadelphia 3
Colorado 6, Boston 3
Los Angeles 5, Baltimore 1
Tampa Bay 5, San Diego 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Arizona 2
San Francisco 4, Toronto 3

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Kansas City (Gobble 3-4) at Atlanta (Wright 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
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Chicago White Sox (Schoeneweis 3-4) at Florida (Pavano 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (Ginter 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Bierbrodt 0-0) at Cincinnati (P.Wilson 7-0), 7:10 p.m.
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Boston (Schilling 8-3) at Colorado (Jennings 5-6), 9:05 p.m.
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Toronto (Hentgen 2-5) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-6), 10:15 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	35	29	.547	—
Philadelphia	33	29	.532	1
Atlanta	31	32	.492	3½
New York	30	33	.476	4½
Montreal	20	42	.323	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	37	27	.578	—
Chicago	35	29	.547	2
Cincinnati	35	29	.547	2
Milwaukee	32	29	.525	3½
Houston	33	30	.524	3½
Pittsburgh	24	36	.400	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	33	28	.541	—
San Diego	33	30	.524	1
San Francisco	33	31	.516	1½
Arizona	26	38	.406	8½
Colorado	22	41	.349	12

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Co-Executors of the estate of Robert George Taylor, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 8th day of June, 2004, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Ernest Taylor, Jr., 931 Knott Place, Dallas, Texas 75208 or to Billy Jay Eiland, P.O. Box 826, Snyder, Texas 79550, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 8th day of June, 2004.

(s)ERNEST TAYLOR, JR.
(s)BILLY JAY EILAND
Independent Co-Executors
of the Estate of
Robert George Taylor
deceased

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HPD policy to change

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say they will change how they deal with citizens who arrange to bring in fugitives following a black activist's arrest.

Police Chief Harold Hurtt said Tuesday that such arrangements will be handled by a police officer with the rank of captain or higher.

Minister Quanell X was arrested Friday along with a man accused of shooting a Houston police officer as the activist accompanied the suspect downtown to the police station to ensure the young man turned himself in safely.

Quanell X, accused of failing to pull over for police while driving Derrick Forney to police headquarters, was charged with evading arrest.

The police chief told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions that the arrangement between Quanell X and officers "was spearheaded" by the administration manager in his office.

The activist's lawyers have said Quanell X did not pull over because he was on the phone with Executive Assistant Chief Chuck McClelland at the time.

Police had begun a massive search for Forney, who's accused of shooting 10-year Houston Police Department veteran Matthew V. Richard while police were trying to arrest him June 9 for missing a scheduled court appearance.

Forney was awaiting trial after being charged with being a felon in possession of a weapon in April.

The police chief said he had viewed a tape made by a camera mounted on the dash of the patrol car that was trying to pull over the Hummer driven by Quanell X. Hurtt said the patrol car used its lights and then its sirens to try to get Quanell X to pull over.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Depression may cause fatigue

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 34-year-old daughter has suffered from tiredness for several years, despite the fact that she sleeps 8 to 10 hours a night. She has a hard time getting out of bed in the morning. She works in sales and, after work, she drags around practically unable to do anything. She has had normal testing, including a sleep study, thyroid function, check for anemia and so forth. She eats sensibly, exercises several times a week and has been told she doesn't have chronic fatigue syndrome. What could be wrong?

DEAR READER: When a person's life is disrupted by excessive fatigue, a medical examination and testing are mandatory. From your brief description, I'd have to conclude that your daughter has had appropriate testing, all of which was normal. Now her physician will have to branch out.

I was particularly struck by one feature of her ailment: "a hard time getting out of bed in the morning." Patients who suffer from depression — which is basically a chemical imbalance in the brain — commonly experience early-morning fatigue despite having just slept normally. This could be the basis of your daughter's tiredness.

I urge you to ask her doctor to refer her to a psychiatrist who specializes in psychopharmacology, the use of medicine to treat depression. If I am wrong and her session with the psychiatrist achieves nothing, at least she will have medically "covered the bases." On the other hand, if depression is indeed her problem, medication could dramatically change her life for the better.

Let me know the outcome.

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 a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm experiencing cavities and dental problems. My dentist informed me that part of the cause could be related stomach acidity. I do have irritable bowel syndrome and am curious if there is a connection.

DEAR READER: Ordinarily, there is no association between dental disease and IBS, a chronic intestinal condition marked by poor digestion, gas, constipation and/or diarrhea.

There is, however, a relation between dental problems and eating disorders, especially bulimia, which is characterized by binge-eating followed by self-induced vomiting. The gastric acid in the vomit will lead to deterioration of dental enamel, resulting in cavities.

Therefore, unless you vomit periodically (in which case you need medical attention), follow your dentist's advice about suitable oral hygiene and the use of fluoride to strengthen your teeth.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss Felty's syndrome, its cause and treatment.

DEAR READER: Felty's syndrome is the combination of rheumatoid arthritis, an enlarged spleen and a low white blood cell count. The cause is unknown, but the affliction is often associated with frequent infections.

In most instances, antibiotic therapy, along with cortisone treatment, will suffice. However, in advanced cases, removal of the spleen may be required.

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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Albertsons	25.23	24.92	25.23	+.29
Alltel	50.55	50.08	50.14	—.33
AmEl Pw	31.49	31.15	31.23	+.05
AndarkPtr	57.80	57.27	57.76	+.96
ATMOS Egy	25.12	24.92	25.06	+.01
Aviall	17.72	17.48	17.71	+.29
BP PLC	54.00	53.73	53.88	+1.03
BakerHughes	36.23	35.71	36.00	+.68
Bank of Amer	84.51	84.08	84.39	+.16
BellSouth	25.89	25.71	25.82	—.02
BurlNoSFe	34.20	33.65	34.08	+.24
Caterpillar	75.60	74.28	74.29	—1.10
CenterPoint	10.69	10.61	10.61	—.09
ChevronTex	91.69	91.30	91.55	+.95
Citigroup	47.32	46.85	47.27	+.25
CocaCola	51.15	50.75	50.79	—.44
ColgatePal	58.48	58.18	58.26	+.07
CmclMetals	30.49	30.19	30.33	—.26
ConocoPhill	76.01	75.01	75.95	+1.35
Cooper Inds	57.65	57.41	57.58	+.08
DaimlrChry	45.94	45.68	45.73	—.61
DeltaAirLines	5.82	5.51	5.70	—.25
Dillards Inc	22.37	21.75	21.94	—.38
DowChem	39.47	38.75	39.02	—.21
DuPont	43.85	43.29	43.56	—.01
EastmanChem	44.55	43.50	43.61	—.83
EstKodak	25.40	25.15	25.18	—.24
EDS Corp	17.82	17.70	17.74	—.06
Entergy	54.23	53.79	54.10	+.31
ExxonMobil	44.69	44.25	44.69	+.61
FootLocker	23.89	23.50	23.68	—.18
GenDynam	98.81	98.29	98.71	+.45
GenElec	32.04	31.73	31.94	+.13
GenMills	46.53	46.20	46.42	+.12
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GaPacific	35.60	34.79	35.48	+.37
Goodrich	30.90	30.46	30.90	+.43
Goodyear	9.16	8.78	8.90	—.32
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Halliburtn	30.15	29.62	30.10	+.72
Hanson PLC	37.80	37.65	37.75	—.24
HarteHanks	23.87	23.45	23.46	—.41
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SBC Comm	24.54	24.37	24.37	—.10
SaraLee	23.09	22.94	22.97	—.09
Scripps EW	107.17	106.80	106.95	—.46
SearsRoeb	39.33	38.77	38.91	—.17
SherwinW	39.38	39.06	39.22	—.02
SouthernCo	29.06	28.83	28.91	—.01
SwstAirl	15.39	15.21	15.34	—.07
SprintFON	17.85	17.49	17.53	—.34
Sunoco Inc	62.94	61.69	62.82	+1.17
TXU Corp	37.37	36.63	37.37	+.61
TempleInland	65.39	64.70	65.05	—.22
TexInd	38.25	37.81	38.09	—.33
TexasInst	24.63	24.26	24.39	—.24
Textron	56.50	56.12	56.48	+.16
TimeWarner	17.74	17.45	17.57	+.13
TrinityInds	29.65	29.28	29.37	+.06
TylerTech	8.80	8.50	8.75	+.27
UnionPacif	58.20	57.71	58.03	+.22
USSteel	30.34	29.80	30.29	—.05
UnitedTech	89.50	88.81	88.95	—.33
Unocal	36.18	35.80	36.00	+.37
VerizonComm	36.03	35.80	35.86	—.08
WalMart	56.71	56.37	56.48	—.23
WellsFargo	58.49	58.10	58.39	+.14
WstnGasRs	60.45	59.90	60.45	+1.00
WinnDixie	6.45	6.35	6.43	+.02
Xerox Cp	14.42	14.31	14.39	—.04
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Scurrying Around Snyder

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

What's Bugging You?

How many times have you wished that you had done "so and so?" Having worked for Extension 34 years, I wish that I had written down humorous events I experienced, unusual questions I received, and unbelievable items that crossed my desk; I would have a "best seller."

But it is not too late to share some things with you. This week, I received a handout from a chemical company promoting their insecticide. The title "The Cicadas Are Coming." Here are some excerpts from the article — don't think this is an Ag thing, read to the end and then make your comment.

The Cicadas Are Coming!

This month, billions of black, shrimp-sized bugs with black bodies, red eyes, and delicate, amber-veined wings will carpet trees in the Midwest, the Northeast, and the South. Periodical cicadas will emerge after 17 years and disappear underground almost as abruptly as they appeared.

There are at least 13 broods of 17-year cicadas, plus another five broods that emerge every 13 years. No other periodical cicada covers so much ground and with hundreds of them per acre in infested areas, the noise, will be hard to miss.

The business of finding a mate and reproducing is the sole mission of a recently emerged cicada. It begins with the males flying to a sunny tree and, with thousands of other cicadas, creating a tune. When a male successfully attracts the attention of a female, she flits her wings as he finishes his song. A courtship dance ensues with the male continuing to sing until copulation. Shortly after mating, the male dies.

Once mated, a female cicada will make slits in the branches and deposit her eggs inside. The process causes structural weakening of the branches and the twigs turn brown and die. Eventually the nymphs fall off and drop into the soil where they remain for the next 17 years. If you are an adventurous chef, read on and give this a try, but don't call me to taste it.

Tasty Cicada Recipes

Cicada Shish-Kebugs

(Makes 6 Skewers)

Catch 36 Cicadas (*road kill won't do)*.

Keep them cool and alive in a tight container. Soak 6 bamboo skewers in water for at least an hour.

Prepare Shish-Kebugs by alternating the following on the skewers: Mushroom caps, Onion wedges, Cherry tomatoes Green, red, yellow bell peppers, Cicadas

The cicadas must be cooked prior to skewering by submersion in boiling water for 5 minutes. (To obtain tender, more succulent bugs, dig them out of the ground or catch them just as they emerge, before their shell hardens.)

Place the skewers over a hot grill, basting with a mixture of olive oil, soy sauce, and red wine. Turn and baste frequently. Grill for approximately 5 minutes. Serve with pasta or rice.

Bon appetit!

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Power of Lightning

Q: Some bolts of lightning seem very faint, while others brighten up the entire sky. How powerful is lightning?

A: "Most people aren't aware of the incredible energy and power of lightning," says Michael Hammer of Texas A&M University. "It's true that some bolts of lightning are much stronger than others," he explains.

"At any given moment, there are about 1,800 thunderstorms occurring all over the Earth, and it's estimated that each second, there are about 100 lightning flashes somewhere over our planet. A typical lightning bolt contains about 15 million volts of electricity and instantly heats up the air around it to over 60,000 degrees, with some reaching more than 100,000 degrees. That's why the total energy of a strong thunderstorm can exceed the energy eleased during an atomic explosion."

Q: Then how do people survive when struck by lightning?

A: "Many don't," Hammer adds. "Since 1959, about 90 people a year die in the U.S. as the result of lightning strikes," Hammer says. "Many people do survive after being hit by lightning, and there are some remarkable stories about individuals being literally knocked out of their shoes, or of horseshoes being blown off of horses as the bolt passes through their bodies.

"Florida and Arizona are two states known for lightning fatalities. In the summer months, Arizona has thunderstorms that occur almost every day and these usually contain lightning. Arizona averages about 4 lightning deaths a year, and nearly all of these fatalities occur during this 3-month period."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS

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A Grandpa Story

by Paul Hudgins

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Commentary and Illustrations by Paul Hudgins Jr.

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Snyder, Texas 2003

This book tells the history of Snyder seen through the eyes of Henry Paul Hudgins and told to his son Henry Paul Hudgins, Jr.

It is the story of the family of:

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Henry Paul Hudgins, Jr 1926-

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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden Checklist for June

•Take a critical look at your landscape while at the height of summer development. Make notes of how you think it can be better arranged, plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, and possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members.

•Check for insects and diseases. Destroy badly infested plants. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Select a chemical or organic control, or use insecticidal soap.

• Supplemental irrigation is essential for many ornamental plants such as coleus, caladium, geranium, dahlia, azalea, and camellia during the hot, dry summer days ahead. Water lawn and garden thoroughly, but not too frequently. As a general rule, soak to a depth of 8 inches. Finish watering

by early afternoon, to lessen the chance of disease.

•During the summer, soil moisture becomes extremely important and essential for good plant production. Because continual watering is oftentimes costly and time consuming, it pays to conserve the moisture around plants. This is best done by mulching. A good mulch will retain valuable moisture needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success. Mulches are usually applied 2 to 6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal Bermuda hay.

•There is still time to plant some of the colorful, heat-tolerant summer annuals. Direct-seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase plants of periwinkle, salvia, marigold, and purslane. Be sure to water transplants as needed until roots become established.

•Removing faded flowers from plants before they set seed will keep them growing and producing flowers. A light application of fertilizer every 4 to 6 weeks will also be helpful.

•House plants can be moved out of doors this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out so quickly; water pots, container plants, and hanging baskets often. Monthly feedings with house plant fertilizer will encourage continued growth.

•Now is the time to plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once the bulbs have matured and the foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every 3 to 4 years.

• June is the time to select daylily varieties as they reach their peak of bloom. + Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks. Apply a high-nitrogen fertilizer immediately after a flush of bloom.

• Continue to spray susceptible roses with a black-spot control such as Funginex every 7 to 10 days.

• Re-blooming salvias, such as Salvia greggii and S. Farinacea, should be pruned back periodically during the summer. To make the job easier, use hedging shears, and remove only the spent flowers and a few inches of stem below. Fall-blooming perennials, such as Mexican marigold mint (Tagetes lucida), chrysanthemums, physostegia, and Salvia leucantha, should be pruned in the same manner during the summer to keep them compact, reducing the need for staking. This type of pruning should be completed prior to September 1, since flower buds begin forming about that time.

Crop insurance industry sues over government subsidies

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A coalition of insurance companies is suing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, claiming the government has shortchanged them millions of dollars in a program to provide crop insurance to farmers.

The lawsuit, and a separate disagreement over new terms set by USDA for the Federal Crop Insurance Program, are the latest battles between the crop insurance industry and the government.

Taxpayers subsidize the program to help farmers who lose crops to natural disasters — such as the flooding, hail and tornadoes that struck across a large swath of the Midwest this spring. The result is lower premiums for farmers, but insurance companies complain they aren't reimbursed adequately by the government.

"The way it's been going, you've had a significant amount of unreimbursed costs that have been imposed on the companies for years," said Elizabeth Haws, a lobbyist with the American Association of Crop Insurers, a trade association.

The companies warn that cuts to the program could reduce insurance availability to farmers or force companies in the industry to merge to be profitable.

In their lawsuit, filed this week in federal court in Council Bluffs, they claim the government violated a 1998 contract when Congress cut their fees and subsidies. They said the changes cost the companies at least $60 million between 1999 and 2002.

Eight of the 12 companies in the lawsuit, including ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Co. and Alliance Insurance Cos., continue to take part in the program, originally started in the 1930s to help farmers cope with the Dust Bowl.

USDA this week announced further cuts in subsidies in a new agreement with companies. Companies have until June 30 to decide whether to sign the agreement, which reduces reimbursements industrywide by $36 million over two years.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 503 head of cattle for the Wednesday, June 9, sale. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers were steady to $3 higher. Bred cows and pairs were $10 to $25 higher. Packer cows and bulls were $3 to $9 higher. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 141-160
300-400: 111-131
400-500: 115-120-50
600-700: 98-111.50
Feeder heifers:
200-400: 105-115
300-400: 111-131
400-500: 107-109
600-700: 88-109
Bred cows: 675-850
Pairs all classes: 600-995 on light test
Packer cows all classes: 48-59.50
Packer bulls: 63-74.25

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 682 head of cattle for the Thursday, June 10, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 52-62
Canner and low cutters: 40-53
Slaughter bulls: 62-73
Feeder steers:
300-400: 120-145
400-500: 105-125
500-600: 101-120
600-700: 95-107
700-800: 85-107
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 110-125
400-500: 105-125
500-600: 105-110
600-700: 90-105
700-800: 85-105
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 90-110
700-800: 85-95
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 800-1000
Grade: 650-800
Springers: 450-800
Baby calves: 150-250
Doodlers: 175-275

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 6-13-03	LAST WEEK 6-6-04	THIS WEEK 6-13-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	19.83	17.64	17.44
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	23,696	18,982	18,582
PERCENT FULL	11.81	9.46	9.26
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.80	1.50
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 6-13-03	LAST WEEK 6-6-04	THIS WEEK 6-13-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	41.88	38.85	38.56
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	47,504	38,412	37,610
PERCENT FULL	9.18	7.43	7.27
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.60	1.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 6-13-03	LAST WEEK 6-6-04	THIS WEEK 6-13-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	28.31	24.98	24.72
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	219,242	187,448	185,163
PERCENT FULL	39.55	33.81	34.40
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		2.30	1.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 6-6-04	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 6-13-04	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 6-13-04
	5-31-04	6-7-04	6-7-04
BIG SPRING	6,830,857	6,804,286	7,260,000
ODESSA	30,411,900	31,172,429	35,132,200
SNYDER	2,714,629	2,389,686	2,761,900
MIDLAND	29,072,314	30,068,914	30,871,600
SAN ANGELO	16,305,971	17,215,943	20,568,700
STANTON	443,714	391,571	509,000

National

Today's chuckle

Police shoot black bear in Virginia hospital

ROCKY MOUNT, Va. (AP) — Perhaps visiting hours were over.

Police shot and killed a full-grown black bear that wandered into a hospital Tuesday. The 300-pound male bear wandered in front of Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital at about 9:10 p.m. and activated a sensor that opens the hospital's doors, police said.

The bear wandered down a few hallways and into a computer room, said Lt. Karl Martin of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Two police officers yanked the door shut behind it.

Officers planned to sedate the bear, but because the hospital was nearly full they worried about it getting loose. An officer shot the bear twice and killed it, Martin said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, June 17, 2004

In the year ahead, you'll be far more apt to be the initiator in your involvements and take the bull by the horns concerning what others are reluctant to do rather than stand idly by.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Put your personal imprint on all your involvements today. Don't be afraid to take a chance on something you create, because what you originate or personally direct can reap large benefits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Those little reliable flashes of intuition or inspiration upon which you've learned to depend will be once again right on target today, especially if any involves your family or loved ones.

Variety and change will help immensely to refurbish your mental outlook and attitude today. Plan to do something different that would offer you a fresh set of circumstances or experiences.

The possibilities of successful work or career-related achievements are better than usual today. Chances are what transpires will be born out of an ingenious idea you'll get and develop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The smaller fragments of a plan you're developing will fall into place today once the broader outline is conceived. Begin with the big picture, and then color in all the spaces in detail.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The sharpness of your mind and your ability to engage in a rapid interchange of ideas makes you the perfect person to handle any business transactions today. Step forward and take charge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your judgment concerning people and the conditions surrounding you will be particularly keen today. Don't let others do your thinking for you when it comes to how you operate in the world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Conditions relating to your work or career are especially good today. Strike while the iron is hot by moving forward and taking action on meaningful goals you've been harboring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There could be something much larger and advantageous today behind what may appear to be a moderate gesture of goodwill from one you know socially. Time will bring you the answer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Do not be resistant to changes that take place today, especially those of a domestic nature. These shifts will produce benefits for you and your loved ones that you wouldn't have otherwise acquired.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Trust your boldest ideas today, because they may have greater chances for success than any of your smaller ones would. Think big and have faith in your conceptions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your smarts can pay large dividends today, so put that thinking cap on when it comes to making or saving money and use your ideas wisely. Your resourcefulness can reap extra bonuses.

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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Residents, businesses give money to get soldiers home

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Members of Louisiana's 256th Infantry Brigade are coming home from their training in Texas to celebrate the July Fourth holiday, a trip made possible when residents and businesses chipped in to help with bus fare.

Well-wishers raised $175,000 in a week so the 3,000 National Guard soldiers from around the state could make one final trip home before heading to Iraq for more than a year.

"I'm ecstatic," said Brandi Bordelon, whose husband, Bryan, is a member of the brigade, which has been in Texas since April. "It will be very nice to see him one last time before he has to go."

Last week, Gov. Kathleen Blanco put together a plan to bring home the entire brigade, which recently learned it would be given one last eight-day leave around the July Fourth holiday before completing training for an 18-month overseas mission.

Soldiers must pay their own travel costs while on leave, so many — already taking a cut in pay compared to their civilian jobs — had planned to stay around Fort Hood, 55 miles north of Austin.

Blanco's office reached a deal with Coach USA, a charter bus company, to offer half-price discounts for trips from Fort Hood to various Louisiana cities. Soldier support groups, consisting primarily of family members, then began raising the money to pay for the 59 buses.

Bordelon helped lead the $35,000 effort for the New Orleans area, which was $28,000 short until Tuesday, when oil man and philanthropist Pat Taylor wrote a check for the remaining balance.

Taylor, a former Marine corporal and an outspoken philanthropist best known for subsidizing college tuition for top high school students, said supporting military and law enforcement "in my mind is simply a duty."

He also urged private businesses to supplement the often lower military pay their employees in the National Guard receive when they leave their regular jobs for long missions.

"I challenge corporate America — look at the sacrifices that these young men and women make," Taylor said. "They are protecting us, and the least we can do is just make sure their families do not suffer financial hardship."

Man charged

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. (AP) — A blind man was charged with reckless conduct after he drove a golf cart through the city with help from an inebriated friend.

Samuel McClain, 35, drove two miles through winding streets — also accompanied by his guide dog — before running into a parked car, police said.

No one was hurt, but McClain and Michael Johnston, 47, were charged with reckless conduct "due to the blatant disregard for public safety," according to police reports.

The report said McClain drove the cart Saturday while Johnston gave directions after having six or seven beers.

Peachtree City, about 25 miles south of Atlanta, has about 80 miles of paved cart paths and 9,000 registered carts that residents use for daily errands.

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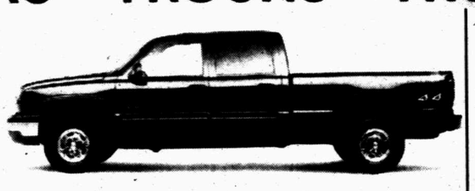

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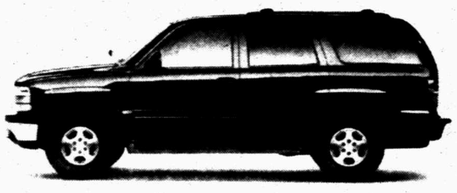

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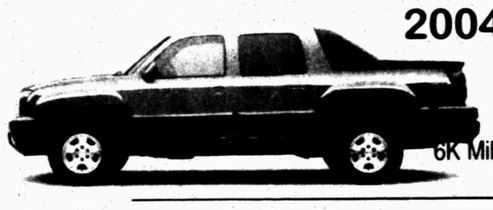

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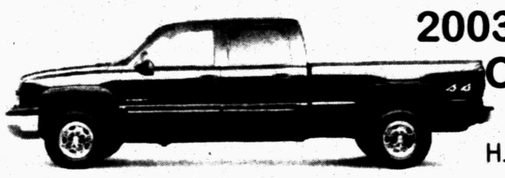

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Militants display American hostage

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The captors of a New Jersey man abducted in Saudi Arabia distributed a videotape of him and threatened to kill him unless Saudi authorities release al-Qaida prisoners within three days.

Paul Johnson, 49, of Stafford Township, N.J., was kidnapped Saturday by a group calling itself al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. The organization is believed to be headed by al-Qaida's chief in the Saudi kingdom, Abdulaziz Issa Abdul-Mohsin al-Moqrin.

On Tuesday, an Islamic Web site showed a videotape of Johnson wearing a blindfold.

"My name is Paul Marshall Johnson, Jr.," says the hostage, seated and with an elaborate tattoo showing on his left shoulder. "I am an American. ... I work on Apache helicopters."

A U.S. official said the threat should be taken "very seriously" because the posting appeared to be credible and militants have used the site before. "It has been a good indicator in the past," the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The Web site was posted on the same day Saudi Arabia's ruling crown prince warned Islamic militants that the kingdom planned to deploy more security forces than they had ever faced before.

"Be assured that the kingdom has enough men whom you haven't seen so far, but within the coming few days you will see them," Crown Prince Abdullah told the militants, whose attacks have increased during the past three months. His remarks were televised.

The tape on the Web site showed a hooded man reading a statement and holding an AK-47 rifle. As the man was reading, a subtitle on the screen identified him as al-Moqrin.

His statement was similar to a printed message on the Web site that carried the name of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. It said the group gave Saudi authorities 72 hours — by Friday — to release "mujahadeen" militants or it would kill the hostage.

Segments of the tape appeared to have been edited together and showed a blindfolded Johnson sitting in a chair with his profile to the camera. In one sequence, Johnson appeared to have a bandage around his neck, or a gag that had been pulled down from his mouth.

The tape also displayed his Lockheed Martin identification card.

Adel al-Jubeir, foreign affairs adviser to the Saudi government, told The Associated Press that the kingdom was trying to determine the authenticity of the tape and would consult with the Bush administration about what to do next.

Sept. 11 panel says Saddam rebuffed Bin Laden's request

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bluntly contradicting the Bush administration, the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks reported today there was "no credible evidence" that Saddam Hussein helped al-Qaida target the United States.

In a chilling report that sketched the history of Osama bin Laden's network, the commission said his far-flung training camps were "apparently quite good." Terrorists-to-be were encouraged to "think creatively about ways to commit mass murder," it added.

Bin Laden made overtures to Saddam for assistance, the commission said in the staff report, as he did with leaders in Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan and elsewhere as he sought to build an Islamic army.

While Saddam dispatched a senior Iraqi intelligence official to Sudan to meet with bin Laden in 1994, the commission said it had not turned up evidence of a "collaborative relationship."

The Bush administration has long claimed links between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida, and cited them as one reason for last year's invasion of Iraq.

On Monday, Vice President Dick Cheney said in a speech that the Iraqi dictator "had long established ties with al-Qaida."

The bipartisan commission issued its findings as it embarked on two days of public hearings into the worst terrorist attacks in American history.

The panel intends to issue a final report in July on the hijackings on Sept. 11, 2001 that killed nearly 3,000, destroyed the World Trade Centers in New York and damaged the Pentagon outside Washington. A fourth plane commandeered by terrorists crashed in the countryside in Pennsylvania.

The staff report pieced together information on the development of bin Laden's network, from the far-flung training camps in Afghanistan and elsewhere, to funding from "well-placed financial facilitators and diversions of funds from Islamic charities."

Reports that bin Laden had a huge personal fortune to finance acts of terror are overstated, the report said.

The description of the training camp operations contained elements of faint, grudging praise.

"A worldwide jihad needed terrorists who could bomb embassies or hijack airliners, but it also needed foot soldiers for the Taliban in its war against the Northern Alliance, and guerrillas who could shoot down Russian helicopters in Chechnya or ambush Indian units in Kashmir," it said.

Bush speech to be seen via satellite in Iraq, Afghanistan

MacDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — In a speech beamed live to U.S. forces around the globe, President Bush said democracy is being born in Iraq even though insurgents are killing Iraqi officials and blowing up oil pipelines.

"We have come not to conquer, but to liberate people and we will stand with them until their freedom is secure," Bush told several thousand troops in a hanger at MacDill Air Force Base, home of the United States Central Command.

"By helping the rise of democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan and throughout the world, you are giving people an alternative to bitterness and hatred, and that is essential to the peace of the world," Bush said in a speech broadcast via satellite to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and being carried on Armed Forces Radio and TV.

Bush outlined the upcoming transfer of political control to the new Iraqi interim government. He said that Iraqis will gather next month from across the nation for a national conference, which will choose a national council to advise and support the interim prime minister and his cabinet.

"By fighting the terrorists in distant lands, you are making sure your fellow citizens do not face them here at home," Bush said.

Much has changed since Bush visited MacDill on March 26, 2003 when the war was just six days old, Saddam Hussein was still in power and the U.S. death toll stood at two dozen. In that speech to troops, Bush said: "We are treating Iraqi prisoners of war according the highest standards of law and decency."

Now, the world has seen pictures of U.S. troops abusing and humiliating Iraqi detainees. More than 830 U.S. troops have died in Iraq, where an interim government is to take over political control in two weeks. This month, gunmen have killed a top security official for the state-run Northern Oil Co., an education ministry official and a deputy foreign minister.

John Kerry, Bush's Democratic rival in the upcoming election, has consistently said that in order to succeed in Iraq, the president must do more to reach out to U.S. allies and mend strained relations so that the United States doesn't have to fight the war on terrorists alone. Kerry claims the Bush administration misled the American public about the need and reason for going to war in Iraq.

In making the case for war in Iraq, Bush administration officials frequently cited what they said were Saddam's decade-long contacts with al-Qaida operatives. On Monday, Vice President Dick Cheney asserted in a speech in Orlando, Fla., that Saddam had "long-established ties" with the terrorist network.

Thefts, burglaries investigated

• ***Thefts***

Deputies responded to the Lone Star Gun Range on the Clairemont Highway at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in reference to the theft of scrap metal. A report for Class C theft was filed.

Officers were called to United Supermarket at noon Tuesday as someone had taken bread off a Mrs. Baird's delivery truck.

A report for Class B theft was filed Tuesday afternoon after an electric motor scooter was reported stolen from the parking lot at Towle Park swimming pool.

• ***Burglary***

A report for burglary at Leamco-Ruthco was filed Tuesday morning. A large fan reportedly valued at $1,800 was taken.

An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday as a house at 3104 Ave. L had been entered without the owner's permission.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Deputies were called to the Snyder Cemetery around noon Tuesday to investigate damage to a headstone.

• ***Juvenile runaway***

Officers filed a report for a runaway Tuesday after a woman reported her 15-year-old daughter had left her residence and had not been seen since Sunday evening.

• ***Arrest***

DPS troopers arrested an 18-year-old Lubbock man shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday at U.S. 84 and the Bell School Road exit. The man had outstanding Lubbock County warrants for misdemeanor possession of marijuana, bond forfeiture and for failure to attend school.

• ***Harassing calls***

Officers were called to Wal-Mart Tuesday morning as the store was receiving harassing telephone calls.

• ***Animal problems***

Officers responded to a report of several goats being in the road at 19th and Ave. E early Tuesday morning, and deputies investigated a report of a cow being in the middle of the road, some 12 miles west of Snyder on U.S. 180. A sick stray cat was reported in the 1400 block of East Hwy. 180, and dogs at large were reported in the 2900 block of Ave. X and at 37th Street and Denison.

This morning at 6 o'clock, a stray dog was reported in the 100 block of 20th Place. The brown lab was taken to the animal shelter.

Man enters guilty plea

A 31-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty Monday in 132nd District Court to possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Manuel Martinez Herrera Jr. to serve six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for six years. Herrera also was fined $750 and ordered to pay $140 in restitution.

Hererra was found with a controlled substance on Jan. 3 in the Scurry County Jail.

Obituaries

Vivian Heath

1928-2004

Funeral service for Vivian Oleta Heath is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Dorothy Petersen will officiate and burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Mrs. Heath, 75, died Monday, June 14, at her home in Odessa after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 7, 1928 in Bay Side, Texas, she was married to J.R. "Bud" Heath who died in 1988. Mrs. Heath was a waitress.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include a son, James Heath of Odessa; a daughter, Neva Hatfield of Odessa; a sister, Juanita Roddy of Snyder; a brother, Jesse Lindsey of Ira; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 6/17	Fri 6/18	Sat 6/19
101/72	100/71	100/70
A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. Very hot. High 101F.	Plenty of sun. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.	Sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:54 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:54 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:54 PM

Texas Savings Bank
Community Minded.
2619 College Avenue
573-9305
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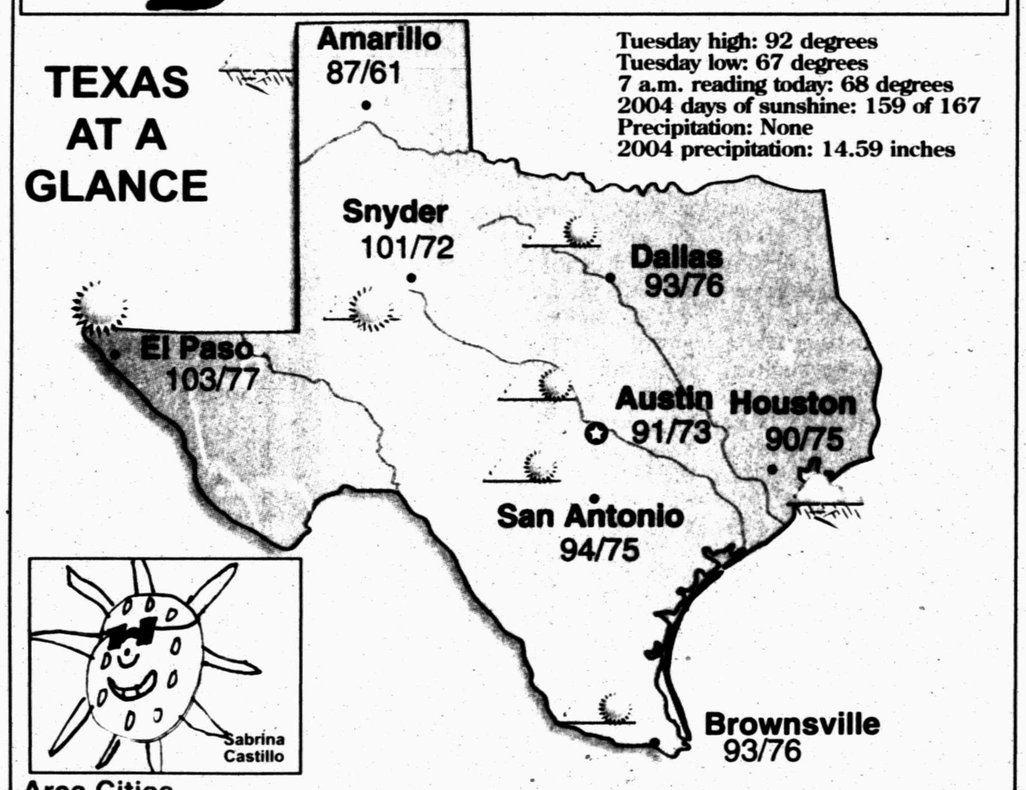
TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Tuesday high: 92 degrees
Tuesday low: 67 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 68 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 159 of 167
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 14.59 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	73	mst sunny	El Paso	103	77	sunny	Midland	105	76	sunny
Amarillo	87	61	t-storm	Fort Stockton	104	74	sunny	Raymondville	95	74	pt sunny
Austin	91	73	pt sunny	Gainesville	91	73	t-storm	Rosenberg	90	75	t-storm
Beaumont	89	75	t-storm	Greenville	91	74	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	76	pt sunny	Houston	90	75	t-storm	San Marcos	93	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	95	73	pt sunny	Kingsville	93	75	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	73	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	77	pt sunny	Livingston	90	72	t-storm	Sweetwater	96	73	mst sunny
Corsicana	91	74	pt sunny	Longview	89	73	t-storm	Tyler	90	73	t-storm
Dallas	93	76	pt sunny	Lubbock	98	68	pt sunny	Weatherford	92	72	t-storm
Del Rio	97	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	90	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	92	72	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	88	72	pt sunny	Houston	90	75	t-storm	Phoenix	103	80	sunny
Boston	78	65	t-storm	Los Angeles	74	60	mst sunny	San Francisco	70	54	mst sunny
Chicago	73	62	t-storm	Miami	88	78	t-storm	Seattle	83	57	sunny
Dallas	93	76	pt sunny	Minneapolis	69	56	rain	St. Louis	84	71	t-storm
Denver	62	53	rain	New York	81	72	t-storm	Washington, DC	90	75	t-storm

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jun 9	Jun 17	Jun 25	Jul 2

UV Index

Thu 6/17	Fri 6/18	Sat 6/19
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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