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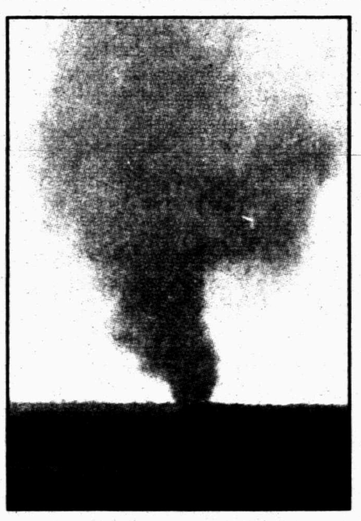
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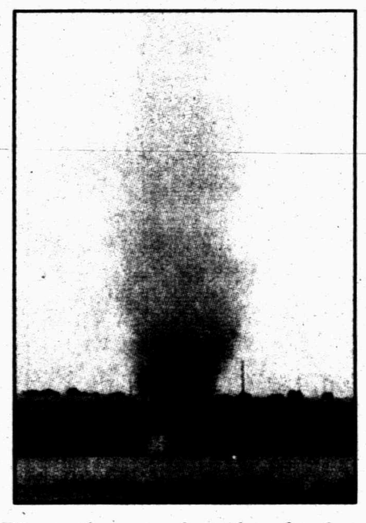
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Home of Howard Sterling







WEATHER PROBLEMS — TXU employees place barricades around a construction site on College Avenue following a downpour that filled up a ditch where a gas line had been cut. At bottom left, Morris Allred took this picture of a possible tornado and Teresa Trammell took the picture at lower right.

Outsourcing at Cogdell may be curtailed

By Roy McQueen
SDN Publisher

The trend toward outsourcing at Cogdell Memorial Hospital may be reversed, according to administrators meeting with the hospital finance committee this morning.

While the practice won't likely be eliminated completely, Carol Hanes, new chief executive officer, told members of the committee that three areas up for review are transcription service, coding and business imaging.

"I don't understand what the purpose was," Hanes said. "Some of it, especially the business imaging, is horribly expensive."

Richard Murphy, interim chief financial officer, said contracts need to be reviewed to determine if the hospital is getting appropriate discounts.

One area under review is a joint purchasing agreement for medical supplies. Another area the new administrator has identified is "third-party re-billing." Both Hanes and Murphy suggested that such billing could be done by the hospital business office.

Hanes expressed concern that the company now used, Nationwide, had not provided details of what had been done to collect the payments.

Murphy suggested that the hospital should visit with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the medical staff at the Price Daniel unit in order to improve communications and efficiency.

Hanes sought direction for the finance committee concerning salaries. "I need to know, do we have a freeze on salaries."

Committee members Charles Church and Terry Williams said a salary study done in 2002 set ranges for job descriptions, but the compensation study had not been followed.

Hanes suggested that it might be more economical to pay employees better than to depend on staffers provided by an agency.

Hanes said she would request a salary study done by a hospital consulting firm that would be helpful in determining appropriate reimbursements.

Hanes also recommended hiring a firm to study hospital staffing patterns.

With regard to emergency room, non-emergency cases continue to be a costly problem. Hanes said the hospital is required to perform a medical screening that often can be done by the nursing staff.

The patient then could be referred, perhaps to the rural health clinic. Hanes said this would prevent running up a large emergency room bill that the patient likely would be unable to pay.

Concerning capital improvements, Hanes said an immediate need is the replacement of the CT, commonly referred as a catscan. Hanes will see if bond money left over from improvements can be used in the purchase of the unit.

In the first meeting with the CEO, Church suggested that the joint conference committee meetings be resumed.

Hanes agreed, saying she had already met with the majority of the medical staff in order to open lines of communication.

Hanes also said she had been meeting with department heads. "I listen, we talk and this helps to develop a game plan."

Variety of weather hits in area

By SDN Staff Reports

Scurry County residents were served a variety of weather happenings Tuesday evening as wind, rain, lightning, hail and tornadoes all hit just before 6 p.m.

At that time, calls began to come in to law enforcement dispatchers concerning possible tornadoes west of Snyder and north of U.S. 189.

The National Weather Service in Midland did not confirm this morning that tornadoes were spawned by the storm, but several residents took pictures of what appeared to be a funnel cloud.

The heavy lightning knocked out electricity around the county and in parts of Snyder.

Judy Suggs of Oncor said 256 homes in the area were temporarily out of electricity as the lightning caused several fuses to blow. Suggs said only one utility pole was downed during the storm.

At 6:30 p.m., police responded to a call about a vehicle with three occupants leaving the roadway and getting stuck in a normally dry Deep Creek in the 900 block of 23rd Street.

Emergency workers found the vehicle stuck in the mud near the creek, but the occupants had gotten out of the vehicle.

Other vehicles were reported stalled out in various locations due to high water. City crews were dispatched to place barricades at low water crossings.

Lightening also caused traffic lights on College Avenue to malfunction for a brief time.

The fire department responded to two grass fires believed to be started by lightning. The first was at 5:43 p.m. at Huffman and the Old Lubbock Highway near the railroad tracks across from Snyder Country Club. The second was reported at 6:02 p.m. in the 600 block of North Ennis Creek Road. This fire involved about two acres.

At 5:50 p.m., reports of hail up to one inch in diameter was reported about two miles west of Snyder and penny to nickel- size hail were reported inside the city.

Lightning also struck a tree in the 2100 block of 42nd Street.

The official meaurement of rainfall at the city water plant was 1.24 inches to make the yearly total equal 11.77 inches.

The storm also affected neighboring counties as a flash flood warning was issued around 8:30 p.m. for Fisher and Nolan Counties.

Taylor County also had a severe weather warning posted.

At WTC...

Fitness area, student center due updates

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Western Texas College trustees Tuesday evening voted to make changes in the physical education department's fitness center and the student center to make both more "student friendly."

In prefacing his presentation to the board about the proposed changes, WTC president Dr. Greg Williams said the college needs to give the student center back to the students, and make changes to the fitness center that he described as a "horrible place. We can do better."

Following the suggestion of Dr. Williams and athletic director David Hanes, the board voted unanimously to purchase used fitness equipment and make aesthetic improvements to the fitness area in the HPE building.

Hanes said the college had the opportunity to purchase some $90,000 in state-of-the-art equipment for $50,000.

"This will move our HPE department up about three decades," added Hanes. "With the addition of this equipment, we will be set for years to come."

Dr. Williams said the new equipment would enable WTC to expand its physical education program and in turn, attract more students.

Responding to a question from board member Drew Bullard concerning possible competition with privately-owned fitness centers in the community, Dr. Williams said the fitness area would be for WTC use. "We won't be out selling memberships."

Mike Thornton, visitors' center special projects dean, explained proposed changes in the student center that will give it a "whole new look."

Thornton said an area described as a Texas Bistro would be added, along with an expresso bar and an area with a big screen TV.

"We're trying to get out of the students' way so they can have the student center back," said Dr. Williams.

The college will pay for the changes through intra-fund borrowing, said Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services.

Claxton said the cost of the projects is estimated at $70,000 and that amount would be borrowed from self-insurance funds currently used for unemployment payments.

"We will pay the fund back at four percent interest," said Claxton.

Total costs include the $50,000 for the fitness equipment, $6,044 for remodeling of the fitness room, and $12,000 for the student center. There is also $10,000 set aside as a contingency fund for the projects.

Trustees also canvassed the election returns from the May 15 election and gave the oath of office to incumbent trustees Carolyn Barbee and Dr. Jay Kidd.

Lee Presswood again was elected president of the board and Barbee, vice president. Bullard was named secretary.

Presswood presided and members present were Barbee, Kidd, Bullard, Eddie Peterson and Scott Richburg. Jackie Greene was absent.

Lengthy agenda on tap for Cogdell board on Thursday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will face a lengthy agenda when it convenes at 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

Trustees will hear a report on the annual audit from representatives of Condley & Co., and hear a proposal from another accountant, Dan Honebrink, for an in-depth financial analysis.

A report also will be heard from Healthcare Management Consulting, a firm specializing in analyzing staffing levels.

Several other reports will be given to include the monthly medical staff report from Dr. Bid Cooper; the annual environmental report; and the policy and procedure manual on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

The board also will hear reports on the usage of the specialty clinic, nurses and the administrator's report to include the number of transfers to area hospitals.

Trustees also will consider for approval liability and property insurance quotes.

Board chairman Dink Foree will lead the discussion on a proposed grant concerning possible critical access status for the hospital. Richard Murphy, interim financial officer, will present the monthly financial reports for approval and the certification of accounts payable.

Foree also will present information concerning educational meetings for board members.

An executive session to consult with County Attorney Mike Hartman concerning pending or possible litigation also is scheduled. Two matters listed are related to the hospital audit and to vendor contracts with the hospital.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	**1.24**
East of city	**1.50**
Union	**.40**
Hermleigh	**.50**
Ennis Creek	**shower**
Loyd Mountain	**.60**
Camp Springs	**1.00**
Dunn	**.45**
Ira	**.20**
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	**1.00**
Sc. County (W)	**2.50**
Inadale	**.70**

Totals as reported by area residents for Tuesday.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley



Uniting to send a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are fighting back is a statement that came home to me when a trailer was recently stolen "in broad daylight" from my driveway while we were at work.

This message is being carried out by a neighboring county in observing National Night Out that I hope to get more information on.

It seems the word neighbor has lost the true sense of the word over the years because of varied, busy lifestyles of today. People, it seems, used to visit more out in the yards. And often neighbors would run next door to borrow a cup of sugar or milk and then visit awhile, and then again when returning the borrowed items.

Back to the National Night Out, citizens set aside 7 to 10 p.m. on a July evening to lock their doors and windows, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement officers.

Some hold neighborhood parties, cookouts, block parties and lawn parties. They enjoy food, fellowship and played cards and dominoes.

Some invite law enforcement to stop by.

The event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participate in local anti-crime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships as well as send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Snyder can do this too.

In the meantime — neighbors could unite for a program like "Neighborhood Watch," and become a little more like Mrs. Cravats, the nosey neighbor on the Bewitched TV series of years ago, but call ourselves Watch Groups.

Watch groups get to know their neighbors better, building neighborhood togetherness that naturally can act as an extension to assist law enforcement in making neighborhoods safer for everyone.

Law enforcement officers can help watch groups to educate participants on how to deter crime, delay criminals from getting away and detect crimes in progress.

A watch group makes its neighborhood a safer place to live by adopting a more observant and active attitude.

As a result, people become more aware of strange cars, persons or circumstances and what is going on in the neighborhood such as:

Investigate when you hear unusual sounds, barking dogs or when motion detector lights are triggered — get in the habit of looking outside your windows, especially when you wake up at night.

Be aware of activity on your street. Keep an eye on anyone going door-to-door — if the person tries a door to see if it is locked, looks into a window, or goes into the back or side yard, call the police department.

Watch for parked vehicles that do not belong in the neighborhood.

Never open your door to anyone you do not know — always verify by telephone the company they say they represent and that they have been sent for that reason.

It's okay, be a little bit like Mrs. Cravats, for a good cause.

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ASK US

Q—Has the city or Western Texas College ever taken action on a tax freeze for senior citizens?

A—No action has been taken by either.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Ashley Jenkins...

...has lived in Snyder all of her life. Her parents, Don and Jennifer Jenkins; grandparents, Donnie and Betty Jenkinsand uncle, Steve Jenkins; all live in Snyder. Ashley's grandad, Wayne Brown, lives in Fredericksburg. Ashley graduates this week from SHS and plans to attend Tarleton State University. She enjoys water skiing, jet skiing and spending time with friends.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Thanks cost nothing.
—Creole saying

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Lucille Clinkinbeard will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

GED, ESL classes

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

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at First American Bank to assist the Mauldin family of Ira – Claude, Pam and Leeja – who are undergoing medical treatment and evaluation in Houston for illnesses associated with toxic spores. Funds are needed for transportation, housing and medical expenses in Houston. Funds also may be donated through Pastor Rocky Alexander of Ira Church of God.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

What's up guidelines

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

Blast closes gasoline pipeline

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — A section of a gasoline pipeline exploded in flames over the weekend, forcing the closing of the 400-mile system and disrupting fuel deliveries.

Nobody was injured in the blast Sunday at the Olympic Pipe Line Co. pumping station in Renton, a Seattle suburb. Workers reported seeing 20-foot flames leaping from a test line that runs off the main pipeline.

The cause of the explosion was under investigation, and the company shut down the entire pipeline as a precaution, said Bobby Talley, Olympic's president. It will be shut for days, he said.

Officials found a pin-sized hole in the test line, but did not know what caused it or the fire. Between 3,300 and 10,000 gallons of fuel leaked from the three-quarter-inch line, much of it burning, Talley said.

"This is an isolated incident. ...It's not an integrity issue with the main line," Talley said.

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LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $42 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's $33 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

There was one second-prize winner from Tuesday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000. Also, 18 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: 5, 18, 34, 36, and 39. The Mega Ball number was 43.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-17-24-34. Bonus Ball: 14.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching four of four: 3. Prize: $3,317.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 20. Prize: $62.

Number matching three of four: 755. Prize: $22.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 488. Prize: $23.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,343. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,251. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $325,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-10-12-25.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $35,423.

Winning tickets sold in: AUSTIN.

Matching four of five: 152. Prize: $105.

Matching three of five: 4,584. Prize: $8.

Matching two of five: 41,977. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 3-8-2

(Night) 3-7-3

Environmental group opposes city's asbestos removal project

FORT WORTH (AP) — The city's plan to tear down a boarded-up hotel using a new method of asbestos removal is drawing fire from an environmental group, which has released documents showing that some U.S. Environmental Protection Agency experts have misgivings about the project that could set a nationwide precedent.

"The proposed residential exposure limit ... represents an asbestos exposure level commonly considered to require emergency response on behalf of the U.S. EPA," Christopher Weis, who works for the EPA's national enforcement investigation center, wrote in a March memo.

But Fort Worth environmental management department officials say their "wet" method — spraying water on an asbestos-filled building before and during demolition so cancer-causing fibers don't spread through the air — is safe for residents and workers.

The EPA requires asbestos removal before a building can be razed, which can be time-consuming and expensive, so Fort Worth invented the "wet" method several years ago, said Brian Boerner, the city's director of environmental management.

Air quality test results after the city's first project three years ago, tearing down a small house, showed no adverse effects, Boerner said. Since then the city has been working with the EPA to address additional concerns, he said.

Now, the city wants to knock down eight of the nine buildings of the 66,000-square-foot Cowtown Inn, which has more than 86,000 square feet of asbestos. It has been empty for 15 years and was foreclosed by the city three years ago for unpaid taxes.

City officials planned the project for July, when nearby schools are closed, and hope to get EPA approval in June. Workers plan to remove all asbestos from two of the buildings and use the "wet" method on the other six, then do a side-by-side comparison of air quality, Boerner said.

However, some scientists believe the "wet" method won't keep asbestos fibers from becoming airborne and will increase health risks to residents, according to EPA documents obtained by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice.

In a May 10 memo, Aubrey K. Miller, a senior medical officer and toxicologist with the EPA in Denver, expressed concerns about Fort Worth's test methods and plans.

"If in fact the soil becomes contaminated, how are they going to deal with that?" Miller told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

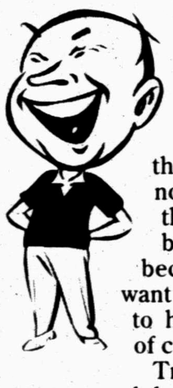
The documents, released to media outlets Tuesday, were leaked by an EPA staffer who was concerned that issues were not being addressed by that agency or Fort Worth officials, said John Walke, the clean air director of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Today's chuckle

Santa Fe rethinking dogs wearing seat belts

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Fido may still be able to stick his head out the car window in Santa Fe after all.

The city is rethinking a proposed rewrite of its animal control ordinance that would have required dogs to wear seat belts in cars.



The city's public safety committee voted Monday to strike a section of the proposal that said any animal confined in or on a vehicle shall be restrained to prevent it from reaching outside the vehicle.

Santa Fe city councilors said they were flooded by complaints about the proposed "doggie seat belts" from residents as well as people in other cities.

Sponsors of the proposal said they never intended to require restraint devices on dogs in cars — only in the backs of pickups.

Michael Trujillo, vice chairman of the committee, said the section was deleted not only to eliminate the possibility of seat belts on dogs, but because some people want their dogs to be able to hang their heads out of car windows.

Trujillo said the proposal had been intended to keep dogs in parked cars from lunging at people walking nearby.

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ANNUAL COOKOUT — Snyder Junior High School had its annual hamburger cookout Friday. Servers on the left are Shawn Ragland, Maria Torres and Vickie Moyers. Students getting their burgers are Maria Ortiz, Roxann Renteria and Heather Torres. Ragland is the president of American State Bank, one of the junior high's adopt-a-school partners. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Aid to Afghanistan increases, but warlords pose serious threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donor countries are showing more generosity toward Afghanistan lately, but the international largesse may prove meaningless unless the country's continued violence can be controlled.

American officials are pleased with the upward trend in assistance promises, while privately criticizing Arab countries for reneging on Afghan aid pledges they made more than two years ago.

Most worrisome for U.S. officials and congressional leaders is the continued threat posed by regional warlords and their heavily armed militias.

"Without bringing security to Afghanistan, nothing else is possible," says Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mark Schneider of the International Crisis Group, a research foundation, says security in Afghanistan "affects everything from elections to reconstruction. ... This is not a post-conflict situation; an unrelenting battle continues in Afghanistan."

More than 21/2 years after the demise of the Taliban regime, regional warlords battle constantly over turf and narcotics trafficking.

There is strong bipartisan support in Washington for helping Afghanistan, the country that spawned al-Qaida and the Taliban, so that it does not descend into an anarchic haven for terrorists all over again.

President Hamid Karzai says the country's first national elections, set for September, could be jeopardized unless the private militias that control much of the country are disarmed.

On the plus side, donor countries pledged $8.2 billion for Afghanistan at a conference last month in Berlin. A U.S. commitment of $2.2 billion for 2004 was supplemented with promise of $400 million by Japan over two years, $391 million from Germany over four years, $850 million from the European Union for 2004 and $900 million by Britain over five years.

That's more than was pledged at a similar conference in Tokyo two years earlier, said Barnett Rubin of the Center on International Cooperation at New York University.

"If the pledges are fulfilled, it will go a long way toward correcting the financial neglect from which Afghanistan has suffered," Rubin said.

But James Dobbins, an analyst at the Rand think tank and a former State Department expert on nation building, is less impressed.

He says $8.2 billion over three years "works out to $100 per Afghan per year — not bad — but Kosovo got four times more after just 11 weeks of bombing, and Bosnia seven times more after two."

Dobbins points out that various Afghan wars have lasted for more than 20 years.

U.S. officials cite the accomplishments of outside aid: 25 million school textbooks distributed, 203 schools constructed or rebuilt, 140 health clinics rehabilitated and 4.26 million children vaccinated against measles and polio.

They also tout the restoration of the war-ravaged, 310-mile Kabul-Kandahar highway. That trip, once a bone-jarring 12-hour adventure, now takes about four hours.

But no one doubts the distance the world's second-poorest country has to travel.

A recent study by the NYU center says average life expectancy is 43 years and that one out of four children dies before age 5.

On the economic front, opium poppy, the raw material for heroin, is the country's principal growth industry. According to the United Nations, Afghanistan accounts for three-quarters of the world's illicit opium production. Karzai has vowed to cut the poppy crop by 25 percent.

But for Afghans and their American patrons, security is the major concern. Barnett describes the level of international security assistance to Afghanistan as "pathetic." The NATO-led troop commitment is 6,000-strong and is deployed mostly in Kabul. The perceived dangers inhibit a more robust presence.

The United States itself has about 15,000 troops in Afghanistan, most of them attempting to hunt down remnants of al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Kellogg recalls boxes of Corn Flakes

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — Kellogg Co. is recalling some of its 18-ounce boxes of Corn Flakes because they contain undeclared milk and wheat, the company said Monday.

Kellogg says the problem was uncovered after the company realized another cereal that contains milk and wheat was mistakenly packaged in Corn Flakes boxes.

The recall affects about 6,300 packages of the cereal sold with UPC code 381200, a use-by date of March 31, 2005, and the number KLB 009 stamped on top of the box. The packages were distributed in stores in the Midwest and western United States.

No illnesses have been reported so far, but the breakfast food producer said people who have allergies or severe sensitivities to wheat or milk could have life-threatening allergic reactions if they eat the cereal.

On the Net:
Kellogg Co.: http://www.kelloggcompany.com

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband's 'Boys' night out stirs bad memories for wife

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a hard time dealing with an upcoming event. My husband, "Rob," and our nephews are planning a night out visiting the local all-nude strip clubs. I walked into the room just as one nephew was inviting him. Abby, he jumped at the chance! When I asked what they were talking about, Rob said, "Nothing," and changed the subject.

I don't want him to go. This isn't a new occurrence in our more-than-30-year marriage. After we were married seven years, Rob came home from work and told me he wanted to be with other women. The men he worked with all had girlfriends on the side and were always talking about how great it was, and my husband thought he was missing something. Since Rob's sister and young son were living with us at the time, I moved out. Every day he called me at work to see how I was, and on the third day he called, crying, and begged me to come home. He had decided I was what he really wanted.

Twelve years later, Rob had a stress breakdown. While he was in the hospital he confessed that he'd had a three-year affair with a woman he worked with and had paid for her to have an abortion. He said it was over and promised there would be no more women. It was his idea, not mine. I never mentioned the subject again. Now this.

Abby, I'm having a lot of trouble dealing with this. The "boys' night out" is in three weeks. I have decided to tell Rob that I wish he wouldn't go — not can't go — and leave the decision up to him. Am I just a jealous wife, or insecure, or unreasonable? — **WOUNDED IN NEW YORK**

DEAR WOUNDED: I'd say you're insecure with good reason. Your husband's history of fidelity and stability is poor, and it didn't help matters that when you asked what the men were talking about, he was evasive. You do not appear to be jealous. It would not be unreasonable to air your feelings about his behavior, past and present, when you tell him you wish he wouldn't go. Considering his past, the request is understandable.

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DEAR ABBY: While my mother lay on her deathbed, my stepfather of 17 years had her sign a new will, leaving everything to him. She was heavily sedated at the time, but he explained that it would be easier for him to disburse the money that she wanted us kids to have if he were in charge.

He remarried one year after Mother died and dropped us like hot potatoes. It has been a while since I contacted him, but my family had financial difficulties, so I called to ask about the money. His reply, "Tough luck."

He had promised my mother, my siblings and me that he would take care of us. We're not talking about a few bucks, Abby, we're talking about a half-million dollars!

I pray he reads this and thinks hard about what he did. Please help. I have no other recourse. — **HURT DAUGHTER IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR DAUGHTER: Have you spoken to a lawyer about this? I did. Here's what my legal expert had to say:

"As a matter of law, yes, there could be some recourse. However, we don't know how much time has elapsed since the mother died and the stepfather remarried. If the new will was done on the reliance of the promise he made, there MAY be something that could be done when he dies."

So, my advice to you and your siblings is to consult an attorney who specializes in planning estates.

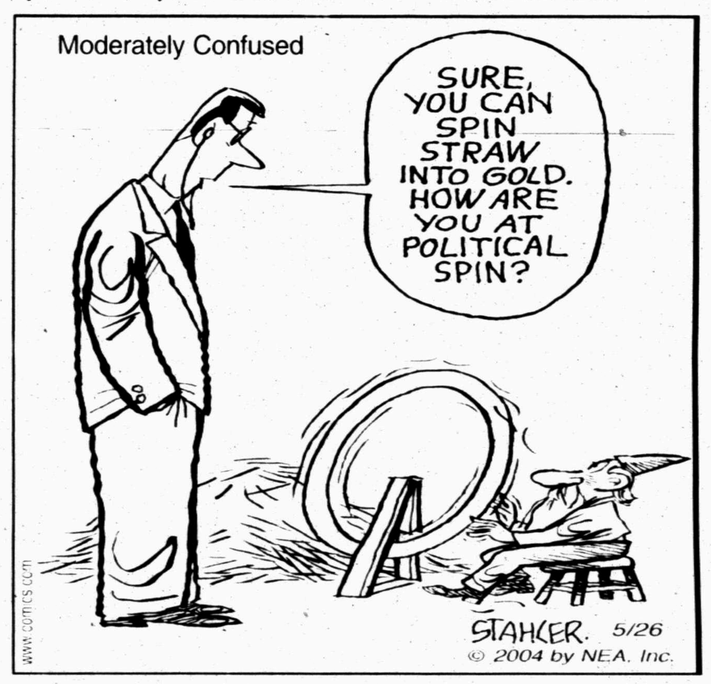
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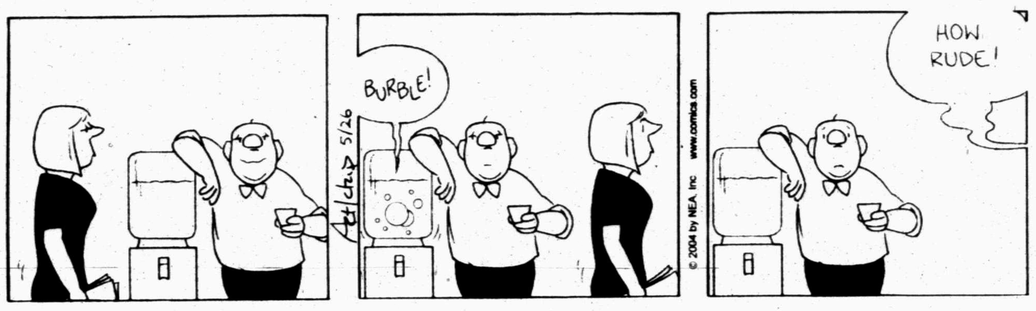
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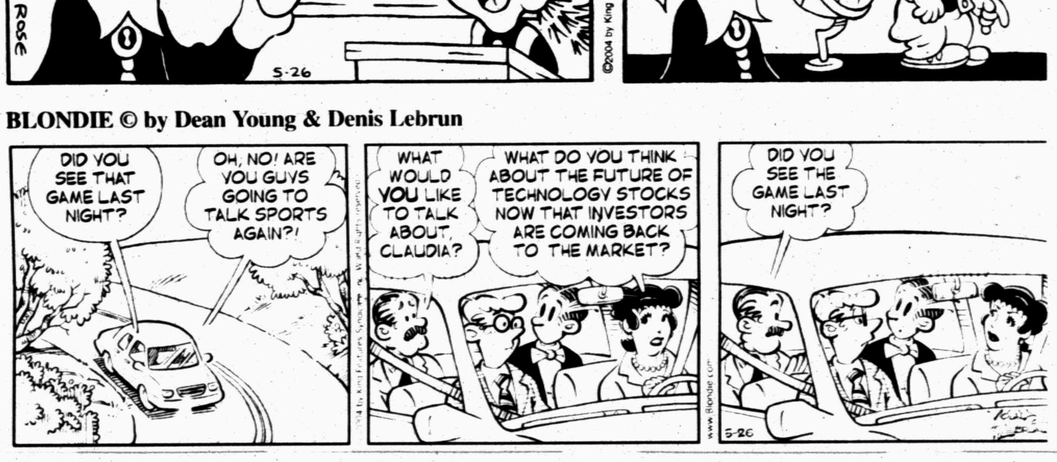
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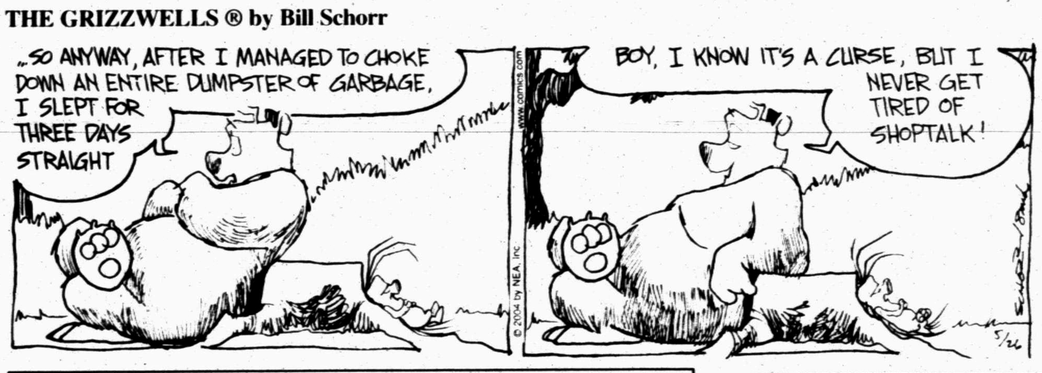
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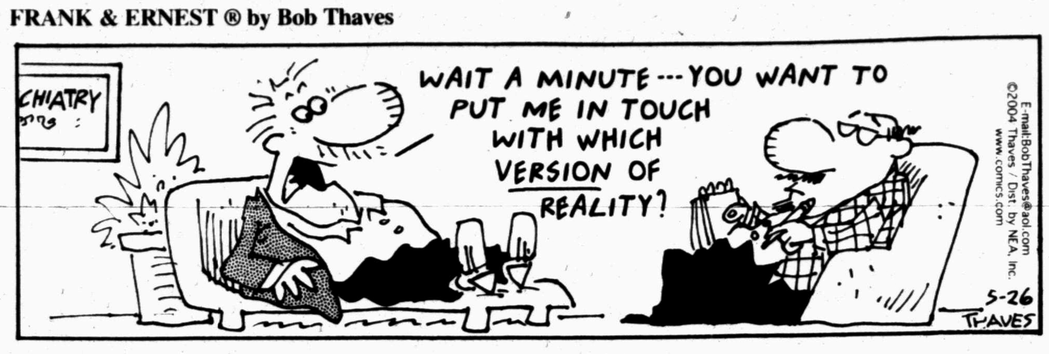
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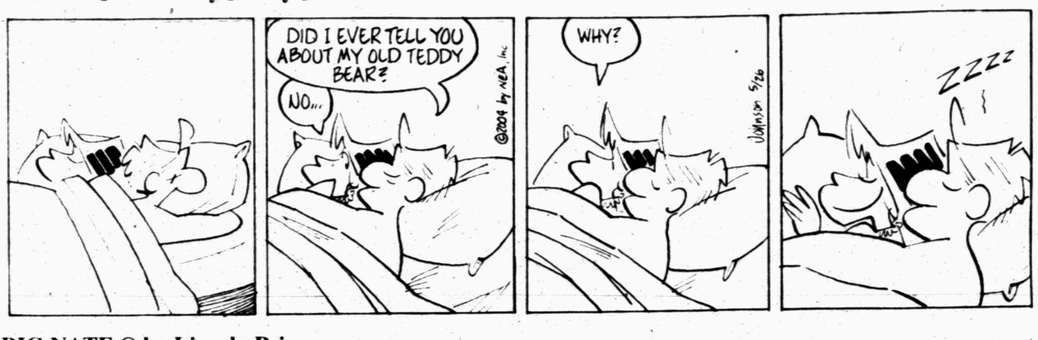
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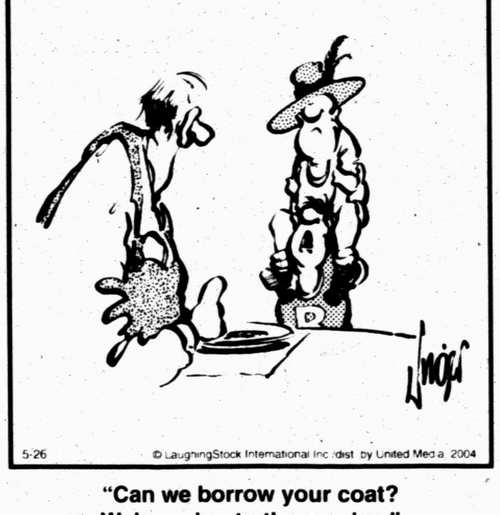
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14 Chewy candy
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16 Northern lights
17 Hush-hush org.
18 Psyche parts
19 Take a chair
21 RNs' bosses
23 Mdse. bars
26 Smidgen
27 Green shade
28 Chimes
30 The works
31 Whichever
32 Habitual
33 Napkin
35 Paving material
37 Pedro's river
38 Bancroft and Baxter
39 Van Gogh medium
40 Lb. or tsp.
41 Noncom
42 Cricket sides
43 Unser and Gore
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58 Fists, slangily

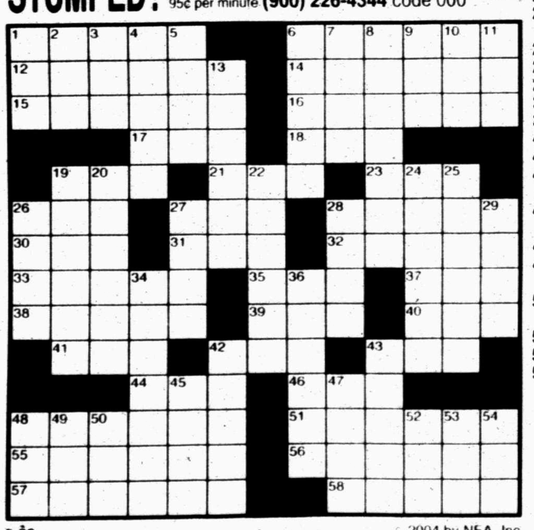
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11 — — premium
13 Flower part
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53 Paris summer
54 John — Passos

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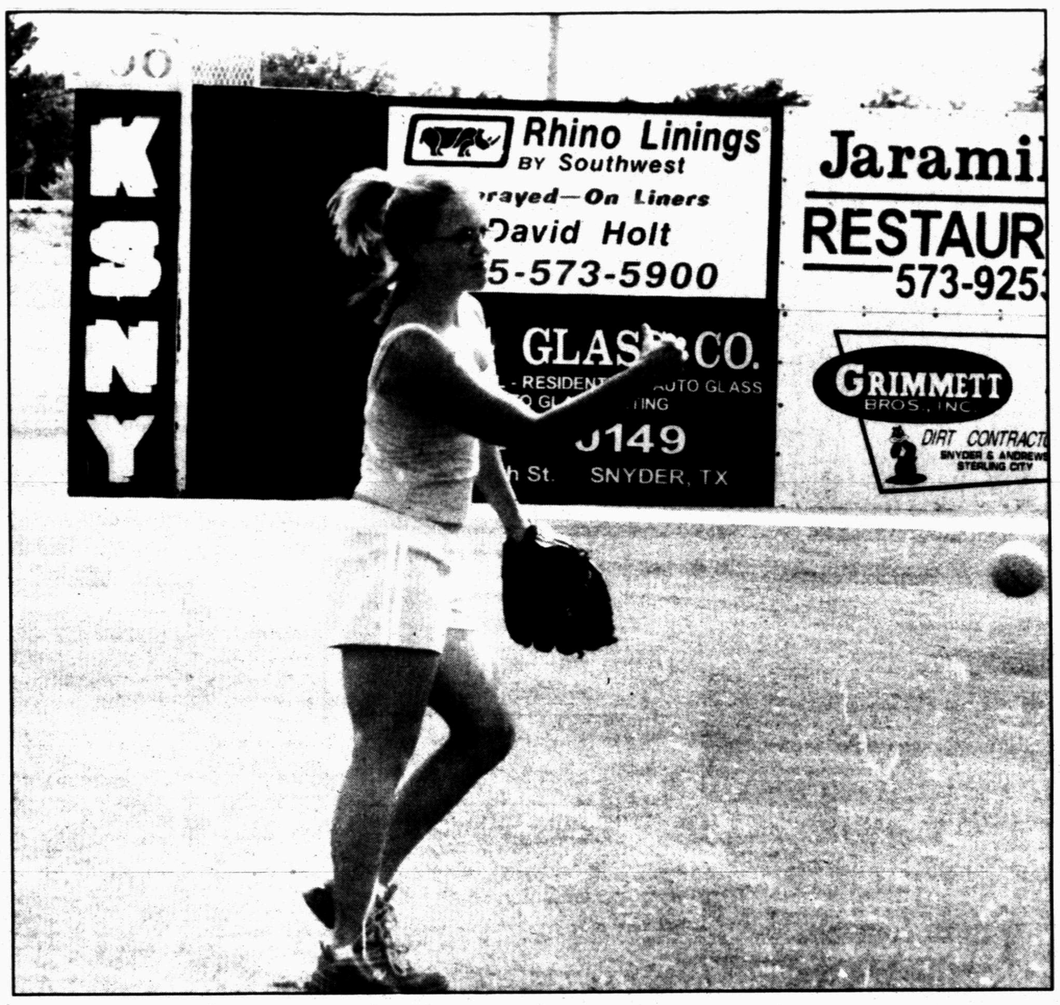


"Can we borrow your coat? We're going to the movies."

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SPORTS



BEATING THE HEAT — Laura Clanton shags a fly ball in left field during Tuesday's practice. Temperatures reached 99 degrees before a major thunderstorm swept through the county. The Lady Tigers are preparing for Thursday's Region I final with Monahans, a team they have spilt a pair of games with already this year. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Game one Thursday in Odessa...

Lady Tigers, Monahans battle for Region I title

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Head coach Darren Pool has pointed to the Snyder tournament as the turning point for the Lady Tigers this year.

The championship game of that tournament crystallized the team's resilience and attitude, and now the team the Lady Tigers beat will once again play the foil on the biggest stage of the season, so far.

The Lady Tigers and the Monahans Lady Lobos will get the Region I finals underway at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa, marking the third time the teams have met this year.

Monahans beat the Lady Tigers at the Midland tournament in late February, before falling to Snyder in dramatic fashion at the Snyder tourney.

Terann Ragland hit a two-out, two-strike triple in the top of the seventh to score Kelsi Johnson and tie the game at 1-1, before Laura Clanton drove in Heather Zajicek in the eighth for the 2-1 win..

Since that time, both teams have rolled through the playoffs, with Monahans outscoring their three opponents 40-1 and the Lady Tigers rallying from a 1-0 series deficit to top Borger and winning the regional semifinal game against Decatur on the last at bat. They have outscored their opposition, 38-6.

"Both teams have gotten better — they wouldn't have gotten this far if they hadn't," Pool said. "The pressure has always been on us, and we've handled it well all year. We had a lot of doubters early, and the girls have answered. We're excited. When you have a chance to play this far (into the playoffs), it's fun."

The three-game set presents a unique situation for the teams, as both Snyder and Monahans will both hold graduation ceremonies Friday night.

Because of that schedule, game two will not be played until 11 a.m. Saturday, which puts a damper on any post-graduate celebrations.

"One night of fun won't change our plans. The girls have high expectations," Pool said.

"Graduation is a one-time thing, but there won't be any all-night parties," senior Missy Vasquez said.

She could not recall any specifics from the teams' previous contests, and doesn't see the familiarity as giving either team an edge.

"I think it will be an advantage for both clubs. We've gotten a lot better," she said. "We get pumped up higher and play better and better every game."

Ashley Martinez, 5-1 in the postseason, will get the start. Pool said he expected a close ball game Thursday, but has faith that his offense can get some momentum.

"No doubt it will be a pitcher's duel. We'll see who makes the last mistake," he said. "(Offensively) we're coming around. When we relax, we hit the ball, it just takes us a little bit. When we start, we roll along."

Calgary scores on first shot, claims Stanley Cup opener

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Lightning went into their first Stanley Cup finals game relaxed and in control. They will go into their second with more than a little apprehension and a greater sense of urgency to beat the ever-surprising Calgary Flames.

Remarkable what watching Jarome Iginla up close for an evening can do to a team's poise and confidence.

The Lightning seemed mesmerized as Iginla disrupted their playoffs-leading power play and scored a pivotal goal during Calgary's 4-1 victory in Game 1 Tuesday night.

That the Flames won on the road wasn't stunning, because they are 9-2 with five consecutive victories there. What the Lightning couldn't have expected was how Calgary would control them on the very ice where they scored the biggest victory in team history three nights before, beating Philadelphia 2-1 in the Eastern Conference finals.

Or how Iginla, a player they normally see only once a season, can take over a game even when he doesn't have the puck or seems to be out of a play.

"He had everything going," coach Darryl Sutter said.

Just as the Lightning seemingly did in a raucous, noisy, filled-to-the-brim arena until Martin Gelinas' fluky goal on Calgary's first shot in a finals game since 1989 went in with barely three minutes gone.

Bryant's second half lifts L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant had to smile when asked why he didn't look to score in the first half against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"I'm sabotaging the game, man," he said, drawing laughter from the assembled media.

Bryant referred to the late-season game in Sacramento when, in a similar situation, his motives were questioned.

Nobody was questioning them Tuesday night.

Bryant scored all 22 of his points in the second half, and Shaquille O'Neal survived Minnesota's Hack-a-Shaq tactics for 22 points, 17 rebounds and four blocked shots in the Lakers' 100-89 victory over the Timberwolves for a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series will be Thursday night. Earlier that day, Bryant is scheduled for a court appearance in Eagle, Colo., when a trial date is expected to be set on his sexual assault case.

The series returns to Minnesota for Game 5 on Saturday.

After missing both shots he tried in the first half, Bryant went 5-of-10, including two 3-pointers, and made 10 of 11 from the foul line.

Bryant missed the only shot he attempted in the first half April 4 in Sacramento, and finished with eight points in a 102-85 loss. His shot selection had been criticized after he went 23-of-72 in his previous three games, and some thought he was sending his teammates and coaches a message.

"I thought he hurt himself on the very first shot he took," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "He was flexing his knee after he took that shot. I knew he was a little bit upset or unsettled by it. I didn't try to force the action on him; we were good enough offensively and I knew he would fight through it."

Gary Payton scored 14 points and Devean George added eight in the first half to pick up the slack. Payton finished with 18 points and nine assists; George added 12 points; and Karl Malone had 11 points, six rebounds and five assists.

"You've just got to sit back and survey the situation," Malone said of Bryant's reticence to shoot in the first half.

"They did a good job defensively," Bryant said. "They were just crowding me and trapping me every time I came off a pick and roll or when I was in transition.

The Lakers led 44-35 at halftime, but with Wally Szczerbiak outscoring them 14-8, the Timberwolves moved within two points late in the third quarter.

Rogers wins seventh game; Rangers rally past ChiSox

CHICAGO (AP) — Kenny Rogers won his third straight start, tying for the major league lead with his seventh win, and the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 7-4 Tuesday night.

Rogers (7-2) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings, struck out six and walked one. The 39-year-old left-hander, off to his best starts since 1995, joined Houston's Roger Clemens, Anaheim's Jarrod Washburn and Cincinnati's Paul Wilson as the only seven-game winners in the major leagues.

Francisco Cordero got four outs for his 15th save in as many chances.

Mark Teixeira and Herbert Perry hit solo homers for the Rangers, who have won four of their last five games, and Teixeira drove in three runs.

Chicago's Frank Thomas hit his 427th career homer, moving past Billy Williams into sole possession of 32nd place on the career list.

Magglio Ordonez left after the seventh inning, when he strained his left calf.

Scott Schoeneweis (4-2) gave up five runs and nine hits in six-plus innings.

With the score 2-all in the fifth, Eric Young doubled, Michael Young walked, and Eric Young stole third with one out. Teixeira hit a high bouncer to third baseman Joe Crede as the go-ahead run scored, and Perry followed with an RBI single.

Teixeira hit an RBI single off Mike Jackson in the seventh, and Chad Allen singled in a run off Kelly Wunsch.

Sports Briefs

Former Nevada coach takes over Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Trent Johnson was formally introduced as Stanford coach.

Johnson, a former Cardinal assistant coming off a breakthrough season at Nevada, was hired to replace Mike Montgomery. Last season, Johnson led the Wolf Pack to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 for the first time.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh all sports booster club will meet at 6 p.m. today in the high school cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Playoff series at Moffett Field

Snyder will be the site this week of two playoff series. Game one of the 4A regional semifinal series between Canyon Randall and Wichita Falls Rider will be played at 8 p.m. today. Game two is slated for Lubbock.

The 2A regional semifinal series between Shallowater and Electra is scheduled to begin with at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Game two is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday. The series finale, if needed, will be played after the conclusion of game two.

Boys basketball camps

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

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

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

Girls basketball camp

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

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

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

Football camp set for June

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

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

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

Rangers put two on 15-day DL

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielders Kevin Mench and Brian Jordan were put on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday.

The Rangers purchased the contracts of outfielders Chad Allen and Gary Matthews Jr. from Triple-A Oklahoma. To make room on its 40-man roster, Texas transferred rookie catcher Gerald Laird from the 15-day to 60-day disabled list.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	24	19	.558	—
Florida	25	20	.556	—
New York	23	22	.511	2
Atlanta	21	23	.477	3½
Montreal	15	30	.333	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	27	18	.600	—
Chicago	25	19	.568	1½
Houston	25	20	.556	2
St. Louis	23	21	.523	3½
Milwaukee	22	21	.512	4
Pittsburgh	19	21	.475	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	24	19	.558	—
San Diego	25	20	.556	—
San Francisco	20	24	.455	4½
Colorado	17	27	.386	7½
Arizona	17	28	.378	8

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 3, Atlanta 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati 5, Florida 2
Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 0
Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 3
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, ppd., rain
San Diego 11, Colorado 6
San Francisco 4, Arizona 1

Today's Games

Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 4-4) at Montreal (L.Hernandez 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (Ginter 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Florida (Phelps 0-0) at Cincinnati (Van Poppel 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Maddux 3-3) at Houston (Pettitte 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 2-3) at Milwaukee (Capuano 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 3-3) at St. Louis (Marquis 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 1-4) at Colorado (Jennings 2-5), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Daigle 2-2) at San Francisco (Rueter 1-4), 9:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	28	17	.622	—
New York	26	18	.591	1½
Baltimore	20	21	.488	6
Toronto	18	27	.400	10
Tampa Bay	15	28	.349	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	19	.568	—
Minnesota	25	19	.568	—
Detroit	21	23	.477	4
Cleveland	18	25	.419	6½
Kansas City	14	28	.333	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	29	16	.644	—
Texas	26	18	.591	2½
Oakland	25	19	.568	3½
Seattle	16	28	.364	12½

Tuesday's Games

Boston 12, Oakland 2
Seattle 5, Cleveland 4, 12 innings
N.Y. Yankees 11, Baltimore 3
Tampa Bay 6, Minnesota 1
Texas 7, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 4, Detroit 3

Today's Games

Anaheim (Colon 4-3) at Toronto (Hentgen 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Redman 3-2) at Boston (Lowe 3-4), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 2-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 5-4) at Baltimore (Lopez 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Greisinger 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Bell 0-1), 6:15 p.m.
Texas (Benoit 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Knotts 1-0) at Kansas City (May 1-6), 7:10 p.m.

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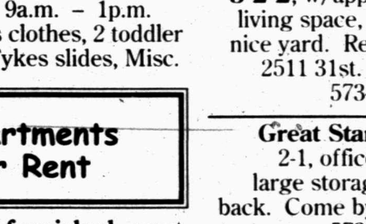
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Two women are indicted for leading marriage fraud ring

HOUSTON (AP) — Two women have been indicted on charges they ran a large scale marriage fraud scheme that recruited immigrants from Africa and the Middle East to marry U.S. citizens, authorities said Tuesday.

Aminata Smith, 43, of Houston, and Emma Guyton, 46, of Bryan, were each charged with four counts of inducing illegal immigration, four counts of marriage fraud and one count of conspiracy. All the charges are felonies that could bring a maximum of 70 years in prison and more than $2 million in fines for each woman.

Thirty-six U.S. citizens also have been charged with one count each of marriage fraud, which carries a maximum five-year prison sentence and $250,000 fine. Half of them were in custody as of Tuesday afternoon, said U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby. These 36 individuals — 13 men and 23 women — range in ages from 20 to 51 and most are from Bryan and Houston. The others are from Cypress, Midland, Somerville, and Wharton.

The women made deals with the potential immigrants before they arrived in Texas. Typically, Shelby said, the immigrants came legally with documents such as student visas, then participated in sham marriages that let them apply for green cards, which allow immigrants permanent legal residency.

"The green card is the thing. That is the holy grail that is sought by people who want to immigrate to the United States because that is the card that allows them for what they really are after, which is employment in this country," Shelby said.

The immigrants came from Algeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Guinea, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Uganda, prosecutors said. The marriages took place between April 2000 and July 2003.

Shelby said the U.S. citizens entered "into sham marriages with these foreign nationals in order to move them to the front of the line so they could expeditiously get the green card. Guyton and Smith did this for one purpose and one purpose only, for personal enrichment."

Shelby said Smith and Guyton charged the immigrants between $1,500 and $5,000 to have the marriages arranged while they paid the U.S. citizens between $150 and $500 for their participation.

Guyton and Smith and 14 the U.S. citizens in custody made their first court appearances later Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy. All but three were released on bond.

An undetermined number of immigrants also were in custody and the others were being sought. All face likely deportation once the criminal proceedings have taken place.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Temporary strokes should be treated

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is transient global amnesia?

DEAR READER: These are temporary, painless and unpredictable attacks of amnesia, without other neurological abnormalities, that are probably the result of "mini-strokes," tiny blood clots that get carried to (and lodged in) brain tissue. When the clots reach the brain, they trigger a reaction in the body to dissolve them. Once this dissolution has occurred, the brain returns to normal.

Global amnesia usually does not recur. Still, such patients should be on daily 81-milligram aspirin therapy to prevent future problems.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Strokes." 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 am female, 64, in good health. About a year ago, I was running and my heart was pounding in my ears. Later, the pounding again occurred while I was watching TV. Following this, I experienced 10 to 15 minutes of rapid heart pounding in my ears on several occasions while in bed.

My family physician referred me to an otolaryngologist who did surgery on my nose to clear the airway. I was all right for several weeks, then began experiencing the rapid pounding all over again. It comes and goes without warning. Now it may last several days at a time. It can awaken me at night.

Last month, I saw another ENT doctor, who found nothing wrong. He told me I just had "to live with it."

Please give me your opinion.

DEAR READER: While it would be inappropriate for me to criticize your doctors, I think that they are barking up the wrong tree. Your story suggests to me that your upper respiratory tract is not the source of your difficulties. Rather, based on your own analysis of "heart pounding," I would redirect the focus to your cardiac status.

Palpitations (awareness of the heartbeat) are a common, normal phenomenon that all of us experience on occasion. However, in your case, the heartbeats are rapid, forceful and prolonged. Therefore, I would probably have skipped your ENT consultation altogether and paid more attention to your heart.

In my opinion, you need a Holter monitor, a device to record each heartbeat in a 24-hour period. Then the tape is computer-scanned and portions are printed out on paper for analysis. During the recording period, you will be asked to keep a diary of what you are doing and what symptoms you are having.

Obviously, if no pounding takes place during the recording period, you will then have to move up to an event monitor, a similar device that may be worn for as long as a month, which you can activate when you have symptoms.

Although your palpitations may simply be harmless irregularities in your pulse rate, the possibility exists that a more ominous rhythm disturbance is taking place. This should be diagnosed and treated.

Forget the ENT docs, ask your family physician to order the Holter monitor, and let me know what the study shows.

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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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-26-04
♠ K 9 5 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ K Q 3

West
♠ 8 7
♥ 10 3
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ J 10 9 4 2

East
♠ 2
♥ J 9 7 5 4
♦ Q J 10
♣ A 8 6 5

South
♠ A Q J 10 6 3
♥ A K Q
♦ K 5 2
♣ 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Wednesday, May 26, 2004

Be suspicious of the strange

By Phillip Alder

Philosopher Eric Hoffer wrote, "The suspicious mind believes more than it doubts. It believes in a formidable and ineradicable evil lurking in every person."

If a good opponent, especially declarer, does something that looks strange, you should be very suspicious. There is surely some sanity behind the apparent aberration.

In today's deal, cover the West and South hands. You are East, defending against four spades. Your partner leads the club jack. After declarer calls for dummy's three, how do you view the situation?

West might have led the heart 10, and if he had, the contract would surely have failed. But the club jack was a logical choice.

South saw that he had nine top tricks and could establish a 10th in clubs. However, from the opening lead, declarer knew that East had the club ace. And if West held the diamond ace, South was in danger of losing the first four tricks. So, declarer evilly set a trap for East when he played low from the dummy at trick one.

However, East paused to appraise the position. What was South's club holding? If he had either a void or at least a doubleton, he would have covered the club jack with dummy's queen. So, East deduced declarer had a singleton. But why hadn't he covered anyway? Clearly, South didn't want East on lead. So, knowing that what is bad for declarer is good for the defenders, East won trick one with his club ace and shifted to the diamond queen, killing the contract.

Note that if East ducks, declarer will later ruff out East's club ace to establish that 10th trick.

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AMR Corp	11.77	11.45	11.70	— .02
AT&T Corp	16.54	16.26	16.40	— .09
Albertsons	23.35	23.06	23.27	+ .02
Alltel	50.47	50.05	50.27	— .30
AmElPw	31.22	30.71	31.18	+ .20
AndarkPtr	55.95	54.47	54.66	— .97
ATMOS Egy	24.70	24.42	24.65	+ .01
Aviall	17.82	17.53	17.53	— .13
BP PLC	54.30	53.80	53.82	+ .04
BakerHughes	35.42	34.34	34.45	— .80
Bank of Amer	82.63	82.11	82.61	+ .17
BellSouth	25.31	25.02	25.14	— .17
BurlNoSFe	32.75	32.33	32.45	— .22
Caterpillar	75.21	74.50	75.10	+ .45
CenterPoint	10.8	10.60	10.79	+ .12
ChevronTex	92.00	90.97	90.99	— .68
Citigroup	46.65	46.07	46.39	— .11
CocaCola	50.71	50.15	50.29	— .10
ColgatePal	57.65	56.81	57.65	+ .49
CmclMetals	29.25	28.90	29.22	+ .02
ConocoPhill	74.00	73.25	73.26	— .50
Cooper Inds	57.40	56.74	56.78	+ .38
DaimlrChry	43.87	43.41	43.72	+ .09
DeltaAirLines	6.72	6.36	6.62	— .18
Dillards Inc	19.57	19.27	19.57	+ .12
DowChem	38.99	38.55	38.94	+ .25
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EastmanChem	46.41	46.29	46.38	+ .01
EstKodak	25.96	25.72	25.88	— .04
EDS Corp	15.95	15.75	15.81	— .18
Entergy	53.88	52.96	53.77	+ .68
ExxonMobil	43.82	43.39	43.43	— .39
FootLocker	23.35	22.50	23.05	+ .03
GenDynam	94.77	93.89	94.08	— .72
GenElec	31.40	31.15	31.35	+ .14
GenMills	45.93	45.35	45.90	+ .25
GenMotors	45.45	44.51	45.27	+ .53
GaPacific	35.39	34.69	35.27	+ .38
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GtAtlPac	7.39	7.16	7.20	— .01
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HarteHanks	22.72	22.56	22.69	+ .08
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HoneywellIntl	33.55	33.16	33.37	— .23
IBM	88.84	88.04	88.35	— .35
IntlPaper	41.50	41.09	41.27	— .16
JohnsonJn	55.49	55.17	55.22	— .14
KinderMorg	60.25	59.79	60.02	+ .03
Kroger Co	16.55	16.43	16.47	— .03
LockheedM	48.75	48.02	48.67	+ .44
Lowes Cos	54.34	53.25	53.71	— .34
Lubys	5.62	5.48	5.48	— .11
LucentTech	3.31	3.25	3.29	+ .03
MarathonOil	33.83	33.39	33.53	+ .05
MayDeptStr	29.07	28.60	29.03	+ .03
Medtronic	46.30	46.10	46.25	— .06
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NCR Corp	47.51	47.11	47.19	— .02
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PepsiCo	53.95	53.24	53.74	— .03
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ProctGamb	107.45	107.01	107.38	— .36
RadioShack	30.10	29.75	29.94	— .03
RoyalDut	50.44	49.90	50.02	— .06
SBC Comm	24.08	23.75	23.79	— .26
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TXU Corp	37.63	37.16	37.57	+ .01
TempleInland	65.00	64.55	64.86	+ .22
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TexasInst	25.44	24.92	25.09	— .24
Textron	53.90	53.32	53.82	+ .14
TimeWarner	17.06	16.84	17.04	+ .14
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TylerTech	9.30	9.10	9.26	— .01
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USSteel	30.54	29.74	30.19	— .15
UnitedTech	84.00	83.30	83.33	— .66
Unocal	36.23	35.62	35.68	— .56
VerizonComm	35.27	34.82	34.87	— .58
WalMart	55.48	55.01	55.38	— .11
WellsFargo	58.90	58.43	58.76	+ .01
WstnGasRs	55.91	55.42	55.48	— .26
WinnDixie	6.46	6.39	6.45	
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A Tiny Piece Is All It Takes for Health & Pleasure!

"Having a piece of chocolate at the end of a meal is really not a bad strategy (for weight control). You're already pretty full and less likely to overeat and sit down and eat the whole box.

"I find myself that having the most delicious chocolate I can think of in a small amount at the end of the meal really helps me end the meal. It's a satisfying finish and I know I'm finished then. You need to keep the sensory pleasure in there, too."

Source: Barbara Rolls, PhD, author of *Volumetrics: Feel Full on Fewer Calories.*

There are very few of us that dislike dessert, especially if it contains chocolate! What could be quicker and tastier than a luscious piece of chocolate candy for dessert. Eaten in moderation, chocolate may be good for our health, especially dark chocolate.

It is possible to eat a small piece of chocolate candy (sometimes more!) At the end of a meal and stay under 100 calories. This is fewer calories than we consume from most desserts. A small piece of chocolate may be the only "diet pill" you need.

An Internet search found one chocolate candy company that listed the size of its product that equals 100 calories or less per serving at **http://www.hersheys.com/nutrition_consumer/chocolate.shtml**

Another place to check the calories in a candy is the Nutrition Facts label on foods. For most small candies, the label will be on the larger packer rather than individually wrapped pieces. The label will tell you the serving size, how many servings in the package, the calories per serving, Total Fat, Cholesterol, Sodium, Carbohydrates, Protein, fiber, vitamin and nutrition information.

Choose a chocolate candy you really enjoy. Take time to savor the flavor as you eat it.

Benefits of Dark Chocolate

Chocolate contains flavonoids, the same substances we hear about in red wine and green tea. These flavonoids may help protect against heart disease. Dark chocolate is higher in flavonoids than other forms of chocolate.

Calories Still Count

Eaten as part of an overall healthy diet, chocolate can help limit calories, may be heart healthy and adds an extra sparkle to the end of a meal. Eating chocolate need not be a guilty pleasure — moderation is the key. As writer Samuel Butler said, "Half the vices which the world condemns most loudly have seeds of good in them and require moderate use rather than total abstinence."

Viruses carried by mites damaging wheat fields

By The Associated Press

Some Panhandle wheat farmers are battling a double whammy that has taken aim on their fields.

Agriculture experts are trying to determine the extent of an infestation of a mite that carries the two viruses — the wheat streak mosaic and the High Plains viruses. Both have been found in fields in several Panhandle counties.

Wheat farmers have seen the viruses before, but this year is atypical, said Jerry Michels, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experimental Station in Bushland.

"This is a pretty unusual year because both of them are pretty widespread," he said. "The viruses can take out whole fields."

Texas usually produces the fourth or fifth largest amount of wheat in the country. This year Texas wheat farmers will produce about 119 million bushes.

The viruses are transmitted by the wheat curl mite — Aceria tosichella — which is common in the central plains of the United States. The tiny bug is white, shaped like a cigar and has eight legs. They crawl slowly and rely on wind to carry them from field to field.

The acreage affected by the viruses look like they are drought-stricken, but lack of water is clearly not the problem.

The wheat streak virus stunts growth by destroying the plant's chlorophyl, and it causes mottled yellow streaks on leaves; the High Plains variety causes yellowing.

Rodney Mosier, executive vice president of the Texas Wheat Producers Association, said he recently saw some fields west of Amarillo damaged by the viruses.

"It is something that can become devastating to the individual producer," he said. "You can see spotty instances of it but you're not seeing every field affected by it.

"It could be very detrimental to a producer's entire crop, but there's some wheat that looks fine."

As harvesting begins in earnest next month, there is little chance other fields will become infected, Michels said.

Time to check for pecan nut casebearer

Time to Check for Pecan Nut Casebearer

Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agent, Ag has received the following information concerning Pecan Nut Casebearers. If you have any questions, contact him at the Scurry County Extension Office, (325)573-5423.

The time has arrived for pecan growers to begin to look for pecan nut casebearers. The casebearer is one of the most important nut damaging insects in pecan production. Casebearer larvae, or caterpillars, will damage nutlets by tunneling into them soon after pollination, often destroying all nutlets in a cluster.

The adult is only active at night, during which it mates and lays eggs on pecan nutlets. It is a gray moth about 1/3 inch in length and has a dark ridge of scales followed by a lighter colored band across its forewings.

Moths can be detected by using pheromone baited traps, and are usually first seen around May 15. Pheromone traps were set out to capture casebearer moths several weeks ago and the first moths were captured between May 17 and May 20.

Egg laying usually occurs six to eight days after the first moth flight and trees should be inspected for eggs beginning May 24. Most casebearer eggs are found on the tips of the nutlets. Eggs are barely large enough to be seen by the naked eye, oval shaped, flat. They are greenish white to white when first laid and turn pink just prior to hatching.

When scouting for casebearers, examine at least ten nutlet clusters per tree. A cluster is considered infested if it has a casebearer egg or nut entry. Treatment may be justified if more than 3% of the nut clusters are infested. Nut clusters with eggs should be tagged and rechecked each day to determine when hatch occurs. If insufficient numbers of infested clusters are found, recheck the trees in two days.

The first generation can cause the most damage and for this reason, control is directed at this generation. Control must be precisely timed to kill the larvae between hatch and nut entry.

Once inside the nut, the larvae are protected from insecticidal treatments. The larvae (worms) reach a length of about ½ inch and are olive-gray to green in color. Larval entry occurs on the bottom 1/3 of the individual nutlet. There will be a small hole that is usually covered with saw-dust like worm droppings that are webbed together.

An insecticide should be applied 1-2 days after the first eggs hatch, when nut entry is first observed. The anticipated treatment date this year is from May 31 to June 3.

Due to the erratic distribution of casebearers, infestation of pecan nut casebearers may not be present in all trees or orchards. A history of casebearers does not mean you will have a problem this year. Therefore, you should check your trees to determine if you have a pest problem, insecticide applications may not be necessary.

Some trees may have nut clusters at every branch terminal and the tree may need to have some nutlets removed to prevent excessive stress to the tree. In this case, the casebearer can be helpful in reducing the number of clusters if treatment is not made.

Information given herein is for educational purposes only.

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Funnel Clouds

Q: What's the difference between a funnel cloud and a tornado?

A: "It's really a question of timing," says Michael Hammer of Texas A&M University. "A funnel cloud, he explains, is a swirling mass of air stretching down from a dark cloud, but it has not touched the ground yet. Once it makes contact with the ground, it's then classified as a tornado.

"Look for the dust and debris at the ground," Hammer says. "That means for sure that a funnel cloud has become a tornado. A funnel cloud can't do much damage up in the air, but once it touches the ground, tornadoes are a life-threatening event.

"If a funnel cloud is spotted, it should still be treated like it is a tornado because, as with many weather events, situations can quickly change."

Q: Once a funnel cloud becomes a tornado, how fast can it move?

A: On average, tornadoes move at speeds about 20 miles per hour, although some have been clocked at 60 to 70 miles per hour, Hammer adds. "But the winds inside the tornado are much higher — some have been measured at almost 300 miles per hour, which is why they cause destruction and death.

"On average, the United States has far more tornadoes than any other country in the world. In any given year, there are about 100,000 thunderstorms in the U.S., and these produce about 1,000 tornadoes a year. Some of these travel just a few hundred yards on the ground, while others have been known to travel 100 miles or more. The average tornado will travel about 3.5 miles. According to the National Weather Service, about 50 to 100 people are killed each year by tornadoes in the U.S."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS

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

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

GARDEN CHECKLIST MAY, 2004

- It is not too late to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnia, morning glory, portulaca, marigold, cosmos, periwinkles, and gourds.
- Achimenes, cannas, dahlias, and other summer-flowering bulbs can also be planted in May.
- Allow foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing.
- Pinch back the terminal growth on newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, well-branched plants with more flowers.
- Time to plant caladium tubers, impatiens, coleus, begonias, and pentas in shady areas.
- Replace or replenish mulch materials in flower beds and shrub borders to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth.
- Make cuttings of your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a mixture of sand and peat moss. Cover cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for 5 or 6 days to prevent wilting.
- Prune climbing roses as they complete their spring bloom season. Remove dead or weak wood as needed.
- 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.

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.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 513 head of cattle for the Wednesday, May 19, sale. Market was active and demand good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers were $1 to $2 higher. Packer cows and pairs were steady on a light test. Packer cows were steady with packer bulls $1 higher.

Feeder Steers:
300-400: 108-141
400-500: 110-131
500-600: 105-115
600-700: 95-107
Feeder Heifers:
300-400: 101-121
400-500: 100-118
500-600: 102-108
600-700: 85-106
Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 760-800
Pairs: 750-955
Packer cows: 50.25-60.75
Old and Shelly: 45-48
Packer bulls: 65-72.25

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc had a run of 736 head of livestock for the Thursday, May 20, sale. Cows were steady. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing, cutters, utility) 52-57
Canners and low cutters: 42-52
Slaughter bulls: 62-72
300-400: 120-150
400-500: 105-130
500-600: 101-115
600-700: 95-107
700-800: 88-107
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 105-130
400-500: 100-120
500-600: 95-105
600-700: 90-103
700-800: 90-100
Feeder bulls – Good and choice
500-600: 90-112
700-800: 85-95
Cow and Calf Pairs
Good: 750-1025
Grade: 600-750
Springers: 450-800
Baby Calves: 110-225
Doodlers: 200-300

Logger dies after being stung by bees

LUFKIN (AP) — An East Texas logger died Tuesday after he was stung hundreds of times by a swarm of bees.

Jeff Patton, 41, of Ratcliff, was logging near Centerville in Leon County when he was stung by the bees, Sheriff Mike Price told The Lufkin Daily News for its today editions.

Another logger took Patton to East Texas Medical Center in Crockett, where he later died.

It's unclear if the bees were Africanized honey bees or regular bees. Price said an expert from Texas A&M University was scheduled to inspect and destroy the bee nest today.

In Texas, 15 people have died from bee stings since 1991, said Lisa Bradley, a research assistant with the Texas Honey Bee Identification Laboratory at Texas A&M.

Lufkin is about 160 miles southeast of Dallas.

Foreign investors in ag land required to report holdings

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, according to Joe Hefner with the Scurry County Farm Service Agency.

"Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Hefner, county executive director of the Scurry County Farm Service Agency.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the Farm Service Agency County office in which the land is located.

Hefner said failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from non-agricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to non-agricultural.

Hefner added, "Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign."

When the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act was signed into law in 1978, the reporting requirement was adopted as part of the same legislation. Data gained from these disclosures is used in the preparation of periodic reports to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Scurry County FSA office at 325-573-0171 or visit the USDA Web site at http://www.usda.gov.

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	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	5-23-03	5-16-04	5-23-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	15.77	18.34	18.08
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	15,465	20,425	19,882
PERCENT FULL	7.71	10.18	9.91
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	5-23-03	5-16-04	5-23-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	32.87	39.68	39.39
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	24,170	40,781	39,940
PERCENT FULL	4.67	7.88	7.72
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	5-23-03	5-16-04	5-23-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	25.52	25.54	25.29
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	189,910	192,562	190,276
PERCENT FULL	34.26	34.74	34.32
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 5-16-04 5-10-04	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 5-23-04 5-17-04	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 5-23-04 5-17-04
BIG SPRING	6,120,000	6,544,286	7,850,000
ODESSA	25,735,471	27,726,143	32,320,000
SNYDER	2,487,057	2,918,157	3,546,700
MIDLAND	29,676,229	27,663,600	29,921,800
SAN ANGELO	15,733,114	17,181,229	19,895,000
STANTON	353,571	454,429	520,000

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, May 27, 2004

Benefits can come your way in the year ahead through optimistic and positive thinking. Make an effort to see the bright side of both your business and social involvements and watch good things happen to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You are a very imaginative and creative person and these are marvelous assets when used properly. Thus, you must be careful today not to conjure up negative happenings. Be positive at all times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Depending on its purpose, curiosity can be constructive or destructive. Don't poke your nose into situations where you aren't invited, especially when dealing with a sensitive friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — By all means, if you believe yourself to be right, pursue the course you set for yourself today, but if others question your actions, take the time to assess if what you're doing is right,

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Leave your work at the office or shop today. Injecting business topics into social conversations could cause trouble, or at the very least bore your listeners to tears.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Conditions in general are pretty good for you today, unless you decide to hang out with a group who thinks in petty or vindictive terms; in this case, unnecessary complications can develop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Domestic disruptions are a possibility today, but only if you allow unresolved issues to surface. Use your skills to divert such topics so that you can keep everybody off each other's backs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Do not be censorious and find fault with the work of your coworkers, even if their actions warrant correction. Instead, do what you can to unobtrusively help them to fix their mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It's not like you to be taken in by a snow-job, but your laid back, self-assured nature today could make you vulnerable to those who would use your competency for selfish purposes.

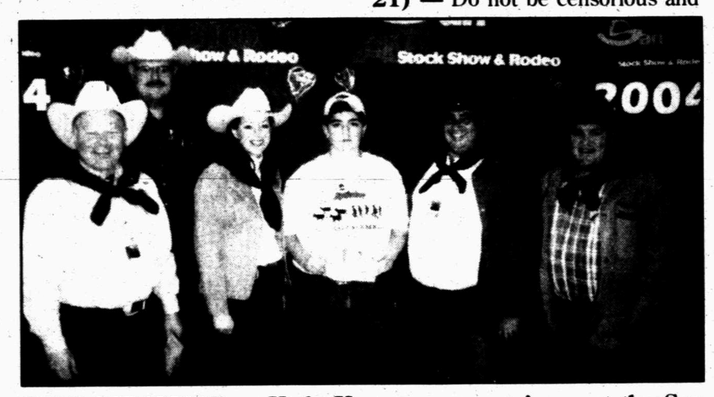
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Assisting loved ones or good friends would provide you with great satisfaction and feelings of well-being today. You'll suffer regrets later if you had a chance to help someone and didn't.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Normally you're an open-minded person with great sensitivity and tolerance for others, but today you could negatively judge certain people in advance. Resort to type and enjoy yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The world has better rewards to offer that can't be measured in dollars and cents, so take some time out today to smell the roses instead of simply sniffing out where the buck can be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Show continued support today of those who have stood by your side by acknowledging them with praise in front of others. Don't be someone who says, "What have you done for me lately?"

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CALF SCRAMBLE — Kade Krueger was a winner at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo calf scramble. Pictured are team captain Ken Knight, Marc Freeman, Heather Kimble, Krueger, Richard Chapa Jr. and Ronnie McGhee. (Contributed Photo)



SCRAMBLE — Ralston Lovell was a winner at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo calf scramble. Pictured left to right are committee members, Sean Metcalf, Lee Roquemore, Lovell, calf scramble team captain Duane Garza and Jeanne Champion. (Contributed Photo)



CALF SCRAMBLE — Stetson Kincheloe was a winner at the recent San Antonio Stock Show and calf scramble. Pictured from left are committee members, Donald Castro, Brenda Knight, Kincheloe, team captain Ken Knight and Duane Garza. (Contributed Photo)



STOCK SHOW — Logan West was a recent winner at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo calf scramble. Pictured from left are committee members Mary and Charles Riha, team captain Duane Garza, West, Brenda Knight and Marc Freeman. (Contributed Photo)



WINNER — Tyler Thompson was a winner at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo calf scramble. Shown congratulating Thompson are (left to right) Jeanne Champion, Brenda Knight, Thompson, Donald Castro and Marc Freeman. (Contributed Photo)

One twin is killed in Iraq

MAROA, Ill. (AP) — The Ridlen twins seemed to always be together, at church, on the softball field, even in the recruiter's office when they enlisted with the Illinois National Guard.

The brothers were stationed with the same unit in Iraq when a truck rigged with explosives detonated Sunday next to a convoy, killing Army Spc. Jeremy L. Ridlen, 23.

Guard officials wouldn't say if his identical twin, Jason Ridlen, was with the convoy at the time, but he is expected to accompany his brother's body home to Illinois.

Friends said Tuesday they worry about how he will deal with the loss.

"They just clung to each other. You can't talk about one without talking about the other," said Diane Daggett, one of the brothers' teachers at Maroa-Forsyth High School, where the twins graduated in 1998.

The same year, they joined the Illinois National Guard and were assigned to the 1544th Transportation Company.

Jeremy Ridlen was part of a convoy traveling a supply route in the Fallujah area Sunday when a dump truck rigged with a bomb exploded, according to the Illinois National Guard.

The boys grew up in nearby Maroa, a central Illinois town of about 1,600 residents 30 miles south of Bloomington. Both were students at Illinois State University when their unit was activated last year.

World Almanac

Wednesday, May 26, 2004

Today is the 147th day of 2004 and the 68th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1865, the last Confederate army fighting the Civil War surrendered.

In 1972, the United States and the Soviet Union signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

In 2001, Congress passed a $1.35 trillion tax cut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Wayne (1907-1979), actor; Stevie Nicks (1948-), singer/songwriter, is 56; Hank Williams Jr. (1949-), singer, is 55; Sally Ride (1951-), astronaut, is 53; Lenny Kravitz (1964-), singer/songwriter, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1959, Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Harvey Haddix pitched the longest perfect game in history — 12 innings — only to lose 1-0 in the 13th.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The best legislator is the one who votes for all appropriations and against all taxes." — Walter P. Brownlow, one-time Tennessee congressman.

TODAY'S FACT: The United States withdrew from the ABM treaty in December 2001.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3,000,000 — number of people who fought in the American Civil War.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 19) and first quarter (May 27)

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2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer — 5.4, VCR, 6 disc CD, new tires, 44K miles	$21,995
1999 GMC Yukon SLE — Power windows/locks, keyless, CD, power seat, 116K miles	$9,995
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Terrorists may be in U.S. for major attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intelligence that has heightened concern throughout the government indicates that a group of terrorists already deployed inside the United States is preparing to launch a major attack this summer, U.S. counterterrorism and law enforcement officials say.

The intelligence was described Tuesday by a senior counterterrorism official on condition of anonymity as extremely credible and backed by an unusually high level of corroboration.

The intelligence does not include a time, place or method of attack but is among the most disturbing received by the government since the al-Qaida attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the official said.

"There is clearly a steady drumbeat of information that they are going to attack and hit us hard," the official said.

Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller scheduled a news conference today to outline an intensive effort by law enforcement, intelligence and homeland security officials to detect and disrupt any potential plots. And the FBI was dispatching a bulletin to some 18,000 state and local law enforcement agencies warning of the threat.

Beginning with Saturday's dedication of the new World War II Memorial in Washington, the summer presents a number of high-profile targets in the United States. They include the G-8 summit in Georgia next month that will attract top officials from some of America's closest allies, plus the Democratic National Convention in Boston in July and the Republican National Convention in August in New York City.

2004 "Preliminary" State/District TAKS

Summary Report - Test Performance
All Students

STATE

Grade	Reading	Math	Writing	Social Studies	Science
Third	95%	90%			
Fourth	**85%**	**86%**	**90%**		
Fifth	79%	82%			69%
Sixth	**86%**	**77%**			
Seventh	83%	70%	91%		
Eighth	**89%**	**66%**		**88%**	
Ninth	84%	59%			
Tenth	**75%**	**63%**		**87%**	**64%**
11th	87%	85%		97%	85%

SNYDER

Reading	Math	Writing	Social Studies	Science
97%	87%			
88%	**86%**	**83%**		
70%	73%			61%
92%	**86%**			
83%	73%	92%		
90%	**68%**		**76%**	
86%	64%			
70%	**62%**		**89%**	**63%**
89%	81%		97%	84%

IRA

Grade	Reading	Math	Writing	Social Studies	Science
Third	100%	100%			
Fourth	**100%**	**100%**	**73%**		
Fifth	92%	96%			81%
Sixth	**86%**	**71%**			
Seventh	100%	88%	87%		
Eighth	**100%**	**84%**		**89%**	
Ninth	87%	60%			
Tenth	**65%**	**65%**		**76%**	**47%**
11th	86%	87%		88%	67%

HERMLEIGH

Reading	Math	Writing	Social Studies	Science
100%	84.5%			
100%	**100%**	**77%**		
100%	87.5%			71.4%
100%	**92.3%**			
100%	91.6%	75%		
100%	**40%**		**60%**	
90.9%	70%			
80%	**100%**		**90%**	**90.9%**
100%	100%		100%	100%

LOCAL STUDENTS FARE WELL — As indicated in the charts, Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira students fared well in the preliminary TAKS test results released Tuesday by the state education agency. All three districts exceeded or met the state average in third grade reading, fourth grade reading and math, sixth and seventh grade reading, eighth grade reading and ninth grade reading and math.

Man arrested for probation violation

• ***Arrests***

John Manuel Gonzales, 26, 4400 Ave. U #2B2 was arrested at his apartment at 2:29 p.m. Tuesday on a warrant from Bee County for felony probation violation, a Scurry County warrant for motion to adjudicate guilt and a San Patricio County warrant for conditional release violation.

• ***Burglary***

A report of subjects entering a residence in the 1700 block of Keller was reported at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday. Officers filed an offense report for burglary of a residence.

• ***Harassment***

Two reports of harassment were filed Tuesday.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A gas drive-off for $9.57 was reported at Town and Country north at 1:19 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Theft***

The theft of a boy's watch was reported at 4:24 p.m. Tuesday. A report for Class B theft was filed.

• ***Accidents***

A 1999 Monte Carlo driven by Jennifer James of Snyder and a 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer driven by Anthony Perez of Snyder were in an accident in the 2600 block of Ave. E at 2:27 p.m. Friday.

At 6:44 p.m. Monday, a 2003 Isuzu Rodeo driven by Jacki Thompson of Snyder and a 1990 Chevrolet Corsica driven by Virginia Jamison of Snyder were in an accident at the intersection of 30th Street and Ave. W.

Obituaries

David Davis

1950-2004

David Hilton Davis, a native of Snyder, died Monday, May 24, at his home in Arlington.

Graveside service for Mr. Davis, 54, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Dr. Fane Downs, interim pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



David Davis

Born May 2, 1950 in Snyder, he was a 1969 graduate of Snyder High School and a graduate of McMurry University in 1973. Mr. Davis was a social studies teacher in the Arlington schools.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.M. "Doc" Davis on Dec. 6, 1993; and by a brother, Benny Keith Davis, on March 21, 1986.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff Davis of Arlington and Jason Davis of Abilene; and his mother, Wyvone Davis of Snyder.

Mary Lancaster

1933-2004

BIG SPRING — Mary Ann Lancaster, the sister of Nelson Hallford of Snyder, died Tuesday, May 25, in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lancaster, 72, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Bishop Charles Breyman, Bruce Jaeger and Vernie Jaeger will officiate. Burial will follow in the Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Born May 3, 1933 in Big Spring, she was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and had worked as a waitress and for Nurses Unlimited for 12 years.

Survivors include her husband, Ted Lancaster of Big Spring; a son, Carl Lancaster of Big Spring; three daughters, Vernie Jaeger and Janet Parnell, both of Prescott, Ariz., and Elaine West of LaPorte; five sisters, Jean Armstrong of Sand Springs, Flo Hoffman of Vanderbilt, Carolyn Howerton and Ruth Miller of Roswell, N.M., and Irene Hallford of Fayetteville, N.C.; two other brothers, Billy Hallford of Big Spring and Hoyt Hallford of Norman, Okla.

The family suggests memorials to Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N Street in Midland, 79701.

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Bush hopes other countries will send troops to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is hoping a new U.N. resolution will induce fence-sitting governments — maybe even some Arab states — to send peacekeeping troops to Iraq.

So far, though, the United States has few takers.

"It remains to be seen," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday.

The uncertainty over troops underscores one of the many pieces of unfinished business as the United States begins the final push toward handing over political control to an interim Iraqi government by June 30. The White House said Tuesday the new Iraqi leaders will be named by early next week.

A senior administration official in Baghdad said the list had been narrowed, but that no final decisions have been made on the names of the Iraqi interim government. "We're down to a handful of names for each of the positions and in some cases a smaller number than that," the official said, on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, the United States and Britain appeared at odds over how much control Iraq's caretaker government will have over American-led military operations after the handover.

In London, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Iraqis should have the final say over any major U.S.-led military operations. The "final political control as to whether you go into a place like Fallujah in a particular way — that has to be done with the consent of the Iraqi government," Blair said.

But Powell said U.S.-led troops will do "what is necessary to protect themselves."

Iraq's new government will have a consulting and coordinating role over U.S. troop operations, but that role still needs to be defined, said the administration official in Baghdad.

Probation revoked for Odessa man

A 34-year-old Odessa man serving a five-year probated prison sentence for felony driving while intoxicated will now serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong Friday afternoon revoked the probation of Isaul Natividad Galindo after he was arrested for DWI on Sept. 17, 2003 in Ector County.

Galinda was arrested in Scurry County on Sept. 18, 2001 and was convicted and placed on probation on Nov. 12 of the same year.

Because of the subsequent DWI and Galindo's failure to report the offense to his probation officer, the probation was revoked.

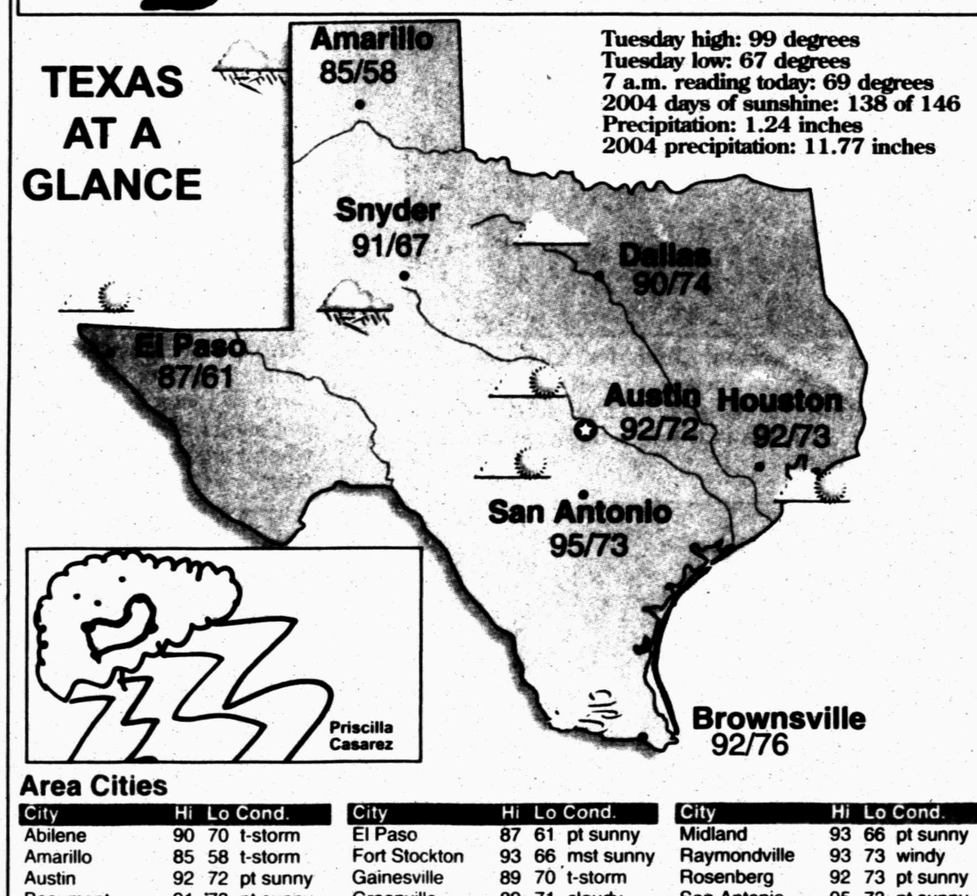
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 5/27	Fri 5/28	Sat 5/29
91/67	**92/68**	**94/73**
Partly cloudy in the morning followed by scattered thunderstorms later in t.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:38 AM Sunset 8:44 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM Sunset 8:45 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM Sunset 8:45 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Tuesday high: 99 degrees
Tuesday low: 67 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 69 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 138 of 146
Precipitation: 1.24 inches
2004 precipitation: 11.77 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	70	t-storm
Amarillo	85	58	t-storm
Austin	92	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	91	73	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	76	windy
Brownwood	94	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	90	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	91	72	cloudy
Dallas	90	74	cloudy
Del Rio	94	75	pt sunny
El Paso	87	61	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	93	66	mst sunny
Gainesville	89	70	t-storm
Greenville	89	71	cloudy
Houston	92	73	pt sunny
Kingsville	92	74	pt sunny
Livingston	93	70	pt sunny
Longview	92	72	pt sunny
Lubbock	88	64	t-storm
Lufkin	93	72	pt sunny
Midland	93	66	pt sunny
Raymondville	93	73	windy
Rosenberg	92	73	pt sunny
San Antonio	95	73	pt sunny
San Marcos	94	73	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	89	71	cloudy
Sweetwater	91	68	t-storm
Tyler	91	71	pt sunny
Weatherford	89	70	t-storm
Wichita Falls	93	70	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	90	67	mst sunny
Boston	69	54	sunny
Chicago	76	53	pt sunny
Dallas	90	74	cloudy
Denver	76	52	mst sunny
Houston	92	73	pt sunny
Los Angeles	71	59	mst sunny
Miami	87	75	mst sunny
Minneapolis	72	47	pt sunny
New York	75	62	mst sunny
Phoenix	94	71	sunny
San Francisco	66	56	windy
Seattle	58	49	rain
St. Louis	81	68	t-storm
Washington, DC	79	65	rain

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
May 19	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 9

UV Index

Thu 5/27	Fri 5/28	Sat 5/29
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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