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WESTERN SWING ROUNDUP...





Festival well-attended

More than 3,500 people attended the last week's West Texas Western Swing Festival at Scurry County Coliseum.

"We had good attendance from out of town people, as well as from Snyder," said Sandra Salinas, administrative assistant of the sponsoring Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Salinas said this is the first year that actual attendance figures had been kept. Salinas said Saturday's crowd included a large number of local citizens.

"We had an excellent crowd on Saturday," said Salinas.

"We saw a lot of familiar faces over the four days," said Salinas. "And a lot of new ones which is good." The dates for the 2005 festival are June 8-11.

"We don't anticipate any change in the format. Most of the people said they would see us again next year and several reserved RV spaces before they left."

Personnel matters top WTC's board agenda

Personnel matters, to include the annual evaluation of the president, will dominate this evening's meeting of the Western Texas College board of trustees.

The evaluation of Dr. Greg Williams will be in executive session following other action on personnel.

Two instructors, Ray Newton and Teresa Newton, will be considered for promotion to assistant professors.

Ray Newton is the drama instructor while Teresa Newton is the speech instructor.

The trustees will consider the employment of three employees — including Albert Hamlin as an instructor in the criminal justice department, Rommeall McNary as interim softball coach and David Funk as art instructor.

The resignations of Rodney McNeill, softball coach; Charles Meek, controller; and Sue Freemyer, assistant professor of biology; also will be considered.

In the education report, the board will hear a presentation from Ruth Richburg, assistant director of distance learning, concerning internet classes. The board also will consider a revision to board policy relating to the personnel organizational chart.

The monthly financial statements also will be reviewed.

The meeting will be at 7 o'clock in the boardroom of the administration building.



STORM DAMAGE — Several trees were uprooted at Hillside Memorial Gardens during the thunderstorm Saturday evening. The pump house at the cemetery also was damaged and part of it is shown next to one of the downed trees. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Supreme Court keeps 'under God' in pledge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court preserved the phrase "one nation, under God," in the Pledge of Allegiance, ruling today that a California atheist could not challenge the patriotic oath but sidestepping the broader question of separation of church and state.

At least for now, the decision leaves untouched the practice in which millions of schoolchildren around the country begin the day by reciting the pledge.

The court said atheist Michael Newdow could not sue to ban the pledge from his daughter's school and others because he did not have legal authority to speak for her.

Newdow is in a protracted custody fight with the girl's mother. He does not have sufficient custody of the child to qualify as her legal representative, the court said. Eight justices voted to reverse a lower court ruling in Newdow's favor.

Justice Antonin Scalia removed himself from participation in the case, presumably because of remarks he had made that seemed to telegraph his view that the pledge is constitutional.

"When hard questions of domestic relations are sure to affect the outcome, the prudent course is for the federal court to stay its hand rather than reach out to resolve a weighty question of federal constitutional law," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the court.

"I may be the best father in the world," Newdow said shortly after the ruling was announced. "She spends 10 days a month with me. The suggestion that I don't have sufficient custody is just incredible. This is such a blow for parental rights."

The 10-year-old's mother, Sandra Banning, had told the court she has no objection to the pledge. The full extent of the problems with the case was not apparent until she filed papers at the high court, Stevens wrote .

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist agreed with the outcome of the case, but still wrote separately to say that the pledge as recited by schoolchildren does not violate the Constitution.

Thunderstorm rumbles through on Saturday

A short, but intense thunderstorm Saturday uprooted large trees, upended sheds, knocked off power and set off alarms in Snyder.

Starting at 8:16 p.m. Saturday, calls of alarms going off began with the one at Northeast Elementary. At least four alarms were set off with one of the last coming in at 9:10 p.m. from Key Brothers Implement. Police investigated and they appeared to be weather related.

The storm also inadvertently set off the emergency warning signal at 25th Street and El Paso Avenue. Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said the power to the signal should have been turned off as the weather-warning system is inoperable.

However, the city council will take up repairs of the system as an emergency agenda item next Monday.

Sunday morning, caretakers at Hillside Memorial Garden found several large trees had been uprooted or had large limbs torn off. One of the trees knocked down the well house there. A shed at a nearby residence was also demolished by high winds that reached 60 mph.

The Snyder water treatment plant recorded .94 of inch of rain fell Saturday evening.

Water leaks in city result of west tower getting paint job

The sight of city crews repairing water leaks was a common occurrence last weekend as well as early last week. The reason was because someone was painting.

What they are painting is the west water tower on Midland Avenue near 40th Street, and all the water had to be drained while the painting is underway.

While the larger tower is off line, a smaller water tower, called the Iron Man, which stands next to the newer one, is normally not used but has been put back in service, according to Bobby Kenner.

He said using the smaller tower forced the city to use more pressure to force the water into the lines and the additional pressure was forced into the city water pipes, including old cast iron pipes.

"It sure found the weak spots," Kenner noted.

So far the pressure has caused at least 12 leaks, keeping city workers busy repairing lines.

All of the remaining cast iron pipes are scheduled to be replaced with the city recently receiving a $250,000 grant to continue the work started in the '80s. The west water tower should be back on line in two or three weeks, Kenner said.

The Iron Man will be torn down, but no date has been set.

Local option petitions circulating

Petitions are circulating in Scurry County to hold a local option election for the sale of alcohol by a group known as Citizens for Economic Growth of Scurry County.

The application for the petition calls for county-wide sales of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages.

The group will have 60 days to obtain 3,138 valid signatures, which is 35 percent of the registered voters in the county.

The petitions must be turned into the county clerk's office by Aug. 13.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said her office is planning on verifying the names on the petition the day they are turned in.

If sufficient signatures are gather, the vote on the local option election is expected to be on the general election day, Nov. 2.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.94
North of city	.20
East of city	.35
West of city	.20
Lake Thomas	.60
Hermleigh	1.30
Ennis Creek	.40
Fluvanna	light
Polar	.40
Camp Springs	.70
Dunn	1.00
Ira	1.10
Gail	sprinkle
Gins	
Sc. County (W)	.80
Inadale	.70

Totals as reported by area residents for Saturday evening.

ASK US

Q—Will there be a Independence Day church service in Snyder?

A—The annual city-wide God and Country Service will be at 7:30 p.m. July 4 at Tiger Stadium.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Gary Kubena...

...has lived in Snyder all his life. He is a correctional officer at the Price-Daniel Unit and a volunteer fireman. Gary is married to Starla who works at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. They have two sons, Kolby, who is 12-years-old; and Kolton, who is 9. Hobbies include fishing and firefighting.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is often hard to distinguish between the hard knocks in life and those of opportunity.

—Fredrick Phillips

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "God is Our Friend and Lord," followed by "Judged by Our Lord."

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.

Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday, but rather will have its annual guest hamburger dinner at 6 p.m. in Towle Park.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

A Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

AARP

There will be no AARP meetings in June or July. Meetings will resume in August.

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.

Water aerobics

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

What's up guidelines

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

Snoop dog makes surprise performance

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Snoop Dogg made a surprise performance at the Hard Rock hotel's new nightclub during Maxim magazine's annual "Hot 100" party.

The rap star played for about an hour Saturday night to a crowd packed with celebrities, including Paris Hilton, Vin Diesel and Josh Duhamel, star of the NBC show "Las Vegas."

About halfway through the show, Snoop Dogg pulled Hilton, the New York socialite and reality TV show star, on stage and paraded her in front of the crowd, praising her beauty.

Hilton, clad in a slinky pink dress, made the "Hot 100" list, Maxim's annual roundup of the year's most sexy and intriguing women in entertainment.

Also on the list is Carmen Electra, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos and "Survivor" winner Amber Brkich.



A HONOR ROLL FOR YEAR — These West Elementary students were named to the A honor roll for the past school year. Back row from left are Allen Mehrafshan, Raven Luna, Kristie Guerrero and Jonathan Kerr; front row, Michael Guardado, Jacob Johnson and Brandon Garvin. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



A HONOR ROLL — Hermleigh School seventh through 12th graders named to the A honor roll for 2003-2004 are back row from left, Johnathon McClure, 10th grade; Shane Berry and Shae Rinehart, both 11th grade; Krystal Beasley and Joakim Lundvik, both 12th grade. Not pictured is Christy Garcia, 12th grade. Front row, Michael Barrera, Alicia Culp and Brittany Kelley, all 9th grade; Samantha Berry and Alana Culp, both 10th grade. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Lack of textbook depository, funding threatens supplies

AUSTIN (AP) — The lack of a central repository for textbooks and a multimillion-dollar funding shortfall are threatening to delay supplies for the coming school year across Texas.

For more than a quarter-century, the depository in an Austin warehouse supplied more than 1,000 school districts across Texas at no cost to the state, with textbook coordinators regularly recycling surplus books from one district for use in others. The depository contained about 400,000 volumes.

Although $9 million worth of books was traded through the depository in recent years, it was closed last summer as the Texas Education Agency slashed its work force. Plans for a virtual depository, to allow districts to communicate about textbook trading, won't be online until October.

Also, a continuing $67 million shortfall in the textbook budget means there's no money to buy new books from the publishers to meet student growth. So the new works sit in publishers' warehouses, with the state lacking the funds to buy them.

Time is running out to get textbooks in place for the opening of school in August, said Laurie Mankin, who expects 2,500 new students in the fast-growing Fort Bend Independent School District.

"There's no funding for growth, no plan for the virtual depository, and a whole lot of 'what ifs.' It's terribly frustrating," Mankin, Fort Bend's textbook coordinator and president of the Textbooks Coordinators' Association of Texas, told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

The decision to save $762,000 by closing the depository was criticized by textbook coordinators. Instead of redistributing books the state already has purchased, Texas now will have to buy new books, said Brian Squyres, coordinator for the Northside Independent School District in Bexar County.

"Yes, they saved money on the front end" by shutting down the depository, he said. "The question I don't think has been addressed is how much will they spend in the long term buying books from the publishers."

Killgo on dean's roll

PORTALES — Judy E. Killgo, an Eastern New Mexico University student from Snyder, is among the 507 students on the 2004 spring dean's honor roll.

To be eligible for the dean's honor roll, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 GPA.

Killgo is majoring in family and consumer sciences.

Lotto Texas jackpot is highest ever

AUSTIN (AP) — Saturday's drawing for the estimated $100 million Lotto Texas jackpot is the highest prize since Texas adopted a lottery. Here's a look at the highest jackpots with winning tickets in the history of Lotto Texas:

— $85 million in March 2001, 1 winning ticket.

— $75 million in March 1994, 5 winning tickets.

— $70 million in Jan. 2004, 1 winning ticket.

— $65 million in Oct. 1998, 2 winning tickets.

— $65 million in Aug. 1994, 3 winning tickets.

— $60 million in Aug. 1995, 2 winning tickets.

— $60 million in Sept. 2000, 1 winning ticket.

Source: The Texas Lottery Commission.

World Almanac

Monday, June 14, 2004

Today is the 166th day of 2004 and the 87th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1775, the U.S. Army was established.

In 1777, Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the U.S. flag.

In 1982, Argentine troops surrendered their last stronghold in the Falkland Islands to the British, ending the Falklands War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alois Alzheimer (1864-1915), physician; Burl Ives (1909-1995), singer, actor; Che (Ernesto) Guevara (1928-1967), revolutionary; Donald Trump (1946-), business tycoon, is 58; Boy George (1961-), singer, is 43; Steffi Graf (1969-), tennis star, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1876, Philadelphia's George Hall became the first major league baseball player to hit for the cycle — a single, double, triple and home run in the same game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I wasn't satisfied just to earn a good living. I was looking to make a statement." — Donald Trump

TODAY'S FACT: The Army's largest component is the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), which overlooks the land defense of the United States and protects forces worldwide.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 205 — Donald Trump's rank in the Forbes 2004 richest people list.

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

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Trying to raise money

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Officials in Montgomery are banking on a visit by Archbishop Desmond Tutu to help them raise money for needy children and turn the spotlight on race relations.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner scheduled a private luncheon with 1,000 of Alabama's business, government and civic leaders in Montgomery on Tuesday.

Tutu, 72, retired from office as Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town in 1996 and was named archbishop emeritus shortly after. He won the Peace Prize.

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LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers

Lotto Texas: 10-15-20-29-35; Bonus Ball: 16

Pick 3 Day: 7-6-8

Pick 3 Night: 5-9-1

Cash Five: 2-4-23-33-36

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A HONOR ROLL — Ira elementary students named to the A honor roll for 2003-2004 are first grade: Paul Rosas, Hannah Mayo, Savannah Herrera, Zach Goodwin, Brianna Bradshaw, Brock Bethel, Hannah Barker, and Chase Baker; second grade: Rilee Dunn, Grant Flowers, Hope Fontenot, Tyler Goodwin, Morgan Jones, Stephanie Juarez, Caleb Martin, Leslie Martini, Blair McCowen, Kurt Shafer, Jared Smith, Aaron Steelman; third grade: Elizabeth Brunson, Kolton Cox, Alicia Rosas; fourth grade: Taylor Autry, Conner Smith; fifth grade: Amber Baker, Isaac Martin, Mariana Ornelas and Lupe Ornelas. (Contributed Photo)



A HONOR ROLL — These Hermleigh students earned the A honor roll for the past school year. From left front row are Betty Sanchez, Kaylee Hernandez and Aaron Williamson, second graders; Rita Coronado and Aaron Lane, third graders; back row, Taylor Beaty, Dustin Dacus and Jaron Perry, all sixth graders; and Delinda Dacus, fourth grader. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Young dad's drinking takes precedence over his family

DEAR ABBY: I have a 9-month-old son and am expecting another child in three months. My husband, "Matt," works nights, so when I get home exhausted at the end of my workday, I care for our baby by myself.

Matt used to drink a lot, but he slowed down quite a bit when we got married. I still feel that alcohol rules his life because his idea of an evening out is getting drunk. If he has a day off, he spends it drinking, too.

On Matt's birthday, I took the baby and slept at my parents' house so he could have a party with the guys and get drunk. Because of my pregnancy I can't drink — nor do I want to — but I didn't want the baby there with a bunch of drunks, either.

Matt and I went to a sporting event together not too long ago. I was embarrassed because he left me sitting alone while he kept going off to buy more beer. Seven beers into the event he was stumbling over the other spectators in our row.

I hate living like this. He says I'm overreacting. Am I? Is this normal for a 26-year-old man? If it is, our marriage is doomed. — **FED UP IN RICHMOND, TEXAS**

DEAR FED UP: No, it's not normal for the average 26-year-old man. But it is typical of an alcoholic of any age.

It's important that you contact Al-Anon, a 12-step fellowship of people whose lives have been affected by the compulsive drinking of a family member or friend. To locate a chapter in your area, call 1-888-4ALANON (888-425-2666), or go to the Web site, which is www.al-anon.alateen.org.

Your husband's behavior won't change until he realizes he has a problem and wants to do something about it. Whether you want to spend the rest of your life this way is a question only you can answer. But please realize that a tendency toward alcoholism can be inherited, and be sure your children understand that fact as they grow older.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for almost two years, long-distance. We visit whenever possible and plan to live together soon. My problem is, he doesn't trust me. Although I have assured him that I am devoted to him and always have been, he continues to accuse me of seeing other guys. He says he has a "gut feeling" about it. He says I treat my friends, and even strangers, better than I do him. I don't feel that way.

I'm afraid to answer the phone or have contact with people for fear that he will get jealous because he's not the center of attention. He has read my e-mails more than once, checking for evidence. I suspect he may have hacked into my computer. Is there any hope? — **INNOCENT AND FAITHFUL IN L.A.**

DEAR INNOCENT AND FAITHFUL: No. If you are smart, you will KEEP your relationship with this young man long-distance. You have described a person who is potentially an abuser. His actions are obsessive and controlling. Even if you live together, you will never be able to fill the bottomless pit of his neediness and insecurity. My advice to you is to end the relationship.

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Boaters paying to launch boats

AUSTIN (AP) — For many Central Texas boaters looking for summer fun, there's no such thing as a free launch anymore.

Operators of public boat ramps that have traditionally been free for recreational boating are starting to add fees because of heavy traffic.

Two of the busiest and most convenient public boat ramps on Lake Austin have begun charging for parking this year, leaving more remote Selma Hughes and Mary Quinlan parks as the only free ramps for boaters.

The latest to add fees is the city-run Walsh Boat Landing, just above Tom Miller Dam. A $5 parking fee on weekends and holidays was added last month.

That followed Travis County's imposition of fees earlier this year at the Loop 360 boat ramp, said Randy Scott, an Austin Parks and Recreation Department planner. The ramp handles about 50,000 visitors a year.

"We knew once (Loop) 360 started charging, people would use our three ramps for free," Scott told the Austin American-Statesman in today's online edition. "We expected more boat launch and more traffic into the neighborhood."

The city's Emma Long Metropolitan Park has a $5 entry fee today through Thursday and an $8 fee Friday through Sunday and on holidays. Roy Turley, park program manager for Travis County, said heavy boat traffic necessitated the fees that were approved by county commissioners in October.

"The parks that have high use mean they have a lot of wear and tear, and it just makes more sense for the fees," said Turley.

Movie will focus on corrupt mayor

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Playwright David Mamet is adapting for the silver screen the life of Providence's longest serving mayor, who is imprisoned for corruption.

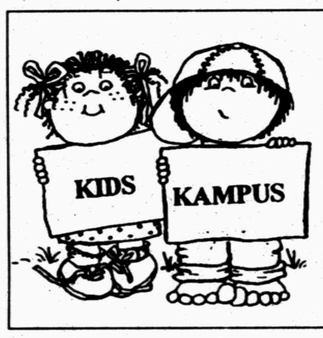
Mamet will base his screenplay on the book, "The Prince of Providence," by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Mike Stanton. The book describes the rise and fall of former Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr.

Cianci stepped down from the top job at City Hall in September 2002, the day he was sentenced to five years and four months in federal prison on a racketeering conspiracy charge. He has appealed the conviction.

Rhode Island filmmaker Michael Corrente announced Mamet's commitment on Saturday at the Newport Film Festival.

He said Mamet "read the book and called me and said, 'You're kidding me.' I said no, it's all true. He said he couldn't write half this stuff. I said, I know, it's amazing."

Corrente, who will direct the film, said shooting was expected to begin in Providence early next year.



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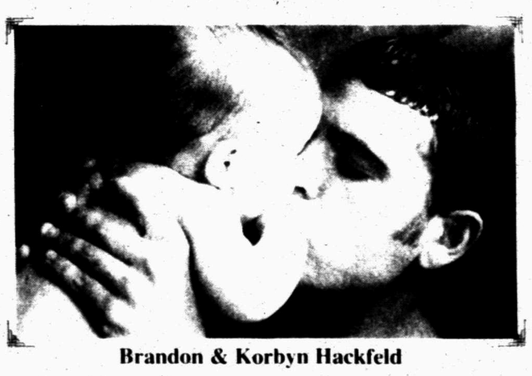
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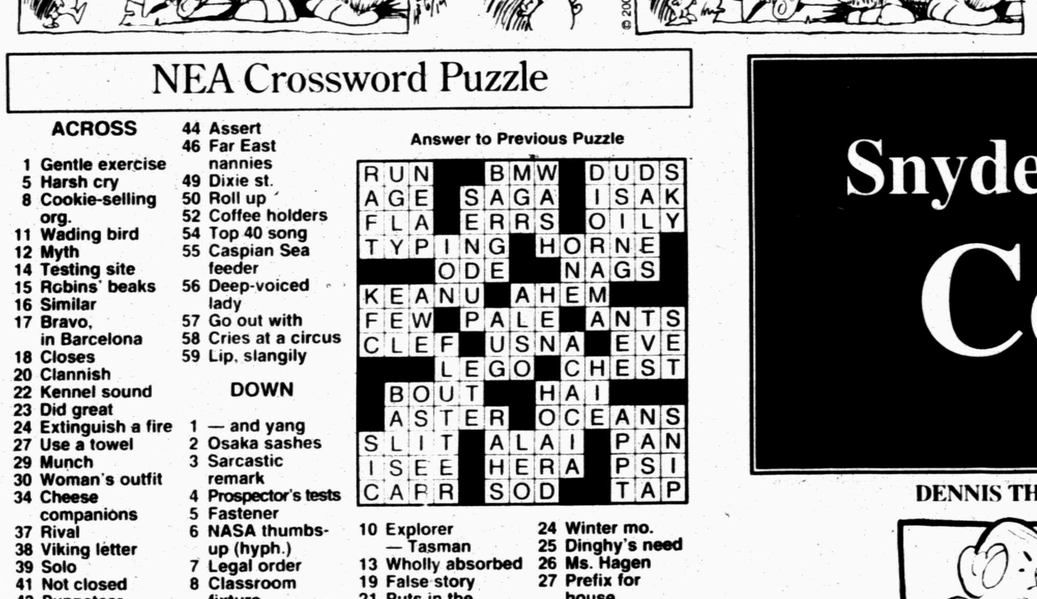
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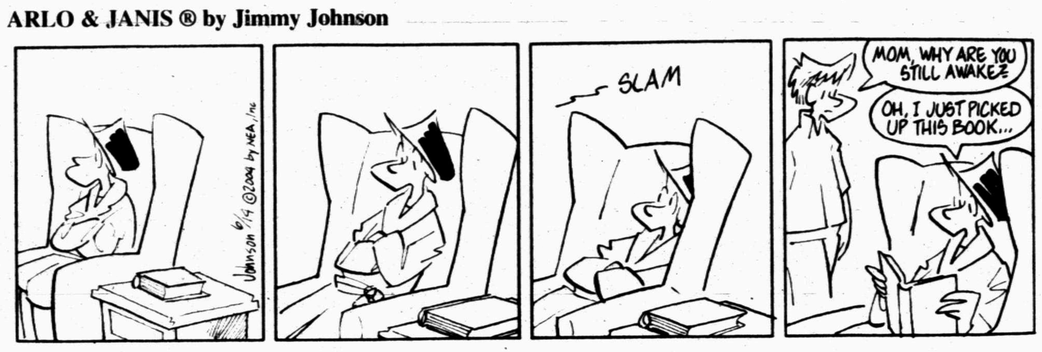
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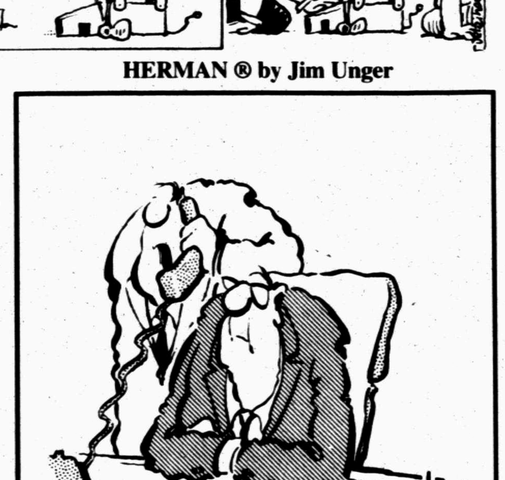
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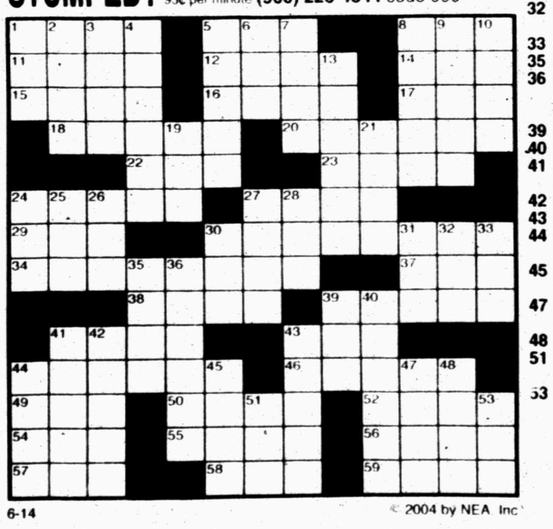
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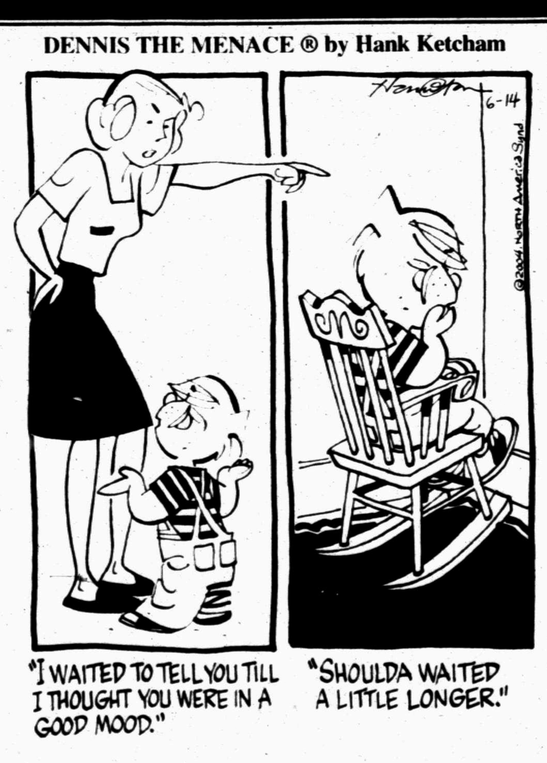
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Lakers loose tempers; Detroit needs just one

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Poised and primed for a title, the Detroit Pistons took care of business while the Lakers lost their tempers.

Building a lead early in the fourth quarter, holding it the rest of the way and repelling every Los Angeles rally, the Pistons moved one victory closer to their first championship in 14 years with a convincing 88-80 victory Sunday night in Game 4 of the NBA Finals.

With a 3-1 lead, Detroit has made one thing crystal clear: It is the better of these two basketball teams, winning without egos and superstars — and the problems that come with them.

These were some of the scenes that Pistons' fans will cherish: Chauncey Billups making timely 3-pointers, Rasheed Wallace backpedalling downcourt with a minute left after making a jumper that capped his best game of the playoffs; Richard Hamilton calmly knocking down free throws.

As for the Lakers, the snapshots were these: Kobe Bryant screaming at the referees and picking up a late technical foul; Shaquille O'Neal yelling at someone in the Lakers' huddle, most likely Bryant, for failing to get him the ball; Karl Malone staying parked on the bench for the entire fourth quarter, a nonfactor again.

It's almost over for these Lakers, their breakup possibly coming in the next week.

Game 5 is Tuesday night, and the Pistons could become the first team to bring the title back to the Eastern Conference since Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls won it in 1998.

Wallace scored 26, Billups had 23 and Hamilton 17 to lead the Pistons, who outscored the Lakers 32-24 in the fourth quarter.

O'Neal had 36 and Bryant 20 for the Lakers, whose dysfunctional two-man show isn't enough to keep up with Detroit's depth and determination.

No team has ever come back from a 3-1 deficit in the finals, and the Lakers seemed ill-equipped to become the first.

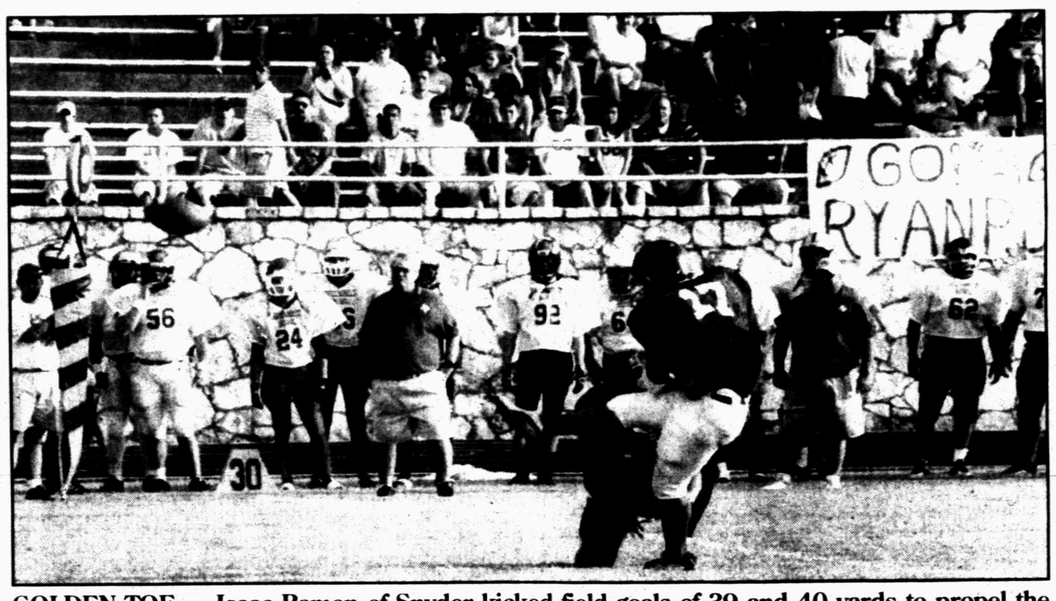
O'Neal took 21 shots and made 16, and he might have doubled those totals if his teammates had gotten him the ball more often. But Bryant somehow found it necessary to launch 14 attempts in the first half and 25 overall, many of which were both unwise and off-target.

No one else on the Lakers had more than eight points.

Detroit made 29 field goals and 28 foul shots and scored 21 points on the fast break in what was the closest game of the series until the Pistons broke it open with a 7-0 run for a 77-67 lead with 4:52 left. The Lakers got no closer than seven the rest of the way as the Pistons made shots — whether from the field or the foul line — when they needed them.

It was widely expected that Jackson would change his starting lineup or rotations, especially after five of the Lakers' veterans — O'Neal, Bryant, Rick Fox, Derek Fisher and Devean George — had an off-day conference with Jackson in a restroom at The Palace, pleading with him to put his trust in them since they know his triangle offense best.

But Jackson went with his usual starting five, turning to Fox as his first substitution after George picked up two quick fouls.



GOLDEN TOE — Isaac Ramon of Snyder kicked field goals of 39 and 40 yards to propel the North to a 27-14 victory over the South in the Greenbelt All-Star Classic Saturday in Childress. Joining Ramon on the North squad was Tiger teammate Demetrius Brandon. Playing for the South from Snyder were Sid Guiterrez and Justin Boyd. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

WTC starts strong at rodeo finals

CASPER, Wyo. — Western Texas College wranglers got off to a "great start" in the National College Finals Rodeo that began Sunday.

WTC's Sam Spreadborough, a two-time conference saddle bronc champion from Australia, was in first place after the first round with a score of 78.5.

Tate Stratton of Stanley, N.M., placed 11th in saddle bronc competition after the first round with a score of 74.

WTC Coach Greg Rhodes was pleased with the excellent start and said he was looking forward to more good results in this morning's slack competition.

Cardinals shine on road with 13-2 win over Texas Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals might not want to go home.

After batting around in each of the first two innings and building a 10-run lead, the Cardinals completed another winning roadtrip with a 13-2 win Sunday over the Texas Rangers.

"It's the same game here, in St. Louis and everywhere," said catcher Yadier Molina, who drove in three runs. "Let's go play the same game we played here."

The Cardinals have the majors' best road record at 23-12. By winning two of three in their first regular-season visit to Texas, they went 4-3 on the latest travels and haven't had a losing trip.

Now in the NL Central lead, the Cardinals play nine straight games at home, where they are just 13-15.

"Going home, we need to play better and find a way to win games there," said Woody Williams, who allowed just one run over six innings. "And make it hard for visiting teams."

Just like the Cardinals have done as visitors to the home teams.

Playing without manager Tony La Russa, who was in California for his daughter's college graduation, the Cardinals built a 13-0 lead after four innings.

After Scott Rolen's 17th homer, a two-run shot with two outs in the first, the Cardinals loaded the bases on two singles and a walk before Molina's two-run single made it 4-0.

Half of the Cardinals' six runs in the second came on John Mabry's three-run homer — on the second pitch after R.A. Dickey (4-6) left. That came after Rolen's double and Hector Luna's two-run single.

Dickey gave up nine runs on eight hits and three walks over 1 1-3 innings, the shortest of his 26 career starts. He's 0-5 in eight starts since his last win May 2.

"I never really gave us a chance," Dickey said. "I was trying to work quickly and get us in the dugout as quick as I can. I'm just going through a cold stretch."

LSU eliminates Aggies from College World Series quest

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Just when it looked as if no one in the LSU lineup would get to Texas A&M pitcher Zach Jackson, Clay Harris did it. A couple of batters later, so did his brother, Will Harris.

Clay Harris broke a scoreless tie in the top of the ninth inning with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly. Will Harris iced the Tigers' 4-0 victory over Texas A&M with a two-out three-run homer over the left field fence.

"The coaches always tell us we might go 0-for-3 or 0-for-4, but it's that at bat in the last inning or the end of the game when somebody's on base that's when you're supposed to get a hit," Will Harris said.

With the victory, the Tigers (46-17) will make their second straight trip to the College World Series, their 13th since 1986. LSU will face Miami in the first game of the College World Series on Saturday. Miami eliminated Florida on Sunday, 3-1.

Texas A&M (42-22) is now 0-6 against LSU in NCAA postseason play.

LSU struggled most of the game against Jackson. Jackson (10-7) threw a no-hitter through five, gave up only five hits and walkied two in the loss.

"It's tough to realize that this is it," Jackson said. "I did my best to leave it all out there."

MLB at Glance

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	40	21	.656	—
Boston	37	25	.597	3½
Baltimore	27	31	.466	11½
Toronto	28	35	.444	13
Tampa Bay	26	34	.433	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	33	26	.559	—
Minnesota	34	28	.548	½
Cleveland	29	31	.483	4½
Detroit	29	33	.468	5½
Kansas City	23	37	.383	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	37	24	.607	—
Texas	34	26	.567	2½
Anaheim	35	27	.565	2½
Seattle	25	36	.410	12

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles 14, Boston 5
Kansas City 4, N.Y. Mets 3
San Francisco 9, Baltimore 6, 11 innings, 1st game
Baltimore 5, San Francisco 4, 12 innings, 2nd game
Toronto 15, Arizona 4
N.Y. Yankees 3, San Diego 2
Oakland 12, Pittsburgh 11
Tampa Bay 10, Colorado 7
Detroit 6, Florida 2
Cleveland 8, Cincinnati 7
Chicago White Sox 10, Atlanta 8
Minnesota 6, Philadelphia 1
Texas 7, St. Louis 2
Seattle 3, Montreal 0
Chicago Cubs 10, Anaheim 5

Sunday's Games
Arizona 5, Toronto 3
Florida 9, Detroit 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, San Diego 5, 12 innings
Cleveland 10, Cincinnati 8
Tampa Bay 3, Colorado 2
San Francisco 7, Baltimore 3
St. Louis 13, Texas 2
Philadelphia 2, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 10, Atlanta 3
Seattle 8, Montreal 1
Chicago Cubs 6, Anaheim 5, 15 innings
Oakland 13, Pittsburgh 3
Boston 4, Los Angeles 1

Monday's Games
Baltimore (DuBose 4-4) at Cleveland (Westbrook 5-2), 1:05 p.m.

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	35	28	.556	—
Philadelphia	32	28	.533	1½
Atlanta	30	32	.484	4½
New York	29	33	.468	5½
Montreal	20	41	.328	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	36	27	.571	—
Cincinnati	34	28	.548	1½
Houston	33	28	.541	2
Chicago	33	29	.532	2½
Milwaukee	31	29	.517	3½
Pittsburgh	24	35	.407	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	32	28	.533	—
San Diego	33	29	.532	—
San Francisco	32	31	.508	1½
Arizona	26	37	.413	7½
Colorado	21	41	.339	12

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Chicago Cubs 6, Anaheim 5, 15 innings
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Boston 4, Los Angeles 1

Monday's Games
Cincinnati (Acevedo 3-5) at Philadelphia (Milton 8-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 0-1) at Houston (Clemens 9-0), 8:05 p.m.
7-2), 10:15 p.m.

Houston Astros edge Milwaukee by 5-4

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jimy Williams got just enough out of Pete Munro in his first start of the year for Houston. The Milwaukee Brewers certainly made it close against the Astros' relievers.

Jose Vizcaino and Jeff Kent each hit solo homers, and the Astros' bullpen held on for a 5-4 victory Sunday.

"We pieced it together with those relievers and kept scrapping to get the victory," Williams said after his team salvaged the final game of the three-game series.

Munro, signed by the Astros on June 3 as a free agent after being released by Minnesota, gave up seven hits and one run in four innings.

The Brewers made it close by scoring two runs in the eighth inning off of Astros' closer Octavio Dotel to cut the lead to one run.

Dotel pitched a scoreless ninth inning to get his 12th save. Dan Miceli (3-2) pitched a perfect fifth inning for the win.

Williams replaced Munro in the fifth after he gave up a leadoff double to Junior Spivey even though he was pitching a shutout.

"I just felt with the two left-handers (Geoff Jenkins and Lyle Overbay) coming up, it was the right move to make," Williams said. "It obviously didn't work like I planned."

Three pitches after Williams replaced Munro, Jenkins hit a two-run homer off Mike Gallo.

"I was trying to keep it close so Dotel could get a save," Williams joked.

For his part, Munro said he wanted to stay in to complete the fifth.

Astros reliever Brad Lidge pitched out of a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the seventh by striking out Keith Ginter, Ben Grieve and Chad Moeller.

Sports Briefs

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Scurry County golf course. Format is queen of the hill.

Junior golf camp

SHS coaches Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox will host a junior golf camp Tuesday through Friday at Sammy Baugh golf course at WTC.

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

Baseball builders camp

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

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

Cost is $75 for eight and up and $50 for seven and under and includes a camp T-shirt. Pre-registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. June 21 before the start of the camp. Contact Coach Bollinger at 573-5734 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

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

Athletic physicals

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

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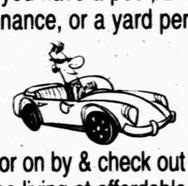
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Disadvantaged kids get to attend college

HAYWARD, Calif. (AP) — Michael Tatmon stood on the stage of the community college, a brand-new diploma in his hand, his eyes raking the crowd.

Standing at the front of the audience, an elegantly dressed woman waved madly.

"Yeah!" Oral Lee Brown yelled to Tatmon.

The hundreds of people sitting in the wind-swept courtyard of Chabot College didn't know they were watching a dream come true — for both Tatmon, the student, and Brown, his benefactor.

It was 17 years ago when their paths first crossed.

Tatmon was a student at an inner-city Oakland elementary school with some of the lowest test scores in the district, living in a neighborhood beset by temptation and transgression.

Tatmon, now 23, only vaguely remembers the day Brown walked in and told his first-grade class she would pay for them to go to college — if they got that far.

It wasn't until much later that he realized what that meant.

"I just know a lady came and said that she was going to end up paying for us to go to school," he says. "In high school, it started to come to reality. I started really understanding more."

Brown, a real estate agent, had been moved to make her unusual promise after a chance encounter with a hungry little girl skipping school. At the time, 1987, she was making about $45,000 a year and the idea that she could set aside $10,000 a year in a trust fund as promised seemed about as far-fetched as the hope the children would be able to live up to their part of the bargain.

Still, Brookfield Elementary officials were soon won over as Brown became a fixture, meeting with children, meeting with parents, drumming home her message: You can do better.

"It has been a job," Brown says simply. "It's something I have to do as long as I am able to do it."

Brown wasn't the first to shepherd strangers to college. In 1981, businessman Gene Lang was moved to guarantee college funding when he gave a speech at his old elementary in New York City's Harlem neighborhood.

Today, The "I Have a Dream" Foundation founded by Lang has seen 180 projects in 27 states and has served more than 13,000 students, says Marina Winton, president of the organization.

Though not all the sponsors are wildly rich, the endeavor does require a significant financial commitment. And just telling a child that college is an option isn't enough. The key is daily contact and mentoring by a caring adult, either the sponsor or a hired project coordinator, Winton says.

"Essentially, we're taking kids where they're typically graduating at a rate of 20 to 40 percent and we're converting those rates to 60 to 100 percent," Winton says.

Over the years, Brown has become an established fund-raiser, creating the Oral Lee Brown Foundation and holding an annual dinner that has helped swell the college fund to about $375,000. She keeps the money in a trust — "I can't afford to put the kids' future on Wall Street."

Ronald Reagan's death renews interest in his Illinois roots

DIXON, Ill. (AP) — The past week has brought a tourism miniboom to the often forgotten small towns where Ronald Reagan, the only Illinois-born president, grew up playing football and dreaming of Hollywood.

Five times the usual number of tourists have crossed the porch of Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon daily since his June 5 death. Hundreds of others have discovered the Reagan collection at Eureka College, where he graduated in 1932.

"Whenever anyone passes away, it's a time of reflection. I think people want to touch and feel and have a connection," said Jan Kostner, deputy director of the Illinois Bureau of Tourism.

Reagan's body was sealed inside a tomb early Saturday at his hilltop presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif., following a week of mourning and remembrance by world leaders and regular Americans.

Illinois tourism officials hope the interest spreads all along the state's Reagan Trail, and they are considering a new campaign to promote Illinois' ties to three U.S. presidents: Reagan, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant.

But they say there's no way to predict how much tourism might grow or for how long.

History has long been a tourism draw in Illinois, fueled in part by the state's deep ties to Lincoln, who migrated there as a young man.

Only shopping and dining rank ahead of history and culture in the state's nearly $22 billion tourism industry, Kostner said.

But until now, drawing visitors to Reagan sites has been tough. The towns are all at least a few miles off interstate highways, and Reagan had been largely out of the public eye since announcing he had Alzheimer's disease a decade ago.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich gave Reagan-boosting efforts a hand last week by naming part of Interstate 88, which runs within 10 miles of both Dixon and Tampico, the "Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway" and ordering signs proclaiming the name.

"When someone dies, we tend to think about the positive things in people's lives rather than the negatives, and I think that draws people to the places they've been," said Dixon Mayor Jim Burke, a member of the 11-city Reagan Trail association.

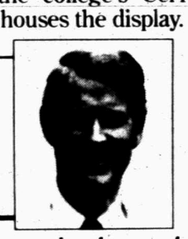
Reagan's boyhood home, the restored two-story house and neighboring museum in Dixon, the town where "Dutch" grew up and became a football player and lifeguard, has been drawing up to 350 visitors a day since his death, said site coordinator Marla Trimble.

Just as many are turning up about two hours south at Eureka College, where the late president graduated in 1932 and donated thousands of items for the largest Reagan museum outside his presidential library in southern California.

"It's been a steady stream, probably 20 or 30 an hour. Before, we sometimes went days with no visitors," said Ruth Ann Uphoff, a secretary at the college's Cerf Center, which houses the display.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Male breast-swelling may be drug induced

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband was recently diagnosed with gynecomastia, but his surgeon has discouraged breast removal. My mother-in-law died of breast cancer. Since his condition causes my husband some discomfort, he wants breast reduction surgery. What is your suggestion?

DEAR READER: Breast swelling in men is embarrassing; it may accompany the normal aging process. However, it is also a common side effect of some prescription and over-the-counter medications. So, before committing himself to an unnecessary operation, your husband should meet with his family physician to investigate the possible role of any medicine your spouse is taking.

Although prominent breasts in males may be cosmetically unacceptable, they are not a health hazard. Men can develop breast cancer, but this is a very rare occurrence.

I can understand your husband's desire for surgery, provided his breast swelling is not caused by a medicine that could be discontinued. Therefore, I recommend a second opinion from another surgeon. Breast reduction is ordinarily safe, simple and effective. I see no reason to deprive him of it once he has exhausted other options.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband insists on feeding birds winter and summer. As a result, there are extensive bird droppings on our patio. I'm the one who has to get out each day to clean up the mess. We both have runny noses, coughs and scratchy throats. My doctor believes I have an allergy but can't say what causes it. Can a person be allergic to bird droppings?

DEAR READER: People can be allergic to anything, even bird droppings.

I suggest that if your husband has a thing about feeding wild birds, he should be the one cleaning up the mess or moving the feeders away from the patio. Then, if your symptoms disappear when you're away from the bird droppings, you can conclude that an allergy is likely. Ask your doctor about whether this approach might be helpful.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." 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 4092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What mechanism tells the body when it has taken in enough water after a long thirst? When a person is very hungry, several minutes of eating are required for satiety to be perceived. So how is a raging thirst so quickly terminated?

DEAR READER: Thirst is governed by osmolar receptors in the brain, nerves that tell us when body fluids are too concentrated (reflecting dehydration). When these receptors are stimulated, we experience the compulsion to drink fluids.

Thirst is quickly slaked because water enters the bloodstream from the stomach without being digested — unlike food that requires a lapse for digestion and absorption before the satiety center in the brain tells us we are no longer hungry. Other factors include the rapidity with which water (as opposed to food) can be consumed.

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Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Fishing for more information

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your article on salmon and PCBs in my paper with interest. I am a salmon lover and am concerned as to whether I should shop for wild or farmed. Currently, I purchase bags of frozen farmed Atlantic salmon fillets from a warehouse store. I noticed that you concluded your article by saying that "it is still a regular dish on my table," but you didn't say which type of salmon. Can you tell me what kind and why? Thanks in advance. — **T.W., San Diego, Calif.**

DEAR T.W.: I tend to favor wild fillets when available (and affordable), but have no problem with farmed fish as a general rule. Of those available, I believe that the fish coming from Chile tend to have lower PCB numbers than the North Atlantic farmed varieties. As I had stated in the earlier column, however, no matter where the fish comes from there is likely to be good farms and farms with PCB problems. Whenever possible, you should check with the fish buyers in your market to find out what they know.

Finally, even with salmon from the North Atlantic, PCB tests have been performed on the whole fish, and you are likely to be eating only the fillet. This is a major point, and another bit of information left out of studies and media reports.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: This is more of a comment than a question. I found that a short burst of exercise (such as walking up a couple of flights of stairs) within 15 minutes before giving blood not only sped up the process (since it's easier to find your dilated veins and the blood flows faster) but, more important, I never felt dizzy after a donation if I did some exercise just before donating blood. I often felt lightheaded after giving blood when I did not exercise first. — **E.F., Marblehead, Mass.**

DEAR E.F.: It's great that you found a way to prime your system and facilitate the blood donating process. I usually exercise every other day, and I time my donations for an exercise day. I found, as did you, that the veins were indeed ready and waiting. One interesting aside, though. When I donate on a non-exercise day the needle may not go in as easily, but I find that the actual donation takes less time. Perhaps because the blood isn't otherwise occupied with feeding and repairing muscles that have just given their all.

Your approach shows how important it is for people to get to know their bodies and see what works best in any particular situation. The key thing is to get people in line and donating.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I wanted to write about the woman who had difficulty absorbing iron. Iron absorption is a problem I suffered with from early childhood until adulthood. I took iron pills for years and even had three iron shot treatments, but they had side effects. About 20 years ago one doctor told me that milk products inhibit iron absorption, and that vitamin C enhances it. Adjusting my diet in this way, plus adding most of the foods you mentioned and a small amount of liver, brought my iron levels back to normal. I even had to back off on this food a bit, because at one point my iron was too high. Ever since this change, I have been a fan of the healing power of proper foods. I have so many iron-rich recipes that I have even considered writing a cookbook for people suffering from anemia. Thank you for your articles! — **Y.S., San Diego, Calif.**

DEAR Y.S.: Thanks so much for the note and for the additional information. We all must be ready to become advocates on our own behalf, and to search out potential answers when standard approaches fail. I'm glad the vitamin C connection worked well for you; I actually included it in an earlier column on iron, but the one you mentioned was a bit long so I had to do some trimming.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.04	11.71	11.78	—.01
AT&T Corp	16.40	16.16	16.16	—.19
Albertsons	24.99	24.24	24.70	+.33
Alltel	50.40	50.15	50.16	—.39
AmEl Pw	31.27	31.00	31.17	—.03
AndarkPtr	56.73	55.76	56.34	—1.14
ATMOS Egy	24.85	24.73	24.80	—.05
Aviall	18.03	17.78	17.78	—.25
BP PLC	52.44	52.20	52.38	—.71
BakerHughes	34.79	34.38	34.79	+.19
Bank of Amer	84.07	83.30	83.57	—.64
BellSouth	25.90	25.65	25.71	—.30
BurlNoSFe	34.03	33.24	33.31	—.78
Caterpillar	75.61	74.89	75.00	—.60
CenterPoint	10.79	10.71	10.71	—.08
ChevronTex	90.28	89.77	90.05	—.74
Citigroup	47.20	46.67	46.71	—.64
CocaCola	51.49	51.13	51.13	—.22
ColgatePal	58.12	57.78	57.92	—.23
CmclMetals	30.22	30.05	30.11	—.11
ConocoPhill	75.05	74.14	74.41	—.64
Cooper Inds	56.91	56.52	56.64	—.27
DaimlrChry	45.57	45.34	45.46	—1.30
DeltaAirLines	6.00	5.81	5.91	+.10
Dillards Inc	23.25	22.35	22.65	—.58
DowChem	39.62	39.33	39.35	—.52
DuPont	43.78	43.42	43.43	—.33
EastmanChem	45.82	44.91	44.95	—.93
EstKodak	25.78	25.25	25.29	—.48
EDS Corp	17.67	17.51	17.63	—.13
Entergy	53.40	52.98	53.17	—.23
ExxonMobil	44.07	43.71	44.05	+.07
FootLocker	23.43	23.21	23.33	—.08
GenDynam	98.95	98.20	98.42	—.38
GenlElec	31.45	31.30	31.39	—.10
GenMills	47.14	46.85	46.94	—.31
GenMotors	48.08	47.57	47.57	—.49
GaPacific	35.75	35.14	35.25	—.50
Goodrich	30.11	29.95	29.96	—.04
Goodyear	9.12	8.93	9.12	+.10
GtAtlPac	7.00	6.85	6.87	—.11
Halliburtn	29.15	28.85	29.08	—.11
Hanson PLC	37.85	37.65	37.85	—.90
HarteHanks	23.80	23.46	23.47	—.07
HomeDepot	35.69	35.08	35.13	—.62
Honeywellintl	35.80	35.40	35.64	+.24
IBM	90.58	90.01	90.40	—.06
IntlPaper	42.40	42.05	42.10	—.49
JohnsonJn	57.19	56.79	57.14	+.07
KinderMorg	59.75	59.12	59.29	—.55
Kroger Co	17.16	16.96	16.98	—.02
LockheedM	51.20	50.62	50.74	—.21
Lowes Cos	54.47	53.76	53.78	—.72
Lubys	6.35	6.25	6.28	+.04
LucentTech	3.38	3.35	3.35	—.05
MarathonOil	34.37	34.02	34.18	—.32
MayDeptStr	28.87	28.36	28.50	—.37
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Motorola	19.95	19.35	19.37	—.49
NCR Corp	48.35	48.06	48.17	—.73
Navistar	39.12	38.55	38.90	—.12
PNM Rescs s	20.30	20.12	20.12	—.28
Penney JC	36.47	35.79	35.83	—.77
PepBoys	24.46	24.14	24.21	—.25
PepsiCo	54.96	54.66	54.82	—.13
PhelpDodge	67.20	65.76	66.25	—1.45
PilgrimsPride	27.23	27.00	27.01	—.05
Praxair s	37.62	36.99	36.99	—.62
ProctGamb	110.60	110.00	110.31	—.21
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RadioShack	30.20	29.50	29.51	—.83
RoyalDut	50.20	49.96	50.10	—.71
SBC Comm	24.76	24.56	24.67	—.14
SaraLee	23.16	22.76	22.77	—.39
Scripps EW	107.90	107.09	107.09	—1.04
SearsRoeb	40.21	38.78	39.24	—1.07
SherwinW	39.27	38.91	38.94	—.65
SouthernCo	28.84	28.61	28.66	—.22
SwstAirl	15.40	15.00	15.26	—.05
SprintFON	17.96	17.67	17.71	—.09
Sunoco Inc	60.47	59.75	60.08	—.39
TXU Corp	37.23	36.89	37.20	
TempleInland	66.00	65.06	65.06	—1.14
TexInd	38.20	37.05	37.10	—1.23
TexasInst	24.86	24.45	24.47	—.66
Textron	56.61	56.40	56.50	—.29
TimeWarner	17.55	17.37	17.51	+.01
TrinityInds	28.77	28.40	28.46	—.19
TylerTech	8.78	8.61	8.71	—.03
UnionPacif	58.20	57.41	57.41	—.79
USSteel	29.58	28.72	28.78	—.91
UnitedTech	88.12	87.71	87.80	—.46
Unocal	35.40	35.03	35.23	—.34
VerizonComm	36.40	35.95	36.02	—.24
WalMart	56.85	56.22	56.23	—.97
WellsFargo	58.50	58.08	58.11	—.50
WstnGasRs	58.05	57.26	57.95	+.84
WinnDixie	6.32	6.22	6.27	
Xerox Cp	14.24	14.02	14.19	+.07
YumBrands	37.23	36.86	36.90	—.55

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McCain rejects Kerry's offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain has rejected John Kerry's request to consider being his running mate, dashing Democrats' hopes for a bipartisan alliance with one of the nation's most popular politicians, officials close to the talks say.

Kerry and McCain have discussed the vice presidency on several occasions, with the nominee-in-waiting sketching out a scenario under which McCain could have a significant role over defense and other issues, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because Kerry wants his deliberations kept secret.

Despite his respect for Kerry, McCain didn't want to abandon his party and wasn't sure the idea was workable, the officials said. Thus, he told Kerry within the last two weeks there would be no need to ask him again to consider the job, they said.

Throughout their talks, Kerry stopped short of formally offering McCain the vice presidential nomination, sparing himself an outright rejection that would make his eventual running mate look like a second choice, officials said.

"Senator McCain categorically states that he has not been offered the vice presidency by any one," said McCain's chief of staff, Mark Salter. He would not comment on the officials' account.

Kerry spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter would only confirm that the senators had talked during the campaign, "including when Kerry called McCain to thank him for standing up and defending Kerry against baseless political attacks."

The development may lay to rest speculation that Kerry and McCain would reach across Washington's deep partisan divide and forge an unprecedented political partnership.

The notion has been rife with obstacles from the start — McCain is a strong-willed conservative and Kerry a liberal from Massachusetts who would be loath to surrender presidential responsibilities that McCain might demand.

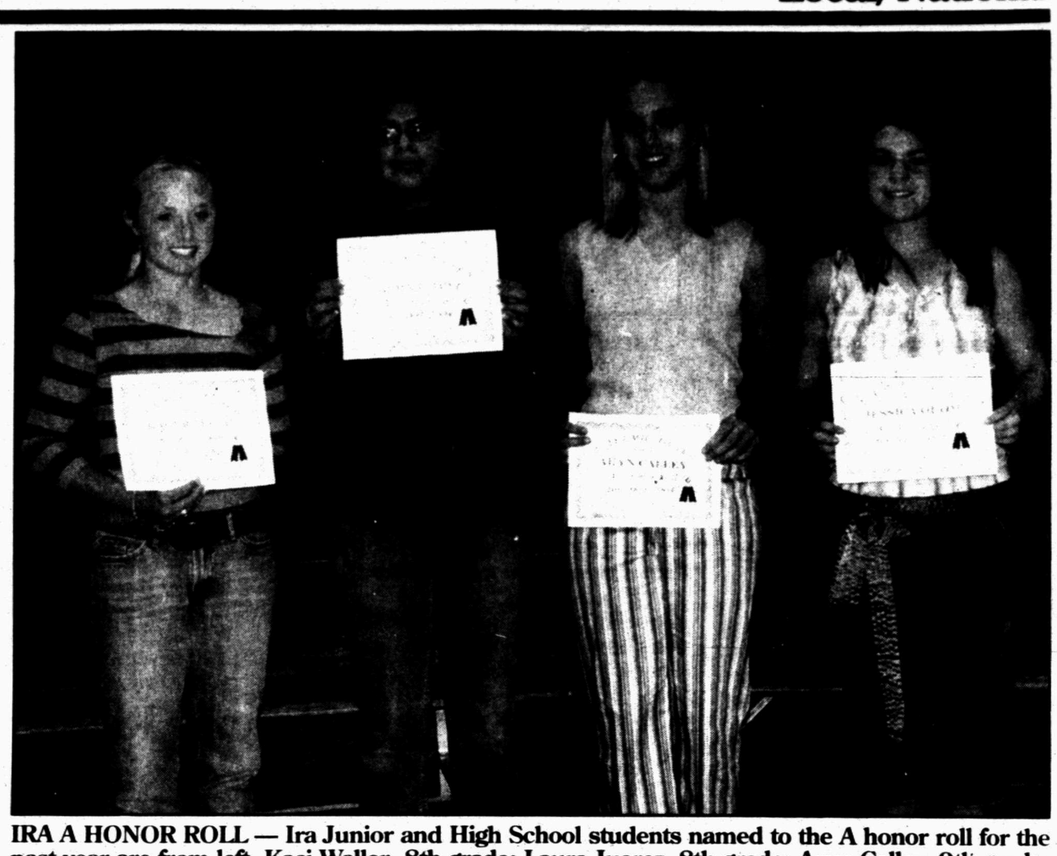
Democrats have welcomed speculation about McCain, believing the courtship alone might help Kerry position himself as a moderate.

The fellow senators and Vietnam veterans are friends, their bond sealed as they worked together to help President Clinton normalize relations with Vietnam. Clinton, who avoided service in the war, needed the political cover from Kerry, a decorated Navy veteran, and McCain, a former prisoner of war.

McCain's cool relationship with President Bush fostered Democrats' hopes, but the senator has repeatedly declared his allegiance to the GOP. McCain lost a bitter campaign against Bush for the 2000 Republican nomination, leaving wounds that may never heal.

McCain has said publicly he had no intention of serving as vice president, but he left the door open just enough to create a constant buzz.

Officials close to Kerry have repeatedly reached out to McCain's advisers in hopes of persuading the senator to join the ticket. Kerry has talked to McCain about the job more than once, sources said.



IRA A HONOR ROLL — Ira Junior and High School students named to the A honor roll for the past year are from left, Kaci Waller, 8th grade; Laura Juarez, 8th grade; Aryn Calley, 9th grade; and Jessica Odom, 9th grade. (Contributed Photo)

Oil Patch News

Borden County

Chevron will drill the No. 7306 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,600 feet, location is in Section 34, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Gruy Petroleum Management Co. will drill the No. 1033 Westbrook southeast field unit, three miles southwest of Westbrook. Contracted for a depth of 3,600 feet, drill site is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 208 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles southwest of Westbrook. Also planned for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 43, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 206 Westbrook field unit, three miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned depth is 2,600 feet, and drill site is in Section 43, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 122 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles southwest of Westbrook. Also set for a depth of 3,600 feet, drill site is in Section 29, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

McClure Oil Co. will drill the No. 2-A Kirkpatrick in the Rocker A field, eight miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,000 feet, drill site is in Section 945, Block 97, H&TC survey.

McClure Oil Co. will drill the No. 2-B Kirkpatrick in the Rocker A field, nine miles southeast of Post. Planned depth is 5,000 feet, and location is in Section 945, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Forest Oil Corp. will drill the No. 12-A TL&M in the Iatan East Howard field, four miles southwest of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 8, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Forest Oil Corp. will drill the No. 10-A TL&M in the Itan East Howard field, four miles southwest of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 8, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Paprika recall now expanded

WASHINGTON (AP) — Penzeys Spices has expanded its recall of Hungarian Sweet Paprika, sold nationwide, because of possible salmonella contamination.

The Brookfield, Wis., company said Friday the recall involves all sizes of Hungarian Sweet Paprika distributed Jan. 2-9 through mail orders as well as in Penzeys Spices retail stores in 12 states: Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin.

The expanded recall comes weeks after Penzeys recalled packages of another paprika version, Hungarian Half-Sharp and some of its Hungarian Sweet Paprika, because of possible salmonella contamination.

Young children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems are especially vulnerable to infection from salmonella. It can be fatal. Symptoms include fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

The company said no reports of illness have been received.

The product comes in 1.2-ounce plastic jars, 2.5-ounce clear glass jars and in 4-ounce, 8-ounce and 16-ounce bags.

The recalled products are marked with the code 47535, 47551, 47548, 47580 and 47519.

Penzeys said 6,388 jars and 2,550 bags were produced.

Routine testing by inspectors revealed salmonella in some 1.2-ounce jars of Hungarian Paprika, Penzeys said.

Consumers may return the recalled spice to the nearest Penzeys Spice store or contact the company for refund information at 1-800-741-7787.

Glen Campbell's sentencing postponed

PHOENIX (AP) — Country music singer Glen Campbell, who pleaded guilty last month to extreme drunken driving and leaving the scene of an accident, had his sentence delayed so he could perform Sunday at the CMA Music Festival in Nashville, Tenn.

Campbell is scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday to 10 days in jail, according to his plea agreement. He had been scheduled to appear in court Monday.

He'll be eligible for work furlough after 48 hours and is expected to serve 75 hours of community service under the deal.

A charge of aggravated assault was dropped.

Campbell was arrested in November near his Phoenix home after leaving the scene of a minor traffic accident.

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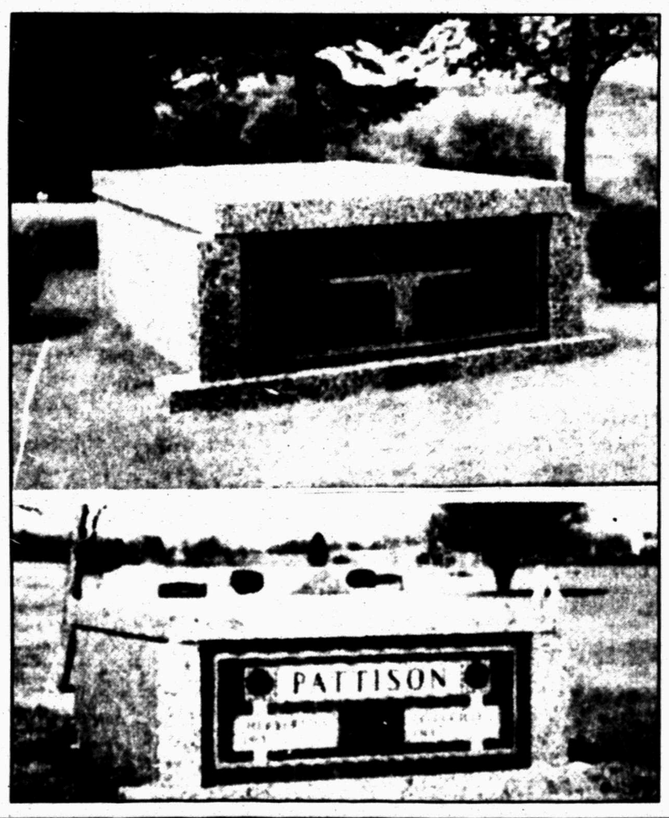
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Man charged in plot to blow up Ohio mall

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Somali native living in Ohio has been charged with plotting with other al-Qaida operatives to blow up a Columbus-area shopping mall, according to an indictment unsealed today.

The four-count indictment, returned by a grand jury in Columbus, Ohio, charges that Nuradin Abdi, 32, conspired with admitted al-Qaida member Iyman Faris and others to detonate a bomb at the unidentified shopping mall after he obtained military-style training in Ethiopia.

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced the indictment at a Justice Department news conference and used the occasion to warn anew of al-Qaida's threat. "Current credible intelligence indicates that al-Qaida wants to hit the United States, to hit the United States hard," he said.

Abdi is also charged with fraud and misuse of documents by claiming that he had been granted valid asylum status in the United States. In fact, prosecutors say, he obtained that refugee document under false pretenses.

There also is one count each of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists and conspiracy to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, in this case al-Qaida.

The charges against Abdi, who has been in custody since November on immigration-related violations, were handed up by the grand jury last Thursday.

A government motion seeking to keep Abdi in detention says he returned to the United States from Africa in March 2000 and was met at the airport in Colum-

Majority leader Frist remains one of wealthier senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — With one blind trust valued at between $5 million and $25 million, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist isn't in politics for the money. The Tennessee Republican also has myriad holdings, including real estate and part ownership of Hot Hits, Inc., a Nashville music recording company.

Frist, a heart-lung transplant surgeon whose family founded one of the nation's largest for-profit hospital chains, also reported two other blind trusts each valued in the $1 million and $5 million range. These assets were reported as part of financial disclosure forms released by senators today.

Frist's wife, Karyn, and his three sons each had blind trusts worth more than $1 million. The surgeon's boys listed holdings included small interests in Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and fast-food vendor Wendy's International.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle reported a more modest financial portfolio, although he received gross income of $583,250 for a book contract with Crown Publishing for his work "Like No Other Time: The 107th Congress and the Two Years that Changed America Forever." All after-tax proceeds from the book were donated to charity.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., because of his status as a presidential contender, released his forms last month. Kerry reported between $430,000 and $2.1 million in four separate trusts. His fortune was overshadowed by that of his wife, Teresa Heinz, who is worth about $500 million.

Heinz Kerry inherited her wealth from her first husband, Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., heir to the Heinz food fortune who was killed in a 1991 plane crash. She earned more than $5 million last year from investments and paid about $750,000 in taxes.

Kerry is not the only senior senator with an affluent wife. The spouse of Senate Republican Whip Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, owns a Washington property with a carriage house and mutual fund shares, with each asset worth between $500,000 and $1 million.

The wife of Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., Hadassah, earned $80,000 in fees for eight speeches, mostly to Jewish organizations.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., won't have to worry about money when he retires at the end of this session. His interest in The Graham Companies, a Miami real estate and development firm, was worth between $5 million and $25 million. His unearned income from the firm last year was between $500,000 and $1 million.

Births

Amber Yruegas and Ruben Sosa of Snyder announce the birth of their son, K'Dyn Lee Sosa, at 11:08 a.m. on June 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Adam and Diana Sosa of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Irene Sanchez and Julio Arellano of Dunn.

LaKiesha Danae Flores was born to Carol L. Flores of Dunn at 9:08 a.m. on June 13 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. LaKiesha weighed six pounds, 10 ounces.

Her maternal grandparent is Richard Flores of Snyder.

Pakistan army ends al-Qaida operation; 55 terrorists killed

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops have ended a major operation to flush out al-Qaida suspects and their local supporters from hide-outs in a remote region near Afghanistan. An army spokesman said today that 72 people died, including 17 security personnel.

The United States military in Afghanistan praised the operation, but said it was not aware that any al-Qaida leaders had been captured.

Even as the five-day operation ended in South Waziristan, two Pakistani soldiers and a driver were killed and three injured today in the bombing of a vehicle carrying paramilitary forces in neighboring North Waziristan. Pakistani intelligence agents exchanged gunfire with al-Qaida suspects near a northern city, killing one militant.

The operation was launched after foreign militants killed 15 security personnel near the town of Shakai, 210 miles west of the capital, Islamabad, last Wednesday, Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan said.

Army soldiers, backed by artillery, helicopter gunships and jet fighters, targeted rebel hide-outs. The operation left 55 militants dead, he said. Two more soldiers were killed during the action.

"The operation concluded Sunday evening," Sultan told The Associated Press.

He said all the slain militants were terrorists, but he declined to reveal their identities or nationalities.

The army also recovered a huge cache of arms, including heavy weapons and ammunition.

Arrests dominate police blotter

• ***Arrests***

Joe Lewis Alvardo, 18, of 106 Canyon Street was arrested at 6:56 a.m. Sunday on charges of felony violation of a protective order with assault, violation of emergency protective order and resisting arrest. The assault occurred at 1:29 a.m. in the 3100 block of Ave. V. The subject also reportedly took a van, which was later recovered.

David Haynie, 28, of 510 28th Street was arrested on charges of felony driving while intoxicated at 4:43 p.m. Saturday on Highway 350, between Ira and Snyder.

An 18-year-old male was arrested at 9:08 a.m. Saturday on warrants for no drivers license, no seat belt/passenger, consumption of alcohol by a minor.

A 22-year-old female was arrested at 9:52 a.m. Saturday on warrants for failure to appear/bail jumping, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violating promise to appear, unrestrained child under four.

A call of a 3-wheeler being ridden by possibly intoxicated people came in at 12:16 a.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of 23rd Street. Police investigated and arrested a 51-year-old and a 57-year-old male on charges of public intoxication in the 1200 block of 26th Street.

Police responded to a report of a fight in the 4400 block of Ave. U at 12:17 a.m. Sunday and arrested a 19-year-old male and a 29-year-old male for public intoxication.

A 38-year-old male was arrested on charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated at 1:02 Sunday on Roundtop Road.

• ***Assault***

A family assault was reported in the 1500 block of 23rd Street at 12:11 a.m. today.

• ***Theft***

A theft was reported at 2:04 p.m. Saturday in the 2100 block of Ave. I.

Money was reported stolen from the 1300 block of 26th Street at 6:18 p.m. Saturday.

• **Grass fire**

A small grass fire was reported in the 1500 block of Ave. M at 7:58 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Dog bite***

A dog bite that was said to have occurred in Ira was reported by Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 2:21 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Snakes spotted***

A snake was reported at 10:38 a.m. Sunday at the pool at Western Crest Apartments. The snake was possibly a pet python, but was gone when police arrived.

At 11:38 p.m. Sunday, a snake was reported at the entrance to the ambulance entrance at the hospital. The snake was gone when police arrived.

Obituaries

Marjorie Light

1934-2004

Marjorie Frances Light, a native of Scurry County, died Thursday, June 10, in Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Light, 70, is set for 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ed Wunderlich, pastor of the First Lutheran Church in Longview, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.



Mrs. Light

Born May 12, 1934 in Snyder, she married Jim Carroll Light on Aug. 31, 1957 in Snyder. He died June 10, 2000.

A resident of Miami, Texas, Mrs. Light was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She also was preceded in death by her father, Evert Leaman Vandiver; a brother, E.L. Vandiver; one grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Survivors include four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Pam Light of Miami, Evert and Becky Light of Wasilla, Alaska, Robert and Lou Ann Light of Sequin and Doyle Light of San Angelo; her mother, Sadie Mae Vandiver of Snyder; two sisters, Wanda Stahl of Odessa and Linda Anderson of Longview; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is set for 7-8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Carlton Lee

1927-2004

EASTLAND — Carlton H. Lee, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, June 11, at his home on Lake Leon.

Graveside service for Mr. Lee, 76, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Eastland Cemetery with the Rev. Harry Garvin officiating.

Born Oct. 7, 1927 in Eastland, he was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He married Wilda Joy Harris on Dec. 24, 1952 in Santa Rosa, N.M.

Mr. Lee retired from the Western Company in Snyder in 1994 and moved to Lake Leon where he was a member of the Lake Leon Baptist Church, the American Legion and VFW.

He was preceded in death by a son, Carlton (Sonny) Lee; and his mother, Nellie Lee Phillips; and his father, Henry Lee.

Survivors include his wife, Joy Lee of Lake Leon; three daughters, Annette Truluck of Charleston, S.C., Darlene Kriewald of Austin and Susan Humble of Monahans; two sisters, Bobbie Jean McKay of Fort Morgan, Colo., and Willene Rodgers of Deer Park; two brothers, Don Lee of Kentwood, La., and Tommy Lee of Grapevine; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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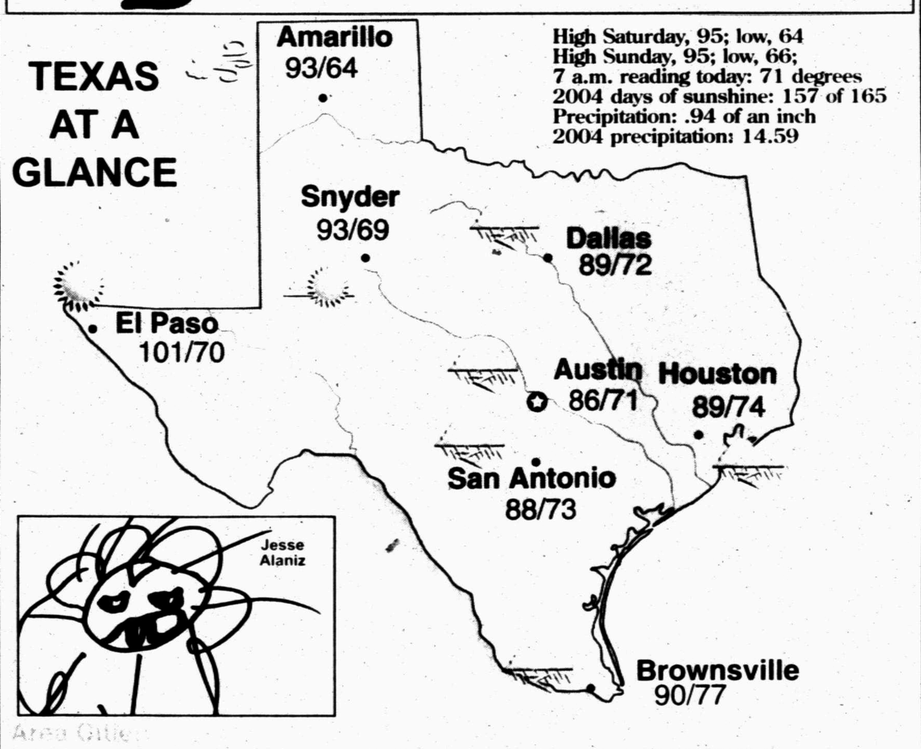
Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 6/15	Wed 6/16	Thu 6/17
93/69	95/68	94/69
A few clouds from time to time. High 93F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
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2004 precipitation: 14.59



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	69	mst sunny
Amarillo	93	64	windy
Austin	86	71	t-storm
Beaumont	88	74	t-storm
Brownsville	90	77	t-storm
Brownwood	89	69	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	87	76	t-storm
Corsicana	86	71	t-storm
Dallas	89	72	t-storm
Del Rio	93	73	pt sunny
El Paso	101	70	sunny
Fort Stockton	98	69	sunny
Gainesville	86	69	pt sunny
Greenville	86	70	t-storm
Houston	89	74	t-storm
Kingsville	89	74	t-storm
Livingston	87	70	t-storm
Longview	88	70	t-storm
Lubbock	94	68	sunny
Lufkin	87	71	t-storm
Midland	98	70	sunny
Raymondville	91	75	t-storm
Rosenberg	89	73	t-storm
San Antonio	88	73	t-storm
San Marcos	87	71	t-storm
Sulphur Springs	89	70	t-storm
Sweetwater	92	69	mst sunny
Tyler	87	70	t-storm
Weatherford	85	69	t-storm
Wichita Falls	91	68	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	70	t-storm
Boston	83	65	t-storm
Chicago	84	68	pt sunny
Dallas	89	72	t-storm
Denver	84	54	t-storm
Houston	89	74	t-storm
Los Angeles	74	62	mst sunny
Miami	90	79	t-storm
Minneapolis	77	57	t-storm
New York	87	70	t-storm
Phoenix	105	76	sunny
San Francisco	76	56	windy
Seattle	72	52	sunny
St. Louis	90	75	pt sunny
Washington, DC	90	72	t-storm

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Tue 6/15	Wed 6/16	Thu 6/17
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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PRIMARY 6TH SIX WEEKS — East primary students who earned citizenship and or academic awards for the sixth six weeks are back row from left, Jaime Escalente, Emily Parmer, Jessica Clark, Samantha Torres, Rebecca Pyburn, Taylor Kiker, Michael Campos and Dustin Essery; second row, Ruben Vera, Wyatt Gray, Omar Salinas, Brittany Rios, Cody Kincheloe, Leia Romero and Dylan Reid; front row, Cassie Batchelor, Matthew Houghton, Ryan Armendarez, Kristen Cline, Santanya Molina, Dezaree Renshaw and Alexis Derrick. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)



EAST FOURTH GRADE AWARDS — East Elementary fourth grade students who earned academic and/or citizenship awards for the sixth six weeks are back row from left, Harley Collins, Riley Brown, Damian Donaldson, Samatha Edwards and Miriam Arellano; middle row, Alex Pesina, Meghan Garza, Stephan Gunderson, Samantha Rogers, Alisha Guzman and Jordan Peoples; front row, Carlos Landa, Enrique Campos, Brianna Small, Sadee Bernal, Yesennia Cabrera and Alberto Resendiz. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Randy Beers has long history of working in U.S. government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Randy Beers sat on the porch steps next to his longtime friend and colleague Dick Clarke and the words came tumbling out in a torrent. "I think I have to quit. ... I can't work for these people. I'm sorry, I just can't."

It was a few days before the start of the Iraq war in March 2003, and Beers was President Bush's special assistant for combating terrorism, a job he had held for only a matter of months. But Beers was no newcomer to government; he had worked on foreign policy for four presidents.

To Clarke, Beers recited a list of complaints about Bush's foreign policy. Too fixated on Iraq. Not enough focus on al-Qaida. Weak on homeland security. Too political.

In public, Beers, 61, said only that he was quitting for personal reasons.

The real surprise came a few weeks later, when he signed on as foreign policy adviser to John Kerry, then still but one candidate in a pack of Democratic presidential contenders.

While working in government, Beers had a reputation as a nonpolitical sort, a hard worker who kept his ego in check.

"He had his nose to the grindstone; he's not a pol," says Leslie Gelb, president emeritus of the private Council on Foreign Relations, echoing the thoughts of many in foreign policy circles. "Frankly, I had no idea if he was a Democrat or a Republican or whatever."

R. Rand Beers — Randy to his friends — is a Democrat who spent a good part of his government career getting things done for Republican presidents. He served as a Marine rifle company commander in Vietnam, began working for the State Department in 1971 and went on to serve on the National Security Council staffs of Presidents Reagan, Clinton and both Bushes.

Sandy Berger, who was Clinton's national security adviser and is backing Kerry, remembers his team interviewing more than 50 people from the first Bush White House during the 1992 presidential transition.

"We decided to keep on about half a dozen, including Rand," said Berger, who assumed Beers was a Republican. "It was clear that he was extraordinarily able and very knowledgeable in the area that he was working," a portfolio known as "drugs and thugs" — narcotics and counterterrorism. "He is an absolute straight shooter, someone with enormous integrity."

At the White House, Beers displayed a low-key style, in sharp contrast to his hard-charging friend and colleague Clarke, who recounted Beers' decision to quit in his book, "Against All Enemies," which is highly critical of the Bush administration.

Clarke had quit the Bush White House a few months before Beers. When Clarke's book came out earlier this year, White House and Bush campaign officials pointed to the friendship between Beers and Clarke in trying to discredit Clarke as pushing a political agenda.

Bush campaign spokesman Scott Stanzel declined to weigh in on Beers' impact on the Kerry campaign beyond saying, "Whoever John's Kerry's advisers are, it all adds up to policies that are wrong for our country."

Out of government for the first time in decades, Beers and Clarke taught a foreign policy class together at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government this spring.

Eric Rosenbach, who was their teaching assistant, said Beers shared his thoughts about the Bush administration with the class, "but he would only speak about bad policies rather than bad personalities. He's not intensely ideological. He seems to be more set on good policy-making."

Barry McCaffrey, the former Clinton drug czar who has known Beers for more than a decade, said Beers was "my view of what you'd hope a foreign service officer would be like."

"He's an extraordinarily thoughtful, very civil, easy-to-deal-with, courteous guy," said McCaffrey, who stressed he is staying neutral in the presidential race. "He doesn't produce exothermic reactions; he produces solutions." Translation: Beers is no hot head.

Berger; the former Clinton national security adviser, said one key to Beers' success is that he doesn't mind sharing credit.

"Randy's someone who is high value, low maintenance," said Berger. "I've discovered in Washington that when you're prepared to give other people the credit, you can get an awful lot done."

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Although some necessary changes may be in store for you in the year ahead, adjust your plan of action to fit as each change comes up. There are rewards at the end of the road by doing what it takes to reach your destination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unless you are open to all forms of thought today, you may hear only what you want to hear when discussing a sensitive issue and end up doing yourself a great injustice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be patient and tolerant with yourself when working on your latest endeavor today. Take things one step at a time instead of trying to accomplish everything in one gigantic leap.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — In order for a partnership arrangement to work out successfully for you today, both you and the other party must be in complete agreement. Even a slight amount of discord could spell defeat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It will hurt a project today if you display intolerance with co-workers who don't grasp ideas as quickly as you do. They'll end up being all thumbs and make even more mistakes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Borrowing money today from friends may create problems for you down the road if you'll find it difficult to repay them in a timely fashion. Wait until another day to get what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — When it comes to indecisiveness concerning a family situation today, don't take the easy way out and settle for a solution that is doubtful just to be done with it. Wrong will end up wrong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your usual cooperative spirit may not be in good working order today and co-workers could find you a bit difficult to get along with. If there is trouble among the ranks, check out the mirror.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An opportunity of profitable potential could slip right through your fingers today if you're impatient or self-serving with others. Treat serious matters with tolerance and respect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Prospects who are considering what you have to offer will wiggle off the hook once again today if you are not a good closer. Write up the order at the first nod of approval.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Try to see things for what they are today, instead of how you would like them to be. It's important not to confuse positive thinking that is constructive with wishful thinking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It might be smart of you today to steer clear of any shops that offer unique or novelty merchandise. You could end up purchasing gadgets that you may never use.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Know when to leave well enough alone today and don't make unnecessary changes on things that are running smoothly. You could end up snatching defeat from the grasp of victory.

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Pass	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Monday, June 14, 2004

Declarer takes a back seat

By Phillip Alder

Alexander Smith, a 19th-century Scottish poet, wrote, "A man gazing on the stars is proverbially at the mercy of the puddles in the road."

A bridge declarer can be like that, except the puddles are the defenders. On some deals, if they find the best plays, declarer will fail; if not, he will succeed. This is a good example. How should East and West card to defeat four spades?

North's redouble promised at least 10 high-card points and denied four-card or better spade support. West ran to one no-trump, then redoubled to force his partner to select the trump suit. South might have doubled two diamonds, collecting 100 (if North passed). After his pass, though, North's jump to three spades showed game-forcing values with exactly three-card support.

West starts with the club ace, East signaling attitude with the two to deny the queen, the honor touching the ones promised by the opening lead. West continues with the club queen (or king). Which card should East drop?

East should give count at trick two, so that West knows whether a third club trick is cashing. Here, East plays the nine: high from a remaining doubleton.

So, West cashes his third top club. But what should he do at trick four?

For his opening bid, South has to have the heart ace and diamond ace-king. So, a red-suit trick looks impossible. Therefore, West should lead his last club. This promotes East's spade jack as the setting trick and leaves declarer with wet shoes.

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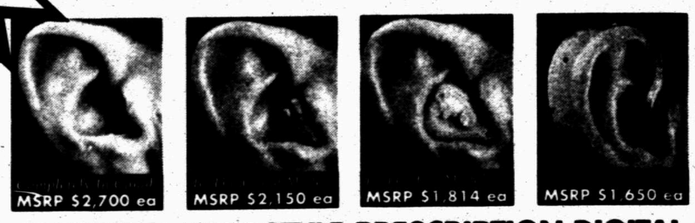
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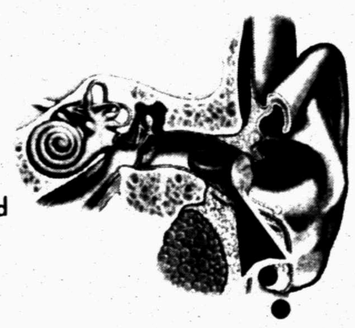
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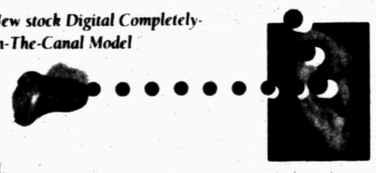
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