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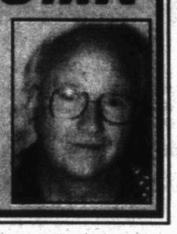
by Wade Warren



We had a visit this week from some folks from the gas company, or was it the electric company.

Anyway, Judy Suggs from the Snyder office of Oncor, and L.W. Davis from the Sweetwater office came in to visit and brought one of their city-type guys with them.

Ray Granado works for TXU and lives east of Dallas and works for the company's media and public relations department.

Ray seems to be an okay guy even though he lives in the city after spending some time in Midland, or was it Odessa.

The gist of this is that just even talking to people from companies whose names don't tell a darn thing about what the company does is confusing.

What was wrong with Texas Electric Service Company, or Humble Oil and Refining Company?

You knew what those folks did immediately.

Texas Electric provided electricity and you knew that right away because of a little lightning shaped guy on their sign.

Humble refined oil into gasoline and you knew that because Kern Tips told you so every Saturday afternoon.

And he also told you where to get the school decals shaped like small pennants that had the SWC team's schedule on them. No where else but your friendly Humble station.

Anyway, when local folks come in with city folks from the same company, you know they want something.

Actually, they did have some good information to pass on about electrical (or was it gas) safety rules during the upcoming spring storm season.

Randy Ward, who is Oncor's distribution operations manager whom we simply refer to as the manager at the city council meetings we attend, reminds everyone that we are quickly reaching the beginning of spring storms.

This area had a preview a couple of weeks ago as to what is in store as the Roby area was hit with high winds, and probably a tornado, as was Loraine.

That's getting way too close to home.

Anyway, Randy reminds everyone not to touch objects that are in contact with a power line. That includes tree limbs.

Also, something we all learned in the first grade, stay away from downed power lines.

If a power line falls across your vehicle, stay put until help arrives. Your vehicle tires provide important insulation from the ground.

Just sit tight.

And as far as trimming trees with power lines that run through them, that is not recommended to be done by the average I-know-how-to-do-everything man. Several widows can attest to that.

The real nice Oncor guy from Sweetwater gave me a cap, and Judy just gave me some advice.

Wear it when you go outside and you might not get your head sunburned, she said.

Now I know what senior distribution service advisors do.

Give advice.

For school improvements...

Report reveals $30 million price tag

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Although no surprise, the underlying theme of the Snyder ISD long-range strategic facilities report presented Thursday night is that the district is faced with aging buildings that need improvement.

In presenting the report to the board of trustees, Bill Branum of Total Program Management Inc. said the report's intent is to provide an overview of existing conditions and not to make recommendations.

"We're providing scenarios for what the district can do with their facilities," said Branum.

"The report provides a great deal of flexibility of what can be done in Snyder," said Branum, again emphasizing that the findings weren't recommendations from his firm.

"We're identifying needs."

The report gives facility profiles about each campus, and the age of the district's facilities stands out on each page.

East Elementary was constructed in 1951 and West Elementary was built in 1952.

Northeast Elementary was built in 1957, and Stanfield and the junior high in 1959.

The main part of SHS was constructed in 1952.

The oldest facility still being used in the district is Travis Gym built in 1937, and the oldest building used daily for students is Central Elementary constructed in 1948.

In addition to the age of the district's facilities, Branum also addressed the number of campus buildings.

"Enrollment is down a 1,000 kids from 10 years ago and you are still using the same number of buildings," Branum told the board.

Branum said priorities at each campus were developed through interviews with the campus site-based teams and through surveys from each school.

The Hurst company's report indicated the number one need at the various campuses as given by staff were electrical upgrades.

"These schools were built when there was an electrical socket on one side of the room, and one more on the other side," said Branum. "That was long before most of us had heard about computers."

Branum did submit a cost summary of his finding for capital improvements and it totaled $30 million.

Needed improvements at SHS identified in the report totaled $10 million, while needed improvements at the junior totaled $6 million.

Improvements at Central and Central were tagged at more than $3 million each.

East and West improvements totaled more than $2 million each, while Northeast Elementary improvements are projected at $1.7 million.

Branum also presented an option to making improvements to the 50 year-old elementary buildings, and that was the construction of complete new facilities on the sites where East and West elementaries are now located.

This totals $18.9 million — a figure that nearly equals projected renovations at the elementary campuses.

"I suggest a group of folks who really care about the school district put in the time necessary with this report to see what is best in the long run and bring you their suggestions," Branum concluded. "The bottom line is to see what is the best way to take care of the kids."

Trustees and the administration did not comment after the report was presented.

In action items Thursday night, trustees approved one-year contract extensions for all present instructors, with the exception of six who have submitted letters of resignation.

Trustees did approve the resignations of three teachers at West Elementary and a like number at Stanfield.

Retiring at the end of the school year from West are reading teacher Patti Palmer, PPCD teacher Carolyn Hamby and sixth grade teacher Jo Ann Williams.

At Stanfield, second grade teachers Carolyn Martin and Neoma Harlin are retiring, as is resource teacher Linda Cozart.

Trustees also awarded the second phase of the heating and cooling project at Snyder High School to Armstrong Mechanical of Lubbock for $618,870, with the work to be completed before the beginning of the school year in August.

Buildings to receive an upgrade on the SHS campus are the student center and library, industrial arts shops and art classroom, biology-science classrooms, band hall and CVAE shop to include exhaust system work.

Funding will be through maintenance tax notes and budgeted amounts.

Trustees also approved the recommendation of the textbook committee for the adoption of textbooks.

Board vice president Richard Chambers presided in the absence of president Mark McCormick, and members present were Cathy Peoples, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Doug Neff. Also absent was Luann Burleson.

A WEEK OF FREEDOM — Students from Malcolm Crawford's fifth grade class at Northeast Elementary did not wish to curb their enthusiasm about the start of spring break. Snyder ISD students were released at regular time today and will return to class on March 22. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Bank robber sentenced

A 28-year-old Ballinger man was sentenced to serve 19½ years in federal prison for the robbery last summer of West Texas State Bank in Rowena.

Darin Heath West was convicted last December and was sentenced in Lubbock this morning by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings.

West was found guilty on three counts to include aggravated robbery and kidnapping.

A total of $210,900 was taken in the heist early on the morning of Aug. 5 when West confronted a bank teller as she was opening the bank.

Armed with a pistol, the man forced the teller into the bank, took the money and fled in the teller's vehicle. That vehicle was abandoned a short distance from the bank and he got into a second one parked at the Rowena Gin.

West was arrested the next day in a routine check of a suspicious vehicle in Dickinson in Galveston County.

The vehicle had been rented in West's name and contained the weapon and most of the money from the bank still in WTBS wrappers. Recovered was $203,160.

Carlsbad well blowout evacuates 500 residents

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — Hundreds of Carlsbad residents spent the night in hotels, with friends or in an evacuation center as fumes from the blowout of a natural gas pocket at a Patterson-UTI oil well drilling site kept them from their homes.

There were no reported injuries.

City officials said the situation could go on several more days as a crew works to cap the well.

Authorities estimated more than 500 people were evacuated from homes and businesses within a mile radius of the well on the south side of Carlsbad Thursday.

Lt. Jason Lowe of the Carlsbad Fire Department said he was in the station when he heard a roar from the drilling site just behind the fire station.

"It sounded like a jet airplane landing," Lowe said. "We went outside and saw a black liquid-type substance spurting straight up into the air. It was spurting well over the height of the drilling rig. Then there was a big cloud of dust coming up from the ground."

The 10-man crew at the site escaped unharmed, said Assistant Fire Chief Frank Navarrette.

Some residents in the area were treated after inhaling fumes before the evacuation.

The team from a company in Midland will try to cap the well, said Fire Department Lt. Gary Aldaz.

Houston-based Chi Operations Inc., which owns the well, flew in experts to help.

When contacted by the Current-Argus on Thursday, a Chi official declined comment.

"Had they anticipated it, they would have had the equipment to flare the gas, to prevent what happened out there," Eddy County Sheriff Kent Waller said.

Authorities decided to evacuate everyone from a mile radius around the site after the drilling company warned about the potential for explosion.

About 65 evacuees went to the Riverwalk Recreation Center Thursday and about 15 were at the Pecos River Village. The Red Cross brought in about 150 cots.

Volunteers from a local soup kitchen made soup and sandwiches for the evacuees.

Ag producers are facing deadlines

Joe Hefner, executive director of the USDA Farm Service Agency, reminds producers of two Monday deadlines.

One is to purchase crop insurance for most cotton and grain sorghum to be planted in the county. Producers can call the FSA for a list of agents.

Also, Monday is the final date to purchase NAP (Non-insured Assistance Crop Disaster Protection) for forage sorghum crops.

Hefner said NAP provides a guaranteed level of protection against weather disasters for non-insurance crops.

There is a $100 fee per crop up to $300 per county, not to exceed $900 per producer. Only non-insurable crops are eligible for NAP coverage.

Clean up work is postponed due to weather

Saturday's workday for the community's clean up project has been cancelled due to the rainy weather.

Weather permitting, the ongoing project will continue on March 20 with members of the Snyder Boys and Girls Club participating along with other groups.

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce is spearheading the project.

ASK US

Q—What is the population of Snyder broken down by race percentage?

A—According to the 2000 census, Caucasian is 62.4 percent, African-American is 4.6 percent, Hispanic is 31.8 percent, Asian is 0.3 percent, Native American is 0.3 percent and unknown is 0.6 percent.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Carol Bass...

...has lived in Snyder since she and her husband, Joe, retired from the Air Force 10 years ago. She is the mother of Julie Walton of 29 Palms, Calif., Jackie Bass of Austin and Jamie Bass of Snyder. Carol also has two granddaughters. Hobbies are babysitting her granddaughters and teaching second grade Sunday school at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

None of my inventions came by accident. They came by work.
—Thomas Edison

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

FBC sets program for women

Joanne Wallace will speak at the First Baptist Church at 7 this evening and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. Childcare will be available on Saturday only.

Country, gospel music

Country and gospel music will be played at the Senior Citizens Center starting at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Noah's Ark speaker

Sammy Hernandez of Lamesa will speak at 5 p.m. Sunday at Noah's Ark Church, 18th Street and Ave. R.

Church moves

Lord's Supper Church has moved to 30th and Ave. 6, beginning Sunday.

Medical fund donation account

A medical fund donation account has been set up at West Texas State Bank for local business owner Mike Rodriquez. The fund will be used to help defray medical expenses for the treatment of cancer.

AARP meeting

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. Vicki Shroyer, chamber of commerce executive director, will be the guest speaker.

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

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Companies that got Iraq contracts have ties to GOP and a Democratic senator

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former employer of the Pentagon's top contracting official in Iraq shares part of $130 million in reconstruction business awarded this week.

Many of the companies awarded eight management contracts Wednesday have other strong Washington ties: Several are generous Republican donors and another is partly owned by a Democratic California senator's husband.

The Parsons Brinkerhoff construction company was one of two companies picked to share a $43.4 million contract to help manage reconstruction of Iraq's electricity grid. Retired Navy Rear Adm. David Nash, director of the program management office for the Pentagon in Baghdad, is a former president of a Parsons Brinkerhoff subsidiary.

The company also has Republican connections. It gave $90,000 to various Republican Party committees in the past five years, and $8,500 to similar Democratic groups.

"It's hard to find a major company in America anymore that doesn't have political connections," said Danielle Brian, head of the independent watchdog group Project on Government Oversight. "Federal contracting has become political. Just about every company that can compete does have political connections."

Defense Department officials say neither Nash's connections nor politics had anything to do with the contract award, and all eight awards were chosen through open competition. Army Lt. Col. Joe Yoswa, a Pentagon spokesman, said Nash does not have any authority to award contracts. Parsons Brinkerhoff spokesman Bruce Ross declined comment.

The new contracts were awarded Wednesday and Thursday in the shadow of previous controversy over Iraq reconstruction work given to Vice President Dick Cheney's former firm, Houston-based Halliburton Co. Some of that work is under criminal investigation.

Halliburton refunded some money for alleged overcharges, and is running a series of television ads contending the criticism of its work is politically motivated.

The Defense Department announced two new reconstruction contracts worth $1.1 billion Thursday night.

A $500 million contract to design and build electricity facilities went to a partnership of the giant construction companies Fluor Corp. and AMEC. A $600 million contract to build drinking water systems went to a partnership of construction companies Washington Group International and Black & Veatch.

Fluor gave $48,000 to Republican committees in the past five years and $4,500 to Democrats. A Fluor vice president, Kenneth Oscar, joined the company in 2002 after spending 20 years as a contracting official at the Pentagon, the latest as acting Army assistant secretary for procurement.

The Pentagon says it chooses contractors based on which have the best management, are most likely to succeed and offer the best price. But an Army general acknowledged at a House hearing Thursday the military has made mistakes.

"We aren't perfect. It is a war zone, and we are correcting mistakes as we find them," said Gen. Paul Kern, head of the Army Materiel Command.

One such mistake was a $327 million contract to outfit the new Iraqi military. The U.S. Army canceled that contract after two losing bidders complained the decision-making process was confusing and contradictory.

The contract was awarded to Nour USA, whose president is A. Houda Farouki. He is a friend of Ahmed Chalabi, a member of the Iraqi Governing Council who was close to several top Pentagon officials before the U.S. invasion.

Nour and the Pentagon said Farouki's ties to Chalabi had nothing to do with the award. The Army hopes to have a new bidding process for that contract ready within three months, said Maj. Gary Tallman, a spokesman.

Republicans aren't the only ones with ties to Iraq contractors. URS Group Inc., partly owned by Richard C. Blum, the husband of Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, was part of a two-company team that won $27.7 million in Iraq business Wednesday.

Blum is vice chairman of URS Group, which in partnership with New Jersey's Louis Berger Group will help manage reconstruction of Iraq's transportation, communications, security, education and health infrastructure.

Tulia drug busts lawsuit settled for $5M

AMARILLO (AP) — More than 40 people arrested on trumped-up drug charges will share a $5 million settlement and the multiagency task force that ran the allegedly racially motivated operation will be dismantled.

The agreement with the city of Amarillo, announced Wednesday, was cheered by the NAACP and attorneys representing people who were snared in the Texas Panhandle town of Tulia by Tom Coleman, the task force's only undercover agent.

Attorneys said it was not just a victory for the 46 people arrested in 1999 — most of whom are black — but also a blow to law-enforcement task forces that they allege allow police misconduct to go unchecked.

"It's not simply that Tom Coleman was a rogue officer," said Vanita Gupta, an attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund who also represents the plaintiffs. "The city of Amarillo has recognized that federally funded task forces are ineffective tools of law enforcement and they operate as rogue task forces because they are unaccountable to any oversight mechanism."

Coleman, who is white, said he bought drugs from the defendants, but had no audio or video surveillance to back it up. Some defendants received long sentences — one got 90 years — and others say they pleaded guilty to avoid harsher punishment.

Gov. Rick Perry granted pardons to 35 defendants who spent a combined total of 80 years behind bars. Charges were dropped against others arrested.

"There's no amount of money that could ever compensate the people in Tulia," said attorney Jeff Blackburn at a news conference announcing the settlement. "In our view this was a whole systemic failure."

Coleman, who testified at trials that he bought cocaine from the defendants, is scheduled to stand trial May 24 on perjury charges related to testimony he gave during evidentiary hearings.

Marcus Norris, Amarillo's city attorney, called the settlement the responsible thing to do, and added that the city recognizes the "misjustice" done in Tulia by the task force.

"The law on who is responsible for the task force is very unsettled and the city could not risk a $30-, $50- or $100- million dollar judgment," Norris said.

In a move that Norris said was connected to the settlement, two Amarillo police officers who had supervised Coleman will retire before the end of the year.

Mediation is ongoing with others named in the lawsuit — 26 counties and three cities that were involved with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.

Officials in Swisher County, which includes Tulia, earlier approved a $250,000 settlement for those imprisoned based on Coleman's testimony in exchange for some of the defendants promising not to sue the county. Coleman no longer is an officer.

Feds ban U.S. commercial swordfish fishing in much of Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The federal government banned commercial fishing for swordfish in a large swath of the Pacific Ocean on Thursday, in a move to protect endangered sea turtles that were being killed or injured by the hooks.

The new rules, released by the National Marine Fisheries Service, prohibit longline fishing for swordfish in the Pacific between the West Coast and Hawaii. The ban, scheduled to take effect April 12, will affect about two dozen fishing boats based in California, Oregon and Washington.

Recreational fishing is not affected.

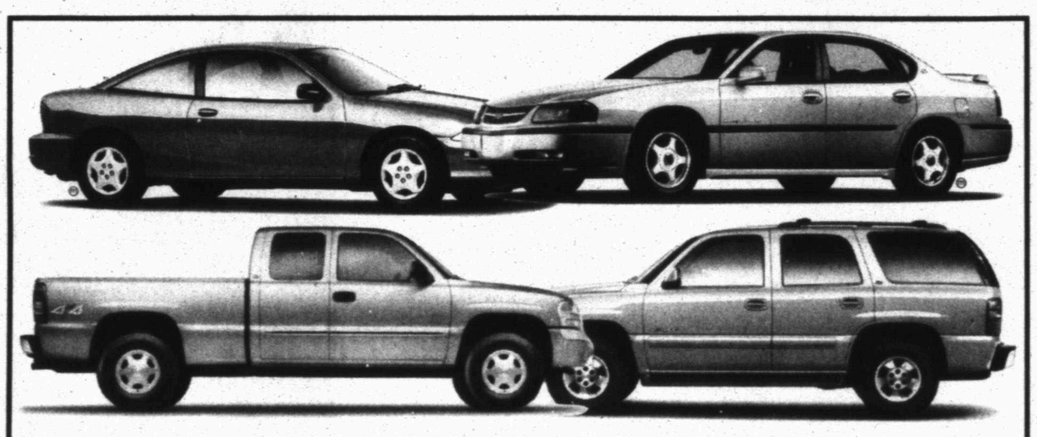
"It's an important step in protecting endangered sea turtles from going extinct," said Todd Steiner, director of the Turtle Island Restoration Network, which lobbied for the ban. "It won't save the sea turtles by itself, but when the U.S. takes proper action, it's in a better moral position to get other countries to also take action."

The United States makes up only about 5 percent of the global swordfish fishing fleet, Steiner said. Japan, Korea and Taiwan all have large fleets.

Longline fishermen use lines up to 50 miles long that carry thousands of baited hooks to catch swordfish.

Sea turtles, sharks, dolphins and seabirds also get caught on the hooks. Federal officials have estimated that "long-lining" kills 61 threatened loggerhead sea turtles and 15 endangered leatherback sea turtles each year. Biologists say the leatherback could become extinct in 10 to 30 years if current trends continue.

The fisheries service issued the ban after its scientists determined that continued swordfish fishing would jeopardize the survival of the sea turtles, said Tim Price, the agency's assistant regional administrator for protected resources.



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Today is the 72nd day of 2004 and the 82nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1930, Mohandas K. ("Mahatma") Gandhi began a 200-plus-mile march protesting the British salt tax.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his first "fireside chat" over the radio.

In 1994, the Church of England ordained its first female priests.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jack Kerouac (1922-1969), writer; Edward Albee (1928-), playwright, is 76; Liza Minnelli (1946-), actress, is 58; James Taylor (1948-), singer/songwriter, is 56; Carl Hiaasen (1953-), author, is 51; Darryl Strawberry (1962-), baseball player, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1966, the NHL's Bobby Hull scored his 51st goal, becoming the first player to surpass 50 in a season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Capital as such is not evil; it is its wrong use that is evil. Capital in some form or other will always be needed." — Mahatma Gandhi.

TODAY'S FACT: Space itself does not have a temperature because it is a vacuum — objects in space have temperatures that depend on how much radiation they receive from planets and stars.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 349,792,000 — estimated number of Protestants in the world (as of mid-2002)

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 6) and last quarter (March 13)

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Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-10-18-21.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $43,816.

Winning ticket sold in: Amarillo.

Matching four of five: 179. Prize: $110.

Matching three of five: 5,500. Prize: $8.

Matching two of five: 50,425. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Ex-aide accused of working as paid Iraqi agent

NEW YORK (AP) — The government is accusing a one-time journalist and Congressional aide of secretly becoming a paid Iraqi intelligence agent before trying to influence her distant cousin — the White House chief of staff — on U.S. policy.

Charges brought Thursday by federal prosecutors in Manhattan against 41-year-old Susan Lindauer hinted at Hollywood-style espionage with packages left in what the prosecutor's office described as prearranged "dead drop" operations in Baltimore.

But the defendant told WBAL-TV outside the Baltimore FBI office that prosecutors were mistaken in charging her with conspiring to act as an unregistered agent of the Iraqi Intelligence Service and with engaging in prohibited financial transactions with the Iraqi government.

"I'm an anti-war activist and I'm innocent," she said after her arrest in her hometown of Takoma Park, Md. "I did more to stop terrorism in this country than anybody else. I have done good things for this country. I worked to get weapons inspectors back to Iraq when everyone else said it was impossible."

In court, Lindauer was relaxed and smiling as she faced charges that carry a potential penalty of 25 years in prison. She declined to speak afterward, as did two court-appointed defense lawyers.

She was released to a halfway house in Baltimore, where U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Gauvey ordered a psychiatric evaluation and said she can be released as soon as bond is posted for her $500,000 bail.

The indictment said she accepted $10,000 for working for the Iraqi Intelligence Service from 1999 to 2002, including payments for lodging at the Al-Rashid Hotel in Baghdad and expenses during meetings in New York City with Iraqi agents.

The government portrayed the agency as a spy nest responsible for foreign intelligence collection, counterintelligence, covert actions and terrorist operations including the attempted assassination of former President Bush.

The indictment makes no mention of Lindauer's congressional staff work. She was not directly charged with espionage.

According to the indictment, Lindauer delivered a letter "to the home of a United States government official" on Jan. 8, 2003, in which she described her access to members of dictator Saddam Hussein's regime "in an unsuccessful attempt to influence United States policy."

The U.S. official was not identified. But a government official, speaking on condition on anonymity, said the recipient of the letter was White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, a distant cousin of Lindauer.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that the last time Card recalls seeing or talking to Lindauer was during January 2001 inaugural events. McClellan said the FBI interviewed Card about his contact with Lindauer and that Card cooperated fully.

Card told the FBI that Lindauer had tried to contact him on behalf of the former regime several times.

The indictment did not specify a motive.

The arrest came as a surprise in Washington, where Lindauer had a long history as a journalist and a political aide.

She worked at Fortune, U.S. News & World Report and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer before going into politics. Her father, John, was the Republican nominee for governor of Alaska in 1998.

She worked for Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., in 1993 and Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., in 1994. She joined the office of Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, D-Ill., as press secretary in 1996. In 2002, she worked for Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif.

In a release, Lofgren said she was "shocked to learn" of the arrest and that she had no further contact with Lindauer since a two-month work stint ended in May 2002.

"To my knowledge, this former employee had no access to sensitive information. Obviously, I had no reason to think that she was involved in this alleged activity," Lofgren said.

The government said Lindauer returned in March 2002 from a trip to Iraq with $5,000 in cash received from Iraqi agents, breaking a law prohibiting transactions with a government that sponsors terrorism.

Lindauer's work allegedly continued through last month, when she maintained contact with an FBI agent posing as a Libyan intelligence service operative who wanted to support resistance groups in postwar Iraq.

The indictment said she met the agent last July in Baltimore, "and discussed the need for plans and foreign resources to support resistance groups operating within Iraq." Acting on the agent's orders, Lindauer left documents at a spot in Takoma Park twice last August, the indictment said.

Lindauer's father owned newspapers in Alaska.

Today's chuckle

Low-sugar Krispy Kreme doughnut possible

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Hot. Now. Healthy?

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, long known for its high-calorie treats, says it plans to offer a low-sugar doughnut to attract dieters and diabetics.

Exactly how low the sugar content would be was unclear. Krispy Kreme spokeswoman Amy Hughes said the new doughnut is still in the early stages of development. It is set to debut before the end of 2004.

One of Krispy Kreme's Hot Original Glazed doughnuts has 10 grams of sugar and 200 calories. More than half those calories come from fat, 12 grams of it.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, March 13, 2004

You may be drawn into a situation in the year ahead which initially you'll resent and resist. However, what happens because of it could turn out to be a blessing as time goes on.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You could embarrass yourself today in front of your friends if you allow yourself to get involved in a debate with a person over an issue about which she or he is more knowledgeable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Move cautiously in a joint venture today if you sense your counterpart is making some moves without your say-so. Don't let this person obligate you to anything without discussing it first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Rely more upon yourself today and less upon others, especially when it comes to commercial matters. The support or cooperation you were banking on may be denied you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Strive to be productive today, but first make certain the projects you undertake are sensible and can further your interests. Don't spend your time on senseless tasks that have little meaning.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today you must learn to say "no" and really mean it, or else a domineering associate will gladly take advantage of your good nature. You could be placed in a position you'll resent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone with whom you're emotionally involved may need you to be extra patient and compassionate with him or her today because of harboring a secret hurt. Be kind and generous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Neither you nor your mate may be too tolerant with one another today when it comes to domestic issues, because you each have other things on your mind. Don't contribute to any discord.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Trying to dodge a couple of tough obligations which require your attention today may not be a wise thing to do because it could hurt your creditability. Bite the bullet and clear them off your slate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Do not purchase expensive merchandise today unless you are absolutely certain that it is the very best deal you can get at this time. Unless you shop around and compare, you could be sorry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Should a conflict of interest arise today between you and a close valued relationship, take the time to exchange your points of views so that you'll better understand one another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you hope to avoid any serious problems in the future, carefully read any documents to which you need to affix your signature today. Check the small print for hidden clauses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It might be time to analyze your social interests at this time to see if they still hold a viable outlet for you and to make sure that none of them are more of a liability for you than a fun pursuit.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man's recurring two year itch leaves wife short of scratch

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old mother of three. I have been married to their father, "Carl," for eight years.

Every two years, Carl decides he no longer wants to be a family man and packs up and leaves. When he goes, he leaves me destitute. I am a stay-at-home mom with only a high school degree.

Carl feels he should have to give us money only after his own needs and wants have been taken care of, and then only the amount he chooses. The most he will dole out is $50 to $100 at a time.

This time when he left, I warned him I'd file for child support. We were on speaking terms, and he said he loved me and wanted us to reunite. That was until he was served with the support papers. Now he refuses to return my calls until I drop the suit. I love Carl, but I can't let him withhold support from our children. He has a good job, so there is no reason for this.

Am I unreasonable? Should I drop the suit? I want our family back together, but I'm afraid he'll leave again. What should I do? — **NEEDS SUPPORT IN TEXAS**

DEAR NEEDS SUPPORT: For the sake of your children, do not allow yourself to be manipulated or emotionally blackmailed. Take your cues from your lawyer. Once a fair amount of child support has been established in a court of law or by mediation, offer Carl the option of marriage counseling. If he's sincere about wanting to reconcile, he will agree.

If he returns, I urge you to use that opportunity to go back to school and prepare yourself to be financially independent. I have said this many times before: No one's future is guaranteed. If something should happen to your husband, you may need to be the breadwinner. So be prepared.

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DEAR ABBY: Several months ago I lost my mother to cancer. I am still trying to comfort myself. My four children were close to their grandmother, especially my 6-year-old daughter, "Vicki."

Vicki comes to me crying and says she misses Grandma. When she does, I comfort her as best I can, but it's hard because I haven't let go and allowed myself to have a really good cry.

Is it OK for Vicki to see me cry? I'm afraid I won't be able to stop once I start. And if that happens, how can I comfort my daughter?

Every week, I take fresh flowers to the cemetery. Vicki always wants to go with me, but I've taken her only twice. Do you think it might help her to go with me? I'm worried that taking her to the cemetery will only reopen the wound of losing her grandma. — **WANTING TO GRIEVE**

DEAR WANTING: You have my sympathy for the loss of your dear mother. I am concerned that you do not have an outlet for your grief. Please consult your doctor or clergyperson about locating a grief support group to help you through this difficult time.

I see nothing wrong with allowing your daughter to occasionally accompany you to the cemetery. It will teach her that although her grandmother is gone, she is not forgotten. I also see nothing wrong with her seeing you cry. However, if you think you might lose control and be unable to stop, don't do it, because it would frighten her.

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Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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MOVIES

The Passion of the Christ R

This film tells the story of the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus, on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem. This film's script is based upon several sources, including the diaries of St. Anne Catherine Emmerich as collected in the book, "The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ", "The Mystical City of God" by St. Mary of Agreda, and the New Testament books of John, Luke, Mark and Matthew. **Starring: James Caviezel, Monica Bellucci, Rosalinda Celentano, Sergio Rubini, Mattia Sbragia**

Disney's Confession Of A Teenage Drama Queen PG

When a New York City teenager from Greenwich Village is forced to move to the New Jersery suburb of Dellwood, she finds that in her new school, there is another girl who already has claim to the title of most popular girl that Lola had at her old school. **Starring: Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia, Megan Fox, Alison Pill, Glenne Headly**

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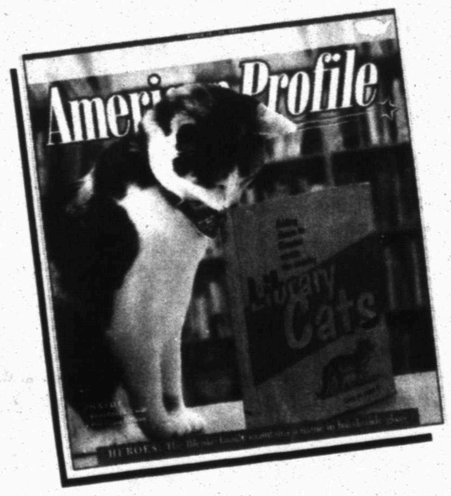

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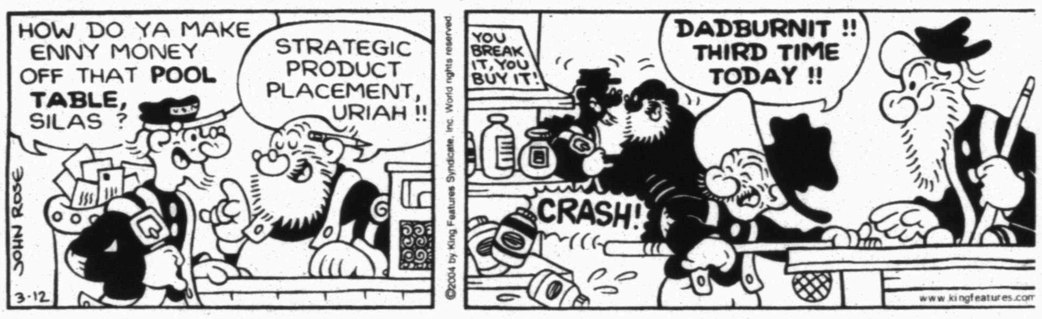

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ACROSS

1 Vitality
4 365 days
8 Foot digit
11 Waterfront event
12 Sheriff Taylor's kid
13 House addition
14 Chopped
15 Arizona river
16 Crater edge
17 Forceful
19 Animal with one horn
21 — Gatos, Calif.
22 Goose formation
23 Embroidery silk
26 Over a broad range
29 Plunder
30 Full extent
32 Entrance
34 — St. Laurent
36 Margarine
38 Bauxite
39 Knockout
41 Amplifiers
43 Home site
44 Furniture mover
45 Hockey scores
48 Be an omen of
52 Unit of work
53 Wrench or screwdriver
55 Name in essays
56 King beater
57 Fish-eating eagle
58 Tear to pieces
59 Awesome, dude!
60 Clark and Orbison
61 Sgt.'s status

DOWN

1 Elf
2 Jeannie portrayer
3 Organ features
4 Asana practicers
5 Saga
6 Feel under the weather
7 Nurtured
8 Actress — Hatcher
9 Ken — of "EZ Streets"
10 Admiral — Zumwalt
11 Small boy
18 Tree growth
20 Listen carefully
22 Ivy
23 Cook up bacon
24 Valentine word
25 Yield to
26 Off the — (weird)
27 Gaze at
28 Good old days
31 Mope
33 Thing, in law
35 Hawk
37 Sharif of the movies
40 Nurture
42 Hospital staffer
44 Mouse cousins
45 Neutral or first
46 Fierce whale
47 Like prime steak
48 Racehorse, slangily
49 TVA supply
50 Mexican boy
51 Pop
54 Spanish gold

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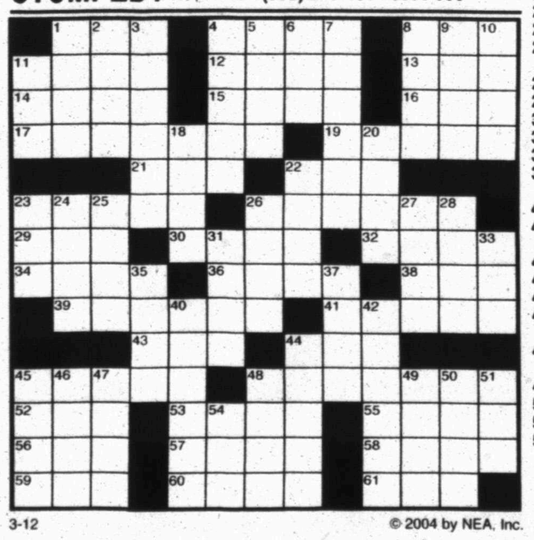

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SPORTS

Snyder baseball tourney...

Rain cancels Friday games

Damp fields and a chilly drizzle once again welcomed the Snyder Tigers and disrupted the annual varsity tournament.

All the games scheduled for Thursday were played, but all of today's games have been cancelled.

Snyder head baseball coach Charles Bolinger said a revised schedule is being worked on for Saturday.

Rain also is in the forecast for Saturday.

The Tigers started out with just one game Thursday, closing out the opening night of the tournament with an 11-1 drubbing of Dumas.

The Tigers out-hit the 4A Demons 15-3, with six Tigers collecting two base knocks each. The game was stopped in the sixth on the 10-run mercy rule.

Jordan Dea had the big wallop, crushing a solo shot over the green monster at Moffett, while going 2-for-4.

Blake Grimmett and Bradley Price also had a pair of hits, and Eric Martinez and Marcus Villarreal both hit two singles.

Isaac Ramon and Hadley Hirt both drilled a triple, and Alex Neal was 1-for-3.

"We hit the ball hard and played pretty well," Bollinger said.

Ryan Mitchell went 3 1-3 innings, striking out three and giving up a run on two hits, to get the victory.

Dustyn Williams pitched two innings of relief, striking out three, and Lico Castillo recorded the final out.

The Tigers originally were slated to play Shallowater at 2 p.m. today.

In other games played on the first day of the Snyder Tournament, Lubbock Copper pummeled Post, 17-7, and topped Sweetwater, 8-2.

Perryton started 2-0, as they edged Wylie, 12-9, and blanked Sweetwater, 10-0. Pampa also beat Wylie, 16-7.

Shallowater edged Coahoma, 8-7, while Levelland got by Dumas, 11-1, and squeaked out a 7-5 victory over Canyon.

The Lady Tigers were slated to open their district schedule at 5 p.m. today at home against Lubbock Cooper.

No official decision has been made on the status of that contest.

WGA OFFICERS — Women's Golf Association officers met Wednesday to discuss the upcoming season. They are, from left, Barbara Leatherwood, Brenda Billingsley, Norma Thompson, Peggy Hardin, Juanita Hester and Joan Hood. The first play day will be April 6, with couples play beginning April 9. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

St. Joe's routed in A-10 tourney; Orangemen fall

By The Associated Press

The No. 1 team in the country and last year's NCAA champions made quick exits from their conference tournaments.

While both top-ranked Saint Joseph's and 2003 national title winner Syracuse lost Thursday, they'll be in the NCAA's field of 65. But falling so quickly in their conference tournaments hardly is the way to prepare for a championship run.

And for Saint Joseph's, such a resounding first loss — 87-67 to Xavier in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament in Dayton, Ohio — was stunning.

"Any loss is devastating, especially when you work so hard," star guard Jameer Nelson said. "We take pride in our defense and we let ourselves down with our defense today."

It was the worst loss by a No. 1 team against an unranked opponent. Romain Sato led Xavier with 24 points and 11 rebounds, Lionel Chalmers scored 23, and Anthony Myles had 19.

The Hawks came in with a 27-0 record, three victories from becoming the first team since 1991 to enter the NCAA tournament undefeated. But they trailed Xavier by as many as 37 points.

"It's like I told Coach (Phil) Martelli after the game," Xavier coach Thad Matta said. "We couldn't have played any better than we did today."

Syracuse certainly could have against Boston College. The 19th-ranked Orangemen blew an 11-point lead in falling 57-54 in the first round of the Big East tournament in New York. Jared Dudley made four free throws in the last 93 seconds for Boston College (23-8). Craig Smith led the Eagles with 22 points.

The Orangemen (21-7) were outrebounded 41-27.

Elsewhere in the Top 25, No. 2. Stanford beat Washington State 68-47 in the Pacific-10 quarterfinals, where No. 21 Arizona edged USC 79-76; No. 6 Pittsburgh beat Virginia Tech 74-61 in the Big East, where Connecticut eliminated Notre Dame 66-58 and Villanova knocked out No. 20 Providence 69-66; No. 13 Cincinnati beat Louisville 64-62 in the Conference USA quarterfinals, while Saint Louis upset No. 23. Memphis 72-61; and No. 25 Air Force (19-9) fell to Colorado State 60-48 in the first round of the Mountain West tourney.

UT women in Big 12 title game

DALLAS (AP) — Texas' Stacy Stephens made the most of her two second-half minutes.

After dominating Baylor's short-handed interior defense in the first half for 14 points and four rebounds, Stephens spent most of the second half on the bench with foul trouble.

But she came back to hit one more basket, a short fadeaway with 35 seconds left, sealing No. 2 Texas' 63-59 victory over No. 14 Baylor on Thursday night and putting the Longhorns in the Big 12 conference title game for the second straight year.

"Going out was really tough," said Stephens, who finished with 16 points and seven rebounds. "I made sure I stayed focused. I knew we needed a big shot, and thankfully it went in."

The Longhorns (28-3) face No. 19 Oklahoma in the championship game on Saturday after the Sooners defeated eighth-ranked Kansas State 78-66.

Stephens pounded Baylor (24-8), posting up for most of her 14 first-half points before getting into foul trouble early in the second half. She took just two shots after the break, but the last one, a twisting shot in the paint, put Texas up 61-57.

"It's always difficult when you lose Stacy, because she's our only senior and she's our go-to player in those situations," Texas coach Jody Conradt said.

Texas also got 19 points from Nina Norman, who was 8-of-12 from the field and made two free throws with five seconds left.

WTC gets out of the chute at Weatherford

Western Texas College got off to a fast start at the Weatherford Rodeo Thursday, with seven top-five showings in the first round.

Clay Bunney sits atop the bareback riding standings after earning a 73 in the first round, and Guy Simonton was in third in the saddle bronc competition with a 73.

Trent Cormier and Tate Stratton are third and fourth, respectively, in bull riding at the end of the opening round. Cormier secured a 75, and Stratton was rewarded for his ride with a 73.

Cyndi Terry delivered a second-place ride in barrel racing with a time of 17.36 seconds. Marcie Wienke rode the circuit in 17.99 seconds for fifth.

Erin Anglin sits in fourth in goat-tying with a time of 9.4 seconds.

The rodeo is scheduled to run through Saturday, with the championship round slated for Saturday night.

Sports Briefs

Track meet pushed back; golf delayed

The West Texas Relays in Odessa were cancelled because of rain today.

The Snyder track and field teams are scheduled to participate in the meet, which was rescheduled to 9 a.m. Saturday.

The boys golf tournament in San Angelo was pushed back to a 1 p.m. shotgun start today.

MGA Tournament

The WTC Men's Golf Association monthly tournament will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Dallas signs DE Wiley

IRVING (AP) — Marcellus Wiley singed a $16 million, four-year deal with Dallas that includes a $4.5 million signing bonus.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Bill Parcells are thrilled to have Wiley, too. He gives them the pass-rushing end that was missing from a defense that ranked No. 1 in the NFL anyway.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY	
Softball:	SHS varsity vs. Lubbock Cooper, district opener, 5 p.m.
Tennis:	SHS varsity at State Team Tournament, Waco
Golf:	SHS varsity boys at San Angelo Tournament
	SHS varsity girls at Andrews Tournament
SATURDAY	
Baseball:	Snyder Tournament
	WTC at Midland JC, DH, noon
	SHS JV at Frenship Tournament
Softball:	SHS varsity at Lake View, 11 a.m.
	SHS JV at Lake View, 1 p.m.
Tennis:	SHS varsity at State Team Tournament, Waco
Golf:	SHS varsity boys at San Angelo Tournament
	SHS varsity girls at Andrews Tournament
	SHS JV boys at Sweetwater Tournament
Track:	SHS varsity at Odessa
Powerlifting:	SHS at Regionals, Lubbock

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	36	17	13	6	91	206	164
New Jersey	36	21	11	2	85	176	144
N.Y. Islanders	30	26	10	4	74	196	185
N.Y. Rangers	25	33	7	5	62	182	207
Pittsburgh	17	44	6	4	44	157	269

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	34	16	14	7	89	181	161
Toronto	38	21	9	3	88	205	178
Ottawa	37	19	9	5	88	232	156
Montreal	37	26	6	3	83	186	165
Buffalo	31	31	6	2	70	184	190

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Tampa Bay	40	17	8	5	93	209	159
Florida	25	29	14	3	67	155	184
Atlanta	27	33	7	3	64	186	214
Carolina	22	30	13	4	61	133	171
Washington	21	39	8	2	52	159	213

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	40	17	10	2	92	218	155
Nashville	33	26	9	2	77	183	185
St. Louis	32	26	10	2	76	162	172
Columbus	20	38	8	4	52	149	204
Chicago	18	36	9	6	51	162	212

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	36	17	12	5	89	211	167
Vancouver	36	21	9	4	85	200	168
Calgary	35	26	6	3	79	172	155
Edmonton	28	27	12	3	71	185	180
Minnesota	22	26	20	2	66	150	157

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	34	19	11	6	85	181	157
Dallas	35	23	12	0	82	162	151
Los Angeles	27	19	16	7	77	181	178
Anaheim	25	28	9	8	67	157	180
Phoenix	20	29	16	5	61	172	211

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Thursday's Games

Boston 3, Buffalo 2, OT
Dallas 2, Philadelphia 2, tie
Detroit 4, Columbus 2
Florida 3, Montreal 2, OT
Pittsburgh 3, Toronto 2
New Jersey 6, Chicago 4
Nashville 1, St. Louis 1, tie
Calgary 4, Ottawa 2
San Jose 5, N.Y. Islanders 4

Today's Games

Atlanta at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

State Basketball Pairings

UIL State Tournament Pairings

Class 5A
Friday Semifinals
Cedar Hill (34-1) vs. Victoria Memorial (33-5), 3 p.m.
Houston Milby (37-0) vs. Klein Collins (26-10), 7 p.m.
Championship
8 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A
Thursday Semifinals
Dallas Lincoln 64, Austin Johnson 62
Houston Jones 44, Lubbock Estacado 41
Championship
Dallas Lincoln (32-5) vs. Houston Jones (30-5), 4 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A
Thursday Semifinals
Kountze 74, Corpus Christi West Oso 51
Midland Greenwood 67, Gainesville 56
Championship
Kountze (35-2) vs. Midland Greenwood (29-4), 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Class 2A
Friday Semifinals
Shallowater (29-5) vs. Clarksville (28-6), 9:30 a.m.
Argyle (32-3) vs. Hitchcock (22-9), 11 a.m.
Championship
2:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 1A Division II
Thursday Final
Lenorah Grady 55, Neches 49

Class 1A Division I
Thursday Final
Normangee 53, Morton 51, OT

Class 1A Texas Cup Saturday
Normangee (36-2) vs. Lenorah Grady (35-1), 9 a.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	39	24	.619	—
New York	29	36	.446	11
Boston	29	37	.439	11½
Miami	28	37	.431	12
Philadelphia	27	38	.415	13
Washington	20	43	.317	19
Orlando	19	48	.284	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	48	16	.750	—
Detroit	42	25	.627	7½
Milwaukee	34	30	.531	14
New Orleans	34	31	.523	14½
Cleveland	29	36	.446	19½
Toronto	27	38	.415	21½
Atlanta	20	44	.313	28
Chicago	18	46	.281	30

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	45	20	.692	—
San Antonio	43	22	.662	2
Dallas	40	24	.625	4½
Memphis	40	24	.625	4½
Houston	38	26	.594	6½
Denver	34	32	.515	11½
Utah	33	32	.508	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	48	16	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	42	22	.656	6
Portland	31	33	.484	17
Seattle	27	37	.422	21
L.A. Clippers	26	38	.406	22
Golden State	25	38	.397	22½
Phoenix	21	43	.328	27

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♥ A J
♦ Q 1
♣ A K

West
♠ 9 8 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 7 6 5 3
♣ Q 6 3

South
♠ Q J
♥ 10
♦ K J
♣ 9 5

Dealer: East
Vulnerable:

South	West	N
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	South ♠ Q J 10 5 4 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ K J 2 ♣ 9 5	

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Friday, March 12, 2004

Even the low cards paint pictures

By Phillip Alder

Inexperienced players pay (almost) no attention to the spot-cards. But as Odysseus Elytis, a Greek poet and essayist who died in 1996, phrased it: "You'll come to learn a great deal if you study the Insignificant in depth."

Look only at the dummy (North) and your hand (East). Defending against four spades, your partner leads the heart seven: nine, queen, four. How would you continue?

Note North's raise to two spades. This is a strong action, showing some 17-19 points. Remember, South had to bid, even with no points (unless very long and strong in hearts, the opener's suit). By raising, North is saying that game is still possible. And South, with a maximum, is happy to oblige.

You can see three tricks, but from where is the fourth coming? If you hope to get either a club winner or a slow second heart trick, you are out of luck. Declarer wins your club shift in the dummy and plays a trump. When back in, South draws trumps and knocks out your diamond ace. Dummy's heart loser disappears on the third round of diamonds.

What was partner's lead? The significant "insignificant" heart seven, which must be either a singleton or top of a doubleton. With three low cards, West would have led his lowest. (In partner's suit, lead high from three or four low cards only after raising his suit.) At trick two, make the strange-looking play of another heart, away from your king into dummy's ace-jack tenace.

Now declarer cannot win. When in with the spade ace, you will give partner a heart ruff.

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Utah woman charged in death of one twin

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — As Melissa Ann Rowland's unborn twins got closer to birth, doctors repeatedly told her they would likely die if she did not have a Caesarean section. She refused, and one later was stillborn.

Authorities charged 28-year-old Rowland with murder on Thursday, saying she exhibited "depraved indifference to human life," according to court documents. One nurse told police that Rowland said she would rather "lose one of the babies than be cut like that."

The case could affect abortion rights and open the door to the prosecution of mothers who smoke or don't follow their obstetrician's diet, said Marguerite Driessen, a law professor at Brigham Young University.

"It's very troubling to have somebody come in and say we're going to charge this mother for murder because we don't like the choices she made," she said.

Court documents did not list an address for Rowland, and she is not listed in telephone books for the Salt Lake City area. It could not immediately be determined whether she had an attorney.

Rowland was warned numerous times between Christmas and Jan. 9 that her unborn twins would likely die if she did not get immediate medical treatment, the documents allege. When she delivered them on Jan. 13, one survived and the other was stillborn.

The woman sought medical advice in December because she hadn't felt the fetuses move, documents said.

Regina Davis, a nurse at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake, told police that during a visit there, Rowland was recommended two hospitals to go to for immediate care. Rowland allegedly said she would rather have both twins die before she went to either of the suggested hospitals.

On Jan. 2, a doctor at LDS Hospital saw Rowland and recommended she immediately undergo a C-section based on the results of an ultrasound and the fetus' slowing heart rates. Rowland left after signing a document stating that she understood that leaving might result in death or brain injury to one or both twins, the doctor told police.

The same day, a nurse at Salt Lake Regional Hospital saw Rowland, who allegedly told her she had left LDS Hospital because the doctor wanted to cut her "from breast bone to pubic bone," a procedure that would "ruin her life." The nurse also told investigators that Rowland allegedly said she would rather "lose one of her babies than be cut like that."

LDS Hospital can't comment on the case because of medical privacy issues and the pending court case, said spokesman Robert Pexton.

The doctor who performed an autopsy found that the fetus died two days before delivery and would have survived if Rowland had undergone a C-section when urged to do so.

She was charged in Salt Lake County with one first-degree felony count of criminal homicide. Rowland was being held on $250,000 bail at the Salt Lake County jail, and was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

If convicted, she could be sentenced to between five years and life in prison.

A spokesman for the district attorney, Kent Morgan, said Rowland is married and has other children, but he did not know how many.

"We are unable to find any reason other than the cosmetic motivations by the mother" for her decision, Morgan said.

Caesarean sections usually involve delivery through a surgical incision in the abdomen and front wall of the uterus. Dr. Christian Morgan, a family practice doctor who regularly performs C-sections at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center, said he had never seen vertical skin incisions performed at LDS Hospital for a first-time C-section.

"Even when you need to get a baby out in minutes, it can still be done in the bikini incision," Christian Morgan said.

Baggage screener will be recognized for herorism

DALLAS (AP) — As an ex-Marine, Clay King said he has saved lives before and had a few of his own brushes with death.

Once, he said, a helicopter he was supposed to be in plunged into the sea off Norway, killing eight. Just last year, he said, he and his father were fishing when they helped rescue a woman who had jumped into Lake Lewisville.

Then early Sunday in Grapevine, King, 41, pulled a man from a burning BMW that went through a stop sign before striking a bridge support. King, an airport baggage screener on his way to work, grabbed the man's belt and pant leg and dragged him across a grassy embankment just before the car became engulfed in flames.

Today at Transportation Security Administration headquarters in Coppell, the father of five from Highland Village will be presented the federal security director's Coin of Excellence.

His colleagues from Terminal C at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport said King's heroic actions were not unusual.

"When I found out it was him, I was not surprised at all," terminal manager Michael McMullen said in today editions of The Dallas Morning News.

King said he had no time Sunday to think about his actions — only to respond.

"It's just action," he said. "Get him out of there."

California high court blocks gay marriages

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Supreme Court halted gay weddings in San Francisco, but only so it can take the time to decide whether they are legal.

Across the country in Massachusetts — where the state's high court has already ruled that gays can marry — lawmakers returned to the Capitol to consider undoing the justices' mandate with a constitutional amendment.

California's high court now must decide in May or June whether San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom had the authority to issue same-sex marriage licenses. The city has responded by filing a lawsuit demanding a judge declare the marriages constitutionally permissible, a question that could take at least another year to decide.

"I'm pleased the process is working as well as it is," Newsom said Thursday. "Now we will be getting to the Supreme Court and making our argument."

Minutes after Thursday's ruling, teary-eyed couples were turned away at San Francisco's City Hall, where 4,161 gay weddings have been performed since Feb. 12.

"We were filling out the application and they told us to stop," said Art Adams, who was the first to be denied along with partner Devin Baker. "It's heartbreaking. I don't understand why two people in love should be prevented from expressing it."

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Two arrested in Snyder Thursday

• *Arrests*

Two subjects were arrested in Snyder on Thursday.

At 5:22 p.m. an 18-year-old male was arrested at 35th St. and Ave. H on warrants for no proof of liability insurance and no driver's license.

At 1:22 p.m., a 22-year-old man arrested at the justice of the peace office and transported to the Law Enforcement Center to pay fines.

• *Accident*

A two-vehicle minor accident was reported at 13th St. and College Ave. at 6:47 a.m. Thursday. The mishap involved a 1982 Ford driven by Belinda Dollins, 52, 3205 40th St. and a 1988 Chevrolet 1500 pickup driven by Robert D. England, 57, of Snyder.

• *Assault*

At 2 a.m. today, a resident in the 1900 block of Santa Fe reported he had been assaulted and further advised that the subject was making threatening phone calls.

• *Officer requested*

A caller contacted police at 10:59 a.m. Thursday to report information about a subject possibly supplying alcohol to minors at the Western Crest Apartments.

• *Fire*

A grass fire was reported on Ennis Creek Rd. near the bridge at 12:58 p.m. Thursday. Snyder Fire Department advised it was a small blaze and was allowed to burn itself out.

• *Harassment*

At 9:08 a.m. Thursday, a caller reported receiving harassing telephone calls from a family member.

A resident of the 100 block of Peach St. reported at 7:12 p.m. Thursday of receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown party.

• *Close patrol*

A close patrol of a vehicle parked at Snyder High School was requested at 12:14 p.m. Thursday. The caller advised that the car belonged to her daughter who had received threats from another subject about damaging the vehicle.

FDA wants to halt andro sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worried that children still are imitating baseball slugger Mark McGwire's one-time fondness for andro, federal health officials are moving to end sales of the steroid-like supplement.

The body converts andro, known officially as androstenedione, into testosterone and, to some extent, estrogen, the Food and Drug Administration said Thursday.

That means it poses the same health risks as directly using anabolic steroids, which are controlled substances, the FDA said in warning 23 manufacturers to cease sales or face federal seizure of their products or other penalties.

Among the risks FDA cited are heart and liver damage, and some gender-specific problems: testicular atrophy, impotence and breast enlargement for males, and facial hair, menstrual problems and increased risk of breast and uterine cancer for females. Children can undergo early puberty and stunting of bone growth.

"These are irreversible, irreversible health consequences," said FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan.

One major supplement company, TwinLab Corp., didn't return a call seeking comment. But some smaller distributors said Thursday they'll comply, reluctantly.

Senators approve budget, House next

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate approval of a $2.36 trillion budget easing President Bush's tax-cutting and spending plans shifts the spotlight to the House, where a similar package has so far bounced along a rocky road.

The Republican-led Senate approved its package early today on a mostly party-line 51-45 vote. Though it mostly follows Bush's vision of defense increases, restrained domestic spending and gradual deficit reduction, it ignores his call for permanent tax cuts he considers the heart of his plan for reviving the economy.

Like the Senate plan, the fiscal outline debated Thursday by the GOP-run House Budget Committee has smaller tax cuts, less spending and faster reduction of record deficits than Bush proposed. That underscores an election-year desire by Republicans to show action against shortfalls expected to approach an unprecedented half trillion dollars this year.

"We have to start that long journey with a first step, and that's what today allows us to do," said House budget panel chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa.

Nussle, who ran into objections from GOP defense and veterans advocates as he crafted his plan, hit more problems Thursday.

They were resolved — for now — when Nussle said his committee would approve new procedures making it harder for Congress to increase spending not paid for with other savings. The dispute forced him to delay final passage of the budget and a separate bill creating the procedural hurdles until next week.

Congress' budget sets ceilings for revenues and expenditures, but its details are only advisory. Actual tax and spending changes are made in later bills.

Senate approval came after Republicans fought off a mountain of Democratic amendments. Many would have trimmed tax cuts on the richest Americans and shifted the money to health care, schools, firefighters or other popular programs.

"Our good friends are after you," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla., warning taxpayers about Democratic proposals he said would in effect raise taxes. "They're coming, coming after your pocketbooks."

Democrats scored the Senate plan for calling for more tax cuts, shortchanging needed programs and doing too little to mop up spreading red ink.

"I don't see any cutting of the deficit in half," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., saying the plan omitted expected costs such as an extended U.S. stay in Iraq and easing the alternative minimum tax's growing impact on middle-income families.

Obituaries

Harold Coffman

1908-2004

ANTON — Harold M. Coffman, the grandfather of Zola Schlegel of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 10.

Funeral service for Mr. Coffman, 96, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Anton with the Rev. Lloyd Stice officiating. Interment will follow in the Anton Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Mr. Coffman

Born March 3, 1908 in Missouri, he married Truby Chancey on Sept. 22, 1926 in Plainview. She died on Feb. 4, 2004.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Coffman operated Coffman Food Store in Anton for 38 years, retiring in 1972. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Anton Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include a daughter, Zelda Teague Barnett of Lubbock; another granddaughter, Malva Smith of Lubbock; five great-grandchildren, Kellie Schlegel and Therin Smith, both of Lubbock, Jay Smith of Houston, Russell Schlegel of Amarillo and Lea Smith of Dallas.

The family suggests memorials to the Little People of America, 5289 N.E. Elam Young Parkway, Suite F-700, Hillsboro, Ore., 79124; or to a favorite charity.

E.C. Payne

1917-2004

LEVELLAND — E.C. Payne Jr., the father of the Rev. Buddy Payne of Snyder, died Thursday, March 11, in Covenant Hospital in Levelland.

Funeral service for Mr. Payne, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Jesse Hodge and Raymond Ochoa officiating. Burial will follow in the City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of George C. Price Funeral Directors.

Born Nov. 5, 1917 in Snyder, he moved to Levelland in 1928 and married Jimmie Lea Lawson on June 8, 1944 in Lubbock.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the Fighting 69th in Germany. He then attended West Texas State College on a football-basketball scholarship.

Mr. Payne owned Levelland Auto Supply for 22 years and worked at Fisher's Auto Supply for 11 years, retiring in 1982.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, he served as chairman of the board from 1967-70 and was active with the Methodist Men, the Lions Club, Jaycees and Masonic Lodge.

Survivors also include his wife, Jimmie Lea Payne of Levelland; two daughters, Sheri Jean Belyeu of Lubbock and Susan Marlene Bradley of Crosbyton; a sister, Vivian Poston of Ruidoso, N.M.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Max Stuart

1916-2004

ROBY — Max Odell Stuart, the grandfather of Cindy Putnam of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 10, in Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Stuart, 87, was set for 10 a.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Roby with Jerry Vincent and Jason Alton officiating.

Born Sept. 22, 1916 in Roby, he married Lorene Curlee on March 21, 1936 in Roby.

Mr. Stuart was active in farming and ranching and in 1934 won the National Livestock Judging competition. He continued to be active in FFA and 4-H livestock show judging and was a past-president of the Roby Fair and Rodeo and served as a director of the Farmers Union Coop Gin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff and Mamie Teel Stuart; six brothers, Rabon, George, L.L., Coy, Tommy and Cub Stuart; and three sisters, Lucille Carter, Eva Nell Dennis and Marjorie McQuestion.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene Stuart of Roby; a son, Freddie Max Stuart of Roby; a daughter, Gloria Lou Posey of Rotan; a sister, Emma Lee Collier of Lubbock; five other grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Yank Hildreth

1911-2004

MIDLAND — Lawrence E. "Yank" Hildreth Sr., father of Larry Hildreth of Snyder, died Sunday, March 7.

A memorial service for Mr. Hildreth, 92, has been scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Oscar Bejil officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born on Sept. 10, 1911 to Fred and Mary Gates Hildreth in Sudbury, Mass., and he was reared and educated there.

Mr. Hildreth moved to Snyder in the 1950s and later to Big Spring. Prior to his retirement, he worked for I&R Meter Service. Mr. Hildreth was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Louise Pickett in 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Hildreth of Big Spring; two other sons, Edward L. Hildreth and Paul B. Hildreth; a daughter, Carol Cothran; three stepchildren, Phyllis Sutter, Alton Sutter and Johnny Sutter; 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Memorials may be directed to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri Ave. in Midland, 79701.

Truman Davis

1922-2004

MIDLAND — Truman C. Davis, a native of Ira, died Wednesday, March 10, in Midland.

Service for Mr. Davis, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Don Mitchell will officiate.

Mr. Davis

Born May 30, 1922 in Ira, he was reared in Snyder and attended Snyder High School. He married Evelene Tamplin on March 6, 1942 in Snyder. Mr. Davis was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul M. and Maudie Davis; and a brother, Raymond Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Evelene Davis of Midland; a son and daughter-in-law, Marlin Gene and Floy Davis of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy J. Phillips of Midland and Linda Sue and Max Moreland of Bosque Farms, N.M.; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and J.C. Wall of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6-7 this evening at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Home Hospice, 901 Missouri Ave. in Midland, 79701.

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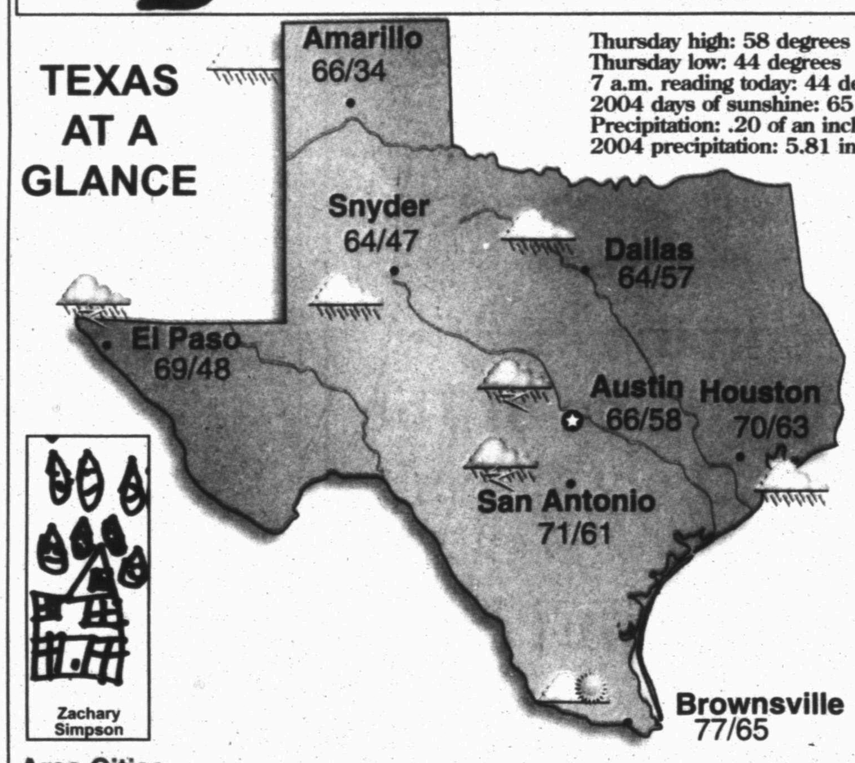

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Area Cities

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Abilene	65	52	t-storm	El Paso	69	48	t-storm	Midland	67	47	t-storm
Amarillo	66	34	rain	Fort Stockton	70	50	t-storm	Raymondville	78	63	pt sunny
Austin	66	58	t-storm	Gainesville	61	52	rain	Rosenberg	70	62	rain
Beaumont	69	61	rain	Greenville	62	55	rain	San Antonio	71	61	t-storm
Brownsville	77	65	pt sunny	Houston	70	63	rain	San Marcos	68	60	t-storm
Brownwood	67	56	t-storm	Kingsville	75	63	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	62	54	rain
Corpus Christi	71	64	t-storm	Livingston	69	57	rain	Sweetwater	66	50	t-storm
Corsicana	65	57	rain	Longview	64	55	rain	Tyler	64	56	rain
Dallas	64	57	rain	Lubbock	67	42	rain	Weatherford	63	53	rain
Del Rio	74	59	t-storm	Lufkin	68	58	rain	Wichita Falls	63	48	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	42	mst sunny	Houston	70	63	rain	Phoenix	84	59	pt sunny
Boston	42	24	windy	Los Angeles	76	56	mst sunny	San Francisco	75	52	sunny
Chicago	48	41	pt sunny	Miami	78	70	pt sunny	Seattle	56	41	mst sunny
Dallas	64	57	rain	Minneapolis	42	30	mixed	St. Louis	54	45	rain
Denver	55	25	windy	New York	44	29	sunny	Washington, DC	50	32	sunny

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